Mrs Debra Walls | Principal

Our Hope

I have been reminded again this week that life can be tough, yet the Psalms of David provide great comfort:

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,[a]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever

Our hope is built on nothing less than the fact that God is the Sustainer of the Universe. Times will be troubled and we will be anxious, but our comfort and strength comes from Him who we believe in whom we trust. Even so, there are times when the valleys will be deep and they will test us, but God will comfort us and will provide others to support us in that journey and I am, as always, grateful for the body of saints who pray and support others during times of trial.

This reflects the true knowledge of what God has offered us in the inestimable gift of His Son. In the silence we can listen to God’s voice and our hearts will know God’s presence. Console yourself with God and lift up your hearts to Him and He will give you rest.

Romans 15: 5-6: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
John 8:12

Continuing in our theme on “light”, we delved into the book of John and explored Jesus as light. Contrasting the extremes of light and darkness enabled us to reflect thoughtfully on Jesus as God’s light in our world and the disciples calling to be light. Our application revolved around our role as God’s light here and now too.

Further, introducing the concept of light via an electric lamp and recognising that it needs a power source to be useful, encouraged the little learners to think about what power source they plug into too. It was later at the bus stop that afternoon that a Year 1 child asked me if battery power for a torch was like plugging into God too … I think in his own special way he understood the message, however I was even more thrilled to hear that at least one child was still thinking about Light/God after Chapel. Isn’t it wonderful how little children minister to us?

Principal’s Q & A Evening

On Tuesday evening a group of parents, staff and the College Board members met for our inaugural Principal’s Q & A Evening. It was good for all corners of our school to come together to ask and answer questions relating to our school community. A few interesting issues were raised and I look forward to unpacking them further in the days and weeks ahead. Looking forward to our next gathering in Term 2.

School Photos

This year Junior School photos will be taken on Thursday, 12 March 2015. It is important that all children be wearing full dress uniform on the day and their brightest smiles. Please ensure shoes are clean and polished, over the ankle white socks are worn and hair tied up with black or red bands only. Thank you for your help to this end.

Grade Parent Meeting

All Grade parents have been invited to participate in our first meeting for the year on Friday, 27 February. If there are any parents who would also like to attend, please feel welcome to join us in the Staff Common Room (SCR) from 9:15am.

Open Day

Our first Open Day for new families will be on Tuesday, 24 February 2015 commencing at 11:00am. If you have a friend or neighbour who you have been talking to about GPCC, why not ask if they would like to come along and see our wonderful school for themselves. There will be guided tours on the day.

Choir

Exciting news – Junior School Choir begins Wednesday 25 February (Week 5). Come along to the CAPA Theatre ready to sing some beautiful songs together. Choir sessions begin at 8:00am with vocal warm up and concludes at 8:45am. All children in Years 1 - 6 are welcome to join Mrs Munro in some joyful music making.

New Families Dinner

On Friday 27 February, GPCC will host a “New Families Meet the Teacher Dinner” between 5.30pm – 7.30pm in the MPC as per your invitations. This will be a wonderful time to mark your new beginning with us. I am looking forward to sharing a meal with you. Please RSVP your attendance to Mrs Sue Parkinson on 4363 1266 or email sparkinson@gpcc.nsw.edu.au by Monday, 23 February 2015.
Junior School News

Head of School Awards

Congratulations to these children who received their award in Chapel: Crosby Peake, 1MM; Samuel Novosel, 1PB; Samuel van der Walt, 1SM; Wyatt Mathot, 2B; Isaiah Carblis, 2D; Tanika Maxwell, 2DL; Daniel de Lore, 3P; Alexander Panagis, 3W; Samuel Friend, 3/4D; Jonas Black, 4D; Zahli McKenzie, 4H; Nicholas Kratochvil, 5B; Arden Cannone, 5L; Ben Sheather, 5/6L; Molly Crain, 6M and Michael Drake, 6P.

Love in Action

Who would not benefit from a little help raising children nowadays? No need to search for ideas any longer, as we have our own positive parenting program right here at GPCC. Tuesday 10 March will be the first of our gatherings for 2015, so why not come along to listen, share or support each other in the great quest of raising happy, healthy children. Please see attached flyer on page 14 for further details.

