Mrs Debra Walls | Principal  

Today, if you hear His voice do not harden your hearts …

We who are privileged to hear the message of Christ in our churches and to also have easy access to our Bibles, need to ensure we continue the spiritual formation begun in Christ and make sure we do not become dull of hearing. This means moving on a daily basis into a deeper and fuller relationship with God – taking time out of our busyness to ensure that our eyes and ears are wide open to God.

God has promised to His children that He is unchangeable, He is always faithful and always dependable, and there is great consolation and hope in this knowledge. Whilst it is not always easy to cope with the vicissitudes of life, we can come to God knowing that “He is the same yesterday, today and forever.” Whilst we interact on a daily basis with a world that seems to alter second by second, we serve a God who is unchangeable.

Embedding these truths in our hearts and minds means that we will live our lives equipped for each challenge that comes our way. It does not mean that challenges will not come, but it does mean that every step of the way God will comfort and provide support in many and various ways. This of course, is one of the blessings of being in community – others are able to be there for us, praying and providing practical support. This also allows us to be supporters of each other and to reflect kindness and gentleness and grace and mercy – virtues that reflect the life that Christ lived.

Love is action and it allows us to live out the Gospel message and to discover that a loving, caring, learning community is an essential ingredient of the growth process.

“Now may the God of peace … equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen” Hebrews 13:20-21.

TAS Building Project

The building project is well underway with the first floor of the TAS facility being laid recently.
“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’” Luke 10:27

Luke recorded Jesus’ words as He taught regarding eternal life and love. Here Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to help an expert in the Mosaic Law understand the concept of neighbourly love. Although this could have been an opportunity for Jesus to discuss salvation issues as He had been asked about eternal life, He chose a different course and focused on relationships and what it means to truly love. Digging deeper, our children were challenged to consider the times when it is harder to show love to another and what this could look like.

It was exciting to begin class Chapel items and Mrs Davis along with 3/4D delightfully kicked the year off by retelling the story of the Good Samaritan. Mrs Davis explained who our neighbours are and how we can show the type of love Jesus referred to in Luke 10. However, the highlight of the Chapel for many of us was the clever rewording of the popular song from Frozen, Let It Go, performed by the children to highlight relational, sacrificial love. It truly was both entertaining and beautifully impacting.

2015 SRC Representatives

Congratulations to our 2015 SRC representatives.

Councillors: Annabella Poll (Chairperson), Lily Dahl, Elise Leonard, Emani Makedonez, Joseph Marescia, Naomi Omayao

SRC Representatives:

School Captains: Andre Gardiman, Adele Leggett, Lucy Loneragan, David Spragg
1MM - Olivia Melenewycz, Crosby Peake
1PB - Samantha Bourke, Micah Ricardo
1SM - Imogen Harding, Charlie McKee
2B – Laine Casey, Harrison Smith
2D - Jared Andrew, Amédee Wood
2DL - Clinton Fourie, Tanika Maxwell
3W - Lucas Hall, Sienna Pearce
3P - Sasha Harding, Caleb Watts
3/4D - Georgia Dehn, Ellia Turner/ Julien Droguett
4H - Lotus Grant, Ben Higgins
4DJ - Jarrod Morgan, Bella Ostini
5B - Casey Corcoran, Anyssa Cromer
5L - Joshua Blair, Greta Newman
5/6L – Scotia Emmett, Chloe Wilding
6M – Brayth Cromer, Brooke Hewitt
6P - Hayley Milne, Caitlin Smith

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.

Girls - hair neatly tied up (black red and white bands only), white over the ankle socks, one pair of plain studs or sleeper earrings only.

Boys - hair reaching their collar must also be tied back, ties for Primary boys in Years 3 - 6, no jewellery.

Sibling photos can be arranged by collecting a Sibling Photo envelope from Reception. Sibling photos will take place at lunchtime on Wednesday 11 March and Thursday 12 March.

