Mrs Debra Walls | Principal

The Promises of God …

The Psalms of the Old Testament provide us with such a range of emotions, providing a sanctuary of hope and encouragement whilst expressing at times our despair. There are 150 Psalms recorded for us in the Old Testament, using a poetic form to offer images and reflections that resonate with our lives.

As I have read the Psalms over the years I realise how impoverished my life would be without them. There is a common understanding that frames the Psalms as they reflect the promises of God made to His people, Israel and therefore promises to me.

Our lives are often messy and disordered, a state brought about by the winds of change that so often affect the stasis of our existence. Just when we think there is peace and quiet, our world can again be turned upside down.

Philip Yancy reminds us that the Psalms supply words that I need and sometimes want to say to my God. Words that celebrate His reality: “The heavens declare the glory of God.” Words that confess His action in my life: “You have turned my mourning into dancing.” Words that express my utter dependence: “In my mother’s womb, you formed me.” Words that convey my hoped-for intimacy: “This one thing I desire, that I might dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” The Psalms tutor my soul in my love for God.

In spite of whatever happens, all events and parts of our life must be referred to God says CS Lewis, whatever the feeling the emotion or experience, whether pleasant or unpleasant. God is in all, through all and part of everything that happens He is not a distant God – He is not just watching us from a distance, He is in us. This is what gives us the strength in all circumstances. The Psalms reflect the truth that to spend a day with God is all we could ever want.

Our task here on earth is to do as Jesus did, to see things as He saw them, to regard them as He regarded them. This is a significant call on our lives and one that will challenge our perspectives and that may even require us to leave things behind and take up new and exciting opportunities.

SAFE PEOPLE, SAFE PLACES

On Tuesday afternoon, a white car travelling south pulled up beside one of our students who was walking along Avoca Drive towards Pindari Street. The male driver offered the student lollies after speaking to her. The girl ran to her older sister and reported the incident to their mother at home.

This incident was then reported to the Police who have begun investigations.

Could all parents please talk with their children about what Brisbane Water LAC calls “Safe People, Safe Places” and also encourage older siblings to maintain vigilance when walking home.

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Prayer

Pray for students competing at the National Christian School Games in Queensland next week.

Pray for healing for those who are struggling with illness.

Praise

Praise God for the success of our JS Athletics Carnival.

Praise God for our parent support at College events.

Romans 10:9 “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”
“Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, ‘Why are you thinking these things?’” Mark 2:8

Mrs Davis writes ...

The children were told about the importance of being an “always friend” and how relationships should be solid and built on honesty and integrity. I shared the meaning of a true friend at Chapel last week as being one who is trustworthy, faithful and there for you in all times.

The paralysed man in the story told by Jesus in Mark 2:1-12 was fortunate to have faithful friends who did not abandon him but rather they persisted until they reached Jesus. The children were challenged to reflect on themselves and their actions as friends. I encouraged the children to think about whether they are an “always friend” and how they demonstrate this. Jesus wants to be an “always friend” as He is the ultimate example of an “Always Friend” to us.

A Beautiful Carnival

Under the beautiful autumn sunshine our students merrily competed at the Athletics Carnival last Friday. It was an electric atmosphere punctuated by excitement as all children had the opportunity to participate in field events and races on the day. We eagerly await the announcement of the winning House.

Thank You

Thank you for staying for the duration of the Carnival. It was fabulous to have an increased number of students and families participating at the end of the day. Together we can positively shape a culture of support of others for our children. Thank you also to the many parents who worked tirelessly alongside staff recording, timing, judging and generally helping out throughout the day. We thoroughly appreciated your assistance and welcomed all parent involvement. A living community was evident. Thank you!

Jump Rope For Heart

It is the final week before our “Jump Off” and the boys and girls are still embracing the opportunity to hone their skipping skills at every break. Skipping skills are being refined and no doubt cardiovascular health is increasing. Next Wednesday will be our “Jump Off” event. We will be hosting this event between recess and lunchtime on the oval and in the general car park. If entering the College premises at this time, please be aware that parking will be heavily restricted and may even require you to use Beatties Road. Please make sure all sponsorship forms have been completed, and registered online. Presently, we have raised over $4,000 for the National Heart Foundation. What an amazing feat. Well done to our families.
Junior School News

Winter Uniform

Monday 11 May saw students return to school wearing winter uniform. We appreciate you partnering us in discipline by ensuring your child wears uniform correctly every day.

NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 and Year 5

This week the students participated in NAPLAN testing. We look forward to receiving their results next term and hope that they are representative of the basic skills we see developing everyday.

UNSW Digital Technologies

Next Tuesday the children who registered last term will sit their competency test. It is always a pleasure to celebrate success with our students when results return later in the year. God gifts all individually and some of our students excel in this area of the curriculum.

Head of School Awards

Congratulations to these children who received their award in Chapel: Anna O’Keeffe, KG; Ethan Taylor, KP; Blake Leivesley, KW; Livinia Francis, 1MM; Grace Luther, 1PB; Morgan Edwards, 1SM; Madisson York, 2B; Bella Giuliano, 2D; Jordan Fyfe, 2DL; Keira Francis, 3P; Anastasia Vojkovic, 3W; Ella Sohn, 3/4D; Isabel Ross, 4DJ; Taj Lyons, 4H; Summer Healey, 5B; Laurel Sharpe, 5L; Ishbel Wood, 5/6L; Victoria Samways, 6M and Hayley Milne, 6P.

Watoto Choir

A Watoto Choir performance will be held in the MPC on Thursday 4 June at 7:00pm. Please come along and enjoy the beautiful harmonies of our African friends. No admission fee will be charged however, an offering donation will be available on the evening. This is definitely a rewarding experience for the whole family.

Sydney Royal Easter Show Prize Winners

Congratulations to Sydney Royal Easter Show Craft Prize Winners: Students Samuel and Ruby, from Mrs Davis’ class display their prize winning craft items. Well done!
Library and Careers Information Evening

Mrs Diane Parks and Mr David Russell will be running an Information Evening to explore the services that are offered to Secondary students in the College by the Library and Careers Departments.

It is important that our Secondary students use these services for planning for the future and studying in the present.

It will be held in the Library on Tuesday 19 May 2015 from 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

Come along and hear about the services available for your student in the College.

Secondary School Cross Country Carnival

A reminder that our Cross Country Carnival is tomorrow Friday 15 May 2015.

Vaccinations - Year 7 and Year 8 Catch-Up

Year 7 HPV Vaccination Program and Year 8 Catch-Up Vaccinations

Year 7 HPV, Chickenpox and catch-up Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccinations will occur on Thursday 21 May 2015.

If your child missed out on last term’s vaccination, there will be an opportunity to catch-up at the next visit on Thursday 21 May. Please be aware that if your child has been vaccinated by your GP for HPV, Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis, subsequent vaccinations will need to be carried out by the GP.

Vaccinations - Years 11 and 12

All students in Years 11 and 12 have received a vaccination kit for the MMR Vaccination (Measles, Mumps and Rubella). NSW Health is running a program to ensure that all Senior students are up to date with their immunisations, as many children have missed their second or may not have had their first immunisation for various reasons.

If not already done, please read the information enclosed in the package, and if you think your child may need one or two of these vaccinations, please complete and return the signed form ASAP. These forms were due back to the College by Monday 11 May. NSW Health will collect all the forms and check against their records, so that they only immunise students who need it.

The immunisations will take place on Thursday 21 May 2015.

Years 7 and 8 Assessment Period

Year 7 and Year 8 do not have a formal “exam week”, instead students will be completing tests and tasks over the coming weeks. These tests and tasks will be the basis of the Half Yearly Reports that will be sent home at the end of Term 2. Students will receive notification from their teacher about when tasks or tests will occur. Please refer to the Year 7 and Year 8 Assessment Handbook for details.
Youth Coping Survey

In Term 4, 2014, nearly 50% of our Years 7 and 9 students participated in a Youth Coping Research Project conducted by doctorate candidate, Sarah Stanford from Macquarie University. The purpose of this survey was to understand how students cope during difficult times.

Our College has been provided with some preliminary information from the survey and whilst this cannot be generalised to all students across the College, there are a number of positive themes that indicate our students utilise a number of proactive strategies whilst navigating adolescent life.

