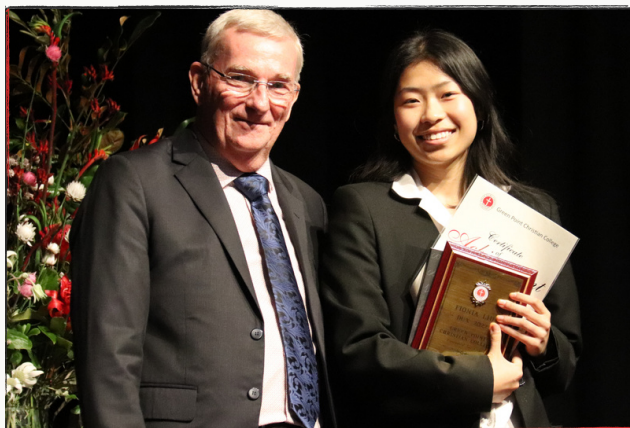




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2022 GPCC Dux

**Congratulations to
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From the Principal's Desk



Recently in our weekly staff devotions we had a presentation from a past student, Luke Moody (2020) who spoke about the way GPCC had helped form him in a number of ways. He challenged our staff to think about how they could help with the formation of current students and also in what ways they were seeking to continue to be shaped and formed themselves.

Whatever your experience as a student at GPCC, the College will have influenced in some way who you are now. We accept that some of your experiences may not have been positive, but it is what we do with life experiences that counts. Any experience can be turned toward good if we intentionally do that with it.

I am completing my time as Principal in December this year and moving fulltime into the role of Executive Principal of the group of schools we have established over the past two years. Under the umbrella of Melos Education Limited, we have six schools that are now operating under a common Board of directors and seeking to work together to improve their ministry to students and families.

GPCC has been instrumental in forming me by opening up new opportunities for me to use my gifts and put into practice things I have been learning over my previous experiences. I trust it has done the same for you. As a school we want to remain connected with you so that we can celebrate your journey in life and continue to support you. We also hope you will want to connect with our current students in different ways, so that they too can benefit from their time at GPCC and the lessons you have learned by being here.

Enjoy catching up on news of past students in this newsletter and take the time to keep in touch with us so that we can journey together to become the people God has shaped us to be.

Phillip Nash
Principal



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1) Congratulations to Bethany Pangiatan (nee Rochford) and Riko Panjaitan in Bali, Indonesia on the birth of Junia Imani Panjaitan on 30 June 2023.

Also congratulations to Joel and Jo Rochford who welcomed their 2nd daughter, Eden Rose on 3 April 2023.



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2) Congratulations to Caleb Reid (Year 5 2008) and Eleanor Reid (nee Campey) (2014) on the birth of Lillie born on 27 June 2023.

4) Congratulations to Sam Sheehan (2018) and Esther Strickling (2018) on their marriage on 28 January 2023.



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3) Congratulations to Courtney Wilson (nee Drover) (2008) and Matt Wilson on the birth of Taylor on 31 March 2023. A little brother to Oliver.



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6) Congratulations to Jamie Collins (2013) and Andie Collins on the birth of Noah on 12 October 2022. A little brother to big sister, Lily.



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5) Congratulations to Scott Ward (2014) and Maddi Ward on their marriage on 27 January 2023.



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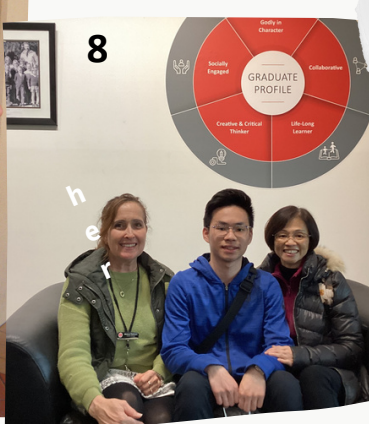
7) Congratulations to Vince Stewart (2012) and Katelyn Stewart (nee Mason) (2013) on the birth of Leonardo, born on 19 August 2022.



