Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4!

Pupil Free Day

Monday October 17 is a pupil free day, all staff will be attending professional development at Bundaberg North State High School.

STUDENT ABSENCE SAME DAY NOTIFICATION

Many thanks to those parents who have been phoning the school in the morning to ascertain that their student is absent and the reason for that absence so that we can correctly code the attendance roll. Please remember that you can SMS the school mobile or email also!

School Swimming Program

Our Term 4 school swimming program commenced yesterday. Please ensure students have all that they need. Please send your child/ren with a plastic bag for the wet gear and thongs to wear to swimming. We have SIX more swimming sessions every Wednesday from now!

New School Uniform

Having worked through the process with the P&C, our new school uniform shirts are now being made and will be available before the end of this term. Prices and sizes will be advertised in the next newsletter. I have included a picture in this newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Monday Oct 17—Pupil Free day
Wednesday Oct 19—School Banking

NOVEMBER

Tuesday Nov 1—Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Wednesday Nov 2—School Banking
Monday Nov 14—P & C Meeting 5pm
Sunday Nov 20—Bingo Avondale Tavern
Wednesday Nov 23—Last swimming day
Friday Nov 25—Trivia Night Avondale Tavern

DECEMBER

Monday Dec 5—End of Year Celebration/Concert
Tuesday Dec 6—Behaviour Celebration Day
Wednesday Dec 7—Report Cards issued and class party
Friday Dec 9—Last day of school year
PREP Open Days/ Enrolments for 2017

We will be holding two Open Days for Prep students who are commencing in 2017. These dates are: **Tuesday 8th November and Wednesday 30th November.** Prep enrolment packages will be distributed at these days. Also, if you have a Prep child or know of anyone in the community who intends sending their child to Avondale in 2017, please encourage them to get an enrolment package from the office.

**Staffing**

Regarding staffing of our school office, I advise that Mrs Diane Strathdee has been officially permanently appointed as our Administration Assistant, after the resignation/retirement of David Maike. We thank David for his dedication over the years and wish him all the best in his retirement.

A belated welcome to Diane into our school community!

Yours in Education,

Kerry Deighton,

Principal - Avondale State School

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**P & C Notes**

Reminder the next general meeting of the school P & C is Monday November 14 at 5:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

We have some great fundraising activities happening before the end of term. If you are able to help out at any of them please contact the school. On Tuesday November 1st at Avondale Tavern we will be having a Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Bingo will be on Sunday November 20 at the Tavern from 2 to 4 pm, and on Friday November 25 beginning at 7pm there will be a trivia night. Flyers are attached with information on these activities.

**Chaplain Chat**

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS!

Random acts of Kindness deeds were celebrated in our schools term four last year. Some wonderful things happened during the term: one student decided to sit with a new student to show friendship, people received anonymous gifts, thank you cards and much more. Friendships were strengthened and new ones made. All of us come across opportunities to show kindness to someone in some way. All too often though we have become wrapped up in our own lives that we stop recognising the needs of those around us - even the needs of those we love the most.

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves."

Let's challenge ourselves in doing kind deeds again in term 4!

Looking forward to hearing of all the kind things happening around us this term!!!!!!

Be encouraged by Proverbs 27:9 as it says "A sweet friendship refreshes the soul".

SELF- ESTEEM IS THE KEY

The greatest gift you can give your child is healthy self-esteem.

Children who feel valuable, and who trust themselves have a positive self-esteem. You can help your child feel valuable by spending quality time with him or her, playing games, reading books, or just listening. You can also help children feel valuable by helping them discover and become the person they want to be. Success follows people who genuinely like who they are.

FEELING KIND

Kindness flows naturally from a child with a healthy self-esteem.

Kindness is like sunshine because it makes every-
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<td>♦ Keep your hands and feet to yourself</td>
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<td>♦ Share with others</td>
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<td>♦ Wear shoes and socks at all times</td>
<td>♦ Be a problem solver</td>
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- Play fairly, take turns
- Invite others to join in
- Care for the environment
- Share equipment

Body feel warm and cared about. Kindness is sharing our caring and good feelings with others - especially with those feeling sad or lonely. There are endless opportunities to teach your children about kindness in your everyday activities. If children are treated with kindness, they will value themselves and want to extend kindness to others - including animals. Most importantly, when children act in kind ways they not only like who they are, they also create a better world for those they meet along the way.

An Inspirational message written by Psychologists Bill Hallam and Dr Craig Olsson.

Community Notices

Bundaberg Regional Council has launched a photography competition in support of National Water Week being held from October 16 to 22.

The competition asks for the photographer's interpretation of this year's Water Week theme - Water, Life Growth.

The competition is open to residents of all ages with prizes in three categories:

⇒ Open Age category—$200
⇒ Children aged 12 to 18 years—$50
⇒ Children aged 11 and younger—$50

More information and the submission form can be found here: http://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/national-water-week

Submissions close on October 22.

New Butcher Shop Now Open

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www.tendersproutedmeats.com.au
Email: admin@tendersproutedmeats.com.au

Ice provided on request
100% Locally grown beef, 100% family owned business
Fortnightly Deliveries from Bundaberg to Agnes Water
TRIVIA NIGHT
$10 PER HEAD
START TIME 7pm

Friday 25th November
Come Make a Night of it
Raffles from 6pm

GREAT BISTRO MENU

Prizes for Best Christmas Themed Outfit

AVONDALE HOMESTEAD TAVERN
AVONDALE STATE SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

BINGO
SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER
2pm

$20
AVONDALE HOMESTEAD TAVERN
Tuesday 1 November

Sweeps

Prizes for Best Dressed

Lucky Door Prizes

Tab Open Sam

Melbourne Cup 2016

2 Course Meal $20

$5 from every booking go to Avondale State School

P & C Association

Calcutta Monday 31st October

6.30pm- Draw 7pm-Auction

Bookings Made Through School Ph: 0400 704 656