Mrs Debra Walls | Principal

Always Remember Who You Are In Christ

During conference week this year we were blessed to have Rev Bob Frisken join us and share ideas and challenges. Bob is considered one of the founding fathers of Christian education and is a wise and Godly man. He spoke to us about the notion that secularism is alive and well and that the idea that God is irrelevant is subtly, and openly pervading every aspect of our existence.

The idea of secularism or humanism appears attractive and neutral and normal – everyone can have their own personal beliefs as long as they don’t impinge on my personal beliefs. Yet this can be quite harmful to our young people who are looking for boundaries and structure. The hidden curriculum of our society represented through the media and our social networking sites suggests that to be happy we need to gain more possessions, to gratify all our desires and to accept that God is an outdated idea and that what we see is all there is to life.

However, we know that this is not so and hence at Green Point Christian College we take our role of educating students in an understanding of Christian doctrine and Biblical values very seriously. During the holidays I read an article by Julia Baird titled Good, Better, Best, Never Let It Rest in which she reflected on resolutions to improve themselves documented by American teenagers in the 19th and 20th centuries – one wrote “resolved to think before speaking, to work seriously, to be dignified and interest myself more in others.” Today, says Baird, improvement tends to be “couched almost entirely in physical terms – lose weight, get new haircut, new clothes.”

Relinquishing control of my life to God will equip me and shape my character and fill me to overflowing with all I need as 2 Peter 1:5-8 so eloquently tells me:

“Make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Congratulations to all the Award Recipients at our Secondary School Thanksgiving Assembly for 2012.
Missions and Service

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.”

Cambodia Mission – December 2013

I am excited to announce that GPCC will be sending a Mission Team to Cambodia in conjunction with Samaritan’s Purse in December of this year. The team will be made up of a maximum of 14 students from Years 10 and 12 and will be led by Mrs Justine Collins. Tentative dates are from 7 - 17 December 2013.

An information letter for parents will be available for students to collect after Chapel in Week 3 of Term 1 (13 February). There will be an Information Night for interested parents and students on Thursday 21 February at 7.00 pm in the Staff Common Room. Applications to participate will be accepted after the Information Night.

The College community will be able to partner with Samaritan’s Purse and our Mission Team through fundraising for children’s education. We will be supporting two programs: “Chickens for Kids” (to generate income to send children to school) and “Pedals for Pupils” (providing students with bicycles to get to school).

“Becoming a Community of Prayer”

The theme for Secondary Chapel this Term is “Becoming a Community of Prayer”. We will be exploring what Jesus taught about the importance of prayer and some of the great prayers in the Old and New Testaments.

Prayer at the Pole – Thursday 21 February

“Prayer at the Pole” will be held in a few weeks. This is for all students, parents and friends of GPCC. Please come along to pray for the College, our local area and beyond. It will be held outside the administration building, by the flagpoles, from 8.15 to 8.45 am.
Nebo News - Secondary G&T

Solution to last week’s challenge:
‘One ought to wait for tea’ (One, nought, two, eight, forty)

Last year a group of current Year 10 students started a website: http://www.savedbygraceaustralia.com/

Please take the time to have a look at what they have done and see this exciting outreach opportunity unfold.

Challenge of the Week:
In Mr Mills’ exotic animal collection, all but four of the creatures are lizards, all but four are snakes and all but four are frogs. How many creatures are there in total?

Solution: next week

Prayer

In HIS Strength – “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.” Phil 4:13

Please join us for prayer in the Staff Common Room on Tuesdays @ 2pm till 3.15pm. Contact Ann McLellan 0400 349 429. For prayer requests please fill out the blue form at Reception in the College Office or let Justine know.

School Photo Dates

8.3.2013 - Secondary School photos
28.3.2013 - Junior School photos

GPCC Netball Club Registration Day

15 February 2013 2:30pm – 4:00pm
16 February 2013 9:00am – 11:00am

Registration is near the MPC. All Registrations must be in by 16 February 2013. If you have any queries regarding registration please do not hesitate to contact the President, Karen Atkin: Karen.ian@optusnet.com.au

If you wish to sell your old uniform we will purchase them for $15.00 a piece. Please bring your uniform washed and labelled for sale to our Club Registration Day(s).

