

# newsletter

Glasshouse Country Christian College

*"Growing in Faith and Knowledge"*

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### TERM 1

#### February 2011

- Wed 16 8.30am Primary  
District Swimming  
Carnival
- Thur 17 Chocolates Distributed
- Fri 18 8.00am Central District  
Swimming Carnival
- Fri 18 9.45am Primary Leaders'  
Induction Service
- Tue 22 7pm Laptop programme  
Information Evening

#### March 2011

- Wed 2 Student Leadership  
Conference
- Thurs 3 Immunisations
- Thurs 3 8am Primary  
Regional Swimming  
Carnival (Caloundra)
- Wed 9 School photos
- Thurs 10 School photographs  
sibling
- Thur 10 12.30pm Sec Regional  
Swimming Carnival 13yr
- Tue 14 Primary Leadership Day
- Wed 16 School photo catch up
- Fri 25 Uniform-free day
- Fri 25 Chocolate Drive funds due
- Tues 29 Exam Block Year 10  
29/03 - 01/04
- Wed 30 8.30am GCCC Cross  
Country 9yrs-open
- Thurs 31 Exam Block Years 11  
& 12 31/03 - 05/04

#### Uniform Shop

- New and Second Hand
- Mon 8.00 - 9.00am
- Wed 8.00 - 9.00am
- Fri 8.00 - 9.00am  
2.30 - 3.30pm

## From the Principal



Dear Parents,

### Early Student Departures from the College

If you need to retrieve your child before the end of the normal school day please go to the Main Admin first. From here you will need to sign your child(ren)

out to verify you have collected them. Your child can only be collected from Main Admin.

If a student needs to depart early they should have a note explaining this, which should then be presented to the class teacher (Primary) or the Main Admin (Secondary) before school. If no note is possible then please ring the College so your child can be waiting for you at Main Admin.

This is the policy of most schools and for very good reason as it is important for the safety of your children that we can verify who is collecting your child. Similarly if you are sending a relative or a friend to collect your child early it is important that you have phoned through to the College to inform us of this. Such a person may be asked to produce identification. Please do not be alarmed or offended by this as it is merely a safety precaution.

### Chocolate Drive

Our annual Chocolate Drive is a fantastic fundraiser for our P and F and consequently the College. In the past this money has gone towards library books, sporting gear, music equipment and play equipment.

This year we hope to raise more money than ever and many hands make light work.

The chocolates will be distributed to all College families on Thursday Feb 17 to the youngest student in the family. We are also offering some great prizes this year including two x 2 Gb ipods and two Razor scooters. All chocolate money is to be returned on Friday March 25. To help everyone remember we will be having a non-uniform day as in previous years.



### College Swimming Carnival

Friday 4 Feb was the College Swimming Carnival from Year 4 up. It was a great day and congratulations to Ararat house (blue) who took out

the trophy. I would like to thank all the parent helpers who we had on the day-whether they be time- keepers, place judges, cooks and servers; your contribution was much appreciated. I would also like to thank all the staff members for executing their somewhat unfamiliar roles on the day with great skill. It is always a pleasure to deal with the Beerwah pool where we are always well looked after, thank you Brenden and Allison and the rest of the Beerwah pool staff. Finally a big thanks is also due to our outstanding sport department comprising Mr Stephen Couper, Mrs Wendy Stott and Mrs Christine Scott who expertly coordinated the whole day. There will be more information about the day and plenty of pictures in the following pages.



### College Ecumenical Service

On Tuesday Feb 8 I had the pleasure of accompanying 15 of our student leaders from all the Primary, Middle and Senior sectors of the College to attend an ecumenical service at Sunshine Coast Grammar School. There were more than 20 different schools represented. The leaders did a great job in representing our College and Abbey Bates did particularly well with her bible reading.

### Macbook programme for Year 10, 11 and 12

I announced in the last newsletter that all Senior School students will soon have an Apple Macbook computer to take from class to class during school hours. These computers have now arrived and are being readied for students. This will take a little bit of time. There will be a special information night about the programme, student obligations and how the programme will operate on Tuesday night Feb 22 at 7.00 pm. This will be an important night so please make a special effort to attend.

