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Week 4 Term 2 2023

From the Principal



Many of you are aware that GPCC launched a new initiative two years ago called the Melos Foundation. This is an umbrella company that offers support services in the areas of governance, leadership and business management to members of the Foundation. We currently have 5 members in the Foundation: GPCC, YVCS, Greenacre CC, Yanginanook

School and Brewarrina CS, with another joining this month.

The aim of the Melos Foundation is captured by its name. Melos is the Greek word used by the Apostle Paul in his New Testament letters and refers to the 'body'. A human body is made up of many parts, all of which are necessary for the body to function well and be healthy. In these days of increasing compliance and complexity, an independent school faces significant challenges in the areas of governance (finding suitably experienced and qualified directors), leadership and business management. By banding together under the Melos Foundation, participating schools receive quality governance from a common group of directors, school principals work together to encourage each other, and business managers get advice and support from each other.

The Melos Foundation also believes in strong partnerships with parents and so have proposed the idea of the establishment in each member school of a Parent Advisory Group (PAG). Below are listed the main elements of the terms of reference:

1. The PAG exists to partner with the school by working with the Principal, providing advice and support to them in their leadership of the school.

2. The PAG holds no authority over the Principal or the School but acts in an advisory and communication capacity only.
3. The focus on the PAG's work will be in the areas of academics, pastoral care and wellbeing, school improvement and parent participation opportunities.
4. The PAG and the Principal should meet at least once per term.
5. A wide cross-section of parents should be selected if possible, covering the year levels/stages of the school.
6. As the PAG represent the ethos of the school, the office holders must be committed practising Christians able to sign and adhere to the Statement of Faith of the school.
7. Names and contact details of PAG members must be made available to all parents to foster communication with them and following each meeting a summary of the issues raised and any actions taken by the school should be made available to all parents.

We will officially open for expressions of interest shortly and look forward to enhancing parent participation in our school in this way.

Phillip Nash

Principal

Head of Primary



Mr James Cantor | Assistant Head of Primary

Cast your care on God - He cares for you

This week our wonderful Year 6 students are exploring Canberra. As Mrs Smith has joined them for this learning adventure, I have been given the privilege of writing to you today.

Over the holidays, my family watched the movie, 'True Spirit' which recounts the story of Jessica Watt and her attempt to circumnavigate the world in a yacht at the age of 16.

Our family sat on the edge of our seats as Jessica endured and overcame all the trials of unforgiving seas, broken equipment, and extreme loneliness. There were countless times she had to draw on her training, support crew (via satellite phone), and sheer determination to solve problems just to survive.

As I reflected on the enormity of Jessica's trip, it was evident that even though she had a goal, she didn't achieve it on her own. She had her family and sailing community to help.

There may be times in our lives when we feel alone and isolated. We can tell ourselves that no one understands what we are going through and try to soldier on through life on our own, but God didn't create us to be alone. He wants us to support and help each other. The Bible says in Galatians 6:2, "Carry one another's burden; in this you will fulfill the law of Christ". In Primary school, we constantly remind our students to speak to a teacher if they are feeling worried or hurt and we will always help them. There is power in asking for help as it takes away the notion that we are alone, and no one will understand what we are going through. We can also take comfort in knowing that God is with us, and we can cast all our cares on Him, because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7).

If you are facing a challenge in your life, can I encourage you to reach out to a family member, friend or GPCC staff member. We consider everyone in our school community as special and are more than willing to be a listening ear.

Year 6 in Canberra

This week our Year 6 students have been busy in Canberra learning, exploring, building relationships, and growing in their understanding of Australia.

The group visited the Museum of Australian Democracy, sat in the Senate in Old Parliament House, and had a hands on experience of the voting process in the Electoral Commission. They walked ANZAC parade, visited the National Museum, the National Gallery, and learnt lots at the Dinosaur Museum.

The AIS and Questacon were big hits as the students were able to participate in physical and hands on activities.