K - 2 Swimming Carnival

Time to shake out your swimming costumes and get ready for our Infants big splash on Friday 13 March at Peninsula Leisure Centre. Every year we are thankful for the many parents willing to help out in the water and this year we look forward to some parent races too. Relive your glory days or just plan on having some fun. It is these days your children remember most. Please return Carnival notes to class teachers as soon as possible.

Choir

Choir started back in fine form last week. If your child would like to be involved, it is not too late. Mrs Munro, Mrs Rochford and Mr Muir will be glad to see you. Choir sessions are each Wednesday in the CAPA Theatre and begin at 8:00am with vocal warm up and concludes at 8:45am.

Grade Parent Meeting

Thank you to those who attended our first meeting for 2015. We are looking forward to the fun ways you have planned for building connection across your Grade.

New Families Dinner

Delicious food and a great night of conversation. At the end of another bustling week it was good fun to stop and share in this event. I trust that all new families managed to meet a few staff members, Board members and other new families. Welcome aboard.

Head of School Awards

Congratulations to these children who received their award in Chapel: Madison O’Brien, KG; Eva Lambert, KP; Lachlan Fitzgerald, KW; William Ferrari, 1MM; Isabella Turner, 1PB; Ethan Woodhouse, 1SM; Emily Ryan, 2B; Kara Ferguson, 2D; Millie Pettiford, 2DL; Mikalah Strickling, 3P; Grace Crain, 3W; Evelyn Rajasekar, 3/4D; Annabelle Slape, 4DJ; Darcy Lloyd-Phillips, 4H; Lucy Johnson, 5B; Keegan Harvey, 5L; Charlotte Morris, 5/6L; Brayth Cromer, 6M and Benjamin Dufficy, 6P.
Love in Action

Note it in your diary or pop a reminder on the fridge either way if you are able plan to be there. Helpful, supportive parenting advice has arrived at GPCC known as Love in Action; **Tuesday 10 March**, in the Staff Common room from 7:30pm. We look forward to sharing this time with you. Please [click here](#) to access the flyer for further details.

Kindergarten

It was wonderful to have our Kindergarten in Chapel for the first time on Wednesday. I am not sure if it was their great big smiles and wide eyes or swinging legs that did not quite reach the floor that charmed us most. From the stage clearly we had a few nodding heads and bleary eyes but they did it – they completed their first ever Wednesday at school. Congratulations Kindergarten.

First Term Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews were conducted in the Library on Tuesday night. It was a good opportunity to provide information to your child’s teacher that may have otherwise been missed and this completes our getting to know you period. We look forward to our next interview sessions mid-year at which time we will be able to share your child’s academic and social progress with you. If you require a meeting before this time, please contact class teachers directly.

Easter Service

We look forward to sharing in a combined Easter Celebration Service with Secondary School in the MPC on **Wednesday 1 April**. It is an amazing experience to get together as a whole school and worship God as part of our special privilege in being a K - 12 College.

Japanese in the Junior School

Congratulations to 2DL, the first class to cook with Sensei this week. They won the Prestigious “Race for a Rice Ball” game and were treated to making Onigiri on Monday morning. Congratulations also to 2D, 1PB, 3/4D and 5B who will continue to cook Onigiri later this week too. Who will be next ? Reynolds Sensei

Clean Up

Thank you to the students (photo right) who came voluntarily to clean up the Junior School on Friday at lunch.
To me there are many reasons for a Christian School and they have very little to do with private education. The first reason is to provide an excellent education through all subjects in the curriculum from a Christian world view that will allow students to challenge the claims of a constantly changing message from the world.

Secondly and more importantly, I see our role as the development of character. Too many qualities such as compassion, resilience, courage, consistency, respect, honesty, integrity and so many others are desired in our culture but not developed. Our College has at its core the desire to develop young men and women whose character displays these values.

Welfare of our students in Secondary School is of the 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 School Counsellors, led by Mr Matthew Rosee are of course vital for this. If you or your student is in need, they are here to help.

