To Everything There is a Season …

The entire scope and context of our lives is determined by our personal and community allegiances. The College’s Vision of “Excellence in Christ Centred Education” reflects our belief that effective Christian schooling is about instructing and discipling students to understand their need for God and His plan for their lives. This is the essence of good teaching and learning practice as teachers recognise the individual differences in their students and to treat them justly with love and mercy, demonstrating what God has done for them in Christ.

Together with our educational mandate we want students to leave here as life-long learners who serve in the spirit of Christ who reflects the ultimate in what service looks like, always applying the essentials of the Christian faith in whatever they do. It is our prayer that lives will be changed at the College and that students will be transformed as they act as Kingdom citizens — and on the basis of Biblical principles for ethical, social and economic responsibility and to serve others willingly and unselfishly.

God is and will always be relevant and we take very seriously the role we have to influence through education to the Vision and Mission that is Green Point Christian College. The book of Proverbs 22:6 reminds us to “train a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not turn from it.” There is not a more important strategic goal for parents or the College.

Principal’s Q and A

Thank you to those parents who attended this evening and to Mrs Jane McLarty for deputising in my absence. We do appreciate the feedback and it is interesting that a number of issues that were raised were being considered by the Executive of the College in conjunction with its Board of Directors.

There are some issues though where we are unable to make changes, such as implementing “a staggered start to school”. Starting and finishing times at the College are determined by the bus companies which have set times and routes to accommodate areas of the Central Coast. We always want to support the parents of the College within the ethos of who we are as a Christian College. We will be including information about the composition of the Board on our website which already references our Vision, Mission and Statement of Faith.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. Psalm 47:6

The Psalmist said sing and sing we did. Last week we devoted much of the Junior School Chapel Service to praising God in song. It is very uplifting to hear almost 500 children raising their voices to our King. Please feel welcome to join us as we gather at 2:30pm each Wednesday. If you are unable to be with us physically, then please pray that our children will become people of the Word shaped by God’s truths. How wonderful it will be to see our children growing in Christ this year.

School Photos

Junior School photos will be taken on Thursday, 12 March 2015. It is important that all children be wearing full dress uniform on photo day.

2015 SRC Representatives

We will honour our class elected SRC representatives by presenting their badges and praying for them collectively next Wednesday in Chapel.

Music Tutors and Band

Are you considering developing your child’s musical ability? Recently in Chapel, J P Fleury and Toby Roberts launched the 2015 GPCC College Band. If you missed the first meeting last Thursday but are still interested in investigating this area of interest, flyers can be obtained from the College Office. Forms are also available from the office for individual instrument tuition such as guitar, piano, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, drums, singing and more.

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

Inviting new families into our school is exciting. Sometimes we take for granted our beautiful environment and the plethora of resources we have at our disposal. Open Day is a showcase for GPCC, our environment, our resources, our staff, our students and most of all our Christian distinctive. If your friends or neighbours missed Open Day, please assure them we will host another Open Day in August.

K - 2 Swimming Carnival

Exciting times are ahead for our Infants children at their Annual Swimming Carnival on Friday 13 March. We are again this year looking for many enthusiastic parents to assist swimmers in the pool. It is a morning of fun indeed. Please keep an eye out for a separate letter with specific details.

Choir

Junior School Choir has begun! It was wonderful to see so many eager faces at Choir on Wednesday morning. There is still opportunity for students from Years 1 - 6 to join Mrs Munro in the CAPA Theatre at 8:00am on Wednesday mornings. 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.

New Families Dinner

Tomorrow night, Friday 27 February, GPCC will host a “New Families Meet the Teacher Dinner” 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.

Head of School Awards

Congratulations to these children who received their award in Chapel: Olivia Melenewycz, 1MM; Johan Limpkin, 1PB; Saskia van der Walt, 1SM; Charlee Goddard, 2B; Jessica Leivesley, 2D; Mathis Limpkin, 2DL; Joshua Abbott, 3P; Sophie Chen, 3W; Rosalie Stuart, 3/4D; Joel Wiggins, 4DJ; Yassi Delalat, 4H; Thalia Angelopoulos, 5B; Eliana Bootes, 5L; Elise Leonard, 5/6L; Joseph Marescia, 6M and Alana Warwick, 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 click here for access to the flyer for further details.

