

Geelong Baptist College Newsletter No. 12 Thursday 22nd July 2010

Principal: Trudy Knol

Principal's Patch

Welcome back for Term Three!! This means we are now just over half way through the year!! I do hope everyone had a lovely holiday break and that as students and staff settle into Term Three, God will bless all that we do and achieve over the next weeks.

Each term has its unique events and exciting happenings. Most of these will be highlighted in future newsletters as they occur, but below is just a brief outline of some of the events.

The Edge – Year 9 Program

In Term Three, "The Edge" program commences again for the Year 9's. The teachers involved this year are Mrs Findlay, Mr McWha and Miss Quinn as well our chaplain, Tash Rae. These teachers have been very busy planning for this program and are looking forward to introducing it to a new cohort of Year 9's and adapting certain aspects to accommodate and complement the wonderful qualities of each of the students.

The Edge program was launched last Friday with many exciting activities and discussions. Students were even treated to a pizza lunch!! I would like to thank the above mentioned staff for their passion, dedication and delivery of this special program and the many opportunities they are providing for the students involved.

Resiliency Program

Tash Rae and Debbie Ormesher, along with the teachers, will be running a resiliency program in the primary school. Some exciting activities and days have already been planned.

Whole College Focus

Staff are always encouraged and pleased when they witness students displaying courtesy, kindness, helpfulness, obedience and respect. At GBC, staff often share stories of the wonderful deeds students do for peers, teachers and the general student population. To complement this, and allow both students and staff to further develop these values, we have initiated a whole College goal for Term Three – to focus on attaining an even higher standard of respect.

Other upcoming events:

Stress Down Day
Athletics Carnivals
Footy Day
GBC's Got Talent

Information Evenings
Primary Grandparents and Friends Day
Book Week and a Book Fair

Welcome to two new teachers.

Two new staff members have joined the GBC teaching team. We warmly welcome Mrs Sharon Barker who will be teaching Secondary Food Technology and Mrs Belinda Mitchell who will take Secondary Art, Studio Art, Graphic Design and Textiles. We thank God for providing both of these very talented ladies to join our GBC team and look forward to working with them. We pray that they will settle in quickly and enjoy their journey at GBC.

Working Bee this Saturday.

Thank you to those parents who have returned the Working Bee slips and have made themselves available for this Saturday. Working Bees start at 8.30am and finish in time for lunch. Morning tea is provided. We look forward to seeing you there assisting us to do a good general clean up, preparing GBC for Term Three. P.S. Anyone is welcome, even if you forgot to reply.



Computers and DER Funding

Through the Digital Educational Revolution (DER), GBC has been allocated funding of \$50,000.00. This is a fantastic opportunity for GBC, allowing us to look at how we can improve our computer and technology services. These funds need to be utilised by the commencement of 2012, thus we have time to carefully think about how best to use this wonderful gift and to implement changes in a timely manner.

PSG Update

The Parent Support Group has two projects on the boil at the moment. The first one is the toothbrush fundraiser for which flyers went out last week. This fundraiser allows families to buy items they would normally buy as a regular necessity anyway, but by ordering through GBC, families not only receive the goods at a great price, but they will also be helping the College as we receive \$1.80 for each \$5 package sold. There are 3 offers available, each consisting of a Colgate toothbrush and a Colgate toothpaste.



The second fundraiser will take place on Saturday the 7th of August as GBC has managed to attain a time slot to hold a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at the Corio store. Please help out if at all possible as this will give GBC the opportunity to raise money from the public, rather than just our own College community. This event will also raise our College profile. Please contact the College office or return your form to indicate the time you wish to help out. If you can't help out please come down and buy a sausage!

P.S. Prayers for nice weather gratefully appreciated! -PSG

Entertainment Books – We still have these fantastic books available. It is just so easy to save!! I would personally recommend them to any family. I recouped the cost of the book in two outings!! These books could also be a great idea as a present. They are only \$55.00 and the College also benefits by earning \$10.00 for every book purchased. A true win-win situation for anyone who buys one.

We wrote the Book on balancing the budget

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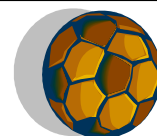
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SPORT SPOT

We have some exciting sporting events coming up this term.

