FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

How is your child settling into the new year at GLC – new teachers, changed routines, different class groupings, or even a different school? Please take the opportunity to talk to your child’s class or home group teacher if you have any emerging concerns.

This morning there were many tired but happy Year 7 faces (and staff too). Thank you to our staff for the last three days at the Year 7 orientation camp, and thank you to our students who made this such a worthwhile experience. Focusing also on transitions, currently our Year 12 students are in Melbourne visiting tertiary education options for their futures. We wish them well this year.

I would like to remind parents of the laptop program we are introducing at years 7 and 10. Please direct any remaining enquiries you may have to John Aras our business manager. We are planning student information and training for this Friday. Laptops will then be issued to students who have returned the contracts and have a lock for their locker!

Additionally, in terms of starting points and transitions – I would like to commend to our parent community the Parents and Friends “Picnic on the Green” event tomorrow evening, starting 6:00pm. I look forward to meeting our families at this event.

Barry Krueger
Head of School

GLC Promotional Events 2014

Twilight Tours (staff-led tours of the college leave at 5:30pm and 6:30pm) on:
- Thursday, 20 March
- Thursday, 8 May
Prospective families will book either a Primary School tour, OR a Middle & Senior School Tour, OR a Prep-Year 12 Tour

Opening Mornings (student-led tours of the college in action between 9:30am and 12:00 Noon) on:
- Friday, 21 March
- Friday, 9 May
- Friday, 8 August

Open Day (between 10:00 am and 1:00pm with presentations at 10:15am, 11:00am and 11:45am)
- Saturday, 31 May
DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS: Luke 2:41-52
The Bible gives us just one story of Jesus as a youth and it’s not what we might expect. It tells of how Jesus, a boy of 12, goes missing on a family trip to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. Travelling with friends and relatives in a yearly pilgrimage, the trip was about 110kms and would have taken about four days to walk. After the festival the group returns home, and Mary and Joseph realise Jesus was not with the youths they thought he was. They search three days for him, finally finding him in the temple talking to and listening to the teachers. “Why have you done this to us?” they ask, and Jesus replies; “Why didn’t you know to look for me in my Father’s house?”

We can get so busy we seem to lose Jesus and then look for him in all the wrong places. When tough times come, we echo Mary and Joseph’s search: “Where are you Jesus?” But Jesus is right we expect to find him; his Father’s house: church and Christian community. In Matthew 18:20 Jesus promises: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them.” Finding Jesus is also as easy as picking up and reading your Bible.

This story also speaks to our students; the only story of Jesus’ childhood shows him learning and studying God’s word with teachers in the temple, and debating it to work out its application in his life. This is a worthy pursuit for youth and teenagers, and a worthy way for adults to spend their time too.

Finally, Jesus even knows what it is like to be misunderstood by his parents. They forgot he was God’s son. Jesus chose to spend time in the company of his heavenly Father who knew him better than anyone. God the Father knows us intimately too; in Psalms we hear that God knows the numbers of hairs on our head; something most of us don’t and our parents certainly don’t. While our parents can let us down, we can be reassured that God our Father understands and faithfully loves us.

Jonny Hedt – Pastoral Care

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Happy birthday to the following students who will be celebrating a birthday in the coming week:

February 2014
21st Finley (5/6E)  
23rd Evette (7B)  
24th Kiara (9a)  
26th Grady (5/6W)  
26th Nathan (PR)

23rd Bryce (5/6W)  
23rd Sarah (9A)  
24th Seth (10)  
26th Meghan (7A)

Extend OSHC at Geelong Lutheran College
Our weekly recap
Most of the afternoons last week were spent outside, playing badminton, volleyball, tennis, cricket, kickball and our old favourite 40 40. We tried Hula Hoop Basketball for the first time which saw every player score some well deserved points! We made cool bow and arrows for Valentine’s Day, Mac and Cheese muffins for our lunch box and we got a little messy on Friday when we made an Arctic landscape using ice and shaving cream! - Megan

Our Extend Superstar is…
Emily for teaching us how to use Loom bands. This new craze left Megan a little overwhelmed, but Emily guided the group through the steps with great ease. Thanks Emily…I think we are all a little addicted to this rubber band craft now!