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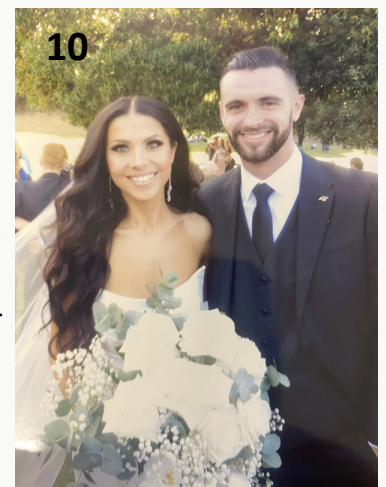
8) Isaac Ho (from Year 1P class in 2009) from Hong Kong visited his Year 1 teacher, Mrs Peterson at the College. Isaac is currently studying a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physiotherapy in Hong Kong and may come back to Australia to complete a Master's degree in Physiotherapy in 2024.



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9) Congratulations to Chris Swaine (2013) and Paige Swaine (nee Coomber) (Year 8 2009) on the birth of Harper Joanne born on 28 August 2023, and Aaliyah Jayne born on 16 December 2021.

10) Congratulations to Jess McGillivray (Year 10 2014) and Daniel McFarlane on their marriage on 14 October 2023.



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11) Congratulations to Jess Vickers (2010) who secured a position on the West End in London as a member of the Harry Potter cast.

12) Congratulations to Harry Slatter and Meredith Kendrew on their engagement.



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13) Congratulations to Mia Ferry (2018) and Connor Hextall on their marriage on 30 October 2023, attended by Bridesmaids - Melody Suranyi, Jessica Plater, Eliza Whitwell and Hannah Ritchie who all attended GPCC with Mia.



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Kerrie Rochford

Service at GPCC 1989 - 2023

After 35 years of service and dedication at GPCC, we say goodbye to Kerrie Rochford as she embarks on her next season, being retirement. Kerrie commenced work at Green Point Christian Community School in 1989, and was involved long before as a member of the Committee investigating the establishment of a Christian school in the early 1980's.

Kerrie has taught in many areas of the College - Primary Music, Primary Sport, Year Advisor and Secondary Drama teacher. Kerrie has directed and produced numerous school musicals and drama productions during her time at GPCC, which has blessed many students over the years.

We thank Kerrie for her dedication and service at GPCC. Kerrie has left a wonderful legacy at the College and we wish her and her family God's blessing.

Philippians 1:6 "And I am sure of this that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ".





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Alumni Visits to GPCC in 2023



1) Claire Linton (nee Wallace) (2013) was the guest speaker at our Foundation Assembly in August to mark our 42nd Anniversary.



2) Past student Nicola Olyslagers (nee McDermott) (2014) was our guest speaker at Secondary Chapel in March. She shared her faith journey with our Secondary students and how she is able to share her faith with fellow sporting stars on the world stage. Nicola is aiming to compete next year at the Paris Olympics. Go Nicola!



3) Alumni Nathaniel Ward shared his testimony at our Secondary Chapel in May. He spoke about his rebellious years at school and as a young adult, how he chose to turn away from God. Nathaniel turned his life around and turned back to God. He went onto study to become a nurse, and is now working full time at EV Church involved in the Ministry Training Strategy Traineeship in the hope of becoming a pastor.



4) Alumni - Jordan Leonard, Gemma Leonard (nee Gardiman), Jess Humphries and Amelia Cashin who attend Impact Church visited GPCC to lead worship at our Secondary Chapel in June.





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Where are They Now?

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

Fiona Liu

Bond University, Bachelor of Medicine

Olivia Filo

Macquarie University, Bachelor of Marketing and Media/Bachelor of Music

Eden Crawford

University of Newcastle , Bachelor of Health and Physical Education

David Lee

University of Newcastle, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Jessica Harrison

Macquarie University, Bachelor of Media and Communications

Vanya Goosen

University of Technology, Bachelor of Medical Science/Bachelor of Business (majoring in International Studies)

Charles Slattery

Macquarie University, Bachelor of Media and Communications



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If you would like to see regular updates on our Alumni, why not follow our GPCC Alumni LinkedIn page at: <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/green-point-christian-college-alumni-gpcc/>

We would love to hear from you regarding your accomplishments, academic performances, career choices etc at: community@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

2022 Graduates

