Mrs Debra Walls | Principal

Always Strive to Trust Him...

What a wonderful few weeks we have had at Green Point Christian College and a very special thank you to all our parents, grandparents and all those special people in the lives of the students of the College who support us through prayer, encouraging words and generous spirits. We are blessed every day to be in partnership with you.

God is good, and as we journey with Him we come to understand the ideas presented in Ecclesiastes: that “for everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven” and that our task, as His children, is to be ready for whatever that season might bring our way and to train our children to understand this guiding principle. Philip Yancy in Stories for the Soul talks of looking back and tracing the guidance of God on his life as ordered and purposefully designed, but says at individual points along the way feeling the exact opposite to be true.

I’m sure there are times we understand exactly what Yancy means. Learning to accept a situation for what it is now, and trusting that God is in control develops a dependence on Him that will take us forward into growth opportunities. Sometimes it may feel like there is no safety net and we are being challenged to step way outside our comfort zone, but as we look back over and over we see God’s hand in every step we took. He is always before us beckoning us on – slowly but surely, and nothing, absolutely nothing can separate us from His loving presence. Comfort comes from this knowledge as Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Photo: Luke Peterson speaks to Senior students at Chapel about his recent experience during the Samaritan’s Purse Vietnam Mission Trip.
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.”

Prayer at the Pole

An invitation to all parents and interested members of the GPCC community – please come and pray!

Prayer is powerful because it depends upon God’s strength rather than our own strength. And because God is all-powerful amazing things can happen as a result of unified prayer! Our desire is to see more and more people in the College and on the Coast come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ!

Please join us to pray for the College, our community and nation on Thursday 21 February from 8.15 - 8.45 am.

“Give Up Your Bed” – Supporting Homelessness In Our Community

The pages of the Gospels are full of examples of Jesus reaching out to the poor and needy of His society, healing the sick, and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. The letters of the apostles likewise exhort followers of Jesus to be mindful of caring for the poor in their midst as an outworking of the Gospel message of transformation through Christ.

Coast Shelter (formerly Donnison Street Restaurant) is encouraging students across the Central Coast to increase their awareness of the issue of homelessness and support reaching out to those in need. GPCC will be partnering with Coast Shelter in “Give up your Bed” over the weekend of 22-24 March – a campaign to raise funds for Coast Shelter. We hope to involve students across the College in supporting this event. More details will follow over the coming weeks.

There will be a sleep out on the GPCC oval for Senior School students on the evening of Saturday 23 March. This will involve a time of prayer and discussion about causes of homelessness and how we can care for the needy on the Coast. Senior School students who wish to participate will be provided with a detailed information letter next week. Students can then register online with the Green Point Christian College team to fundraise for Coast Shelter.

Cambodia Mission Trip Information Evening

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 Year 10 and Year 12 and will be led by Mrs Justine Collins. Tentative dates are from 7-17 December 2013.

There will be an Information Night for interested parents and students on Thursday 21 February at 7.00 pm in the Staff Common Room.
Training Band

When: Starts Thursday 14 February 2013
Time: 8:15 - 9:00 am
Where: CAPA Theatre
Who: All beginner Wind Players welcome from Years 2-6.

Challenge Of The Week:
How is it possible for a farmer to eat two eggs every morning, even though he kept no chickens, he never bought, borrowed or stole any eggs and nobody ever gave him any eggs?
Solution: Next week.

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.

Nebo News - Secondary G&T

Solution To Last Week’s Challenge:
Six - Two of each kind.

Write4fun Competition:
High School students have been encouraged through the Daily Notices to enter the Write4fun short story competition.

There has been great interest and we would love this to continue. Details are also available on the website: www.write4fun.net.au

Future Problem Solving:
Future Problem Solving is a team based interschool competition that involves following a six step process to overcome challenges from a scenario that is set in the future. The three topics for this year, in order are: 1. Culture of Celebrity 2. Robotic Age 3. Megacities. It will be starting in Week 4. We have three teams that will be entering. We wish them all the best. The Future Problem Solving website is: www.fsp.org.au

GPCC Netball Club Registration Day

15 February 2013 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

16 February 2013 9.00 am – 11.00 am

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.

Family Directory

A Family Directory is available each year to enable communication in the College Community.

Should you not want your personal details published in the Family Directory please email bmoody@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.