- Wednesday 4th August: WCSSA Secondary sporting carnival in Geelong (Soccer and Basketball)
- Thursday 5th August: GBC Athletics Carnival at Goldsworthy Reserve (Year 3 – Year 12)
- Wednesday 25th August: GBC Athletics Carnival at Goldsworthy Reserve (Prep – Year 2)



HELPERS WANTED: If you are able to assist at either of the Athletic Carnivals then please contact the school. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CAN FUNDRAISER

For the Year Ten subject 'Applied Learning' we have to choose a project to improve our school in some way. We have chosen to remodel a garden bed. For this project to take place, we will need to raise some funds. We have decided that aluminum cans could be sold to raise these funds. We would very much appreciate it if you and your family could bring your aluminum cans in so we can recycle them. Drop off any cans to the front office. Thank you kindly Jacob, Ben and Aiden (Year Ten Applied Learning).



Stress Down Day



On Friday the 23rd of July there will be a dress up day, where students and teachers have the opportunity to dress up (e.g. suit) or down (e.g. pyjamas or dressing gown) and wear slippers for a gold coin donation; the money raised will go to Lifeline. This day is to help Lifeline support people struggling with stress and depression. Further information will be found around the school on posters advertising the event. There will be a cat walk at lunch time and the best dressed student will win a pair of new slippers and a generous supply of Kellogg's cereal.

This is not a normal casual dress day!

2010 GBC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (Year 3 - 12)

8.45-9.00am	ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING												
	9/10 year BOYS	9/10 year GIRLS	11/12 year BOYS	11/12 year GIRLS	EVENTS ON A BYE	12/13 year BOYS	12/13/14 year GIRLS	14 year BOYS	15+ year GIRLS	15 year BOYS	16 year BOYS	17+ year BOYS	
9.00-9.30am	Hurdles					High Jump (optional)	Discus (Area 1)	Shot Put (Area 1)	Triple Jump (Area 1)	Triple Jump (Area 2)	Long Jump (Area 1)	Long Jump (Area 2)	
9.30-10.00am	Discus (Area 2)	Triple Jump (Area 1)	Shot Put (Area 2)	High Jump (optional)	Long Jump	100m HEATS							
10.00-10.30am	100m					Long Jump (Area 1)	High Jump (Optional)	Discus (Area 1)	Shot Put (Area 1)	Shot Put (Area 2)	Triple Jump (Area 1)	Triple Jump (Area 2)	
10.30-11.00am	Triple Jump (Area 2)	Shot Put (Area 1)	High Jump (optional)	Long Jump (Area 2)	Discus	400m							
11.00-11.30am	200m					Triple Jump (Area 1)	Long Jump (Area 1)	High Jump (optional)	Discus (Area 1)	Discus (Area 2)	Shot Put (Area 1)	Shot Put (Area 2)	
11.30-12.00pm	Shot Put (Area 2)	High Jump (optional)	Long Jump (Area 2)	Discus (Area 2)	Triple Jump	100m FINALS							
12.00-12.30pm	LUNCH												
12.30-1.00pm	800m					Shot Put (Area 1)	Triple Jump (Area 2)	Long Jump (Area 1)	High Jump (Optional)	High Jump (Optional)	Discus (Area 1)	Discus (Area 2)	
1.00-1.30pm	High Jump (optional)	Long Jump (Area 2)	Discus (Area 1)	Triple Jump (Area 1)	Shot Put	800m							
1.30-2.00pm	RELAYS					Discus (Area 2)	Shot Put (Area 2)	Triple Jump (Area 2)	Long Jump (Area 1)	Long Jump (Area 2)	High Jump (Optional)	High Jump (Optional)	
2.00-2.30pm	Long Jump (Area 1)	Discus (Area 1)	Triple Jump (Area 1)	Shot Put (Area 2)	High Jump (optional)	RELAYS							
2.30-3.00pm	PRESENTATIONS/PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT RELAY												

