Week 9 has been a week of weather watching. Between the torrential rain and storms we have managed to run the Cross Country races. Mud makes the races better, right? Year 1 students, teachers and parents enjoyed a great day at the beach. Year 4 students enjoyed a rainy day of Mini Winter Olympics and several students represented our school and the HRIS at the CIS Swimming Carnival.

Next week is Super Week of Mega Praise. SWOMP is really an exciting week as our students spend time each morning worshipping together and learning more about having God as part of their lives. We’re looking forward to singing, stories and lots of fun.

Our SRC was announced this week and will meet next week. We love to find ways to encourage our students to learn to be good citizens and leaders. We are learning about humility at present. Look for ways to model, encourage and reward humility at home. Help your kids to see that the delights, needs and wishes of others are just as important as their own. Proverbs 20:23 says, ‘Pride lands you flat on your face; humility prepares you for honour.’

Week 9 – check!
A massive week this week! Parent Teacher interviews were pretty solidly booked out for a number of teachers. A huge thank you to staff and parents for connecting and partnering for the success of our students. Our senior Music and Visual Arts students got a sense of what’s ahead for major works, in the midst of final preparation for Year 12 exams. We had four students engaged in a chess competition with St Paul’s High School Booragul – results TBC! And to finish off the week, we have both Primary and Secondary students involved in a church program at Gateway tomorrow.

On the Horizon …
With only two weeks to go, our immediate program includes Year 12 going into exams, Year 10 going to Anna Bay and our other year groups amping up with final Term assessments. We do wish our Year 12’s every success in their study and examinations – if they need a last minute ‘conference’, remember teachers are only an email away!

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …
If a kid refuses to sleep during nap time, are they guilty of resisting a rest?

Of course if you’re at a loose end tomorrow, come and enjoy all our performing groups at Gateway Church, 11.00 am!

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Thought for the week: “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.” C. S. Lewis

Secondary Cross Country

The questions have been asked all week ... Who won? Which House won? Did we win? It is good to see the House spirit alive and well amongst the students. We had a great day to run the Cross Country last week - not too hot and no rain which meant the track was not muddy. We had 384 students complete the Cross Country run. Some ran flat out for HRIS selection, some to beat their time from last year and some to get House points. The points breakdown showed that participation has a huge impact on the final score. The gaps between the final placing were very close. Congratulations to Watagan on a fine performance.

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The team to compete at HRIS on May 8 in Term 2 will be posted up next week. We need all our best runners there. If you are selected please keep training. Medallions will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places at an upcoming Chapel. Thanks to the staff and students for their efforts, and to those parents who came along to cheer.
News

Class News

Year 1 Lakes Beach Excursion

Yesterday the Year 1 class bundled up their spades, shovels and other beach gear, and set off to Lakes Beach. The first challenge was to work together in their groups to make a sandcastle which they had previously designed in class. All the sandcastles were fantastic and well constructed. Then after a lunch break they headed back to the beach to play some beach games.

Students had a fun time learning to cooperate and working in a team. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who guided the building of sandcastles and helped supervise games. The rain even held off until the minute we got back on the bus!

NO PARKING IN THE ELC CARPARK PLEASE!

Please note that the ELC car park is reserved for ELC parent parking only to ensure the safety of our ELC students. If you do not have a child in the ELC we ask that you park in the designated school car park. This is located by turning left prior to the school gate entry point and parking on the grassed area. Another alternative would be to park in Avondale Road on the left hand side facing Freemans Drive. Why not try our “Car Line” service which the school offers every afternoon. The students are walked over to the back of the MPC with a duty teacher and loaded into the car for you – no parking required!

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2015 Kindy Enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindy 2015. Enrolment packs and application forms are available from the Administration Building or by phoning the school on 4977 0200. Assessments and interviews for the first round of offers will be held in May.

Kids Rally!

-April 12
10 AM

School MPC

CIS Swimming Carnival

A big congratulations to all those students who represented the HRIS at the CIS Swimming Carnival this week. Rhiannon D made the final of her event with the Junior Girls relay team missing the final by only 1/10 of a second!

