Week 6 has been a whirlwind of rehearsals, learning and play – mostly in the rain! Our students have been busy rehearsing for our Variety Concert next week. Make sure you are free next Tuesday night. You are in for a real treat. Along with Choir, Bell Choir, Band and String Ensemble, our students are involved in Year Level items. Our Year 5 and 6 students sat the test for the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition along with around 20,000 other students from the Hunter Region. Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day on the Secondary Campus. They have managed to find their way around, meet the teachers and learn a little more about high school.

Next week we have our dress rehearsal on Monday, followed by our concert on Tuesday. We have students involved in chess competitions and our Kindy students head to Oakvale Farm with their fathers. We are continuing to learn about justice. Children are very quick to notice when things don’t seem fair. This provides a great opportunity to encourage your children to stand up for others when they notice injustice.

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Week 6! Another big week just raced by – Year 11 VET Work Placement, HSC Drama kids did a brilliant job of performing their Individual Pieces, HSC Music students impressed their Lizotte’s audience and our Year 6 students came across to experience what high school is going to be like for them in 2015! Some students headed to Canberra to engage in a Mountain Bike Comp, our Maths classes investigated a whole lot about water in the National Literacy and Numeracy Week and our Leaders of Tomorrow program left for a camp today. So proud of our students for a lot of reasons – leaders, willing to be involved, cooperative, friendly and talented! Thank you for a full and great week!

Now, what’s next? We have a really exciting week ahead of worship with WOW and our guest speaker, Brock Goodall. We’re going to host some House Spirit events during lunchtimes and some of our Drama students will present ‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’. Really looking forward to all that next week will offer.

THAT’S ALL FOLKS ... EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED ... If pro and con are opposites, wouldn’t the opposite of progress be congress?

All the very best for a delightful weekend together.

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High Dining

Last week the Year 10 Food Technology class experienced the high life at Sydney Tower Restaurant in Sydney. They toured behind the scenes to see the things they have been learning about in action and then enjoyed a buffet lunch in the revolving restaurant. Sydney even turned on a bit of sunshine for us.

HEADS UP!

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“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Primary Variety Concert
Tuesday, September 2 at 7.00 pm
The Primary Variety Concert will be held next Tuesday evening, September 2 in the MPC. Students need to arrive at 6.30 pm dressed in their full costume and sit with their class in the designated area in the MPC. The concert will commence at 7.00 pm. The students are all very excited. We look forward to seeing you there!

Years 1-6 Primary Variety Concert Full Dress Rehearsal Monday, September 1
Please note that all students from Years 1-6 need to bring their clearly named costume in a plastic bag for the dress rehearsal on Monday. Costume requirements are as follows:

Students in the orchestra – plain white shirts/t-shirts and jeans.
Year 1: 1C and 1H plain blue top/t-shirt and jeans.
Year 2: Plain black top and black pants.
Year 3: Plain green top and black pants.
Year 4: Plain black top and black pants.
Year 5: 5V and 5Q plain black top and black pants.
Year 6: Plain blue top and blue pants or jeans.

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Sport Uniform for Term 3
Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Thursday (gymnastics).
Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

Year 7 Orientation Day
Primary Tennis Competition
The Primary Tennis Competition will be held during the last week of Term 3. This will be a two-division competition, Year 6 only and Year 5 and under divisions. Students will be selected to represent the School at the HRIS Tennis Competition on Friday, October 17. Students need to register their names with Mr Head next week at the Sport Shed.

Primary Chess
On Monday, September 1, fifteen students from our school chess teams will compete in the Newcastle One Day Chess Competition at the PCYC Broadmeadow. All players in the Knights and Rookies Teams will be playing their final rounds at Barnsley Public School on Thursday, September 5. At the half way mark of the competition both teams are in 1st place.

