Learning to be Learners… @ GPCC

@ GPCC is the name chosen for the introduction of our new applied technology platform at Green Point Christian College. Technology is a powerful way to aid learning and with the unprecedented growth of knowledge and information, our classrooms need to be places where students can access the scope of information available and learn how to effectively and efficiently realise its potential.

The development of the program was initially based upon the concept of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). Since then, following in-depth research, school visits and meetings with a team of dedicated staff, we have developed a program that will be most effective in ensuring the best outcomes for our students at Green Point Christian College and represents a move away from the expansive BYOD.

This shift includes the decision to use a specific style of device that will ensure that rigorous learning is accessible to all; that staff can program more effectively considering individual student needs, abilities and technology; that a class system within our learning environment does not develop; and that students can engage in learning in a virtual learning space that is relevant to them and their future understanding.

After assessing the myriad options available in the marketplace, we have decided that the one device that would be the better option at this stage is the Apple Macbook Air 11” laptop. This device has been assessed to represent the best value in terms of technological ability, educational programs, accessibility, repair and maintenance and cost. This decision represents a significant change in thinking about this program, however it also represents the combined wisdom of many people and consultants who have advised and supported us in our journey.

There will be a Parent Information Evening on Monday 25 November 2013 to discuss the program and we hope you can be there. The evening will start at 7:30 pm with tea and coffee available. We will conclude the presentation by 9:30 pm - there will be question and answer opportunities. Please note if your son/daughter currently has a device, it may still be suitable to be used during the first phase of this new and exciting program.

There are also changes taking place in our Junior School in 2014 with each student in K-2 having access to an IPad in their classroom and students in Years 3 to 6 having access to a laptop. This is also an exciting innovation for our Junior School, with students being taught in either a lab or within their classroom by the Junior School Computing teacher.

Heraclitus said, “There is nothing permanent except change” to which I would add however, that “Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8
Chapel

Tom French from Crusaders gave a clever talk in Chapel last week. He made the point about how so many clues in the Bible point to Jesus being more than just a man. We have appreciated Tom’s input on a regular basis across the year and look forward to him speaking again in 2014.

Chess 1

We hosted the Gosford and District One Day Challenge at the College on Tuesday. Fifteen Junior School students entered and congratulations to Darioush Delalat who was our best performing student and to Darioush, Jesse Drennan, and Andre Gardiman who were our best performing team finishing equal third overall.

Chess 2

Last week I included some information and a reply slip to indicate interest in a Chess Tutoring Club next year. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child would be keen to participate.

Head of School Awards

Congratulations to the following students from last week: Lainee Pembroke, KH; Matthew Sheehan, KP; Clinton Fourie, KS; Dusty Piper, 1MM; Talan Pearce, 1PB; Travis Goodey, 1SM; Lacey Ezzy, 2AH; Hugh Allwood, 2D; Jonas Black, 2RH; Neve Casey, 3P; Summer Healey, 3W; Zoe Kongonis, 3/4D; Lucy Loneragan, 4S; Abbey Ferguson-Sprod, 4T; Megan Slade, 5L; Abbie Harkness, 5M; Arielle Saunders, 5/6B; Levi Glen, 6L and Madeleine Tisch-Lienert, 6P.

Library

All books need to be returned this week for stocktake which will occur between now and the year’s end.

Year 3 2014 Information Evening

Mrs Davis is temporarily away from school meaning the planned evening has been postponed. A new date will be set following her return.

Cricket

The week before last our College side played Pacific Hills as part of the Knock-Out CSSA Tournament. Our boys made 76 from their 25 overs largely due to a great innings from Liam Brettoner, who then also bowled well along with Kade Ashton and Logan Jones to give Green Point a chance. Alas, it was not to be but a great effort from the boys nevertheless.

Big Dates at the End of Year

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Classes in 2014

Soon class teachers will be considering the make up of classes for next year. Please let me know in writing or by email if there are important issues you would like to be considered during this process by Friday November 15.
Jenolan Caves and Bathurst

Our Year 5 students were impressively behaved as they supplemented their studies on Inland Explorers with a trip to the caves and gold fields. Many thanks to our accompanying parents and hard-working staff who helped ensure the children enjoyed a memorable time away.

Donation

While visiting Year 5 at Bathurst, I was able to present a cheque for $1,500 to the School Captains and Principal from Winmalee Public School. The money was greatly appreciated and will be added to an education fund for the 12 children from the school whose homes were lost in last month’s fires.

Kinder 2014

We very much enjoyed having our new Kinders come to visit last week and look forward to their return this week when they will meet their Year 5 buddies.

