Outside school sport activities in touch and soccer have commenced or are soon to with Nicholas Keal and Peter Derome being worthy participants. We encourage students to develop their skills and sporting abilities and team spirit and avail themselves of participating in various sporting options throughout the year with the Toowoomba Primary Schools Sport Association to which GCS is an affiliated member. We thank Mr. Glyn Reinbott for his willingness to help students and parents to be involved.

Stewardship Actions: We have started the 4 R’s (Reduce Recycle Reuse and Replenish) at school and hopefully begin to be more responsible to reduce, recycle and reuse some of our wastes. Thanks to those students who volunteer at different times to recycle some of their class recyclables at home. Remember ‘R’ stands for Recyclable materials like paper, cardboard, various hard plastics including drink containers and poppers. ‘N’ stands for Non-recyclable materials and ‘F’ stands for Food scraps.

The working bee on the 14th March achieved much and thanks to all who attended and helped out. The water tank is almost operational and is filling up. Landscaping around the Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 classrooms is continuing with the establishment of various trees, shrubs and herbs. The organic garden for the students is yet to be finished with the placement of poles, fencing and raised contained beds for students. We would ask any parents one Saturday morning to help finish this off.

We would also like to start a fruit and nut orchard (near the septic tank area along and near the N-S fence line). Any donations of any plants and water (yes we are still on water restrictions) and ideas and help in general would be appreciated. Until we have our own water distribution system we are dependent on water being shared around.

CALENDER CHECK

*On 24th April (Friday)-we will begin the Gymnastic weekly program at the PCY in James St.
First group (Gr. 4, 5, 6, 7 ~22 students) will leave school at 10.15 am for an hour session from 10.30 to 11.30 am arriving back at school about 11.45 am.
Second group (Gr. 2, 3 ~24 students) will leave school at 11.15 am for an hour session from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm arriving back at school about 12.45 pm.
Third group (Prep, Gr. 1 ~18 students) will leave school at 12.15 pm for an hour session from 12.30 to 1.30 pm returning to school about 1.45 pm.

*On 18th June, Thursday we hope to have the schools Cross Country.

*19th June Friday final day of term 2
This includes 'our' possessions, time, talents, land, house, tools, body, …whatever - for God to work in and through us to do good and extend God's Kingdom, for the glory of the Lord. Indeed we are “…God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Eph 2:10)

Stewardship and being a steward for God is really a response to act on behalf of the owner, and giving back what He in effect has given, and trusting God to work in us to enhance and extend God's ministry of saving and serving, of redeeming and restoring that which was lost.

What a joy to know that Jesus who gave His all, paid the price to save us so we can be forgiven and experience life the way God has planned it for our good. Let's make sure of our calling and trust and commit our lives to love the Lord Jesus Christ. He deserves all the honour, praise and glory we can give Him, the owner of all.

God bless you.
Ron Slyderink (Principal)

STUDENT NEWS

Term 2 will be a busy one with consolidation of student's work and more assessments to evaluate progress. We would ask students to be diligent in their efforts and do all they can to build their knowledge and skills. Parents are urged to support their child(ren) so that they are best positioned to develop as responsible and life long learners. Learning the basics is always relevant and we at GCS emphasise high standards for our students so they are well equipped to continue their learning. State and National testing standards for students in Yr 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will occur in May in English, Mathematics and Science. Although we hope students will do well in these tests we would value more the attitude and effort behind whatever students are doing or learning. We know that the Lord looks at the heart and at a student's approach to learning and doing their best. It's not just about knowledge and skills as such, it is about using whatever knowledge and skills we have for others and enhancing the quality of life and the Kingdom of God. Those who are more talented will have greater responsibilities to ensure their gifts are used for God in serving others. There is no room for feeling superior because everyone is asked to use whatever gifting or talent they have for God. This should humble and unite us all. All students, no matter how talented they are or not have the responsibility to do their best and develop their knowledge and skills. So there will be no comparisons made only encouragements to grow and do our best.

LIBRARY

Mrs. O'Keefe’s class will go to the Library every second Wednesday from next week (29th April).