

# "Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

## Term 4 Week 1

### What's happening in term ?

#### October

- 12 - 7pm Specialist Series - Michelle Dempsey "Nurturing Faith in Our Kids"
- 16 - Student Free Day

#### November

- 2 - Swimming Block Commences
- 3 - Orientation Day
- 14 - Swimming Block Finishes
- 16 - Swimming Carnival
- 22 - Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- 30 - Awards Night
- 30 - Last Day Term 4

### Start of Term 4

Welcome back to term 4!



As usual, the first day back for the new term is exciting, both for students and staff. I am pleased to see all of our students back at school, ready for the last term of the year.

### Student Free Day

As listed in the Parent Handbook, Monday 16 October has been set aside on the calendar as a student free day for professional training. Our teachers will be spending the day working on curriculum development.



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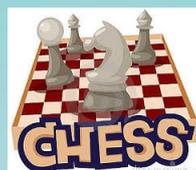
## Specialist Series

Our next special guest speaker is the CEO of Christian Education National, Mrs Michelle Dempsey. Michelle will be presenting "Nurturing Faith in Our Kids." As part of this presentation, Michelle will be talking about the value of Christian Education.

This will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday 12 October, as part of our Parent Association General Meeting.

I encourage all parents to make it a special priority to attend. Michelle is a dynamic speaker, and an influential leader in Christian Education in Australia. I am confident that all parents who attend will find Michelle's presentation both encouraging and inspirational. If you have any friends who may be considering a Christian Education for their children, please feel welcome to bring them along.

As we plan for the Parent Association Meeting, please email [admin@gcs.gld.edu.au](mailto:admin@gcs.gld.edu.au) if you are able to attend, and add names or number of friends who may come along also.



The end of term 3 was a high point for the chess club. Our students performed well at the Toowoomba Primary Schools Chess Teams Competition.

There will be no chess club in term 4, but will start up again in term 1. I encourage new students to try out chess club next year!



## Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival date has been changed, due to a date clash with our swimming venue. The carnival is now planned for:

### Thursday 16 November Glennie Aquatic Centre

9:00am	Arrive at Glennie Aquatic Centre
9:30am	Events start
12:00pm	Carnival Concludes

At the end of the carnival, parents may like to take their children home.

Alternatively, a bus will take students back to school for the remainder of the day. An email will be sent at a later date to confirm arrangements for each family.

## School Uniform Matters

The start of a new term is a good time for a reminder of what not to wear at school. This includes jewelry, fingernail polish and of course, any clothing that is not GCS uniform.

## Greeting Card Fundraiser – Update

We were planning to hand out kits for the greeting card drive to families this week, but there has been a delay with the order. We are hoping that the cards will be delivered for us to distribute and start the drive in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of term instead. An update will be sent out closer to the time. Just to recap, the card drive is to raise money for a set of outdoor picnic tables. We are asking families to take home and sell a card kit which contains 5 packs of great value cards. There is a

