Welcome BBQ
The BBQ on Friday night was well attended. It was a great time of community, with many new families getting to know other parents. For those who were able to attend, thank you for coming.

Dedication Service
I would like to thank the parents who made the effort to attend the dedication service on Sunday afternoon. For those who were present, we enjoyed a special time of fellowship together, committing our students, staff and school community to God for the year.

School Pick Up
At this early stage of the year, I send many messages about carpark safety. Our school has the best driveway facility of any school I have seen in Toowoomba, which makes drop offs and pick ups easy and convenient.

I have mentioned on many occasions, that parents are very welcome to park and walk in, to collect children and to make contact with teachers. However, if you do leave your car, please leave it in a parking space. There should not be any vehicles left sitting in the drive through zone. Your cooperation is appreciated with this matter.

School Values
The values we have in our school are Biblically based. They reflect the ways in which we believe (and place value on) how we should treat and respect one another. This is particularly important for children as they learn how to treat and respect one another, as they grow.

GCS School Values
✓ Appreciation For Others
✓ Respect For Authority
✓ Confidence In God
✓ Honesty
✓ Effort in all things
✓ Right Choices

Appreciation For Others
It is important for children to see a good model of how to show appreciation for others. It helps them to be “others focused” instead of “self” focused. Showing appreciation for others is something that we actively need to do.

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**Fundraising Committee**

Four new picnic tables have been purchased with money raised by the fundraising committee last year. These have already been used at the BBQ on Friday and at lunchtime today (see crumb evidence in photo).

There will be a fundraising meeting soon that you may be interested to attend.

![Picnic Tables](image)

**Fabulous fundraising!**

Last year we had another great year with wonderful support from the school community. We were able to purchase and install outdoor seating for the students in the cola and sets of picnic tables with bench seats!

I'd like to invite anyone interested in helping with fundraising to a morning tea this coming Monday 19th February at 9 AM (-ish) after school drop off (little ones are most welcome to come with you) in the library. If you are interested in helping but are unable to come on Monday please leave your name and contact details at the office or send an email to fundraisers@gcs.qld.edu.au

All suggestions are most welcome.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you on Monday.

Thanks
Marleen

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