Secondhand uniforms are available for purchase: $20.00 for skirt or top.

New uniforms will also be available; $40.00 for skirt or top.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our Uniform Convenor Michelle Stewart: candmsteard@westnet.com.au

See our website for more information on GPCC Netball Club.

Upcoming dates

- Thursday, 7 February
  Years 5 & 6 Cricket Trials
- Friday, 8 February
  Primary Swimming Carnival
- Monday, 11 February
  JS Mandarin Club
- Tuesday, 12 February
  Primary Super 8s Cricket GD Nth & Sth Competition
- Wednesday, 13 February
  Year 7 Camp (Until Fri 15 Feb)
- Thursday, 14 February
  Year 7 Camp
- Friday, 15 February
  Year 7 Camp
  CIS Sec. Girls Cricket Trials

Uniform Shop - Change to Opening Times

Commencing next week and for the remainder of Term 1 the Uniform Shop will open from 8.30 am to 11.00 am EVERY SCHOOL DAY.

Afternoon trading by arrangement if required by contacting Mrs Alex Ritchie.

Parking and Drop Off

To ensure the safety of students and especially small children NO students are to be dropped off in the Student or Staff Car Park.

GP Youth

We had a great weekend welcoming our new Youth Pastor, Will Richards to Green Point Baptist. We’re excited about the year to come. Youth Group will be in the new Youth Room this Friday, at our new time of 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Come along and join the fun!

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.

www.gpbc.net.au
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).
Journey2Success4Mums presents:

“Enjoying Motherhood”
- a 4 Step Small Group Coaching Program

Empowering Mums to enjoy Life, Love & Relationships

- You will create timeout to think and reflect on the best way to enhance joy as a modern day mum.
- You will recharge emotionally, physically and spiritually.
- You will reduce your stress levels by organizing a ‘Juggle Management’ system that restores control and balance.
- You will impart fun into every day family life.

Structure: 4 face-to-face group sessions and 1 one-on-one 45 min coaching phone session
Commencing: Wednesday 20th February 2013
Where: Journey2Success4Mums Avoca Office
When: Wednesday morning group 9.30-11.00am and Wednesday night group 7.30-9.00pm
Numbers: 4 Mums only per group
Cost: $149 payable before the program commences

Kylie McGillivray
Coach 4 Mums

About Kylie -
I have a B.A. Majoring in Psychology and Sociology and a Certificate 4 in Life Coaching. I am a friendly, committed Christian who values faith, relationships, family, work/life balance, health & fitness, achievement and personal growth. I am passionate about mums reaching their potential for success in life!

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Call, text or email Kylie today to book your place. Individual coaching programs are also available.
Chapel

I talked last week in Chapel about knitting. A knitted garment is fire resistant, warm without making you sweat but more than anything, strong; when the wool is knitted together it won’t be coming apart in a hurry. King David most likely didn’t knit much but understood enough of the process when he said to unknown soldiers hoping to join him “if you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart shall be knit to you”. In other words, you can depend long term and rely on me. I explained to the children that if hearts are to be knit together we need to offer friendship that is kind, trustworthy and loyal. My hope is there will be plenty of knitting in our playground this year; maybe some of the woollen variety but mostly to do with the heart.

Dates

Hopefully you added to your calendar many of the upcoming events I included in last week’s Messenger. There are two changes so be aware of the following:

Infants Swim Carnival moved from March 22nd to March 15th
Mothers’ Day Stall moved from May 9th to May 7th.

Swimming Carnival

We are ready to have a great time together on Friday. I am hoping by now all notes are returned so transport arrangements are finalised. If new to the College, come prepared for a loud but exciting day. A Canteen operates but many choose to bring their own food. Please make sure class teachers are notified when taking children home.

