We Need To Be White Hot Christians…

We are privileged each week at Green Point Christian College to hear from different staff members about aspects of their journey. Last week Matt Cohen, our English Head Teacher, shared about the many platforms which well-known atheist Richard Dawkins is given to expound his liberal humanist philosophies which add to the secularism that is pervading our world.

Sadly, Dawkins’ YouTube interviews see him debating and demeaning the beliefs of those who serve a living God. He suggests that people who believe in God are purposeless and deluded, believing in an unseen and unknowable God to give hope to their existence. Unfortunately as is happening with social media, Dawkins’ voice permeates our modern culture and in some YouTube videos we see him take many with him on his journey into nothingness, with cheering and clapping, as they salute his perspectives which espouse that God is not only irrelevant but non-existent.

However, we know that the Bible is the perfect representation of Jesus – for He is the way, the truth and the life. Therefore, our responsibility as parents and teachers is clear, make sure your child/our students are founded in this knowledge so when they leave Green Point Christian College they are not tossed about by spurious doctrine and “will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead speaking the truth in love, [they] will in all things grow 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 4:14-16.

Yours in His Service

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6
Prayer at the Pole

Despite a rainy start to the day, our first Prayer at the Pole for the year was held outside last Thursday morning. Thanks to all those who joined together from our College community to pray together. It was great to see staff, students, parents and people from the Baptist Church lifting up the College, our community and world to the Lord.

Service – Outside Of The Box!

Last week Gosford Council contacted the College to thank a group of our Junior School students (pictured here) who, on their own initiative, cleaned up rubbish from around the Skillion at Terrigal. It is a fantastic witness for the College and the name of Jesus that our students are outward looking and prepared to get their hands dirty in serving our local community.

Samaritan’s Purse Fundraiser

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books for 2013/14 will be sold through the School Office shortly. The cost of an Entertainment Book is $60 with $12 from each sale going to fundraise for the Samaritan’s Purse Cambodia Projects which GPCC is supporting this year. We have a team of Years 10 and 12 students going to visit these projects in December. Please phone Justine Collins on 4363 1266 to pre-order your copy.

Missionary Aviation Fellowship

Open Day

Do you like planes? Are you interested in missionary work? If you have answered yes to either of these questions, you might be interested in the MAF Australia Open Day - Saturday 23 March at Camden Airport. You can experience a Medivac simulation, trial an instructional flight, chat with MAF pilots and find out more about this vital work to take the Gospel to some of the most unreached places on earth. More details are available online at: www.maf.org.au/discoveryday.
Nebo News - Secondary G&T

Future Problem Solving started last week and the following students were looking into their first Future Problem Scene which is entitled Culture of Celebrity:

Year 7: Jacob de Lore, Seth Fordham, Joshua McGillivray and Tom Ostini

Year 8: Shannon Alcorn, Sophie Anderson, Emily Buckley, Dylan Hall, Fergus Henderson, Laura Jane McLarty, Robyn Muir and Sean Spence.

In their first meeting together, the ideas flowed thick and fast. There is little doubt that they will have a great time participating in Future Problem Solving. We wish them all the best.

Billets Needed For Japanese Students In March

From 15 - 27 March, a group of 20 students from our sister school in Japan, Shizuoka Kita High School, will be attending classes at Green Point.

We are looking for an additional five GPCC families with students in Years 9 - 12 who would be able to host a student from Shizuoka. This will involve providing meals and somewhere to sleep for one student and will be an amazing opportunity for your child to make international friends. Hosting families will be given $350 remuneration per student to cover food and other incidentals.

If you are able to help, please ask your child to see Mr Wheeler at school or email cwheeler@gpcc.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Focus on the Family

Focus on the Family are hosting a breakfast meeting for interested parents with Dr William Struthers, author of Wired For Intimacy who will be speaking on The Effects of Sexuality and Pornography on the Brain. This event is on Saturday 9 March commencing at 7.00 am at Erina Baptist Church. Enquiries to Gus Villablanca on 0403 055 024.

Solution To Last Week’s Challenge:

Push the cork into the bottle. It’s now easy to tip the bottle upside down and remove the coin.

Challenge of the Week:

Why might cautious drivers be insulted by this real number plate?

Solution next week.

