

- 6th March (Friday)** Swimming training/lessons at the Harristown High School swimming pool.
9.30 to 10.15 am Grades 4, 5, 6, 7
10.15 to 10.45 am Grades 3 & 4
10.45 to 11.15 am Prep Grade 1 & 2
- 13th March (Friday)** Swimming training/ lessons
- 20th March (Friday)** Swimming training/ lessons
- 27th March (Friday)** Swimming training / lessons
- 2nd April (Thursday)** Swimming Carnival Oakey
- 3rd April (Friday)** Final day of term 1

MYTH AND FACTS

This is almost a myth because it seems a lot of people assume this to be the case. I am talking about **‘knowing God’**. It ties in what we said last time about learning where we come to realize that there are a number of different types of learning where we come to realize that there are a number of different types of learning possible. Learning and knowing are similar in that learning leads to knowing. But both beg the question what sort of learning and what sort of knowing are we talking about. If we learn to memorize certain facts, than our knowing has been the memorization of those certain facts. To know God is much more than remembering certain facts or qualities about God. In the memory case it would be more appropriate to say that we know certain aspects about God. The kind of learning and knowing that God looks for strikes at the core of our being involving our hearts, minds and hands. It is much more than mentally knowing and believing. It involves our whole being relating and responding to God and walking by faith in union with Jesus loving and obeying Him. It is the kind of relationships where God indwells his children so that they know and experience Him. How will you get to really know God? It is by humbling yourself before Him, listening to His voice and allowing him to speak and minister to you and you responding to His love by loving. John said it concisely, “for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love”. (1 John 4:7, 8). And what is love? “For it is the love of God, that we keep His commandments” (1 John 5:3). Knowing God involves loving Him with all your heart, mind and hand, not just knowing about Him with our minds. It is action obedient orientated, directed to loving God and people. That is how you will really learn to know God.



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SCRIPTURE FOCUS: “ In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last times he has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word...” Hebrews 1:1-3

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Isn’t it amazing to hear what God has revealed to us about Himself-in Jesus. Not only is Jesus revealed to be the key and main messenger in these ‘last times’ but He has been appointed heir of all things. Indeed the vast and breathless universe which includes the earth we live on was made or created by Jesus and **for Jesus** (Colossians 1:16). Furthermore Jesus is the exact representation of God’s being, the radiance of His glory, all things being held together by Him, and doing it by his powerful eternal word. Not only is Jesus supreme and number one in everything, it is through Him, and His actions of shedding His blood for sinners that forgiveness, reconciliation and purification before a holy God can happen (Colossians 1:20-22). Who in the world past present can match that profile and status? Who else can come anywhere near that positions of authority? No one. The implications, especially with regard to what Jesus spoke about, are hugely significant for us if we value life and living and a future worth living for. There are two things that must happen from our side—we need to LISTEN to JESUS and we need to RE-SPOND to JESUS in faith and obedience. Really listen carefully, earnestly seeking and searching for the truth in Jesus and then by faith obeying His voice and word. Simple in essence yet it will be a stumbling block for many, as many do not want to really go there, especially if there are sacrifices and trials to consider and go through testing our faith and love. I urge you to make

the right choice and truly submit to God on a daily basis because of the reality of who God is in Jesus, and the hopelessness of the alternatives without God. It is unthinkable considering what is at stake, yet people will not faithfully respond to God in a way God wants us to and time is running out. Make sure you know God and seek His Kingdom.

God bless you,
Ron Slyderink (Principal)



STUDENT NEWS

The Kaiser family have come and joined us and we are happy to have Jack in Mrs. O'Keefe's class. May your time at GCS be a real blessing.

We have wonderful children at the school and it is a privilege to be involved in their lives. We value and love each child and believe God will develop their potential and teach His ways to every individual and family who is part of the school and remains open to God changing them.

School captains and house captains have been chosen for 2009 and presented their badges during Chapel time on the 24th Feb. They are Tim Entwistle and Danielle van den Bosch as boy and girl school captains and Keturah Saal and Cara Viljoen as house captains for Flyn and Palmer respectively. We congratulate each of them and encourage them in their leadership positions. We pray that the Lord will bless them in their responsibility and service to the school. Let us all support them in their roles.

PRAYER GROUP

We need to thank the Lord for what appears to be a gift from the government through the BER (Building Education Revolution) package. Who would have thought this possible. We have the opportunity to build a library and possibly a Kindy, within the space of about a year. There is a fair amount of planning and development work with the architect and builder to be done, and we thank those parents who have indicated an interest to be on a committee to see the planning and building development through.

We are truly thankful. May the Lord bless this endeavour and provision to use these facilities for His glory and benefit our students, teachers, parents and the wider community.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sport: Outside school sport activities in running and swimming have occurred with students participating. We encourage students to develop their skills and sporting abilities and team spirit and avail themselves of participat-

Primary Schools Sport Association to which GCS is an affiliated member. We thank Mr. Glynn Reinbott for his willingness to help students and parents to be involved.

Stewardship Actions: The Toowoomba Regional Council School Waste Education Program environment representatives will hold lessons with all the grades in the first week of March. As a school we not only want to know more about looking after God's world, but adopting strategies and measures where we can make a difference. We want to be good stewards for the Lord. We know that pleases the Lord and it benefits us all. The goal is to honour the Lord by saving and serving.

We will initially focus on the 4 R's of sustainable living, naming, **Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Replenish** and make these actions part of our school, teaching and learning. There are many things we can do as individuals and as a school or family that will reduce costs and increase savings in a number of areas. Let's put our heart, minds and hands together to make a difference and make our aim to serve one another and project our effort to sharing and giving where we can to bless others.

The Working Bee scheduled for the 14th March is to make the school more efficient and beautiful and also begin the establishment of the **4R's**. We will begin landscaping around the grade 5,6,7 classroom which will include a herb/flower, fruit & nut trees, native shrubs, and vegetable sections linked to the new school water tank which is also being set up. Grade 5,6 and 7 will be involved in the planning, propagation, preparation and maintenance of areas and be examples to other grades and areas of the school. We will all be involved in teaching and learning to save and serve and how to make a difference and this will be a continual endeavours because we are all called to be stewards.

Grade 5,6 & 7 will start planning and producing a weekly/fortnightly classroom newsletter with reporters, photographers and an editor to share what is happening at school and beyond. This is a student initiative that is heartily supported

CALENDER CHECK

6th March (Friday)



The Toowoomba Regional Council School Waste Education Program—

11.45 am to 12.15 pm. Grades 5, 6 & 7.

12.15 to 12.45 pm Grades 3 & 4

12.45 to 1.15 pm Prep, Grade 1 & 2

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