

Geelong Baptist College Newsletter No. 11 Thursday 17th June 2010

Principal: Trudy Knol

Principal's Patch

Due to a short Term One, Term Two has been a long term, but believe it or not we have finally reached the end. Only one week to go!! As this will be the last newsletter for this term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Enjoy the sleep ins!!

This week our Year Ten students all started their two weeks of **Work Experience**. We hope they enjoy this time in the big world of work, that they have opportunities to learn various new skills (or a bit about themselves), and that when they come back next term, they will share some of their stories and experiences. Stay tuned for some write ups!!

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Teachers have been working very hard to complete all the reports and are now finalising some minor details. Reports will be handed out to students on Tuesday June 22nd.

Interview request forms should have come home this week, allowing parents to book interview times with teachers. Both Primary and Secondary interviews will take place next week, on Thursday June 24th from 3.40pm till 8.00pm for Secondaries and 8:15pm for Primaries. Parents are encouraged to come and have a chat with teachers and are asked to return booking forms as soon as possible to be guaranteed an appropriate time slot.

Enrolments for 2011 – any siblings commencing next year??

Thank you to those families who have enrolled siblings; this greatly assists the College in its planning for 2011. As previously outlined, we do ask that all current College families enrol any additional children for 2011 by the end of Term Two. Please contact the College for enrolment forms and return them promptly.

Promoting GBC!!

Throughout this year the College has been advertised in various magazines, newspapers and local news bulletins. Our College website has also had a major overhaul and we have even advertised on local radio stations. This has benefited the College and brought a number of families for a visit. However, despite all this, GBC is still somewhat unknown in Geelong.

As a GBC community, let's all work together and make a real commitment to get our name known around Geelong. We have a great school with many amazing qualities, so let's highlight who we are and allow others to share, enjoy and benefit from the GBC experiences and opportunities as well. Please consider how you can support GBC in any future promotion activities that may evolve.



For now, could I please ask all families to carefully think about the possibility of displaying some A3 GBC posters at work, or at a local store, or swimming pool, church or kinder, or even at a friend's workplace. This could be a very effective means of spreading our name throughout Geelong. Please do remember to seek permission from any prospective businesses and know that some places may not be allowed or may not feel comfortable to display these items.

Please contact the College if you would like to receive a poster and let us know where you would like to display it so that we can keep a record and avoid doubling up.

It would be great to get some posters up before the holidays commence!!

With such a combined effort, I believe we can make a real difference in raising our College's profile!!

Staffing for Semester Two

As outlined in the last newsletter, at the end of this term, two secondary teachers, Ms Ann-Marie Iversen and Mrs Christine Shaw will be leaving GBC. We wish them both the very best and trust God will be with them in their future endeavours. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution to our GBC community during their time with us.

Currently interviews are being held to replace both of the above mentioned teachers. We pray that God will provide us with the right people to come and join our staff for next term.

National Partnership Program – Parent Survey !!! Final reminder - We are seeking your input!!

As previously outlined, please ensure you take the time to complete this survey as it provides families with the opportunity to express their thoughts about the College. All responses are collated by Independent Schools Victoria and names are not requested, thus the survey is totally confidential and anonymous.

We would appreciate your support of the College in completing this survey. Your honest feedback will be a valuable part of the improvement process. The survey is done on-line and only takes about 10 minutes. **The closing date of the survey has been extended to Wednesday June 16th.** Either parent may fill out the questionnaire or both parents may complete the survey together. If you have more than one child attending, please complete the survey for your ELDEST child. You may also complete a survey for each child you have at the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College office.

The link to the survey is as follows:

Parent Survey: <http://limesurvey.independentschools.vic.edu.au/index.php?sid=39769&lang=en>

Thank you for your anticipated support.

walkafunathon - final prizes !!

I would like to thank all those families who supported this event by bringing in sponsor money. Your contributions have greatly added towards the College community. Thank you for your commitment to your school.

**** A range of prizes and gift vouchers will be awarded to students who raised the most money. At the moment we are still waiting for some of them to arrive. Stay tuned**

Important Dates

- Tue 15th - Fri 25th June: Yr 10 Work Experience
- Mon 21st– Tue 22nd June: Project 729 (Secondary students)
- Tue 22nd - School reports handed out
- Wed 23rd June: Secondary Girls/Boys Day
- Thurs 24th - Fri 25th June: Project 729 (Secondary)
- Thurs 24th June - Parent/Teacher Interviews: Primary and Secondary
- Fri 25th June - Last day of school: usual finish time (3:20pm)

TERM DATES

Term 2 13th April - 25th June

Term 3 13th July - 17th September

Term 4 5th October - 9th December

SECONDARY NEWS:

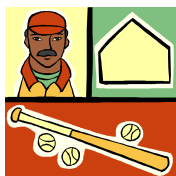
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: These will be conducted on Thursday 24th June from 3.40-8.00pm. On the interview request forms, which students received today, teachers have indicated which parents they would like to meet with at interviews. Parents are asked to indicate the times they are available for interviews in the appropriate space and may request interviews with teachers by ticking the appropriate boxes. Students will then bring forms to their classes and teachers will fill in an appointment time; this serves as the parents' schedule of interviews for the evening.

REPORTS: These are due to go out on Tuesday 22nd June, prior to the Parent Teacher Interview evening.

FINAL WEEK OF TERM TWO:

PROJECT 729: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

Students have now been placed in their elective groups for Project 729 based on their preference sheets. The Electives/ Industries for this year being: Engineering, Sports Management & Creative Arts.



BOY/GIRL DAY: Wednesday

On Wednesday 23rd June, students will be involved in an 'Amazing Race' challenge as well as a 'Boy/Girl Afternoon' organised by our Chaplain, Tash Rae. Students were briefed about these activities earlier this week. The 'Amazing Race' will take place in the morning and the winning class wins the lunchtime use of a Nintendo Wii on specified days for Term Three. Later in the day, the girls will spend some time in 'Girl Zone' whilst the boys will be involved in a 'Sumo Wrestling' challenge.



WANTED: Sets of **MEN'S OVERALLS** that you no longer require (any condition). If these are hanging in your cupboard needing a loving home, we'd love to have them. Please drop them in to the office at your earliest convenience.

Sharlene Tattersall - Secondary Coordinator

INDONESIAN STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

Year Prep/One: Ben Zygumt

Year Four: Isaiah Melhuish

Year Seven: Natalie Brkic

Year Two/Three: Jack Trevey

Year Five/Six: Sean Brien

Year Eight: Briallen O'Reilly

