Term 1 Week 1

What is Happening in Term 1

February
- 5 Dedication Service

March
- 9 - School Photos
- 23 - Cross Country
- 29 - Last Day of Term

School Values - Appreciation for Others

_Romans 12:10 “Love each other deeply. Honour others more than yourselves.”_

Our school community will reflect the God’s love if we follow the advice given in this verse from Romans. Our children are influenced by a world that shouts at them that “self” is the most important priority. Yet to be “selfish” is not an attractive character trait. God’s Word tells us to “Honour others more than ourselves.” This is not being “selfish”, but making others more important than ourselves.

As our school partners with parents, it is important for our students, (your children), to hear this message from both their parents and teachers.

Dedication Service

This Sunday 5 February, at 5pm, will be our dedication Service, held at Toowoomba Reformed Church, at 718 Boundary Road.

This is an important event for all members of our school community to meet together to dedicate our school and ourselves, as we serve God throughout 2017. We will also acknowledge our 20th Anniversary at the service.
Playing Area

The playing area is being prepared for grass.

Friday Night Family Barbecue

The BBQ and movie night on Friday was a great time of fellowship for our school community.
Driveway Procedures

Our school drive-through is an excellent facility for safe drop offs and pickups. However, there are some issues that can be improved very quickly and easily. Please check the following list:

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<td>✓ Move to the front of the zone at busy times</td>
<td>X Leave your driver’s seat or walk away from you car</td>
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<td>✓ Stay in your driver’s seat</td>
<td>X Stop at the start of the zone and hold up everyone behind you</td>
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<td>✓ Drive slowly in the driveway</td>
<td>X Drive fast in the driveway</td>
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<td>✓ Keep the driveway moving. Do a loop if your child is not ready to go.</td>
<td>X Block the driveway</td>
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Uniform Matters

Now that school has settled into the normal routine, I would like to thank parents for the effort made to ensure that students are wearing correct uniform. It is important for students to wear the correct uniform, so from time to time, I will include notes in our newsletter.

Tennis Coaching

Miss Arlena Day will continue coaching in term 1, but the day will be shifted to Tuesdays after school. Coaching sessions will be $10 per 30-minute session in small groups of 2-3.

If you would like your child to participate, please email admin@gcs.qld.edu.au by Friday 3 February.
Drum Lessons

Mr Sam Harriman will continue individual drum lessons, starting this Friday. Please confirm by sending an email to admin@gcs.qld.edu.au if your child is continuing.

If you are interested in your child starting drum lessons, Sam will commence beginner lessons in small groups. These lessons are conducted at a discounted rate. Please send an email to indicate if you are interested, and further details can be sent to you.

Chess Club

Mr Les Lord will start chess club in week 3. The coaching sessions will continue on Monday mornings, from 8 – 8:45am.

There will be 8 coaching sessions in term 1; 6 February to 27 March. The cost for chess club will be $40. Please email admin@gcs.qld.edu.au before Friday to indicate that your child will participate. Payment will be required before attending chess club.