The goal was ambitious. Public interest was high. Experts were eager to contribute. Money was readily available. Samuel Pierpont Langley was prepared for success when he set out in the early 1900s to be the first man to pilot an aeroplane. He was a senior officer at the Smithsonian Institute, a Mathematics Professor and he had worked at Harvard. His friends included Andrew Carnegie and Alexander Graham Bell. Langley was even given a $50,000 grant from the War Department. He pulled together the best minds of the day, a dream team of intellect and experience. Langley and his team used the best materials and he had the New York Times follow him around everywhere. His goal was to be the first person to achieve machine-powered, controlled, manned flight. People all over the country were fascinated by the story, waiting to read that he had achieved his goal. His success was pretty much guaranteed.

Approximately 500km away, Wilbur and Orville Wright were working on their own flying machine. They had passion to fly and it inspired and enthused others around them. They had no funding. Their only money came from a small bicycle shop. No government grants. No high level connections. Not a single person on their team had a college education, not even Wilbur or Orville. The team came together with a united vision. On 17 December 1903, a small group witnessed a man take flight for the first time in history. The Wright brothers weren’t the favourites in the race to take the first manned flight, yet in doing so, they completely changed the world we live in now. They probably had a recipe for failure rather than success. They had a dream, though, and they believed that if they could work it out, it would impact the world and it would benefit others. They failed over and over. When they went out for a test flight they’d take five sets of spare parts because they knew they were likely to fail that many times before coming home for the day, but they didn’t give up. The successful flight only lasted fifty-nine seconds at an altitude of about 36 metres at the speed of a jog, yet it was the beginning of flight that would change the world, and it went pretty much unnoticed.

Langley had a clear and bold goal and he had a passion for aeronautics. He wanted to be the first and to become rich and famous, that was his driving motivation. A few days after the Wright brothers took flight, Langley quit. He had the opportunity to improve upon the Wright brothers’ design, but he chose to give up.

I believe in giving our children every chance for success, resourcing them and giving them the best opportunity to learn. I also believe we need to invest in them as individuals and help them discover their purpose so they can learn and discover, and they can have a positive impact on those around them. “I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfil His purpose in me.” Psalms 57:2

Nathan Hill
Leading Learning Team
Outdoor Classroom
This week we tested out our amazing new Outdoor Classroom. A huge thanks to our groundsman, Jason and Jonathan, for their creativity, vision and hard work. We are sure our students will enjoy the fresh air, beautiful garden and tranquil environment. The space includes a boardwalk, tiered deck, running stream, beautiful plants and plenty of shade. Imagine using this space for worships, reading, speeches, art or mindful reflections. What a beautiful addition to our school!

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Term 4 Sport Uniform
Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2: Wear sports uniform on Monday.
Years 3 & 4: Wear sports uniform on Wednesday.
Years 5 & 6: Wear sports uniform on Friday.

NSW Athletics Championships
Congratulations to Tegan C who last week competed at Homebush in the 11 Year Girls Shot Put. Tegan placed 4th in the State with a throw of 11.5m and is now first reserve for Nationals.

HRIS Chess
Avondale School convened the HRIS Primary Chess Competition in the MPC last week with 280 students from 13 schools. The competition was very strong at the top end with very close games. Students ranged from Kindy to Year 6 and for many students this was their first competition. In the open division only 2 points separated the top 5 teams:
1st Lakes Grammar School - 20.5pts
2nd Macquarie College - 19.5pts
3rd Newcastle Grammar School - 19.5pts
4th Central Coast Adventist School - 18.5pts
5th Avondale School - 18.5pts

In the Junior division Avondale School had 3 teams in the top 5:
1st St Philip’s Christian Collegiate Waratah - 22pts
2nd Lakes Grammar School - 17pts
2nd Avondale School 1 - 16pts
4th Macquarie College - 16pts
5th Avondale School 2 - 15pts
6th Avondale School 3 - 15pts

Congratulations to Kylan M who scored 6/7 on Board 1.