Similarly, our Year Advisors are here for the welfare of your child. If a child is experiencing difficulties and needs help, the Year Advisors are here for the students in their Year groups to help them sort through any problems. The Year Advisors, Mr Chris Wellington (Year 12), Mr Keith Mills (Year 11), Mrs Lisa Glen (Year 10) Mrs Rebecca Gavin (Year 9) Mrs Kerrie Rochford (Year 8) and Mrs Rachael Wilesmith (Year 7) are here to help you and your child cope with the stresses of education.

Year 7 HPV Vaccination Program and Year 8 Catch-Up Vaccinations

If your child missed out on last week’s vaccination, there will be an opportunity to “catch-up” at the next visit, on Thursday 21 May. Please be aware that if your child has been vaccinated by your GP for HPV, Diptheria/Tetanus/Pertussis, subsequent vaccinations will need to be carried out by the GP.

Year 7 MacBook Rollout

Pre-ordered MacBooks were collected on Tuesday 3 March, 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.

School Photo Day

Secondary School Photo Day is on Wednesday, 11 March. A reminder that all Secondary students must be in their full dress uniform for school photos.

- Years 7-12 Boys must wear a tie.
- Years 7-10 Girls must wear their hair up.
- Years 11-12 students must wear a blazer.
- Girls 11-12 may wear their hair out.
- Boys 7-12 must have their hair up if it passes their collar.
- Boys 7-12 may not wear earrings or have any other piercing.
- Girls 7-12 may wear one set of either gold or silver studs or sleepers in their ears. No other piercing.
- Years 7-12 students may wear one fine chain that is not visible under their shirt/blouse.

Sibling photos can be arranged by collecting a Sibling Photo envelope from Reception. Sibling photos will take place at lunchtime on Wednesday 11 March and Thursday 12 March.
Prayer at the Pole

Come and join us for Prayer at the Pole next **Thursday 12 March** commencing at 8:15am. Come for the fellowship and the joy of spending time together in prayer for the world.

Secondary School Athletics Carnival

Advance notice is given that the Annual Secondary School Athletics Carnival is coming up on **Thursday, 19 March 2015** at Mingara.

Secondary School Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, we hosted our Annual Secondary Swimming Carnival at Mingara. Congratulations to all participants in what was a fantastic show of House spirit. Congratulations to Taloa for the win and also to Mr Chris Harris for his work in getting the Houses motivated and loud for their teams. We had some new and exciting races like the Salmon Race which worked really well. The Zone Swimming Carnival is again at Mingara this **Thursday 5 March**. The notes have gone out and we wish our competitors all the best. The Age Champions will be published in next week’s edition of the Messenger.

Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

These exams commence on **Tuesday 24 March 2015**. Time to get those study plans happening for Year 12. For your information the Year 12 Half Yearly Exam Timetable 2015 can be accessed from our website by clicking here.

Love in Action

A reminder that the first Love in Action seminar for Term 1 2015, Thriving Through Change is next **Tuesday 10 March**, to be held in the Staff Common room from 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Please come along to hear some helpful parenting advice. Please click here for access to the flyer for further details. Tickets $15 are available at the College Office or at the venue.

Upcoming dates

- **Today**
  - Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival
  - Years 9, 11 and 12 “Texstyle” Excursion
- **Friday, 6 March**
  - Mock Trial - Round 1
  - Year 12 History Excursion
- **Monday, 9 March**
  - Year 9 ALK PASS to Tennis
  - Year 11 Ancient History Excursion
- **Tuesday, 10 March**
  - Secondary CSSA Swimming Carnival
  - Year 10K Geography Fieldwork Excursion
  - Love in Action SCR 7:30pm
  - GPCC Netball Club Meeting in C1 7:00pm (Managers and Coaches)
- **Wednesday, 11 March**
  - Secondary School Photo Day
  - Year 9 ADM PASS to Tennis
- **Thursday, 12 March**
  - Prayer at the Pole 8:15am
  - Junior School Photo Day
  - YIPA Auditions in CAPA 11
- **Friday, 13 March**
  - Secondary CSSA State Swimming Carnival

Reminders

**Careers**

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

Scripture – Gosford East Public School

Explaining the Bible to young children, in a way that is engaging and interesting. Could you do it? A team of students from Year 11 regularly go to Gosford East Public School on Thursdays to teach about the Bible to Kindergarten and Year 6. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to step out in faith and partner with churches around the Coast in the delivery of Scripture in our local area. The students have undergone training and began teaching in Term 4 last year.

