

"Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7

What's happening in term 3?

August

- 21-25 - Book Week
- 24 - 25 Book Fair
- 24 - Book Week Character Day
- 26 - Working Bee
- 31 - Fathers Day Stall

September

- 8 - Family Day
- 15 - Last Day Term 3



Book Week

This week is Book Week.

Thursday 24 August is Book Character Day. All students are encouraged to dress up as a book character, and if possible, bring a copy of the book the character comes from. This is intended to be a fun activity for students, so please plan with your child early what they can dress as for the day.

Guidelines

- Book character, not movie character
- If costume is not suitable to wear all day, students may change into casual clothes for the rest of the day
- No costumes contrary to Christian values; witchcraft or offensive costumes



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Toowoomba Primary Schools Team Chess Competition

Three teams of students from our chess club will participate in the primary school competition next Tuesday 29 August.



Father's Day Stall

There will be a stall on Thursday 31 August.



Family Day 8 September

Grandparent's Day is planned to be hosted every second year. This year, GCS will host Family Day on Friday 8 September.

The purpose of Family Day is for parents, grandparents, and other family relatives to visit children in their classrooms for the morning session, and share morning tea with the children.

Morning Session	9:30-11:00am
Morning Tea	11:00-11:30am

If you wish to visit your child in their classroom, or will have relatives visiting our school, please RSVP names to admin@gcs.qld.edu.au

All visitors will be asked to sign in at the school office on Family Day.

Working Bee

The next working bee is planned for Saturday, 26 August,

Bullying at School

Some schools say they have no bullying. I don't believe that it's realistic to say that in any school. What I say in our school is in the rare case that any bullying does occur, it will be treated seriously.

An important part of school life is for children to learn how to relate to one another, and how to deal with situations when conflicts occur.

In a Christian School, it is realistic to expect that when children work and play together, there will be differences of opinion. What we can teach our students in a Christian School, is that when disagreements occur, there are appropriate ways to resolve those conflicts. This is an important part of learning. It is also important for children to understand that situations may not always work out in their favour. This is an important part of learning resilience. Popular culture demonstrates that when conflict in life occurs, burn that bridge and walk away. This does not line up with the Biblical model of resolving conflict.

Students (and parents) can feel at times that issues raised may not be dealt with in a serious enough way. Please consider that a teacher may have many issues reported to them on any particular day. I can assure parents that our teachers will diligently try to resolve those issues, but in reality, some can be missed at times. If that happens, and the issue is serious enough to warrant it, please send an email to your child's teacher if you would like something followed up.



Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

For those of you who shop at Woolworths, you may already have collected stickers for the Earn & Learn program. Outside of the stores, there are school boxes for the stickers to be dropped in. However, as we have families from all parts of Toowoomba, with different Woolworths locations, please send stickers in to the school office.

When the stickers are collected, we will claim some free resources for our school.

If you have any family or friends who are not connected to a school, you may ask them for their stickers too!