This week  Year 6 students participated in a Bike Education. Kindy students came to school colourfully dressed and some of our Years 5 and 6 girls had a chance to learn more about robotics. Teachers are working hard to gather evidence of student achievement to share with you. Our Primary Staff have been involved in a training session relating to report writing. We want to do our best to communicate accurately, concisely and clearly with parents.

Next week Year 3 students will be involved in a Water Safety Program, Year 4 students are off to the Reptile Park and we have a Chess Tournament here on campus. Next Friday is a Pupil Free Day to allow the teachers to focus on writing reports. We have a brand new report format this year that we hope will provide you with even clearer and more comprehensive information about your child's journey here at school.

Our current value is excellence. Teachers have been encouraging students to do their best and to persevere towards a goal. Why not take the time to affirm your child for something that they excel at. Perhaps they are academics, or great at music, sport or dancing. Perhaps they excel at being kind, compassionate, or funny! Excellence continues when affirmed.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better.” Pat Riley

NEXT WEEK:
We’ve just crossed over to the other side … of the term. We’re over half way already! And what awesome weather to enjoy a great Athletics Carnival (participation was way up this year)! Hospital staffs toured the Crowne Plaza at Terrigal and a selection of our Year 5-8 female students enjoyed a visit from Robogals, thinking outside the box and being encouraged to consider a future in engineering, robotics and computers!

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SECONDARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The weather was beautiful, the enthusiasm of the students was infectious and the program of track and field events ran like clockwork. Our Sport House Captains did a great job making sure their House was well represented. The relays to end the day were closely contested. Some of the House colour costumes were very creative including some that were quite fishy. It was great to see the parents and grandparents who came along to support and cheer. A big thanks to the staff and students who were just brilliant – the sportsmanship and high level of cooperation made it such a smooth day. We will award the Age Champions and announce the House points on June 17. We will then announce the team that goes to Glendale to compete in HRIS Athletics on July 22, the second day back next term.

THAT’S ALL FOLKS ...
EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED ...
Why does quicksand work slowly?
Have a magical weekend!

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4T ELC Buddies
Every Wednesday morning during Term 2, 4T has been visiting their buddies at the Early Learning Centre. It has been lovely to see relationships develop through play and activities.

“Playing outdoor games together is lots of fun.” Jayden
“1 like to be responsible and teach my buddy new things.” Paul
“It is special getting to know my new little friend Jessica.” Chantelle
“I love the cute way my buddy Willow always smiles when she sees me.” Lilijana

Multi-Sports Day
Joshua M and Keanu M represented Avondale School at a Multi-Sports Day in Sydney last week. They participated in rugby league, basketball, athletics, cricket, soccer, netball, gymnastics and tennis. Joshua received recognition for his overall great attitude in the athletics rotation.

Year 2 Athletics Carnival
Change of Date – Friday, June 20
Please note that the Year 2 Athletics Carnival listed in the school calendar to be held on Thursday, June 26 has been brought forward and will now be held on Friday, June 20. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Primary Chess
The Knights and Rookies teams will be playing their first five rounds of chess on Thursday, June 5 in the MPC. They will be playing nine teams from Barnsley Public, Biddabah Public, Chariton Christian and St Mary’s Warners Bay. Students playing in the Knights and Rookies division aspire to one-day play in the highest level of competition, the Kings division.

The Kings Team will be playing their first five rounds of chess on Thursday, June 19 at Kotara South Public. They will be playing teams from the top schools in the Hunter: New Lambton Public, Kotara South Public, St Paul’s Gateshead, St Philip’s Waratah, Belair Public and The Junction Public.

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Year 10 PDM Visit Sydney

Year 10 Photography & Digital Media students travelled by train to Sydney last week to look at visual icons and explore Sydney Harbour. It was a great day with fantastic weather as students photographed the Sydney environment and the journey to the city. Students will be using these images to create a Body of Work that explores the themes they choose to describe the harbour city. Look out for these works at the Art Show later in the year or maybe some of it will be exhibited sooner in the Multi-Purpose Centre at the end of the term.

