Mrs Debra Walls | Principal

Seek and You Will Find …

Sidlow Baxter, an Australian pastor and theologian said of the man of God, that all his discoveries about God only made him see how much more there was to discover. All discoveries allow us to see more and more about what we do not know or understand and it is God Himself who leads us into this ever growing knowledge. He is our educator just as we are educators of the students entrusted into our care.

Yet learning to live this life can often provide uncertainty and this can lead to feelings of anxiety and stress. However, anxiety is a natural part of life and actually has a positive role to play in our existence, but like all things in our life stress and anxiety need to be acknowledged and managed.

Over the past few days I have experienced heightened levels of both anxiety and stress as my daughter Sarah, her husband Chris, and our four “grandboys” (aged 10, 9, 7 and 4) return to PNG after deputation work in Australia, where they visited all the churches who are supporting the work God has called them to do. I will not only miss them terribly, but I worry for their safety and wellbeing.

These are natural feelings that have driven my family to pray and to a journey to support them and encourage their calling to this mission. We are all vulnerable as we struggle to come to terms with life, but learning to accept that life and anxiety go together and to work out strategies to cope if our anxiety and stress becomes excessive is vital.

We always need a restored personal perspective, living in the moment is one that helps me regain some balance. Rather than imagining the future which I cannot change I often stop “mid everything” and think “what do I need to do now – just now”. Of course, like all challenges of anxiety and stress this can be easier said than done. Being kind to ourselves, going with whatever is happening strikes a sense of acceptance about the situation, again not an easy path to take.

In our world anxiety and stress receive a great deal of negative press but they can also drive us to achieve, to do our best, to find our giftedness and to use that giftedness to be God’s people undertaking God’s ministry. It is the excessive nature of anxiety and stress that should concern us.

Romans 8:28 reminds me that whatever my situation is, I can be sure that God is working for my good in it; “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Principal’s Q&A

Tuesday 15 March 2016, 7:30pm in the Staff Common Room.
**Welcome to Term 1, Week 4.** This week our Junior School Bible focus in *Living as God’s Kids is God, Like the Best Dad Ever*. The BIG idea is: No matter what people do against God, God is always ready to accept them when they turn back to Him. God’s people should be willing to do the same.

Psalm 139:14, “I praise You because of the wonderful way You created me. Everything You do is marvellous!” (CEV) May we model this for our children this week.

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**Head of School Awardees plus Cupcakes, Chat and Celebrate!**

We congratulate the following students for achieving the **Head of School** awards for this week: Lachlan Fitzgerald, 1MM; Josie Tadman, 1PB; Rory Watt, 1SM; Micah Ricardo, 2B; Imogen Harding, 2D; Morgan Dooley, 2W; Kara Ferguson, 3P; Matilda Whitwell, 3W; Evelyn Rajasekar, 3/4D; Siena Brown, 4H; Alexander Blanch, 4S; Oliver Carbils, 5B; Joel Wiggins, 5L; Hamish Whitwell, 5L; Liam Frankland, 6M and Christina Stewart, 6P.

Every Thursday, awardees are invited to a special morning tea, hosted by Mrs Walls, Mrs Stowe, Stage Co-ordinators and Mrs Paterson in the Staff Common Room.

**Primary Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6) – Congratulations to the Hurricanes!**

The 10 bonus points for the Hurricanes in the House Cheering Competition made all the difference between 1st and 2nd place. Your participation counts!

A special congratulations also to our Age Swimming Champions listed in the sports section of the *Messenger* who received their medals or trophies at yesterday’s Chapel. Well done.

**Grade Parents for 2016**

**John 13:34-35** “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Thank you to the following parents who are our Grade Parents for 2016, strengthening love within our College community:

**Kinder:** Melinda Sharpe, Rachel Kastelan, Natalie Martin, Kristine Mereau and Denise Holland

Year 1: Jacqueline Dean

Year 2: Helen Child, Bettina Smith, Bianca Hall

Year 3: Gretchen Taylor

Year 4: Shirani Woodhouse, Danielle Goodey

Year 5: Tanya Busch, Karen Hibbert

Year 6: Suzie Morris, Michelle Stewart, Bronwyn Panagis

Our Grade Parents will be organising a grade “beginning of the year” get together soon. Watch this space.

