



"Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1

What's happening in term 3?

July

- 13 - Teacher Talk
- 19 - Athletics Carnival

August

- 21-25 - Book Week
- 23 - Book Fair
- 24 - Book Week Character Day

Welcome Back

It was great to reconnect with students as they came back into school this morning. The first day of term always has a heightened level of excitement, and the students enjoy catching up with their classmates.

I hope that your child and your families have had a good break, ready to start this new term positively. I pray that God will bless your children in their learning this term.

Enrolments

As we have had one family move to a different town, and another family on an extended absence at the end of last term, our school population has had a slight dip. If you know of any families who are looking for a school like ours, that supports Christian beliefs, please recommend our school to them.

I was chatting with a local parent recently who told me that their children are at a school so big that "half the teachers don't even know my kids' names." I told them how at our school, the teachers know all of the students' names.

If a current parent recommends our school to new families who join our school, a small discount is applied to the enrolment fee invoice.



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Teacher Talk

Have you ever seen a TED talk on Youtube? They are designed to be short, sharp and often inspirational talks about all sorts of topics. An adaptation of a TED talk is a Teacher Talk. Our school is hosting a Teacher Talk this **Thursday 13 July**.

Our guest speaker is Brett Ryan. He is the CEO of Focus on the Family Australia. The Teacher Talk is entitled, "Being a Christian teacher in the twenty-tens." Brett will share with us knowledge and wisdom about how being a Christian teacher today is so important, and how to cope with the pressures of today's world.

I have invited the teaching staff from Toowoomba Christian College and Christian Outreach College Toowoomba, who are both members of Associated Christian Schools. Both Principals have accepted this invitation, so we will have close to 100 visiting Christian teachers at our school this Thursday.

As a result, classes will finish at 3pm on Thursday. If you are able to collect your children between 3:00 and 3:15pm, this will be a great help, as we will have almost 100 visitors entering the school at around 3:30pm.

Our staff are bringing a plate to share for afternoon tea. However, I am aware that we have many parents blessed with the ability to bake delicious food. If you have time and would like to contribute, please let us know by Tuesday 3pm if you can assist. This will help with planning for catering in our Tuesday afternoon staff meeting. admin@gcs.qld.edu.au

Also, it will be very helpful to have a parking attendant to assist with directing traffic. If this is something you feel confident doing, and have time available between 3:30 and 4:00pm, please let me know. admin@gcs.qld.edu.au

I know that there will be some disruptions on Thursday with this activity, but it will be a great opportunity for Christian teachers to meet together at our school for this special event. I appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we work through these logistics to help the event to be a success.



Chess Club

Our chess club resumes in week 2, starting at 8:00am. Students who participate in term 3 will have the opportunity to participate in the Toowoomba Primary Schools Team Chess Competition. The cost for chess coaching in term 3 will be \$40. If your child will attend, please pay this fee at the school office by the end of week 2.