



# GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

November 2022

## GPCC CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN 2022



### WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Our Kindergarten - Year 12 students and staff joined together for our 40 Year Anniversary Whole School Assembly to celebrate God's faithfulness through the decades.

Our MCs, Mrs Fay Davis and Mrs Kerrie Rochford recalled many humorous early GPCC memories. We welcomed Alumni students, Luke Taylor (2005), Gemma Leonard (nee Gardiman) (2018), and Maegan Cameron (2018) who joined our worship band. A video greeting was played from past students, Toby and Heather Houston who have been serving in ministry in Africa for the past ten years. Current teaching staff/Alumni, Mrs Kaylie Turner (nee Higgins) (1997) and Mrs Jo Pearson (nee McCarthy) (1985) shared stories about their early days as students at GPCC. Past student Bethany Panjaitan (nee Rochford) (2003) shared some memories of her time at GPCC from K - 12, and her ministry work in Indonesia. Our celebrations concluded with a whole school drone photo.







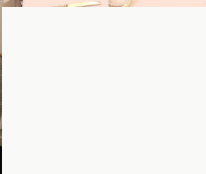
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## 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BOARD AND STAFF DINNER

As part of the 40 Year Anniversary celebrations, current Board members and staff gathered to enjoy an evening together at Linton Gardens, Somersby. Those gathered gave thanks for brave pioneers who had the courage and tenacity to start the school in 1982, and to keep the school growing to become what it is today.

Our Principal, Phillip Nash challenged us about the responsibility we have to keep that spirit alive in honour of their memory and their work. We were encouraged to embrace the future as we commit to renewing and refreshing the work that God has called our school to do, but most of all to renew ourselves so that we might be fit servants for the cause of Christian education.







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## 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Past students joined in our celebrations at the 40 Year Anniversary Alumni Breakfast. Mr Andrew McGillivray, our competent MC, interviewed past students and current/past staff. Mrs Stephanie McCarthy who was a founding member of the school and past staff member for 25 years, reflected on God's faithfulness through the decades.

Mrs Jo Pearson, Mrs Kirsty McCarthy and Mr Mike McCarthy all spoke about their memories of early days as students at the school. Jo and Kirsty were among the 17 original students. Mrs Kerrie Rochford and Mrs Fay Davis entertained us with their humorous stories of the past. We stopped and reflected and gave thanks for the lives of the students and staff that passed whilst at GPCC. We saw a video from past student Nicola Olyslagers (nee McDermott) who shared about her world stage sporting career and the impact that GPCC had on her as a student. Alumni, Daniel Friend and Music Tutor Co-ordinator at the College entertained us with his dulcert tones and brilliant guitar playing. It was a wonderful morning of celebration and fellowship.





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## 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

As part of the 40 Year Anniversary celebrations, a combined Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 7 August together with members of Green Point Baptist Church, and staff and families of Green Point Christian College. We were led in worship by past and current students and staff, and were reminded by Rev Phil Blair, Senior Pastor of GPBC about the importance of remembering and giving thanks for our past as an encouragement for the season we lead and serve in.

Over 300 people attended the service which was followed by afternoon tea and an opportunity to look over memorabilia collected from the past forty years. Tours of the College were offered for those who had not visited for many years.



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**40 YEARS**  
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**2021 GPCC Dux**  
**Congratulations to**  
**David Spragg**



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1) Congratulations to Laura Buchan (nee Gourlay) (2008) and Scott Buchan on your wedding/s (due to COVID restrictions) on 15 October 2022 and 9 April 2023.

2) Congratulations to Kaitlyn Tennant (nee Drover) (2009) and David Tennant on the birth of Winter Frankie Drover Tennant born 31 December 2021.



3) Congratulations to Madi Beeforth (2014) and Vincent Pannell on their marriage on 26 March 2022.



4) Congratulations to Jeremy Marsh (2016) and Lily Riley (2016) on their marriage on 5 March 2022.



5) Congratulations to Charlotte Ryan (2016) and Alex Jorgenson on your marriage on 27 November 2021.



6) Congratulations to Riley Battle (2016) who graduated from the University of Tasmania with a Bachelor of Paramedicine in April 2022.



7) Congratulations to Daniel Omayao (2014) and Daisy Omayao (nee Hart) (2014) on the birth of baby, Toby Alba Omayao born 25 July 2022.



8) Congratulations to Ben Lowbridge and Rebecca Collins on their marriage in January 2017. Ben left Green Point in July 2011, halfway through Year 10, when his parents relocated to Brisbane. He commenced at GPCC in Kindergarten. Ben graduated Year 12 from Genesis Christian College, Brisbane in 2013. Congratulations on the birth of Roseanna Blair Lowbridge, born 21 April 2022.





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9) Congratulations to James Madden (2015) and Mel Hain (2015) on their marriage on 23 April 2022.

10) Congratulations to Jamie Collins (2013) and Andie Barber on the birth of Noah James Collins on 12 October 2022, a baby brother to Lily.

11) Congratulations to Tamara Gay (2010) and Regan Mitchell on their marriage on 12 November 2022.



13) Congratulations to Sophie Kelly-Ng (nee Wilesmith) (2017) and Matthew Kelly-Ng on your weddings (due to COVID restrictions) on 24 September 2021 and 24 September 2022. They married again exactly one year later on their wedding anniversary. They said "it was very special that we got to say 'I do' again a year after our first year of marriage".

14) Congratulations to Laura Sneyd (nee Starr) (2012) and Chad Sneyd on the birth of Rose Claire Sneyd on 26 September 2022.



12) Congratulations to Rachel Sloey (nee Horler) (2013) and Darren Sloey on the birth of baby Theodore on 30 September 2022.



**Congratulations to our graduating 'Class of 2022'**







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2021  
Graduates



A survey of last year's graduating students provided the following information ...

Student	University or Organisation	Course or Work
Olivia Waghorn	Macquarie University	Bachelor of Media and Communications Working part time
David Spragg	University of New England	Bachelor Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine
Nicholas Wind	University of NSW	Bachelor of quantum Engineering and Biotechnology Working part time
Caitlin Smith	University of Newcastle	Bachelor of Business Working part time
Samantha Pal	Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Paramedicine
Ellie Hay	University of Newcastle	Bachelor of Nursing

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