**Communication from Grade Parents to our College Community**

Due to privacy laws, the College is not able to directly give Grade Parents College parent contact information. A letter will come home tomorrow from the College on behalf of our Grade Parents requesting contact information. If families could complete and return to the office promptly, this will greatly assist to ensure no family is left out of the loop with grade events.

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**Uniforms**

Thank you to all our families who have sent children to school in the correct uniforms, including white joggers for sport, no jewellery and no nail polish. Teachers will continue to monitor this with their classes.

Following uniform rules is important, as it teaches students to live within clear boundaries. This is part of preparing students to live within clear *society boundaries*, assisting them to self monitor as they mature and make their own decisions in life. We certainly appreciate our parents’ support in achieving this together.

**Computer Coding Club with Mr Turner on Thursdays at Lunchtime**

Computer Coding has started for the year with Mr Turner. We are now opening the Coding Club to students from Years 1-6. Eat lunch first and then take your laptops to Mrs Munro’s room each Thursday lunchtime. Thank you so much Mr Turner.

**Junior School Choir (Years 1-6) Wednesday Morning 8.00am in CAPA Theatre**

It is not too late to join. We invite all budding singers to join Mrs Munro each Wednesday morning. What a great way to start the day. Choir now meets in the CAPA Theatre.

**Chess Club Monday Lunchtime: 1.15pm – 2.00pm (Years 2-6)**

We love to encourage students to play Chess. Why? Studies confirm playing chess ...

1. **Improves concentration and memory.**
2. **Enhances reading and math skills.** With its focus on problem solving, requiring decoding, thinking, comprehension, and analysis.
3. **Fosters logic, critical thinking, and creativity.** Chess favours the “if – then” thinker.
4. **Encourages and rewards hard work.** Lose your focus, lose a piece.
5. **And the fifth and best reason of all to play chess? It is just plain fun!**

Term 1 Chess classes are run by the Sydney Academy of Chess and can be booked online at [www.sydneyacademycfchess.com.au](http://www.sydneyacademycfchess.com.au) at a cost of $64. This will be the last week of accepting new students. Mrs Peterson from 3P is our contact person here at the College if you need further information.

**Communication between the school and home is vital in our partnership.** To ensure we can contact you in the case of an emergency, please do update your data immediately if anything has changed via email: office@gpcc.nsw.edu.au. Please feel welcome to make an appointment to speak with myself if there are issues or celebrations that arise during the year. We are in partnership together, for the benefit of our precious students.

Blessings, Kerry Paterson
Mr Peter McLellan
Head of Secondary School

We spoke about respect at our Secondary School Assembly this week. The Bible talks a lot about having respect for others because of God’s great love and sacrifice for us. If God thinks that we are so valuable to sacrifice His Son for us, then how can we not treat others in a way that highlights that value? The amazing thing is that God gives that value no matter who we are or how lowly the world or how we see ourselves. Mr Jay Brown, Year 11 Year Advisor sent the following comment:

There’s no school like the old school!

Here is a thought I have been instilling into the minds of Year 11 students during our weekly Year meetings. From my experience in teaching Senior students there is really only one thing they need to understand, to give themselves the best shot at a positive outcome from the HSC requires hard work and respect. Before my time in education I was in a position of hiring and firing young men as apprentices in various trades and the one thing our company focused on was respect. A respectful student will always be a hardworking, high learning student (and a helpful teenager at home hopefully). Mr Jay Brown

P Platers

P plate drivers are not to park in the main car park. Rather, they are to park on the parcel of land the College has purchased near the Service Station. Parents, please do not park or pick up students in the 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.

Year 10 Work Experience

In Term 4, all Year 10 students will participate in a week of work experience between 14-18 November. Students are required to approach work places of their choice to arrange this themselves. They are then required to fill out a form which has been emailed to their school email address, and return this to their Devotions Teacher as soon as possible. During this week students will be required to organise their own transport and accommodation if necessary. Work experience provides students with the opportunity to explore career choices before choosing subjects for Years 11 and 12. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rebecca Gavin, Year 10 Advisor if you have any questions about this process.

