Life's Challenges

Lauren Espedido is a Year 12 student who also happens to be a Youth Ambassador for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for 2013. The photograph below is of Lauren raising funds by jumping from an aeroplane. Even the thought of such an exploit makes me feel somewhat unsettled. Yet I know that this “jump” acts as a metaphor for what God requires of me at times, and even though I may never have to, I have learnt that the “readiness is all.”

Even so, having grown up into Christ, and knowing all I know about His saving grace I am still amazed that at times I retreat from stepping out in faith and remembering that Christ is the central focus and reference point for my life. Mark Driscoll in his text *Who do you think you are? Finding your true identity in Christ* challenges us to understand that we are all children of God, made in His image and reminds us that we “aren’t what’s been done to us but what Jesus has done for us” through His sacrificial death on the cross.

Driscoll’s challenge is to be ready to make the metaphorical ‘jump’, because of who I am in Christ. We are part of the great commission here at Green Point Christian College, whether as parents, teachers, care givers, grandparents. We have been delegated by God with the task of embodying Christ’s presence in the world and if we want to know how to embody Christ’s presence then we need always to look to Christ.

Therefore, the only place we can find meaning and purpose and therefore our identity in life is through Christ and so we need to be constantly asking ourselves who is the object of our worship to fulfil our calling.

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must but because you are willing, as God wants you to be... eager to serve [as] examples to the flock.” 1 Peter 5:2-3.
From the Board

During the month of February, the Board:

• Reviewed and approved the College’s new website
• Approved a revised College logo to be introduced incrementally
• Gave approval in principle for a plan to build a new TAS building next year, intended to be part of a coordinated Trade Training Centre proposal developed in conjunction with two other local Christian schools
• Approved the lodgment of an application for a government subsidy available for that kind of project
• Received and considered reports from the Principal and Business Manager
• Confirmed the budget for 2013, which had previously been approved for the purpose of determining the level of fees for this year but which had been updated to take account of actual student numbers and staff arrangements
• Heard reports from the Heads of School (who now attend Board meetings quarterly)
• Began to consider how to progress the proposals designed to address the College’s car parking and traffic flow needs without causing undue delay to the construction of the remaining classrooms required in order to achieve the removal of all demountable classrooms

The Board will be including a report of this kind in The Messenger each month from now on.

Graham Ellis, Chairman, on behalf of the Board

Secondary School Photos

Secondary School Photos is on this Friday 8 March. Full Dress Uniform should be worn by students. If a student needs to wear the PE Uniform on this day for a PASS or PDHPE Class please make sure they bring their formal uniform to wear for the school photo and Seniors are to wear Blazers. Students who are waiting delivery of a Blazer from the Uniform Shop will be able to borrow a Blazer to wear when having their photo taken.

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The Transformer Bumblebee is very capable of changing on his own from a beaten up Transam to a shining mass of intergalactic robotic muscle. I explained to the children that we are also capable of making some personal changes ourselves but other transformations are beyond us and we need help. Repetitive feelings of fear, jealousy or hatred are hard to manage and sometimes our responses to certain situations are so ingrained that despite wanting to change, we just can’t. Transformation however is one of Jesus’ specialities. The Bible instructs us to be transformed and it is often only with God’s help we can be. First step though is acknowledging our need to change and step two is asking for assistance.

Zone Swimming Team

Congratulations to the children who represented the Junior School at last week’s Hunter Christian Schools’ Zone Carnival. Lots of outstanding individual performances enabled Green Point to successfully defend the trophy. Well done especially to our Age Champions who included Phoenix Carroll, Jasper White, David Spragg, James Linnet, Liam Ferguson, Eliana Bootes, Hannah Read and Carinya White. Mr Lambert will be in contact with parents of children who will now swim at Christian Schools’ State Carnival on Monday 11 March.

Representative Chess

I need to form teams of children keen to play Inter-School Chess next term as part of the NSW Junior Chess League. Many children are enjoying being part of the current lunchtime club but don’t have to attend in order to be considered. Please return the reply slip from the note if your son or daughter is keen to participate. Click to download Chess Note.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Many boys and girls participated in 2012 and this year’s Challenge commenced this week. 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.

