THIS WEEK … we have started Term 3 with great excitement. On Monday we acknowledged our Athletics Champions and Watagan House. Students have settled in well to classrooms and are busy learning. On Tuesday we had a great time with the Sport in Schools program and on Wednesday some senior students headed to the HRIS Cultural Festival. On Thursday we had the awesome experience of joining together as a whole school for Chapel.

NEXT WEEK … our top English students from Years 3-6 will compete in the ICAS English Competition. Bible studies begin again and we are busy rehearsing for the concert later this term.

During the school holidays our teachers were busy learning. The Primary staff completed professional learning in the area of writing. Teachers are busy implementing some new strategies in their classrooms. You may hear about ‘Sizzling Starts!’ We’re also implementing the Bounce Back program this term. This is an award-winning pro-social program aimed at developing resilience. We plan to share with you what students are learning and how you can reinforce those concepts at home.

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THIS WEEK … Term 3 has totally started with a bang! Coming back from four days of Music Tour in Tamworth, some of us have jumped straight into a week of revision for Year 12 Trial Exams. Our Year 11 Hospitality class hosted a Community Luncheon on Tuesday, while other students represented Avondale School at the HRIS Athletics Day. Wednesday saw a selected group of music students participate in the HRIS Cultural Festival and on Thursday we had a Combined School Chapel and some special Maths programs engaged. It’s been an awesome beginning to Semester Two.

NEXT WEEK … Of course we head into an important time next week for Year 12 – their Trial Exams. We wish them every success in the exams and in their study. Assessment schedules have been emailed and printed for the term. Please ensure you have them posted/printed/calendared to assist planning, preparation and completion of all important tasks.

And here’s hoping for a great term!

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Primary Sport Uniform Term 3
Kindy wear sport uniform on MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
Years 1 & 2 wear sport uniform on TUESDAYS
Years 3-6 wear sport uniform on TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS

SPORT

Athletics Days
The Primary Athletics Days were held at the end of Term 2 with some outstanding results. Congratulations go to the following students who broke records:
- Annabelle T 8 Year 800m
- Tegan C 10 Year Shot Put, Discus and Javelin
- Riley D 11 Year Long Jump
- Noah M 10 Year Javelin
- Mackinley R 11 Year Javelin
- Savannah W 12 Year Javelin

Congratulations to Olivia M who won the Avondale School Gift handicapped 100m event.

AGE CHAMPIONS
8 Years
1st Annabelle T 69 pts 1st Lachlan C 64 pts
2nd Sienna B 44 pts 2nd Jayden T 57 pts

9 Years
1st Sammy C 69 pts 1st Luke C 69 pts
2nd Milly R 56 pts 2nd Logworong S 66 pts

10 Years
1st Tegan C 70 pts 1st Noah M 80 pts
2nd Olivia M 60 pts 2nd Talen B 72 pts

11 Years
1st Riley D 65 pts 1st Matthew G 72 pts
2nd Nikysha B 61 pts 1st Junior V 72 pts

12 Years
1st Savannah W 63pts 1st Gregory E 77 pts
2nd Rhiannon D 62 pts 2nd Bailey S 61 pts

HOUSE RESULTS
1st Watagan 1861 pts 3rd Pacific 1617 pts
2nd Macquarie 1720 pts 4th Hunter 1580 pts

The HRIS Athletics Day will be held at Glendale Sports Centre on Friday, August 12. Avondale School has a large team of 80 students competing from Years 2-6. The team is on display in the sports cabinet and permission notes with a program have been sent home this week. Parents are encouraged to help with training at home. Training for throwing events will be held each morning before school, except on Wednesdays. Training for jumping events will be on Fridays at lunchtime.

Years 3-6 Friday Sport – Term 3
This week students in Years 3-6 selected a sport that they will participate in for the term. Students have chosen from the following list of sports: netball, boys soccer, girls soccer, hockey, softball, tennis, basketball, gymnastics, touch football and table tennis.

Sport In Schools Australia
Students from Kindy to Year 6 participated in the Sport In Schools annual program this week. This program will run each Tuesday for the whole term. Students are required to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays. This program enhances the school Physical Education program by concentrating on the basic fundamental motor skills and physical activities of locomotion, throwing, launching, tracking, catching, hitting, striking, balance, fitness, coordination and core stability.