Next week’s activities
Monday 17 February: Jam-filled Muffins & Baseball
Tuesday 18 February: Getting to know you Jenga & Tiggy Frenzy
Wednesday 19 February: God’s Eye & Balloon Volleyball
Thursday 20 February: Bubble Dough & Daring Aeroplanes
Friday 21 February: Firefly Night Jars & Rubber Band Splat Painting

ONLINE BOOKINGS extend.com.au or CALL OUR OFFICE 1300 366 437
# Dates for Your Diary

## February
- **Thurs 20th - Fri 21st**: Year 12 Tertiary Destinations Tour
- **Friday 21st**: Parents and Friends - Welcome to GLC Community Event
- **Thursday 27th**: GORCC Excursion (Year 9A)
- **Friday 28th**: GORCC Excursion (Year 9B)

## March
- **Tuesday 4th**: Shrove Tuesday, Pancakes for Primary School students
- **Wednesday 5th**: Ash Wednesday
- **Friday 7th**: Cross Country (Primary School)
- **Monday 10th**: Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 11th**: MS and SS Athletics Day – Landy Field **Please note change of date**
- **Wednesday 12th**: GISSA Interschool Swimming
- **Thursday 13th**: GORCC Excursion (Year 9A)
- **Thursday 13th**: Drama Excursion (Year 11/12)
- **Friday 14th**: GORCC Excursion (Year 9B)
- **Monday 17th**: Immunisations (Year 7, 9, 10)
- **Thursday 20th**: GDSSA PS Interschool Cross Country (Eastern Gardens)
- **Thursday 20th**: Twilight Tours (5.30pm and 6.30pm)
- **Friday 21st**: Open Morning (9.30am - 12.00pm)

## April
- **Friday 4th**: Last day of term 1 (School finishes at 2.05pm)

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## Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs. If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply**: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date**: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014**.


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## Scholastic Book Club

The first book club of the year has been sent out to students this week.

All orders and money are due back by **Monday 24th February 2014**

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## Reminder: Asthma Action Plans 2014

Families who have indicated that their child suffers from Asthma have been sent a blank Action Plan for 2014.

Please ensure they are returned to the Office by **Friday 14th March 2014** regardless of whether there are any changes.

Thank you to the families who have returned their plans.
Parents and Friends Committee

Parents and Friends meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the College. All parents and interested friends of GLC are welcome to attend. The dates for this year’s meetings are:

- 11th March
- no April meeting
- 13th May
- 10th June
- 15th July
- 12th August
- 9th September
- 14th October
- 11th November
- 9th December

Dates for your Diary

REMEMBER: Welcome Picnic on the Green - for all families Prep through to Year 12

Day: TOMORROW, Friday 21st February 2014
Time: 6.00pm
BYO: Picnic tea

A Coffee van will be available to purchase items (no alcohol permitted). Everyone is invited to welcome in the new school year. Come along and meet your class and welcome new parents to GLC.

Pancake Day - Tuesday 4th March 2014 for the Primary students
Donations of flour, lemons, milk, eggs and maple syrup are required. Please drop off at the Office by Friday 28th Feb. We would also like to borrow some electric fry pans. All assistance greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in helping cook on the day, please leave your details at the office or email to glcparentsandfriends@hotmail.com  *** All profits go towards supporting our Compassion sponsor child Metasari.

Sausage Sizzle - Wednesday 12th March for the Secondary Students
(more details to come)

Sausage Sizzle - Friday 14th March for the Primary Students (more details to come)

We are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve on this day.
Please leave your name at the Office.

GLC Drink Bottles
Drink bottles are still available at the Office for $8.00 each.

How to contact the P&F Group
You can contact us through:
✓ Facebook Page
✓ Email us: glcparentsandfriends@hotmail.com
✓ GLC Admin Office

A NOTE ON WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

During this week’s sessions on Valuing Safe Communities, there were a number of questions about Working with Children Checks relating to volunteering at GLC and St Johns.

The Department of Justice only issues one WWCC and an employee check (marked with an “E” on the card) is also valid for volunteering. If you already have a current WWCC (either as a volunteer or employee) you simply need to go to the Victorian WWCC website and update your details to indicate that you will be volunteering at GLC or St Johns. Please ensure you use the correct address for our schools as the Department of Justice will mail a notice of assessment to the address you type in for our records.

Please also note: Parents who attended Valuing Safe Communities Training this week will receive their certificates via their students at school. This will save you a trip into the office.
From the Primary School

Primary Awards

PE Awards

PR - Malachi
PK - Charlie
1/2D - Lily
1/2L - Joshua
1/2W - Georgia

Artist of the week

PR - Anya

Class of the week

Science – 3-4H
Music – 1-2L
German – 3-4H

Jane Hollett, Primary School Coordinator

Primary Science

Our Grade 3 & 4 and Gr 5 & 6 Scientists have commenced their time in the Science Laboratory putting on their 'Lab Coats' and 'Safety Glasses' and performing Scientific experiments to learn about the 'mysteries' of the world around them.
From the Middle School
Cyber Cats Program
As part of the Geelong Lutheran College commitment to cyber-safety students in 7A were given the opportunity to be involved in the Cyber Cats Program. This program was presented by Headspace and the Geelong Football Club. The students participated in a number of workshops which were aimed at empowering young people with knowledge about technology and social media to determine their own rules of engagement and how to stay safe when online. The program encouraged the students to engage in discussions around safe and responsible use of computers, mobile phones, tablets and associated programs such as the internet and apps. The students also had the opportunity to plan and produce a short film on cyber safety. They also had some special guests, current Geelong Football players George Horlin-Smith and Jordan Schroder, who starred in the different group films.

Highlights of the day:
• My favourite part today was the movie we watched called Tagged. – Pateep
• The best thing about today was when the Policeman Robbie talked about cyber bullying and possibilities of going to gaol for it. I also likes meeting the Cats players. – Immy
• I thought it was pretty cool getting to meet two of the Cats players, because it’s not every day that you get to meet someone famous. I really enjoyed filming with the ipad. - Abi
• I enjoyed learning about the internet with Robbie and laughing while filming. - Cait
• The best thing about today was making a movie and doing it with my friends.—Ethan
• I now know what happens when you talk online to someone you don’t know.—Tully
• The best thing was getting to meet two of the Geelong Cats and getting to include them in the awesome film we made. - Lachie

Science
Year 9A Science designed their own experiments to investigate the strength of a velcro strap on training shoes. Students worked in groups and investigated the strength of Velcro over time, some tried to find a correlation between the length of the strap and strength, other replicated the oval conditions to investigate whether grass and dirt affected the strength of the Velcro. Students gathered their data and evaluated their experiment. They drew conclusions based on the validity of their results.

Ms Claire Maroske
From The Middle School cont.
Assessment Planners
All Middle School students have received a Term 1 Assessment Planner detailing the due dates for major assessment tasks for each subject. Draft and final submission due dates have been included in a week by week plan. We believe the assessment planner will be both valuable and useful, informing parents and students of the demands of the coming weeks. Parents may access this document via the task portal located on the College website if this document did not make its way home!
Home learning should consist of 60 minutes of study each weekday for Year 7/8 students and 90 minutes for Year 9 students. Tasks may include completing set homework tasks, finishing off class work or revising concepts learnt that day or week to aid in the consolidation process. Formal assessment tasks should mainly be completed during class time under the guidance of the subject teacher.
If you have any questions or feedback regarding the Planner, please contact me at the College.