Some of these proactive strategies included living a healthy lifestyle and on average our students reported having more than eight hours sleep on school nights and exercising for at least 60 minutes a day, which was a higher average when compared to other schools. In addition, almost all of the students surveyed indicated they did not consume energy drinks on school days.

Another encouraging outcome of the survey was students using positive coping strategies compared with negative coping strategies. A large number of students reported they look to their faith to provide meaning and purpose in their life, as well as indicating they are satisfied with their life.

Another positive outcome was the response to bullying type behaviours. The majority of students indicated that a teacher would do something to help if they reported bullying and most encouraging was students would try and stop bullying when they see it. This is a wonderful outcome for our College and supports our investment in the many bullying education programs conducted each year.

The second survey for students in Years 8 and 10 will occur towards the end of Term 2 and further information will be forwarded in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact the College’s Counsellor, Mr Matthew Rosee.

Please note the data collected has been gathered to report on the students as a collective and as such no individual data is available.

Year 8 News

Well done to Daniel Cornish, who was asked to participate in Valley View Primary School’s Anzac Service, playing the “Last Post” and “Reveille”. Daniel was a credit to the College in his participation.

Youth In Performing Arts (YIPA)

Several of our current and past students will be performing at Laycock Street Theatre in YIPA’s showcase of talent from across the Central Coast. The performances are from Wednesday 20 May – Saturday 23 May. Matthew Fadhul, Hannah Raeside, Maddison Emmett, Anneliese Georges and Joel Leggett are performing, along with past students from “The Future Falcons”, as well as Bradley Tham, Ashleigh Sheehan, Elliahn Morrow and Claire Wallace (apologies if I have omitted anyone). Most of these young people will be performing on Thursday 21 May, and with Hannah Raeside on Friday 22 May. A plethora of talent not to be missed. Tickets are available from Laycock Street Theatre online or by phone 4323 3233 from $22 adult/$19 student.

Careers Information

Mr Russell is our Careers Advisor and he is available for interviews with you and your child. Do not hesitate to contact the College if you desire to have a discussion about your child’s direction and future career. Mr Russell also includes detailed careers information in a separate newsletter each week which can be downloaded from the College’s website. Click here [www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au) and follow the links (News  Careers) to go to our Careers section to download weekly Careers News.
Australian Indigenous Ministries (AIM) Mission 2015

For the first time, this year the College is excited to announce the opportunity for boys in Year 9 to visit an Outback NSW community and experience some of the ministry of the local Church. Green Point Christian College has established a link with Australian Indigenous Ministries (AIM), who seek to pastor and participate in Gospel ministry to Indigenous Communities.

The group of Year 9 boys will travel by bus to Gulargambone. Upon arrival in Gulargambone we will link in with Pastor Steve Bignall, a local pastor and missionary working with AIM. Whilst in Gulargambone, the boys will learn about the local people and the ministry of AIM, visit some sites of cultural and historical significance, visit the local school where they will interact with students and play sports, assist in teaching Primary Scripture classes, and possibly also visit the area Central School.

Information letters and application forms went out to interested Year 9 students during their Year meeting this week. More letters and forms are also available from me.

There will be an Information Night on Wednesday 10 June 2015 at 7:30pm in the Staff Common Room, with applications due in by Friday 12 June.

We look forward to helping twelve of our Year 9 boys grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus through this experience of ministry in a cross-cultural setting.


11:15am (Period 2) 12yrs Boys and Girls distance 3kms
11:25am (Period 2) 13yrs Boys and Girls distance 3kms
11:35am (Period 2) 14yrs Boys and Girls distance 4 kms
11.45am (Period 2) 15yrs Boys and Girls distance 4 kms
12:05pm (Period 3) 16yrs Boys distance 6 kms and 16yrs Girls distance 4 kms
12:25pm (Period 3) 17yrs Boys distance 6 kms and 17yrs Girls distance 4 kms
12:45pm (Period 3) 18yrs Boys distance 6 kms and 18yrs Girls distance 4 kms

Boys and girls from the same age group will run together in the same time slot.

