Green Point Christian College is a community of people who share a common understanding and vision. As parents and guardians we want the very best for all children. When we come together with a common goal it creates a sense of identity, belonging and involvement, which creates opportunities that will allow students to flourish and to learn and grow within the safety of the culture we have created.

This will then encourage students to develop a sense of accountability – both internal and external, which grows community members who care about what is happening in the world around, challenging them to mitigate wherever they can, some of the suffering and pain they see. It also challenges the community to preach the gospel and be hearers of the Word whose lives truly reflect what the Bible says.

As a community we need to be earnestly involved in encouraging each other as we work to the same end. This brings a sense of obligation and creates acceptance that the “whole” is as important as the “individual”. It is this that drives us to collaborate to solve problems using open and effective communication, and to agree that it is okay to have high expectations and a strong work ethic with a commitment to life long learning.

Be thankful and grateful, and remember to celebrate for this reminds and affirms who we are in Christ and acknowledges His eternal power and salvation. Christian schools continue to offer a radically new view of the world. The College longs for students to be changed from the inside out and this will happen when we reach for the hearts of students entrusted to our care and not just their minds.

We all have principles and beliefs that form and shape what we believe and how we behave; the College’s vision *Excellence in Christ Centred Education* reflects what the College believes and holds to be absolutely true, that to be effective we must maintain the very essence of our distinctiveness – that Christ died and rose again from the dead for us.

Colossians 3: 1 “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

**Prayer**

Pray for our friends from Shizuoka Kita High School, that their stay here will be wonderful and they will see how our faith works out in our lives.

Pray for staff in the HSIE Faculty, that God will bless their work on His behalf at school.

**Praise**

Praise God that we have our whole lives in Him and that He knows us completely.

Praise God for the students involved in the cultural exchange program with our sister school Shizuoka Kita High School.

"This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit." 1 John 4:13 (NIV)
Welcome to Term 1, Week 8.

The “Life and Lessons” of Jesus series for Junior School continues this week with "Jesus shows His Love". (Luke 23:1-56) Jesus showed His love for us by giving up His own life to “bring” His sheep into the sheepfold. That is: Jesus willingly died to reconcile us to God.

Our memory verse continues as: “Jesus said, ‘I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep’”. John 10:11. This fits right in with our Easter message. May we be mindful of how much the Father loves us.

Head of School Awardees plus Cupcakes, Chat and Celebrate!

We congratulate the following students for achieving the Head of School awards for this week:

Amelia Pavett, KDL; Benjamin Haines, KG; Demi Hope, KP; Lilly Boyd, 1MM; Alicia Bangel, 1PB; Oliver Carantinos, 1SM; Amelia Gibbens, 2B; Indiana Gent, 2D; Ariella Northey, 2W; Chelsea Baldock, 3P; Tirzah Harvey, 3W; Emma Duggan, 3/4D; Jett Wood, 4H; Joel Drennan, 4S; Meenal Verma, 5B; Blair Swan, 5L; Charlotte Morris, 5/6L; Vanya Goosen, 6M and Isaac Rumble, 6P.

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

National Anti-Bullying Day, Friday 18 March – Add Orange for the Day!

On 18 March, we encourage our community to add orange adornments to our school uniform to stand together for National Anti-Bullying Day. You might add orange headbands, glasses, ties, flowers, socks, wigs … really it is up to you.

Together as a College community we will be emphasising these four steps:
1. Say STOP using kind and firm words;
2. WALK away;
3. TELL an adult;
4. Do not be a passive bystander – act by telling an adult;

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”
Luke 6:31

Bullying is not defined by a once off incident. Unfortunately, one off incidences will happen within any school community and will be addressed as such. Bullying is defined by behaviours that are targeted and repetitive. Remember the key message: Anti-Bullying day; 18 March AND every day at Green Point Christian College - John 13:35 “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Love in Action – Managing Screen Time

If you as a parent struggle with managing screen time for your child, you are not alone! We encourage parents to tackle this issue together. There are two sessions available to optimise opportunities to attend with details in the Messenger.

