THE VIEW

DADDY’S DAY…CARE!
This weekend we celebrate, thank and high-five those amazing men that we have called ‘dad’ and/or have actively parented through the years. Fathers who place their children’s needs above their own and sacrifice themselves each day for the care and support of their families.

The stats tell us that there are 4.6 million dads in Australia and just under half of those are caring for children under 18. These reports also state that the role of a father in 2019 has changed dramatically in the past few decades to someone who is now more likely to change a baby’s nappy, wash clothes and bake a birthday cake.

One thing that doesn’t change can be seen in the most googled searches for buying dad’s gifts. The top searches in the days leading up to last year’s Father’s Day was GPS navigation devices. That’s right, it seems that although there are many ways dads have evolved over time, they still have little to no idea how to stop and ask for directions! True story - these were officially my first two arguments with my wife; finding an address on a map, and putting a flat pack together without the instruction manual.

We just hate getting help when we know we can do it ourselves.

So I guess you can see where I’m going with this. It may be a cultural thing or even just what’s been handed down to us from generation to generation, but we don’t seem to ask for directions easily. Dads around the world are expected to fulfil a role that can often be overwhelming and yet don’t have the skills to know when to turn to another for a helping hand. I see how the women in our lives do this so much better and they seem to know when to reach out. However, I fear that this is not restricted to just gender differences, as many still find it hard to admit their needs and be vulnerable to another human being.

Dads, this weekend as we receive breakfast in bed, or socks or jocks that are way too small for us to wear, let’s remember that in our roles as fathers we desperately need improving and help. We need instructions, and we need to speak to our wives, mothers, daughters and sons more. Let’s admit when we drop the ball and do our best to be there for our families.

To the women in our lives, we need your help. We can learn so much from each other. Let’s stop the blame game and start to mend and heal so that those kids watching us can learn from what we do, not just what we say. Frederick Douglass once wrote, “It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”

And to the kids that we teach at Avondale School, we might not always get it right, but we want you to know that you can be anything you want to be. Maybe even one day, a great mum and a great dad who love unconditionally.

“The righteous man walks in his integrity: His children are blessed after him.” Proverbs 20:7

John Venegas
Primary Wellbeing Coordinator

Primary Calendar - Term 3
Father’s Day..................................................................Sep 1
Knights and Rookies Chess...........................................Sep 4
ICAS Science Competition.........................................Sep 5
Y7 2020 Orientation Day.............................................Sep 10
Y2 Museum Express Incursion.....................................Sep 12
Central Coast Chess Competition..............................Sep 12
CIS Athletics...............................................................Sep 12
ICAS English Competition.........................................Sep 17
Y5 & 6 Esther Musical 6.30pm MPC..........................Sep 18
ICAS Maths Competition.............................................Sep 19

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
Father’s Day..................................................................Sep 1
Y12 HSC Music Lizotte’s Performance........................Sep 2
Y12 Trial Exam Feedback Evening..............................Sep 5
AICES Athletics Carnival............................................Sep 9
Y10 Food Tech Excursion.............................................Sep 17
Y7 Technology Incursion..............................................Sep 18
Y7 STEM Showcase Evening.....................................Sep 18
Y11 Final Exams..........................................................Sep 20 - 26
Y12 Final Farewell Chapel............................................Sep 26
Last Day of Term 3.........................................................Sep 26
Pupil Free Day..............................................................Sep 27

School Terms 2019
Term 3.................................................................Jul 22 - Sep 27
Term 4.................................................................Oct 14 - Dec 6
**PRIMARY**

**SPORT**

**Primary Tennis Competition**

The Primary Tennis Competition will be held during Week 9, September 16 - 20. The competition will be divided into two divisions being a Year 5 and under, the second Year 6 only. Students must be able to do an over arm serve from the baseline. Students are able to register their names with Mr Head at the sports shed. The top two boys and girls in each division will go to the HRIS Tennis Competition to be held on Friday October 25.

**Knights & Rookies Chess**

**Wednesday September 4**

The Knights and Rookies will play their last five rounds on campus in the MPC on Wednesday September 4, along with 13 other school teams from the region.

**25th Annual Central Coast Chess Competition**

**Thursday September 12**

The following 10 students have been selected to compete in the Central Coast Chess Competition on Thursday, September 12 at Wyong High School: Daphne J, Jeremiah S, Benzen B, Vijeyananthan T, Beckett B, Samuel A, Jett P, Xander H, Liam N, Lachlan N.

This is a great experience leading up to our HRIS Chess Competition early next term.

**HRIS Golf Tournament**

**Monday October 21**

The HRIS is commencing a primary Golf Tournament on Monday October 21. Please see Mr Head for more information.

**HRIS Equestrian Event**

**Friday November 1**

The 2019 HRIS Equestrian Event will be held on Friday November 1 at Morisset Show Ground. Please see Mr Head for more information.

**CLASS**

**Years 5 & 6 Esther Musical**

**Wednesday September 18**

Our Years 5 & 6 students are very excited to present Esther the musical in the MPC on Wednesday September 18 commencing at 6.30pm. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**ICAS Science Competition**

**Thursday September 5**

The ICAS Science Competition will be held at school on Thursday September 5. Selected students were advised last week.

