THE VIEW

I have to admit, I am a bit of a Christmas Grinch. I hate how busy the shops become. I hate the cooking. I hate wrapping presents. But I do love Christmas lights.

As fairy lights begin to appear on houses, my spirit lifts. There is just something about those twinkling lights!

Light is a beautiful metaphor for God’s call on our lives. He calls us to be His light to the world. He calls us to be a light on a hill; a light in the darkness. As we equip our children to step out into the world, my prayer is that they have the courage to be lights. Lights that bring hope, lights that show the way, and lights that change the world.

At Avondale School this year, the leadership team has been discussing the characteristics that we want our students to possess as they graduate from Year 12. We want our students to be creative and critical thinkers, to be kind and compassionate, to be excellent communicators with skills in collaborating with a team, to be discerning, courageous and determined, and to be filled with passion and purpose.

During 2020 we will be creating a plan that creates pathways from the Early Learning Centre to Year 12 for all of our students. Diverse pathways for diverse learners. As we work to help every student strive for their personal best, we ignite lights. As we inspire our students to choose a life with Jesus, their lights burn bright. As our students develop a passion to serve and make a difference, their light changes the world.

To our parents and school community, thanks for supporting us and working with us to help young lights burn bright. We wish you all a beautiful holiday season and look forward to working with you again in 2020.

“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

John 8:12

Deb Cooper
Principal
GENERAL

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Tuesday December 3
All students are asked to wear Christmas themed mufti clothes on Tuesday December 3 and bring a gold coin or note donation. We are raising money for Christmas gifts for children in drought-stricken areas. The money raised will be used to buy gift vouchers from businesses in Inverell to go to farming families affected by drought. Our aim is to give as much as we can to these people in great need. Please note students need to wear closed-in shoes.

Table Tennis Competition
There were over 60 students who entered for this year’s Open Table Tennis Competition held at lunchtime. Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving trophies at Monday’s assembly:
Girls – 1st Grace E, 2nd Daphne J, 3rd Caitlin C
Boys – 1st William L, 2nd Jack H, 3rd Cooper W

Girls Soccer
The Girls Soccer Team were very excited as they travelled down to Lakes Anglican Grammar School for the annual match. After the first half of 30 minutes no goals had been scored. Going into the second half, there was a plan A, B and C. A was to score early and defend, B was 10 minutes extra time and C was penalty shoot-out. The girls stuck to plan A and came away with a (2-0) win and the shield. Well done to Skye W for scoring the first goal and also to Nina D (Captain) for scoring the second goal and leading by example throughout the game.

SPORT

Handball Competition
Over 140 students entered this year’s Handball Competition held over lunchtimes. There were boy’s and girl’s divisions with junior and senior levels. Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving trophies at Monday’s assembly:
Junior Girls – 1st Darcie McG, 2nd Zaria A, 3rd Charlotte M
Junior Boys – 1st Levi V, 2nd Elijah H, 3rd Baxter F
Senior Girls – 1st Grace E, 2nd Sadie S, 3rd Leneisha T
Senior Boys – 1st Jeremiah S, 2nd Jayden T, 3rd Joshua V

Move Up Monday
Monday December 2
This Monday December 2, we are having our ‘Move Up Morning’. Students from Kindy to Year 6 will all move up for the morning to test out their 2020 grade. Year 6 will attend Secondary School Chapel followed by an opportunity to ask questions about high school from students and teachers.

Closing Celebration
Thursday December 5
Formerly known as ‘Speech Night’, our Closing Celebration will commence at 5.00pm on Thursday December 5 in the MPC. Students in Years 1-6 are to wear their full summer uniform and be seated by 4.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 6 E-Day
Tuesday December 3
Year 6 classes will be running their E-Business stalls at school next Tuesday. Kindy to Year 5 students will be given E-dollars on the day to spend at the stalls (no money required from home). Parents and grandparents are welcome to come along and check out the stalls. E-dollars for visitors will be issued when signing in at the Primary Office.

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Call to be... A TEACHER?

TEACHING INFORMATION NIGHTS
TUES DEC 10 • WED DEC 11 • TUES JAN 21 • WED JAN 22 | 6PM - 7PM

_Register Now_

www.avondale.edu.au/infonights

CLASS

*Year 10 Food Tech Cooking for Charity*

This week Year 10 Food Tech cooked some Christmas Cakes for Southlakes Marketplace who will be putting together some Christmas hampers for families in need.

Secondary Closing Celebration

_Previously known as Speech Night!

Thursday December 5 (7.00pm – 8.15pm)

Formerly known as ‘Speech Night’, our Closing Celebration will commence at 7.00pm on Thursday December 5 in the MPC. Students are to wear their full summer uniform and be seated by 6.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

End of Year Sign-off

_Thursday December 5_

If for some reason your child(ren) will be finishing earlier than the scheduled Friday December 6, you will need to notify the Secondary Office ASAP please. This will allow us to provision time for all the school processes to be completed by your child(ren) before leaving. Each student must complete a sign-off sheet to ensure all books/resources have been returned, and that their locker has been cleaned out. We are required to record official attendance to December 6. Please be reminded that if your child will be absent for more than 2 days, an official extended leave form needs to be completed (available from the Office). This is a government requirement.
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.

Piano
Kylie Stacey / 0409 939 302
Sandi Lowe / 0447 006 209
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes (Suzuki Piano School) / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Sophie-Lee Johnson / 0490 451 781

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

Woodwinds
Meldi Arkinstall (flute) / 0413 548 985
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151

Guitar
Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

Drums
James Dennett / 0401 549 084

A new $100 Creative Kids Rebate can be put towards the cost of registration, participation or tuition fees for creative and cultural activities such as music lessons with registered teachers. You can apply for an active kids voucher at Service NSW online or in person.

Return All Library Books
Thanks to most students who have returned all their library books. Please note that if your library books are lost then you need to pay the replacement cost to the library. It would be appreciated if all lost library books can be paid for as soon as possible so that these books can be replaced.

Parent Library
Thanks to most parents who have returned their Parent Library books already. If you still need to do so we’d love to see you next week. We’ll look forward to seeing you again next year in the iCentre.

2019 Library ID Cards
Just a reminder to please keep your 2019 Library ID cards for use next year until the 2020 cards are processed.

Library Stocktake
Library staff will be doing a stocktake of all library resources next week, Week 8. Please keep in mind that the library WILL BE CLOSED unless you are returning library resources.

K-6 Library Parties
Our library parties are over for another year. What a great time we had enjoying party food and celebrating our reading successes together. We look forward to doing it all again next year so make sure you aim to borrow great books EVERY week during 2020.

Library party photos can be viewed on the iCentre Landscape page.
https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

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Thursday December 5
Primary students - 5.00pm
Secondary students - 7.00pm
ALL students, along with their families are invited to celebrate the end of the school year.

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