National Christian Schools Games

This Sunday four of our finest athletes in Secondary School will head to the Gold Coast to compete in the National Christian Schools Games. Isabella Jones, Petro Heese, Liam Ferguson (Year 8) and Dominique Armstrong (Year 11) will be representing the College and NSW. Isabella and Dominique will be competing on the track in the Athletics meet and Petro and Liam will be in the pool representing us in swimming. It is a wonderful achievement for them to get to this level of competition and we wish them the very best.

It is also a great opportunity to build connections with other students in Christian schools from around Australia. They will be staying at an amazing sports centre that will cater for all of their training and preparation needs. We are blessed to have these students as part of our community and we want them to know that we are right behind them and supporting them in prayer.

We are looking forward to finding out how they go in their respective events. All the very best team!
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About Kylie

I have a B.A. majoring in Psychology and Sociology and a Cert. IV in Life Coaching. I am a friendly, committed Christian woman who has a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. I believe that life is all about creating quality relationships. I am passionate about women around the world rising to the calling God has placed on their life!

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Upcoming Programs

Friday Mornings:
June 5, 12, 19 & 26  Time: 9:30 - 11am

Saturday Mornings:
June 6 & 20  Time: 9 - 12:30 pm
**TIP 4 MUM**

How can you encourage your child?

Your kids require you most of all to **love** them for who they are, not to spend your whole time trying to correct them.

Bill Ayers

Tip No: 4 - May 2015

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**TIP 4 DAD**

What are your kids doing today that you could affirm?

Catching your kids doing the **RIGHT** thing is a great way to affirm the behaviour you want to see more of!

Tip No: 4 - May 2015

Kev Sheehan 0434 145 247 www.newheights.com.au
**College News**

**Prayer**

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline...” 2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

A small group of staff and parents meet each week to place GPCC staff and families into God’s loving care. Please join us as we pray in the Staff Common Room on Tuesdays @ 2:00pm until 3:15pm. For more information or prayer requests, please contact Ann McLellan via email on amclellan@gpcc.nsw.edu.au or mobile 0400 349 429.

**Upcoming dates**

- **Friday, 15 May**
  - Mothers Day Stall Helpers
  - Afternoon Tea
  - GPCC Secondary Cross Country Carnival
  - Year 9ALK PASS to Gymnastics

- **Monday, 18 May**
  - Year 8 Assessment Week
  - National Christian Schools Games (until Friday 22 May)
  - JS After School Drama Club

- **Tuesday, 19 May**
  - Year 2 Swimming
  - Years 5 and 6 Dancing
  - UNSW Digital Technologies Competition
  - Year 9ADM PASS to Gymnastics
  - JS After School Art Club
  - Secondary School Library and Careers Information Evening 7:30pm in the Library

- **Wednesday, 20 May**
  - Choir for Years 1-6 at 8:00am
  - K-6 Jump Rope for Heart

- **Thursday, 21 May**
  - JS Rugby League Catholic and Independent Cup
  - SRE at East Gosford Public School for selected Year 11 students
  - MUNA for selected Years 9, 10 and 11 students

**Reminders**

**Car Boot Sale**

Green Point Baptist Church invites you to a Market Day and Car Boot Sale to be held in the Green Point Baptist Church car park, **Saturday 16 May 2015 from 8:00am to 1:00pm**.

Come and enjoy a morning out and you may even find yourself a bargain. There will be fresh produce, tea, coffee and cold drinks available, as well as a BBQ sausage sizzle. If you would like more information, please phone 4322 0284.

**Entertainment Books**

From every Entertainment™ Book and Entertainment™ Digital Membership we sell, $12 goes towards our fundraising for missions! The more memberships we sell, the more we raise – so please forward this email to your family and friends.


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**CONTACT:** Justine Collins jcollins@gpcc.nsw.edu.au or phone 4363 1266.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

**Green Point Baptist Church**

**Bowling!**

This week we are lining up the tenpins and heading to Wyoming for a night of bowling! We will be meeting at the Bowling Alley, 10 Brooks Avenue, Wyoming at 6:45pm and pick-up will be from the same place at 9:15pm. The cost for the evening will be $16. For more information about Friday night please contact Will Richards on 0424 278 948 or at will@gpbc.net.au.