First Term Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in the Library on Tuesday 3 March from 4:00pm. These interviews are 10 minutes in length and are designed for you to share information with your child’s class teacher that may be beneficial to their ongoing progress throughout the year. Bookings can be made through PTO, our online booking program from next Tuesday 24 February 2015.

Bookings are made through the internet, and you will need to access the PTO site to acquire a PIN number so you can make your bookings. Go to: http://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au/news/upcoming-events/

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 is not the current one, please phone the College Office for assistance.

Kindergarten

Next week, Week 5, will be the final week for “Rest Day Wednesdays”. Kindergarten will commence full weeks from Week 6 beginning Monday 2 March.

A Reminder ...

Home travel arrangements for your child should be returned to your class teacher now.

Another Reminder ...

If you are bringing items for your child to school or collecting your child during the school day, please come to the main College Office. Messages will be relayed to students and items taken to rooms for you. If you would like to meet with your child we will arrange for them to meet you at the office. We ask that you do not go directly to classrooms. Thank you.
It has been a great start to the year, to see the effort students have been putting into their studies and into the many activities that have been happening around the College. It is pleasing to see the standard of the uniform on the whole and the improved attitude to wearing it correctly. Thank you for the support in this area.

It was great to go to the Year 7 Camp last week and to see the enthusiasm of this wonderful group of students. A lot of fun was had by all. What a fantastic bunch of new Secondary School students we have. Thank you to all the staff who went and spent three days away from their families.

Student P Plate Drivers

Student P Plate drivers are not to park in the main car park. Rather, they are to park in the parcel of land the College has purchased near the service station. Parents, please do not park or pick up students in the student P plater car park, as it is dangerous for all involved.

Communication

If you need to talk to someone about an academic issue, please make your first point of call the class teacher followed by the Co-ordinator of that subject area. These two points of contact are the most effective, as they are the specialists in the subject.

If you have a general issue or a welfare issue, your first contact should be your child’s Year Advisor or the College Counsellor.

If these contact people are unable to help or you have an emergency issue, then contact the Head of Secondary School.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Year 7 and Year 12

Do not forget to book your sessions for next **Tuesday 24 February**. This is a great time to catch up on how your child is doing in their various classes. Bookings are made through the internet, and you will need to access the PTO site to acquire a PIN number so you can make your bookings. Go to: [http://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au/news/upcoming-events/](http://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au/news/upcoming-events/)

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Year 7 Camp

What lovely weather and beautiful students I was blessed with last week for three days at Port Hacking. The Year 7 students engaged in all the activities wholeheartedly and pushed themselves in terms of facing fears or challenging their comfort zones. The Skywalk high ropes course was a new addition to our program which proved both challenging and popular amongst the students, as did sailing, fishing, pool rafting, rock climbing and canoeing. I could not be prouder in the way that our students conducted themselves and followed instructions from the staff and camp leaders. My hope is that the time spent last week has formed fond memories and forged lasting friendships. I am looking forward to the year ahead and the great things that God has in store for these precious high schoolers. Many thanks to Mr Haines, Mrs de Witte, Ms Stylianou, Mrs Kratochvil, Mr Wheeler, Mr Ritchie and Mr Richards for your support and care. *Mrs Rachael Wilesmith, Year 7 Advisor*
Year 7 Digital Citizenship Workshop

All Year 7 students will undertake the Digital Citizenship Workshop on **Friday 20 February** in preparation for the @GPCC MacBook rollout (date to be confirmed). The workshop will focus on how to be a disciple in Christ in the digital world. Students will spend two lessons working through an informative, self-directed digital workshop which will give them strategies in how to cope with areas such as cyber bullying, protecting personal information, faceless friends and grooming. Our prayer for our students is that they will be able to navigate through this complicated world with the character of Christ and understand that not all is what it seems online and whatever is posted remains in the digital world.