Upcoming dates

- **Thursday, 28 February**
  - JS Mufti Day for Juvenile Diabetes
  - JS Mandarin Club
  - Year 11 Biology Excursion to Little Beach

- **Friday, 1 March**
  - CIS Primary Basketball Trials
  - Sec. Zone Swimming Carnival
  - Year 11 Biology Excursion to Little Beach
  - Mock Trial Round 1
  - New Families Welcome BBQ

- **Monday, 4 March**
  - Year 9 Meet the Devotions Teacher Evening in SCR

- **Tuesday, 5 March**
  - Year 7 and Year 9 Boys Immunisation

- **Wednesday, 6 March**
  - CSSA Sec. U/15 and Open Girls Soccer Trials

- **Thursday, 7 March**
  - Rugby 7s Gala Day - Year 8 students
  - Sec Zone Touch Gala Day (Wallsend)
  - JS Mandarin Club

Reminders

Family Directory

Family Directory will be available from the College Office from Tuesday 5 March 2013 for a cost of $4.00.

Prayer

“The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.” Psalm 121:8

Please join us for prayer in the Staff Common Room on Tuesdays @ 2.00 pm till 3.15 pm. Contact Ann McLellan on 0400 349 429. For prayer requests please fill out the blue form at Reception in the College Office or advise Justine Collins.
Volunteers Needed - Exam Provisions

Green Point Christian College is privileged to be able to offer support by way of Exam Provisions in the Secondary School to assist those students who may otherwise be disadvantaged in their Half-Yearly, Yearly, Trial and Higher School Certificate Examinations. We are always in need of helpers who are willing to give their time during exam periods to assist our students as readers, writers, reader/writers and/or supervisors. Helpers can be mums and dads or grandparents from K-12, uncles, aunties, neighbours or friends of our College. Without this valuable volunteer support the program could not operate.

We currently have a wonderful group of people who volunteer in the program and we are very appreciative of the time they give up to help. Sometimes parents can feel disconnected when their child moves to Secondary School. Helping with exam provisions is one way to still be involved with the College and bless students in need.

If you feel that this is an area to which you could contribute and are interested in becoming a part of this important team of helpers, we are running two Information Sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday 12 March 2013 at 9.00 am in the Staff Common Room

Wednesday 13 March 2013 at 9.00 am in the Staff Common Room

These sessions would run for approximately one hour and morning tea will be provided. We hope that you will be able to attend as the information will be beneficial to you and will enable you to familiarise yourself with the Board of Studies guidelines as well as the College’s procedures in the administration of Exam Provisions. Time is allowed in the sessions for questions and feedback.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Lyndall Mackie, Director of Support Services K-12

To Be Returned to Mrs Mackie

Your Name: __________________________ Telephone: __________________________

Yes, I am able to help with the Exam Provisions program. I am able to help with:

Please tick the following areas:

- Reading ☐  - Writing ☐  - Supervising Students ☐

I am available on:

- Monday ☐  - Tuesday ☐  - Wednesday ☐  - Thursday ☐  - Friday ☐
Music Tutor Program

We have many experienced and valued Tutors teaching at the College, and the programme has been an integral and successful part of the College’s Music Department for many years.

To aid parents with the financial burden of buying an instrument the school provides a Scholarship Program which provides FREE use of an instrument for one Semester.

This is on the proviso that your child learns from a Tutor at school and also pays a small service levy on the maintenance of the instrument ($40 per term).

Please complete the form [CLICK HERE](http://www.gpbc.net.au) if you are interested and return to the College Office.

For more information please come to the Music Department in CAPA or phone Colin Muir on 0409 601 881 or email cmuir@gpcc.edu.nsw.au.

Visitors and Volunteers

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

Green Point Baptist Church News

The Lens

Pastor Phil Blair will be running this 10 week course (provided by Morling College), holding weekly tutorials and discussion groups in order to help you go deeper in your understanding of Jesus Christ and God’s Word, the Bible.

It is a **free** course (you can take the course for credit with a small fee), and is made as convenient as possible for you to do theological study in a way that fits your schedule.

Tutorial groups will be held from **7.30 pm to 9.00 pm** on these days:

**Term 1**
- Thursday February 28
- Thursday March 7
- Thursday March 14
- Thursday March 21
- Thursday March 27

**Term 2**
- Thursday May 9
- Thursday May 16
- Thursday May 23
- Thursday May 30
- Thursday June 6

Please phone Phil Blair on 0421 342 400 asap if you are interested in making the most of this opportunity.

Term 2

Also, **Night Church** is on this week. This is a fortnightly Church Service, specifically targeted to youth and young adults, and everyone is welcome. See you at the Worship Centre at **5.00 pm**.