Student Sickness

Students who are sick at school should come to the Sick Bay. After assessment, an office or staff member will contact the parent if they think the student needs to go home. Students should not ring or text their parents direct unless they check with the Office first.

Year 11

This is a reminder for Year 11 parents. Year 11 students are permitted to leave school early on Tuesdays only if they have a study period in Period 4. If your child has a study period after lunch on Tuesdays, they must return the note signed by a parent which gives permission for the entire year, to the office (back window). Students are not permitted to come to school late because of study periods or leave early on any other days. Just a reminder that study periods are exactly that, periods allocated for study. They are not “free periods” and students are expected to sign in at the Library and be working.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Year 7 and Year 12

Do not forget to book your sessions for next Tuesday 23 February. This is a great time to catch up on how your child is doing in their various classes. Year 7 parents, please note that there is another opportunity to speak with teachers on Tuesday 29 March, so please do not worry if you find there are not times available in this round. 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.
**Missions and Service**

Mr Andrew McInnes | Head of Spiritual Development K-12

“... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

**Chapel in 2016**

This year there have been some changes to our weekly Chapel Service in Secondary School. All of the Secondary School students will join together in the MPC for Chapel each week, where our Senior students (Years 11 and 12) will have the opportunity to mix with the younger students and provide support and encouragement in terms of engagement and attentiveness during the Service. Our Prefects and Captains will play a major role in running each Service and we will have a variety of guest speakers throughout the year. It is a real privilege each week to see our students serve others through their areas of giftedness (especially through music), and also with our comprehensive sound and AV requirements. We are looking forward to seeing what God does in us and through us in 2016 and we continue to thank Him for the privilege it is to serve Him and praise Him as part of our school week.

**Service Opportunities**

Our Year 7 students are loving the time they spend with their Year 11 peer support friends each Friday morning during Devotions. In addition to this, a number of our Year 11 students will be spending that same time on a Friday morning with some of our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes, reading to them and helping out in the classroom. Thank you to Mr Brown and our Infants staff for providing this great opportunity to serve within our College community.

**College News**

**Prayer**

“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

A small group of staff and parents meet each week to place College staff, students and families into God’s loving care. Please join us to pray on Tuesdays @ 2:00pm until 3.15pm. (Meet in the College Office). For prayer requests, please contact Ann McLellan on 0400 349 429 or fill out the blue form at the College Office reception.

**Careers**


**Secondhand Uniform Stall**

The next date for our Secondhand Uniform Stall is **Wednesday 2 March 2016**. The stall will be run from 2:30pm - 3:30pm at the back of the College Office (near the student window). Items range from $2 - $5.
College News...

Green Point Christian College

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2016 at 11AM

All are welcome to attend Open Day at our College at 11am. Tours of the College facilities will be conducted after a short welcome in our Creative and Performing Arts Centre. The Tours will conclude with morning tea. Come and see our Junior School and Secondary School and experience the atmosphere and tone of the College.

LIMITED VACANCIES AVAILABLE FOR 2017
It’s never too early to start thinking about a school for your child!

Avoca Drive, Green Point 2251 | Locked Bag 1 Kincumber 2251
Phone: 4363 1266 | registrar@gpcc.nsw.edu.au | www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au

Green Point Christian College

KINDERGARTEN 2017
Information Night

TUES 8 MARCH 2016 at 7.30PM

Is your child ready to commence school in 2017? Come and talk to us about how your family would benefit from your children attending our College throughout their school life, from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Avoca Drive, Green Point 2251 | Locked Bag 1 Kincumber 2251
Enquiries: The Registrar ~ 4363 1266 or email: registrar@gpcc.nsw.edu.au
College News

ARE YOU STUCK, STRUGGLING TO ACHIEVE YOUR PARENTING GOALS?

