What’s the excitement this week? iPads have been distributed throughout the school! It is exciting to see teachers finding creative ways to engage students in learning using technology. iPads in classrooms, along with technology classes in our Computer Lab with Mr Neuschulz, help our students gain important skills needed for lifelong learning using technology. Our HRIS Swimming squad proudly represented our school at the Division 1 HRIS Carnival in Maitland. As always we are very proud of the determination, team spirit and sportsmanship demonstrated by our students. Well done team!

Next week we welcome teaching students from Avondale College of Higher Education onto our campus. They watch demonstration lessons taken by our skilled teachers and interact with our students in small groups. We are really missing Mr Head, who is at home recovering from eye surgery. We wish him a quick recovery and look forward to having him back at school soon!

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Thought for the week: “The first rule of holes: When you’re in one, stop digging.” Molly Ivans

Week 5 – check! VET Work Placement is complete for Year 12, we met with Year 7, 8 & 9, working through how to use their diaries and manage preparation for tasks and our Prefects visited with some of our roll call groups for worship on Thursday morning. Our Year 11s met again with Year 7 for the Peer Support program and we had vaccinations for Years 7 & 9. Our Step Up program had 58 students in attendance as well. THAT WAS AWESOME!

The Near Horizon … Here comes Week 6 already! Teachers will be working on Interim Reports and we have Year 10s engaged in their Business Week too. There’s a Chess Comp later in the week and we’ll be spending a period with each of our senior year groups (10-12) working through Board of Studies entries and details. Assessments are in full swing – which is a reminder to ALL students to be asking questions, clarifying expectations and making sure they’re doing all they can to ACHIEVE THEIR PERSONAL BEST.

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED … Are eyebrows considered facial hair?

And with one eyebrow raised, are YOU going to have a good weekend?! Take care.

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HEADS UP!

From eye surgery. We wish him a quick recovery and look forward to having him back at school soon!

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STORIES

Secondary Week of Worship

Last Week at Avondale School was our first of two annual Week of Worships. The Year 12 class led out during the week with the theme of ‘Stories’. Every day a different Year 12 student stood up before their peers and boldly spoke about their faith in Jesus. Each student told a story from the life of Christ and related it back to their own story, and the journey they are on with God. The stories highlighted were - The Thieves on the Cross, The Parable of the Sower, The Rich Young Ruler vs. Zacheus, The Vine and the Branches, and finally the Feeding of the Five Thousand. Through these stories the students and staff at Avondale were encouraged to let go of the past and go now with God into the future … allow God to create good soil in your life … understand that God’s got your back even when you give up everything … be connected to Jesus and let Him work through you … and to give what you have, even if it seems like a little, and God will make it beautiful. The Year 12 speakers were supported by a great Year 12 worship band, as well as a variety of other Year 12 students who performed items, decorated the stage and ran visuals and sound. At the end of the week a call was made for a commitment or re-commitment to Christ. As a result of this week, over 40 students will be starting Bible studies this term. Thank God for His story, and for the journey of life He is taking us on as we walk with Him and our students at Avondale School.
Swimming Carnival Presentation – POSTPONED
The Swimming Carnival presentation has been postponed until Mr Head returns to school. The new date will be published in the Newsletter in the coming weeks.

Primary Chess Competition – Wednesday, March 5
The Primary Chess Competition will be held on Wednesday, March 5 in the MPC. If there are any parents willing to help run the event please see Mr Head.

Primary Gymnastics Squad
The Gymnastics Squad has now been selected and the list placed in the sports cabinet. Miss Moncrieff will be training students each Friday at lunchtime in the MPC. Students need to meet with their lunch at the back of the Office at the beginning of the break.

We have some new products at The Munchery!
We have a new vegetable roll, similar to a sausage roll, but vegetarian ... only $2.50.

We have some new snacks called Corntos. They come in two flavours - zesty BBQ or tangy cheese. These are healthy school canteen approved snacks, and as a bonus are Gluten Free ... for just $1.

Secondary Chess Competition
Friday, March 7
The Secondary Chess Competition will be held on Friday, March 7 in the MPC.

HSC Exam Disability Provisions
Please note that applications for HSC Exam Disability Provisions close at the end of Term 1.
Avondale School OPEN DAY
19 March 2014 9.00am to 6.00pm
Cooranbong Campus 119 Avondale Road \ Toronto Campus Corner Wangi Road & Parkside Parade

Book an Open Day TOUR now!
www.avondaleschool.com.au or 4977 0200

Order your lunch for Open Day!

Please note that Munch Monitor will be closed for Open Day.

