Educating and Nurturing

I hope things have settled well for all our College families. We need always to remember that God has placed all of us at Green Point Christian College for a purpose and given students, teachers, family and friends unique opportunities to serve Him here.

During conference week our staff had the pleasure of listening to Laszlo Demeter, who is the Regional Director of the Association of Christian Schools International – European Region.

He spoke about growing up in a communist country and the restrictions this placed on his life. After becoming a Christian he wanted to become a teacher, but was initially stopped from following his desire because the communists realised the incredible influence teachers have in moulding and shaping the lives of students and hence were very circumspect about who they chose.

At Green Point Christian College our staff takes very seriously the role we play in educating and nurturing the whole child, and we love that God has called us to the College to be part of such a noble commission. We live in a world where messages change so often but the message of Jesus is not subject to flux, but remains unchanged across cultural boundaries and time. It is a message of hope, and when I listened to Laszlo I was reminded again that Green Point Christian College is part of a worldwide group of educators who prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Our vision is Excellence in Christ Centred Education, and this involves the education of the whole person, for we are all made in the image of God, and need to do all things to bring honour and glory to His name and to take every opportunity to serve Him. Without a vision the people perish, the Bible tells us, and part of what we have created here at the College is a community of God’s people who have a wonderful story to tell. Everything we do and say must be said and done so “that in all things God might have pre-eminence.” Colossians 1:18.

@GPCC – an update to Year 7 and Year 9 Parents

I will be formalising this with a letter, however we are holding back the introduction of @GPCC by a Term, hence we will begin the program at the beginning of Term 3.

Building Program

During the next few months you will see activity around the College as we begin what will be a significant building program with a four room addition to E Block. This will include two Science labs and two general purpose learning rooms and eventually the building of a new TAS block.
Reflection

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” Ephesians 4:29

God has given us so much teaching on unity in his Word that it is not surprising to find a recurring theme, as seen above from Ephesians, centering on the careful use of our words. Here Paul is addressing the Ephesians and reminding them of the powerful effect their words have in creating a community of believers who not only care for each other, but are dynamically alive and growing in Christ’s likeness. The challenge I issued to our children in Chapel last week, was to think carefully before using their words and to make their words count. I shared with them an acronym my mother shared with me as a child. Here it is: T.H.I.N.K.

I’m sure you’ll agree that this challenge is not just for children but for all of us. On that note let me encourage you with my words. Thank you for your part in contributing to the wonderful start up to the school year. For ensuring your child is wearing correct uniform, for providing the resources your child needs to participate fully, for getting your child to school on time each day, for labelling everything. All of these incidentals do not go unnoticed nor unappreciated by us...thank you! It seems that children, parents and staff are humming along.

Choir

Choir began on Wednesday morning this week. All children from Years 1-6 are welcome to attend and should meet Mrs Munro in the CAPA theatre at 8am.

Green Point Netball Club

Netball season is drawing ever nearer. Whether a seasoned player or new to the sport – ALL are most welcome to participate. Training is usually held at various times during the week and competition games are played at Adcock Park every Saturday morning. Check the website for registration details. The next Registration Day is Saturday 8 February, 9 - 11:30 am outside the MPC.

Oztag Competition

Both Kincumber and Central Coast Grammar School recommence next week. Please check the Central Coast Website for draws and time of play.

Parent Helpers

I am keen to hear from any parent or grandparent who would like to assist some of our students in refining Literacy skills. Full training will be provided. You would need to be committed to volunteering regularly from 9-10am or 10-10:40am each day or on a rotational basis. Please email me: jstowe@gpcc.nsw.edu.au if you’d like further information.

Chess

We had an overwhelmingly positive response to the new tutoring program offered. Unfortunately with limited numbers the class was well and truly filled at the end of 2013. A waiting list has been created and those who have missed out this time will be notified if we are able to accommodate additional tuition groups.

Drama

Drama class kicked off on Monday afternoon. All participants seemed to be having a ball...or were they acting...hmm!
Junior School News

Sport in School
To gasps of familiar excitement, Sport in Schools Program has returned to us again this year. Keep your eyes on the oval and basketball area as you arrive each Tuesday morning to appreciate the variety of equipment and activities your children have each week. It’s AMAZING.

Primary Swimming Carnival
Just a reminder that Thursday February 6 is the big day when Mingara Aquatic Centre hosts our Primary Swimming Carnival. A separate letter was sent home detailing specific information with reply slips that should have already been returned to class teachers. Don’t forget to come along and cheer for your child’s house.