Appeal

One of our delightful Junior School mums is soon to be facing a significant operation. Many of her friends are attending a special dinner this weekend at which they hope to conduct an auction with all proceeds to Breast Cancer research. If you run a local business and have something that you could donate for the auction please contact Bronwyn Panagis on 0414 271 308.

Grade Parent Meeting

This Thursday I am hoping to meet with existing grade parents or potential new ones at 2.15 pm in the Staff Common Room (SCR), all welcome.

Year 12 Carpark

Just a reminder to mums and dads to use only the main carpark for drop off/pick up and not the Year 12 space next to the service station.

Book Covering

A very big thank you to all the mums (and maybe a few dads) who helped with covering books and having them returned to school ready for lessons.

After School Activities

This term after school there are Mandarin lessons running on Mondays from 3.30 – 4.15 pm. Contact Nathalie on 0430 286 590. As well, a Soccer Clinic will operate on Thursday afternoons. Further information is included on the next page.
Total Football Academy

TFA will be running an After School Soccer Program in Term 1 2013 at Green Point Christian College. Registration Forms will be distributed during a free demonstration. During the six week program games will be played inside an inflatable Soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. Start date: Thursday 21 February, Prep - Year 6, 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm. Sign up online at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.

Netball

Sign on for the GPCC Netball Club is coming up on Friday 15 February and Saturday 16 February. Please see the flyer below. For more information visit www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au and click on the GPCC Netball Club link to download a Registration Form.

Green Point Christian College

Netball Club

2013

GPNC holds a Netball Sports Competition in winter for GPCC girls, which commences in April until August 2013.

Our Netta Netball Teams are perfect for girls aged 6 to 9 years that will learn a modified game of Netball with skilled coaches.

Netta Netball is perfect for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Girls.

Netta Netball plays on Saturdays at 8:45am at Adcock Park, West Gosford. Training times are determined by the Coach and Manager of each team.

Registrations Days: Friday 15 February 2 - 4pm
or Saturday 16 February 9 - 11am

Please encourage your daughter to try Netta Netball if she shows an interest in learning Netball. She will enjoy representing her School on Saturday and get to play with other friends from her year.

Enquiries

President: Karen Atkin karen.ian@optusnet.com.au
Coaching Convener: Corinna Reynolds creynolds@gpcc.nsw.edu.au
Netta Information: Danielle Goodey goodey@bigpond.net.au
What is PEER SUPPORT?

Year 7 have settled in well and have now had two sessions with their Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. The Peer Support program teaches students a range of skills to deal positively and proactively with life experiences, develop a sense of self-worth and belonging and encourages taking responsibility for decisions and actions. Students are allocated into groups of 6-9 and work through a series of activities covering a range of skills and concepts, which are led by two Peer Leaders. Peer Support happens in Devotion time each Friday in Term 1.

Moving into Middle School represents a significant change for students, as they adjust to a new situation that is quite different from their experiences in Primary School. Working through the program provides students with opportunities to get to know others in their Home Class as well as their Peer Leaders. The program is designed to assist younger students to become familiar and confident with their school, teachers and new routines. Time is given to assist students to learn how to manage and organise their time effectively.

Research has shown when students form close connections with their peers they are more likely to have a satisfying and successful school experience. You can support your child by asking them about the Peer Support Program and encourage ongoing communication between your child, home and school.

Lockers

Lockers are now being allocated with priority given to Year 7 students. If a student requires a locker, they need to supply a lock and visit the student window at the office to have a locker allocated.

Year 7 Camp - Only a Few Days To Go!

Year 7 set off for Deer Park next Wednesday 13 February at 8.00 am. The aim of the camp is to allow students to get to know each other through a variety of activities - from water slides to sailing, fishing and a movie night.

A Few Reminders:

- Students’ medication needs to be given to Mrs McLarty on Wednesday morning prior to departure, in a zip-lock bag.
- No nuts of any kind, or in any form are to be brought to Camp
- Read over Camp letter sent home on Tuesday for what to bring.

