What a Term...

I would like to commend the work of all the staff at Green Point Christian College for the tireless contributions they have made this term, also to the many volunteers, the prayer warriors, the music tutors and all parents and guardians who support and encourage in many ways the wonderful work we do. 1 Peter 5 exhorts us to “be shepherds of God’s flock that is under our care, serving as overseers - not because we must but because we are willing, as God wants us to be... always being examples to the flock.”

There have been good times and some sad times this term but through it all we can call to mind “that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.” This is a monumental truth, a life giving truth that if God is for us who can be against us. Yet it does not mean that our faith will not be tested, but we cling to a command that is listed 365 times in the Bible - “fear not”.

We have some new innovations beginning next term and there is one I am particularly excited about. We are employing a “Band Master” to work before school with both our Training Band and our main School Band. He comes with a great deal of expertise and experience and we are very excited at the prospect of this new initiative. Mrs Alison Brown, Coordinator of Creative and Performing Arts will advise students and parents about the new arrangements.

Likewise, education continues to be a dynamic and changing form and during 2014 we will see the first wave of the Australian Curriculum initiatives. Our curriculum and programs for English 7 and 9; Mathematics 7 and 9; Science 7 and 9; History 7 and 9 and K - 6 English will be implemented. For K - 6 Mathematics and Science the implementation is optional in 2014 but compulsory in 2015. As the year progresses there will be further information from the Heads of School about the impact of the implementation of this new Australian Curriculum.

I look forward to continuing the work we have started together this term, and encouraging us to bring glory and honour to the God who loves us. We were chosen before the beginning of time, and may we marvel anew every day at what God has done for us in Christ and may our lives always reflect the grace of His redeeming act of salvation.

May your holidays be safe and restful... Blessings.
Chapel

Tom French from Crusaders spoke in Chapel last week. He told a funny story to the children that began quite credibly but became more and more unbelievable the longer he spoke. His point was that despite the resurrection of Jesus occurring 2000 years ago and despite people trying to discredit the account, it is still held to be a verifiable fact by Christians and historians across the world. It is the greatest and most important event humanity has ever known.

Milo Sport

The entire Junior School has enjoyed a term of fun and engaging in sport activities designed to develop gross and fine motor skills. Well done to the Sport in Schools team for another outstanding effort.

Netball

Well done to all girls from our eight teams who commenced their Saturday competition last weekend. Commiserations to Rachael Campey who broke her arm in her first game; trusting for a speedy recovery!

Head of School Awards

Congratulations to the following students for Weeks 9 and 10:

Week 9: Tanika Maxwell, KH; Charlee Goddard, KP; Kara Ferguson, KS; Caleb Watts, 1MM; Keira Francis, 1PB; Katinka Wood, 1SM; Sophie Hextall, 2AH; Nathan He, 2D; Millie Tarditi, 2RH; Jarrah Peet, 3P; Nathan Nicholls, 3W; Ben Sheather, 3/4D; Tiarnie Hart, 4S; Chloe Browne, 4T; Bryce Lace, 5L; Jessica Swaine, 5M; Arielle Saunders, 5/6B; Isabella Jones, 6L and Kirsty Rowe, 6P.

Week 10: Lainee Pembroke, KH; Jude Marescia, KP; Makyla Jurd, KS; Jonathan Ham, 1MM; Christopher Mitchell, 1PB; Travis Goodey, 1SM; Emma Jeffrey, 2AH; Lauren Goodey, 2D; Jenna Bate, 2RH; Eliana Bootes, 3P; Lana Spurling, 3W; Cooper Corcoran, 3/4D; Chelsea Slape, 4S; Amelia Pearce, 4T; Madeleine Hibbert, 5L; Connor Smith, 5M; Sally O’Bryan, 5/6B; Joel Wooding, 6L and Daniel Drennan, 6P.

Field Event Pre-selections

We were washed out last Thursday afternoon. This Wednesday we will try again and there will be another afternoon early next term as well; first week back on Friday 3 May.
Uniform
As mentioned, all children remain in summer uniform until the Mothers Day weekend after which time children can wear summer or winter uniform depending on conditions. From Monday June 3 everyone is in full winter uniform.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all the children who completed our challenging course on Monday morning. With much huffing and puffing the younger children ran 2 km and the older students did 3 km. Well done to the boys and girls who ran places and well done Mr Lambert for organising the event. All medal winners to be presented in the second Chapel of next term.