Kindergarten

Next week beginning Monday 2 March, we will have Kindergarten children here every day. No more Wednesday rest days, our little ones are big kids now. Kindergarten families please feel welcome to join us in Chapel from 2:30pm on Wednesdays.
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 and are now open. 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/)

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.

**A Reminder ...**

If you vary your child’s travel arrangements from those submitted to class teachers, please phone the Office who will get a message to class teachers. Together we will best ensure your child’s safe travel home.

**Emailing**

Thank you parents for adhering to our newly implemented email approach. Our three day turnaround is working well.
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 children and it increases in importance the higher their Grade. 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.

School Photo Day
Secondary School Photo Day is on Wednesday, 11 March. Time for a haircut? This is a reminder that all Secondary School students must be in their full formal uniform. All Years 11 and 12 students are to wear a blazer.

Senior House Captains
We have created a new leadership position in the College for Year 12 students to apply for in the House area. They will be responsible for working with the House Organiser and the House and Vice Captains. We had some fine applicants and we are pleased to announce the following Senior House Captains: Zoe Armstrong, Sophie Osborne, Michael Black and Jacob Barwise.

Swimming Carnival
The Swimming Carnival is on this Friday 27 February. The official start time is 9:00am with warm up time from 8:30am. The Carnival is being held at Mingara Swimming Pool and there are two buses provided for students. Students who require bus transport need to put their names down at the student window just in case we need to hire more buses. This is going to be a great day and I am anticipating a lot of House spirit with thanks to Mr Chris Harris and all the work he is doing as House Organiser. The Carnival is expected to finish by 2:30pm with all going well and this will allow plenty of time to get students back for their buses in the afternoon.

Year 7 MacBook Rollout - Tuesday 3 March
Pre-ordered MacBooks can be collected on Tuesday 3 March, 3:30pm - 6:30pm from the IT Department. MacBooks must be signed for by a parent/guardian. Any uncollected MacBooks can be signed for after the Tuesday night collection.

Email accounts will be released and further instructions will be emailed to all Year 7 students from Wednesday 4 March onwards. Year 7 will go “live” from Monday 9 March (Week 7), with all students expected to have their MacBooks in class. Please also note that parents are not required to purchase any other software; all Apple iWorks software (Pages, Numbers, Keynote, Garage Band etc) come standard on all new MacBook Devices. All other software such as Microsoft Office for Mac, and Antivirus will be provided by GPCC.

Year 8
Year 8 has commenced the year strongly, with organised classroom work habits and uniforms looking quite smart. We have some boys with long hair and this needs to be tied back. ALL long hair should be tied back – nits are always an issue at this time of year, so it is best to be wise and as part of our Uniform Policy, Year 8 students with shoulder length hair need to have it tied right back. Thank you for your support in this.
Serving Our Community

This week two of our students had the opportunity to serve the community, by participating in the Funeral Service of Brigadier-General Stringfellow. Mia Humphries (Year 9) led the congregation in the National Anthem and Daniel Cornish (Year 8) played The Last Post and Rouse in the military segment of the funeral. Both students were a credit to the College and their assistance was greatly appreciated by the family of the Brigadier-General.

Open Day

The College welcomed many visitors at its first Open Day last Tuesday. Visitors were taken on tours of the College by our Prefects and volunteer students from Years 9 and 11. We have had much positive feedback from the community, who especially commented on the confidence of our student volunteers and their natural leadership skills. These students were outstanding in the way which they represented our College proudly and their actions spoke volumes to the broader community. Well done to all involved.

Year 12 Half Yearly Exam Timetable 2015

For your information the Year 12 Half Yearly Exam Timetable 2015 can be accessed from our website by clicking here.

The STEaMing News

Around 20 students have joined the team of The STEaMing News! Check out for yourself the second Assembly presentation on YouTube. Just search for “The STEaMing News” on YouTube. Check out and like our Facebook Page.

We are really busy working on our first episode “To Tap, From Toilet” - which deals with water and sewerage treatment on the Central Coast! We invite YOU to be part of the adventure. Mr Strickling

Careers

Information regarding Careers is now on our website. Visit the College website and go to: www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au and follow the links (News  Careers) to go to our Careers page.

