



"Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9

What's happening in term 1?

March

- 22 - Cross Country
- 24 - Working Bee
- 27 - School Photos
- 29 - Last Day Term 1

April

- 12 - Toowoomba Show Holiday
- 16 - Student Free Day
- 17 - Term 2 Commences
- 25 - Anzac Day

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**

Ephesians 6:7

Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.



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Run for Bibles

Every second year we promote the Bible League Run for Bibles sponsorship program. This coincides with our cross-country event. Students will bring home a sponsor sheet for their participation in the cross-country races, planned for Thursday 22 March. Money donated through this program will be used to give a bible to students in South Africa.

Please return your Run for Bibles sponsorship forms and money to the school this week, by Cross Country Day, which is Thursday 22 March.



Cross Country Day

Thursday 22 March is the planned date for cross country. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on students from the COLA.

Coffee van will be available.



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



Term 1 Interim Reports

The term one interim report offers an opportunity for teachers to provide feedback to parents regarding the academic and personal development of your child.

This report is intended to provide a snapshot of how your child is progressing at the end of term 1, and well before the end of semester 1 report.

Please keep in mind that the achievement standards on interim reports are designed to indicate if your child is progressing at this point of the year. If your child's teacher has indicated that their academic progress is "satisfactory," this means they are progressing at a standard they are expected to be at for their grade level.

If your child requires support to work at their grade level, then "support required" will be selected. This does not necessarily mean that they are underachieving; it may mean that they can complete grade level work with support. This is often the case early in the school year. As the year progresses, many students reach the expected academic level for their grade.

If your child is clearly working beyond their current expected academic level, the teacher may select "good" for their progress rating.

Keep in mind that the effort rating is an important indicator of how your child is working. If your child's teacher has selected "satisfactory" on their report, this demonstrates that they are working at a standard that is expected for a student of that grade level. If they are highly engaged and motivated, they may have a "good" rating. If they are not yet working on task at a standard expected for a student of their age, the teacher may select "support required," to keep them on task and completing class tasks.

If your child's teacher requests an interview, I would expect that parents will meet, to discuss the progress of their children, and how they can support them in their learning.

Prep Learning

Mrs Johnston shared her knowledge about Ireland and about St Patrick who used the clover to talk about the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. She made fadge, which is potato bread.



Coles Vouchers

Yes, we are collecting "Sports for Schools" tokens. If you already shop at Coles and have collected tokens, they can be dropped in or sent to the school office, so we can redeem some free sporting equipment. Thank you for all of the donations that have been made already.