Rugby

Well done to the boys from Years 5 and 6 who played in last week’s lunchtime matches on the oval. Sides will soon be selected to play in upcoming Central Coast tournaments.

Head of School Awards

Congratulations to the following students for last week: Hugh Cullen, KH; Matthew Sheehan, KP; Chelsea Baldock, KS; Lincoln Matodes, 1MM; Grace Tweedie, 1PB; Tahlia Hirst, 1SM; Yassi Delalat, 2AH; Elia Sohn, 2D; Tyran Moore, 2RH; Felix Hollands, 3P; Ellie Watts, 3W; Cooper Dehn, 3/4D; Darcy Phillis, 4S; Victoria Samways, 4T; Sara Nercessian, 5L; Oliver Holmes, 5M; Rebecca Ritchie, 5/6B; Carinya White, 6L and Tiffany Rowe, 6P

Music

Don’t forget the excellent offer to all children in Years 2 and 3 to learn the violin through a Conservatorium endorsed program being taught here at the College by accomplished musician Mrs Karina Hollands. A letter went home with Years 2 and 3 students last week. Please ask the Office if you need a copy.

Parking

Parents please remember the Year 12 carpark is for students only at all times of the day.

Grade Parents

We welcome on board this week to help with Kindergarten Mrs Amanda Swan, Mrs Tanya Busch and Mrs Gretchen Taylor. Our next Grade Parent meeting is Thursday 14 March.
Junior School SRC for 2013

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected Junior School SRC Representatives for 2013. Badges will be presented in Chapel time on Wednesday 13 March.

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SRC Year 6 Councillors

Chairperson: Brad Tham

Councillors: Carinya White, Inge Goosen, Boston Pate, Declan Squire and Jessica Alcorn.

School Captains: Ben Osborne, Daniel Drennan, Kayla Pretlove and Hannah Read.

Reminders

Year 3 and 3/4D - Coffee/Dessert Night

8:00 pm on Monday 11 March 2013.

Location TBA (not Byblos!) please contact Suzie for details.

RSVP: by Friday 8 March to Suzie: morris@morris-online.net or 0414 522 409.
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The Central Coast offers a great lifestyle that is very laid back and easygoing. This has some advantages and certainly people flock to this area hoping to reduce the stress. In our College this same outlook on life can have a very negative effect on the outcome of the Educational Process.

The Bible talks about having a conscientious attitude to all things that we undertake as our motivation comes from our desire to serve and worship God. Work is Worship. Everything that we do can bring honour or dishonour to the one we serve. Unfortunately, too many students treat their studies as an inconvenient sideline to their social time.

The reality of education is that it takes effort, determination and self-motivation to achieve our potential. It takes hard work from students in class and at home to achieve their best in all subject areas. I often see students dismiss poor efforts in homework, class work or assignments with a shrug of the shoulders and a “don’t care attitude”. They do not value education and for someone like me who has seen people in Africa who thirst for the opportunity to have an education it fills me with sorrow.

Please pray for our students to develop a passion for learning and a desire in all things to achieve their potential no matter the difficulty. If we strive to achieve our best we Worship our God.

Photo Day Friday 8 March

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Student Welfare

The welfare of our students in Senior School is of highest priority to us at Green Point Christian College. In a world with so many pressures and tensions on our young people it is vital for us to look after our students in such a way that limits or reduces the stress on them while still meeting the requirements of the Board of Studies. Our College Counsellor, Liz Andrew is of course vital for this. If you or your student is in need she is always available.

Similarly, our Year Advisers are here for the welfare of your child. If a child is experiencing difficulties and needs help the Year Advisers are here for the students in their year groups to help them sort through any problems. The Year Advisers, Mr Graham Crawford (Year 12), Mr Matt Newell (Year 11), Miss Shae Simpson (Year 10) and Mr Keith Mills (Year 9) are here to help you and your child cope with the stresses of education.

Accident in P-Plate Car Park

On Monday a student returned to his car after an afternoon lesson to find that someone had hit the back bumper causing damage. As you can imagine the student is quite upset by the whole situation. If you have any information about the accident please contact me.