They also visited Parliament House where they got to witness the senate in action as the politicians were sitting this week, and participate in a mock parliament passing a bill.

All round it was a great trip.



Winter Uniform

Students may begin to wear the winter uniform from Monday 15 May. This is the first Monday after Mother's Day. During the winter months, trousers are no longer compulsory for winter uniform and boys have been given the choice to wear shorts if the weather is suitable. During terms 2 and 3, our hat policy in Primary is relaxed and students are not required to wear their hats out into the playground as the UV level is below 3. Girls may continue to wear the Skort throughout winter and can wear black stocking/tights underneath for warmth.

A reminder that the soft-shell jacket is for sale in the uniform shop and is an excellent source for warmth as an outer garment. If students are cold, they can wear the red jumper under the soft-shell jacket. Students are not permitted to wear hoodies or jumpers other than what is described in the policy.

Updating Bus Details on Parent Lounge

It is very helpful for the college to know which bus your child catches to and/or from school. This information can assist staff know where students are and is especially helpful in an emergency. Please make sure your child's bus details are up to date on Parent Lounge.

The one-minute video below shows you how to add or update bus details.

Please log into Parent Lounge, go to the **Student Details** menu, then click on **Transport – Busways/Red Bus**, then **Update** icon and select bus numbers from the drop-down menu and **Submit Changes**.

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/803686684>

Wondersoft Bread Recycling Rewards Program



More bags means more sports equipment for our school!

Please remember to fill your empty bread bags with other bread bags and bring them into school. Bags can then be dropped into the large PINK boxes outside Mrs Reynolds room (L1) or near the Kindergarten rooms.

Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Charley S; KDL, Athena A; KK, Hamish M; KS, Ella F; 1C, Freddie Z; 1G, Eden W; 2G, Chloe B; 2J, Joshua E; 2PS, Jamie C; 3B, Kyle M; 3D, Abby H; 4D, Giann T; 4M, Jad A; 4RM, Ashley J; 5L, Youssef A; 5P

Chess Club is on Friday lunchtimes in B1. Come along for a game. Beginners to experienced players welcomed. *Mr Wright*



Head of Secondary



Mr Steve Lobsey | Head of Secondary

Have you ever played Mario Kart?

In it, you can pick up items to help your driver or hurt others. Probably the most powerful of

these is the bullet, which will take you extremely quickly through the course without you needing to steer. Often it will leave you in first place without any effort.

But what if you didn't understand the game and tried to dodge the bullet when you saw it. It would seem like a symbol you would want to avoid. You would be missing out on some great power that would transform your position in the game.

Some students are a bit wary of Christian activities in school. They are reluctant participants in Chapel or Bib Studies. If this is you, I would want you to think about the possibility that you are avoiding something that could be very good – it could even be something transformative in your life. Like the bullet, it would be worth learning more about it and even taking hold of it and seeing how it could change your life.

I became a Christian later in life – I was that person avoiding the 'bullet', but once I learned of Jesus' power and embraced Him as my saviour, my position in life was transformed forever.

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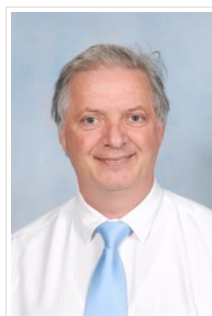
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Chess Club

Careers News



Mr David Russell

Curriculum Co-ordinator (7-12) | Student Advisor (7-12)

This week's Careers Newsletter has information about how to apply for University, early entry for University including the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS), UAC Guides, Bedford College, Alphacrucis News, University of Newcastle Open Day, early entry program and Ma and Morley Scholarship, Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo, Macquarie University Open Day, Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Program and Adjustment Factors, and information about Physiotherapy.

For more details, please see this week's *Careers News* or visit the [Student Careers](#) section under the "Education & Learning" menu on the GPCC website.

Sport News



Mr Stuart McSwan | K - 6 Sport Co-ordinator

CIS Netball Trials

Last Friday, Sibella M, Ruth G, Grace B, Lily D played netball in the CSSA team at the CIS (Combined Independent Schools) netball trials. The CSSA team played many games throughout the day going through undefeated in all their matches.