Check out our website: [www.gpbc.net.au](http://www.gpbc.net.au) for more information.
Chapel
Possibly the busiest Chapel ever occurred last week with a visiting performance from students of Professor Zhang, presentation of the Age Swimming Champions and 3/4D’s item about the faithfulness of Ruth. Special thanks to Mrs Davis for overseeing whilst I was away.

Welcome
The week before last we welcomed Xander Hebenstreit into Kindergarten. God's richest blessing upon Xander and his family as they become part of the Green Point community.

Help Needed
Assistance is required for a grandmother, who is the full time carer of a Junior School student and his younger brother. She is travelling to Melbourne on 20 - 22 March. She rarely gets away and is in need of some help in getting her grandson to and from school on those days. He will be staying with a carer who lives off Enterprise Drive, Fountaindale. If you are able to assist, please let me know ASAP.

New Arrival
Joel Paul Black arrived into the world on 19 February and is the younger brother of Jonas and Keelan. God's richest blessing upon Joel and the family.

Head of School Awards
Congratulations to the following students for last week: Finn Palmqvist 1MM; Matias Trewhela, 1PB; Aiden Descas, 1SM; Noah Johnson, 2AH; Kirra Te Wani, 2D; Angelique Avenant, 2RH; Charlotte Lockett, 3P; Arden Cannone, 3W; Naomi Omaya, 3/4D; Elianne Hay, 4S; Jake Hextall, 4T; Nicholas Stewart, 5L; Sherly Rajasekar, 5M; Kael Smith, 5/6B; Natalie Williamson, 6L; and Mieke Riggs, 6P.

After School Clinics
Parents who signed up children to Total Football Academy should by now have been contacted to be told that the program is no longer running. Mandarin Club has now been moved from Monday to Thursday. Interested parents should contact Nathalie on 0430 286 590.

Grade Parents
A number of mums have now volunteered to help out by taking on a new role. A few spots are still available and I am most thankful to both the existing mums as well as our new helpers.

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I am hoping that we can all meet on Thursday 14 March in the staff room at 2.30 pm.
UNSW Competitions

Over the course of this semester the University of New South Wales will conduct their educational assessments in a range of subjects. The assessments take the form of a multiple choice paper with questions designed to really challenge capable students from Years 3 - 6. If you would like your son or daughter to participate please complete and return the Permission Form to your class teacher by Friday 22 March.

Chess

Our Chess Tutor, Gary Losh continues to work with a very keen group of students every Monday at lunchtime. Letters regarding the children’s interest in representing the school in next term’s NSW Junior Chess league will be sent home soon.

Volunteers

Notes will also go home this week with Primary children who have expressed an interest in visiting Peninsula Retirement Village to play sports such as Bocce and Bowls with the elderly residents during Sport time on Fridays between now and the end of term.

Fundraiser

This Thursday we are wearing blue and bringing a gold coin in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Coming up we are holding a Lamington Drive with all funds going towards technology in the Junior School.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Boston Pate and Kayla Pretlove who were recently selected to represent CSSA at the upcoming CIS State Basketball Trials on Friday.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the students who completed the challenge last year. Our College will take part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year when it starts on Monday 4 March. Students from K - 6 can take part and the challenge is to read 25 or 30 books from the Premier’s list before September. If your child participated last year, their password can be used again to begin the challenge. If you have lost this, please ask Mrs J Harris or Mr Mc Swan who have amazing memories and can let you know what it is.

If your child would like to participate and doesn’t have a password yet, please let their class teacher know. It is a rewarding challenge that exposes your child to good books at their reading level. Many of the public libraries specially mark the books that are on the Premier’s Reading Challenge book list so they are easy to locate. We hope many will take up the challenge.

Mr Mc Swan and Mrs J Harris

Reminders

Absentee Line

Please telephone the Absentee Line by 8.30 am if your child is going to be absent.

Remember to complete the Absence Notification Form and return it to the College Office.

Click here to download an Absentee Form.
Immunisations First Visit - Tuesday 5 March

A reminder to all Year 7 parents: If you wish for your child to participate in this NSW Health initiative, please complete and hand in Immunisation Cards (that were distributed last week) to the College Office as soon as possible.

