

Principal's Message

Start of 2018

Greetings from the Prep room! We have made a tremendous start to the year. The children have settled in well and we have been learning lots already. In our class this term we will be looking at "Me and My Family in Australia". This is a photo of our very first day in Prep. Looking forward to a great year. *Mrs Donna Murphy*



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.

There will also be an opportunity for you to view the master plan and make suggestions to be considered for the future of our school.

Uniform Matters

Thanks again to parents for upholding an excellent standard with school uniform. It is greatly appreciated.

Dedication Service

This year, the school dedication service will be held at Christlife Presbyterian Church on Sunday 11 February at 5pm. Students are asked to be in formal uniform for the service. Classes will sit together with their teachers. All family members are also invited to attend. Please email admin@gcs.qld.edu.au if your child is unable to attend.

School Activities

Please email admin@gcs.qld.edu.au if your child is participating in any additional school activities, even if they have participated previously. It is important to have accurate numbers of students to assist with planning.

Chess Club will now begin in week 3. 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 a cost of \$45 for the term.

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 by Thursday 1 February.

School Pick Up

In the afternoons, the drive through pick up works well when parents follow these guidelines:

- **Stay in the driver seat.** Please do not leave your car as it holds up parents behind you.
- **Wait in the queue.** Please do not overtake cars in front. Cars need to advance forward to avoid large gaps.
- **Park in the carpark.** Please do not park in the pick-up zone. If you need to walk in, park in the carpark and take as long as you need.

Notification of Absenteeism

If your child is away from school, please call the school office or send an email to admin@gcs.qld.edu.au. It is important for the school to record the reason for the absence also, whether it is due to illness, appointment, or other reasons.

If your child is absent and the school has not been notified before 9:30am, you will be contacted to confirm the reason for the absence.