Please pray for our students as they start back this week: Kathryn Bate, Lucy Bryson, Lauren Hay, Alex Kaalim, James McLarty, Lili McLellan, Bethanee Munro, Holly Omayao, Michael Peterson, Tom Sharpe, Ben Shelley, and Sally Stowe.
Primary Zone Swimming Carnival

What a carnival! I have never seen a carnival so close for the entire day. Belmont and Green Point fought it out last week at the Primary Zone Swimming Carnival, with Belmont just edging out as winners. Congratulations to both Belmont and Green Point for their mammoth efforts in the pool. I would also like to congratulate the following people who came in the top 3 as Age Champions:

8yrs Boys: Caleb Northey 3rd
9yrs Boys: Zachary Soede 1st
10yrs Boys: Bryn O’Grady-Cousins 1st; Adam Alcorn 3rd
11yrs Boys: Lachlan Duggan 1st
12yrs Boys: David Spragg 1st
9yrs Girls: Emma Duggan 2nd
12yrs Girls: Eden Matterson 2nd

Finally, here are just some of the superb results on the day, looking at those kids who were crowned champion for each event in their Age Group:

100m Freestyle: Bryn O’Grady-Cousins 1st
50m Freestyle: David Spragg 1st; Bryn O’Grady-Cousins 1st; Zachary Soede 1st
50m Breaststroke: David Spragg 1st ; Eden Matterson 1st; Jasper White 1st; Luke Read 1st
50m Backstroke: David Spragg 1st; Peter Read 1st; Eliana Bootes 1st; Bryn O’Grady-Cousins 1st; Noah Bootes 1st
50m Butterfly: Zachary Soede 1st
200IM: Bryn O’Grady-Cousins 1st; Lachlan Duggan 1st

Relay: Junior Boys Medley 1st; Junior Boys Freestyle 1st
Love in Action

TERM 1 2015
Thriving Through Change

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

Parenting is a tough gig for everyone!

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

Dates:
Tuesday 10th March 2015
7.30 – 9.30pm

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

Location:
Green Point Christian College

Tickets: $15 ea, available from the College Office or at the venue

Presented by:
Kylie McGillivray
Kev Sheehan

Proudly presented by the Positive Parenting Partnership
How can you lead the way?

"The most powerful way to teach a daughter how to enjoy life and find her true purpose is to let her see her mother do the same." Meg Meeker, MD

Tip No: 3 - Mar 2015

Kylie McGillivray 0434 475 880 www.kyliemcgilivray.com

How will you engage your children?

"I realised that if I was going to fully engage my children, I would have to learn to be present with them in ways that would most honour their wiring and personalities." John Ortberg

Tip No: 3 - Mar 2015

Kev Sheehan 0434 145 247 www.newheights.com.au
Prayer

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”  2 Tim 1:7 NKJV

A small group of staff and parents meet each week to place GPCC staff and families into God’s loving care. Please join us as we pray in the Staff Common Room on Tuesdays @ 2:00pm until 3:15pm. For more information or prayer requests please contact Ann McLellan via email on amclellan@gpcc.nsw.edu.au or mobile 0400 349 429.

Exam Provision Volunteers Needed

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 examinations and assessments.

We are always in need of helpers who are willing to give their time during exam periods to assist our students as readers, writers and/or supervisors. Helpers can be mums and dads or grandparents from K - 12, uncles, aunties, neighbours or friends of our College.

