

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Couple of weeks to go! Please check your child has been reading the books required. If all the students have their sheet completed and signed we are in the draw for a prize.

### Piano Lessons

Michelle Dawson visited the school Thursday and enjoyed meeting her 6 students. Please contact the school if you are interested registering your child for lessons. Forms have been sent out and need to be returned to the front office by the end of next week. Lessons will be starting Week 1 Term 3 on Fridays. Cost will be \$20 per half hour and a workbook will need to be purchased which will be around \$20.

### Conference

In the first week of the holidays the teaching staff and a number of Board members will be attending a CEN (Christian Education Network) conference in Sydney. At the conference we will be attending lectures on teaching from with a Christian World. There will also be sessions for board members, administration officers and teachers to improve what we do. This will be an exciting thing for us to be involved in.

### Tennis

Students from Years 4-7 will be having Katrina from Tennis Queensland visit this Wednesday. They will be learning some basic tennis skills and will be given information on how they can access further lessons if they wish.

### Report Cards

To comply with government regulations we are looking to make some changes to the report card in Semester 1. We are looking to make the reports easier to understand and consistent with how reporting is done over the country

### New School Website.

I am working with Dale Walker to develop a new website for our school. Our new domain name has been registered ([www.gcs.eq.edu.au](http://www.gcs.eq.edu.au)). It will not work as it has not been linked to our website yet but it is exciting to look at the possibilities the internet has to improve the way we communicate

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# "Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

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Just Drive, and Let God Direct You!

*"Lead me, O Lord...make Your way straight before my face." "*

Psalm 5:8 NKJV

Hannah Whitall Smith writes: 'God's voice will always be in harmony with itself, regardless of how many ways He may speak. The voices may be many, the message can be but one. If God tells me in one voice to do, or leave undone anything, He cannot possibly tell me the opposite in another voice...therefore my rule for distinguishing the voice of God would be to bring it to the test of this harmony.' To know that you're being led by God you must: (1) Believe that He has a plan for your life (2) Spend time in prayer asking Him to reveal it (3) Step out and obey Him, even though He doesn't tell you all you'd like to know (4) Be confident that even in difficult times He's still directing your steps. During the making of Ben-Hur, Charlton Heston trained long hours to drive a chariot for the movie's big chariot race. He improved greatly, but he became convinced that the task was more than he could handle. So he approached the legendary movie director Cecil B DeMille and said, 'I've worked hard at mastering this rig. I think I can drive it convincingly in the scene, but I don't think I can win the race.' After a moment's silence DeMille smiled and said, 'You just drive, I'll direct.' He did, and the chariot race became one of the movie's most memorable highlights. You don't need all the answers, you only need to know you've fully obeyed the instructions God gave you. Once you know that, just drive, and let Him direct you!

(Taken from the Word for Today - <http://www.ucb.com.au>)

### **What's Happening – Term 2**

- Information Assemblies – Monday at 2.50pm.(Not Week 9 due to the holiday)
- Chapel assemblies – Wednesday 9am.
- GCS Cross Country – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June (This week!)
- Reports posted out – Week 10.
- **School holidays start Friday 25th of June at 3.15pm**
- **Term 3 Begins Monday, 19th July**

### Assemblies

Due to the holiday we will hold our Monday's assembly on Friday at 2.30pm. We will be handing out the certificates for the cross country carnival which will be run this Friday morning. On Wednesdays we have a service with singing, Bible readings and this term we are looking at the student Code of Behaviour from a Biblical perspective. All parents are welcome to both assemblies.

### Cross Country

This year we are running our cross country at the school. We have a course around our school grounds which will provide a challenge for the students. Students in Prep and Year 1 will be running for fun and will not be judged for the place they achieve in their race. They will all instead receive a participation certificate. We want all the students in Prep and Year 1 to run for fun and all be rewarded for their efforts. The students from Years 2-7 will receive a certificate if they come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. These certificates will be handed out at our 2.30pm assembly on Friday afternoon. First place medallions will be handed out at the end of year awards ceremony. The Prep and Year 1 class will start their race around 9.15am. The 7 years old students will run next, with the 12 and 13 year old students. All races will be completed my morning tea.

### Cross Country Morning Tea

During the Cross Country there will be a morning tea for the parents and families of our contestants. Could every family please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

### Communication

We are a school that values the partnership that we have between teachers and parents. It is essential that if you have a concern that you contact your child's teacher and discuss the matter with them. If you have done this and require further assistance then make an appointment to see the principal. We ask that discussions with teachers in the morning before school are brief and that you arrange a more suitable time to meet.

### Prayer Points

- Please pray for Mrs Santacruz to get better quickly!
- For safe, happy and refreshing holidays.



### School Rules

We have been looking at our school rules. Please have a look at the rules below and discuss them with your child/ children. We are working hard to for students to be safe and happy in the playground.

## **Behaviour Expectations**

### **We play only in supervised areas.**

- No playing in the toilet areas.
- No going behind or under buildings.
- Do not go past the orange lines.
- Do not go into classrooms without the teacher's permission.

### **We play safely at all times.**

- No fighting games.
- No pushing or shoulder barging.
- No tackling.

### **We wear our hat and shoes outside.**

- Sunscreen must be worn.

### **We walk along the concrete paths or in the classrooms.**

- When walking along the concrete paths, avoid keep clear zones.

### **Food Safety.**

- We wash our hands before we eat.
- No sharing of food.
- We sit when eating food.
- The lunch area is left clean with lunch boxed put back in bags and rubbish put in the bins.
- School bags are to be closed properly.

### **Car park Safety.**

- We cross on the crossing and keep on the paths at all times.
- We stay quietly with the teacher till we are collected.

### **We always show polite and safe behaviour when on the bus.**

- We remain seated until directed otherwise.
- We keep all parts of our body inside the bus.
- We talk quietly and do not distract the bus driver.
- We do not signal or communicate to people outside the busy