Cooking Night
Many of the Grade Parent mums together on Tuesday evening prepared a number of meals to be used for families in need over the coming months. Many thanks to Jo Swaine for organising this event. Do let the Grade mums know if you are aware at any time of a family who would benefit from a delivered meal.

Welcome
A number of new families join us at the beginning of second term so a big welcome to the following boys and girls: Joel and Chloe Matthews, Angelene, Noah and Annabelle Poll, Paige Van Es, Clare Maish, Samuel and Evan Mereau, and Hope Frost.

Colour Day and Teddy Bear’s Picnic
An exciting day ahead for the boys and girls in Year 1 (Friday) and Kindergarten (Thursday) as they celebrate in a fun way the end of first term and conclude units of work they have been studying.

Colour T Shirt, Wrapping and Mothers’ Day Stall
These days all occur very soon after the resumption of next term. Coloured T Shirt is the first Friday back. Wrapping is Monday of Week 2 and Mothers’ Day Stall is Tuesday of Week 2 (Friday is the Athletics Carnival). Over the break it would be so helpful if everyone could purchase an appropriate gift to be brought in on Coloured T Shirt day (or donate money so the team can purchase for you). Suzie Morris is again organising and looking for help on 0414 522409. Look out for her detailed information by clicking the link.

Chess
A very big thank you to Gary Losh who has been conducting our Monday lunch time Chess Club. Without doubt the children who have attended are better players as a result of his teaching. The inter-school competition starts second week back of next term. Details shortly in a letter to parents of participating children.

Retirement Village
A big congratulations to the Years 5 and 6 children who have given up their sport afternoons to visit and spend time with the elderly residents at Peninsula Retirement Village. As you might imagine the students have been an absolute blessing so well done to Tom Peake, Hannah Read, Kirsty Rowe, Aaron Zaccaria, Theone Angelopoulos, Logan Jones, Tia Poll, Tiffany Rowe, Dan Drennan, Alex Gough, Ryley Jones, Reece Hillier, Maddie Tisch-Lienert, Olivia Mcgarvey, Annika Van Vliet, Isabella Jones, Joel Wooding, Oliver Holmes, Hayley Myers and Jessica Swaine. Thanks also to Mrs Power and Mrs Sheather for accompanying the boys and girls.

Boys' Achievements
This week Jacob Villablanca narrowly missed selection to the CIS Soccer team but was nevertheless part of the CSSA side that won a Gala Day against all other private schools’ Sport Associations. Recently Declan Squire was selected as part of the NSW Karate team and will represent at Hobart in the National Championships after he placed 3rd overall at the State Titles.

Reading Bugs
We are trialling for 12 months an online program called Reading Bugs which will allow children to access home readers from the web. If continued, this program in the short to medium term won’t replace the hard-copy home readers, but will complement our existing resources. Look out for more information from class teachers next term.

Kinder 2014
The process of interviewing has already commenced. If you know of families considering an enrolment for next year, encourage them to submit an application form to Michele Drover, our Registrar.

Nuts and Eggs
Given that children across the school have severe allergies to nuts and/or eggs can we continue to ensure these products aren’t included in children’s school lunches or recesses.
Kinder Mums

Don’t forget this Friday’s function, lunch at Aromas Terrigal, 12 noon. RSVP to one of the Kinder Grade Mums if you haven’t already.

Tennis

The Hot Shot program will commence Tuesday after the school holidays in the MPC. Letters will be sent home this week to the parents of all children participating.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Dan and Bec Ferris who welcomed baby Frankie Laine into the world last week, a sister to Addison in KH.

Term Two Dates

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Upcoming dates

- **Thursday, 11 April**
  - Star FM Live Broadcast Breakfast at 7.30 am and Crazy Hair Day
  - Kinder Teddy Bears Picnic
- **Friday, 12 April**
  - Kinder Mums Lunch at Aromas Terrigal
  - Years 5 and 6 to Peninsula Retirement Village (selected students)
  - Last Day of Term 1
- **Tuesday, 30 April**
  - First Day For Students

NAPLAN

- **Tuesday, 14 May**
  - Language Conventions
  - Writing
- **Wednesday, 15 May**
  - Reading
- **Thursday, 16 May**
  - Numeracy

Please see the letter on page 14 or click here.