**Xplode**

We are now three weeks into our Mini-Olympics, with five countries battling it out each week to win the medals and prizes. We are going to continue having a great time competing with each other in challenges of brain and brawn. We have got a great list of Olympic events lined up for this week, so don’t miss out!

Xplode is a K-6 Kids Club Program which runs each Thursday afternoon during school term. For an afternoon of epic games, afternoon tea, craft, songs, Bible talks and more, come along on Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm - 5:30pm in the Jacaranda Room. For more information regarding Xplode or to pick up a registration form, please contact GPBC’s Youth Pastor, Will Richards at will@gpbc.net.au, or on 0424 278 948. Get ready to Xplode!
Week 5 Term 2
Monday, 18.05.2015
Rhonda Campbell
Tuesday, 19.05.2015
- 
Wednesday, 20.05.2015
Katrina Presten, Katrina O’Brien
Thursday, 21.05.2015
Cassandra Carblis, Melissa Olsen
Friday, 22.05.2015
Ann McLellan, Kylie Scott

Coast Shelter Restaurant
346 Mann Street, Gosford
If you would like to be on the roster, please email office@gpbc.net.au or 0432 490 975.

16 May 2015
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
 Helpers: Cherylee Corcoran, Jo Schofield,
 John Campbell, Sonia Dawes, Tosca Brand.

23 May 2015
OIC and Food Pickup: William Arnot
Kitchen Manager: Tony Herbert
 Helpers: Bonnie Gardiner, LeanneDavey,
 Phil Reynolds, Suzie Morris.

Term Dates 2015
Term 2, 2015
Monday 20 April 2015 to Friday 26 June 2015

Term 3, 2015
Monday 20 July 2015 to Friday 18 September 2015

Term 4, 2015
Tuesday 6 October 2015 to Wednesday 9 December 2015

Uniform Shop

Operating Times
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday during the School Term:
8:30am - 11:00am
(Closed Wednesdays)
Afternoons by appointment only.
Alternate ways to make purchases:
1. Write items on a lunch order bag, enclose cash or cheque and lodge through the Canteen.
2. Lodge order and payment through Reception.
3. Phone order to Uniform Shop and pay by credit card.
4. Email uniform@gpcc.nsw.edu.au
Always include your child’s name and Year Group for delivery. Credit card slips and a receipt are always issued.

For Sale: 1996 Toyota Starlet three door auto. Perfect learners/beginners car. Easy to drive, low kilometres for age and only driven locally. Great stereo! $3100 ono Call Bruce on 0425 259 951.

Guitar Tuition: Lachlan Raeside (past GPC student) still has some places available for any keen students who would like some fun and enjoyable tuition. Beginners are welcome! Call Lachlan on 0435 894 017.

Piano Tuition: Piano lessons available with flexible hours at the College or in Springfield. For more information contact Eleanor Campey on 0433 453 623.


Tutoring: Literacy and Maths - Primary Grades 1-6. Specialist teacher in additional needs and learning difficulties. Ring Pam 0419 434 951.

Guitar Tuition: Experienced guitar teacher, female. Terrigal area. $25 per half hour lesson. A Working With Children Check is held. Phone Kathryn 0434 574 457.

Art Exhibition “Nest and Nature”: Featuring artworks by Robyn Pedley, Rhonda Castle and Christine Friend. 21 May - 4 June at Bobbie P. Gallery, 11 Alison Rd Wyong. Opening Night Thursday 21 May, 6-8pm (RSVP) info@bobbiepgallery.com P: 0490 061 949.

Firewood For Sale: $130 per cubic metre. Split and dry. All proceeds go to assist College missions. Phone Brian 0404 478 341.

Piano Tuition: Beginner musicians to advanced students catered for by Harry Stowe at school on Fridays. HSC students welcomed. Harry can also accompany students in HSC performance practical exams. Please call Harry for further details 0423 821 940.

House for Rent at Green Point: Fully furnished 4 bedroom, rumpus room, double garage, pool, water views, from 23 September 2015 to Mid January 2016. Phone 0425 275 705 for more details.