From these games, both Lily and Sibella were chosen for the Possibles v Probables teams. Unfortunately, the girls missed out on selection in the CIS team but all of them can be extremely proud of the achievement for making these trials.

They are very talented sportswomen and I'm sure they will continue to have many opportunities to play representative netball at different levels in the near future. Well done girls!



CSSA (Christian Schools Sports Association) Child Protection training

CSSA have recommended that all adults (teachers, volunteers, parents) complete the following module on Child Protection before attending any CSSA event (trials, gala days or carnivals). Thank you

https://www.cssa.net.au/child_protection/index.html#/

Individual Sport Trials for Primary CSSA and CIS Teams

These trials are not for GPCC school teams that we trial here at school to play at certain gala days throughout the year (as mentioned above). The CSSA or CIS trials are usually held in Sydney and students will be trialling against students from either other Christian Schools (CSSA) or other Independent Schools (CIS) and are usually recommended for those students that compete at a representative level.

Please email [Mr McSwan](#) before these dates if your child (Years 5 and 6 only) would like to be considered. *They need to be currently playing in the sport and have several years' experience (preferably at a Representative level): Parents are required to transport students to and from these trials.*

CSSA and CIS Sport trial dates TERM 2:

Tuesday 30 May

CIS Girls Rugby 7's Trials (Year 5 and 6 only)

Nominations close 23 May

Thursday 1 June

CSSA State Gymnastics (Year 5 and 6 only)

Competitors must be levelled and are required to have an accredited gymnastics coach from their club attend for the day

Nominations close 18 May

Wednesday 14 June

CIS Boys Rugby Union Trials (Year 5 and 6 only)

Nominations close 7 June

Dates for your Calendar

School Carnivals

Wednesday 30 August - GPCC K-2 Athletics Carnival (GPCC grounds)

Friday 20 October - GPCC K-2 Swimming Carnival (Peninsula Leisure Centre)



Mr Chris Harris |

Years 7 - 12 Sport Co-ordinator

Congratulations

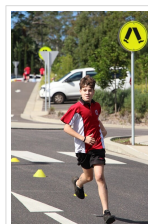
Congratulations to Bronte M who has been selected to represent CSSA at the CIS 15&U Girls Netball Selection Trials.

Congratulations to Scarlett S for making the CIS U15 AFL Team.

We're proud of your great sporting achievement girls.

Cross Country

We had a great Secondary Cross Country Day last week with all students giving it their best. Well done to everyone who participated and congratulations to those who have succeeded in making it to the next level.



Library



Mrs Nicole van Wyk and Mrs Judi Hurst |

Teacher Librarians

Preschool Storytime 2023

Please join us on Mondays for craft, games, and stories in the library at 9am. Parents and carers can register their interest with Nicole van Wyk- nvanwyk@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME



TERM 2

Parents, carers and preschool children are welcome to join us for stories, games, craft and fun on Mondays at 9am in the library. (During the school term)

Week	Date	Theme
1	Monday 24 April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
2	Monday 1 May	Autumn
3	Monday 8 May	Mothers' Day (14 May)
4	Monday 15 May	The Weather
5	Monday 22 May	Space
6	Monday 29 May	Baby Animals
7	Monday 5 June	Big Cats
8	Monday 12 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9	Monday 19 June	Star Wars
10	Monday 26 June	NAIDOC

Register via email nvanwyk@gpcc.nsw.edu.au or call Nicole van Wyk 4367 9961 for more information



Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 magazines have arrived for Scholastic book club with an updated format, and they are back to a booklet style brochure. Parents can order online LOGIN (scholastic.com.au) until Wednesday 10 May.

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 24 May, students from Kindergarten- Year 2 and YVCS will meet in the CAPA theatre at 10am to enjoy National Simultaneous Storytime. Over a million students across Australia and New Zealand will be reading *'The Speedy Sloth'* by Rebecca Young. We will be getting active with Spike the sloth and enjoying reading about his 'can do' attitude. We are looking forward to this great time together.