**Loving The Teen Years**

A 4-SESSION INNOVATIVE SMALL GROUP COACHING PROGRAM THAT GIVES YOU TOOLS TO PUSH THROUGH THE MANY OBSTACLES YOU FACE AS A MODERN DAY PARENT, ALLOWING YOU TO CONNECT MEANINGFULLY WITH YOUR TEEN.

COME JOIN US AND TOGETHER WE WILL CREATE A WINNING STRATEGY TO RAISE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, KIND & CONNECTED TEENAGER!

Starting Feb 25th

Four Thursday night sessions.

Time: 7:30-9pm

Cost includes: Workbook

Where: GPBC Ministry Centre

When: 25 February 3, 10, 17 March

Cost: $147 pp or $197 per couple

Green Point Baptist Church

**SUMMER 2016**

**FEBRUARY**

05 - SUNDAYS
12 - CAFE & CARDS
19 - BIBLE STUDY PARTY
26 - STREET ART

**MARCH**

04 - GUY / GIRL NIGHT
11 - ICE-BREAKING
18 - GREEN POINT HERITAGE
25 - LIGHTS ON - ART NIGHT

**APRIL**

01 - GAMES NIGHT
08 - CAMP X

Green Point Baptist Church

Sunday Service
9:30am
Visit: [www.gpbc.net.au](http://www.gpbc.net.au)

**Upcoming dates**

**Term 1, 2016**

- **Thursday, 18 February**
  Year 11 and 12 Biology Incursion

- **Friday, 19 February**
  College Band 8:00am
  Year 10E Geography Excursion
  Year 11 Biology Field Trip

- **Monday, 22 February**
  Secondary Touch Football Gala Day
  Years 10, 11 and 12 Music Encore Excursion
  After School Drama Club

- **Tuesday, 23 February**
  JS Sports in School Program
  JS Zone Swimming Carnival
  Year 7 Boys and Girls Immunisation
  Year 9 Visual Arts Excursion
  JS After School Art Club
  GPCC Netball Club Grading 3:30pm
  Year 7 and Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews from 4:00pm

- **Wednesday, 24 February**
  JS Choir 8:00am
  Year 9 Textiles Excursion
  Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Japanese Excursion
  GPCC Netball Club Grading 3:30pm

- **Thursday, 25 February**
  Legal Studies/Mock Trial Guest Speaker
  GPCC Netball Club Grading 3:30pm

- **Friday, 26 February**
  Secondary School Swimming Carnival

Visit: www.gpbc.net.au
Sport News

Primary Swimming Carnival
What a carnival! The crowds were chanting, the swimming was fierce and the teachers won the relay. This was a carnival to remember. I have never witnessed a closer swimming carnival than I did this year. The Eagles were just in front and looked like taking out the carnival for a second year in a row and then came the war cries and relays, and the winner by only 7 points was the Hurricanes. Congratulations to not just the Hurricanes for taking out the 2016 Swimming Carnival, but to all Houses for producing such a wonderful atmosphere during the day and giving of their best.

Primary Super 8s Cricket
On Tuesday 9 February, 11 boys from Years 5 and 6 made the long trip to Penrith to compete in the Super 8s Cricket Tournament. The team: Arden Cannone (C), Nathan Nicholls (VC), Ronan Casey, Noah Evans, Charlie Foreman-Prentis, Keegan Harvey, Jamin Hope, Tyran Moore, Abram Nagle, Peter Read and Jasper White. The boys played strongly and fairly, often showing great sportsmanship. After qualifying for the Quarter Finals, the boys played the number one ranked school, Carinya, and won by 10 runs to advance to the Semi Finals. Rouse Hill sent out some very big hits and proved too strong for us in the Semis. The boys represented Green Point Christian College admirably and can be very proud of their efforts. Top run scorers on the day were: Arden, Peter and Noah. Top bowlers on the day were: Arden, Peter and Noah. Nathan kept wickets in each game and allowed no byes to be scored all day. A fantastic effort by a fantastic group of boys. Special thanks to Mr Brian Shaw for safely driving the boys to and from the venue and for Mr Pembroke for coaching the team on the day.