P-Plate Car Park

We have had a number of frustrated P-Plate drivers who have been parked in by parents, particularly in the afternoon. Please leave that car park area for P-Plate Drivers. It is not a big area and I do not want someone being run over.
Junior School Sport:

CIS Tennis

Last Monday, our own Roger Federer, who also goes by the name of James Linnet, competed at the CIS Tennis Championships. He qualified for this championship based on last year’s superb performance at the CSSA Tennis Competition, where he won his division.

At CIS, James had a fantastic day, playing against some of the best tennis players in NSW in private schools.

Congratulations to James for his fabulous efforts in tennis this year and we can’t wait to see what the rest of the year holds.

CIS Primary Girls Basketball Trials

On Friday, Boston Pate and Kayla Pretlove travelled down to Sydney for the CIS Basketball Trials. They were not only representing GPCC but also CSSA. The girls played a number of games in their favourite positions, hoping to be picked for the CIS Team. After several hours of drills and game, the girls unfortunately missed out on selection but still, they had a fantastic day and gave their all. Top stuff, girls!

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 26 February, Primary School had their zone Swimming Carnival at Newcastle. It was a great day and all the swimmers did an amazing job in the water. Our school managed to win seven out of eight relays as well as finishing as the top school at the end of the day. Although on Friday, it was too wet to do House Sport, we still had a fun afternoon. By Kirsty Rowe, Breakers House Captains

Zone Swimming was a day to remember! Every swimmer tried their best and encouraged one another. The relays were very exciting; we won 7 out of 8! In the end, our school won the Carnival. By Hannah Read, GPCC Swim Captain

Last Thursday, 35 Green Point Primary students went up to the Newcastle Forum Pool for the Zone Swimming Carnival. Everyone did well, having lots of fun. The House Captains were there, helping on the day and they did well. There was lots of good swimming which gave us enough points to win the trophy AGAIN for the third year in a row. Good luck to the 20 students who are now going to CSSA. By Liam Ferguson, GPCC Swim Captain

As you can see by these reports, it was a fantastic Carnival and our school performed extremely well.

Also, a big thank you to our GPCC Swim Captains (Hannah Read and Liam Ferguson) as well as our House Captains: Kirsty Rowe, Gabriel Sohn, Brooklyn Tadman, Nathan Thomas, Liam Ferguson, Cerys O’Grady-Cousins and Declan Squire (Tia Poll was unable to attend) who helped run the Carnival by assisting with different jobs throughout the day. Apart from some sensational individual performances, one of the other highlights of the day as Kirsty and Hannah reported was winning seven out of the eight relay events. Go GPCC!

Due to our superb results in the pool, we had the following Age Champions:

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A huge congratulations to all of our swimmers as well as to everyone who has qualified for the CSSA Swimming Carnival next Monday.

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Secondary School Sports

1 Corinthians 12:12-21

12 The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. 14 Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. 15 If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? 18 But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. 19 How strange a body would be if it had only one part! 20 Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. 21 The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”

There is a cliché in team sports that says, ‘there’s no I in team’. So often we place a particular position in a team more important than the others. The popularity of a forward in Soccer or a five-eighth in Rugby seems to be the focus and seen as pivotal positions. Why is this the case? Usually these are seen as the play makers or game changers. Scoring a goal or calling a particular move which will lead to a try.

We so often overlook the whole team as an equal part. If it wasn’t for the Backs in Soccer who have defended the goal when things were tough, or the Forwards setting the platform for the five-eighth to set depth off the ball, then these pivotal positions would struggle to contribute their part within the team. This scripture talks about the same thing. As Christians we are all different parts that make up one body. We each have our part to play and it is as important as any other part.

Tennis

Congratulations to Rebecca Stewart (Year 11) who has been selected in the CIS Open Girls Team. She won her Pool and it was the top two from each who went through to the next level. This is a wonderful achievement for a young woman who has been extremely disciplined and very humble in her winnings and success. Kady Pinchbeck (Year 12) also trialled but narrowly missed out, finishing third in her Pool.