Community News



GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

A ministry of Green Point Baptist Church

Our motto is "Equipped for Life"

English Teacher (Casual) - Green Point Christian College
GPCC | ENGLISH TEACHER

Finance Officer (Full Time) - Green Point Christian College
GPCC | Finance Officer

Casual Teacher (Primary) - Green Point Christian College
GPCC | CASUAL TEACHERS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)

Staff Member of the Week

This week our Staff Member of the Week was awarded to Mrs Glenda Fourie.



Glenda received two nominations:

"Glenda organises all exams for special provisions students. She works very hard and is so efficient. It's a tough job organising all those exams on top of everything else, but she

does it without complaint. Glenda has communicated with many different teachers and parents."

"Glenda is a servant-hearted work colleague. In her role in enrichment, especially in dealing with assessments, she is always ready to be supportive of both students and teachers. She goes above and beyond to clarify, provide assistance, and make adjustments to ensure students get equal opportunities. Glenda is an example of someone who is calm and promotes peace wherever she goes. She tries to find solutions that work for everyone and demonstrates humility in her day to day. Despite having to deal with a range of personalities, teaching and learning styles, she seems to take these challenges in her stride.

Teacher Profile element: Godly in Character

Fundraiser in Support of Annual Rivers Convention

GPCC has launched a fundraising project today that will run until Sunday 4 June to help raise funds towards a truck for Pastor Isaac and the team that conduct the Rivers Convention each Easter.

You can learn more about this project at the special webpage set up for this fundraising effort - <http://Qr.survival.net.au/gpcc>

The fundraiser is in partnership with Survival First Aid Kits, with Green Point Christian College receiving a 25% cash return towards our project for every purchase made through our unique portal - <http://Qr.survival.net.au/gpcc>

As the purchaser you will also receive a 10% discount off the recommended retail price by using the code **GPCC**.

Please note that this fundraiser can also be shared with family and friends who may want to purchase a first kit at this time, but they will also need to use the GPCC portal (<http://Qr.survival.net.au/gpcc>) rather than purchase direct through the Survival website. You will see the posters up around the College and in our newsletter over the coming month.

Thank you for your support, and we are looking forward to reaching our goal together and supporting Pastor Isaac and the team as they share the good news throughout the Central West.



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First Nations Observances

During the second half of Term 2 each year, there are three significant events for all Australians: Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week.

These observances are not just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; they are for everyone. Participating in First Nations Australian events allows us to start a conversation where we all can discuss our shared history, rich cultural experiences and find a way forward for a stronger more inclusive Australia. It is particularly important this year with the vote for 'a voice to parliament' later in the year.

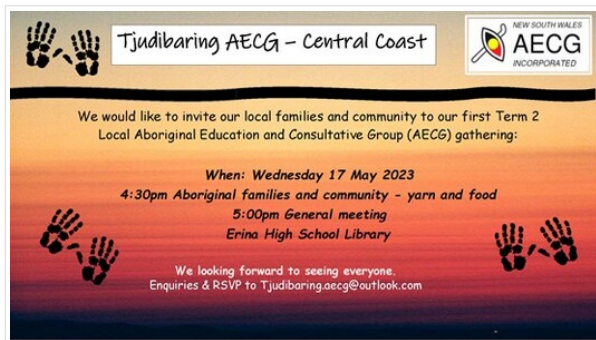
See PDF below for upcoming events and observances.

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AECG Meeting

The Tjudibaring AECG is meeting next week 17 May at Erina High School. All first nations families are invited to

attend. Children are welcome. Please see the invitation below. Also be advised, GPCC is hosting the AECG meeting on Wednesday 14 June in the library.



Download Invitation here: [17_May_23_invite](#)

Special Event for Fathers - The Impact & Importance of Fatherhood

Tuesday 30 May from 7.15pm

Have you registered for this great event yet?

