Welcome to Week 9, Term 4 2015!

Last newsletter for 2015...

End of Year Concert – Thursday 10th December

Our end of year celebration is next week! BBQ is at 5.00pm followed by a concert and awards. Please let the P&C know if you are purchasing tea so they can order enough supplies.

PREP Transition Days

We have had both of our Prep Transition Days. We have five new Prep students arriving in 2016! I would like to welcome these students and their families into our school community.

Positive Behaviour Recognition Day

This Monday 7th we will be celebrating positive choices made and positive behaviours shown by students throughout Semester 2.

Year 6 Graduates

On Tuesday, the Year 6 students and I are celebrating the end of their Primary School years by going out to a graduation lunch. I am sure all community members would join me in wishing them well as they embark on this next part of their educational journey. Good luck to Mia Vosmaer, Logan Heath, Zac Maythers and Shannon Miller as they begin Year 7 in 2016!

A FINAL WORD...

I have really enjoyed my first year at Avondale State School and I am looking forward to 2016!

I would like to acknowledge a few people who have made my job easier and who have made a real difference in the school community and in the daily learning and development of our students through their contributions and huge efforts.

Thank you to the fantastic staff – Jenny Neu- becker, Linda Havers, Sue Whitney, Ann Rule, Vera Owens, Diane Strathdee and our itinerant specialist teachers. The staff work very hard and always show thoughtfulness and care for our students. It is a great experience to be a
part of the learning and development of a student over the school year. It can also be very difficult and challenging as there are so many personalities and different needs.

Thank you to the P&C Executives and volunteers who meet every month, carry out fund-raising activities, provide tuckshop and regularly give up their own time to help provide those extra funds and opportunities for our students. These areas of support make all the difference in our school community. I would challenge ALL parents to help out next year – become more involved. There are many rewards when you help out in the school community. It is amazing how many positive experiences you can have and how many great people you can meet... and how much fun you could have! Even if everyone helped out a few times each, it would ease the load for everyone.

Thank you to the students who come to school every day and try their best! It is very rewarding to see students growing and learning new skills and ideas.

Please note that we have a school mobile which I have with me that can be used to contact me also, the number is 0407 043 494.

Yours in Education,

Kerry Deighton
Principal  Avondale State School

2016 Booklists

A note with booklists for 2016 will be sent home early next week.

Chaplain Chat

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

Sharing with you the Glory, the wonder, the miracle of this HOLY SEASON. HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR!

Warmest regards, Paula Dalrymple.

P & C Notes

Our last fundraising is the ham wheels on December 4 & 11 at Avondale Tavern,

We have a P & C general meeting on Monday December 7 at 5pm at school with a guest speaker Mr Maurice Wilson OAM . All welcome.

Thank you to our school community for the support during 2015 and we look forward to 2016 and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.
A recall by the students on the Bah Humbug Show

Bah Humbug

On Friday we went to see a musical called Bah Humbug. It was really enjoyable and had lots of singing and dancing.

The story was about a really grumpy, mean, rich man called Scrooge. He learnt some lessons about how to become happy and kind to other people.

There was also a girl called Kristen who was behaving unkindly and selfishly. She learnt the same lesson and decided to give away her old scooter to a boy who lived around the corner who had a broken leg.

We really enjoyed going to Moncrieff Theatre to watch this fantastic performance!

Students of Avondale State School

Community Notices

TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC - Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner together with Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association Inc. & Dept. of National Parks, Recreation, Sport & Racing & 4BU will be conducting a "Holiday, Get Active" Tennis clinic at Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg, Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th January 2016 for Junior Beginners (5-12 years) 8-9am or 9-10am; Begin/Intermed.Beginners (5-12years) 8am - 10am; High School/Intermed./Advanced -3-5pm. Bookings are Essential with Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 410753

HOT SHOTS - LEARN & PLAY TENNIS: Bundaberg Tennis Academy's Coaches Murray Whitbread & Kevin Banner will commence classes for Learning with a Sign-on: Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th January and Saturday 30th January & 6th February 2016 from 8am - 10am. Weekly Learning -Beginners: Wednesday 4-5pm & Saturday 8-9am; Intermediate Beginners: 9-10am or 8-10am Games League sign on and trial day - Saturday 30th January 2016 with games to commence Saturday 6th February 2016. Also weekly Learning Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays. To register and for all further information please contact Murray: 0407 639824 or Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753. Cardio Tennis available for Adults - fitness workout - contact Kevin.