Year 7 Vaccinations - Thursday 26 February

A reminder that the information/consent packs were sent home with your Year 7 student last week. Could you please read, complete details and return to the College office by **Monday 23 February**. Forms need to be signed by parents for the injections to be given, for each of the vaccinations. A phone call on the day will not be enough for the nurses to have the right to give the injection.

Years 7 and 8 Parents:

Next **Thursday, 26 February** the Central Coast Public Health Unit will be attending to administer Vaccinations to Year 7 students, and also catch-up HPV vaccinations to Year 8 students who missed any of the follow up injections last year. The nurses will keep the Year 7 signed consent forms after this visit, ready for the following visits in May and September. If any students miss this round, they can do a catch up at those times. Please make sure you return your consent forms filled out and signed, even if your child is not having the injections at school, so they have a record of every student’s status.

Academic Reports

Please find a letter on the next page regarding comparison data information printed on Half Yearly and Yearly Academic Reports. Read the details of this letter and if you do not want the Course Grade printed on your child’s report, please complete and return the attachment to the College Office.

Science - The STEaMing News

The STEaMing News is a new YouTube Channel dedicated to promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

Students are invited to join the team by coming to E6 (Mr Strickling’s Science room) at Monday lunchtimes.

Be sure to like the Facebook Page “The STEaMing News” and subscribe to “The STEaMing News” on YouTube.

You can even watch the promotional video shown to the students at assembly by simply searching “The STEaMing News” on YouTube.

Year 9 Police Liaison Visit

On Tuesday Year 9 had a visit from Senior Constable Denise Lynch, who is the local Police Liaison Officer for the Central Coast. She spoke to the Year group about issues surrounding the use of technology and the responsibilities the students have when using technology, particularly social media. With the use of technology increasing, it is important to explore these ideas and Senior Constable Lynch was a great presenter. We hope to have her return later in the year to talk in more detail about using Facebook, Instagram and other social media platforms.
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, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) 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 BOSTES course. This grade will be determined by teaching staff for each BOSTES 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
Curriculum Co-ordinator / 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: ___________________________
Tonga Teachers Conference
20-21 January 2015

What does it mean to teach from a truly Christian perspective? How should the Bible influence our approach to students and our subject areas? How is a Christian approach to education different to a secular approach? These were some of the issues addressed in a recent teacher’s conference in Tonga. Four staff members from GPCC (Mrs Michelle Taunga, Mrs Denise de Witte, Mrs Amanda Harris and Mr Tom Anderson) were involved in helping Tongan teachers think through these important questions.

GPCC has a longstanding link with Tonga. In 1998 our first group of students and staff visited Tupou College on the main island of Tongatapu and this was followed by a number of visits over the subsequent years, developing a strong relationship with Hofangahau College on the island of Eua. In addition to sending teams to Tonga, GPCC also hosted a number of visits from staff and students from Hofangahau College. This rich and strong relationship cultivated over many years meant that in 2013 staff from GPCC were invited to train teachers at Hofangahau College. Hofangahau College is part of the Wesleyan School System in Tonga, the largest Church School System in the nation.

Our staff team who visited Tongatapu this year were invited by the President of the Wesleyan School System to present at the conference for all teachers from Wesleyan schools on the island. Our staff presented material on “Teaching from a Christian Perspective” produced by New Hope International. Seminars were run over two mornings (20-21 January) to over 320 teachers and principals. The material was well received and participants enjoyed being actively involved in discussion groups and role plays. The team felt the leading of God throughout the whole trip and really appreciated the opportunity to be able to partner with the Tongan Church in their vision to see Christian teaching remain the focus of the school system and curriculum.

God has opened a door for GPCC to sow into the Tongan education system and also to learn from their desire to go deeper in reflecting Jesus in the classroom. We are waiting to hear back from Tonga about the possibility of conducting a training course for key Tongan educators so that they can continue the training of teachers throughout Tonga. Please pray for God’s guidance with this.
Did you know?  Tonga has a population of 100,000 people.  Up until 10 years ago it was an absolute monarchy, but now has a parliament.  Tonga has a very strong Christian heritage - the first King conquered the main island using violent force, was converted to Christianity by missionaries on the far side of the island and became a changed man.  As a result, faith in Jesus quickly spread throughout Tonga.  The Wesleyan Church is the main Christian denomination in Tonga.  The Mormon Church has grown rapidly over the past 10 years, and many people have been fooled by their false teaching accompanied by strong financial support – this is a real ongoing issue for Tonga with a sizeable proportion of the population now attending Mormon Churches.