Basketball

Well done to our teams who last week and this week represented the College at the CSSA State titles. The best performing side was our Junior Girls who made the Semi-Finals while our Senior Girls narrowly missed out on progressing from the pool stages. Many thanks to Mr Matthews and Mrs Munro for their efforts in coaching.

Oz Tag

Congratulations to the following students for selection into the Central Coast State Cup Representative Oz Tag Teams: Benjamin Dufficy, Ebonie Warton, Breanna Reynolds, Abbie Harkness, Madeleine Tisch-Lienert, Tia Poll, Chad Shipton, Thomas Dufficy, Rebekah Peake, Lilliah Grills, Jessica Plater, Matthew Reynolds, Ryan Cunningham, Madeline Linnet, Maddison Poll and Alessandra Georges.
Year 7 are “Going to the Zoo - How About You?”

On Thursday 28 November, Year 7 students will board the buses for a day at Taronga Zoo. Letters outlining this excursion were sent home with students on Monday. Parent assistance and involvement welcome!

Beach to Bush Tour- a Message From Isobel Lambeth, Year 8

“Today was the first day of Beach to Bush. We travelled down to a small town called Ellalong in the Hunter Valley. We taught 2 sessions - one K-2 the other 3-6. The whole school put together reached 108 students that’s 1/4 of our Junior School. The smaller kids were really cute in the surf lifesaving clothes (the pants were too big so they kept on falling down, lucky they had pants on under). Can’t wait till tomorrow when we head to Branxton where we are meeting the media to have interviews”.

Reminder: 7Eleven Slurpees

Students were reminded at Middle School Assembly this week that they are NOT to go to the 7Eleven to purchase Slurpees or go to 7Eleven at all before boarding the afternoon buses.

There are two important reasons for this:

1. Student Safety - students would need to cross three driveways between the 7Eleven and the Bus Bay.
2. Students are not permitted to take food or drink onto the buses, often leaving cups littering the bus bay.

Year 7 Master Chefs

Year 7 Food Technology students excelled in this semester’s Master Chef Challenge. Students rose to the challenge producing a huge variety of delectable dishes that were not only nutritious but also delicious - well done!

Be Prepared!

In the past week teaching staff have expressed their frustration in the number of students who are coming to school (and in particular during the Assessment Period) without basic equipment such as workbooks, pens, pencils, calculators etc. This is equipment that should be brought to school every day and taken to every lesson.

Chemo Care Packs

During Terms 3 and 4 Middle School students and staff, have donated many important items to the Chemo Care Packs. It is with thanks and great joy, that we have now been able to put together 30 beautiful Chemo Care Packs for the patients at Gosford Hospital. It is planned that a few students will visit the Chemo Unit and meet with nurses, volunteers and welfare groups who daily work with and support the people in our community who are fighting cancer. This has been a fabulous project and I thank everybody who has contributed in some way to it. The discussions and prayers that have been possible and prompted from this project have been amazing. God has provided so many opportunities to us, as we work together as His body to bless others. Thank you, Middle School.

Has there been a change in your information? Please let us know as soon as a change occurs.

Especially important is an accurate email address and mobile phone number.

Please send us an email today if you believe we may not have an accurate email address.
Senior School News

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Update

There have been some new developments in this new initiative and the Parent Information Evening for BYOD has been rescheduled to the new date and time of Monday 25 November 2013 from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm in SCR.

Year 12 Formal

This Friday night is the Year 12 Formal. It is the last official function for the Year 12 of 2013. It will be a great night of celebration for this group of students as they head out into the world. It is a great night and a time to be thankful for the lives of our students as they head out and hopefully bring change to the society we live in.

This is God’s College and we can be thankful for all of the wonderful things that happen here. As I have said on many occasions, I truly have the best job as I get to work with young people and input into their lives in the most difficult times of their lives and never are two days the same. What a blessing!

Thank you to Mr Graham Crawford for all the time, advice, love and truth you have put into this year as their Year Adviser. You have often stood as a beacon in the face of a storm and I am very grateful for all you have done over the past few years.

Year 10 Work Experience

Work Experience for Year 10 is on next week. A few students have not handed in their paper work to Miss Simpson. Could you please make sure that your child has this completed and ready for next week so that all can run smoothly.

Year 9 Food Technology

Last week Year 9 Food Technology planned and decorated a child’s birthday cake. All the cakes turned out as they planned. Needless to say they all appreciate the efforts their Mums have made over the years!

Upcoming dates

- Friday, 15 November
  Year 11 Drama Incursion
  Year 12 Formal
  Selected students to Peninsula Retirement Village for Chess

- Monday, 18 November
  Year 10 Work Experience week
  Year 11 Hospitality Excursion

- Wednesday, 20 November
  Year 11 Drama Excursion

- Thursday, 21 November
  THACCCSA Super 8 Cricket

Reminders

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.
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.”