Order your SPECIAL Lunch order online at www.avondaleschool.com.au or by filling out this form by FRIDAY 14 MARCH. Drop form and money to Primary School Office. Collect lunch order from your nominated child’s classroom after 12 noon on Open Day. Further information please phone (02) 4977 0200.

Lunch Specials (pizza) will not be available on this day. Other menu items will still be available for purchasing over the counter only.

Open Day Special Lunch Order forms will be sent home in Primary homework wallets and Secondary students can collect from the School Office.

Gourmet Wrap
$7.50 meal
- Ham, Bacon & Cheese
- Turkey, Cheese & Avocado
- Lasagne Roll

$6.50 meal
- Sprianti & Pesto Pasta A Satue  
- Ham Cheese Bun
- Pump

$5.50 meal
- Cheese Sandwich
- Cup Cake
- Ripe

$4.50 meal
- Mini Sausage, Roccotti Roll 
- Cup Cake
- Pippin

Hot tea, cappuccino and hot chocolates available at the canteen all day...
- Small $3.50 Large $5.50
library news

Extended Opening Hours

The iCentre will be open until 4.30 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday to allow Secondary School students additional access for quiet study. This will continue on a trial basis throughout Term 1. The iCentre will also be the venue for the ‘Step Up’ study program for Secondary students on Thursday afternoon until 4.30 pm. We are hoping that many students will take advantage of the opportunity to use a dedicated after school study space.

Please remember that Primary students coming to the iCentre after school need to be accompanied by a parent at all times.

Parent Library

In the Parent Library you will find a great collection of books with titles such as ‘Bringing Up Boys’, ‘The Whole-Brained Child’, and ‘Easy Obedience’. Parent membership is free and it takes only a few minutes to join. We are looking forward to having lots of parents join our reading community this year.

In The Library This Week

Kindy students have been practising turning pages from the bottom corner so that they look after the books they read.

Year 7 students have explored literary genres and found their way around the high school area.

Open Day - March 19

Parents, you are our best ambassadors! March 19 is our School Open Day and this is a great opportunity for a visit to the school with your friends to show them around. Does your child have a neighborhood friend? Maybe they would love to come to the caring learning environment of Avondale School. We have so much to offer! We still have places in the school for a start in Term 2. Enrol today! Research says that parent recommendations and telling the ‘great stories’ about their school is the ‘most effective’ school promotion. Please be an Avondale ambassador for Open Day!

School Term Dates 2014

Registration Day: Tuesday, January 28

Term 1: Wednesday, January 29 - Friday, April 11

Term 2: Monday, April 28 - Friday, June 27

Term 3: Tuesday, July 22 - Friday, September 19

Term 4: Tuesday, October 7 - Wednesday, December 10

It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and yet our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everyone. Ephesians 1:11-12.

Primary Calendar - Term 1

Primary Chess Competition…………………………………… March 5
P&F Meeting………………………………………………….. March 12
CIS Swimming………………………………………………… March 14
Interim Reports………………………………………………… March 14
School Open Day……………………………………………… March 19
Parent Teacher Interviews…………………………………….. March 24
Get Active Ends for Term 1…………………………………… April 4
Year 5 Camp…………………………………………………… April 9 - 11
Last Day of Term 1……………………………………………… April 11
Good Friday Holiday…………………………………………… April 18
Easter Monday Holiday………………………………………… April 21

Secondary Calendar - Term 1

Duke of Edinburgh Camp…………………………………… February 28 - March 2
HRIS Hockey…………………………………………………… March 3
Year 10 Business Week……………………………………… March 3 - 7
Year 9-12 Chess Competition……………………………… March 7
P&F Meeting…………………………………………………… March 12
HRIS Swimming………………………………………………… March 13
Year 8 History Excursion……………………………………… March 13
School Open Day……………………………………………… March 19
Year 11 & 12 Music Excursion……………………………… March 24
Y7-11 Parent Teacher Interviews…………………………….. March 25 & 26
Year 11 & 12 Visual Arts Excursion…………………………… March 27

Primary Calendar - Term 2

Primary Chess Competition…………………………………… March 17
P&F Meeting………………………………………………….. March 24
CIS Swimming………………………………………………… March 27
Interim Reports………………………………………………… March 27
School Open Day……………………………………………… March 31
Parent Teacher Interviews…………………………………….. April 7
Get Active Ends for Term 2…………………………………… May 1
Year 5 Camp…………………………………………………… May 8 - 9
Year 5 Camp…………………………………………………… May 8 - 9
Good Friday Holiday…………………………………………… May 19
Easter Monday Holiday………………………………………… May 22