Communication
Don’t forget to pass on your current email address to class teachers. This is the best way to receive reminders of the happenings in your child’s classroom. Secondly, it is really important that you make a time to meet privately with your child’s class teacher if you’d like to discuss specific issues. The playground is not always the best environment to discuss personal details.

Travel Arrangements
This information is vital for child safety. Providing your child’s daily travel arrangements to your class teacher via email helps to ensure that each afternoon your child arrives home as expected. The College Office keeps a copy of this information and it is used to guide children if they are ever confused. Please provide this detail as soon as possible.

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Scholastic Book Club Order
Your class teachers would have handed out the Scholastic brochures some time this week. If you would like to order from these brochures please make sure the following is done:
1) Your child’s name and class MUST be filled in on the order section.
2) Please mark the book you need.
3) All money needs to be in a sealed envelope or bag with your child’s name and class clearly labelled.
4) All cheques are to be made out to ‘Scholastic Australia’ – NOT the College.
5) Return your orders to Mrs Davis by the due date.

The due date for Issue 1 is Week 4 Monday 17 February 2014. Your support of this Book Club benefits the college as we are able to purchase resources through the redemption of points donated by Scholastic. Thank you for your help. Mrs Fay Davis

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Reminders

School Photos
Advance notice is given for school photo days. Please put these dates in your diary:
- Friday, 7 March
  Secondary School photos
- Thursday, 13 March
  Junior School photos

XPLODE
(formerly known as GPBC Kids Club) starts this Thursday for children in K-6.

For more information and how to register see page 11.
It is great to see a peaceful relaxed start to the year with students coming back with very positive attitudes. I am particularly happy with the overall standard of uniform right throughout the Secondary School. I pray that everyone will have a wonderful 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 webpage. Go to: [http://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au/)

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 7 - Mrs Rachael Wilesmith, Year 8 - Mrs Rebecca Gavin, Year 9 - Mrs Lisa Glen, Year 10 - Mr Keith Mills, Year 11 - Miss Shae Simpson, and Year 12 - Mr Matthew Newell.

3. **Detentions** must be attended by a student who has stepped outside the boundaries of the College and we really need parent's 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** - 25 February for Years 7 and 12. Further information appears below.

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 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 Office before they leave.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Year 7 and Year 12

Interviews for Year 7 and Year 12 students are on Tuesday 25 February, from 4pm until 7.30pm in the MPC. Because Year 12 is such a vital year for the students, bookings for these interviews will be open two days earlier than the Year 7 bookings, to ensure that all Year 12 parents have an opportunity to see their children’s teachers. The bookings for Year 12 will therefore be open from Monday 17 February, from 9am and Year 7 bookings will be open from Wednesday 19 February. Year 7 parents, please note that there is another opportunity to speak with teachers on Tuesday 1 April, so please don’t worry if you find there are not times available in this round. Bookings have changed slightly from previous interviews so please read the following: Bookings are done through the internet, and you will need to access the PTO site to acquire a PIN number so you can make your bookings. This is done by opening our new web page, and from the home page, click on the drop down menu called “News”, then click on “Upcoming Events”. You will see the PTO icon on that page. Click on the PTO icon, and select the first line on the right hand side, which says “Obtain PIN/password”. You will need to enter your email address (that you have previously supplied to the College). You will receive an email with a secure link which will take you straight into PTO, bypassing the usual login screen, and the need to remember another PIN. Follow the prompts from there and book the times to see the teachers that you want to see.

If you have any problems acquiring access, or if your email address isn’t the current one, please phone the College Office for assistance.

Year 7 News

Class Formation - Year 7

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

Year 7 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 Year 7 there is an A-stream (2 streamed classes) and a B-Stream (3 mixed ability classes). All students will complete the same units of work and undertake common tasks throughout the year.
Week 2
Secondary School News

Year 7 Home Teachers: Mrs De Witte (7E), Mr Haines (7H), Mrs Stylianou (7K), Mrs Kratochvil (7P) and Mr Hook (7M)

Year 7 Camp 12 - 14 February: Year 7 Camp is next week. 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 College Office or directly to Mrs Wilesmith by the end of this week. A letter was sent home with reminders about Camp, so please ensure you read this carefully. Students will be selecting friends for their cabins this week.

