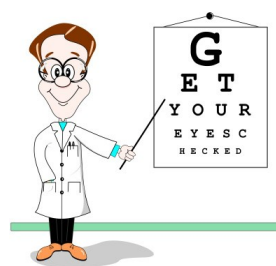


Term 1 Week 8

What's happening in term 1?

March

- 14 - Specialist Series (Sara Black)
- 23 - Cross Country
- 29 - Last Day of Term



Specialist Series

I recommend that all parents attend the first presentation of our new Specialist Series. The guest speaker is Sara Black. Sara is a Behavioural Optometrist, who will share her experience and expertise on Tuesday 14 March, at 7pm.

I encourage all parents to attend. There is a lot more to Optometry than just seeing in focus.

Cross Country

The school cross country will be on Thursday 23 March. The following list is provided as a guide for event times.

Parents are welcome to spectate from the COLA area.

9.30am	Prep
9.40am	Year 1
9.50 am	7 Years
10.00 am	8 Years
10.15 am	9 Years
10.30 am	10 Years
10.45am	11, 12 & 13 Years



School Values

This week, I have copied the rationale from the Archer Values school document. This has been in place at GCS for several years and gives a clear explanation of why we have expectations for behaviour, and how they are referenced to God's Word, the Bible. The Archer Values are developed from "My First Book of Christian Values" (Mackenzie: 2007).

At GCS we have developed behaviour management procedures based on Biblical values for students, staff and families. These values reflect what we stand for as a Christian Community and provide the basis for students to make life choices from a Biblical world view. We use these values to develop how students operate at school both in the classroom and in the playground. We encourage parents to use these at home, and provide the foundation for responsible lifelong Christian behaviour. This foundation will assist students both now and in the future to think independently with clear understandings of biblical principles.

The school has six core values. Underpinning each are sub values that support the main value. All values have key verses from the Bible that support them. When you add the beginning letter of each value it spells ARCHER and reminds us that we need to aim to be who God has called us to be; His ambassadors in the world. We want students to be a blessing to their parents and society and to be useful and purposeful in their lives which ultimately gives glory to God in all they do.

- **A** – Appreciation For Others
- **R** – Respect for Authority
- **C** – Confidence In God
- **H** – Honesty
- **E** – Effort in all things
- **R** – Right Choices

Mackenzie, C. (2007). *My 1st Book of Christian Values*. Ross-shire, UK: Christian Focus Publications.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Reminder

Just a reminder to please get your forms in to the office by Wednesday. We really need the support of parents to make this fundraiser a success.

Tell all your friends and family that GCS is running the BBQ on Saturday March 25th!

Marleen Ellen
(on behalf of the fundraising group)