Swimming

On Friday, GPCC competed in the Secondary Zone Carnival at Mingara. We had some wonderful achievements and it was a great honour to see GPCC so well represented. It was not only in the pool but we had a large number of volunteers who helped throughout the day. Some of the great achievements on the day were the following:

Age Champions:
13 Yrs Girls: Ashleigh Power
14 Yrs Girls: Cassidy Matterson, Runner up: Jane Spragg,
15 Yrs Girls: Claire Gaffney, Runner up: Zoe Waddell
Opens Girls: Beth Spragg

The students who were placed first or second in the individual events and first in the relay events will compete at the CSSA Swim Meet at Homebush on Thursday 14 March. Students will need to make their own way to the venue. We wish them all the best. A big thank you also to Shae Simpson, Chris Harris, Di Power and Corinna Reynolds for helping on the day. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Fitness

If there are any students who would like to attend fitness training, the PE Department is doing morning sessions before school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you are interested, please see either Mr McGillivray, Mr Wellington or Miss Simpson to register. The times will be from 7.20 - 8.00 am, starting in the MPC. Monday was the first fitness training morning and two keen students came along to participate. Well done to those students. It would be great to see even more students showing an interest in gaining fitness.

Chris Wellington - Secondary School Sport Coordinator
Missions and Service

Mr Tom Anderson | Director of Spiritual Development

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

Shockwave – Praying for the Persecuted Church

Can you imagine being locked up in a storeroom by your parents because of your faith in Jesus? Can you imagine being imprisoned in a container crate in scorching temperatures for months because you will not deny Jesus as your Lord and Saviour? In other parts of the world, Christians face severe persecution.

At lunchtime last Friday over 40 High School students gathered for prayer in the Church. They were praying for the Persecuted Church around the globe in an event called “Shockwave” run by Open Doors. Students learned about some of the difficulties and struggles faced by Christians living in other countries. It was a great time of unity and fellowship. We prayed for China, Eritrea, Laos, Vietnam and Indonesia.

Bible Studies @ GPCC

A number of voluntary lunchtime groups run at the College, designed to help students grow in their faith. In the High School our Years 12 and 11 Bible Study leaders run groups for each Year group. In the Junior School, the Crusaders group meets once a week and Year 6 Bible Studies are run by Year 8 leaders. Below is a list of Year groups and days on which the lunchtime groups run. Please pray for our students as they seek to grow in God’s Word and live out their faith at school.

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| Year 8 | Boys – Thursdays in H6  
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| Year 9 | Boys – Fridays in H6  
Girls – Wednesdays in H Block |
| Year 10 | Boys – Wednesdays in H Block  
Girls – Fridays in C2 |
| Years 11 and 12 | Wednesdays in CAPA 2 |

Tonga Staff Mission – April 2013

A group of staff and past students from the College are travelling to our sister school in Tonga (Hofangahau College) in the April school holidays to conduct a Teachers Conference. The group is being led by Mrs Michelle Taunga and includes teaching staff from both the High School and Junior School. They will be involved in training the Tongan staff in teaching from a Christian world view, teaching strategies, programming, writing techniques and using technology in the classroom. Please pray for the team as they prepare for their time in Tonga.
Nebo News - Secondary G&T

Maths Olympiad: This week in the Middle and Senior School Assemblies, we acknowledged the efforts of the students that participated in last year’s National Maths Olympiad. A special mention goes to Nathan Ellis, Year 9, who finished in the top 10% of the competition. Joshua de Lore and Charlotte Ryan, also of Year 9, finished in the top 25% of the competition. Well done. The Maths Olympiad will be on again this year for Years 7 and 8.

Solution to last week’s challenge:
A slow driver will see MOVE-IT in their rear-view mirror.

Challenge of the Week:
If there are 25 stations on a railway line, what is the maximum number of different fares required in order that there is a ticket price set for every possible journey from any one station to any other?

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.

Parking and Drop Off
To ensure the safety of students and especially small children, NO students are to be dropped off in the Student or Staff Car Park.

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.

Mock Trial
The 2013 Mock Trial commenced today for Green Point Christian College. We were successful in the competition against Gosford High School by a margin of 275 – 246. Students who represented Green Point Christian College included: Michael Austin and Matthew Broadhurst (Barristers), Caroline Mosey (Solicitor), Cooper Whitty and Maddison Beeforth (Witnesses) and Leon Frank-Rath (Court Official).

Entertainment Books
Entertainment Books for 2013/14 will be sold through the College Office shortly. The cost of an Entertainment book is $60.00 with $12 from each sale going to raise fund for the Samaritan’s Purse Cambodia Projects which GPC is supporting this year. Please phone Justine on 4363 1266 to pre-order your copy.