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School Photos Middle School - Friday 8 March

School photographs have been scheduled to take place next Friday 8 March. Your child will receive a Photo Envelope in their Home Class. These envelopes are to be returned on the photo day, and given directly to the photographer. Photographs are compulsory for all students, whether you are purchasing photos or not. Staff will be checking that hair is tied back if past collar length, no make-up is worn, only one pair of studs or sleepers are worn and that students are neatly presented. Please assist us by reinforcing the correct uniform on the day. Family photos will be taken at lunchtime in CAPA 5. Please collect a Family Photo Envelope from College Reception.

Middle School Assessment Handbook

In the coming weeks I will publish a table to keep you updated as to upcoming Assessments, Tests and Activities in Middle School. This will enable you to support your child and be aware of Major Tasks that are to be completed. The table will contain major tasks and events, and does not replace student diaries for keeping up to date with daily homework and individual class tasks.

A Middle School Assessment Handbook will be sent home with students in the next week. This Handbook outlines the whole year’s tasks that will occur throughout 2013. Students will have a Year Meeting in the coming weeks to explain the Assessment Process.

Diaries

A reminder that diaries need to be brought every day and taken to every lesson. Diaries also need to be signed by parents/guardians each week and will be checked regularly by teachers.
As it is now Week 5 and the initial excitement of returning to school has worn off and the determination to turn over a new leaf in both academic and behavioural efforts is starting to wane. It is now the time to strive on in our efforts to regain that determination to achieve our best at school.

It is really important that we have an attitude in the Senior School that when a student is at school they are here to work. At times with all relational aspects of school life that fact can be forgotten. School starts at 8.45 am and all students are to be at school at this time. If a student is late for any reason they must go to the back window of the College Office and sign in. This is vital as we must know who is on the College property at all times and it also makes it difficult for us to contact students. If a Year 12 student has a study period in Period One they must sign in at the Office before Devotions.

Stress

Stress is one of the major complaints that we hear from students in relation to their studies. Students often make comments such as “I don’t have enough time”, “The computer ate my homework and wouldn’t work”, “There is too much to do”, “I had to work” etc., etc., etc. when work is due.

Time management is a huge issue for our students and it increases in importance the higher their Year Group. Some of the problem relates to the common held view that school and education is not important rather than the idea that being a student and all the associated responsibilities are a child’s occupation.

Some practical help that you as a parent can give your child is the development of a Study Timetable that outlines times for the undertaking of Study, Homework and Assessment Tasks as well as all the other activities that the student undertakes in their lives such as Sport, Church, Recreational Work, and Recreation. Copies of this timetable need to be put up on the fridge, in the bedroom, above the study area, and on the door. Copies placed up all over the place helps to keep a student accountable.

In conjunction with this a Year Planner that has all of the student’s Assessment Tasks needs to be constructed to help them know when things are due and to plan their study times.

**Year 9 Boys HPV Vaccinations**

A reminder to all Year 9 parents: If you wish for your child to participate in this NSW Health initiative, please complete and hand in Immunisation Cards to the College Office as soon as possible. These vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 5 March**.

**Photo Day**

Photo Day is on Friday 8 March. This is just a reminder that students must be in their formal uniform and have a blazer. Please make sure that girls do not have makeup on. Your child will receive a Photo Envelope in their Devotions Class. Students are to return photo envelopes on the photo day with correct money enclosed. Family photos will be taken at lunchtime in CAPA 5. Please collect a Family Photo Envelope from Reception.

**Upcoming Attraction**

Joshua McDonald (Year 9) is currently hard at work, rehearsing for the upcoming production of “Oliver” with Rockdale Musical Society. If you’d like some family entertainment, this may be the show for you. Also a reminder that The Sound of Music opens the week after at Laycock Street Theatre, with Scotia and Maddison Emmett, Ashleigh Sheehan and Scott Ward. Congratulations to these talented students who are extending their gifts to the best of their abilities. Shows not to be missed!
Junior School Sport

House Captain Report: The second Athletics training of the year was last Friday. It was nearly postponed but continued on even though it was wet and started raining at the end. I heard of a few leeches on shoes but like last week, we still trained hard on the Cross Country course. This time, we all had new activities and will keep changing each week. I also hope that all of our swimmers went well at Zone Swimming.

Declan Squire - Hurricanes House Captain

Secondary School Sport

Acts 5:1-4 (Amplified)

BUT A certain man named Ananias with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property, and with his wife’s knowledge and connivance he kept back and wrongfully appropriated some of the proceeds, bringing only a part and putting it at the feet of the apostles. But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart that you should lie to and attempt to deceive the Holy Spirit, and should [in violation of your promise] withdraw secretly and appropriate to your own use part of the price from the sale of the land? As long as it remained unsold, was it not still your own? And [even] after it was sold, was not [the money] at your disposal and under your control? Why then, is it that you have proposed and purposed in your heart to do this thing? [How could you have the heart to do such a deed?] You have not [simply] lied to men [playing false and showing yourself utterly deceitful] but to God.