Tongan Shipping Container

GPCC sent a container of furniture, used laptops and books to Tonga at the end of 2014.  The contained was received by the Wesleyan School System this week.  We received the following thank you:  “Thank so much for your donation of school [materials].  We are so glad that it arrived here on Tonga.  Educational resources and computers are both expensive and hard to come by, and it is amazing to think that even the things that your College no longer need are received with such enthusiasm in Tonga.”

Cambodia Mission Chapel

What do the Bible, plant seeds and bio sand water filters have in common?  All are important components of the work of Samaritan’s Purse in Cambodia.  Last Wednesday (11 February) the students and staff who were involved in the recent mission trip to Cambodia shared about their experiences, what they learned and encouraged high school students to get involved in mission at the College.  It was fantastic to hear about the work God is doing through Samaritan’s Purse and the ways in which our students grew in their understanding of God, the Church and reaching out to others.
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Super 8s Cricket Competition

Last Tuesday, history was made! For the first time in Green Point history, our Senior Boys Cricket Team won the Super 8s Tournament. It was a massive day for both our teams, who travelled down to Jamison Park, Penrith to compete in this competition. Memories of last year’s close Final where GPCC just went down, would still have been fresh in their minds. This year, they wanted to make amends. The day did not start off as planned, as we needed to move to a new ground due to closure of some fields. This caused quite a delay.

The GPCC B Team played their first game with spirit, only just losing on the second last ball against Carinya. We scored 29 from our seven overs and Carinya reached that total with two balls to spare and only just scraped away with a win. In their next match, they easily were victors against the second Northcross side, surpassing the 29 from their previous match and scored over 50 runs. Jesse Drennan starred with the bat, retiring once he had reached 20. Northcross could not reach the total. GPCC B Team were focused and bowled with accuracy and fielded aggressively. Due to the points at the end of all of the round matches, the GPCC B team just missed out on playing in the Quarter Finals on a countback. They were so close!

The GPCC A Team started off their campaign against the other tough Northcross side. They did not perform as well as they would have liked with the bat, only scoring 58 runs. Northcross reached that total in the last over and were victors in the first game. The A Team’s next match was a much better performance, scoring nearly 100 runs in seven overs against Macquarie, the team that actually beat GPCC in the Final of the CSSA Cricket Knockout in Term 4 last year. Our bowling and fielding was spot on and GPCC won convincingly. This victory put GPCC in third spot, meaning that they would play their Quarter Final against Macquarie again.

Macquarie were bent on defeating GPCC after their last loss and bowled strongly, but GPCC were in too good a form. They again scored freely, reaching a total of 85. A big total and hopefully large enough to get them into the Semis. Macquarie came out firing with the bat but again, GPCC’s bowling and fielding was spot on and Macquarie fell 20 runs short.

Onto the Semi Final ... The Semi Final was played against one of the strongest Christian Schools in NSW, Pacific Hills. They were unfortunately no match for GPCC and lost by 20 runs. With their confidence soaring, GPCC went into the Final on a high. The Final was played against Northcross, the team that beat GPCC in the first game. Our openers came out firing with the bat, with both David Spragg and Michael Drake retiring yet again, giving GPCC the start that they needed. This momentum continued with our remaining batters keeping the runs flowing, reaching an impressive total of 90 in seven overs.

With the upper hand, GPCC put in a superb display of bowling. Their line and length was perfect, giving the batters no room to play their shots. In the end, Northcross scored 42, falling way short of the massive total set by our boys. What a day! Not only did both teams put in such a sensational effort into their matches, but also playing on a hot day in Sydney’s West and not getting home till 6:37pm (exactly ... not 6:36pm) due to the delay at the beginning of the day. I take my hat off to the boys for giving more than 100% into the day. I also would like to thank Mr Steve Brettoner for coming along on the day and supporting the teams.