Year 7 Mathematics Classes

Mathematics classes in Year 7 are formed using common assessments and teacher recommendations from the previous year. Mathematics classes are graded as follows. In the top stream there is one top graded class. Whilst the top class may be stretched using some extension material, they will sit common assessments with the rest of the grade. In the second stream, there are three identically mixed classes; these classes are of the same ability and again, will sit common assessments with the rest of the grade. There is a third stream for those who have struggled with Maths in the past with the class being slightly smaller in number to offer some more specific assistance, however they will also sit common assessments with the rest of the grade.

Whilst the goal of the classes is to challenge students given their natural ability and talent through either extension or assistance, all students in Years 7 and 8 study the same topics from the NSW syllabus and undertake common assessments throughout the year that will form the basis for grading in Year 9 and further into the future.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Mathematics Coordinator, Mr Troy Kastelan at the College.

Year 7 Girls: If you are interested in playing Netball this year for the GPCC Netball Club, please come and see Mrs Wilesmith for a registration Form and details about registration. It is a great way to meet new friends and have some fun playing a great sport on a Saturday morning at Adcock Park. Beginners welcome!

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 Tuesday in Term 1.

Moving into Secondary 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 for 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.

What Is Rock And Water?

Rock and Water was a program originally designed for boys to enable them to defend themselves on one hand and teach them how to deal with conflicts and problems in a different way to the other. The program has been so successful that a course for girls was developed too. The program teaches students social skills, awareness of their own bodies and self-control. It teaches students when to stand strong “like a rock” and when to “go with the flow” like water. Rock and Water sessions run during Year 7 Learning for Life lessons on Wednesdays. Each Year 7 class will do eight sessions of Rock and Water. Students are asked to wear their sport uniform as the sessions involve a fair amount of movement. It is led by Mr Rosee (Secondary School Counsellor) and Mr Haines (Year 7 Home Teacher).

Year 8 Drama Classes

Year 8 students are asked to please wear PE uniform on their Drama day, to allow for better movement in the class. 8K (Mon Red), 8E (Wed Red), 8M (Mon Blue) and 8H (Wednesday each week).
Vaccinations

For Year 7 Students

NSW School-Based Vaccination Program

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

From this year Boys in NSW high schools will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

Year 7 students will be offered:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) for all Year 7
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) offered to both male and female students (a 3-dose course over a six month period)
- Hepatitis B vaccine for all Year 7 students who have never received a course of Hep B vaccine as a baby
- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine for all Year 7 students who have not previously received this vaccine or had chickenpox

Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians within the next week. Please return these to the College by Thursday 27 February.

The first round of vaccinations for Year 7 will take place on Monday 3 March.

Please note that for the HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the Consent form.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination. The College does NOT keep a record of these vaccinations as they are a NSW Health initiative.

For Year 9 Students

NSW School-Based Vaccination Program

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

From this year the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 9 male students (a 3-dose course over a six month period). Students who do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in the following year.

Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians within the next week. Please return these to the College by Thursday 27 February.

The first round of vaccinations for Year 9 will take place on Monday 3 March.

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School Musical

The Junior and Secondary Schools will join forces this year in a musical entitled, “Children of Eden”. As the name implies, it is the story of Eden and the Father’s relationship with his children both in the garden, in the wilderness and during the flood. Information will be sent home to relevant folk over the coming weeks. There are roles for all ages, although not all are singing or acting, and we’re looking forward to a real bonding experience for all. Watch this space for requests of help etc.

K Rochford (on behalf of CAPA)
Year 10 2013 – Urban Challenge Camp

“You will only be allowed to take ONE backpack, filled with EVERYTHING you’ll need for THREE days”...

I think we were all too busy folding our T-shirts into bite-sized piles to think about what we’d really need on Camp. Physical endurance, mental strength, never ending patience for backpacks, and more than that, a type of patience and teamwork that we’d never experienced before.

Gosford Park was alive with colours, patterns, people from different nationalities and Mario look-a-likes as Year 10 split into teams to begin their “Amazing Race” camp on 4 December 2013. After getting off the train at Central Station, we began our journey to race against each other, and the clock, to find clues all around the big, historic city we call Sydney and create our own race to the finish line.

Let’s just say we discovered that there’s a lot more to the name “Sydney” than just the Harbour Bridge and seemingly endless streets of high-rise buildings. Along the way we ferried across to Manly, travelled on a bus that just happened to break down half way and took surfing lessons at Long Reef, where some of us were professionals, some of us tried to look good, and let’s be honest, some of us were even struggling with the white wash. However, the beautiful walk to Collaroy was a view we all took our cameras out for.