Wednesday 23 March, K-12 Easter Chapel 12:30pm in the MPC

We will focus on the message of Easter next Wednesday with K-12. This is instead of Junior School Chapel in the afternoon.

2016 Inter-School Chess Challenge, Tuesday 22 March hosted by Green Point Christian College in the MPC

Thank you to those students who have registered for the Chess challenge next week. We wish Green Point Christian College students all the very best as they complete against schools from all over the Central Coast.

Kindergarten Enrolment for 2017

Our Kindergarten Readiness Testing date is set for 27 - 28 March. If you are planning on enrolling a sibling for 2017, please do put your application in ASAP, so a time can be allocated for your child.

Premier Reading Challenge - IT HAS BEGUN!

Last year 272,000 students across NSW successfully completed the challenge by simply reading books off the list. A fantastic achievement. Texts range in complexity and topic base and there are books to suit everyone. Challenge acceptors have until 19 August to read the required amount of books.

The Library has boxes of books for you to choose from. All you need to do is log on and add your books once read. It is both enjoyable and easy.

Students signing up for the first time can email Mr McSwan smcswan@gpcc.nsw.edu.au or Mrs Brown sbrown@gpcc.nsw.edu.au who will allocate you a password.

Repeat “challengers” also need to let us know if they would like to complete the required reading again. You can use your old password and user name but we need to reactivate your records. Go on; give it a go!

CRU on the Coast Day Camps these holidays at Green Point Baptist Church, 11 – 15 April 2016

If you are looking for a positive K-6 activity for your children these holidays, maybe CRU (Crusaders) is for you. The activities assist children to develop teamwork, co-operate and communicate effectively whilst challenging them to step out of their comfort zone. It is run by leaders who model their love for God, young people and life. For more details are available please see the flyer on page 8.
Toys/Games/Cards

Some students enjoy bringing toys, games, collectable cards etc to school for "Show and Tell" or to play with at recess or lunch times. As a College community, we discourage this due to conflict that can arise, and the loss or potential disappointment of the item being broken on the playground. Please be aware that students bring items to school at their own risk. We suggest if the item is precious, please give it to the teacher in the morning and collect it from the teacher in the afternoon or alternatively, do not bring it to school to avoid disappointment or loss.

UNSW 2016 Competition Dates

The University of New South Wales Competitions or ICAS will be held at the College again this year. A letter will be sent home next week with details on how to enter your child. The dates are as follows:

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Thank you to all our Infants Parents who joined us at our Swimming Carnival

What a great day we had. We want to extend a huge thank you to all our parents and staff. We acknowledge that we can only run this day due to the generous parent community we have at our College assisting, supporting and keeping our precious students safe in the water. You are amazing, thank you.
Secondary School News

Mr Peter McLellan
Head of Secondary School

Over this term our students have been challenged to be authentic with their faith. Too often in a society that is so influential, it is easy not to stand up for one’s beliefs. Our students both in Chapel and in other forums have been really encouraged to be different and make a difference against the trend of what their friends may want to do. That is hard considering the peer pressure that happens. Please pray for our students.

Anti-Bullying Day

Friday 18 March is Anti-Bullying Day. We would like students to come to school marking this day by wearing something orange adorning their normal school uniform. You might add orange headbands, glasses, ties, flowers, socks, wigs … really its up to you. We are a school that wants to stop all bullying. There are a number of key actions to remember when it comes to bullying which is the repeated victimisation of another person:

1. You have the right to speak assertively to stop bullying occurring;
2. You need to walk away from the situation;
3. You need to communicate what is happening to an adult;
4. If you are a bystander and do nothing to stop bullying you are an accomplice to the act of bullying.