In sport, there is a saying that you play in a way as to bend the rules but not break them. ‘If you get away with it then it’s not cheating’ is often heard in sporting circles. When we see sporting people cheat or play outside the rules, we tend to lose respect for them or call them a cheat. They don’t play within the ‘spirit’ of the game. It is the same in this story. Ananias and his wife wanted to be recognised for doing a good deed and if their heart was right and they were transparent with what they had given, then it would have been a good deed. Unfortunately, they tried to cheat what they had given. Cheating will always catch up with you and there is freedom in knowing that you have done the right thing which far outweighs the satisfaction of winning at all costs.

Touch Football

As the Gala Day was postponed on Monday, the new day and date is Thursday 7 March (next Thursday).

Athletics Carnival

We have our Athletics Carnival approaching on Thursday 21 March. If there are any parents wishing to help out with duties, please contact Andrew McGillivray at amcgillivray@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.

Zone Swimming

We have the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 1 March. We wish all of the students our blessing.

Beep Test Challenge 2012

Last year all Years 7 - 10 PDHPE students contested the Beep Test Challenge. This is an annual challenge that involves the students participating in the Multi Stage Fitness Test (Beep Test) which a test of cardiorespiratory endurance. The students follow a recording and have to run back and forth over a 20m distance.

Each year, The Athlete’s Foot at Erina support the Beep Test by providing a pair of shoes to the top male, the top female, the most improved male and most improved female.

In 2012, the winners were Zachary Bolton from Year 9 (top male-level 13:12), Cassidy Matterson from Year 7 (top female-level 11:7), Connor Jones from Year 7 (most improved male-level 3:2-level 8:3) and Shannon Alcorn from Year 7 (most improved female-level 2:6-level 6:01).

These are amazing results from these students and they now have the benefit of wearing a new pair of runners for PE lessons. It is with much gratitude that we thank Steve McCoy and his team at The Athlete’s Foot at Erina Fair for their generosity. We can certainly recommend The Athlete’s Foot at Erina Fair if you are in the market for a pair of new runners or school shoes.

Chris Wellington - Secondary School Sport Coordinator
Canteen

Week 6

04.03.2013
Beth Byrne

05.03.2013
Debbie Harlow

07.03.2013
Danielle Goodey, Madeleine Loneragan

08.03.2013
Belinda Slape, Lucinda Shelley

08.03.2013
Deborah Hibbard, Pat Masters, Sharon Herbert, Lisa Shaw.

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.

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

9 March 2013
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
Helpers: Bonnie Gardiner, Fran and Caleb Walton, Leena Pretlove and Sonia Dawes.

16 March
OIC and Food Pickup: Penny Williams
Kitchen Manager: Tony Herbert
Helpers: Di Smith, Janet Wallace, Julie and Harrison Stowe, Ron and Liz Suttie and Vicki Wickert.

Term 1, 2013

■ Tuesday 29 January 2013 for Years 1 - 6; 7, 11 and 12 to Friday 12 April 2013
■ Wednesday 30 January 2013 for Years 8, 9 and 10 to Friday 12 April 2013
■ Thursday 31 January for Kinder to Friday 12 April 2013

Term 2, 2013

■ Tuesday 30 April 2013 to Friday 28 June 2013

Term 3, 2013

■ Wednesday 17 July 2013 to Friday 20 September 2013

Term 4, 2013

■ Tuesday 8 October 2013 to Thursday 12 December 2013.

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 gratchie@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

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

For Sale: 2008 Volkswagen Polo Silver Hatchback. Excellent condition. Turbo diesel, manual, tinted windows, 60,000kms. Economical and reliable car that has been well looked after. Full service history and log books. $13,500 ono. Phone Tim on 0414 155 868.

Tutoring: Past GPCC student, Vincent Stewart offering Maths tutoring, flexible hours. Contact 0488 511 132.

Wanted: Obsolete computers for Year 7 class to dismantle for learning experiences. Please be aware they will not return in original condition and most of them will be thrown away after we’re finished. Please advise Mr Brown if you have any computers you’re willing to part with. Email: jbrown@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.