Upcoming dates

- Thursday, 14 February
  Year 7 Camp
- Friday, 15 February
  Year 7 Camp
  CIS Sec. Girls Cricket Trials
- Monday, 18 February
  JS Mandarin Club
- Tuesday, 19 February
  College Open Day
  Year 11 Studies of Religion Excursion
- Thursday, 21 February
  Prayer at the Pole 8.15 am
  Cambodia 2013 Parent/Student Information Evening in SCR 7.00 pm

Reminders

School Photo Dates
8.3.2013 - Secondary School Photos
28.3.2013 - Junior School Photos

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.

Enjoying Motherhood
A 4 Step Small Group Coaching Program commencing on Wednesday 20 February 2013.

Contact Kylie McGillicray 0434 475 880
kylie@journey2success4mums.com
www.journey2success4mums.com
Click here for more info.
Reminders

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 @ 2.00 pm till 3.15 pm. Contact Ann McLellan 0400 349 429. For prayer requests please fill out the blue form at Reception in the College Office or advise Justine Collins.

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Green Point Baptist Church News

Our series in Philippians commences this Sunday at our 9.30am service. This series will cover such questions as, “Can I experience joy during times of trouble?”.

All are welcome.

Can life really be
HAPPY, HAPPY, JOY, JOY?

Study in Philippians

www.gpbc.net.au
Mr Turner spoke in Chapel last week about how quickly litter dropped in the Junior School playground can be blown in the creek at the bottom of the oval, into Brisbane Water and then out into the ocean where each year thousands of sea creatures die from ingesting various plastic products. The children were reminded of the choice God has given us about being good or poor stewards of the earth and everything in it as well as the consequences of our choices.

God blessed them and said, Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground. Gen 1:28

Swimming Carnival
We had a great day last Friday at Mingara. Congratulations not only to the competent swimmers but to all children who had a go. Age champions and the winning house will be announced in Chapel next Wednesday. Mr Lambert will arrange for letters to be sent to all students representing the College at the Hunter Christian Schools Zone carnival on February 26th.

Cricket
Last Thursday after school boys from Years 5 and 6 played a trial match to determine who would represent the College at the upcoming CSSA Super 8 tournament. Lots of great batting, bowling and fielding meant some very hard choices but well done to the following boys who made the side: Kade Ashton, Isaac Kastelan, Dan Drennan, Reece Hillier, Logan Jones, Liam Brettoner, Nick Stewart and Jed Cullen.

Grade Parents
Last week I met with our current Grade Parents to consider the year ahead. Two mums are stepping down after helping out for many years so thank you to both Alison Madden and Julie Squire and more recently for Tina Kiely’s assistance on Kindy last year. As you can see below only Years 3 and 5 have a full quota of mums. Some mums are covering more than one grade and Kindy as yet has nobody.

I have included as an attachment an outline of what it means to be a Grade Parent so if you would consider filling one of the spaces, let me know or speak to your child’s class teacher.

Year 1: Bianca Allwood, Shirani Woodhouse, Bronwyn Panagis
Year 2: Danielle Goodey, Karen Hibbert
Year 3: Suzie Morris, Michelle Stewart, Annelisa Holmes, Bronwyn Panagis
Year 4: Lucinda Shelley (need help)
Year 5: Catherine Palmqvist, Annelisa Holmes, Karen Hibbert
Year 6: Margaret Tham (need help)

Total Football
The after-school clinic commences next Thursday 21 February on the school oval. The registration form which includes contact details is attached in this Newsletter.

Second Hand Clothes
At present the afternoon stall is unable to operate as we no longer have access to the convenient storage we previously used.
Medical Issues at GPCC

Some important reminders for 2013 include the following:

1. Children shouldn’t bring their own medicines to school. Dispensing is from the College Office by prior arrangement with parents.

2. All parents need an emergency contact who is available to pick up a sick child if mum or dad can’t as it is difficult and unfair on unwell children to spend hours lying in Sick Bay.

3. Even minor head injuries will be treated seriously. Parents will be phoned at the time of injury even if symptoms appear negligible.

4. In case of any serious accident, an ambulance will be called to school and parents contacted immediately. The best scenario is for a parent to accompany a child in the ambulance but if this is impossible, a staff member will travel in the ambulance instead.