Let us stop bullying and continue to build a caring and safe learning community for all.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Year 7 to Year 12 - Tuesday 29 March

Interviews for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 students are on Tuesday 29 March, from 4:00pm until 7:30pm in the MPC.

Please note that this is the day after the Easter long weekend, so bookings will be open earlier than usual as both the Friday and Monday before are holidays.

Bookings are done through the internet, so it is important that you keep the College updated if you have changed your email address as this is what is used for you to access the bookings. PIN numbers change for each round of interviews for security reasons, so you will need to acquire your new PIN number.

This is done by opening our 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 for the teachers who you wish to see.

Bookings will open online on Friday 18 March, and will close on Monday morning, 28 March.

If you have any problems acquiring access, or if your email address is not the current one, please phone the College Office for assistance.

Shizuoka Kita High School Students Visit 14 - 24 March

The students from Shizuoka Kita High School are here over the next two weeks experiencing our Australian culture and language. They were welcomed at an assembly on Tuesday and have since settled into a very busy itinerary. It is a great opportunity for our students to relate to young people from a different culture. Please pray for the students and their visit with us.

Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

Year 12 students begin their Half Yearly Exams on Wednesday 30 March which seems early. It is actually half way through their HSC year. Now that seems scary and stressful. It is really time for them to be putting in the hard yards of study. Most of them should be spending 2 - 3 hours of quality study time per subject a week.

Click here for the Year 12 Half Yearly Exams Timetable.

A Message for Year 11 from Mr Brown, Year 11 Advisor

No one does the HSC for fun!

When students enter Year 11 they have made a commitment to work their way through school for the next two years. Unfortunately these two years may not be easy years at school for some students. There are many reasons students struggle, but two of the main reasons are below:

Reason #1: Driving - When a teenager receives their licence, they get the greatest taste of freedom in their lives so far. They feel as if they can go anywhere anytime. They can drive themselves to school so they do not have to catch the bus with the “little kids” anymore and they feel invincible.

Reason #2: 18 Years Old - When a teenager turns 18 years old they are no longer considered to be a child. They are an adult. Like it or not, whether they are mature enough to be called an adult, they are adults and they are allowed into certain venues they have never been allowed into before.

On one hand the Senior students love all their new found freedom and on the other hand they have the demands of knuckling down into a strict study routine while trying to complete assessments in their spare time. The HSC is a demanding two years in a teenager’s life. The best thing we can do as parents and teachers is to support them and guide their paths straight. For those students who think they will be able to cruise through the HSC and have fun, unfortunately the pressures of assessments and strict discipline in class weighs them down. No one does the HSC for fun, but for those who do it well, the rewards are certainly worth it.
Missions and Service

Mr Andrew McInnes | Head of Spiritual Development K-12

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

Prayer at the Pole

Keep this date free - Thursday 28 April 2016. Our College community will be gathering around our flag pole (in front of the Administration building) to pray for the College community, the Central Coast area, our nation and our world. This time of prayer will be led by our student leaders, and will run from 8:00am until 8:30am. Please feel free to join us for all of this time, or for a portion of this half hour period.

Chapel

This week at Chapel, Mrs Gavin shared with both the Junior School and Secondary School about how we can go to God with anything that is going on in our lives and He is not only interested in what we have to say, but He also cares deeply for each of us. At times many of us find it hard to be honest with God about what we are dealing with, and we sometimes feel like we need to put on a “brave face” and pretend that we have it all together. We only need to look at some of the Psalms to know that it is OK to be open and vulnerable with God – after all, He can handle anything we throw His way. But that is not all! God will help us direct our words, our attitudes and our very lives – praise God we do not have to do this life on our own.

Why not consider asking yourself (or others in your family) the following questions:

- What aspects of my life do I refuse to speak to God about?
- How could my relationship with God change if I was willing to become more vulnerable with Him?

