From the Principals Desk

Term 2 has begun quite well. The students have settled in and all of the routines are continuing...

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

I would like to wish all of the wonderful mothers and grandmothers in our community a very happy Mother's Day for this coming Sunday. It is a great time for families to get together and have some fun...! Thank you all for your care and hard work in caring for your families. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

**SCHOOL VANDALISM**

Our school was the target of vandalism on the ANZAC weekend. Fortunately, there was minimal damage done and it was soon repaired. If anyone has any information about this incident, please contact the school so that we can follow due process. We have a beautiful school and school grounds and we would like to maintain its calm and safe environment.

**ANZAC DAY**

Our Anzac Day Service on Friday 24th April was very successful, with our school leaders doing the school proud with their attitude, behaviour and participation. All of the other students supported the occasion quite well also. Thank you to the members of our school and wider community who attended and commemorated with us.

**PLAYGROUP**

If anyone knows of parents who have younger children who would enjoy and benefit from attending playgroup and interacting with other parents and children, please let them know that playgroup is on every Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 onwards. We would love to see some more families coming to take advantage of this FREE service! All are welcome…

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

This program is continuing with the support of some parents. We need to continue to support this program so that it can provide an essential service for parents who work or have other commitments that they need assistance with. If you need to know the costs or any other details, please contact Tanika or Peter Goudie with your query.

**HISTORY EXCURSION**

This Thursday, the Years 3-6 students are going with Mrs Rule to Wartburg for a history excursion where they will learn more about the early history and settlement of Australia. The Years P-2 students will remain behind with myself for the day.

**BANKING**

School banking is due on the Wednesday after each newsletter. Please ensure students hand banking into the classroom teacher, with correctly completed paperwork.
P&C

I am overwhelmed by the commitment and energy displayed by the small group of parents and community members who enact the tasks of the P&C. I would like to encourage more parents to help with various events and tasks. If we could get every family to assist even once in a semester, it would lighten the load for the core group of parents who, at the moment, are doing all of the work.

I am aware that life is busy and that we all have certain commitments within our own lives and with employment. However, it has been proven that parents do make a huge difference when they are involved. It is also important to remember that ALL students benefit from the P&C’s support for the school. No matter what is happening, there is always something, no matter how seemingly small, that anyone can help with to keep things moving. Please contact the school and let me know if you can assist with anything at all.

NAPLAN TESTING TIME AGAIN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 12–14 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can.

Further NAPLAN information for parents is available online at http://www.nap.edu.au/. Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing.

TUCKSHOP

This Wednesday, the P&C are providing tuckshop for the students to choose and purchase from. A menu was sent home yesterday.

MOTHER’S DAY

The P&C are running a Mother’s Day raffle… tickets were sent home last week with a permission note to sell raffle tickets. Please sell as many as you can and return the money and tickets and the note as soon as possible. This is another way everyone can “chip in” and help in a relatively easy way.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you ever have any questions or issues, please contact the school to make an appointment. Alternatively, my email address is kdeig1@eq.edu.au.

Yours in Education,

Kerry Deighton Principal
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**CHAPPIE NOTES**

Hi everyone! Welcome back to term 2. I will continue to be available at Avondale School on Wednesdays this term. If you wish to contact me you can drop in and leave your details in the red box, phone 4156 1202 or catch me around school on Wednesday. Chappy’s News noticeboard will be in the undercover area for you to have a look at.

Brekky Club is continuing on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before school at Avondale. Thanks so much to our wonderful staff, community and volunteers who make this happen by volunteering their time and resources for the brekky club.

**Activities this term:**

**Playgroup**
I will continue to help out and visit with playgroup on Wednesday mornings – it’s great to catch up with everyone and connect.

**Daniel Morcombe Program**
I will be finishing off the Daniel Morcombe Program with each of the classes this term. This has been a valuable program for educating the students about protective behaviours, good decision making, safe and unsafe environments and how to get help to keep safe.

**Fun Friends, Friends for Life Program**
This term, after we finish Daniel Morcombe Program, I will be starting the above programs which help students with emotional resilience, coping strategies, teaching our bodies to be our friends and how to relax.

Awesome Friend Award
The Awesome Friend Award will be starting this week at Avondale. There will be slips provided next to the red box for students to fill in and nominate someone that has been an awesome friend and why. There will be a prize, drawn twice a term for the winning nomination. Each week I will be doing a quick activity/game with each of the classes that promotes a different value. Due to Awesome Friends starting up this week we are talking about what a good friend looks like and how to be one.

**Camps**
SU (Scripture Union) are offering some awesome winter holiday camps for 2015. Please contact me for more details if you are interested in your child attending or have a look on [www.sucamps.org.au](http://www.sucamps.org.au) for information about any SU camps.

**The Role of a Chaplain – Part 1**

**Social and Emotional Support**
Chaplains provide proactive pastoral care for students, staff and parents, helping to create a positive and safe school environment and looking out for those in need. They support students and the school community through bereavement, difficult family and peer relationships and other life difficulties that confront children and young people. This can be achieved through positive role-modelling, mentoring, programs and one-on-one time spent with students, staff and parents.
Mayoral School Chaplaincy Support Breakfast

Please come along and support our local school chaplains and the important work that they do within our regional schools. Our school chaplains help to bring hope to our young generation through their one-on-one service. Through positive and supportive relationships they help our young people with everyday life matters, as well as the more critical issues like substance abuse, relationship issues, family breakdown, depression and low self-esteem.

This is also your opportunity to hear guest speaker Bernie Kelly talk about his service to the youth of this country. In 2013 the Godfrey Keay Society that serves the world’s brightest University Academics awarded Bernie an honourable membership for his outstanding work in the field of leadership development. Other recipients of this award are great world leaders such as ex-President Bili Clinton and Nelson Mandela. In 1986 Bernie was recognized as a ‘Young Australian of the Year’, has represented Queensland at Cricket for both Under 19 and Under 23 level. He’s run the New York Marathon and climbed to the roof of Africa – Kilimanjaro – 10 times. Currently he’s directing young Australians to visit and build third world schools in Nepal and Tanzania. Come along and be inspired and stimulated by the ‘Bernie Kelly way’.

When  TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015 - 6.30am to 8.30am
Where  BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE 190 BOURBONG STREET
Cost  $25 PER PERSON - Tickets must be pre-purchased by 11 May
      At Bundaberg Administration Centre, 190 Bourbong Street

GUEST SPEAKER
Bernie Kelly  Founder of yLEAD and Global Immersion

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