Welcome Back for 2013

“The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.”
Psalm 126:3

We are extremely privileged at Green Point Christian College with gifted and discerning staff and abundant resources but more importantly, we are blessed by a knowledge and understanding of the power of a Lord and Saviour who guides, directs and sustains our very existence.

Welcome to all our new parents and to our new staff, I know your time with us will be a blessing to you and to us. God tells us through the prophet Jeremiah that “He has plans for us... plans to give hope and a future”, telling us that if we seek Him with all our hearts He will be found. Richard Whately, a British writer and Archbishop of Dublin said, “if my faith be false, I ought to change it; whereas if it be true, I am bound to propagate it.” At Green Point Christian College we know the Bible is absolutely the Word of God and this is the message we will unashamedly tell through all we do and say.

Likewise, we value the strength and encouragement that comes from being a community of God’s people yet our students are students of the “I” generation, with iPads, iPhones and iPods, developing different communities with the click of a button in the privacy of their own home - being aware of this is important for staff and parents. Engage your child in discussions about life and help them to understand that all the experiences they have and all the media they see, needs to be thought about and considered, as they identify and develop a view of the world that drives and determines their actions – one based on the centrality of God.

We were saddened during the holidays at the passing of Tom Reitsma – Tom faithfully worked here for many years and was also involved with the College as a parent, and even though we know that he has gone home to be with his Lord and Saviour, he will be missed by family and friends.

Prayer
Pray for our new students as they settle in our College community.
Pray for the smooth running of our Secondary School Swimming Carnival.

Praise
Praise God for all our new families, students and staff.
Praise God for our wonderful Green Team and all the work performed during the break.
Praise God - “Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.” Psalm 103:2
Vietnam Mission with Samaritan’s Purse – December 8-18 2012

Our team of 14 students from Years 10 and 12 spent 10 days visiting Vietnam in December last year. The focus of the trip was to visit projects of Samaritan’s Purse in Vietnam which included Kindergartens, Orphanages, Health Clinics, Schools and Sanitation Projects. We also visited the Dong Anh hospital in Hanoi, which will shortly begin a nutrition project for which the GPCC community raised almost $10 000 in 2012.

In a communist country like Vietnam, freedom for Christian worship is severely restricted and unauthorised churches are often persecuted. Our team got a real sense of the spiritual warfare which occurs in Vietnam and the difficulties which Christians face in sharing their faith. We were blessed through the ministry of our Christian tour guide ‘Sam’ who was an outstanding example of a humble servant leader.

The highlight for many of us on the mission trip was visiting an orphanage in the Lao Cai province in the highlands of northern Vietnam. Our team handed out Samaritan’s Purse education packs to the orphans which included disabled children, ranging from 2 to 16 years of age. We were then able to play with the children for the rest of the afternoon, with some of the orphans skipping dinner so that they could stay with our team. At the end of the afternoon the Director of the orphanage asked: “How do you teach your students to love like this?”. Whilst we were advised not to directly share the Gospel with him at this point (local Samaritan’s Purse will have opportunities to witness to him), his comment testified to the tangible presence of God working through our team.

We were impacted by the work of Samaritan’s Purse – seeing SP seeking to communicate the Good News of Jesus alongside their care for the physical needs of the people. We were challenged by the poverty in the highlands and reflected on the material abundance of Australia. We were encouraged through our daily devotions (led by the Year 12 students) to place God at the centre of our lives and seek to serve Him through our daily choices.

In all, it was a fruitful and successful mission trip with Samaritan’s Purse. We look forward to offering Years 10 and 12 students a mission trip to Cambodia with Samaritan’s Purse in December 2013.

The team: Brittany Cahill, Eleanor Campey, Matt Evans, Ben Locke, Emma Losurdo, Aiden McCann, Danielle Owers, Luke Petersen, Eden Scott, Laura Smith, Vincent Stewart, Arley Toyne, Isabella Tisch-Lienert, Tanya Verster, Mr Anderson and Mrs Collins.
Introduction of the GPCC Community Service Log

God has saved us through Jesus for a purpose—to honour and serve Him and to serve others. We are not saved through any of our own good actions, but only by Christ’s sacrifice for us. Yet, in light of Christ’s death and resurrection we are called to respond to God through our love and good deeds (Ephesians 2:8-10).