Reminders

**Star FM Live Broadcast at the College Thursday 11 April**

A BBQ breakfast will be held to celebrate this event - **SO PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE FUN - ALL WELCOME - FROM 7.30 AM**

Bacon/Egg Rolls - $3; Sausage Sandwiches - $1; Smoothies - $2; and Crazy Hair Day - a gold coin donation (all money raised goes to Missions).
I cannot believe that we have reached the end of the term! Although upon reflection it certainly has been a busy one. We’ve had the Swimming Carnival, Year 7 Camp, Athletics Carnival, Cross Country, Middle School Reward BBQ and lots of learning and fun in between. I pray that those of you travelling over the holidays have a safe trip and that this time is an opportunity to spend with friends and family and recharge.

Welcome New Middle School SRC, Best Wishes
Mrs Erasmus

SRC continues to strengthen in its influence and profile in Middle School. It has been passionately driven by Mrs Amber Erasmus for the past three years. She has nurtured strong leadership with students prepared to serve within our school in a variety of ways, from serving at Middle School Reward BBQs each term, representing Middle School in Whole School Services, guiding new families around the College at Open Days and representing their peers and the issues that concern them. We wish Mrs Erasmus and her husband God’s richest blessings as they prepare for the birth of their first child.

I would like to announce the newest members of Middle School SRC: Emily Buckley (8E), Daniel Hanslow (8K), Sophie Wilesmith (8E), Harrison Van Vliet (8K) and Grace Villablanca (8M). We had many applications to join our SRC and it was difficult to choose only five! Middle School Leaders will be selected from our 10 SRC members and announced next term at the Commendation Assembly (Week 2).

Handbook

This week students in Middle School will receive a Middle School Assessment Handbook. The handbook outlines courses studied in Middle School and how and what will be assessed in each subject. The Handbook also contains information regarding missed tasks, illness or misadventure. Please take the time to read it and make special note of the calendars at the back to plot when tasks are due.

Star FM Live Broadcast - Crazy Hair

This Thursday will see Star FM radio station broadcasting live from Green Point Christian College. To celebrate the day all students are permitted to participate in “Crazy Hair” with a gold coin donation going to Coast Shelter. Hair can be teased, sprayed, tied, gelled etc. It CANNOT be cut or permanently/semi-permanently dyed or coloured.

Year 8 Focus on the Family Seminar

On Thursday 11 April all Year 8 will participate in a seminar from Focus on the Family. The seminar is entitled “Who Am I?”. “Who am I?” is a fundamental question for all young people. This seminar will introduce them to the different influences that shape and define who we are. It will challenge and encourage them to identify the sources and critically assess the messages they receive. It will also give them a framework and practical strategies for building a healthy self image.

Term Two Immunisations

The second round of immunisations will take place on Tuesday 30 April, the first day back for Term 2. These immunisations will be for all Year 7 students (Hepatitis B and Boostrix) and Year 9 boys. If students were absent for the last immunisations, a catch-up service will be available. Nurses will be at school at 8.30 am.
It is the end of a long term and it is a good time to reflect on the efforts that have been put into all the different aspects of school. It has been a term full of achievement and enthusiasm from students. Students have striven to achieve in so many different areas from academia, sport and the creative arts. They have undertaken exams, assessment tasks, discussions, and numerous other learning challenges. It is now time for a break to refresh and recharge the batteries. I wish you all a refreshing break full of lots of fun.

I would like to include some feedback on some of our graduates from last year so that you can see how well our students have done. Thank you Mr Russell our Careers Adviser.

Where are They Now?

Feedback from 2012 Year 12 students have indicated the following avenues pursued by some of our recent graduates:

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<td>Bachelor of Science (Physics Major) and a Bachelor of Laws</td>
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<td>Abbey Cuthbert</td>
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<td>Jessica Nguyen</td>
<td>University of Sydney</td>
<td>Engineering/Arts</td>
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<td>Juliet Horrocks</td>
<td>Sydney Anglican Youthworks, then University of Newcastle</td>
<td>Year 13 Gap Year, then in 2014 Physiotherapy at University of Newcastle</td>
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<td>Hugh Austin</td>
<td>Macquarie University</td>
<td>Bachelor of Arts, with double majors in History and International Relations</td>
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<td>Brad Telfer</td>
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<td>Lauren Pal</td>
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<td>Melody Jaskolski</td>
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<td>Business and Arts (double degree)</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Science)/Bachelor of Science deferred for one year; Looking to enter Bachelor of Performance (Jazz) Sydney Conservatorium.</td>
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<td>Tayla Morgan</td>
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<td>Brianna Lieschke</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Management in Events and Leisure + part time job on Central Coast</td>
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<td>Michelle Erskine</td>
<td>Gap year, then University of Newcastle</td>
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<td>Charlotte Burn</td>
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<td>Lauren Funnell</td>
<td>Avondale College</td>
<td>Diploma in Outdoor Recreation</td>
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University Admission Centre (UAC)