5. The College has ambulance cover and now has medical cover for school-related injuries.

6. For further information or advice on school-related sicknesses like chickenpox, please utilise the link entitled “Health from A-Z” on NSW Ministry of Health’s website. [http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/a-z/a.asp](http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/a-z/a.asp)

Head of School Awards:

Congratulations to the following students for Week 1:

Emma Duggan, 1MM; Meah McGinley, 1PB; Aimee Sheehan, 1SM; Annabelle Slape, 2AH; Julien Droguett, 2D; Mitchell Fyfe, 2RH; Isabella Field, 3P; Chloe Derham, 3W; Connor Matodes, 3/4D; Molly Crain, 4S; Brooke Hewitt, 4T; Evie Nagle, 5L; Abbie Harkness, 5M; Claire Hill, 5/6B; Joshua Harkness, 6L and Jenny Chen, 6P.

And Congratulations to the following students for Week 2:

Zachary Soede, 1MM; Samuel Friend, 1PB; Daniel de Lore, 1SM; Noah Boesen, 2AH; Cameron Van Der Vliet, 2D; Glori Pembroke, 2RH; Luke de Lore, 3P; Anyuta Kuchina, 3W; Chloe Wilding, 3/4D; Connor Grills, 4S; David Spragg, 4T; Oliver Rimmer, 5L; Cody Battle, 5M; Maya Izzard, 5/6B; Rachael Campey, 6L and Jacob Villablanca, 6P.

Websites

In our technologically advanced age, children are spending considerable portions of their day on computers. If you have discovered any great websites that are educational, fun and safe then please let me know so I can share the knowledge with other interested parents.

Athletics Training and Field Event Qualification

From this Friday we will commence Athletics training during Primary Sport. The plan is to give all children opportunity to practise for both Track and Field events.

Important: On the afternoons of Thursday 4 April and Wednesday 10 April we will hold selection Trials from 3.30 – 5.30 pm. Children hopeful of competing in the Field Event Finals at our Carnival will need to qualify at one of the above-mentioned afternoons.

Coming Up

- Tues 19 Feb: College Open Day
- Mon 25 Feb: CIS Primary Tennis
- Tues 26 Feb: Zone Primary Swimming Carnival
- Fri 1 March: New Families BBQ
GRADE PARENTS GUIDELINES

Mission: Working together to build a support network, which will encourage the building of community within our College.

This initiative can add great value to the classroom and be of wonderful assistance to the staff and students alike.

The Key Objective: is to foster a sense of community within your child’s own grade.

More specifically, these objectives will be achieved in the following ways although this list is by no means exhaustive.

1. **Building Community:** Organise social events for the grade (not just one class). These may be picnics, coffee mornings or evenings, dinners out etc. Before advertising events through the newsletter or letters home, be sure to check dates with the class teachers and the Head of Junior School who can ensure no clashes occur on the school calendar. Particularly to begin with remember that numbers are not important, connection is.

2. **Act as the point of contact for all parents and in particular for new families to the grade:** Details of new families can be obtained from Michele Drover who will email them, unless a new family want such information to remain confidential. Make sure you introduce yourself and offer your own phone number so the new parents can check things that are often easily forgotten (e.g. which uniform is worn on which day etc). As well, keep an eye out for ‘loners’ at school events and endeavour to introduce them to a wider circle of adults.

3. **Keep an ear out for births, deaths:** The teacher will seek to pass on any relevant information. Then arrange for a card and/or flowers to be sent. Cards can be signed on behalf of parents or if appropriate, get messages from other parents. If a family has children in more than one grade, communicate with the other Grade Parents to ensure you’re not doubling up. As a guide, purchase balloons, flowers, magazines etc for:
   - Unusually sick children
   - Hospitalised children
   - Birth of siblings

Provide a card for:
   - Death of grandparents.

If purchasing balloons, flowers etc, ring Margaret Johnston or myself first. Suggested limit is $25. Then either make the purchase and be reimbursed or get petty cash from Margaret. In all cases, keep the receipts. The Flower Hut tends to do good deals if you mention you’re from GPCC. If only sending a card, pick up something appropriate from the front office where a selection will be available.

N.B. home cooked meals can be a helpful accompaniment to either a card or flowers.

Normally, Jo Swaine organizes 1-2 evenings each year when a number of pre-prepared meals are cooked or she purchases some from Sara Lee. These are located in a freezer in Mrs Power’s Office behind the Kinder rooms.

4. **Provide practical assistance for families in need:**
   - Be alert for any specific needs or assistance required by families from time to time. E.g. assistance with meals when a parent or carer is sick, assistance with transport etc.
   - Home cooked meals can be delivered fresh or frozen to the College Office where they will be stored in freezers for distribution as required. Any frozen pre-packaged meals, e.g. lasagna, pizza etc. are also suitable.
   - General pantry items e.g. canned food, noodles, dried fruit, healthy snacks etc. can also be provided as required.