To further encourage students at GPCC to be outward looking in their service to God and others, this year has seen the introduction of a “Service Log” in the Student Diaries. This is a personal record of involvement in community service and missions activities both within and outside of the College. Students can record their involvement in a variety of activities from Canteen service at GPCC to Surf-Life Saving at their local Surf Club, from leading Sunday School at Church to being a Bell Monitor at school, from involvement in an overseas mission trip to participation in the 40 Hour Famine and fundraising activities.

To keep their personal record, students should fill in details of the activities they have been involved in, including the name, contact details and signature of whoever is supervising them. These details will be passed on by classroom teachers (Primary) and devotions staff (Secondary) to become a part of end of semester reports. Students will also receive a record of all of their involvement in missions and community service at the end of Year 6 and Year 12.

Awards for outstanding community service will be given for students in the Primary School who are involved in over 16 hours of community service in 2013. Awards for outstanding community service will be given to students in the Secondary School who are involved in over 30 hours of community service in 2013.
School Fee Statement

Your school fee statement was sent out to you on 20 January 2013. If you have not received your statement please contact our Accounts Department on 4363 1266.

Reminder:

The Fee Payment Details form sent to you with your school fee statement is to be completed and returned to the College as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Nebo News - Secondary G&T

Welcome back to school everyone. There will be opportunities for students who like to extend their thinking beyond the realms of the classroom in a small group situation. Programs such as Future Problem Solving, Maths Olympiad, various writing competitions, group projects, Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) and more will be offered throughout the year to our gifted students.

Challenge of the Week:

A Little Advice

Properly read, this number contains advice to a person who has forgotten his luncheon: 102840

What is it?  Solution: next week

Canteen

The College Canteen operates Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 2.00 pm and is located in the Library building adjacent to the Uniform Shop.

Our aim is to provide nutritious food choices from a variety of foods at reasonable prices. Guidance is given in food selection where necessary. Limits apply.

- Orders are placed by writing students’ name, class and request on the bottom half of a paper lunch bag.
- Please enclose correct money where possible. When change is required, it will be secured in the bag with the lunch order. Significant amounts must be collected from the Canteen. If change is required for Recess please indicate this on the bag.
- Drinks which are part of a lunch order for students in K - 6 are sent to class with the order. Frozen foods are distributed or purchased via the Canteen. If prepaid as part of a lunch order, the order bag is presented as proof of payment.
- A copy of the current menu can be found by clicking here: Canteen 2013.

Orders must be placed in Canteen by 9.30 am. Late orders are subject to change.

Choir

Choir begins NEXT Wednesday morning at 8 am CAPA building.

Youth/Young Adults News

We are excited to announce that this week we welcome our new Youth Pastor, Will Richards, to Green Point Baptist Church!

Come along and meet him at Youth Group this Friday night, at the new time of 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

All the leaders will be there, and you might get a sneak peek at the new youth room.

It’s going to be a great year at GP Youth, so if you’re in High School and looking for a group, come and join us this week!

Will’s Induction Service will be this Sunday morning at our 9.30 am service, and then our Night Service kicks off for the year at 5.00 pm. With youth supper afterwards, it’s going to be an awesome weekend and everyone is welcome.

Reminders

If you are interested in joining a day time Bible Study Group, we have one for women each Monday morning. Simply drop your children at school and come down to the Worship Centre. Contact Sarah Haines on 0409 522 884 for details.

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**UNLOCK THAT GOD GIVEN GIFT IN MUSIC!**

The tutoring program is open again this year for interested students from the whole College (K to 12). Tuition is open for the following: Piano, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Violin, Singing, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet and Drums.

We have many experienced and valued Tutors teaching at the College, and the program has been an integral and successful part of the College’s Music Department for many years. We can now boast over 250 students learning an instrument through the College and would encourage others to enrol in the learning of an instrument.

To aid parents with the financial burden of buying an instrument the school provides a Scholarship Program which provides FREE use of an instrument for one semester. This is on the proviso that your child learns from a Tutor at the College and also pays a small service levy on the maintenance of the instrument ($40 per term). Please complete the form [CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested. and return to the College Office.