Sport News

Primary Zone Swimming Carnival

I would like to congratulate the following students for taking out the Age Champions at the Zone Swimming Carnival for 2016:

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Elfie, Emma, Zachary and Lachlan also performed exceptionally well at CSSA, finishing in the top 4 for the CSSA Age Champions.

Well done to Green Point Christian College who won the Zone Swimming Carnival for the 11th time. This was a fantastic effort by an amazing group of swimmers.

I would like to congratulate all students in the Green Point Christian College Swimming Squad as they are now the 2nd strongest Christian School in NSW in Swimming. They came 2nd overall at the CSSA Swimming Carnival with 230 points (out of 55 schools) and are taking the 2nd largest squad in all of NSW Christian Schools to the CIS Swimming Championships next week. This makes the our Swimming Squad, the greatest swimming team ever produced by the College.

Mr Nathan Lambert, Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

Late Notice - NSW All Schools Triathlon

Congratulations to two of our Secondary students Liam Ferguson (Year 9) and Jessica Biddulph (Year 8), who competed in the NSW All Schools Triathlon on 2 March at the Penrith Regatta Centre. Competing against the best triathletes in the State, they performed commendably and deserve our congratulations. Well done Liam and Jess.
The Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University is offering a FREE online treatment program for adolescents with anxiety and depression. This 8-week program is accompanied by weekly phone calls with an experienced therapist. If you are of high school age and are experiencing any symptoms of anxiety or depression, please feel free to contact us.

This project has been funded by Australian Rotary Health and is being overseen by Dr Carolyn Schniering, Dr Danielle Einstein and Professor Rosa Raper.

The Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University is running a FREE online treatment program for adolescents with anxiety and depression. In the 8-week program, individuals will learn creative ways to manage emotions and accomplish immediate goals. This cognitive behavioural treatment incorporates the latest research and techniques in working with motivation and negative emotions. Therapists in the program have expertise in working with adolescents.

WHAT DOES TREATMENT INVOLVE?
The treatment involves 8 online modules. Each module is accompanied by a phone call with a therapist. We also speak to parents throughout the program. There is no face-to-face contact as all treatment is conducted online and over the phone. Therefore, adolescents Australia-wide can participate in Chilled Plus.

TOPICS COVERED IN CHILLED PLUS INCLUDE:

1. Learning about anxiety and depression
2. Boosting motivation and setting goals
3. Overcoming avoidance by facing it in manageable steps
4. Coping with emotions
5. Realistic thinking
6. Problem solving and assertiveness
7. Handling teasing and bullying
8. Building relationships
9. Ways that parents can help
Are your kids being **controlled by** screen devices?

**Love in Action**

**TERM 1, 2016**
Managing Screen Time

Albert Einstein once said “I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots.” Is this becoming a reality?

Come and join the Love in Action community as we explore ways to equip you and your children with skills and strategies to manage screen devices and build healthy, happy and thriving families.

**Workshop Dates:**
- **Friday 18th March**
  9:15am - 11:15am
- **OR**
  - **Tuesday 22nd March**
    7.30pm - 9.30pm

**Location:**
Staff Common Room
Green Point Christian College

**Tickets:** $15 ea, Child-minding $5 per Child
Available from the College Office or at the venue.

**Presented by:**

Kylie McGillivray
0434 475 880

Kev Sheehan
0434 145 247

Proudly presented by the Positive Parenting Partnership
Join the Fun this Easter School Holidays!

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY DAY CAMP**

Less than $50 a day*

**CRU ON THE COAST**

**School Years:** K-6 co-ed  
**Dates:** Monday 11th – Friday 15th April 2016  
**Location:** Green Point Christian College, Green Point  
**Daily drop off/ Pick up:** Drop off between 8am-9am and pick up between 5pm-6pm. Final day family concert and BBQ 4:30-5:30pm.  
**Regular online price:** $249*  
**Early bird discount:** $25 off for the first 25 bookings!*

- Inflatable Slides  
- Nerf Battles (K-2)  
- Laser Tag (3-6)  
- Big Day Out at Lake Mac, Christian discovery + more!