Kings Chess Final
The Kings Chess Final was held this week at Newcastle Grammar School. Competing at this event were the top three schools in the Hunter:
1st Avondale School - 6pts
2nd Newcastle Grammar School - 5.5pts
3rd New Lambton South Primary School - 0.5pts

Congratulations to Kylan M, Rose J, Matthew G and Ryan M. This team will now play the top team from Northern NSW in the near future.

Years 3-6 Swimming Program
Wednesdays
CLASS DEPART SCHOOL
4B Mrs Bishop 12.50 pm
4C Mr Clark 12.50 pm
3M Miss Moncrieff 1.25 pm
4R Mrs Roberts 1.25 pm
3D Mrs Dumbrell 2.00 pm
3W Mrs Watson 2.00 pm

Fridays
CLASS DEPART SCHOOL
5S Mr Skinner 12.50 pm
5V Mr Venegas 12.50 pm
5M Mrs Morton 1.25 pm
6Hi Mrs Hill 1.25 pm
6M Mrs Morton 2.00 pm
6Ho Mr Hosken 2.00 pm

Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program
November 6 – November 17
All students in Kindy, Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool from Monday, November 6 until Friday, November 17. Students are required to bring their clearly named swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two-week program.

Early Years 2017 JUNGLE CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday 30 November from 10am - 12noon
Cost $15 (includes children’s lunch)
Come dressed in something green/animal costume & bring swimmer & a towel for the slip & slide.
Make sure you invite a friend to come and join in the fun.

Avondale School Register and pay online by 26 November 2017 avondaleschoolavisewednesdayau or 0403 346 729

Jungle Christmas Party
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Year 11 Visit to ‘Tailor Made Fish Farm’
This week Year 11 Food Technology visited an Aquaculture and Hydroponics farm to learn about ecologically sustainable food production systems. During the visit students were able to see the whole process of growing fish right through to landing on a plate in the restaurant.

Outstanding Secondary Mathematics SWOP Results
We are very proud of the results our Mathematics SWOP (Students With Outstanding Potential) students achieved in the recent Australian Mathematics Competition. Due to the high level of the challenge, the Australian Mathematics Competition provides an opportunity for our SWOP students to really shine. This year the Australian Mathematics Trust celebrated it’s 40th anniversary and we would like to congratulate all of our SWOP students for their outstanding achievements. In particular we would like to acknowledge the following students who were presented certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction in Chapel last week:
Credit - Elijah M, Kaitlyn Q, Neve E, Sarah M, Benjamin L, Grace B
Distinction - Gemma L
High Distinction - Liam B, Nicholas H, Ty D

Year 9 Bungonia Camp
Last week was a massive week for our Year 9 students. Buses left for Bungonia National Park on Monday morning after students arrived with all of their food, accommodation, sleeping bags and mattresses for a week away. There was a lot of excitement in the air as they set off. After arriving, camp was quickly set up (or slowly for some) and dinner was cooked so that they could get on to the first activity. Caving was not something that some students were particularly keen on doing, but they did it anyway! While some caved, others went on a bush walk in the evening. The second day was massive for everyone involved. Students did a huge walk down into the canyon, through a dry river bed, over unbelievably huge boulders and then up what is famously known as the e-flux. It was beautiful scenery. Needless to say, the students, and teachers, were pretty exhausted and begged to go to bed that night. The rest of the week involved more caving, abseiling, initiatives, orienteering, bush walks and swimming. Students were independent as they cooked for themselves and took care of their campsitae. At the end of the week, even though everyone was tired, it was an excellent camp had by all and everyone felt a sense of achievement. There are some memories that will stick with students and staff forever.
A big thanks to the teachers involved: Mrs Bradford, Mr Tosen, Mr Oliver, Mrs White, Mr Kunz, Mr Alt, Mr Kilgour and Mrs Richards.
K-2 Library Borrowing

In previous years library borrowing/returning really drops off when infant swimming commences. Some library books even become wet from being in the same bag as swimmers and towels! Therefore, K-2 library borrowing will finish one week earlier than the rest of the Primary School with K-2 library books being returned in Week 4 rather than in Week 5. Library classes will still continue to run as normal with other activities rather than borrowing.