Mr Nathan Lambert, Primary Sport Co-ordinator

Green Point Netball Club

Registrations are still being taken for the 2015 season. Players are in need for the following age groups: 7 and 8 years, 11, 12 and 13 years in particular. We welcome returning and new players to come and join our club. Get fit, make friends, enjoy Netball - You will love it! Contact the Registrar, Claire Reilly: registrar@gpcc@gmail.com

Summer Oztag

This week saw the last games played for Oztag for the 2014/15 Competition at both Kincumber and Central Coast Grammar fields. Congratulations to our many team players and our supportive parents and families, who got players to games each week. Special thanks to our Team Delegates, who organised teams both on and off the field - without your help we would not be able to field so many GPCC teams into the Central Coast Competitions. Special mention to the 10yrs Boys GPCC Sharks, who were Grand Finalists this year; they played with determination and fire but went down 3 - 1. We are very proud of all of our players. 2015/16 Summer season commences Term 4. Team Delegates, please return the “Player of the Week” trophies to Mrs Reynolds asap.

Oztag State Cup 2015

Congratulations to the many GPCC students who were selected to represent the Central Coast at the recent Junior State Cup Championships for Oztag NSW, held in Coffs Harbour over the past weekend. This is a three day tournament that is highly contested. Well done to all players, a fine effort by all.
Upcoming dates

- **Today**
  - Band Demonstration (Try an Instrument) for Years 3 -12 in CAPA 5:00pm

- **Monday, 23 February**
  - After School Drama Club
  - JS CIS Tennis

- **Tuesday, 24 February**
  - College Open Day 11:00am
  - After School Art Club
  - JS Zone Swimming Carnival
  - Year 10K Geography Fieldwork Excursion
  - Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 7 and Year 12

- **Wednesday, 25 February**
  - Junior School Choir 8:00am
  - Year 10M Geography Excursion
  - Years 11 and 12 Visual Arts Excursion

- **Thursday, 26 February**
  - Year 7 Immunisations
  - Years 10, 11 and 12 Drama Incursion

Reminders

**Visitors and Volunteers**

A reminder to all our parents and volunteers and those visiting the College for any purpose that you must first sign in at the College Office when entering College premises.

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College Family Directory

Each year the College makes available to parents a College Family Directory to facilitate communication within the College community. The directory contains name, address and contact number of College families. If you do not want your details published in the directory, please contact Mrs Blanche Moody on 4363-1266 or email bmoody@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

The next date for our Second Hand Uniform Stall is **Wednesday 4 March 2015**. The stall will operate from 2:30pm - 3:30pm. It will be located across from the MPC, at the bottom of the stairs in front of the College Office.

All clothing costs from $2 - $5.

All good quality donations for the stall can be handed in to the College Office.

We especially need some Senior uniforms in the new khaki colour and sports clothing.

Donations are greatly appreciated and helps out many families at the college.

The second hand uniform stall operates the first Wednesday of every month.

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Prayer

“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.”  Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

A small group of staff and parents meet each week to place GPCC staff and families into God’s loving care. Please join us as we pray in the Staff Common Room on Tuesdays @ 2:00pm until 3.15pm. For prayer requests, please contact Ann McLellan on 0400 349 429 or fill out the blue form at the College Office reception.
Precious and Valuable Small Group Coaching Program For Women

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About Kylie

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

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Love in Action

TERM 1 2015
Thriving Through Change

Change is happening everywhere! You can choose to ignore it or you can choose to embrace it.

Parenting is a tough gig for everyone!

We invite you to join us as we explore what it will take for you and your family to thrive through change.

Dates:
Tuesday 10th March 2015
7.30 – 9.30pm

Sunday 15th March 2015
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Location:
Green Point Christian College

Presented by:
Kylie McGillivray  Kev Sheehan

Proudly presented by the Positive Parenting Partnership
Celebrate Summer - McLarty Pool Party!