CIS Athletics
Wednesday, September 10
Avondale has 23 athletes who will be going to the CIS Athletics Championships at Homebush on Wednesday, September 10. A program and a permission note were sent home last week. All students who are going for throwing events are encouraged to train with Mr Head from 8.15 am until 8.45 am at school every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.
Measles Catch-up Program - September 8
You may have heard through a media campaign about the school based measles catch-up program due to the recent measles outbreaks in NSW. Details are at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/measles-catchup.aspx
Avondale School will be participating in the catch-up program on September 8 with all students from Years 8-12. (Year 7 students will participate in the program on their scheduled vaccination day for Hep B and HPV on September 15.) Forms for these vaccinations have gone home with each child today. Please return them to the Secondary Office ASAP.
Two doses of MMR containing vaccine are recommended. If your child has already received two doses they do not require any more. The MMR vaccine would have routinely been offered to your child at 1 year and 4 years of age. To find out if your child has already received two doses of the MMR vaccine (also called Priorix or MMRII) you can:
- check your child’s blue book
- check with your family doctor
- ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) on 1800 653 809 for an Immunisation History Statement (have your Medicare card handy).

Year 7 & 8 Maths
This week has been National Literacy and Numeracy week. In Year 7 and 8 Mathematics, students have been crunching the numbers on the topic of water! As you know, water is a finite, precious resource that many of us take for granted - but did you now that 3.4 million people die each year from water related diseases? Or that more people have a mobile phone than a toilet? Students have spent time analysing how much water their family consumes, what one litre looks like, how much water a dripping tap wastes and how to calculate the volume of a water bottle - and a classroom.

Hard work + perseverance = success!
The first chapter of a success story recently concluded at Avondale School. Three students who train at the Avondale School dojo for Kenseikan karate-do have experienced a high level of achievement. Tiffiny H (ex-Avondale School student), Zak C and Joshua S recently attended their 1st Dan black belt grading. Sensei Greg Moran (4th Dan) awarded each student a 1st Dan black belt after officiating at their grading. He claimed that it was gratifying to witness the excellent standard demonstrated by Tiff, Zak and Josh. Head Instructor for Australia Kenseikan Karate-do, Sensei Jon Rawlings (6th Dan) has approved the grading. He passed his congratulations on to the Avondale dojo and has sent the grading details on to Sensei Kazatoshi (8th Dan) for registration at the Kenseikan head-dojo in Japan. Tiff, Zak and Josh are to be congratulated for persisting with their karate. They have worked extremely hard, physically and mentally, for more than 5 years to reach this high level in karate. They now have the official title of ‘sensei’, which enables them to formally instruct in Kenseikan Karate-do. It is wonderful to have three committed individuals who can be ambassadors for hard work and perseverance to students at Avondale School.

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!
Principal’s Message

Last week I quoted “Evil prevails when good men do nothing”. (Edmund Burke) In the Bible in the parable of the talents, Jesus described a man who did nothing. When he received his Lord’s money, he “went and dug it in the earth, and hid his Lord’s money” (Matthew 25:18). “When his Lord returned, he returned to the Lord just what he had been given.” (Matthew 25:25) Notice that the servant did not do any outright evil, such as stealing the money, but then neither did he do anything good. He did nothing and he got nothing good accomplished. Jesus said he was a “wicked and slothful servant” (Matthew 25:26). There is so much ‘stuff’ that happens in which we decide to do nothing about. If we say nothing or do nothing then justice is not done or seen to be done. By reinforcing what is right and speaking for it, we do something and it will not be said that we did nothing or were slothful. Have a great weekend.

Dr David Faull
Principal

Principal's Learning Notes

Last week I shared four tips on Brain Learning. We only have one brain and we need to give it every chance to deliver.

TOP TIPS FOR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT PART 2

5. Sensory stimulation and movement. Our brain loves it! Music does this as well!
6. Routine – we get things done because we have a time and place. Our brain knows what to expect!
7. Read, read, read!
8. Emotional stability, security – children need to know they are safe and secure. Stress stops the brain working!

Have Your Say in our School’s Development!

We want to know how happy you are with our school and any ideas for improvement. In the coming weeks we will be sending out a survey via email. Your feedback is important and will assist us as we respond to issues and continue to build a school that is a leading provider of excellent academic, cocurricular, and personal development.

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- **justice**
- **We Learn.  We Value.  We Serve.**

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