NSW Ozttag State Cup Championships
Last weekend Breanna Reynolds, Abbie Harkness, Malakai Nicholson (14 Years), Jessica Plater (16 Years), Matthew Reynolds, Thomas Wood and Jayden Nicholson (17 years) represented the Central Coast at the NSW Ozttag Championships in Coffs Harbour. All of these students played tremendously and had a great weekend. A few of the teams had some great results, some of which made it through to the Semi Finals. We value the effort that these students give to their sport and building community.

Swimming Carnival Age Champions 2016

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Secondary School Swimming Carnival
The 2016 Green Point Christian College Secondary Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 26 February 2016 at Mingara Aquatic Centre, Tumbi Umbi from 9:00am – 2:30pm. Students are to wear House colours and appropriate attire for swimming – no bikinis for girls.

Students are to make their own way to the venue. However, if this is going to prove to be impossible, there will be a bus leaving the College at 8:30am and should return back in time for the buses home in the afternoon. Students who wish to get the bus can register at the student window at the College Office.

If there are parents who would like to help on the day, you are most welcome. Please contact Chris Wellington via email cwellington@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.

Central Coast Lifesaver of the Year
Congratulations to Cerys O’Grady-Cousins who over the weekend was named Central Coast Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year. As a result of this Cerys will now represent the Central Coast for the NSW State Junior Lifesaver of the Year. To win the award that Cerys won on the weekend, she had to sit a written exam, pass a First Aid scenario and be interviewed by a panel of three people who asked her questions about the future of lifesaving and about her contributions to the local community. Cerys also puts in a huge amount of time at the Surf Club helping with fundraising, patrols, water safety as well as completing various surf awards.

Green Point Christian College commends the effort that Cerys gives to the community and wish her all the best in the state awards.
Canteen Volunteers
Week 5 Term 1
Monday, 22.02.2016
Elke Koch
Tuesday, 23.02.2016
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Wednesday, 24.02.2016
Michelle Willis, Janine Pike-Gale
Thursday, 25.02.2016
Jo Summergreene
Friday, 26.02.2016
John Graham, Peta Stambolis

Coast Shelter Restaurant
346 Mann Street, Gosford
If you would like to be on the roster, please email office@gpbc.net.au or 0419 986 740.

20 February 2016
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
 Helpers: Bonnie Gardiner, Jo Schofield, Leena Pretlove, Sonia Dawes

27 February 2016
OIC and Food Pickup: William Arnot
Kitchen Manager: Tony Herbert
 Helpers: Cherylee Corcoran, Debby and Vanessa Andersson, Rentia Morgan.

5 March 2016
Volunteers from Coast Shelter

Term Dates 2016

Term 1, 2016
- Wednesday 27 January 2016 (Years 1-7, 11 and 12);
- Thursday 28 January 2016 (Kinder, Years 8-10) to Friday 8 April 2016

Term 2, 2016
- Tuesday 26 April 2016 to Friday 1 July 2016

Term 3, 2016
- Monday 25 July 2016 to Friday 23 September 2016

Term 4, 2016
- Monday 10 October 2016 to Thursday 8 December 2016

Uniform Shop

Operating Times
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday during the School Term:
8:30am - 11:00am
(Closed Wednesdays)
Afternoons by appointment only.

Alternate ways to make purchases:
1. Write items on a lunch order bag, enclose cash or cheque and lodge through the 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.

House for Rent:
Four bedroom house for rent in Green Point with water views, 2 bathrooms, large covered deck, swimming pool, no pets. Owners living downstairs in separate granny flat. $650 per week plus bills. Phone 0425 275 705.

Maths Tutoring:
Former GPCC student (extension Maths), current UTS student. Nicholas Zepernick 0422 954 998.

Saratoga Hawks AFL:
Saratoga Oval, Saratoga. Auskick (boys and girls 5-7 years); Boys U/9s, U/11s, U/13s, U/15s, U/17s; Youth Girls U/16s. For further information please contact Tim Morris on 0412 297 773 or head to play afl.com.au.

Terrigal BMX Club National Sign On Day:
Saturday 20 February 2016 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Track location: Duffs Road, Terrigal. Contact Amanda 0409 527 099.

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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