Philippines Disaster Relief

Samaritan’s Purse is responding to the devastation in the Philippines caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan, a Category 5 typhoon - one of the most intense tropical cyclones ever recorded. The storm hit with sustained winds of over 300 km per hour and a storm surge along the coast of up to seven metres. More than 650,000 were driven from their homes and are in desperate need.

Samaritans Purse’s multi-national disaster relief team arrived on Saturday and is distributing food, water, medicine, blankets and other life-saving, emergency aid to families in the affected area. Tax-deductible donations can be made on their website: http://www.samaritanspurse.com.au/ or by calling 1300 884 468.

Huge Thanks For Cambodia “New Mums Care Packs”

A huge thanks to our school community for your generosity in bringing in the “New Mums Care Packs”. So far we have collected over 60 packs! Our GPCC Cambodia Mission Team will be visiting a Maternity Clinic in Cambodia near a slum area and these packs will be such a blessing to new mums.

Our team are so excited and expectant of what God will have us do in Cambodia. We will be visiting many Samaritan’s Purse projects, including the educational projects for which we have raised over $6,000. We are looking forward to distributing the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at many schools, orphanages and churches. Thanks again to so many people for your generosity.

Justine Collins, Cambodia Coordinator 2013
**Upcoming dates**

- **Thursday, 14 November**
  - Swimming: KH, 1SM & 2AH
  - JS AFL After School Clinic
- **Friday, 15 November**
  - Primary Electives
  - Year 11 Drama Incursion
  - Year 12 Formal
  - Selected students to Peninsula Retirement Village for Chess
- **Monday, 18 November**
  - Year 10 Work Experience week
  - Year 11 Hospitality Excursion
- **Tuesday, 19 November**
  - Swimming: kS, 1MM & 2rH
- **Wednesday, 20 November**
  - Year 11 Drama Excursion
- **Thursday, 21 November**
  - Swimming: KH, 1SM & 2AH
  - JS AFL After School Clinic
  - JS Science and Engineering Challenge
  - THACCCSA Super 8 Cricket

**Reminders**

**The Church Office Has Moved!**

With the exciting upcoming expansion of Little Coasties Kindergarten, the Green Point Baptist Church offices have moved into the building closest to the street (formally known as the Activities Centre).

Log on to [www.gpbc.net.au](http://www.gpbc.net.au) for information on Green Point Baptist Church and to listen to audio messages.
Canteen

Week 7 Term 4

18.11.2013
Kay Soede

19.11.2013
Help Needed

20.11.2013
Megan Garpendal

21.11.2013
Jill Izzard

22.11.2013
Francis Browne, Joanne Smith, Nicole Rouse.

Green Point Trader

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 November 2013
OIC and Food Pickup: Penny Williams
Kitchen Manager: Tony Herbert
Helpers: Alex Smith, Di Smith, Janet Wallace, Liz Suttie, Ron Suttie, Vicki Wickert

23 November 2013
OIC and Food Pickup: Brian Shaw
Kitchen Manager: Karen Shaw
Helpers: David Smith, Fiona Pennington, Natalie Smith, Tony/Katie/Ellie Pennington, William Arnot

30 November 2013
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
Helpers: Alison Madden, Arthur Pickersgill, Bonnie Gardiner, Darcy Tyan, Jacqui and Michael O’Callaghan, Sonia Dawes.

Uniform Shop

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

Alternate ways to make purchases:
1. Write items on a lunch order bag, enclose cash or cheque and lodge through Canteen.
2. Lodge order and payment through Reception.
3. Phone order to Uniform Shop and pay by Credit Card.
4. Email g Ritchie@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

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

Uniforms For Sale:
Size 14 Jumper $10; 2 x size 14 Middle School long Winter Pants $20; 1 x Size 13 Middle School long Winter Pants $10; Please call 4342 6299 or 0438 662 241.

Belinda Campbell Photography: is offering Green Point College families a full family portrait shoot for $200. Please contact Belinda on 0405 381 254 for enquiries.

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. Please note that any items received after Tuesday 12:30 pm will be published in the following week’s edition.

Green Point Trader: Past GPCC student (graduated Year 12 in 2012) and EV Youth Leader available for baby sitting in the holidays, or even afternoons and weekends. Please call 0478 519 169.

Uniforms For Sale:
Senior Blazer Size 26 worn once $70 ono; Multi Purpose Jacket XL $5;
Senior Short Sleeve White Shirts Size 18 x 3 $5 for 3; School Pants Mens 9 (108cm) $5; Track Pants Large $5; Secondary Casual Shorts 82cm x 2, 87cm x 1, 92cm x 1 $5 each. Contact Jacqui on 0402 098 034.

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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 201

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