We currently have a wonderful group of people who volunteer their time for this necessary program. We are very appreciative of the time they give up to help. Sometimes parents want to volunteer in the College but do not know which area would suit them. 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 part of this important team of volunteers, we are running two information sessions on the following dates:

Thursday 19 March 2015 at 9.00am in the Staff Common Room or
Friday 20 March 2015 at 9.00am in the Staff Common Room

These sessions would run until approximately 10.30am and morning tea will be provided. We hope that you will be able to attend. Time is allowed in the sessions for questions and feedback. Please RSVP to Ann McLellan on 4363 1266 ext 258 or via email on amclellan@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Bronwyn Frankham, Supervisor of Support Services K-12

College Family Directories

Family Directories are now available for collection from the College Office at no charge (a limit of one per family).
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 are required 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 lunchtime on both of these days in CAPA 5.

Photo envelopes were given out to students on Monday 2 March. Sibling photos can be arranged by collecting a Sibling Photo envelope from Reception. Sibling photos will take place at lunchtime on both Photo Days. Click here for payment options.

Green Point Baptist Church News

GP Youth
It’s time ... This Friday night GP Youth is hosting the Third Annual Slumber Games! It’s going to be a night of full-on fun and adventure, reliving some of the greatest moments from the blockbuster trilogy. The main program will run from 7:00pm - 9:00pm, but for those staying on after we’ll be having extra games, supper and a movie. The night will be fully supervised and boys and girls will have separate sleeping areas. Pick up on Saturday morning will be at 9:00am. 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. 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 are required 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 lunchtime on both of these days in CAPA 5.

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 adventure, reliving some of the greatest moments from the blockbuster trilogy. The night will be fully supervised and boys and girls will have separate sleeping areas. Pick up on Saturday morning will be at 9:00am. 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. 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.

Prayer
A small group of staff and parents meet each week to place GPCC staff and families into God’s loving care. Please join us as we pray in the Staff Common Room on Tuesdays @ 2:00pm until 3:15pm. For more information or prayer requests please contact Ann McLellan via email on amclellan@gpcc.nsw.edu.au or mobile 0400 349 429.
Week 7 Term 1

Monday, 09.03.2015
Francis Browne

Tuesday, 10.03.2015
Jill Izzard

Wednesday, 11.03.2015
Janine Pike-Gale. Michelle Willis

Thursday, 12.03.2014
Olivia Luther

Friday, 13.03.2015
Ann McLellan, Kylie Scott, Carol McKenna

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.

7 March 2015
Volunteers from Coast Shelter

14 March 2015
OIC and Food Pickup: Penny Williams
Helpers: Alex Smith, Di Smith, Julie (with Harrison and/or Sally) Stowe, Vicki Wickert
and Tony Cunningham

21 March 2015
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
Helpers: Jo Schofield, Marion Love, Sonia Dawes, Youth1 GPCC, Youth2 GPCC

For Sale: Girls white blouse, with red tab x 2 $10.00 for both. Skirt - red check $10.00.
Girls black cardigan size 14 $20.00. Unisex mesh sports shorts size 10C $10.00. Polo sports
shirt size 12 XS $10.00. Microfibre multi purpose jacket size 14Y $35.00. All uniforms in
great condition. Please phone 0400 314 214.

For Sale: Latest Model 13-inch MacBook Air New (Hardly Used) in original wrapping.
1.4GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 processor, Turbo Boost up to 2.7GHz, Intel HD Graphics
5000, 4GB of onboard memory, 256GB PCIe based flash storage, FaceTime HD camera
O/S - Yosemite, Sell for $1150.00 (Including extended Warranty until 19/07/2018). Call
Steve on 0404 129 125.

Limited Vacancy Piano Tuition at School: Harry Stowe has only a few places left for 2015
Piano Tuition. All abilities welcome from K - 12. Call today 0423 821 940.

Needing To Sell: Two tickets to Colour Conference. Early Bird Price of $139.00 AUD, Venue:
Qantas Credit Union Arena, Darling Harbour, NSW, Australia, dates: 12-14 March 2015,
Group Leader: Jo Burgess. Looking for tickets, please contact Bronwyn on 0414 423 858.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Green Point Trader please email details to
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