For more information please come to the Music Department in CAPA or phone Colin Muir on 0409 601 881 or email [cmuir@gpcc.edu.nsw.au](mailto:cmuir@gpcc.edu.nsw.au).
Welcome or Welcome Back

Hoping every family has enjoyed the summer break and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead. To those who are returning, we warmly welcome you back. To children and families here for the first time we trust your first days are great days which turn into great months and years as we do life together at Green Point.

New Staff

Mr Joel Pembroke joins us on Year 6 while Mrs Pearson and Mrs Brown (former permanent GPCC teachers) are combining on 1PB in 2013. I am confident all three will do an outstanding job and bless the lives of the children in their care.

New Children

The following boys and girls have commenced in the Junior School and we pray for God’s richest blessing to be upon their lives and their families too.

Year 1: Evelyn Rajesekar, Aimee Sheehan, Keely Webb; Year 2: Oliver Carblis, Lacey Ezzy, Giori Pembroke, Elia Turner; Year 3: Charlotte Lockett, Melika Powell, Patrick Smith; Year 4: Jesekar; Year 6: Bronte Fantoni.

New Kinders

At time of writing our youngest and newest students are two days from starting school for the very first time. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to welcoming them to Green Point.

Big Dates

Please see listing under Upcoming Dates. The following is not a complete list but certainly contains the majority of significant events during first term:

- **Travel Arrangements**
  - Each afternoon we want to be certain of how Junior School children are getting home and with whom. Therefore either at Meet the Teacher or before by email could you let your child’s class teacher know what arrangements are in place. The Office will also have a copy and unless we hear otherwise, this information will be our guide if there is ever any confusion.

Primary Swim Carnival

This exciting event is held at Mingara next Friday 8 February. A separate letter will come home with detailed information and a reply slip which should be returned to class teachers. Parents and grandparents are most welcome (and encouraged) to attend and cheer. Year 2 students are also welcome to attend if they are competitive swimmers otherwise it’s best to wait for the Infants’ Carnival as its focus is on fun rather than competition.

Prohibited Foods

Please remember we have a number of children with various allergies to certain foods. As a consequence we ask no child in Junior School brings nut products to school. Class teachers will request if necessary that other foods like egg are not brought in by particular year groups.

Communication

I am encouraging class teachers to have email addresses of all parents this year for ease of communication. The Office also needs current email addresses later in the term for arranging Parent/Teacher Interviews so please let us know if you have changed an email address in recent times.

Upcoming dates

- Tues 5 Feb
  - Meet the Teacher
- Thurs 7 Feb
  - Years 5/6 Cricket Trial
- Fri 8 Feb
  - Primary Swimming Carnival
- Tues 26 Feb
  - Primary Zone Swimming Carnival
- Tue 19 Mar
  - Year 5 Challenge
- Fri 22 Mar
  - Infants Swimming Carnival
- Tues 26 Mar
  - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thurs 28 Mar
  - Junior School Photos
- Mon 8 Apr
  - Junior School Cross Country
- Tues 9 Apr
  - Kinder 2014 Information Evening
- Fri 12 Apr
  - Last day of Term 1
Labelling

Please make sure all items are labelled including towels and costumes for next week’s Carnival.

Regular Events

This term all Junior School students participate in Milo Sport on Tuesdays and Chapel on Wednesdays. Primary Boys and Girls take Sport on Fridays and Infants do Gross Motor Lessons on Thursdays. Lessons in Computers, Library, Music and Japanese will depend on the timetable and class teachers will communicate correct times.

Chess

In first term we have Gary Losh running a special training course for interested students. Gary is an experienced children’s Chess Coach and works in other schools as well as at Mingara. The Course will take place every Monday from 1.30 – 2.30 pm, starting in Week 2 and will greatly assist all participants but especially those keen on playing representative Chess next term. A note is included with this week’s Messenger. Please complete if interested and return to me asap as only 20 places are available. Click here for CHES NOTE.

Grounds and Rooms

New sandstone walls, security fencing, landscaping outside Year 4, new softfall to replace the bark chip under both playgrounds and smartboards through all Junior School classrooms are some of the holiday additions. Well done and thank you to both the Maintenance team and IT department.

Big Dates for Terms 2 - 4

Below is not a complete list (excludes class excursions and some sporting fixtures etc) but does include many considerable events

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LCF Fun Languages - Mandarin Club At Green Point Christian College
Enrol Now For Term 1 2013:

LCF Fun Languages teachers use a wide variety of games and lively activities, drama and music to cater to a wide variety of learning styles. Children are exposed to a new language through fun activities that stimulate their imagination and involve them in active communication they feel confident and enthusiastic about language learning.