From youth hostels, to bowling alleys. From Manly to Chinatown. From the beach to the city streets. We saw it all. We walked, we ached, we travelled, we discovered, we argued, we laughed, we bartered (for a delicious meal of Sun Ching Wang… whatever) and most of all, we learnt what it meant to be a team. All of us, with our different strengths, brought something different to the word “Team” and made the blisters and the aching backs worth every step.

I’m sure we’d all like to say a big thank you to Miss Simpson and the wonderful staff who were very patient and dedicated to the teams and who were just as into the competition as we were. Also, thank you to the Urban Challenge leaders and organisers who made the camp worth remembering.

The Camp was an experience of many words. Some people were “frustrated”, some were “excited” and some were even happy to be feeling “responsible for everything that happens”. But, all in all, I’m sure if you asked any of the Year 11s they’d say quite certainly that it won the competition against a study camp with flying colours. The Urban Challenge experience taught us a lot about others, a lot about ourselves, and a lot about the big, wide, world we live in.

By Isabella Evans

Careers

Information regarding Careers is now on our web site.

Click here www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au and follow the links (News  Careers) to go to our Careers

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Open Boys (over 15s) Basketball Tryout

Any boys interested in trying out should meet Mr Mclellan in the MPC on Thursday 13 February at lunchtime.
What a tremendous opportunity we have at the College to live for Christ in our local community and to witness to others who do not yet know the Good News! Jesus says that his followers are “the light of the world” and exhorts them to “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16). Our aim in the Missions and Service program at the College is to help our students put their faith into action as they minister to and serve others in Christ’s name.

Our ‘Jerusalem’: Serving and witnessing to others at the College and at Green Point Baptist Church

Our ‘Judea and Samaria’: Serving and witnessing to the Central Coast

Our ‘Ends of the Earth’: Serving and witnessing in Regional Australia and the wider world

Lunchtime Bible Study Groups

In the Secondary School, our Year 12 Bible Study Leaders run groups for each Year group which seek to foster fellowship and community with a focus on God’s Word.

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Coast Shelter Restaurant

Students over the age of 16 can volunteer to serve at the Coast Shelter Restaurant (formerly ‘Donnison St’), helping to support and care for the homeless and disadvantaged in our local community. Students will be paired with and work alongside volunteers from Green Point Baptist Church on a roster basis, having the opportunity to serve at least 2-3 times per year. Permission letters and application forms are available from Mr Anderson.

Tragedy in Tonga

Please be in prayer for the islands of Ha’apai in Tonga which were devastated by a severe cyclone in mid-January. Our sister school, Hofangahau College, on the island of Eua was mercifully undamaged, however the islands that were hit have massive damage and most structures have been destroyed. The College will be sending a container of school furniture to assist with the rebuilding work on Ha’apai.
Junior School

Sport Nominations

If you would like your child to be considered for one or more of the following CSSA/CIS Trials in 2014, please email Mr Lambert on nlambert@gpcc.nsw.edu.au by the end of Term 1 Week 3.

- CIS Girls and Boys Basketball; CIS Boys Cricket; CSSA Girls Netball; CSSA Boys Soccer; CIS Girls Soccer; CIS Girls Softball; CIS Boys Rugby Union; CIS Girls Hockey; CIS Girls Softball; CIS Girls and Boys Touch Football.

- IMPORTANT: For students to be considered, they need to be playing regular weekend competition as well as playing at a Level 1/Grade A/Representative level.

House Captains 2014

EUA EAGLES
Captains: Abbie Harkness Andrew Dawson
Vice Captains: Madison Bourke Joseph Marescia

HA’APAI HURRICANES
Captains: Jessica Degeling Bryce Lace
Vice Captains: Adele Leggett Kurt Ferrari

TALOA WARRIORS
Captains: Trinity Marshall Isaac Waddell
Vice Captains: Victoria Samways Connor Grills

VA’VAU BREAKERS
Captains: Jordon Lyons James Linnet
Vice Captains: Emily Liedtke-Aidar Isaiah Brettoner

Green Point Netball Club News

Registrations for 2014

Registration dates for ALL Players intending to play for the 2014 season will be taken on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, 5 February
2:30 - 4:00 pm

Saturday, 8 February
9:00 am - 11:30 am

Both registrations days are outside the MPC.

Net Set Go, Netta, Junior, Cadets and Senior Players are needed to register. Forms can be obtained from the GPCC Website or contact the Registrar, Lyn Maloney.

Email: registrargpcc@gmail.com.

