



## Parent Newsletter 2012:2

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### From the Principal

I would like to thank the significant number of parents who attended our initial Parent Information Sessions for the year. Both the Early Learning Centre and the Primary Centre Evenings were well attended and our teachers were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet so many of you.

Can I draw your attention to the **Welcome Cocktail Party that is to be held this Friday (10<sup>th</sup> February) at 7.00pm** in the Multi Purpose Hall at the Early Learning Centre. Several of our parents have been very busy organising this function. Please do come along and meet other Avondale parents in a relaxed setting.

I would also like to thank parents and staff for their assistance in streamlining our pick up arrangements at the end of the school day. By Friday, all buses were clearing the ELC front quadrangle on time, facilitating ease of access for parents who were arriving to pick up their children. Similarly both the bus and parent pickups at the Primary Centre are now running very smoothly.

Last Monday, Avondale hosted a visit from the Dr Geoff Newcombe, Executive Director of the Association of Independent Schools of New South Wales, Dr Bob Carbines, Education Consultant to the Leadership Centre of the AIS, Paul Queeney, the Business Development Manager of AIS, Teo Jin Lee from the Singapore based Strategic Management Group and two of her colleagues. The purpose of their visit was to explore opportunities for Professional Learning for our staff. The Association of Independent Schools has recently launched AIS Global, stretching their network of professional services into Asia in a formal way. We hope to capitalise upon this opportunity to provide our teachers with world class professional learning experiences, both hosting conferences here locally, but also using video conferencing technology to link in with educators from around the world.

The much anticipated work on our Playfield has commenced in earnest. Large earthmoving equipment has been working on site and a steady stream of trucks have been removing the bitumen and concrete over the last few days. I will keep you up to date with progress over the next couple of weeks.

I have had several requests for term dates in the last few days. Please find attached a skeletal listing for the 2012 year. I am still trying to confirm other dates and bookings and will provide these as soon as is practicable.

Jan Hart  
Principal  
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### From the Sportsmaster

Welcome to sport at Avondale. Each week there is a sport report for events that have happened and upcoming events. The first major event is the International Schools Swimming Event. The 9, 10, 11 & Under Football Teams are playing off for medals next week. Cricket and netball will be starting shortly.

Miss O'Hanlon has joined the Physical Education area this year. She will be teaching Prep and Year 1 classes. Miss O'Hanlon will also be involved in the school sport.

### **Avondale Swimming Team**

On Saturday 11 February the Avondale Swimming Team will be competing in the International Schools Swimming Carnival at UWCSEA Dover Campus starting at 8.00am. The team was selected from the Avondale Swimming Carnival held last year. The team members have been training over the holidays and are very keen to compete against all the other International Schools.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Avondale:

*Boys:* Lachlan Selleck, Ryan Galbraith, Samuel Garbellini, Harrison Pope, Edward Scarf, Thomas Edwards, Arthur Eastham, Angus Syminton, Jack Burdon, Thomas Pope, Thomas Garbellini, Patrick Chitty, James Gow, Joshua Bonsey.

*Girls:* Lily Schwemm, Mila Sadural, Jade Thompson, Sue Grice, Eliane Dawkins, Brooklyn Matthews, Eleanor Stuart, Felicity Bertram, Lucy Arnold, Lara Gabor, Georgia Horne, Alice Bertram, Annabelle Hughes.

### **Avondale Football Teams**

The 9, 10, 11 & Under Football Teams will be competing in the playoff for medals next Tuesday. All the teams have played in a number of matches last year. The enthusiasm shown from all the players and parent helpers has been outstanding this season. Results will follow in next week's newsletter.

### **Avondale Cricket Team**

Cricket will be offered for the first time at Avondale this year. The selections will be held at Dempsey Cricket Field on Wednesday 15 and 22 February, from 4.00 -5.00pm. Cricket is open to all Year 3, 4, 5, & 6 students (boys and girls). The competition will be played on Wednesday at Tanglin Trust. The permission form for the selections was sent via email.

If your child is interested in cricket and you didn't receive the permission form please email Miss O'Hanlon [bbleakley@avondalegs.com.sg](mailto:bbleakley@avondalegs.com.sg).

### **Avondale Netball Team**

Netball selections are also coming up. The selections will be held at the Early Learning Centre on Thursday 16 February, from 4.00 -5.00pm. Netball is open to all Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students (boys and girls). Details of the competition are still to be confirmed. The permission form for the selections has been sent via email.

If your child is interested in netball and you didn't receive the permission form please email Mrs Dundas [adundas@avondalegs.com.sg](mailto:adundas@avondalegs.com.sg).

### **Week 3 sporting activities**

Tuesday 7            9, 10 & Under Football Team – Tanglin Trust starting at 4.15pm  
                          11 & Under Football Team – Bukit Timah Playing Fields starting at 4.15pm

Saturday 11        International Schools Swimming Event – UWCSEA Dover Campus, warm up 7.15am

If you have any questions about the Physical Education Program or the School Sport please email me.

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## Key Dates for your Calendar:

### Term One

10 February	PA Cocktail Party	7.00pm	Multi Purpose Hall ELC
13 February	PA Coffee Morning		
15 February	PA AGM	7.30pm	Multi Purpose Hall ELC
23 February	PA Toddler Morning Out		
29 February	Cricket competition	4.15pm	Tanglin Trust School
2 March	PA Coffee Morning		
5 – 9 March	Parent Teacher Interviews		
12 March	PA Coffee Morning		
20 March	PA Toddler Morning Out		
26 – 30 March	Camps Week for Years 3 – 6		
27 – 30 March	Year 3 & 4 Camp to Sea Gypsy Village <a href="http://www.siburesort.com">www.siburesort.com</a>		
	Year 5 – 6 Camp Details tbc		
30 March	PA Coffee Morning		
	Term One concludes		

### Term Two

16 April	Term Two begins		
25 April	Anzac Day Assembly		
1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday		
5 May	Vesak Day Public Holiday (Saturday)		
29 – 31 May	Year 3 & 5 Naplan Testing		
18 – 22 June	Parent Teacher Interviews		
22 June	Term Two concludes		

### Term Three

23 July	Term Three begins		
9 August	Singapore's National Day	Public Holiday	
20 August	Public Holiday for Hari Raya Puasa		
21 September	Term Three concludes		

### Term Four

8 October	Term Four begins		
26 October	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday	
13 November	Deepavali	Public Holiday	
13 December	Speech Day	Term Four concludes	

*Please note: End of Term Travel should only occur after the final day of scheduled classes. Any requests for leave during term time should be addressed to the Head of Campus.*