Universities Admission Centre (UAC) produces a book for Year 10 students about University requirements for the year that they would start University. A letter [click here] was given to Year 10 students last week regarding purchasing the booklet. The reply slip needs to be handed in by the end of this term for those who wish to purchase the booklet.

Uniform

Just a few reminders in regards to uniform for next term:

1. Blazer weather is upon us and a blazer is our first layer of warmth in the Senior School.
2. Sport uniform is only to be worn by students to school if they have PE practical.
3. Please make sure to purchase the new required style of black leather shoe so that your child is in correct uniform.
4. Make up does not make you warm so again there is no eye makeup.
5. Girls' skirts are to be at the knee.
6. All students are to have a hat at school.

Community Service

On Friday six students from Year 11 accompanied by Mr Drennan and Mr Anderson will be involved in our very own Backyard Blitz. It is fantastic to see students participate in these acts of service to benefit others in our community.

Tennis

Congratulations to Rebecca Stewart from Year 11, who has achieved the highest honour in NSW All Schools Sports by becoming a NSW Combined High Schools Representative. Rebecca has been selected as a NSW Team Member to play Tennis in the Pizzey Cup in Adelaide from 4 to 12 May.

Focus on the Family Seminars

Mr Marc Erbsleben, from Focus on the Family will be presenting thought provoking seminars on Thursday 11 April in CAPA 5:

- Year 10 - The Truth about Pornography
- Year 11 - The Truth about Pornography (10:45-12:00)
- Year 9 - RAD (2:00-3:15)

Miss Simpson from our PDHPE Department will be overseeing these seminars.

Careers

Information regarding Careers is now on our web site. Click to go to our Careers Page.

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Mr Tom Anderson  |  Director of Spiritual Development

Acts 1:8 “...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

Tonga Teaching Conference

Leaving this Sunday, a team of staff from GPCC will be travelling to Hofangahau College in Tonga, to present at a teacher’s conference. This is a fantastic opportunity for our staff to assist in very practical ways.

The conference will include sharing about teaching pedagogy, teaching from a Christian perspective, guidance for curriculum development and a First Aid course.

Our staff team includes Mrs Rachael Wilesmith, Mrs Amanda Harris, Mrs Michelle Taunga, Mrs Denise De Witte and Mr Ross Hamoni. They will be accompanied by some of their children (Sophie Wilesmith), spouses (Monu Taunga, Anthony DeWitte and Greg Harris) and a former student (Jessica Noble - 2011). We wish them all the best and God’s blessing as they travel and serve in this way.

Please uphold the team in your prayers. Specific prayer requests are:

• For safety
• Health
• Spiritual growth
• For the preparation for the conference and presentations

Samaritan’s Purse Fundraiser

Next term in Week 3 we are having a Fundraiser for the Samaritan’s Purse Cambodia Projects. Don’t miss this fun evening of entertainment provided by our very own talented Colin Muir and his Band. See Justine Collins at Reception for tickets.

GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PRESENTS

Thursday 16th May
BBQ Dinner from 6.30pm
Canteen available for drinks and snacks

Come along and listen to great music from the GLEN MILLER BAND, ANDREW SISTERS, DIANA ROSS & MUCH MORE...

ADULTS $15.00, STUDENTS/PENSIONERS $10.00
FAMILY TICKET: 2ADULT/2CHILD $40.00
AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE...

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO SAMARITAN’S PURSE CAMBODIA PROJECTS
Junior School Sport

GPCC Cross Country

On Monday, Years 2 through to 6 ran in the Cross Country Carnival. The 8 - 10 year old boys and girls had to run 2km, whilst the 11 - 12 year olds had to run 3km. Thank you to everyone who cheered us on even when we wanted to give up! It was a long way, but we kept on going. Congratulations to all the children who competed and especially those that have made it through to the State Carnival. A great effort. **Tia Poll, Hurricanes House Captain**

The Junior School Cross Country on Monday went very well as no one got injured and only a couple of people were sick. We congratulate the Age Champions for their great efforts. There weren’t many leeches especially compared to the number of parents cheering for their fabulous children. **Declan Squire, Hurricanes House Captain**

The Cross Country Carnival was fantastic. There were some very close finishes this year and even a tie in the 11yrs Girls for second place. It was a great Carnival with fast times, hard running and perfect weather.