Contact Mrs McLarty if you have any questions on jmclarty@gpcc.nsw.edu.au at school on 4367 9938 or on mobile number 0409 473 091.

Middle School Mathematics

Further to last week’s Messenger item on Middle School Class Formation, Mathematics classes in Middle School are formed using common assessments and teacher recommendations from the previous year. Mathematics is graded as follows:

There is a top graded class labelled Maths 1; there are two identically mixed graded classes labeled Maths 2 and Maths 3 (please ignore the ‘2’ and ‘3’ in the label as this is needed as a class label and for timetabling purposes; the classes are of the same ability and complete the same content). There is a lower graded class labelled Maths 4 for those who have struggled with Maths. All students in Years 7 and 8 study the same course topics and undertake common assessments throughout the year that will form the basis for further grading in the future. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Mathematics Coordinator, Mr Troy Kastelan at the College.
Schools are great places to work and with all of the students back there is such life and excitement. I would like to thank all students who attended the Swimming Carnival particularly Year 12 who brought so much enthusiasm to their final Swimming Carnival at Green Point Christian College. It was great to see that they are going to enjoy the many last moments they will experience this year and create memories that will last them a lifetime. I would also like to thank the majority of students that have worn their uniform well at the beginning of the year.

I would like to highlight a number of things to remember this year.

1. **The Messenger** is one of our primary methods of getting information out to parents. Please read it to keep up with all the happenings that occur during the year. It can be accessed from our web page.

2. **Year Advisers** are usually the group of people you need to contact if your child is experiencing problems at the College. These dedicated people are: Year 9 Mr Keith Mills, Year 10 Miss Shae Simpson, Year 11 Mr Matthew Newell and Year 12 Mr Graham Crawford.

3. **Detentions** must be attended by a student who has stepped outside the boundaries of the College rules and we really need parents’ support in their implementation. They are not given out without careful consideration and the desire to influence change in a student.

4. **Uniform** policy must be adhered to during the year. A student may only wear the Sports uniform on a day they have practical PDHPE or PASS.

5. **Parent/Teacher Night** is on 26 February for Years 7 and 12. Further information will be directed out in the Newsletter and your PIN number will be available online through our web site from Tuesday 19 Feb. Instructions on how to obtain your PIN will be posted in next week’s Newsletter.

6. **Attendance** Every student needs to be at school at 8.45 am and must attend Devotions. If a student is late they must sign in at the back window of the College Office but this should be an exception not the rule. If a student is leaving early for an appointment they must sign out at the back window of the College Office before they leave.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Zone Swimming Carnival is on Friday 1 March. Please make sure that all students who qualified to represent the College attend this event.

**Change of Elective Years 9 and 11**

No more changes to Electives will be made after February 8. Forms for change must be completed before this date.
Junior School Sport

Congratulations to the following people who have been selected to lead their Houses in 2013:

**Eua Eagles**
- Captains: Cerys O’Grady-Cousins, Liam Ferguson
- Vice Captains: Abbie Harkness, Jed Cullen/Kai Nicholson
- House Patron: Mrs Davis

**Ha’apai Hurricanes**
- Captains: Tia Poll, Declan Squire
- Vice Captains: Breanna Reynolds, Bryce Lace
- House Patron: Mrs Munro

**Taloa Warriors**
- Captains: Brooklyn Tadman, Nathan Thomas
- Vice Captains: Olivia McGarvey, Ethan Short/Matthias
- House Patron: Mr Wardrop

**Va’vau Breakers**
- Captains: Kirsty Rowe, Gabriel Sohn
- Vice Captains: Jordon Lyons, James Linnet
- House Patron: Mrs Livette-Vial

Primary Swimming Carnival

House T-Shirts will be for sale at the Primary Swim Carnival this Friday 8 February at a cost of $15. Children may wear these to all School Carnivals throughout the year and also for House Sport on Fridays.