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**World’s Greatest Shave**

Last Friday, one of our Year 8 student had his head shaved for cancer! For a cause dear to his own heart, Blake Rathie allowed several of his classmates and a couple of teachers to take off his locks! With a target of $500 set to shave his head at school, Blake raised an awesome $632 in the end. He did himself proud and made a decent contribution to cancer research. Well done, Blake, we’re proud of you!

**Such Sweet Sorrow**

On Tuesday last week Year 9 were taken on a journey through the highs and lows of Shakespeare’s greatest love story, *Romeo And Juliet*. Whilst treated to an inspiring performance from Bell Shakespeare, *Such Sweet Sorrow*, students were enthralled by the play’s examination of love, hate, revenge, joy, brawls, weddings, life and death – it’s fair to say this play has it all. Students enjoyed this unique and interactive theatre experience where they actually became part of the Montague and Capulet feud, following the characters from youthful innocence to the tragic conclusion. What a blast!!

**STEP UP**

3.30 - 4.30 PM
THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM
in the iCentre

A chance to:
- do independent study
- complete your homework
- get some help with writing (just sorting that essay out!)
- get some help with maths (even that tricky homework question!)
- get some guidance on that assessment task you need to start!

Hope to see you there!

**1 house point for every book you read before November 3.**

**BONUS** 2 points if you read 8 books.

**Collect a check sheet from your English teacher.**
Get your books signed off as you read them.
Hand your check sheet to your English teacher by November 3.
Collect house points by reading. Fantastic!
Principal’s Message

A well-known conductor, Leonard Bernstein, directed the New York Philharmonic, and wrote symphonies and music for Broadway hits such as West Side Story. His obituary in The New York Times (October 15, 1990) called him “one of the most... talented and successful musicians in American history.”

Bernstein once was asked which instrument was the most difficult to play. He said, “The second fiddle. I can get plenty of first violinists, but to find someone who can play the second fiddle with enthusiasm - that’s a problem - it’s amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit”. The Bible says “Count others more significant than yourselves”. (Philippians 2:3)

Avondale values humility - the ability to work with others and not think that you are better than anyone else.

Enjoy the news for the week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

Enrolments 2015

Enrolments for 2015 are already coming in. If you know a family who is planning to enrol, especially in Kindy or Year 7 for 2015, now is the time to call the Office and ask for an enrolment pack.

Report Discussion

A huge thank you to all our parents across the campus who booked and came to talk with teachers about ways we can work together to support and encourage our students. We really do appreciate you taking the time to come and see our teachers.

HRIS Cross Country - Helpers Needed

We are in need of some parent helpers for the HRIS Cross Country in Term 2 on May 8, especially experienced baristas. Please contact Joan or Georgia in the Uniform Shop if you can help.

Uniform Shop - Holiday Hours

Students are required to wear winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. For all your winter uniform needs, the Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays on Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16 from 9.00am - 5.00 pm. All students must be in full winter uniform from the first day of Term 2. There is no cross over period. Parents, please check your girl’s winter skirt/dress length and make sure they are touching the knee.

VACATION CARE

Monday, April 14 - 17
Book now for vacation care on our website - www.avondaleschool.com.au. Be quick as places fill fast!

CAMBODIA PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 4
Need to update your family photos? For just $20 a session you can! For more information or to book a photo session go to our website www.avondaleschool.com.au.

Library News

Last Week To Sign Up For Prc

Students in Years K-9 have just one more week to sign up at the iCentre for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Already many students have made great progress, and some have even finished the Challenge for this year! Why not make a start on this great reading challenge today?

Reading Rulz

Students in Years 7-10 have the opportunity to earn House points by reading this year. If you haven’t signed up with your English teacher yet, don’t delay – the more you read the more points you will earn.

This Week In The Library...

Secondary Geography classes have been busy in the library this week. Year 7’s have been learning research skills to help them find some great information for their Geography assessment and Year 9’s have been discovering resources for their flora and fauna task.

Year 2’s have been learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. We discovered that our story this week, Curious George visits the library by Margret and H.A. Rey, is definitely fiction! What havoc can one little monkey create in a library?!