Here are our Age Champions for 2013:

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After all the races were run and points were tallied, here are the final House points:

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Congratulations to the Hurricanes who are the winning House for 2013 for the GPCC Cross Country Carnival.
CIS Soccer Championships

First, I would just like to say how proud we are of Jacob Villablanca. He not only made the CSSA Soccer Team, but played a vital role in CSSA winning the CIS Soccer Championships on Monday. They defeated ASSISA 2-1 in the Grand Final after losing to them in their first match 3-2. This is the first time that a Green Point student has made the CSSA Team and won the tournament. What an achievement! Jacob was also extremely close in getting picked in the CIS Team. He only just missed out. He was one of 22 players out of 120 chosen for the Possibles v Probables game. The talent shown at this Tournament was extremely high as a majority of the players played in the NSW Premier League and for Jacob to get so close is just a reflection on his amazing skills and talents. Look out, Socceroos!

Mr Nathan Lambert - Primary Sport Coordinator
2013 Netball Season Commences …

And so we begin after a few weeks of training and a very wet morning, the 2013 Netball season which started last Saturday. Too wet for the traditional March Past, games were still played and the rain held off. It was terrific to see our 14 GPCC Netball Teams begin. Thanks to all our Coaches, Managers and supportive Parent body. We are looking forward to a great season of fun, teamwork, and good Netball.

The 8 Angels had a great first game of Netta Netball to start the season. We lost 4-3 to Woodport. The Angels did very well considering we only had seven players with one player taking sick at game time. Well done girls.  

Coach Danielle

The GPCC 9 Dragonflies played Kariong on the weekend and what a game! Even though we were two players down we managed to share possession of the ball and our defence worked the ball down to our goal for shooters Lucy, Charlotte, Casey and Jarrah to pop some straight in! The girls worked hard all over the court keeping up with their opponents and the two extras. A great game all round - especially in the footwork department with some precision pivoting. Go Dragonflies!  

Coach Suzie

11B Cubs played sensational Netball for their first game. Fantastic team work Girls. A great score too, 40 - 11 against Kariong. Thanks to our enthusiastic Parents and Grandparents. It’s going to be a great season!  

Coach Corinna

Secondary School Sport

Deuteronomy 17:14 - 20 (MSG)

14-17 When you enter the land that GOD, your God, is giving you and take it over and settle down, and then say, “I’m going to get me a king, a king like all the nations around me,” make sure you get yourself a king whom GOD, your God, chooses. Choose your king from among your kinsmen…. make sure he doesn’t pile up a lot of silver and gold. 18-20 This is what must be done: When he sits down on the throne of his kingdom, the first thing he must do is make himself a copy of this Revelation on a scroll, copied under the supervision of the Levitical priests. That scroll is to remain at his side at all times; he is to study it every day so that he may learn what it means to fear his GOD, living in reverent obedience before these rules and regulations by following them. He must not become proud and arrogant, changing the commands at whim to suit himself or making up his own versions. If he reads and learns, he will have a long reign as king in Israel, he and his sons.

Humility is a funny thing. I hear and have seen sports people who are said to be the next big thing. They have everything - talent, longevity, skill and determination. Upon realising their abilities and potential, I have witnessed on far too many occasions, a change occur. Their demeanour and attitude changes. Whatever got them to this place of promise gets thrown out the window. All of a sudden, they feel all the hard work they have done is now not needed and think they have finally made it to ‘easy street’. A compromise leads to compromises. Then a major injury happens to them and they fade from a place of promise to someone who could have been. This scripture talks about when Israel was about to take their promised land and needed to appoint a king; they were to follow these instructions. I think this was to keep the king humble and know where his blessings were coming from - God! When we are promoted to a place of recognition or status, we have been put there by God to do his purpose. I have been watching the AMA Motocross in the US where the Australian, Chad Reed is riding. He at one stage was the highest paid Australian sportsman, however, he is not my focus. There is another rider named Ryan Dungey, who whenever he wins, he thanks God. I don’t believe he does it as a fashion statement, I believe that he does it because he is truly thankful and humbled by all that God has done for him. Always remember where your blessings come from and why - so we can be blessed to be a blessing to others for God’s sake.