Reminders

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 phone or text their parents direct unless they check with the Office first.
Missions and Service

Mr Tom Anderson | 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

Secondary School Bible Studies

The Bible is precious to us at GPCC and we hope that all of our students grow in their knowledge and understanding of God through reading it.

Student led Bible Studies run for all years in Secondary School and are split into boy and girl groups. The groups are led by a dedicated team of Year 12 students, who have been trained in Bible Study leading and who are passionate about helping other students grow in their faith.

Details of times and locations can be found on the poster on this page. All students are welcome to attend!

Prayer at the Pole

Praying together as a community is a real privilege. The College would like to invite you to a morning of prayer alongside current staff and students. We will be praying for the College, our local community, our nation and the world.

Please join us at the flagpoles outside Reception.

New Mum’s Care Packs – Cambodia

Justine Collins, leader of our 2014 Cambodia Mission team was sent this photo by Samaritan’s Purse last week. It shows Wayne Hester from Samaritan’s Purse delivering a New Mum Care Pack donated by GPCC to a mother in Cambodia.

Thanks to all the members of the GPCC community who donated items and for blessing the people of Cambodia in this way.
Position Vacant
GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
A ministry of Green Point Baptist Church
Our mission is “Excellence in Christ Centred Education”
An experienced and dynamic person is required to work in the following area of the College:

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
Temporary Part time (Terms 2, 3 and 4 2015)
We seek a Counsellor with experience in working with children, adolescents and their families.

The successful applicant for the above position must be a committed Christian and be prepared to work under the ethos of our College. Job Description, Prospectus and Application Forms are available on the web site www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au. Applications must be received on the official Application Form. Applications close Wednesday 11 March 2015.

School Photo Dates for 2015

- Wednesday 11 March - Secondary School
- Thursday 12 March - Junior School

Please note: If you know that your child is going to be absent on their scheduled photo day, they may have their individual photo taken on the other date above. Students will need to be in full dress uniform for their photo. Students need to bring their photo envelope (with correct payment included) on the day they have their photo taken to give to the photographer. Sibling photos will be taken at lunch time on both of these days in CAPA 5.

Photo envelopes will be given out to students on Monday 2 March.

Upcoming dates

- Today
  Year 7 Immunisations
  Years 10, 11 and 12 Drama Incursion
- Friday, 27 February
  Secondary School Swimming Carnival
  New Families “Meet the Teacher” Dinner
- Monday, 2 March
  Secondary Zone Touch Gala Day
  Society and Culture Core Study Day
  Year 9 ALK PASS to Tennis
  Year 10E Geography Fieldwork Excursion
  After School Drama Club
- Tuesday, 3 March
  Selected students to Peninsula Village Chapel
  Year 10H Geography Fieldwork Excursion
  After School Art Club
  Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 4 March
  Junior School Choir 8:00am
  Year 9 ADM PASS to Tennis
- Thursday, 5 March
  Secondary Zone Touch Gala Day
  Society and Culture Core Study Day
- Friday, 6 March
  JS CSSA Soccer Trials
  Year 12 History Excursion
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Green Point Baptist Church News

Minute To Win It

This week at GP Youth we will be bringing one of the most fun and entertaining game shows to the Jacaranda Room, with an evening full of the best Minute To Win It challenges! Come along and take part in some great mental and physical challenges, each with only 60 seconds to complete.

Next week, we will be having a particularly special evening - our Third Annual Slumber Games! It is GP Youth’s annual sleep over, running from 7:00pm Friday until 9:00am Saturday. We have some amazing activities planned, and it will be a great opportunity to connect with friends. The night will be fully supervised and boys and girls will have separate sleeping areas. For more information about the Slumber Games or GP Youth, 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 the 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.

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Week 6 Term 1

Monday, 02.03.2015
Rhonda Campbell

Tuesday, 03.03.2015
Glenda Collins

Wednesday, 04.03.2015
Renae van Es

Thursday, 05.03.2014
Lynne Campey

Friday, 06.03.2015
Melissa Olsen, Amanda Baird, Terry Ellis

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.

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

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

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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