## Police presence

On Wednesday morning there was a heavy police presence along Roberts Rd. these police were monitoring speeding and were random breath testing motorists. They were also booking people who were parking too close to the exit of the College on the left hand side. Please be aware of the speed limit and particularly the school zone as well as where you park relative to the exit.

On the topic of the school zone please know that we have again referred this unacceptable situation of the school zone terminating before our school to Council. I am confident this will be rectified soon.

**Mike Curtis**

## INTRODUCING MORE NEW STAFF

**Susan Manthey** is a familiar face at GCCC as many of the primary students have had her as a relief teacher at various times in the last year. Susan also enjoyed volunteering in the kitchen garden last year and thinks she learnt as much about gardening as the students. This year Susan is working three days a week as a teacher aide. On her days off she intends to catch up on reading, get back into sewing, hopefully do some painting (pictures not houses), and, also do some supply teaching. Susan has two children at GCCC, Catherine in Year 5 and William in Year 2.



**Rei Joseph** is a native Maori from New Zealand. He has been in Australia for 18 years now. Rei says, "I have always been compelled to help or advise children so it was an easy transition

into teaching. I am very excited to be here at GCCC and the school has been very receptive. It is like I have walked into an extended whanau (Pronounced Far-now or family). Aroha nui, Mr Joseph".



## Kitchen for KGP under Construction

You will no doubt have seen the incredible work being done by our wonderful band of merry men and women who have been working weekends to construct the Kitchen for the KGP.

Watch this space next newsletter for the full report and acknowledgements for all those who have helped on this project, including the glass door for Prep Green which now allows them

to be part of the Prep POD, and overlook the kitchen garden. There are also more details and photos later in this newsletter. I have been involved for many many years in a great number of schools and I have never seen such a dynamic group of parents as we have, involved in this great project. It really reinforces the value which families place on what their children are experiencing through their involvement in this programme.

I can't wait till next Monday to arrive and see what the final structure will look like.



## Meet the Teacher Evening

It was a great pleasure for me on Tuesday night to visit the classrooms for the presentations on each class. Once again it was exciting to see so many parents who made the time to come to find out about how their child's classroom operates and to meet the teachers.

Never underestimate the value your interest in your child's school has on their attitude to life in general and particularly their education here. Statistics are very clear about this and connectedness to a young person's school is a key factor in developing good social emotional behaviour both now and in the future. I had the privilege of hearing Dr Michael Carr-Gregg speaking late last year and he was very clear about this as being one of the important factors as well as connectedness to at least one significant adult in their lives and also to their community. Interestingly, he even mentioned connectedness to a faith or belief system as having a positive effect on young people's social emotional development.

I would like to acknowledge the work teachers did in preparing the presentations for the evening. We truly have a great staff at this College. If you were at the Prep sessions you would have noticed that we had all 4 teachers there, even though only three worked on Tuesday. Thank you teachers!

**Cheryl Bryers**

## Primary Students of the Week

## Secondary News

We honour these students for:  
***STUDENT OF THE WEEK***

| CLASS                                    | WEEK 1                                   | WEEK 2        |
|--|--|---------------|
| Prep Green<br>(Mrs Rosenberg)            |  |               |
| Prep Maroon<br>(Mrs Dodwell/<br>Lindsay) |  |               |
| Prep White<br>(Miss Kuhn)                |  |               |
| 1G (Mrs Hay)                             | Alexis Jutila-Kern                       | Madison Hurst |
| 1M (Mrs West)                            | Daemon Cruise                            | Connor Lubcke |
| 2G (Mrs Smith)                           | Ebony King                               | Jared Post    |
| 2M (Mrs Leary)                           | Rose Henderson                           | Kiana Reeves  |
| 3G (Mrs McDonald)                        | Olivia Logar                             |               |
| 3M (Mrs Short)                           | Amy Boyer                                |               |
| 4G (Mr Bowman)                           | Casey Woods                              |               |
|  |  |               |
| 4M (Mr Hampshire)                        | Cassi Hilbers                            |               |
| 5G (Mrs O'Donnell)                       | Lavina Handley                           |               |
| 5M (Mrs Lowther)                         | Charity White                            |               |
| 6G (Mrs Jen)                             | Jedd Simpson                             |               |
| 6M (Mr Eggleston)                        | Student Leaders<br>(as per list at side) |               |
| Class for Milo                           | Year 1G Mrs Hay                          |               |
| Class for Coco                           | Year 4G Mr Bowman                        |               |

### Pause and Ponder

Prayer is often a last ditch effort after everything else has failed. Instead of prayer being a last resort, it should be the first thing we do. The Lord loves answering prayer and wants us to come to Him continually with all of our needs (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The Bible tells us to "be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer...let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). So don't wait... it's always time to pray.