Student Car Park
Parents are requested NOT to park in the STUDENTS’ CAR PARK located on Avoca Drive next to the construction site which was previously the Petrol Station.

Car Park Safety
Parents please use the foot crossings provided when moving around in the school car park. For those accompanying you under 10 years, holding hands is a further act of safety. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Upcoming dates
- **Thursday, 7 March**
  Rugby 7s Gala Day - Year 8 students
  Sec Zone Touch Gala Day (Wallsend)
  JS Mandarin Club
- **Friday, 8 March**
  K - 2 Busways Visit
  Years 5 & 6 Retirement Village Visit
  Rugby 7s Gala Day - Year 7 students
  Secondary School Photo Day
  Year 12 History Excursion
- **Monday, 11 March**
  CSSA State Primary Swimming Carnival
  Year 11 Modern History Excursion
  Year 3 Mums Coffee Evening
- **Tuesday, 12 March**
  CIS Cricket Trials
  Year 7 History Incursion
  Regional State Touch Gala Day
  Year 11 RYDA Excursion
- **Wednesday, 13 March**
  Year 11 Ancient History Excursion
  Year 12 Textiles & Design Excursion
- **Thursday, 14 March**
  Grade Parents Meeting
  Year 9 Commerce Excursion
  CSSA Sec. State Swimming Carnival
  Fundraiser Cancer Council Cake Stall at Recess and Lunch
- **Friday, 15 March**
  Infants Swimming Carnival

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.
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 ☐
College News

Green Point Christian College New Website

*** GPCC has a new WEBSITE***

We are launching our new website today. Please have a good look around and see where information is available for you.
Reminders

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.

Reminders

Green Point Baptist Church News

Over recent months, Green Point Baptist Church has been progressively upgrading some of our facilities. The Ministry Centre (formerly known as the Jacaranda Building, which was the original school building in 1982) has been given a facelift, and is now a fully refurbished, air-conditioned function room with commercial-grade kitchen. To enable disabled access to this function room, a lift is being installed between the Ministry Centre and the Worship Centre.

There will also be external works in coming months as we demolish the aging Activities Centre and upgrade carpark facilities and Avoca Drive access. We appreciate your understanding as we work towards facilities that will allow us to be gospel partners with the College for many years to come!

Green Point Baptist Church Fundraiser for the China Mission Trip

Shopping Tour
Saturday 25 May 2013
$55 (includes morning and afternoon tea, and lunch)

Enjoy a fun filled day of shopping, whilst raising money for the China Team. The more $ spent, the greater percentage return.

Time
An air conditioned coach will be departing promptly at 7.15am from Green Point Baptist Church car park, returning late afternoon.

Sydney Outlets
Clothing, shoes, handbags, luggage, toys, home wares, Manchester, chocolates ... plus much more!!

Giveaways
There will be a variety of prizes and giveaways through the day including a major prize.

Please see Sue Parkinson in the College Office to purchase your ticket.

On Friday 8 March, everyone is welcome to visit the GPBC Coastal Craft group Market Day from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm in the Church Activities Centre. Handmade crafts and preserves will be available for purchase.

GP Youth is on in the Redgum Room each Friday night of school term - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome.

Check out our website: www.gpbc.net.au for more information.
Canteen

Week 7

11.03.2013
Kay Soede

12.03.2013
Katrina Bolton

13.03.2013
Megan Garpendal

14.03.2013
Olivia Luther, Hayley Stitt

15.03.2013
Janine Pike-Gale, Joanne Smith, Francis Browne.

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.

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

16 March 2013
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

23 March 2013
OIC and Food Pickup: Brian Shaw
Kitchen Manager: Karen Shaw
Helpers: F/T/K/E Pennington, 3 x GPCC Student Helpers (organised by Mrs De Witte)

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 gritch@gpcc.nsw.edu.au
Always include your child’s name and Year Group for delivery. Credit Card slips and a receipt are always issued.

FREE: Student Desk, Solid Timber, 120 x 60 x 78cm, 4 drawers right side, Very good condition. Phone Becky:0413 889 573 - Wamberal


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.

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.