THE VIEW

Optimism and Faith
A few years ago I bought my first GoPro - the cube looking one. Small and super practical. It came with a surfboard mount. So I enthusiastically cleaned my surfboard down and glued on the mount. Next, was to try it out in the surf. So the following morning my friend Andrew and I headed down to Catherine Hill Bay. The surf was kind of small, but still very rideable. So we pulled on our wetsuits and jumped into the water.

I pressed record and started surfing. One wave, two waves. All good! The third wave I got closed out on me and I fell onto the GoPro. As I came out of the white wash and my new GoPro was gone! Frantically I dived down again and again looking for my $450 toy. After 15 minutes of searching underneath the waves I signalled to Andrew to come in to the beach.

I explained to him what had happened and how I had lost my GoPro. He looked out at the waves and said out loud what I was thinking in my head, “You're never gonna find that. That's like looking for a needle in a haystack!”

Then I suddenly became aware of a battle in my mind. One side of me was telling me, “Forget it, the GoPro is gone, you're never gonna find it”. The other part of me was saying, “Have faith James, God will help you find it”. So I said to my friend, “Let's pray”.

We knelt down on the beach and prayed. “Father God, I have no idea where this GoPro is, I can’t afford to buy another one, please help us find it”. With an amen Andrew went 100m up the beach and I went 100m down the beach, jumping in and diving down looking for the GoPro. Five minutes went by. Nothing! Ten minutes. Nothing!

After fifteen minutes of diving under waves and scoring the bottom, a voice inside my head told me, “Give up, forget it, you will never find it. You look stupid out here looking for this thing. And you have dragged your poor friend into this as well”. Once again, I said to myself, “No. God has got this. If he created the whole universe and knows everything about me, then he certainly knows where my GoPro is”. And for some reason I felt like my friend Andrew was the one that really needed to find the GoPro to build his faith, so I kept diving.

As we worked our way towards each other, I heard my friend yell out to me, “I can feel something under my foot”. I swam over and dived down. It was my GoPro. Amen! As happy and relieved as I was, I wasn't as surprised as Andrew as he kept repeating, “I can’t believe that!”

All of us at times have negative self-talk. Perhaps we repeat in our mind the things that others have said about us or perhaps the way we see ourselves. The more we listen to negative comments, the lies and judgements that others claim over us, the more we start to believe them. Don't believe the lie! The God who is for us is much greater and more powerful than anything that can come against us. So be optimistic, live out of faith, not fear!

Joshua 1:9

James Greensill
Primary Chaplain
**GENERAL**

**Primary Parent Teacher Interviews**
This year we have moved to a new interface for attendance, marks books and reporting. This change will allow us to assess and report in a more effective manner in the future. The new process has taken some time to implement and we ask for your patience as we strive to deliver a better reporting experience. As a result of this change, we need to reschedule Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews for students from Kindy to Year 6 will now happen in the first week of Term 3, on Tuesday July 23. Watch for further information regarding booking interviews before the end of this term.

**Reminder about Earrings**
Our uniform policy allows students to wear one small, round, plain gold or silver earring in each earlobe. Earrings that are different shapes, colours or that contain stones are not allowed. We ask parents to support us in ensuring students comply with this policy.

**Out of Uniform**
If your child is out of uniform please send an email to their teacher or send a note, explaining the uniform problem.

**Opal Cards**
ALL STUDENTS need to present and tap their Opal Card as they board the bus to and from school. All card enquiries including new applications, lost cards, change of address details etc can all be sorted online at [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students).

**SPORT**

**CIS Cross Country**
Last week the Primary Cross Country Team of 18 students from Years 2-6 travelled to Eastern Creek Raceway for the State Championships. There were up to 100 students competing in each age group. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 25:
- Coen G - 11 Years 3km (17th), Siena C - 10 Years 2km (21st), and Nathan L - 9 Years 2km (23rd). (Nathan is only 8 years old.)

**Y2-6 Athletic Carnivals**
The Years 2-6 Athletics Carnivals will be held next week at school, weather permitting.
Students need to wear their sports uniform on the day of their carnival and also on Friday for the 800m running events, which will be run during sport time. Please note: All students will compete with their Year Level but results will be recorded in age groups as at the age they are turning by 31 December 2019.
- Tuesday, June 25  Years 3 & 4
- Wednesday, June 26  Years 5 & 6
- Friday, June 28  Year 2

**Munchery Deals for Athletics**
Athletics Carnival special meal deal forms were sent home with students this week. Please note that Tuesday and Wednesday options are the same, but the Friday option is different. The Munchery is offering 3 options for ordering/payment:
1. Fill in the form and send cash with it to the canteen.
2. Phone the canteen on 4977 0238 and give order and credit card details over the phone.
3. Order online through the Munch Monitor.