(Excerpt from "He knows your pain." Dave Egner.)



### Secondary Homework Club

This wonderful service commences again this week on Thursday afternoons from 3.15pm-4.30pm in the College Library during term time.

If your student requires assistance with homework or assessment tasks, please make use of this free facility. If demand is great we will consider an additional afternoon later in the term.

### Assesment Planners

Assessment planners (assignments, folios, tests etc) were distributed to students this week. They are also available to view on the College website. Please assist your student with organisation and time management with their assessments.

### Parent Handbook 2011

The Parent Handbook for 2011 is now on the Website. The hard copy was given to students on the first day of school, however; if for some reason this did not make it home, it is now on the website.

### Secondary Leader Induction Services

Both the Middle School and Senior School Induction services were held this week. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and support our 2011 leaders. We pray that the students enjoy their time in these roles and will wear their badges with pride. We are confident that the student leaders for 2011 will be wonderful ambassadors for the College. Thanks also to the wonderful team of caterers led by Mrs Devitt for the delicious morning tea.

### LOST PROPERTY

Hello All,

Here is a list of found property from the swimming carnival:

Size 7 red T shirt

Little Mermaid swim bag

three pairs of goggles

towels "rival", "Australia", floral, purple with fish, brown.

"Florida" towel with togs, shirt and shorts

"boxing kangaroo" swim shirt

broncos bag with towel in it

Please contact Student Reception for collection. We are running out of room in sick bay!

Thank you

Karen Siggs

# Hospitality News



**Colleen Devitt** is our new Secondary Hospitality Teacher and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Originally trained as an accountant, Colleen turned her talents to cooking and became a Chef working for the likes of Versace and, a little closer to home, The Boat Shed. Not content with these accomplishments or with her world travels, Colleen trained as a teacher so she could pass on her passion for cooking to children.

Many of the staff and parents who attended the inductions services have already sampled some of Colleen's tasty treats and look forward to many more.

Colleen also plans to have a regular segment in the newsletter where she will pass on family favourite recipes. Here is her first offering:

Colleen says, "This year in Hospitality we have an outstanding bunch of students ranging from Year 7 to 12. The Year 8/9 hospitality students have been involved in making some favourites with Chocolate Chip muffins topping the list.

## Chocolate Chip Muffins

### *Dry Ingredients:*

3 cups plain flour  
8 tsp Baking Powder  
1 cup sugar  
½ cup cocoa powder  
100g white choc buttons  
100 g milk choc buttons

### *Wet Ingredients:*

3 eggs  
1 ¾ cup milk  
½ cup oil

### *Method:*

Combine all dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl then add all the wet ingredients. Spoon into muffin tins and bake for 10 - 15 minutes on 180C.



## Music News Music News Music News Music News Music News Music News Music News



We are very excited about the many things that will be happening within the Music Department this coming year. We have already begun our new Years 4 – 6 Instrumental Program and will be looking to start Concert Band and the String Ensemble in Week 5 of this term.

We will keep you posted as the time draws closer. Having said that, it is not too late to start learning an instrument now!

There are 2 options available for students that want to start learning an instrument during school hours:

1. Individual lessons in Piano, Guitar, Voice, and Drums are available. Information and contact details on all tuition teachers is available from the Admin office from the Music Teachers brochure.

2. We also have our Years 4 – 6 Instrumental Program available, offering group lessons in clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone, percussion and strings. Term Fees are very affordable and are payable every term. They include; Instrument hire, 1 x ½ hour lesson per week and Band/ Ensemble. Lessons are available for both beginner and continuing students. For further details or enquiries, please contact Jenny Broderick on 0419 217 042 or [brainicide@gmail.com](mailto:brainicide@gmail.com) .

All information and conditions on both options are available from the Music Department.