This event is for fathers and father figures of Green Point Christian College and Yattalunga Valley Christian School students. However, our College/School fathers are welcome to invite a friend.

For hosting purposes please register your ticket(s) to attend.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-impact-importance-of-fatherhood-tickets-570194225277>

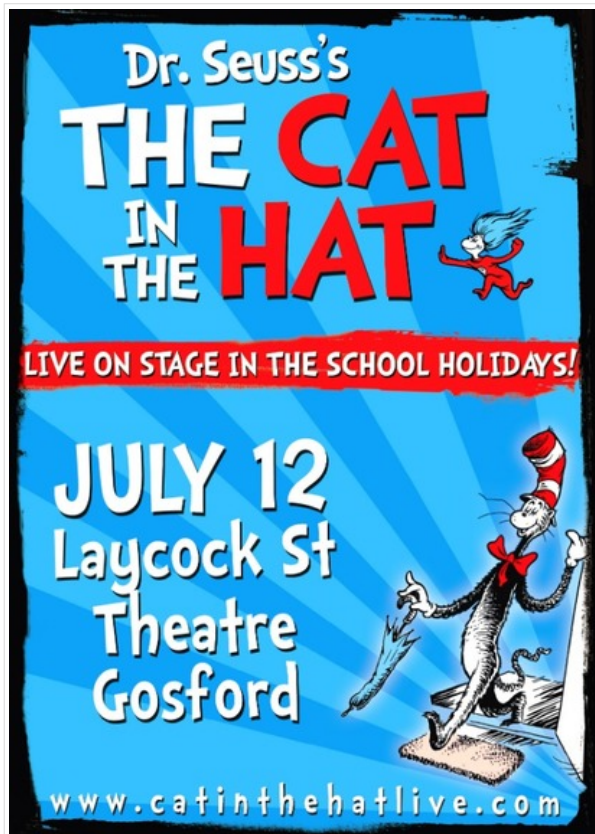
The poster is for "the fathering project" in partnership with "GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE". The title is "THE IMPACT & IMPORTANCE OF FATHERHOOD". It is a "FREE EVENT" on "TUESDAY 30 MAY | 7:15PM" at "GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE". A QR code is shown with the text "Scan here to reserve your spot." A photo of the presenter, Geoff Brailey, is included. The text says: "Come and hear insights and encouragement about the impact and importance of fatherhood in Australia, from McCrindle Research presenter, Geoff Brailey."

Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat is coming to Gosford

Wednesday 12 July - Laycock St Theatre, Gosford

Looking for something fun to do in the July School Holidays with the family? Get down to Laycock St Theatre for a fun-filled production of Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat.

[BUY TICKETS](#)



Note: Other shows available throughout the July holidays at other venues: www.catinthehatlive.com

Uniform Shop

New 2023 Uniform Shop Trading hours

Monday: 8:00am - 10:30am

Wednesday: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Thursday: 8:00am - 10:30am

Friday: 8:00am - 10:30am

For the price list and further information on ordering through Alinta, please visit our website – <https://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/uniform>

The Munchery Canteen Operations and Menu

Click on link to access:

All students are strongly encouraged to order online. However, over the counter sales will also be available.

Please visit the GPCC website for the link to The Munchery portal: <https://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au/community/the-munchery-canteen>

GPCC OSHC Provider - Camp Australia

https://gpcc.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/5816/ohsc_term_2_book_now_newsletter.pdf

Parent Lounge Details

The College has a legal requirement to keep our records up to date.

Please review your details on Parent Lounge to ensure that all your information is correct. This includes medical information on your child/ren (only complete the immunisation question if your child is not immunised).

Please note: Should you require both parents/carers to receive SMS notifications, please tick the appropriate boxes.

Green Point Community Notices

RYSS One 3 One Youth Hub

RYSS One 3 One Youth Hub is dedicated to helping improve the lives of vulnerable young people and families by supporting their well-being, mental health, resilience, and employability for individuals living on the Central Coast. A place for community engagement while also allowing RYSS and partnering services to better connect with young people through early intervention strategies.