Oztag

Oztag starts back this week for the next three weeks. Please check the Central Coast Junior Oztag Website for times and field allocations. We have certainly been competitive in this Competition with many teams through to Finals. Well done to all Players, Coaches and Managers.

Mr Nathan Lambert - Primary Sport Coordinator

Mrs Corinna Reynolds
Secondary Sport

Exodus 4:10-12: But Moses pleaded with the LORD, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.” Then the LORD asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.”

This scripture reminds me of when I was playing Rugby for Randwick in Sydney. It was at the end of my first season after finishing School and I had a great year. I was promoted from U/19s straight to First Grade Colts (U/21s), which was unheard of as players were usually promoted from the grade below – 2nd grade promoted to 1st grade, 3rd grade promoted to 2nd grade, etc.

I received a phone call from the Club Manager explaining that the U/19s Waratahs were interested in me and that I was to go to the Squad Training Session that night. It was a dream come true. At the end of the Training Session I was given the news that there had been a mistake and that I was not meant to be there. This was the worst news I could have possibly heard. Sadly, my next year of Football spiralled and I could only make 2nd Grade. The thing that held me back was my self esteem. I questioned my abilities based on what someone had said to me. At that time, my identity was not in Christ and therefore, I questioned what I would do in life. Some time later, after giving up my selfish ways and realising that God had so much more for my life, I came across this scripture and realised that I believed the lie within myself that I wasn’t good enough and that I would never amount to much. Like Moses in these verses, I too questioned what God had put inside me and because I didn’t have my identity in Christ at the time, I failed to believe that God could do anything.

So often in Sport, we are let down; whether never being in the best team due to politics or just missing out. Our identity needs to be in Christ and allow his will to be done in our lives. If sporting success is what He has destined for you then the opportunities will come! Keep your identity in Christ and He will always make a way.

Secondary Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday 31 January, GPCC held their Annual Secondary Swimming Carnival at Mingara. The day was a great success and congratulations to Eua Eagles as the winning House. There was some fantastic racing in the pool and it was great to see so many participate for their Houses. A highlight was seeing a strong Year 12 presence. Thank you to the PE Department for all of their hard work leading up to and during the Carnival. Thanks also to all the staff that helped on the day as well as the student helpers for their willingness to serve in whatever way they were asked.

Touch Trials

This week we have Trials taking place for THACCSA Touch Football. Students who fit into 15 and Under or Opens, both boys and girls, need to put their names down outside the PDHPE Office. The training/trials will commence next week on Monday and Thursday. The Gala Day will be held on Monday 25 February at Wallsend.
For Sale: Senior Boys Trousers (taupe colour) size 18R, hardly worn $25. Please phone 0416 011 714.

For Sale: Full size Enrico Student Violin with quality strings (makes it sound much better than standard strings). Approx 7 years old, very good condition, with basic case, bow, jaw rest, and low shoulder rest. No need to risk buying violin of questionable quality online -this one’s proven its worth- $125 ono. Phone Bronwyn Rich, 0403 904 308 or 4328 2631.

Wanted: Men’s soccer players (All age). Calling male Soccer players in the College community! Green Point Baptist Church is putting together a men’s Soccer team to play in the Central Coast Church competition in Grade C. All ages are welcome. A great way to play fun and social soccer! If you are interested please contact Bob Hooper on 0416 017 521 or email: bob@gpbc.net.au.

Wanted to Purchase: Second Hand Senior Blazer size 15 in good condition. If you think you may have one to sell me please contact Anna Walsh 0404 568860.

Tutor: Past GPCC student, Matthew Losurdo offering tutoring in Maths Year 12, and also Maths K - 11. Available anytime Wednesdays. Contact 0412 723 897.
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):________________________________

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

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Please note that my son/daughter __________________________________________ Year: __________
was absent on ___________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

The reason for their absence was: Sickness ☐ Doctor’s Appt. ☐
Other Appointment ☐ Holiday ☐ Other: __________________________

Signature: _________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: __________________________________________