Primary Calendar - Term 2
HRIS Junior Basketball ...................................... Jun 5
Queen’s Birthday Holiday................................ Jun 10
Kings Chess Competition................................ Jun 11
CIS Cross Country .............................................. Jun 13
Y5 Taronga Zoo Excursion................................ Jun 18
HRIS Public Speaking......................................... Jun 21
Y3&4 Athletics Carnival..................................... Jun 25
Y5&6 Athletics Carnival..................................... Jun 26
School Musical .......................................... Jun 27 - 29
Primary Parent Teacher Night ....................... Jul 2

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Y12 Business Studies Excursion ...................... Jun 3
Avondale College Future’s Day........................ Jun 4
AICES Cross Country ......................................... Jun 4
Queen’s Birthday Holiday............................... Jun 10
CIS Cross Country .............................................. Jun 13
Y12 Hospitality Excursion................................ Jun 14
HRIS Junior Touch Football............................. Jun 18
Y9 Textiles Excursion ...................................... Jun 19
HRIS Basketball Opens .................................... Jun 25
School Musical .......................................... Jun 27 - 29

School Terms 2019
Term 2 .......................................................... May 6 - Jul 5
Term 3 .......................................................... Jul 22 - Sep 27
Term 4 .......................................................... Oct 14 - Dec 6

THE VIEW

Colin Prentice - Inspiring Example
Colin Prentice came from a working class background. His father would drill basic maths additions and multiplications at the dinner table. Colin’s father was equally surprised when Colin earned a scholarship to the best high school in Auckland.

Colin’s father

His father was astounded when Colin turned down the scholarship to go to the nearby Mt Roskill Grammar School.

Colin went on to be a passionate English teacher. When he became a deputy he was noted for creative discipline and often had his recalcitrant students doing a 6km run with him. The students begrudgingly came to respect Colin’s sense of fair play, compassion but unyielding firmness.

On one occasion Colin heard that a number of students were smoking at the bottom of the cliff that opened out onto the sea near the school. He knew that they had sentinels watching for teachers at the top of the cliff. Colin went out about 15 minutes early one lunchtime and was swimming out at sea when the students poured down the steps to the beach. They were absolutely stunned when he emerged from the surf and caught them all by surprise as they were gazing nervously up the cliff face instead.

Colin had high expectations and always believed the best of each student. He was able to think outside the box and inspired his students to achieve their best. He believed in the value of sincere praise. A committed Christian, he unashamedly expressed his Christianity while teaching in the state system.

Colin loved a challenge and took over a new school, Macleans, and set a fantastic tone over the next few years with an emphasis on firm discipline, good manners, academic effort, leadership and excellence. He lived and talked his values, inspired his students and believed in them, and expected them to do their best.

Colin then left the thriving Macleans and returned to the school he had attended as a student – Mt Roskill Grammar. By this stage it was very mediocre and required a lot of hard work to change the culture and the tone. He again inspired a generation of high school students to put in a 100% effort, to celebrate their effort and aim for their best, to lift their attendance rate and to show respect for themselves and others.

Finally Colin changed careers and took over New Zealand World Vision as the Executive Director. He spent a number of years in this role and saw the impact of World Vision increase across the country. His philosophy of leadership is one that is service focused.

I have had the privilege of listening to Colin Prentice twice. He is as inspiring as the book he wrote, When People Matter Most. I would commend to you the principles that he espoused as parents. I would encourage you to also have high expectations for your children, to praise where it is due, to aim for the stars and encourage service and great values.
HRIS Basketball

Congratulations to the following students from Years 3 & 4 who will be representing Avondale School at the HRIS Basketball Competition in Newcastle on Tuesday June 5.

Junior Boys
Levi V
Hunter E
Max T
Asher G
Lachlan N
Cooper S
Dominic R
Jonty F
Tommy B

Junior Girls
Olive R
Lily D
Eillah C
Felicity H
Janina S
Carissa L
Milan H
Hannah M

Interschools Snow Sports

With 60cm of fresh snow Perisher is opening the season early this year on May 31. We now have several entries for the Interschool Snow Sports events held in the July school holidays. Please see Mr Head for more information.

Champion Students

At Avondale School we love to acknowledge champions. Sometimes students achieve amazing things outside of school sport and we would like to support these students publicly. If your child has an amazing achievement to share (eg. State Representative) please contact Mr Head.

AVONDALE SCHOOL MUSICAL 2019

JOSEPH

AND THE

AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

LYRICS BY TIM RICE
MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
27-29 JUNE 2019
CLASS

Year 12 Food Tech
‘Working’ at Sanitarium
The Year 12 Food Tech class looked very professional while they ‘worked’ at Sanitarium this week developing a new Weet-bix product in the pilot plant and doing a bit of sensory analysis in the sensory lab.

Year 10 English Project
Launch Event
On Tuesday May 21, all Year 10 students had the privilege of meeting Andrew Baxter, one of Australia’s leading marketing and advertising executives who has led several iconic marketing campaigns, such as the Rhonda and Ketut advertisements for AAMI insurance. Andrew’s presentation on the representation of gender stereotypes in advertising was a thought provoking and inspiring launch of a new project-based learning experience in Year 10 English aimed at answering the Driving Question: “How can we create an engaging 30-second television advertisement that challenges cultural gender norms and stereotypes?” Our Year 10 students are now really excited about how they can work together in teams to create their own culture changing advertisements.

Secondary Music
Our Year 12’s had their first HSC performance assessment last term. We had music teachers from Macquarie College mark and give valuable feedback to Year 12 in their journey of preparing for the exams in September. Some of our Year 11 music students helped out performing in a few of the songs, getting a taste of what is to come.

Term 1 was all about composition, with all Music classes (other than HSC) creating music in genres of everything from Caribbean to Avant Garde, using a variety of different apps and even graphic notation on paper!

Our Orchestra and Vocal Ensemble also took Memorial and Hillview church services, all while preparing for the upcoming School Musical.

SPORT

Junior Girls Basketball
Our Junior Girls Basketball Team, ‘Cubs,’ have finished a great semester in Women’s B Grade in the Avondale College Basketball Competition. They came 2nd after a hard fought grand final game on Tuesday evening. Charlotte B (Y8) also took out the sportsmanship award of the evening. We are very proud of the commitment, skill and positive attitude the girls have demonstrated throughout the season. Well done!

Athletics Carnival
We started our Athletics Carnival with a beautiful day and ended with freezing rain. In between some students ran, jumped and threw as hard as they could, while others just went for the participation points which all add up.

Final results and medallions will be awarded when we have completed the javelin and 1500m event in the coming weeks.

The HRIS team will then be announced to compete early next term on July 29.

HRIS Netball
The 2019 HRIS Netball Gala Day was held on Tuesday May 21 with Avondale School teams competing in all three divisions. A big congratulations lies with each and every one of the girls on the day. Having only a short but intensive training time period, the Intermediate Team (Year 9/10) managed to score themselves 4th place, our Seniors Team (Year 11/12) 5th and the Juniors (Year 7/8) 6th, out of the 17 participating HRIS schools.

A huge thank you to all of the teachers and parents who came along and supported our teams, whether that be cheering from the sidelines, driving the buses or being the tireless ‘water bottle refillers’.
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 (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) / 0409 939 302
Sandi Lowe / 0447 006 209
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 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

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