*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the head that is Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

Ephesians 4: 15-16
Green Point Christian College
After School Program

Thursday: 21st, 28th February - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March
Start time: Kindergarten - Year 6, 3.15pm - 4.15pm

WHAT’S ON
Total Football Academy (TFA) presents an after School program for Children in Kindergarten to Year 6
The program will focus on skill development and games.
Players will have a action packed fun footballing experience played inside the inflatable fields (the Pen)

WHAT WE VALUE
At TFA we want to develop great young people as well as great players. Total Football Academy shares these values with coaches and players:

Teamwork - Play for your team and set an example for everyone to be inspired by. A team works best with maximum effort and dedication from everyone.

Fair Play - Play by the rules, even when others don’t and respect the referee’s decision. Lose or win thank the referee, opposing team and your team mates for a good game.

Attitude - Play with the right attitude by showing respect to your team, family, referee, coach and yourself. Try your best in all that you do, including your relationships with others.

FOLLOW US FOR PROGRAM AND WET WEATHER UPDATES
CLICK www.facebook.com/TotalFootballAcademy
follow our tweets at twitter @TFA_Australia or visit www.totalfootballacademy.com.au

THE PEN Games are played in our inflatable playing field that maximise time with the ball

THE KIT
As part of the program, Players can purchase a TFA kit (Shirt and Shorts).

Our Coaches
Andy Robinson - UEFA B coach, ex Carlisle United F.C.
Dan Mowbray - ex Newcastle Utd F.C. community coach
Kerwin Jean-Pierre - South Africa futsal player
Kurt Herd - S.F.A. level 3 youth development coach
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 on 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 Home class will do one term (10 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 Mrs Jane McLarty and Mr Chris Haines.

Year 7 Camp –And We’re Off!

Year 7 set off for Deer Park on Wednesday 13 February at 8am. Please pray for safe travel to and from Camp and for safety and the formation of new friendships while we are there. We have 102 students and eight staff going on this great three day Camp.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Year 7 Parents:

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 7 and Year 12 will be held on Tuesday 26 February, from 4pm until 7.30pm, appointment times being seven minutes long. Because Year 12 are coming up to their Half Yearly exams, it is important for Year 12 parents to be able to discuss any concerns with their teachers, so the Year 12 bookings will be open a few days before Year 7. As some teachers teach both Year 12 and Year 7, it may mean that some parents of Year 7 students may not be able to see all their teachers at this round of interviews. There will be a second opportunity to speak to Year 7 teachers on 2 April, when there will be Parent/Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 12 so if your child’s teacher’s appointments are all fully booked this time, bookings will be open later in the term for the second night.

Bookings need to be made on the internet, and for Year 7 will be open from 9am on Wednesday 20 February. Parents whose children have been at GPCC through the Junior School will be familiar with the booking system. If you are new to Green Point, the bookings are done as follows:

If you have supplied the College with a current email address, go to our webpage and select ‘Parent-Tch Services’ from the list on the left hand side of the page, then select the PTO icon, which will take you to a link to access the login page. Then select the ‘Obtain PIN/Password line’, and type in your current email address and request a PIN. Your PIN will then be forwarded to your email, and when received, you can then return to the login page and enter your surname and pin number to book appointments. A new PIN number is issued for each round of interviews.

If you have any problems obtaining your PIN after the bookings open, please contact the College Office for assistance.

Information Printed on Academic Reports

Please read the letter on the next page concerning information to be printed on Half Yearly and Yearly academic reports issued by the College for students in Years 7 to 10.
13 February 2013

Dear Parent

This letter concerns information to be printed on Half Yearly and Yearly Academic Reports issued by the College for students in Years 7 to 10.

The Government requires that schools delivering Board of Studies courses report to parents in one of several ways. To meet the Government's requirement, the method of reporting we have chosen at Green Point Christian College is to provide an overall achievement grade (A, B, C, D or E) in each Board of Studies course. This grade will be determined by teaching staff for each Board of Studies course and included on the report.

Additionally, schools are to provide a means by which parents can compare their child's results relative to the performance of other children doing the same course. At Green Point Christian College, we do this by reporting how many A grades, B grades, C grades, D grades and E grades have been awarded in each course. There will also be additional information in the Half Yearly and Yearly reports as per the College's general reporting process. This information includes such items as the rank positions across the class or group studying the course (only the top 70% of ranks in the peer group in Years 7 and 8 appear on reports), averages and class marks as appropriate.