Soccer

We have our Annual THACCCSA Soccer Gala Days coming up and they will take place during the first two weeks of Term 2. The Boys Gala Day is on Thursday 2 May and the Girls Gala Day is on Monday 6 May. The school will have buses provided and the successful team members need to get their notes back as soon as possible. Trials have happened this week during lunchtimes.
Expressions of Interest - Before and After School Care

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents of Green Point Christian College students, who would be interested in services provided in a Before and After School Care facility for children aged 6 – 12 years (Kinder to Year 6) at Green Point Christian College.

If you think this service would benefit you and your family please advise the College by emailing office@gpcc.nsw.edu.au as soon as possible.

Student Medical and Consent Form

Please return all forms ASAP. The completed forms can be mailed to the College Office or returned via students in a sealed envelope.

GPBC Fundraiser for China Short Term Trip

Enjoy a fun filled day of shopping, whilst raising money for the China Short Term Trip!

Cost: $55 (includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) Saturday 25 May 2013 departing at 7.15 am from Green Point Baptist Church Carpark.

Clothing, Shoes, Handbags, Luggage, Toys, Homewares, Manchester, Chocolates and more.

Great prizes and giveaways during the day including a major prize!

If you are interested in coming along to this fun filled day please contact Sue Parkinson sparkinson@gpcc.nsw.edu.au or 4363 1266.

Green Point Baptist Church News

GP Youth: End of Term ‘Superhero’ Party

This term has been an absolute blast. We are sad to say that this Friday we have our last week of Youth Group for the term, but it is going to be a great night!

We are going to be having a big party, and for those who missed the announcement on Friday, we are going to have a hero themed dress up!

There will be epic prizes for the best dressed, so make sure you get kitted out as your favourite superhero, sporting hero, fictional character etc.

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm in the Youth Room/ Jacaranda Room. Will Richards can be contacted for more information on 0424 278 948.

Sunday Services

Our Sunday Services are 9.30 am each week (which includes crèche, Infants, Primary and Youth Programmes), and our fortnightly Evening Services which are at 5.00 pm.

Feel free to call the Church Office 4369 1585 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for more information.

Reminders

Sunday messages are available online via podcast on our website.

Just go to www.gpbc.net.au and follow the links.
Canteen

Week 1 Term 2

29.04.2013
Staff Professional Development Day (no students)

30.04.2013
Debbie Harlow

01.05.2013
Trudi Hewitt

02.05.2013
Lynne Campey

03.05.2013
Lesley Binns-Cahill, Darlene Laybutt, Terry Ellis.

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.

13 April

OIC and Food Pickup: Karen Shaw
Helpers: Darcy Ryan, Judy, John and Sean Campbell, Jacqui and Michael O’Callaghan, Sonia Dawes, Tayla Morgan

20 April

OIC and Food Pickup: Penny Williams
Kitchen Manager: Tony Herbert
Helpers: Di Smith, Ron and Liz Suttie, Suzie Morris, Vicki Wickert

27 April

OIC and Food Pickup: Brian Shaw
Kitchen Manager: Karen Shaw
Helpers: David and Natalie Smith, Fiona/Tony/K/E Pennington, William Arnot.


For Sale: Junior School Winter Pinafore, size 4. Excellent condition. $20.00 Phone: 0432 879 742.

For Sale: Large Cage to suit Guinea Pig, Rabbit, Rat etc, Solid plastic base on wheels or converts to sit on grass. Shelter bed and feed/water hopper accessories included, $40.00. Enquiries: 0414 402 105.

Wanted Basketball Players: Any boys born in 2004 or 2005 in Years 2 or 3 interested in playing Basketball weekly Wednesdays at Terrigal Stadium. Times vary from 4pm to 5.45pm, 30 mins games, only two spots available. Contact Kylie 0414 589 999.

Firewood For Sale: $130 per sq metre. All proceeds to Charleville Mission Trip Fundraiser. Enquiries to: Brian 0404 478 341.

Green Point Trader: If you would like to place an advertisement in the Green Point Trader please email details to Marie Hay at newsletter@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

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 - Friday during the School Term: 8.30 am - 11.00 am
Afternoons by appointment only.

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 g Ritchie@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

Always include your child’s name and Year Group for delivery. Credit Card slips and a receipt are always issued.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16 May 2013.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 17 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child’s school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: