

## SCHOOL DATE CLAIMERS

- 19 June Cross Country at Glenvale Park. (more info to come)
- 19 June Last day of Term 2, Semester 1
- 13 July First day of Term 3, Semester 2
- Students Progress Reports will be mailed to parents during the first week of the holidays.
- Parent-teacher interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, 8 July and Thursday, 9 July. See your child's teacher to make an appointment.

## FUNDRAISING DATE CLAIMERS

- 1 August, 2009 (Saturday) Family Photo Shoot at the school. A framed 10" x 13" portrait costs just \$15.00. All proceeds go to our school. Packages available. For more details, phone Jane Strahan on 4634 8222. More information will be sent out next month.
- 24 October, 2009 (Saturday) Garage Sale / Car Boot Sale at the school

## ATTENTION MUMS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The first Friday of each month is our "Morning Tea" get-together. Each month we will meet somewhere different which will be shown in our 'Blackboard' newsletter one week before. Starting time is around 9.00 am. Young ones are welcome of course. We may have a theme, just for fun. So on June 5th, we will meet at the home of Jo Ernst, 16 Park Street, Newtown. Please bring a plate to share and something you have made. It may be sewing, craft, or the food you bring. Lets have our own 'show & tell'!

For more information, please see Meegan Saal at the Prep/Gr 1 room.



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# "Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

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## SCRIPTURE FOCUS

**"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"**

**Eph 4:3**

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Unity is important in any successful relationship and endeavour. Whether we are talking about personal relationships at home or work or school relationships, unity is important to growth and peace and peace is important to unity. If we look around us we can see that unity and peace at all levels are often not experienced, in spite of great visions, wealth and power. Why is this? Paul in Ephesians 4 indicates what is the most essential kind of unity which affects all other kinds of unity and peace. We are talking about God's Spirit, about God Himself. We are urged to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. It is that important and it is a priority. So how do we achieve peace, or how Paul puts it in more binding love terms 'the bond of peace'? This kind of peace comes from God the Father and Jesus Christ. One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is peace. If we are in Jesus and He is in us then we will have peace, God's peace and we will have the unity of the Spirit and unity and peace where ever we are, and it will last. The key as always is having God in our lives and His Spirit living in us.

If we want to advance as a authentic school of excellence where education is in and for Christ, then together we must have God's peace

and the unity of the Spirit, we must be unified in what counts. Ultimately it begins with each one of us. We as individuals must be unified in Jesus and experience the peace of God. From there it spreads and binds us as a community. It deserves our highest endeavour and 'every effort' to have it and keep it. May grace and peace be yours from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

God bless you.  
Ron Slyderink (Principal)

## **STUDENT NEWS**

We have had basic Literacy and Numeracy national NAPLAN testing for students in Grades 3,5,7, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> May. Students coped well with the tests. Further internal testing occurred for other grades. Assessment and reports for Semester 1 will be sent to parents at the beginning of the term 2 holidays (close to 23<sup>rd</sup> June). Interviews for parents regarding the progress of their child(ren) will be scheduled on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July. This will be an uplifting time as we discuss and plan for the future development of your child. An interview form showing morning times between 9 am to 12 am and in the afternoon between 3 pm and 6 pm of 15 minutes is available with your child's teacher for you to book an appropriate time.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- Praise God for approval of the funding for the Multipurpose Courts and Solar Scheme.
- Thank God for the many volunteers who make our school the great place that it is.
- Pray for more enrolments and that our school will continue to grow as the Lord wills.
- Pray for continuing unity amongst the school community.
- Pray also for health and strength as we enter the winter months, the traditional cold and flu season.



## **WORKING BEE**

There will be a working bee on 13 June, 8.00 am to 12.00 pm. Plumbing of tank, finishing vegetable garden and fence, are some of the jobs planned. Please support the school in this.

## **CLOTHING POOL**

We have acquired five new skirts size 14-16 from Hannas. Reduced price: \$5.00. (from \$23.00) See office for more details. There are also a number of second hand winter uniforms in the clothing pool.

## **BOARD BITS**

- The board welcomes three new members from the association: Janelle Moore, David Hogg, and Kelvin Strahan.
- The grant approval for the multipurpose court has come in and construction is planned for the June/July school holidays.
- The solar scheme has been approved.
- Grant applications for the library and interactive whiteboards have been submitted and are awaiting approval.
- It appears that we will be able to convert the demountable into a kindergarten, but much work needs to be done and we will keep you informed as this progresses. Please submit an expression of interest if you (or someone you know) are planning to send your child to kindergarten in 2010.
- Christian Education National (CEN) have planned to visit the school to meet with teachers and board members on 11 and 12 June.

## **RADIO 92.9 (VOICE OF THE FAMILY CITY)**

A special thanks to the two new families who have signed up as voice partners. You have reduced our school advertising bill by a further \$50.00.!!! For more information, please contact Kerry Van Den Bosch (Danielle and Timothy's mum).

## **CARPARK**

There have been a number of issues with carpark safety. Students are now to wait at the flagpole until their transport has arrived and have been given permission by the teacher on duty to be dismissed.

As parents, you can encourage your children to use the pedestrian crossing and not walk behind the parked cars (walk on grass instead of the road). Please slow down in school grounds, as children are unpredictable.