With respect to the Government's requirements, some parents may not be comfortable with the comparison data indicating the number of grades awarded in each course and so the Government has allowed that you may opt out of having this information printed.

If you do not wish to have this printed then please fill in the form below and return by the end of Term 1 to the College Office. The course grade will be printed but not the number of A, B, C, D, or E grades awarded across the course.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Russell
Director of Administration / Student Advisor

Please return to Mr D. Russell – College Office by the end of Term 1

Dear Mr Russell

I do not wish to have the comparative grade information included in my child’s Half Yearly and Yearly Reports.

Student Name: ___________________________ Year: ______________

Parent Signature: ________________________ Date: ______________
Parent Teacher Night

Year 12 Parents:

Parent/Teacher interviews for Year 12 and Year 7 will be held on Tuesday 26 February, from 4.00 pm until 7.30 pm, appointment times being seven minutes long. Because Year 12 are coming up to their Half Yearly Exams, it is important for Year 12 parents to be able to discuss any concerns with their teachers, so the Year 12 bookings will be open a few days before Year 7.

As some teachers teach both Year 12 and Year 7, teachers become booked out very quickly so it is advisable to take advantage of these extra few days to book times for your Year 12 student. Bookings open on Friday 15 February at 9.00 am, at which time you can go online, request your PIN number and then access the bookings.

Bookings need to be made on the internet. Parents whose children have been at GPCC for some years will be familiar with the booking system. If you are new to Green Point, the bookings are done as follows:

If you have supplied the College with a current email address, go to our web page and select ‘Parent-Tch Services’ from the list on the left hand side of the page, then select the PTO icon, which will take you to a link to access the login page. Then select the ‘Obtain PIN/Password line’, and type in your current email address and request a PIN. Your PIN will then be forwarded to your email, and when received, you can then return to the login page and enter your surname and pin number to book appointments. A new PIN number is issued for each round of interviews.

If you have any problems obtaining your PIN after the bookings open, please contact the office for assistance.

Year 11 Students

Year 11 students are only allowed to sign out on a Tuesday afternoon if they do not have TAFE or a class. It is important that if they are to do so that they bring in a note from their parents. Please note that all other study periods, including those in the afternoon, are located in the Library.

Drivers

If your child drives to school they must fill in the appropriate form. This form has details of the car and permission signatures from their parents and the parents of any other student they have permission to carry as passengers. It is important that this procedure is followed by all students who drive to the College.

Uniform

Please continue to be diligent in the encouragement of your child’s adherence to the College’s Uniform Policies. Every student must not only have the correct uniform but wear it correctly. Please make sure correct socks are worn and that ties are done up to the correct level. Shirts for boys are to be tucked in and all students need to have their school hat. Please make sure that girl’s skirts touch their knees.

Education Experience

Students get a lot of different activities to undertake other than just what happens in a classroom. Please allow them to experience as many of them as possible. If they commit to an activity such as a representative team please make sure they follow that commitment through to its conclusion.

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  - Cambodia 2013 Parent/Student Information evening in SCR 7.00 pm

Reminders

Careers

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

Primary Swimming Carnival

Below are the some reports of the Swimming Carnival from each House.

Note: All Age Champions and the winning House will be in next week’s Newsletter as they are all being presented in the Chapel Service on Wednesday 20 February.

I would like to thank everyone for an amazing Swimming Carnival on Friday. I had a wonderful time and I’m guessing you did as well! Thanks to the Breakers for competing in so many races. Thank you to all the officials and parents; we couldn’t have done it without you. I can’t wait to find out the results. **Jordan Lyons, Vice Captain of the Breakers**

It was an enjoyable day for the parents as well and I think it was one of the best organised Swimming Carnivals so far. The Hurricanes competed in many events and cheered very well and we all thank the teachers for putting on this event. We really can’t wait to see the results because everyone did awesome! **Declan Squire, Captain of the Hurricanes**

The Swimming Carnival was last Friday. It was a fun and exciting day. As House Captains of the Warriors, we personally believe that the Warriors did a fantastic and splendid job. **Brooklyn Tadman, Captain of the Warriors**

The Warriors had a great day at the Primary Swimming Carnival. Lots of Warriors came to the pool ready to swim the best they can do. The Warriors swam in all the Relays and even won two out of four. We had everyone swim in at least one race, which is outstanding. Every one swam really well. The Warriors had a fabulous day at the pool. **Matthias Palmqvist, Vice Captain of the Warriors**

