

Outside school sport activities in touch and soccer have commenced or are soon to with Nicholas Keal and Peter Derome being worthy participants. We encourage students to develop their skills and sporting abilities and team spirit and avail themselves of participating in various sporting options throughout the year with the Toowoomba Primary Schools Sport Association to which GCS is an affiliated member. We thank Mr. Glyn Reinbott for his willingness to help students and parents to be involved.

Stewardship Actions: We have started the 4 R's (**Reduce Recycle Reuse and Replenish**) at school and hopefully begin to be more responsible to reduce, recycle and reuse some of our wastes. Thanks to those students who volunteer at different times to recycle some of their class recyclables at home. Remember '**R**' stands for Recyclable materials like paper, cardboard, various hard plastics including drink containers and poppers. '**N**' stands for Non-recyclable materials and '**F**' stands for Food scraps.

The working bee on the 14th March achieved much and thanks to all who attended and helped out. The water tank is almost operational and is filling up. Landscaping around the Grade 3,4 5,6,7 classrooms is continuing with the establishment of various trees, shrubs and herbs. The organic garden for the students is yet to be finished with the placement of poles, fencing and raised contained beds for students. We would ask any parents one Saturday morning to help finish this off.

We would also like to start a fruit and nut orchard (near the septic tank area along and near the N-S fence line). Any donations of any plants and water (yes we are still on water restrictions) and ideas and help in general would be appreciated. Until we have our own water distribution system we are dependent on water being shared around.

CALENDER CHECK

*On 24th April (Friday)-we will begin the Gymnastic weekly program at the PCY in James St.

First group (Gr. 4,5,6,7 ~22 students) will leave school at 10.15 am for an hour session from 10.30 to 11.30 am arriving back at school about 11.45 am.

Second group (Gr. 2,3 ~24 students) will leave school at 11.15 am for an hour session from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm arriving back at school about 12.45 pm

Third group (Prep, Gr. 1 ~18 students) will leave school at 12.15. pm for an hour session from 12.30 to 1.30 pm returning to school about 1.45 pm.

*On 18th June, Thursday we hope to have the schools Cross Country.

*19th June Friday final day of term 2

GLENVALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Corner Boundary & Glenvale Road Toowoomba

P.O. Box 79, Wyalala Plaza Toowoomba 4350 Ph: 46340113 Fax: 46340114



"Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

April 2009

SCRIPTURE FOCUS"...The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." (1Co 10:26)"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psa 139:14)"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; "(1Co 6:19)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

These verses reveal much about us and our wonderful Creator God. During Term 2 all of the school will focus on what God is saying and what we can find out about His amazing creation particularly our bodies and our responsibilities as stewards of what God has given us. Significant implications on how we should relate to God and live and act stem from these verses. If the Lord owns everything including our bodies, then we have no right to them, even if we have 'brought' or claimed them first. Primarily they don't belong to us, they belong to God. All we can really do is to enter into an agreement with God on how He thinks we should relate to them and 'use' them. In effect we are trustees or stewards of what we have been privileged to have or use. We know from God's word how we should relate to what God has made. All of these things as indicated by many scriptures have their meaning and purpose in God Himself. They show that we were made for God to live in us and demonstrate the life and love of Jesus to the world just as Jesus did. We should be praising the Father for His manifold gifts which includes the Holy Spirit who indwells true believers. We are not our own, we have been purchased with the blood of Jesus, saved from certain death and the power of sin, forgiven, to live holy lives pleasing to God, building up the body of Christ and the Kingdom of God. Once we understand our standing and purpose within God's plan and will, which in essence is 'Christ in you' now and for

This includes 'our' possessions, time, talents, land, house, tools, body, ...whatever - for God to work in and through us to do good and extend God's Kingdom, for the glory of the Lord. Indeed we are “ .. God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. “ (Eph 2:10)

Stewardship and being a steward for God is really a response to act on behalf of the owner, and giving back what He in effect has given, and trusting God to work in us to enhance and extend God's ministry of saving and serving, of redeeming and restoring that which was lost.

What a joy to know that Jesus who gave His all, paid the price to save us so we can be forgiven and experience life the way God has planned it for our good. Let's make sure of our calling and trust and commit our lives to love the Lord Jesus Christ. He deserves all the honour, praise and glory we can give Him, the owner of all.

God bless you.

Ron Slyderink (Principal)



STUDENT NEWS

Term 2 will be a busy one with consolidation of student's work and more assessments to evaluate progress. We would ask students to be diligent in their efforts and do all they can to build their knowledge and skills. Parents are urged to support their child(ren) so that they are best positioned to develop as responsible and life long learners. Learning the basics is always relevant and we at GCS emphasise high standards for our students so they are well equipped to continue their learning. State and National testing standards for students in Yr 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will occur in May in English, Mathematics and Science. Although we hope students will do well in these tests we would value more the attitude and effort behind whatever students are doing or learning. We know that the Lord looks at the heart and at a student's approach to learning and doing their best. It's not just about knowledge and skills as such, it is about using whatever knowledge and skills we have for others and enhancing the quality of life and the Kingdom of God. Those who are more talented will have greater responsibilities to ensure their gifts are used for God in serving others. There is no room for feeling superior because everyone is asked to use whatever gifting or talent they have for God. This should humble and unite us all. All students, no matter how talented they are or not have the responsibility to do their best and develop their knowledge and skills. So there will be no comparisons made only encouragements to grow and do our best.

LIBRARY Mrs. O'Keefe's class will go to the Library every second Wednesday from next week (29th April).

eternity, then we gladly yield all we are and have for God.

PRAYER GROUP

We are engaged in definite spiritual warfare and will have our battles in many different areas. We cannot do without praying and prayer warriors. If you can, please join the prayer group in the admin building every Thursday at 2.30 pm. If you cannot come, please commit some time praying for the school and its people during the week, anywhere.



PRAYER POINTS

We need to thank the Lord for all the good that is happening around us but also thank Him for the inevitable battles and issues that come our way. As long as God is there, we can be assured He is working to touch and draw people to Himself including us. Continue to pray for the school and its educational programs that it grows to love God and people more, that its sure foundation is Jesus and that His light is our light in a dark world.

Pray that the Tennis Court project and Library project will proceed smoothly and that these resources will be used to honour God and serve students and the community. Pray too for progress in planning for a Kindy at the school which is not simple with so many regulations to comply with. We also need to pray for an efficient effective water system to water the school and its many projected plants as well as establish more energy efficient ways to minimise waste and pollution and maximise what God has given us. We want the school to be beautiful and productive for God .

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sport: On a rather subdued overcast day we proceeded to have our swimming carnival at the Oakey Aquatic Centre on the 2nd of April. The rain wasn't the problem but the wind was particularly severe and cold inducing and the decision was made during the Lunch interval to finish up and continue the other events back in the comfort of the indoor pool at Harristown State high School on the last of day of school before the holidays. Congratulations to all those who participated and enthusiastically supported their houses. Palmer earned the most points overall but both houses conducted themselves honourably and it was great to see. Many thanks to those parents who helped with the transport and running of activities in not so pleasant conditions and also those who came to support their children. It is really appreciated.

This term we will engage in more Athletics activities culminating in a cross country on Thursday 18th June. Normally every Friday this term we will have