**ICAS English Competition**

**Tuesday September 17**

The ICAS English Competition will be held at school on Tuesday September 17. Selected students have been advised this week. If your child was not selected and they would like to participate in the competition, please send an envelope clearly marked with the student’s name, class and the fee of $15.95 enclosed by the end of school on Monday September 9.

**ICAS Mathematics Competition**

**Thursday September 19**

The ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held at school on Thursday September 19. Selected students have been advised this week. If your child was not selected and they would like to participate in the competition, please send an envelope clearly marked with the student’s name, class and the fee of $15.95 enclosed by the end of school on Monday September 9.

**Term 3 Sport Uniform**

**Kindy** – wear their Sport Uniform on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Years 1 & 2** – wear their Sport Uniform on Tuesdays.

**Years 3-6** – wear their Sport Uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.
CLASS

Year 10 Commerce Excursion

Year 10 Commerce students had a chance to see our legal system in action on Tuesday. While it was a rather slow day by Newcastle Court standards, they were able to see a range of Local and District Court matters, including a jury trial.

SPORT

Senior Basketball Trip

Last week some of our senior basketballers headed to Brisbane and competed with teams from Brisbane Adventist College and Tweed Valley Adventist College. Congratulations to the Wildcats who won their grand final by 14 points. The Jaguars tied for 3rd place and the Red Frogs came 4th. Well done everyone!

GENERAL

Opal Cards

Students who travel on the School Bus are reminded that they need to present their Opal Card for every trip. The government uses this data to plan bus/train routes. The School pass may be confiscated and a fine may also apply if these rules are not followed.

All new applications for bus passes and change of address or replacement cards need to be completed online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. Opal cards are sent directly to the address provided on the application. If you have any queries please contact Transport for NSW on 13 1 500.

STEP UP

3.30 - 4.30PM THURSDAYS 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!

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Please note that it will not be running September 26 (last day of Term 3).

SENIOR MUSIC SHOWCASE.

LIZOTTES NEWCASTLE.
2 SEPTEMBER. 6.30PM.
$15 PER PERSON.
BOOK ONLINE.
Book Week
Book Week is over for another year! There were so many fun activities and lots and lots of prizes too!

K-6 Storytellers at Lunchtime
Our Primary students really enjoyed the amazing stories that were presented at lunchtimes in the Story Centre. A BIG thanks to George the puppet, Mrs Deb Cooper, Dr Adelle Faull and Mr Stuart Clark for taking the time to captivate the students with their adventurous and humorous tales.

K-12 ‘Reading is My Secret Power’ Competition
During Book Week many students had lots of fun looking at photos of the School staff dressed in their disguises while reading. It was the students’ job to work out who the teachers were through their various disguises with students from Kindy to Year 12 entering the competitions. K-6 competition winners were announced at Monday’s assembly this week.

Primary Competition Winners
Kindy: Tessa H
Year 1: Samuel R
Year 2: Maya C
Year 3: Jett P
Year 4: Scout H
Year 5: Breanna H
Year 6: Ella H

Secondary Competition Winners
Superhero Staff Competition winner: Ella F
Instagram Competition winner: Mikaylah C

K-6 Book Character Parade
What a colourful array of book characters paraded around with their books in a very full MPC on August 22! The judges had a VERY difficult time selecting five creative and original costumes from each Year Level. These students received special awards and book gift vouchers on the day. Thank you so much to all the parents and friends who attended our biennial parade, and for all the amazing costumes that you and your children produced! Check out the photos at https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

Commendable Costume Winners
Year 1: Judah B, Kaden D, Myle N, Samuel R, Charles S.
Year 2: Tia G, Bella H, Nathan L, Sienna L, Lily R, Eliana S.
Year 3: Tommy B, Elizabeth G, William L, Darcie M, Maple P.
Year 4: Caitlin C, Harrison K, Ethan L, [Charlie M, Carissa L & Hayley L], Evie R.
Year 5: Jakob D, Adaiah G, Daphne J, Acacia R, Lucy V.
Year 6: Ethan C, Grace E, Amber H, [Elia J & Will B], Isobella N.

7-12 Quizzical
Book Week got off to a great start with the annual Secondary School Quizzical Competition taking place on Monday lunchtime. Twelve teams competed for spot prizes, cash rewards and Westfield Gift Cards for the winning junior and senior teams. The book trivia rounds kept scores tight but the table questions really decided the winning teams.

Junior team winners: Sarah M, Elijah M, Koa H & Kaelan D
Senior team winners: Grace B, Olivia M, Lara H and Ben L
Our winning Junior and Senior Quizzical teams will go on to compete against Central Coast Adventist School and Macquarie College next Tuesday September 3.

Year 1 LEGO Masters
Year 1, it’s your turn to show your LEGO skills in the library! Interested students should come to the library at lunchtime next Wednesday September 4. No sign-up is needed and students will be given just the one lunchtime to build nominated creations. If there are more students than we can cater for on that day then the Year 1 LEGO Masters will continue throughout the week so that all students that would like a turn can have a turn.

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) / 02 / 455 977
Jan Hughes / 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.

We value... FORGIVENESS