

Principal's Message

Start of 2018

Have you heard the one about the first day of school? Feeling nervous but excited, happy but uncertain. Do I have enough morning tea and lunch? Have I got everything I need? And that's just the teachers!

It's an old joke, but a funny one. I'm happy to say that it doesn't apply to our school though.

Last week, all teachers and support staff had a very positive week of professional training and preparation. Our teachers were ready for the first day, and beyond.

Around school today, there is a buzz amongst new students and parents, as well as returning students and parents. After classes started, there was a good number of parents in the library, meeting or reconnecting with other parents, and enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.



School Family News

Mrs Kempfe's husband John passed away to be with our Lord last Friday. As many of you will know, Mr Kempfe has been unwell for a long time. We are relieved that his passing was peaceful.

A celebration service will be held in the near future, which a number of staff will be attending. Parents will be notified of the arrangements next week when they are finalised.

If you wish to write a note to Mrs Kempfe, please drop it in at the office, so that they can be handed on to her.

Australia Day

This Thursday, students may wear Australian accessories with their uniform (hat, sunnies, hair accessories), or wear clothing that fits the Australia Day theme. (Aussie T-shirt, outback gear etc). Students need to wear sun safe and school safe clothing, so no singlets or thongs please. Students are free to wear normal uniform also.

Welcome BBQ

On Friday 2 February at 6pm, there will be a Welcome BBQ for school families. This is to welcome back current families, as well as welcome new families into our school community.

The BBQ will be sausage sizzle style, with sausage in bread for \$1 and a variety of drinks for \$1. To assist with catering, please email admin@gcs.qld.edu.au to indicate how many of your family members will attend.

Uniform Matters

On the first day of the year, it is great to see students return in uniform with the correct shoes. Thank you for your effort to find the correct style of black shoes. It is appreciated and adds to the excellent quality of our school.

Landscaping

As part of the council regulations for the B Block building project, new landscaping was added to the Eastern boundary of the school campus, as well as a rock garden behind B Block. Thanks to Dean Mengel and his team for the great work during the Christmas holidays.



School Activities

Many activities start again in the first weeks of school.

Chess Club begins in week 2. Chess Club is at 8:00am on Monday mornings in the Library. Our Chess Coach Mr Les Lord is a Master player, with many years of playing and coaching experience. As Chess Club is an additional and non-compulsory activity, there is an additional cost of \$45 for the term. Students may attend next Monday free of charge for a trial before deciding whether to join.

Drum Lessons begin in week 3. Our drum teacher Mr Sam Harriman will commence lessons with current students. New students are welcome to begin, with a free trial lesson available for students. Please email admin@gcs.qld.edu.au if you are interested.

Band Instrument lessons are planned for term 1. Information will be sent directly to parents who have expressed interest in the coming weeks.

Tennis Coaching is available again this term if parents are interested. Tennis coaching is usually scheduled on Fridays after school. Please email admin@gcs.qld.edu.au if you are interested.

