Welcome to Term 1 2016!
Welcome back to a busy year! A special welcome to all of our new parents and families to the Avondale Community.
We currently have 25 students, with five Prep students just starting their school years!
Thank you to all parents who have ensured that their student(s) have been well prepared with uniforms, books and stationary and some very healthy and yummy-looking lunches!
This is a very exciting time of the year, with new friendships being made and different routines being set up.

SCHOOL ROUTINE
It is important for students to be well-prepared for school each day by:
Having a regular (and early) bedtime on school nights;
Establishing a sensible routine each morning to get ready for school;

Taking healthy lunches (including a water bottle) to school each day;
Being punctual to school, so that students can interact with other students and get their gear organised before learning starts.

STAFFING
We have retained mostly the same staff as last year. We have said goodbye to Mrs Anne Rule, who has moved to teach at Bundaberg North Primary. Our staff for 2016 has otherwise remained the same, with new itinerant teachers for Music and LOTE.

ABSENCES
There has already been some illness in our student population. If your child is absent please explain the reason in writing or with an email or phone call. We are required to mark the school roll with accuracy regarding attendance and absences. The school roll is a legal document and, accordingly, we need accurate details.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
Monday 8—P & C Annual General Meeting 5pm
Friday 26—Trivia Night 7pm Avondale Tavern

MARCH
Sunday 13—Bingo Avondale Tavern 2pm
K.I.T. BOOK

Every family has been given a KIT (Keeping In Touch) Book which makes the journey between home and school every day. Please feel free to write notes or ask questions via this method. This is the purpose of the KIT book. We will keep you informed through the KIT book also.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please notify the school if any of your own or your emergency contact details have changed since last year.

I, and my staff, are looking forward to working with you and your child(ren) this year. I encourage you to be an active participant in your child’s education. Please come and help with school events, get involved with the P&C Association and please make an appointment if you have any queries or issues.

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Yours in Education,
Kerry Deighton, Principal
Avondale State School

Chaplain Chat

Welcome to 2016!

Regrets over the past and fears for the future will rob us of joy, peace and satisfaction that God desires to pour out upon us in the present moment. Let us make the most of this opportunity and forget the past so we can start the year with a clean slate.

Philippians 3:14 reminds and encourages us "I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back". Looking forward to journeying with all in our Avondale community this year and I warmly welcome all our new students and families.

Some interesting facts about our bodies and creation:-
* Your bones, ounce for ounce, are stronger than steel.
* When we are awake our brain makes enough electricity to turn on a small light bulb.
* All of the DNA in your body, if we stretched it out, would reach to the planet Pluto and back.
* The sea horse uses its fins to swim vertically, and rises or sinks by cleverly altering the volume of gas within its swim bladder. If this bladder is damaged, and it loses even a tiny bit of gas, it sinks to the bottom.
* Psalm 147:4 He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. It is estimated that there are at least 10 billion trillion stars in the universe.

And yet ... In Matthew 10:30 it says that He knows how many hairs are on your head. You matter to God!

The Bible says that all creation gives testament to our Creator. When we look around at what God has created on our earth and the intricacies of some of His creation it constantly amazes me that He cares and thinks about me and you so much and knows us so well.

Religious Instruction Cooperative In-service Day for 2016.

P & C Meeting

The annual general meeting for the P & C will be held on Monday February 8 in D block at the school commencing at 5pm. All welcome, all positions will be declared vacant. After the annual meeting a general meeting will be held.

Psalm 147:4
Date: Tuesday 16th February 2016, time: 9.30 to 2.00pm, venue: Apostolic Church on Ashfield Rd. Morning tea and Lunch is provided.

Guest speakers include Josh Symes from Bundaberg Baptist and Lisa Hardie from SU chaplaincy.

If you are interested in helping with Religious Instruction Classes or need more information please see Paula Dalrymple.

Announcing the implementation of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

Throughout this term, our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with all students. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.


P & C Fundraising

Welcome back to the new school year, we are starting of the year with a couple of fundraising events please mark them in your calendar.

Trivia Night— Friday February 26 at Avondale Tavern 7pm start.

Bingo—Sunday March 13—Avondale Tavern 2pm start.

School Banking

School banking will commence again next week and each fortnight there after. Days this month for school banking are Wednesday February 10 and February 24. If there are any new families who would like to commence this great savings plan for their children please contact the school for an information pack.

Community Notices

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.

Chinese New Year Celebrations – Saturday, February 13

If the kids are leaving your house looking more like a jungle than a sanctuary, bring them along to the Chinese New Year Celebrations where their monkey business can be put to good use! The celebrations, being held in the Bundaberg CBD from 3pm to 9pm on Saturday, February 13, will feature a range of free children’s activities to welcome in the Year of the Monkey including face painting, jianzi Chinese featherball workshops hosted by Bundaberg Regional Galleries, monkey-themed craft activities and storytelling hosted by Bundaberg Regional Libraries and an interactive Chinese animal zodiac trail.

For $5, children can also take part in lantern-making workshops and help to illuminate the night as they join in on the lantern parade at 8pm which will also feature giant lanterns. The evening’s grand finale will be a fireworks display which is sure to delight onlookers.

For more information head to bundaberg.qld.gov.au or call 1300 883 699.
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