

# Principal's Message

## Week One

The first week of term was a very positive and full one. Students have settled back into class routines very well. Staff have been very busy with new term organisation.

The **Teacher Talk** on Thursday was a very special event for our school. I would like to thank all parents for your assistance with the early pick up on Thursday. Most parents' cars were in and out before cars for our 95 guests came into the school carpark.

Our special guest, Brett Ryan (CEO of Focus on the Family Australia) presented an excellent talk to our staff, and teachers from Christian Outreach College and Toowoomba Christian College. The talk was entitled, "Being a Christian teacher in the twenty-tens."

Being a teacher today is different to what it was like 10 or 20 years ago. Children today need to deal with issues that were not as relevant in the past. These include: wise use of technology, exposure to information and family issues. Brett Ryan is a dynamic and engaging speaker. He encouraged our Christian teachers to change with the times, and to provide stability and wise leadership in the lives of our students.



A special thank you to the parents who contributed to the staff afternoon tea on Thursday. It was very appreciated.

## Enrolments

Since last week's newsletter, I have been approached by 3 families who are considering our school for their children's education. It is one of the most important decisions we make as we raise our children. Please continue to share the good news of our school with other parents, so that our school community continues to grow positively.

## Curriculum Updates

Teachers will send home to parents a term curriculum summary. In addition, they will share sessions with parents who would like to hear more detail about the content areas that are planned for teaching and learning in term 3.

Date	Class
Tuesday 18 July 2:45pm	Prep & Year 1
Thursday 20 July 2:45pm	Year 3
Friday 21 July 2:45pm	Year 4
Monday 24 July 2:45pm	Year 2 & 5/6

## Athletics Day Wednesday 19 July

The weather forecast is looking OK for Wednesday, maybe a little windy and cool. Perfect for a Toowoomba Athletics Carnival!

The carnival is to be held at O'Quinn Street Oval. Students will be supervised from 8:45, but please plan to bring your children at 9:00am or soon after, if work commitments permit. Please do not bring children before 8:45am.

The program is planned to start at 9:30am, and is expected to be completed by approximately 1:30-2:00pm. Students may be collected at that time, and taken home. A bus back to school will be provided for children not collected at the end of the carnival. To avoid costs and to help with planning, please email [admin@gcs.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@gcs.qld.edu.au) if your child will require a bus trip back to the school campus. Students then can be collected at normal pick up time.

## Shade Shelters

If you have a pop up market gazebo that can be used at the Athletics Carnival, please let me know in a message to [admin@gcs.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@gcs.qld.edu.au)



## Athletics Carnival Schedule

9:00am	Gather at O'Quinn Oval Welcome and prayer
9:30am	Track Events - Sprints Starting with Preps through to 12 years
10:00am	Middle & Upper Primary 200m Track Events and Lower Primary Ball Games
10:45am	Morning Tea
11:00am	Middle & Upper Primary Field & Track Events and Lower Primary Rotations

## Lower Primary Rotations

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Egg & Spoon Obstacle course	Bean Bag Toss	Discus Quoits	Ball Relay
Bean Bag Toss	Discus Quoits	Ball Relay	Egg & Spoon Obstacle Course
Discus Quoits	Ball Relay	Egg & Spoon Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Toss
Ball Relay	Egg & Spoon Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Toss	Discus Quoits

## Middle and Upper Primary Field Events

8 years	9 years	10 years	11/12 years
High Jump	Long Jump	Shot Put	800m
Long Jump	Shot Put	800m	High Jump
Shot Put	800m	High Jump	Long Jump
800m	High Jump	Long Jump	Shot Put

12:15pm	Gather back together into House teams
12:30pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Relay Events Starting with Preps through to Year 6
1:30pm	Presentations Pack up
2:00pm	Bus back to school

**Note:**

Lower Primary is Prep to Year 2 (up to 7 years)

Middle & Upper Primary is 8 years to 12 years