To find out more or see what services are available, please click [here](#).

CPSARA Connect - Multisport Social Day for People with a Disability FREE EVENT

When: Sunday 23rd July 2023 - 12.00pm to 4.00pm

Where: Niagara Park Stadium, Niagara Park

Who: All ages, all abilities, all disabilities, all sporting and recreational levels of experience

On the Day:

- Try adaptive sports on offer on the Central Coast including Football (Soccer), Wheelchair Basketball, Boccia, Pickleball, Yoga and Circus!

- Meet and greet with local Paralympians, Pararoos and Para Matildas including:

Dual Summer and Winter Paralympian and Para Matilda, Rae Anderson PLY

Para Matilda Tahlia Blanshard

Pararoo Jeremy Boyce.

CPSARA will provide a light lunch to all attendees and carers on the day.

Want to help?

You can participate as an athlete and join in, although if you would like to help, we would love to have you as an on the day volunteer!

For more information, please email Rae Anderson PLY at secretary@cpsara.org.au

https://gpcc.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/5776/ccc_cpsara_connect_flyer_template.pdf

This event is proudly facilitated by CPSARA with the support of our valued community, Disability Sports Australia and Central Coast Council.

Bouddi Foundation for the Arts Grants Program

Do you have a passion and talent for an Arts Career - but lack resources?

- Grants of up to \$5,000 available.
- Applicants aged 15 to 30.
- Applications close 11 June.

For details, visit: boudidiarts.org.au/awards

https://gpcc.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/5826/bfa_grants_program_poster_2023.pdf

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Green Point Community Notices, please email details to our Messenger Editor, Justine Collins at

newsletter@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

Green Point Baptist Church

Services: 9:30am Worship Service, 6:00pm Service

Services continue to be available online each week.



We are updating our Facebook page regularly with what's happening, so check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/greenpointbaps/>

What's On at GPCC

Coming Up this Week

Tuesday 16 May

HACCCSA Zone Secondary Netball Gala

Year 10 Incursion - National Careers Institute (NCI) - Year 10 Workshop

Chess Tournament

Wednesday 17 May

Secondary 15&U Boys Rugby League Trials

Thursday 18 May

Years 7-9 - Junior Schools Cup AFL (Central Coast Regional Sporting Complex, Tuggerah)

Years 11 & 12 Excursion - Model United Nations Assembly

Friday 19 May

Primary (Years 3-6) - Soccer/Fytsal Game (St Phillips)

Dates for your Calendar

Monday 22 May

Years 3-6 - Central Coast Futsal (Niagra Park Indoor Stadium)

Year 2 - Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 23 May

Secondary CIS Open Football Championship

Years 7-9 - Central Coast Futsal Gala Day (Niagara Park Youth Centre)

Years 3-6 - THACCCSA Zone Open Girls Soccer (Taree)

Wednesday 24 May

Years 11-12 - Senior Drama Excursion (Actors Centre, Leichhardt)

Secondary - Sorry Day & Reconciliation in LIFE

Years 3-6 - CIS Primary Rugby Union Trials - Squad Selection

Thursday 25 May

Years 10-12 - AFL Gala Senior Boys and Girl CC (Central Coast Regional Sporting Complex Tuggerah)

Secondary Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser - Mufti Day - Theme Yellow and Blue - Cancer Council colours

Years 3-6 - CIS Primary Rugby Union Trials Teams Selection

Friday 26 May

Secondary CSSA Secondary Cross Country

Primary CSSA Primary State Cross Country (Sydney International Equestrian Centre)

TERM DATES 2023

Term 2, 2023

Wednesday, 26 April to Friday, 30 June

Monday, 12 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Term 3, 2023

Monday, 24 July to Friday, 22 September

Monday, 2 October - Labour Day Public Holiday

Term 4, 2023

Monday, 9 October - Friday, 8 December

Click on: [TERM DATES 2024](#)