There are still many places available and we'd love to see as many people as possible enjoy the music with us. There will be various opportunities throughout the year for students to be involved in performance with Band, Ensembles and individual performances. Now is the time for you to find out what you can get involved in! Its time to make some music!

**Jenny Broderick**

# Vocational Education and Training (VET) News

## Work Experience Year 10

A very big thank you to students and their parents who have located and approached a workplace for their work experience in April. This has been a terrific help and about half our students are confirmed in their placement already. The next step in the process is that once all placements are organised parents and employers will be sent all the necessary details and the insurance agreement to sign. This will happen in March. For those students and families who have not arranged a placement or handed in the Industry Placement form, if you are having difficulty with it please contact me to get some help as we need to have all placements finalised in the next fortnight.

## High School Health Care Engagement Program

Opportunities to try out working life in a major hospital are very rare. Many hospitals only allow tertiary students to do work experience. Here on the Coast we are very fortunate that Nambour Hospital runs a 2 day program twice a year to allow Year 10 students to see nurses, doctors and allied health professionals operate in the hospital. Places are limited and highly competitive to participate in this program. Students who are interested please see me or read details on the VET noticeboard outside the Chappies' Office.

## USC Headstart Program

Ever wondered what it's like to be a uni student? Find out first-hand through USC's Headstart program. Study a university course that interests you while you are still at school. Students and parents who are interested in Headstart units are welcome to attend an Information Evening at the University. Find out more by speaking with staff and current Headstart students at the:

Headstart Information Evening

Wednesday 16 March

5:15pm Optional campus tour with a current USC student

6:00pm Information session

Lecture Theatre 7, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs

To register your attendance, visit [www.usc.edu.au/info](http://www.usc.edu.au/info) or phone 5456 5000. Applications for Semester 2 study (commencing on 25 July) close on Friday 13 May.

## Traineeship News

At the time of writing applications are being sought for the following traineeships – Arborist at Yandina, Business Administration (2) at Yandina and a Hospitality traineeship in a restaurant at Maroochydore. Applications close this week so if any students are interested please see Mrs Ferris on Monday (14 April).

Traineeships are humming at GCCC this year. We have many students who have successfully applied for positions. Students attend work one school day a week and complete a Certificate course with a Registered Training Organisation. Upon completing the traineeship, including the coursework, students gain points towards their Year 12 Queensland Certificate of Education. The College is grateful to the employers who make this possible through their generous support of our program.

Two students who have recently signed up to Traineeships are

Alex Ledwidge and Thomas Wright. Alex will be working at the Beerwah Recycling Centre and is learning metalwork skills. On his first day Alex's supervisor praised his efforts and pronounced him to be a natural at welding. We wish Alex the very best with this exciting new part of his senior studies and we thank Trish and the team at Beerwah Recycling for giving him this opportunity. Another student signed up this week for a traineeship is Thomas Wright. Thomas will be studying Aeroskills at the Queensland

Photo: Alex along with Trish Cashin from Beerwah Recycling, Lyndall Williams from Apprenticeship Centre MEGT, Supervisor Terry and proud Mum Kym Ledwidge. Alex is displaying the spider he made on his first day at work.



Institute for Aviation Engineering at Caloundra Airport. Thomas will be working in the work shop at the Institute but will be employed by Group Employer Acclaim. Thomas was welcomed to Acclaim this week by Mr Ian Gibbs (photo below). Thank you to QIAE and to ACCLAIM for providing this wonderful training.

## Student Exchange Australia New Zealand

You can find out about this organisation by accessing videos and



live information sessions on-line at <http://studentexchange.org.au/info-evenings/>. The next live information session on-line will be on Thursday 17 February at 6.30pm.

**Joan Ferris**, VET Coordinator

email at [joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au)

Please note that the new tuckshop menu can be downloaded from the GCCC website. Go to the "Services" tab and then to Tuckshop

On Friday the 4th of February GCCC held its annual Inter-House Swimming Carnival involving students from the nine year old to open age groups. Earlier in the week students took part in trials which helped place them in races which were appropriate to their ability. This process has been adopted to help encourage participation during the Swimming Carnival.