LCF Fun Language Clubs: Giving children freedom, confidence and opportunity through languages!

Commencing on 11/02/2013 from 3.40 pm - 4.30 pm in the L3 classroom.

I would like to welcome everyone back to another exciting year in Middle School; whether you are returning or joining us for the first time. I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas break with your family and friends and are ready for all the opportunities that our school provides. I warmly welcome the new families to the College and especially our Year 7 students starting in Middle School. My prayer is that each student feels settled, cared for and ready for a productive and positive year in Middle School.

A new school year often means new school shoes, a new uniform for some, new stationery and maybe even a new haircut. My prayer is that the start of the 2013 school year also brings the promise of a fresh start, new beginnings and a chance to try new things and make new friends. God has amazing plans for each of us. He wants us to be the very best person we can be. He wants us to uncover the gifts He has given us and He wants us to care for and respect each other. As the new school year starts, each of us needs to think about how we can be better people, how we can look out for and love each other and how each of us can make a difference. As part of a Christian community we can accomplish great things when we work together.

I hope to meet with you all in the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time via email: jmclarty@gpcc.nsw.edu.au, at school on 4367 9938, or my mobile phone 0409 473 091.

Swimming Carnival

Information about the annual Swimming Carnival has been distributed earlier this week. The school swimming carnival is this Thursday 31 January, at Mingara. This is a normal school day and attendance will be recorded. Two buses are leaving the College at 8:30 am for Mingara, or students can make their own way to the venue.

Diaries

All Middle School students have been issued with a School Diary. It is imperative that school diaries are at school every day and taken to every lesson. Diaries are an effective communication tool between home and school and play a vital role in student success. Diaries will be checked weekly by Middle School Home Teachers and should be signed weekly by a parent/caregiver.

Academic Assembly

The Annual Academic Assembly to recognize student accomplishments for 2012 will be held next Wednesday 6 February from 12 noon. Students receiving awards will have been notified by mail last week.

Class Formation

Middle School teachers are an energetic, caring and committed group of teachers who understand the specific needs of students in Year 7 and Year 8. Middle School aims to provide a transition from Primary School learning (one primary teacher) to High School learning (a different specialist teacher for every subject). Middle School teachers see students every day and Year 7 Home Teachers in particular will teach a number of subjects to their Home Class.

Middle School Home Classes are formed primarily on English, using results from testing, common tasks and teacher recommendation. Students will be with their Home Group for English, HSIE, Biblical Studies, Science, Learning for Life (LFL) and Devotions. Mathematics is graded separately; Creative Arts and TAS are mixed classes. In Middle School there is an A-Stream (two streamed classes) and a B-Stream (two mixed ability classes). All students will complete the same units of work and undertake common tasks throughout the year.
Year 7 Home Teachers:
A-Stream: Mrs DeWitte and Mr Hook;
B-Stream: Mr Haines and Mrs Stylianou

Year 8 Home Teachers:
A-Stream: Mrs Erasmus and Mrs Kratochvil / Mrs Turner;
B-Stream: Mr Wellington and Mrs Mackie

Year 7 Camp 13 - 15 February

Year 7 Camp is in Week 3. This is an action-packed, fun-filled time for Year 7 students to get to know each other and their Home Teacher. Please ensure you have completed the Camp Medical Information Form and handed it to the Office or directly to me by the end of this week. I have also sent home a letter with reminders about Camp, so please ensure you read this carefully. Students will be selecting friends for their cabins next week.

Photos: Year 7 Assembly
Senior School News

Our Goal for this year is to develop the depth of our students’ character and focus on the Core Values of our College that really are the Christian characteristics we want in our students. We want students who display these values and have the depth of character to make a difference in our world.

College Core Values

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Mr Peter McLellan
Head of Senior School

Upcoming dates

- Thursday 31 January
  First day for Kinder
  High School Swimming Carnival
- Monday, 4 February
  JS Mandarin Club
- Tuesday, 5 February
  JS Meet the Teacher
- Wednesday, 6 February
  Sec. School Academic Assembly
  Years 11 & 12 Drama Onstage Excursion
- Thursday, 7 February
  Years 5 & 6 Cricket Trials
- Friday, 8 February
  Primary Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday, 13 February
  Year 7 Camp (Until Fri 15 Feb)

Reminders

Careers

Careers Information from Mr Russell is on the College Website. Click on the Careers Information link to access this week’s information.

The year is already getting busy. The Swimming Carnival is on this Thursday 31 January. This is a fun day with lots of competition and loud support for our different houses. Parents are most welcome to come enjoy or help in this crazy atmosphere. Please note that this is a compulsory day for all students including SENIORS no matter what year. We want to get the best swim team to represent the College at our Zone Swimming Carnival.

Year Advisers

The Senior School Year Advisers for 2013 are as follows:

Year 9: Mr Keith Mills
Year 10: Miss Shae Simpson
Year 11: Mr Matthew Newell
Year 12: Mr Graham Crawford

They are fantastic teachers who have the welfare of your child at heart. Please feel free to call and discuss any issue you may have that may affect the wellbeing and progress of your child.

Year 12 HSC Students

Please pray for the College and that this year will be a very productive and effective time for all in the College. I thought I would include some ideas for parents with students undertaking the HSC. You may find some helpful ideas.

Practical Advice For The Whole Family

If your child is studying for the HSC, you’re probably feeling the stress too. Many parents want to help but don’t want to interfere.

As well as pre-exam tension, there are other common factors that can make life seem even more challenging for the whole family.

Year 12 is often the year when students:

- lose interest in school
- have no plans for after the HSC
- develop an intense relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend
- get their driver’s licence
- experiment with legal or illegal drugs
- have a part-time job
- are a member of a sporting team
• develop an eating disorder
• suffer from depression.

If any of these concerns sound familiar, don’t despair. You’re not alone - and this won’t last forever.

How You Can Help

Richard Cracknell, Counsellor and District Guidance Officer at Inverell High School advises that: “the most obvious forms of support parents can offer are the practical, physical things,” and recommends parents:

• Provide a good place to study, that’s quiet, comfortable, with good ventilation, good lighting, adequate desk or table space and free from distractions such as TV, noise, a telephone, interesting conversations, little brothers and sisters.

• Provide healthy, balanced meals.

• Encourage sleep and regular exercise.

• Encourage them to avoid late night parties and alcohol consumption.

Less obvious, but just important, is giving your child the support they need in the lead-up to exams, which can be hard when emotions run high.

Tips to Remember

• Be supportive and encouraging.

• Highlight strengths and successes. Encourage your child not to dwell on failures, but to see them as “mistakes”, which can actually be something they can learn and benefit from.

• Appreciate your child may be feeling very stressed, even if it’s not obvious to you. Many children fear letting their family down so beware of setting unrealistic expectations. Some worry they can’t do as well as a sibling, or friend. Many Year 12 students are feeling overwhelmed about what lies ahead: leaving home, leaving lifelong friends, the prospect of having to live in a new city.

• Understand people under pressure become supersensitive and explosive from time to time. Family members are usually the first targets. Try not to overreact.

• Be realistic in your expectations as to where the HSC leads. Not all HSC students will go on to university – but they can still have a wealth of excellent and satisfying career options. If they don’t get the HSC marks they needed and still really want to go on to tertiary education later, there are many other pathways. Interestingly, the success rate of mature age students is much higher than for those who go straight from school.

• Encourage your child to seek help from teachers or the school counsellor if they are having any difficulty with subjects, study organisation, stress or anxiety about examinations.

• Encourage a healthy balance between work and leisure. Sometimes students need a total break from everything for a weekend or so, to recharge their batteries.

• Take an interest in what your child is doing, if they’ll allow you to (some won’t). This can include the subjects or topics being studied, how their study timetables and programs have been organised and their leisure pursuits. (Note: “Taking an interest in” does not mean interfering.)

• Remember the occasional hug and “I love you” doesn’t go astray, even when they are 18 years old.

• Encourage and allow your child to be as independent as you can possibly stand. The more independent your child is in meeting the demands of Year 12, the better prepared they will be to succeed at a tertiary level or in the workforce.
2013 Primary Sport

Below are the sport dates for the main Carnivals/Trials/Gala Days for this year.

Throughout the year, apart from the Gala Days and Carnivals, some students will have the opportunity to represent GPCC at individual trials at a CSSA or CIS level. If you would like your child to be considered, they need to:

1. Be in Years 5 or 6 (except for Gymnastics)
2. Play that sport competitively on the weekend
3. Preferably play 1st Grade for their local club and/or
4. Preferably play for the Central Coast Rep side for their sport.

Please email Mr Lambert nlambert@gpcc.nsw.edu.au before the end of Week 3 this term.

These are the individual Trials:

- CSSA Girls Netball
- CSSA Boys Soccer
- CIS Girls/Boys Basketball
- CIS Boys Cricket
- CIS Boys AFL
- CIS Girls Soccer
- CIS Girls Hockey
- CIS Rugby League and/or Union
- CIS Boys/Girls Touch Football
- CSSA Girls Softball
- CSSA Gymnastics

2013 Sport Dates

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Sport News

**Monday 19 August**  Primary Metro Cup Finals
**Wednesday 21 August**  CIS Primary Cricket Trials
**Thursday 22 August**  CSSA Primary Athletics Carnival
**Tuesday 3 September**  CSSA Primary Oz Tag
**Wednesday 11 September**  CIS Primary Athletics Championships
**Monday 16 September**  Primary Zone Basketball Championships

**Term 4**
**Wednesday 16 October**  PSSA Athletics Championships
**Thursday 17 October**  PSSA Athletics Championships
**Monday 21 October**  CSSA Primary Golf Championships
**Tuesday 22 October**  CSSA Primary Girls Softball Competition
**Monday 28 October**  CSSA Primary Tennis Championships
**Friday 1 November**  Primary Zone Milo Cricket Gala Day
**Wednesday 6 November**  CIS Primary Gymnastics Championships
**Monday 11 November**  CSSA Primary Basketball Year 3/4 and 5/6 Championships

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**Secondary Sport**

Psalm 119:9-11: *How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. I have tried hard to find you—don’t let me wander from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

Throughout sports history, there are always stories of people who have been outspoken Christians on their way to success in their field, and all seems like they will be the one who we all wait for to reflect Christ to the world. Sadly too often, their character gets tested and as all of us have, fall short of what God has destined for them — greatness in their sport for Christ.

Psalm 119:9-11 shows great insight into what we need to build up in ourselves, as our giftings may take us to the top, but it is only our character which will sustain us at the top.

This year, I have a vision to see sport at GPCC as something to be inspired by. Not only is it about playing to win, but also how we play. Sport can teach us so many life lessons if we can look deeper than just winning. Seeing the potential of what can be learnt and then applied in other areas of life is crucial to the enjoyment and character building that sport provides. What we do on the field and off the field should be the same, even if you think no one is watching. **THIS IS CHARACTER.**

**This Year For Sport**

We are looking at focusing on the following sports: Athletics, Basketball, Cross Country, Netball, Oz Tag, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis and Touch. We are hoping to develop skills further with more training sessions throughout the year and not just when we have a Gala Day approaching. The details will be advertised through the Newsletter and the Daily Notices.

For other sports which are not listed, there are still opportunities for those who have competed at a high level, to Trial at NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) in their chosen sport. The link for the dates of these Trials is: [http://www.aisnsw.edu.au/Services/CIS/Pages/SportEventsCalendar.aspx](http://www.aisnsw.edu.au/Services/CIS/Pages/SportEventsCalendar.aspx).

To follow up on any interest, your child needs to see Mr Wellington before the cut-off date to express interest in the Trial. If your child has been successful in a sport outside of the College, we would appreciate being informed so we can recognise their achievement as a School Community.

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*Mr Nathan Lambert (Primary Sport Coordinator)*
Upcoming Events

On Thursday, 31 January is our Annual School Swimming Carnival. It will be held at Mingara Pool. Students are to make their own way to the venue. If transport will be an issue, there will be two buses organised to leave the College at 8:30am and will return to the College at the completion of the Carnival which we are expecting to be around 2:00pm. If there are any parents who would like to help out with the running of the Carnival, your help is greatly appreciated. Please email me at cwellington@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.

Mr Chris Wellington (Sport Organiser)

Nicola McDermott placed first at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in High Jump. She jumped 1.80m (a personal best) and narrowly missed 1.82m.

Nicola competed on 19 January against athletes from as far away as China, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand.

This is an amazing result.
Canteen

Week 1
01.02.2013
Terry Ellis, Janine Pike-Gale

Week 2
04.02.2013
Madeleine Loneragan
05.02.2013
Debbie Harlow
06.02.2013
Kristen Faulkner
07.02.2013
Lynne Campey
08.02.2013
Deborah Hibbard, Pat Masters, Sharon Herbert.

Coast Shelter Restaurant
346 Mann Street, Gosford

If you would like to be on the roster, Sharon Blair would love to hear from you! Please email office@gpbc.net.au, or 0432 490 975.

2 February 2013
Coast Shelter runs the first Saturday of the month.

9 February 2013
OIC and Food Pickup: Penny Williams
Kitchen Manager: Tony Herbert
Helpers: Craig Casey, Di Smith, Janet Wallace, Ron and Liz Sutcliffe, Vicki Wickert.

16 February 2013
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
Helpers: Denise De Witte, Leanne Davey, Sheridan Costa, Steve Moody, Suzie Morris.

Term 1, 2013
- Tuesday 29 January 2013 for Years 1 - 6; 7, 11 and 12 to Friday 12 April 2013
- Wednesday 30 January 2013 for Years 8, 9 and 10 to Friday 12 April 2013
- Thursday 31 January for Kinder to Friday 12 April 2013

Term 2, 2013
- Tuesday 30 April 2013 to Friday 28 June 2013

Term 3, 2013
- Wednesday 17 July 2013 to Friday 20 September 2013

Term 4, 2013
- Tuesday 8 October 2013 to Thursday 12 December 2013.

Uniform Shop

Operating Times
Monday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Tuesday 8.30 am - 2.00 pm
Friday 8.30 am - 11.00 am

Please Note: The Uniform Shop is closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Alternate ways to make purchases:
1. Write items on a lunch order bag, enclose cash or cheque and lodge through Canteen.
2. Lodge order and payment through Reception.
3. Phone order to Uniform Shop and pay by Credit Card.
4. Email aritchie@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

Always include your child’s name and Year Group for delivery. Credit Card slips and a receipt are always issued.

Green Point Christian College
Avoca Drive, Green Point NSW 2251 | Locked Bag 1 Kincumber NSW 2251
P: (02) 4363 1266 F: (02) 4363 1082 | Absentee Line: (02) 4367 9950 | Excursion Line: (02) 4367 9900
Email: office@gpcc.nsw.edu.au | Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm


Kitten For Sale: 12 weeks old. Persian/Tabby, needing to go to a good home. Chipped, vaccinated and wormed. A male kitten. Black and White. $50.00. Call Danielle on 0422 634 334.

Tutor: Past GPCC student, Juliet Horrocks offering tutoring in Maths, Maths Extension, Biology, Textiles, on Tuesdays at school. Available Period 2, 4 and after school. Contact: 0449 115 800.

For Sale: 2009 (MY10) HYUNDAI SANTA FE HIGHLANDER silver 7 seater - Top of the range SUV including leather seats, dual zone climate control, sun roof, tow bar, alloy wheels, 6 speed auto, diesel engine with fantastic fuel economy along with heaps more features! 99,200km, long rego, full dealer service history, balance of new car warranty, Ideal family transport without driving a bus or truck! $33,900. Please call Paul on 0438 778 978.
Forms to be returned when necessary...
Please use these forms if you have changed any family details or if your Son/Daughter was absent during this week.

CHANGE OF DETAILS FOR FAMILY INFORMATION

Any details that have changed during the last term that you have not communicated to the College need to be noted on this slip and returned to the Registrar. Details such as changes of address, telephone number, husband or wife’s work and mobile numbers, change of emergency contact, or change in family structure. Please fill in all spaces below even if they have not changed. Please return to the Registrar, GPCC Office.

Mother’s Name:__________________________________ Father’s Name:__________________________________

Student Name:____________________________________ Year:________

Change of Address:__________________________________________

Change of Telephone Numbers:______________________________

Change of Email Address:____________________________________

Other Changes to be Noted (including Church):__________________________

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Please note that my son/daughter ___________________________ Year: ________

was absent on ____________________________

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The reason for their absence was: Sickness ☐ Doctor’s Appt. ☐

Other Appointment ☐ Holiday ☐ Other: __________________________

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Signature: ________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: __________________________________________

** Please return this form to the Student Window at the College Office