For Primary Athletics Carnival days (25, 26 June) from 8.30am - 1.30pm for coffee + cake and we are running a special lunch menu. Please complete this form and return it by **Monday, 24 June** to the Canteen.

**Parent/Guardian Name:**  
**Student Name:**  
**Class:**

**Lunch meal deals available:** (please indicate the quantity in the box that you are ordering)
- Sandwich (cheese, tomato, baby spinach, aioli), small pack of chips, juice, piece of fruit $7
- Cheese and Vegemite Sandwich, Packet of JJ’s, piece of fruit, popper $6

Cash payments need to be paid when returning this form, or card payment made by calling 02 4977 0238. Orders can be placed on MunchMonitor.

**Avondale School**

Avondale School Newsletter
CLASS
Can Living On Mars Happen?
As part of the launch of our integrated STEM PBL project (entitled To Mars or Not to Mars), Year 7 students this week got a chance to ask questions via Skype to astronaut candidate Josh Richards to discuss the future of possibly living on Mars.

SPORT
HRIS Junior Soccer
Last Monday our Junior Girls and Boys teams competed in the annual HRIS Soccer competition at Federal Park at Wallsend. Mr Mario Cabrera coached the boys while Isabelle F (Y11 student) coached the girls. Both teams represented Avondale School extremely well on the day. The boys’ captained by Harry C, came a very credible 3rd place out of 16 HRIS schools, winning the last game in a very tense penalty shootout. The girls’ captained by Mackinley R, had a few wins and losses on the day and came a respectable 9th place. Special thanks to the coaches and parents for their support.

Professor Neil Weste Visit
We were blessed to have Professor Neil Weste share some of his experiences to some of our students this week. He is the founder of Radiata, which produced the first ever WiFi chip ... something we all use in most of our wireless devices!

Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews
This year we have moved to a new interface for attendance, marks books and reporting. This change will allow us to assess and report in a more effective manner in the future. The new process has taken some time to implement and we ask for your patience as we strive to deliver a better reporting experience.
As a result of this change, we need to reschedule Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews for students from Years 7-11 will now happen in the first week of Term 3, on Tuesday July 23 and Wednesday July 24. Watch for further information regarding booking interviews before the end of this term.

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STEP UP
3.30 - 4.30PM THURSDAYS in the iCentre
A chance to:
- do independent study
- complete your homework
- get some help with writing (just sorting that essay out!)
- get some help with maths (even that tricky homework question!)
- get some guidance on that assessment task you need to start!
**Library**

**Lego Masters**
Round 3 of Lego Masters for Years 5 & 6 is now complete so we will have our Years 5 & 6 winner announced soon. It is very hard for our judge because there are so many amazing entries! Next week we start the Years 3 & 4 Lego Masters Competition and it will run until the end of this term. Teams of between 2 and 4 students will have two lunchtimes to create something amazing. All four rounds for Years 3 & 4 have been filled so check the library front door to be reminded of when your turn is.

**Scholastic Book Club**
Last week Primary School students were given Scholastic Book Club catalogues to bring home. This is an opportunity for students to order books at great prices.
- The catalogue showcases a wide variety of books, with prices starting at a low $2.00. This is a great chance to plan ahead for birthdays and Christmas.
- Orders and payments can be made online or order forms and cheques can be sent to the iCentre.
- Please note that no cash payments can be accepted.
- If you would prefer to pick up your ordered books from the library yourself instead of them being sent home with your child, please email Mrs Lindsay at hlindsay@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au
- The closing date for Term 2 Book Club orders is TODAY, Friday June 21.

**Private Music Tutors**
Are you interested in having music lessons? We have many great tutors and instruments available to learn on. Please contact tutors directly to arrange lesson times.

**Piano**
Kylie Stacey (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) / 0409 939 302
Sandi Lowe / 0447 006 209
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Sophie-Lee Johnson / 0490 451 781

**Voice**
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

**Strings**
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

**Woodwinds**
Meldi Arkinstall (flute) / 0413 548 985
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

**Brass**
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151

**Guitar**
Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

**Drums**
James Dennett / 0401 549 084

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**ALL SCHOOL**

**School Reports**
We are excited to provide a more cohesive reporting process for the first half of the year as part of our new reporting system. As a result, K-11 student reports will be available early in Term 3. We believe these new initiatives will add further value to our reporting.

**School Musical**
Wow! The first 60 tickets sold for each performance will get priority seating! Upfront, close, premium viewing of our High School Musical ‘Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat’, June 27-29! 1 week to go. Book online now at www.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/musical-joseph

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