Year 7 Camp
The Year 7 students returned from 3 days of camp at Angahook Holiday Camp at Airey’s Inlet. The weather was perfect and the surroundings peaceful. They had a marvellous time with the ‘giant swing’ being the highlight. Many friendships were forged and we look forward to hearing more stories from camp. Stay tuned for more reflections and camp photos.
Georgia Quirk, MS Coordinator

HEAD OF ST JOHNS
It is an exciting time for our School Community with many opportunities to participate in school and community activities. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning advise the following:

“Primary schools are constantly evolving to meet the needs of students and the more you know about your child’s school life, the more you can help them to get the best out of their education. Taking part in your child’s education helps them to feel secure and happy in their school environment. Learn more about attendance, homework, report cards, team teaching methods and the use of innovative technologies in your child’s classroom.”

Last week the parents of our new Prep students had an informative session with the Prep staff. Last night the other Year levels held their Information Night.

A reminder to families that Friday night is the School Picnic on the oval from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. We hope that you will be able to join us for a get-together in a relaxed environment.

Another exciting opportunity that our students are looking forward to is participating in the Annual Pako Festa Parade on Saturday morning. This is a great opportunity to showcase our fabulous School. Thank you to all parents and carers who have allowed their child to participate and to our organiser, Mrs Lynn Lytzki.

I would encourage all parents from the Kindergarten and School who would like to help out and participate in School activities to attend the Valuing Safe Communities training sessions held at St John’s and GLC next week. This training certificate is valid for 3 years. See information in today’s newsletter for further details.

Our Years 1 – 6 Swimming Program (8 days) commences on March 3rd. Parents helpers are required to attend and assist with change overs during the three sessions each day. Male assistants are especially needed. A volunteer roster is available at the School Office.

Following the last day of swimming on Thursday March 13, we will be holding the Whole School Cross Country on Friday March 14 at Eastern Gardens. Parent assistance is paramount for the successful running of this event. If you are able to attend or assist in any of these opportunities please contact the School Office.

Last week I included an excellent article by Michael Grose entitled, ‘True Grit helps kids succeed’ - Developing character strengths is just as important to your child’s future success as building academic skills. This week I have included an article from the Department of Early Childhood and Development (DEECD) entitled, ‘The First Weeks of School!’ This article appears further along in the Newsletter.

Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for God’s people. Ephesians 6:18

Comment :- Prayer is simply talking to God. Keep chatting with Him during the day. Remember to listen for an answer.

With God’s Blessings
Brian Schultz
YOUTH GROUP: St Paul’s Youth meets on Friday, February 28 for “Trivia with a Twist”. All youth aged 10-16 are welcome. To make the trivia relevant and give your team a chance at winning, please email your best trivia questions to stpaulstrivianight@gmail.com. Trivia cannot be personal information about yourself that no one else can guess. Parents sign in at St Paul’s Community Centre, corner Heyer’s Road and Torquay Road at 6.45pm. Gold coin donation to cover cost of prizes. Pickup at 8.30pm. RSVP to Lee Smith 52417182, text 0425870136 or email Jonny Hedt hedtj@stjohns.edu.au.

CHURCH INFORMATION
St John’s Lutheran Church, 165 Yarra Street, Geelong. Rev Mark Blackwell. Sunday worship with Holy Communion 9am. Sunday school every week during school term. Office: 5221 5121. Playgroup meets 9am-11am every Tuesday of school term at Tyne Cottage adjacent to church. All welcome.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mollers Lane, Leopold. Rev Mark Blackwell. Sunday worship 11am.


Community Activities
Checkout the notice board in the school office for information on:

- **Belmont Lions Sports Club** - Registration Wednesday 26th February 5.30pm
- **Dance Classes** - Torquay
- **St Mary’s Sporting Club** - Registration Sunday 23rd February 11.00am
- **Kids Camp 2014** - Tandara Lutheran Camp, Halls Gap, 7th to 10th April
- **Diversitat Training** - Certificate qualifications in Education Support