After the carnival was opened in prayer by Mr Curtis and the traditional House Cheering competition the day got underway with the A Division Butterfly races. The weather and the early action around the pool were scorching as was much of the competition throughout the day. Many of the age groups ended up being fiercely contested with only 2 points separating the first and second places in some of the Age Champion results. It's pleasing to note that the College swimming cohort has been bolstered by a number of new students who performed very well on the day. See the results tables.



With an increased number students participating and a tightly packed program there was not much room for novelty events however the "Cross the Pool" house race was introduced and was welcomed by many students who enjoyed an extra chance to get wet and earn points for their house. The day was rounded off with Age Group House relays. In a minor upset a staff/parents team ended up taking out the race by a narrow margin, displaying great team work and good levels of natural all-round ability. As far as the overall House Competition was concerned the margin was not so narrow. Ararat is to be congratulated for being the comprehensive 2011 Swimming House Champions. Well done Ararat!

Special thanks to the Brendan Roser and the Beerwah Swimming Pool management as well as the GCCC Parents and Friends Organisation, the parent helpers, the staff and students for contributing to an excellent day. We're now looking forward to the Primary District and Secondary District Swimming Carnivals which will be occurring on Wednesday the 16th and Friday the 18th of February respectively.

| Age/ Division                | New record holder | Old record | New record |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| 11yrs girls 50m butterfly    | Sarah-Jane Smith  | 55.00      | 52.73      |
| 11yrs boys 50m butterfly     | Connor Chapman    | 1.00.00    | 47.69      |
| 12yrs girls 50m butterfly    | Emma Hagan        | 44.83      | 42.03      |
| 13yrs girls 50m butterfly    | Chloe Colvin      | 41.00      | 39.40      |
| 15yrs boys 50m butterfly     | Jonah Bryant      | 55.30      | 54.61      |
| 16yrs boys 50m butterfly     | Mitchell Fraser   |            | 47.47      |
| 16yrs girls 50m butterfly    | Caitlyn McBeth    |            | 41.03      |
| Open boys 50m butterfly      | Jake Carver       |            | 37.49      |
| Open girls 50m butterfly     | Robyn White       |            | 42.54      |
| 10yrs girls 50m backstroke   | Stephanie Ferris  | 57.39      | 55.96      |
| 11yrs girls 50m backstroke   | Sarah-Jane Smith  | 51.43      | 49.22      |
| 12yrs boys 50m backstroke    | Connor Chapman    | 52.03      | 51.00      |
| 16yrs boys 50m backstroke    | Mitchell Fraser   | 1.08.93    | 49.44      |
| 16yrs girls 50m backstroke   | Rebekah White     | 49.09      | 41.41      |
| Open girls 50m backstroke    | Robyn White       | 45.31      | 44.47      |
| 12yrs girls 50m breaststroke | Emma Hagan        | 51.02      | 46.75      |
| 13yrs girls 50m breaststroke | Chloe Colvin      | 44.72      | 43.96      |
| 14yrs boys 50m breaststroke  | Adrian White      | 50.08      | 49.60      |
| 16yrs girls 50m breaststroke | Caitlyn McBeth    | 52.85      | 44.85      |
| Open boys 50m breaststroke   | Jake Carver       | 49.17      | 42.25      |
| Open girls 50m breaststroke  | Robyn White       | 52.25      | 49.04      |
| 9yrs boys 25m freestyle      | Nicholas Dwan     | 22.38      | 21.34      |
| 12yrs boys 50m freestyle     | Thomas Chapman    | 4.037      | 39.21      |
| 12yrs girls 50m freestyle    | Emma Hagan        | 37.16      | 35.68      |
| 15yrs boys 50m freestyle     | Lachlan Thomas    | 34.37      | 33.93      |
| 16yrs boys 50m freestyle     | John Williamson   | 37.59      | 35.00      |
| 16yrs girls 50m freestyle    | Morgan Stevenson  | 37.31      | 36.43      |
| Open girls 50m freestyle     | Robyn White       | 41.17      | 37.22      |
| 9yrs boys 100m freestyle     | Patrick McKenzie  | 2.24.20    | 2.21.68    |
| 10yrs boys 100m freestyle    | Aaron Lerch       | 2.11.55    | 2.02.48    |
| 10yrs girls 100m freestyle   | Stephanie Ferris  | 2.00.29    | 1.52.81    |
| 12yrs boys 100m freestyle    | Connor Chapman    | 1.47.62    | 1.31.91    |
| 12yrs girls 100m freestyle   | Emma Hagan        | 1.32.65    | 1.17.51    |
| 13yrs girls 100m freestyle   | Chloe Colvin      | 1.35.47    | 1.17.07    |
| 16yrs boys 100m freestyle    | Mitchell Fraser   |            | 1.53.12    |
| 14yrs girls 200m IM          | Emily Scott       | 3.27       | 3.19.56    |