Welcome the world into your home in 2016 and become a WEP Host Family!

Hosting an overseas exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

For more information and to view the profiles of students eagerly awaiting news of their host family, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733 to speak to our friendly hosting team!
The country I chose was England. In England, Christmas traditions include decorating the Christmas tree and listening to Christmas music. In England, presents are given by Father Christmas who wears a long red or green robe. They don’t open presents until the afternoon. The day after Christmas is called Boxing Day because boys used to collect money in clay boxes on that day and then smash them open. Their traditional dinner is roast turkey and vegetables and sauces. In England, Christmas is celebrated in winter and it is usually snowing and cold. MARCUS

The country I researched was India. In India, they decorate banana and mango trees. They also celebrate by lighting small oil burning lamps and they fill their churches with red flowers. In South India, Christians create small clay lamps for their rooftops and walls at Christmas. Hindus also create lamps but they call it Diwli. In India their Christmas is in summer as the temperature is very hot. JOSH

The country I chose was Brazil. In Brazil, Christmas traditions include creating a nativity scene (Presepio) and Papai Noel, who brings gifts. The season in which Christmas is celebrated is summer because it is warm and they set fireworks off and pick flowers. JACK

The country I chose was Germany. Christmas beliefs in Germany include a man who is named Chriskind. He’s a man who is dressed up in white robes and a golden crown who distributes gifts. In Germany Christmas traditions include leaving letters on their window sills for Chriskind to pick up. The season in which Christmas is celebrated is winter because it’s cold there. JAKOB

The country I chose was Argentina. The Christmas beliefs in Argentina are similar to Australia. Christmas tradition include eating turkey, staying up until midnight and people dancing. Then they go out and watch fireworks. They go to sleep, wake up and open presents. ARCHIE

The country I researched is France. Christmas tradition in France include children putting their shoes right next to the fireplace so that when Pere Noel comes he puts the presents in the shoes and he also hangs fruit, nuts, sweets and small toys on the Christmas tree. They believe in Jesus’ birth and they re-enact it in a church and with puppets. MADDISON

The country I chose was Greece. The Christmas traditions are that goblins pop out of the earth and bad spirits hide in houses. People sprinkle holy water in every room. The season in which Christmas is celebrated is summer. This season influences their celebrations and traditions. Another tradition is that little boys go around houses and they get dried figs, almonds and walnuts. They also believe in St Nicholas. He is important in Greece. His clothes are drenched with brine, his beard drips with seawater and his face is covered with perspiration. ALIVIA

The country I chose was Japan. Their Christmas beliefs are quite unique because they don’t believe in Santa Claus but in Hotei-osho who acts like Santa Claus. In Japan, Christmas traditions are about doing nice things for people who are sick in hospitals. Only about 1% of Japanese people believe in Christmas and Christ. The season in which Christmas is celebrated is winter as it is snowy and cold. This season influences their celebrations and traditions. Because people are sick in hospitals, some Japanese people would rather spend their day doing nice things for those people who are sick in hospital. LOGAN

The country I chose was Mexico. People in Mexico believe in Jesus and how he was born. The traditions in Mexico don’t include Santa but they focus on the red colour. The red represents a traditional flower which is called the poinsettia. It has a star-shaped red bloom. A traditional Posadas is celebrated nine days before Christmas from the 16th to 24th December. They also celebrate Christmas in summer. CORBAN

Christmas in Switzerland is quite different to Australia because over there they have a girl Santa Claus whose name is Chriskindli. They have lots of festivals as they get close to Christmas. On the 6th of December they have one of the biggest festivals. SHANNON

Christmas in China is celebrated differently to Australia. The season in which Christmas is celebrated in China is spring the non-Christian Chinese call it the Spring Festival. This season influences their celebrations and tradition because people watch fireworks displays and make their own ornaments from paper in the shapes of flowers. MIA