The Swimming Carnival was great. We all had so much fun. I was glad that many people gave it a go, even if they weren’t swimmers. Also, that everybody wasn’t too competitive and just enjoyed themselves. We had so many people cheering for our swimmers and our chants sounded great! **Cerys O’Grady-Cousins, Captain of the Eagles**

Mr Nathan Lambert - Primary Sport Coordinator
State Cup Oztag

Over the last weekend many GPCC Students travelled to Wollongong to compete in teams representing the Central Coast. It was a wonderful event. Congratulations to the Under 11 Boys and Under 17 Boys who came home as Champions!

Congratulations to all our Rep Players who have trained hard since selections. Well done to all.

Secondary School Sport

1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (MSG)

19-23 Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whatever. I didn’t take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I’ve become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn’t just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!

24-25 You’ve all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You’re after one that’s gold eternally.

26-27 I don’t know about you, but I’m running hard for the finish line. I’m giving it everything I’ve got. No sloppy living for me! I’m staying alert and in top condition. I’m not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.

This is one of my favourite scriptures. I have always felt that it encompasses so much. Paul talks about how he has voluntarily become a servant for so many that don’t know Christ. He has not allowed their influence to change him but kept his bearings on Christ. The reason why he could is explained in verses 24-27. He disciplines himself like an athlete who trains for that elusive gold medal which only few are awarded. However, Paul’s reward is so much greater and is one which will last forever. As Christians, we too need to discipline ourselves to always do as God has called us. It is not to turn our backs on people who don’t know Christ, but to reflect Christ in the way we live our lives, so that others can see how good God is.

Tennis

We have Rebecca Stewart (Year 11) and Kady Pinchbeck (Year 12) competing at the CIS Tennis Trials on Wednesday 27 February. This is a wonderful achievement for both girls and we wish them all the best.
**Sport News**

**Soccer**

Emma Losurdo (Year 11) will be trialling for the CSSA Open Girls team on Thursday 28 February. Emma was successful in making the team last year and we wish her the same success this year.

Hayley Routledge (Year 9) will trial for the U/15 Girls side. This will be Hayley’s first time and we wish her the best.

If there is anyone else interested in trialling, please see Mr Wellington in the PDHPE Department no later than Friday 22 February.

**Rugby 7s Gala Days**

There is a Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby 7s Gala Day on Thursday 7 March for Year 8 and Friday 8 March for Year 7. If students are interested, they need to see Mr Wellington in the PDHPE Department ASAP.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Isobel Lambeth (Year 8) who was awarded three medals for Surf Lifesaving at the Branch Titles held at Soldiers Beach last weekend. She won Silver in 5 Person R & R (Rescue and Resuscitation), Bronze in 2 Person R &R, and Bronze in March Past. She will now be entering State Titles held at Ocean and Umina Beaches on Friday 1 March.

*Mr Chris Wellington (Secondary Sport Coordinator)*
Canteen

**Week 4**

18.02.2013
Roslyn Vecellio

19.02.2013
Debbie Harlow

20.02.2013
Trudi Hewitt

21.02.2013
Jill Izzard, Lisa Shaw

22.02.2013
Sharon Herbert, Lesley Binns-Cahill, Jane Leivesley, Michelle Mitchell.

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**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.

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

**23 February 2013**
OIC and Food Pickup: Brian Shaw
Kitchen Manager: Karen Shaw
Helpers: Fiona/T/K/E Pennington, William Arnot, Fran and Caleb Walton

**2 March 2013**
Coast Shelter run the first Saturday in the month.

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**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 gritchie@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

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

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**Green Point Trader**

**Horse Agistment:** Available in the Lisarow area. Please call 0410 225 109.

**Tutor:** Past GPCC student, Juliet Horrocks offering tutoring in Maths, Maths Extension, Biology, Textiles, on Tuesdays at school. Contact: 0449 115 800.
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: ________________________________ Year: ______

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Year: ______

Change of Address: ___________________________________________

Change of Telephone Numbers: ___________________________________________

Change of Email Address: ___________________________________________

Other Changes to be Noted (including Church): ___________________________________________

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Please note that my son/daughter ___________________________________________ Year: ______
was absent on ___________________________________________

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The reason for their absence was: Sickness [ ] Doctor’s Appt. [ ] Other Appointment [ ]

[ ] Holiday [ ] Other: ____________________________

Signature: _______________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _________________________________

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