Summer is coming to a close. Make the most of the warmth whilst it is here. GP Youth is crashing the McLarty’s place this Friday night from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. There will be a barbeque, an awesome pool, and some of the best young people on the planet. Bring your swimmers and a towel if you want to swim, and bring a couple of dollars for dinner. For an address or for any more information about the evening, please contact GPBC’s Youth Pastor, Will Richards at will@gpbc.net.au, or on 0424 278 948.

Xplode!

Last week we kicked off the most fun and exciting term of Xplode we have ever had. Xplode is a K - 6 Kids Club Program which happens each Thursday afternoon during school term. For an afternoon of epic games, afternoon tea, craft, songs, Bible talks and more, come along on Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm - 5:30pm in the Jacaranda Room. For more information or to pick up a registration form, please contact GPBC’s Youth Pastor, Will Richards at will@gpbc.net.au, or on 0424 278 948. Get ready to Xplode!

Attention: Helpers Urgently Needed!

We are currently in need of more parents and helpers to join our Xplode roster. If you have got a passion for children’s ministry and are able to serve even once a term we would love to hear from you. There are a variety of roles which you can help in, from preparing afternoon tea to helping run the program with the children. We require a Working With Children Check to be completed for all our volunteers, but we can help you with this. Please contact Will Richards at will@gpbc.net.au, or on 0424 278 948 if you may be able to help.

Car Boot Sale

Green Point Baptist Church invites you to a Market Day and Car Boot Sale to be held in the Green Point Baptist Church car park. Saturday 21 February 2015 from 8:00am to 1.00pm.

Come and enjoy a morning out and you may even find yourself a bargain. There will be fresh produce, tea, coffee and cold drinks available, as well as a BBQ sausage sizzle. If you would like more information, please phone 4322 0284.
**Week 5 Term 1**

**Monday, 23.02.2015**
Manami Brisebois

**Tuesday, 24.02.2015**
Kate Dani

**Wednesday, 25.02.2015**
Lyn Gollan

**Thursday, 26.02.2014**
Jenny Keys

**Friday, 27.02.2015**
Leslie Binns-Cahill, Sarah Ryan

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**Coast Shelter Restaurant**

346 Mann Street, Gosford

If you would like to be on the roster, please email **office@gpbc.net.au** or 0432 490 975.

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**21 February 2015**

- OIC: Stephen Hay
- Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
- Helpers: Jo Schofield, Leanne Davey, Suzie Morris, Tayla Morgan, Tosca Brand.

**28 February 2015**

- OIC and Food Pickup: Brian Shaw
- Kitchen Manager: Karen Shaw
- Helpers: Bonnie Gardiner, Marion Love, Phil Reynolds, Tony Herbert.

**7 March 2015**

Volunteers from Coast Shelter

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**Term Dates 2015**

**Term 1, 2015**

- Wednesday 28 January 2015 for Years 1 - 6; 7, 11 and 12 to Thursday 2 April 2015
- Thursday 29 January 2015 for Kinder, Years 8, 9 and 10 to Thursday 2 April 2015

**Term 2, 2015**

- Monday 20 April 2015 to Friday 26 June 2015

**Term 3, 2015**

- Monday 20 July 2015 to Friday 18 September 2015

**Term 4, 2015**

- Tuesday 6 October 2015 to Wednesday 9 December 2015

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**Uniform Shop**

**Operating Times**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday during the School Term: 8:30am - 11:00am (Closed Wednesday)

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 **uniform@gpcc.nsw.edu.au**

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

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**For Sale:** 2 x Senior College boys pants size 17R $40, (one never worn, just outgrown and the other worn once). Phone 0438 662 241.

**Speech Pathology:** New private practice starting up in North Gosford. No waiting list. Registered with Medicare and most private health insurers. Saturday appointments available. Phone: Susanna Hatcher 0402 097 005. [http://www.handinthandspeech.com/](http://www.handinthandspeech.com/)

**Piano Tuition 2015:** Harry Stowe, past student, currently studying Bach. Music (piano), now enrolling students for tuition on Fridays at school, as part of our Music Tutor Program. All enquiries welcome. Phone 0423 821 940.