Open Boys (over 15s) Basketball Tryout

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Sport News

Secondary School - Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday, we had our Annual swimming Carnival. The day was a fantastic success and the competition was strong. The top three swimmers from the 13 Yrs Girls 50m Freestyle event was separated by only 5/10th of a second. It is so rewarding to see so many of the Senior students there, and competing with vigour and determination for House points. Thank you to all staff and parents for their efforts on the day which was the major contributing factor for its success.
Sport Dates - Secondary School

Below is the sporting dates for this year. Please feel free to contact me via email (cwellington@gpcc.nsw.edu.au) if you have any questions.

Tuesday 18th February  Secondary Zone Touch Gala Day (Wallsend)

Wednesday 26th February  CIS Boys & Girls Tennis Trials

Friday 28th February  Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival (Mingara)

Friday 7th March  Secondary Zone Touch Gala Day (Wet weather back-up)

Thursday 13th March  CSSA State Secondary Swimming (Homebush)

Thursday 20th March  Secondary Athletics Carnival (Mingara)

Tuesday 25th March  High School Cross Country Carnival

Friday 28th March  CSSA Touch for CIS team (Coffs Harbour) CAW attending

Thursday 3rd April  HS Cross Country (Wet weather back-up)

Tuesday 29th April  CIS Secondary Swimming (Homebush) Night Session

Wednesday 30th April  CIS Secondary Swimming (Homebush) Day Session

Thursday 1st May  CSSA Secondary Rugby League 10s Gala Day

Friday 2nd May  Secondary Zone Soccer GD Girls – Adamstown

Monday 5th May  All Schools Secondary Swimming (Homebush)

Wednesday 7th May  Secondary Netball Trials for CSSA team

Thursday 8th May  Secondary Zone Soccer GD Boys – Adamstown

Thursday 8th May  CIS Girls Open and 15&U Basketball Trials

Friday 9th May  CIS Boys Opens Basketball Trials

Monday 12th May  AICES & CSSA combined 16&U Rugby Trials

Monday 12th May  Secondary Zone Soccer GD (Girls – Mayfield & Boys – Adamstown) (Wet weather back-up)

Wednesday 14th May  CIS Rugby League Trials (South Granville)

Tuesday 20th May  CIS U15 Netball Trials

Tuesday 27th May  CIS Boys & Girls Soccer Trials

Friday 30th May  CSSA State Cross Country (Horsley Park)

Wednesday 4th June  CIS Opens Netball Trials (Mt Annan)

Friday 6th – 9th June  Country School Boys 16&U Rugby Tournament

Thursday 12th June  CIS Cross Country (Eastern Creek)

Monday 16th June  CSSA Secondary Netball Gala Day (Penrith)

Friday 19th July  Zone Futsal Gala Day (Girls-Maitland & Boys-Newcastle)

Thursday 25th July  CIS 15s & Opens Netball Challenge

Thursday 31st July  CSSA Secondary Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day (Jamison Park)

Friday 1st August  Zone Athletics Carnival (Glendale)

Thursday 7th August  Secondary Zone Basketball Gala Day (Maitland)

Wednesday 27th August  CSSA Secondary State Athletics (Homebush)

Monday 1st September  Sec. Zone Netball (National Park) & League 7s (Kentish Ovals) Gala Day

Wednesday 3rd September  CSSA Secondary Oztag Gala Day

Friday 5th September  CSSA Boys & Girls Basketball

Friday 5th September  CIS Athletics (Homebush)

GD (Cambridge Park)

Thursday 9th October  NSW All Schools Athletics

Friday 10th October  NSW All Schools Athletics

Saturday 11th October  NSW All Schools Athletics

Friday 17th October  CSSA State Triathlon

Tuesday 28th October  CSSA State Tennis Gala Day

Wednesday 26th November  Zone under 15 Super 8s Cricket (Wallsend)
College News

College Fees

Parents, if you are yet to return a Fee Payment Details Form please ensure that it is returned to the College by 7 February. All payment plans are to commence this week. If you have not received a school fee statement for 2014, please contact the Accounts Department on 4363 1266. Thank you.

Music Tutor Program

Unlock that God given gift in Music! The Tutoring Program is open again this year for interested students from the whole College (K - 12). Tuition is open for Piano, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Violin, Singing, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Cello, Trombone, Trumpet and Drums. Any students (new and old) who wish to join the Music Tutoring program, please pick up a Registration letter for 2014, from the College Office or from Mr Muir in the Music Department.

Prayer

Every week a few parents meet to lift up the College before God in prayer. If God puts it on your heart to pray for the College, we meet in the Staff Common Room at the new time of 2.00 pm until 3.15 pm on Tuesdays. Contact Ann McLellan on 0400 349 429.

Canteen - Sushi Orders

Sushi can now be ordered from the Canteen on Tuesdays for Wednesdays only. However our supplier has requested that orders for Sushi must be placed through the Canteen only (not supplier) by no later than Tuesday 2.00 pm for delivery for lunch orders on Wednesday.

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- Open Boys (over 15s) Basketball Tryouts in MPC at lunchtime

Reminders

Church Services

Morning - Sunday 9.30 am
Evening - Sunday 5.00 pm

Youth

We have a massive year planned, so if you’re in Secondary School and are looking for a great way to spend your Friday night, come and join us! We meet in the Jacaranda Room (the level above Little Coasties) on Friday nights from 7-9 pm.

For more information contact GPBC’s Youth Pastor, Will Richards. T: 0424 278 948 E: will@gpbc.net.au.

Log on to www.gpbc.net.au for information on Green Point Baptist Church and to listen to audio messages.

Green Point Baptist Church News

This week is the launch of Xplode! You may know it as “Green Point Kids Club”, but this year we are back, bigger than ever and sporting a new name. Each week Xplode will be meeting together on Thursday afternoons for afternoon tea, games, craft, Bible stories and more! This term we are introducing the Tribes system where each child will join either Philippi, Ephesus, Galatia, Corinth or Rome in the battle for Thursday afternoon supremacy. At the end of the term, the winning tribe will be showered in prizes!

When: Thursdays 3.15pm – 5.30pm during school term, starting in Week 2.
Where: The Jacaranda Room (the level above Little Coasties)
Who: Kindergarten to Year 6.
Cost: To cover costs we are asking for $5 per child for the afternoon, or you can book in for the whole term for $40.

Xplode is a joint venture of GPBC and GPCC. In order to continue running, we are in need of volunteers to help with supervising. Any school parents who might be able to help, whether it’s once a term or more regularly, it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact Will Richards below. You wouldn’t be required to organise or run anything on the day, just to help supervise.

All children wanting to attend must register for 2014, even if you have already registered last year. For a registration form, please contact Green Point Baptist’s Youth Pastor, Will Richards at will@gpbc.net.au or on 0424 278 948.

(formerly known as)
Canteen
Week 3 Term 1
Monday, 10.02.2014
Esther Davidson, Lisa Marsh
Tuesday, 11.02.2014
Jackie McKenzie
Wednesday, 12.02.2014
Renae Van Es
Thursday, 13.02.2014
Belinda Slape
Friday, 14.02.2014
Deborah Hibbard, Pat Masters, Lesley Binns-Cahill

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.

15 February 2014
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
Helpers: Arthur Pickersgill, Costa Triantafyllou, Leena Pretlove, Rick Roberts, Tayla Morgan, Warwick/Darcy Ryan

22 February 2014
OIC and Food Pickup: Brian Shaw
Kitchen Manager: Karen Shaw
Helpers: David Smith, Debbby, Vanessa and Elaina Andersson, Natalie Smith, William Arnot.

Term Dates

Term 1, 2014
- Tuesday 28 January 2014 for Years 1 - 6; 7, 11 and 12 to Friday 11 April 2014
- Wednesday 29 January 2014 for Years 8, 9 and 10 to Friday 11 April 2014
- Thursday 30 January for Kinder to Friday 11 April 2014

Term 2, 2014
- Monday 28 April 2014 to Friday 27 June 2014

Term 3, 2014
- Monday 21 July 2014 to Friday 19 September 2014

Term 4, 2014
- Tuesday 7 October 2014 to Thursday 11 December 2014

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 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 Trader:

For Sale: 2008 Holden VE Commodore - Metallic Blue, 3.6 litre, V6 Auto Sedan, Air conditioning and all the normal safety features. 156,000km, regular log book services, no rust, dings or accidents - very straight and reliable car. Most of the kilometres have been freeway running. Ideal family or commuter car. $10,500 - Call Paul 0438 778 978.

Position Vacant: A small professional services business is seeking an experienced accounts/admin person to join their team in Ourimbah. Must be able to do BAS, payroll, superannuation etc. Knowledge of Xero Accounting Package required. Flexible working arrangement – approx. 5 hours per week. Interested applicants should forward their resume and cover letter to Angela Bowen: angela@womenonboards.org.au

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.

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