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**Class News**

**Radio Comes Alive in Year 5**
This past week Year 5 have been busily running a radio station as part of their Media unit study. They have been writing scripts, planning news items, choosing songs and creating competitions to appeal to the audience of students in our Primary School. The weather was amazing and the radio stations went off without a hitch, drawing in large crowds of excited listeners for the three days it operated. The radio station was run by 5V, 5P and 5Q. “The radio station helped us work as a team better,” commented Olivia. Lara said, “It felt good to make others smile and happy”.

Although it was a challenge, the kids loved the experience. The students learnt the influence one can have when broadcasting a program and how easily you can get children to listen by just offering some simple entertainment, gimmicks and some sweet incentives along the way. Tune into your radios over the next decade or two and you may find some of our current students broadcasting live someday. Thank you Year 5 for your wonderful organisation and responsibility!

**NSW BMX 10 Year State Champion**
Landon C in Year 5 competed in the NSW BMX Championships on the October long weekend and is now State Champion in 10 Year Boys Cruiser Class and runner up in 10 Year Boys 20” class (smaller wheels). Congratulations Landon on an outstanding achievement.

**Primary Tennis**
Congratulations to the following students who received trophies for the Tennis Competition.

- **YEAR 6 DIVISION**
  - Boys: Winner - Dylan M  Runner Up - Jed Z
  - Girls: No Competitors

- **YEAR 5 & UNDER DIVISION**
  - Boys: Winner - Elliot M  Runner Up - Ethan
  - Girls: Winner - Airlia K  No Runner Up competitor

These students recently represented Avondale School at the HRIS Tennis Competition in Newcastle.

**HRIS Chess**
Last week 160 students from all over the Hunter Region competed in the HRIS Chess Competition at Avondale School. Students played six rounds of chess in teams of four players.

There were 20 teams in each division with trophies and the School Shield being presented on the day. Each student has been given a NSW state ranking based on their ability in this competition and these are on display in the sports display cabinet. Congratulations to Flynn K who came out with the second highest ranking (518) in the whole competition. Congratulations also to Matthew L who came out with the second highest ranking (422) in the junior competition. The competition results are as follows:

- **OPEN DIVISION**
  1. Newcastle Grammar School (B) 17.5 pts
  2. Avondale School (A) 16.5 pts
  3. Newcastle Grammar School (A) 16 pts
  4. Heritage College (A) 14.5 pts

- **JUNIOR DIVISION**
  1. St Philip’s (Waratah) School (1) 19 pts
  2. Heritage College (1) 17.5 pts
  3. Avondale School (1) 15.5 pts
  4. Avondale School (2) 14.5 pts

**Table Tennis Competition**
November 10 – 13

The school Table Tennis Competition will be held in the MPC from November 10 - 13. Students need to register their names with Mr Head next week for the competition.

**Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program**
November 10 – November 21

All students in Kindy, Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool from Monday, November 10 until Friday, November 21. Students are required to bring their swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two week program.
International Children’s Games Torch Relay
Recently students from our School participated in the International Children’s Torch Relay held on the shores of Lake Macquarie. Over 25 local schools were represented at the event marking 50 days until the commencement of the event in December this year. The Mayor of Lake Macquarie presented all the participating schools a participation certificate following the event.

HRIS Senior Touch Football
This week we sent a Senior Boys and Senior Girls team to Salamander Bay for the annual HRIS Touch Football Competition. There was stiff opposition on all fronts for both the girls and boys teams. Although not placing in the top three positions, both teams played well and demonstrated sportsmanship and teamwork during all of the games. Special thanks to Mr Mark Singh and Miss Courtney Mallon from Avondale College for assisting with coaching on the day.

1 house point for every book you read before November 3.

**BONUS** 2 points if you read 8 books.

**Steps 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!

**Reading Rulz!**
SIGN UP TODAY AND START READING

Collect a check sheet from your English teacher.
Get your books signed off as you read them.
Hand your check sheet to your English teacher by **November 3**.
Collect house points by reading. Fantastic!
Principal's Message

Last Friday I watched student teams from a number of primary schools in the HRIS Chess Competition in the MPC. The Team Captains were given instructions and then every team member was counted on to carry that out in their match. Each team member did their part and was reliable. It was amazing! To be reliable is a key value in teamwork. Reliability enables a team to function well. Each person in a team relies on the other. It got me thinking... Who do I rely on? Who relies on me? How reliable am I? Can I keep a secret? Can I keep a promise? Can I follow instructions? Can I be on time? Am I someone on whom others can lean on for support? Being reliable means being someone to whom others can turn, knowing that that person will not let them down. We begin to learn about reliability at school when we:

• take responsibility for a job in the classroom
• follow instructions carefully in order to get something done well
• keep our promises to one another and
• play our part well in an activity together with others.

This week I enjoyed awarding the Academic Awards for the top achievers in Year 11. Their great results came from committed effort over many months. As we push towards Speech Night I am hoping I can rely on every student to do his or her best, so that the final School Report reflects accurately their reliability. Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faulk
Principal

K-6 Library Year-End Timetable

The end of the school year is fast approaching and lots of activities will be happening in the library. Please note the following Primary School library timetable for the last weeks of the school year.

Week 5 (ending Nov 7)  Last week for student borrowing.
Week 6 (ending Nov 14)  Return all student library books.
Term 4 borrowing prizes and library party invitations awarded.
Week 7 (ending Nov 21)  Library parties for perfect borrowers.
Week 8 (ending Nov 28)  Library parties for perfect borrowers. Return all student class library books. Return all parent library books.
Week 9 (ending Dec 5)  Last week for library classes.

There are prizes for the first three classes to return all their library books!

Library Bag Sale

It is time to move our library bag stock before our new bags arrive in the new year. Library bags normally cost $5.00 but will be on sale over the next couple of weeks for just $2.00 while stocks last!

Reading Rulz – Years 7-10

Please hand in all “Reading Rulz” sheets to your English teacher by Monday, November 3 if you haven’t already done so. With House points so close at the moment it’s going to be interesting to see what a difference your reading has made to your House this year.

Secondary School Borrowing

So far in 2014 Secondary School students have borrowed over 2,900 books. All books need to be returned by November 21 so that library records are cleared before our end of year sign-off process. Year 12 students returning in 2015 may borrow over the holiday period to get a head start on study for next year, but they still need to return any outstanding books and re-borrow.

Library Bag Sale

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Don’t be duplicating what the surrounding world does, for they are1 only after momentary things and do not have a signi cant impact on their owners.

When you have read all the books in the house, please ask questions, and check out our well-equipped classrooms and study areas for free. Children can take responsibility for a job in the classroom.

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