Important Dates

- Thurs 22nd July - Senior Pathways Information Evening at 7:00pm
- Fri 23rd July– Stress Down Day– dress up or down, gold coin donation
- Sat 24th July– Working Bee at College at 8:30am
- Tue 27th– Wed 28th– Year 9 Camp
- Thurs 5th Aug– GBC Athletics Carnival at Goldsworthy Reserve (Year 3-Year 12)
- Sat 7th Aug– Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Corio
- Thurs 12th Aug– Year 10 in 2011 Information Evening at 7:00pm
- Wed 25th Aug– GBC Athletics Carnival at Goldsworthy Reserve (Prep– Year 2)
- Thurs 26th Aug– Year 9 in 2011 Information Evening at 7:00pm

** More detailed information regarding the events listed above will be sent closer to their dates. **

TERM DATES

Term 3 13th July - 17th September
Term 4 5th October - 9th December

SECONDARY NEWS:

INFORMATION EVENINGS: We're over half way through 2010 and are already planning for 2011. Throughout Term 3 quite a few Information Evenings are held to overview curriculum for 2011 at the various year levels.

Thurs 22nd July: Senior Pathways Information Evening at 7.00pm

Thurs 12th Aug: Year 10 in 2011 Information Evening at 7.00pm

Thurs 26th Aug: Year 9 in 2011 Information Evening at 7.00pm

TERTIARY INFORMATION SERVICE: On Friday 30th July, Year 11 and 12 students will be attending a Tertiary Information Service. At this event, they have the opportunity to obtain more information about the various tertiary institutions, find out more about courses, discuss the application process and hear from Uni students about what to expect in tertiary study.

LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST: On Monday 19th July, the School and Vice Captains had the opportunity to attend a leadership breakfast at Skilled Stadium hosted by the Geelong Cats, Deakin and The Gordon TAFE. After James Podsiadly was put on the spot with a few questions, breakfast was served. Whilst breakfast was being distributed and devoured, students were given a leadership task to tackle. Following this Cameron Ling discussed the importance of leadership and answered some questions from the students.

PROJECT 729: In the final week of Semester 2, students were involved in 2 x 2-day intensive electives focused on a variety of experiences within an industry sector; teachers combined their skills to team teach these units. The aim of this was to increase the awareness of the variety of career options in these industries.

STUDENT REPORTS:

Engineering: In the Project 729, Will and I did engineering. We went to Deakin and the guy that spoke to us talked and showed us about virtual reality. We met another man and he gave us a tour around his work environment and showed some samples of carbon fibre. At the Ford Discovery Centre we learned about transferrable skills which are skills that you can use in other areas of life. At school we were given individual projects like making a solar cooker and we were leaders of our group. It was useful to us because it gave us a task of leading a group of younger people which we hadn't done before. (Paul Zimonyi and William Cockerell - Year 9)

Creative Arts: Stay tuned to hear about this Project next newsletter.

Sports Management: The best thing about Sport Management was going to Geelong Grammar and having a sport lesson with a specialist from Geelong Grammar. One to two people came in to talk to us about their business and what they had to do in it. We also helped out arranging the athletics sport carnival. On that same day we had to organise a sport we were going to teach the younger students to play for 50 mins. We had to have some warm up games, stretches, do some drills and play a short game of the sport. It was great fun! The benefit from it all was being able to teach younger grades about certain sports and understanding what teachers go through like the ups and downs. (Bethany Carmody, Zoe Hore and Natasha Macadam - Year 8)

AMAZING RACE AND BOY/GIRL AFTERNOON: This was very interesting and fun to be involved with. There were many different tasks that had to be completed during the race. Every class had to first of all make a horse that the whole class had to stay in. It was a difficult task to stay in the horse and complete every task. By the end of the race, the VCE students had won the major prize of a Nintendo Wii [which can be used during lunch times]. After lunch the boys and girls had separated and were involved in their own activities. The boys had some major fun with Sumo Wrestling and the girls had a fantastic time having a dance lesson with an instructor and a nice hot chocolate and cookies especially made by Miss Quinn. Thank you to all the students that participated and thank you to the teachers for planning a great day for the students. (Angela Cerovac - Year 11)

Work Experience Reports: Stay tuned for the next newsletter to hear some of our Year 10 recounts of Work Experience.

Sharlene Tattersall- Secondary Coordinator