Secondary Chess

There are 25 secondary schools competing in the Hunter Chess Competition. The Avondale School team consisting of Jonathan G, Keldan C, Stuart M and Nathaniel G have now had strong wins over St Paul’s Booragul and Mt View High School. In Round 3 Avondale School is playing against Hunter Valley Grammar on June 12.
Principal’s Message

There’s an old story about a man who walks by a construction site and sees three workers, each pushing a wheelbarrow holding one enormous stone. Out of curiosity, he asks one of the workers what they are doing. “What does it look like?” the worker says with a sneer. “I’m just hauling rocks.” Unsatisfied with that answer, the man asks the second worker with a wheelbarrow the same question. Without even bothering to look up, this worker says “We’re putting up walls”. Frustrated, the man tries one last time. “I say there”, he asks the third worker, “can you please tell me what you men are doing here?” Unlike the other two, this man stops, puts down his wheelbarrow, wipes the sweat from his forehead and says with a big smile, “We are building a castle and it’s going to be magnificent”.

Here are three different men - all doing the same work, but one says he is hauling rocks, one says he is putting up walls, and one says he is building a castle. This story says a lot about the attitude we all bring to our lives, or could bring to our lives if we were willing to change our perspective.

Personal excellence is not about showing off or beating the competition. Excellence is about having high standards and a healthy sense of self-esteem. It’s a personal commitment to become the best you can possibly be. It liberates you from the crowded field of mediocrity allowing you to stand out, rise to the top and shine! You simply can’t reach your potential or live your life to the fullest if you spend your days making excuses, living by low standards and doing just enough to get by. No one ever achieved excellence by exhibiting mediocre behavior or by accepting it from the people they surround themselves with. Choose excellence and build your personal best castle! Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull - Principal

Canteen News

The Munchery has had a birthday! We are 8 years old! We are going to celebrate by having a yummy lunch option on Thursday, June 5. The regular ‘daily special’ will be Curly Fries for only $2.50 (instead of pasta). Start saving and get your party hats out ... it’s time to party!

Registration Day

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Primary Calendar - Term 2

- Year 4 Reptile Park Excursion – June 2
- ICAS Science Competition – June 4
- Knights and Rookies Chess – June 5
- Pupil Free Day – June 6
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday – June 9
- CIS Cross Country – June 12
- HRIS Basketball – June 17
- ICAS Spelling Competition – June 17
- Year 6 E-Day – June 19
- Kings Chess – June 19
- Year 2 Athletics Carnival – June 20

Secondary Calendar - Term 2

- Year 12 Avondale College Future’s Day – June 4
- Pupil Free Day – June 6
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday – June 9
- CIS Cross Country – June 12
- HRIS Netball – June 13
- School Musical Rehearsal – June 15
- Year 12 Modern History Excursion – June 17
- School Musical 1.00 pm (book tickets online now) – June 18
- School Musical 6.00 pm (book tickets online now) – June 19
- HRIS Basketball (book tickets online now) – June 20
- School Musical 6.00 pm (book tickets online now) – June 21

Enrol a friend and receive a $100 Uniform Shop voucher!

Your children love Avondale School, so why not tell your family and friends about it? For each new family you refer to Avondale School you will receive a $100 voucher to spend at the Uniform Shop. Just remind them to include your name and phone number on the enrolment form. Once the family enrolls you will be sent your voucher.

library news

Encyclopedia Britannica

The full online version of Encyclopedia Britannica is available to Avondale School students and their families at any time, anywhere they have internet access. You will find a wealth of information, including audio and video clips, to help with homework and research for students from Kindy-Year 12. To explore this great resource, visit the library homepage http://acessit.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au. Having problems with this site? Please contact the library ... we are here to help.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Turns 50

It’s been half a century since the adventures of Charlie Bucket and Willie Wonka were first published in Roald Dahl’s Charlie and the Chocolate Factory book and it remains a best-seller. The story has also been made into two feature films, several video games, a radio production, a theme park ride, an opera, dozens of printed editions and even a musical.

The library has several copies of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and its space-age sequel Charlie and the Glass Elevator which are just waiting to be borrowed.

In the words of Roald Dahl: So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install A lovely bookshelf on the wall.