Hunter Valley Equestrian Championships
The Hunter Valley Equestrian Championships for Primary students will be held in late August. Please contact Mr Head for more information and entry forms.
Secondary

STORMCo Teams Serve Outback Communities
Over the school holidays 24 Avondale School students, nine ex students and several staff led two separate service and adventure trips to the outback towns of Wee Waa and Cobar. This year was our 10th year to Wee Waa, and 18th year to Cobar. The current Mayor of Cobar, Lilian Brady, first became Mayor the year of the first trip to her town in 1999, and she is still Mayor. She is a huge fan of Avondale School and our STORMCo teams, as are many others in both towns. She is pictured here with some of the Cobar team at the STORMCo wall at the ‘Youthie’ where they assist the local youth each year, including providing a free pancake feed for the whole community on the last day there. STORMCo trips provide real opportunities for leadership growth in our students and plants in them a love for service to others and desire to make a difference in other people’s lives and in their communities. Well done to the teams of 2016! If you missed out this year and will be in Years 10-12 next year, plan now to sign up for our 2017 trips. You will be glad you did!

HRIS Athletics Day
On Tuesday our students competed in the annual HRIS Athletics Day at Glendale Sports Centre. It was a perfect day for the event with a cool wind and bright sunshine all day. Our students did exceptionally well on an individual level with some outstanding results. Jerry R placed as Age Champion on the day, achieving a personal best in javelin and also breaking the HRIS record in this event. Other outstanding results were: Dylan M (1st in 800m, 1500m, 3km), Tyler H (1st in 800m, 3km), James M (1st in high jump, 400m), Chad M (1st in 400m, high jump), Jie A-B (1st in javelin, shotput) and Michael F (1st in shotput). Congratulations to all our students who achieved great results. Avondale School came 8th overall. Special thanks to Mr Lindsay, Miss Fraser, Mr Walker and Mr Waring for assisting on the day.

Music Tour to Country NSW
Our School Orchestra and Choir of 62 students and 8 adults headed out to Scone, Tamworth and Gunnedah last week for their annual Music Tour. The tour included concerts in schools, Tamworth SDA Church and St John’s Anglican Church. One of our ex Avondale students (2008) is now a minister at the Tamworth SDA Church. The group did a music workshop with music students at Galrossy Anglican School for two hours and then shared dinner together before performing a 90 minute concert for parents. The highlight was Sunday morning at St John’s Anglican Church in Tamworth - a historic old sandstone Church with magic acoustics and stained glass windows! It was an amazing experience! The coach driver who has been doing school tours for 11 years said it was a real privilege to drive for the tour. The team displayed great behaviour, courtesy and cooperation!
PLEASE NOTE

School Photos
School photos were sent home with students today. If you would like to view and/or order School Captain / Prefect / House Captain / Band, Choir & Strings group photos please contact the School Office.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3! It is great to see our students and staff again. This week we had a combined Chapel where the whole school (P-12) came together. It was a great showcase of the talent of our students. The value we start this term with is prayerfulness. The horrific events overseas of the large number of deaths as a result of terrorists fills the news and media on almost a daily basis. You may ask what can I do in response to this. We can all pray! I know I have on my prayer list to pray for peace and security. We have so much we can talk to God about, to express our thanks and bring to him the things that concern us personally and the things that impact others. Do you struggle to maintain a consistent prayer life? Many of us do. Prayer is important, but it can be difficult to find the time to pray! It might help if we think of life being like a marathon. The ups, the downs and the plateaus in our prayer life are a reflection of this race. And just as in a marathon we need to keep running, so we need to keep on praying. As we begin this new term let’s pray for safety and great outcomes for our students. Let’s be known as a people who will do something so that evil will not prosper! Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

CALENDAR

Primary Calendar - Term 3
Get Active Starts for Term 3................................................... August 1
ICAS English Competition..................................................... August 2
Year 2 Wetlands Excursion .................................................. August 10
P&P Meeting @ 3.15 pm in Admin Building.......................... August 11
HRIS Athletics Day .............................................................. August 12
Year 6 Science Discover Days ............................................ August 16 - 17
ICAS Maths Competition..................................................... August 17
HRIS Debating...................................................................... August 18
School Open Day.................................................................. August 18
Book Week........................................................................... August 22 - 26

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Fraser Island...................... July 31 - August 3
Get Active Starts for Term 3................................................... August 1
Year 12 Trial Exams ............................................................... August 1 - 12
HRIS Junior Football ............................................................ August 2
Year 11 2017 Subject Expo 7.00 pm................................. August 2
Year 9 2017 Subject Expo 7.00 pm................................. August 3
Year 10 Visual Arts Excursion ............................................... August 4
Years 9 & 10 Science & Engineering Challenge .................. August 4
Band at Hillview SDA Church ............................................. August 6
Year 11 D&T Excursion......................................................... August 10

Book Week is Coming
From August 22 - 26 we will be celebrating Children’s Book Week in the iCentre. Watch this space for more information about quizzes, competitions and our annual Book Fair with great book bargains available.

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