



"Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2

What's happening in term 2?

April

- 25 - Anzac Day

May

- 4 - Meal Deal Day
- 7 - Labour Day Holiday
- 10 - Mothers Day Stall
- 15 - 17 - Naplan

Start of Term 2

Once again, there were mixed feelings for students as they started back last week; excited to see school friends and share holiday stories, keen to get back into school routine (maybe some more than others) and perhaps some hesitation to be learning new concepts and content.

We really do have a wonderful school culture at GCS. Students are generally very well behaved and usually respond well when teachers talk to students about behaviour issues. Students are comfortable asking teachers to help them in class and playtime situations.

It is a very important part of our school culture that students can take risks in their learning without fear of failure. What does that actually look like in GCS classes? It means that students can have a go and give an answer that may or may not be correct. If it is correct, that's great, but if a student gives an answer in class that is wrong, they can do that without other students laughing or making fun of them for getting something wrong.

Of course, to develop this culture, our teachers must cultivate and protect this culture. They will reprimand a student if they laugh at another and explain the importance of our culture to them.



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School Values

Different schools use different models for their values system. The ARCHER values are based on values expressed in the bible that reflect how God intends for us to act and behave.

GCS School Values

Appreciation for Others

Respect for Authority

Confidence in God

Honesty

Effort in all things

Right Choices



Run for Bibles

There has been a tremendous response to our Run 4 Bibles fundraising this year. The total in 2016 was approximately **\$1500**, which paid for around **215 bibles**.

Our goal for this year was to exceed our last contribution of 215 bibles.

This year, GCS has raised **\$2600**, which will pay for over **370 bibles!** This will create the opportunity for many students to read God's word, understand the world from a Biblical Christian perspective and to become followers of Jesus. This life changing opportunity may result in many people becoming believers and part of God's family. What an exciting result!

The highest amount raised by a family was \$447 by the Irwin family. Well done Angus, Harry and Scott. The highest amount raised by an individual student was our Missions Captain, Joseph Munro. He raised \$240. Well done Joseph.



Chess Club

Mr Lord will continue with chess club in term 2. If you would like your child to join, or continue, please email admin@gcs.qld.edu.au and pay the chess club fee of \$45 by Monday 30 April.

Uniform Matters

At this time of year, jumpers start to come out. It is very important for students to wear the correct school jumper, not casual jumpers. Please make sure that jumpers are clearly named so that they can be returned to you if lost. Unnamed and unclaimed jumpers in lost property will be washed and put into second hand uniforms in the uniform shop.



Parent Teacher Interviews

A sincere thank you to all parents who were invited to meet for interviews with teachers and were able to attend. If you missed an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher or school office to schedule a meeting.

Driveway Rules

During afternoon pick up, there are often delays with parents leaving their car parked in the pick-up zone. If you need to leave your car, please park in a carpark space to avoid frustrating drivers being delayed further back in the queue. If you need to assist children with seat belts, please use a car parking space during busy times.

Coles Vouchers

Thank you for all of the donations of Coles vouchers. It will be great to redeem a few free items from this program for students to use.



Year 5/6 Book Tasting Café