**CAMP DIRECTOR:** Calum Henderson - works full-time running CRU Day Camps and can’t wait for the first year of CRU on the Coast!

**CRU DAY CAMPS:**

- Full day program, including lunch and snacks  
- Caring leaders – one leader for every five campers  
- Christian discovery program  
- Child Care Benefit Registered Care payment available

**For more info or to REGISTER NOW**

www.crudaycamps.com.au  
02 9874 8933 (Option 1)

*Prices quoted are for online registrations; add $10 for other booking methods. Earlybird rate available until 29th Feb 2016.
A Message from Busways

SCHOOL BUS 2559 - PM SERVICE CONSULTATION PERIOD 21/03/16 - 28/3/2016

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

Busways are in the process of reviewing services in your area and as a result we are proposing some changes to the school service as detailed below.

School Bus 2559 will no longer service Koolang Road, Greenvale Road and Sun Valley Road as students are not utilising the service. The bus will travel along Avoca Drive to Central Coast Highway, then continue via normal route.

Students wishing to travel to Koolang Road, Greenvale Road and Sun Valley Road can board Route 63. (Travelling to Gosford) from school; due to depart the College at 3:26pm.

Please provide your feedback on the above proposed services by emailing infoline@busways.com.au or by contacting Busways Customer Service on 9497 1887 or 9497 1870.

Careers

Information regarding Careers is on our website.

Canteen Volunteers
Week 9 Term 1
Monday, 21.03.2016
Elke Koch
Tuesday, 22.03.2016
- 
Wednesday, 23.03.2016
Michelle Willis, Renae van Es
Thursday, 24.03.2016
Lynne Campey, Rachel Gan
Friday, 18.03.2016
Good Friday Public Holiday

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

19 March 2016
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
 Helpers: Debbi and Vanessa Andersson, Jo Schofield, Leena Pretlove

26 March 2016
OIC and Food Pickup: William Arnot
Kitchen Manager: Tony Herbert
 Helpers: Jess Noble, John and Judy Campbell, Marion Love, Phil Reynolds, Sonia Dawes

2 April 2016
Volunteers from Coast Shelter

Term Dates 2016

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

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

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

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

Uniform Shop
Operating Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday during the School Term:
8:30am - 11:00am
(Closed Wednesdays)
Afternoons by appointment only.
Alternate ways to make purchases:
1. Write items on a lunch order bag, enclose cash or cheque and lodge through the Canteen.
2. Lodge order and payment through Reception.
3. Phone order to Uniform Shop and pay by credit card.
4. Email uniform@gpcc.nsw.edu.au
Always include your child’s name and Year Group for delivery.
Credit card slips and a receipt are always issued.

Green Point Trader

All Stars Sports Camps: Want to keep the kids active these school holidays? Prepare for the upcoming winter sports season by attending the All Stars Specialised Soccer Camp. Date 19-21 April 2016, 9:00am - 12:00pm each day. Ages 5-12 years, all skill levels welcome. $55 per day or $130 for 3 days. Book before 1 April and receive a special 15% discount for GPCC parents. Visit www.allstarssportscamps.com.au for more info and to book.

For Sale: 2 x Secondary School girls blouses, size W10 (for Years 7-10). $15 each. Phone Sue 0451 512 679.

For Sale: Toyota Yaris 2007 manual. 173000 kms, 1 owner, full service history and blue tooth, always garaged $5,000. Phone Blanche 0400 047 907.

Hand-In-Hand Speech Pathology: Services for all ages provided at Gosford clinic, home or school. Saturday and week day appointments. Certified Practising Speech Pathologist with 12 years experience. Susanna Hatcher 0402 097 005 or handinhandspeech.com

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Green Point Trader please email details to Marie Hay at newsletter@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

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