K-6 Library Year-End Activities

The end of the school year is fast approaching and lots of exciting activities will be happening in the library. Because Term 4 is only a nine week term each of the following activities has had to be moved a week earlier in the term than usual.

Week 4 (ending Nov 3)  Return K-2 student library books (due to daily swimming being held in Weeks 5 & 6).
Week 5 (ending Nov 10)  Return Year 3-6 student library books. Term 4 prizes and library party invitations awarded.
Week 6 (ending Nov 17)  Library parties for perfect borrowers.
Week 7 (ending Nov 24)  Library parties for perfect borrowers.
Week 8 (ending Dec 1)  Return all student Year 4 & 5 class library books. Return all Parent library books.

There are prizes for the first class in each Stage to return all their library books!

CALENDAR

Primary Calendar - Term 4

2018 Kindy Parent Information Night……………………………………….. October 30
Year 6 Parent Year 7 2018 Info Night (7.00 pm Music Building)…………… October 31
2018 Kindy Visit #1………………………………………………………….. November 1
P&F Meeting (3.15 - 4.00pm Admin Building)…………………………… November 2
Kindy - Year 2 Swimming…………………………………………………. November 6 - 17
Art Show & Drama Showcase (6.00 pm CLC)……………………………… November 7
HRIS Touch Football………………………………………………………. November 8
Knights & Rookies Chess Finals……………………………………………… November 13
Girls’ Soccer ……………………………………………………………………… November 14

Secondary Calendar - Term 4

P&F Meeting (3.15 - 4.00pm Admin Building)…………………………… November 2
HRIS Touch Football (Open)………………………………………………… November 3
Art Show & Drama Showcase (6.00 pm CLC)……………………………… November 7
Year 12 Formal………………………………………………………………….. November 9
Year 12 Cambodia Service Trip……………………………………………… November 12 - 26
Year 11 Camp ……………………………………………………………………… November 15 - 17
Year 10 Exams ……………………………………………………………………… November 15 - 17
Year 11 Geography / Chemistry / Physics Excursion………………………… November 20
Years 7 - 9 Exams………………………………………………………………… November 20 - 24

PRIVATE MUSIC TUTORS

Are you interested in having music lessons?
We have many great tutors and instruments available to learn on. Please contact tutors directly to arrange lesson times.

- Kylie Stacey  piano (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional)  0409 939 302
- Angela Miller  piano (Simply Music)  0421 464 797
- Jan Hughes  piano  4977 2037
- Marilyn Aveling-Rowe  piano  0422 714 747
- Cybèle Coutet  voice (AMEB) / piano (AMEB)  0423 455 977
- Alison Hodge  voice  0420 528 866
- Gabriel Ontanu  viola / violin  0447 282 280
- Renee Lis  violin  0413 777 477
- Fred Cracknell  saxophone / clarinet / brass  0404 082 151
- Tom Hyslop  drums  0401 549 084
- Janine Hay  guitar  0455 114 448
- James Bennett  drums  0455 114 448
- Annie Hyslop  cello / trumpet / violin  0404 082 151
- Cora Hyslop  cello / violin / double bass  0439 420 661
- Oliver Doyle  cello / clarinet / brass  0439 420 661
- Zoe Hyslop  flute / piccolo / clarinet / double bass  0439 420 661
- Jake Bisognin  guitar  0400 389 612
- Zayne Mariassouc  guitar  0455 114 448
- Mitchell Wallace  bass guitar / guitar  0435 578 723
- Garry Lawler  guitar / ukulele / rest  0438 608 180
- Renee Lis  flute / piccolo / clarinet / double bass  0439 420 661
- Tom Hyslop  drums  0401 549 084

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