## Sports News



### AGE CHAMPION PRIMARY

| Age          | 1st              | 2nd                   | 3rd                               |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9yrs Female  | Tess Hagan       | Jaylah Daunt          | Audrey Marsh/<br>Kirra Dodwell    |
| 9yrs Male    | Patrick McKenzie | Tomas Lunt            | Connor Anderson/<br>Joshua Bull   |
| 10yrs Female | Stephanie Ferris | Jasmine Bond          | Chelsea McLeary/<br>Keeley Hughes |
| 10Yrs Male   | Matthew Koschel  | Aaron Lerch           | Emerson Grange                    |
| 11yrs Female | Sarah-Jane Smith | Elsa Marsh            | Shannon Willcock                  |
| 11yrs Male   | Ryan Sauer       | Mitchell Baker-Spence | Jedd Simpson                      |
| 12yrs Female | Emma Hagan       | Nichola Bates         | Rebekah Groer                     |
| 12Yrs Male   | Connor Chapman   | Thomas Chapman        | Zachary Cathcart                  |

### Primary District Sport Trials

Throughout Term 1 there are a variety of Glasshouse District Sports trials which 11 and 12 year old students can participate in. Students must be competent at the sport and willing to commit to several weeks of training after school and then compete for Glasshouse at a Regional Carnival. It is a great opportunity to play quality sport and meet students from other schools. A full list will trials will be given to Yr 6/7 students and interested year 5 students.

The upcoming trials are as follows:

|              |                        |             |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Softball     | 11 & 12 Girls          | 14 & 21 Feb |
| Rugby League | 11 & 12 Boys           | 7 March     |
| Basketball   | 11 & 12 Girls and Boys | 11 March    |

## Kitchen Garden Update

### Welcoming in the New Year

The Kitchen Garden Program has started 2011 with an additional staff member, Mandy Ward, our Kitchen extraordinaire! Mandy is also heading the mammoth task of building the Gazebo structure which will house the kitchen classes and is blessed with some amazing volunteers and donations such as Hanson Quarries Glasshouse



(10m<sup>3</sup> of crusher dust donated), Wayne Rosenberg, Bruce and Brent Nitschke (builder extraordinaires!), Rob Trevison (Arty Concreting) Eric (Coloured Impressions) and Scott Yeo (painter and human concrete pump!). Our workers were well fed thanks to Nanny Sambrook who made delicious salad rolls. Our greatest appreciation to each and every one who has helped so far, especially during the searing heat! We have such a dedicated team and earnestly thank each and every one from the bottom of our hearts.

### Kitchen Garden classes

Our first classes began with the new Preppies eagerly exploring the garden area and finding many interesting critters and intriguing scents. Next the years 1, 2 and 3 classes got very hands on, and after digging up some monster sweet potatoes, built up two of the garden beds with a lasagna mix of lucerne, compost and manure! It was so exciting to see the garden come alive with a mass of children so eager to get in and give it a go!

In the makeshift kitchen all the classes whizzed up a storm with Mrs Ward, making delicious banana smoothies to go with some crackers topped with Nanny Sambrook's sumptuous corn relish. We are ever so thankful to Nanny Sambrook for harvesting the corn over the holidays and bottling up this delightful treat for us!



Thank you also to all the parents that came along on Tuesday to help out, your assistance is invaluable! These Kitchen Garden classes can only be successful if there are enough volunteers to help guide and teach the children in small groups. So if you are able to spare time to join in and have fun either in the kitchen or the garden, please let us know, you will be made to feel very welcome!

### Plans for 2011

This year we hope to extend on our Farmer Friends program where farmers come in to give talks to Preps and Year 1 students, whilst Years 2 and 3 potentially go on farm excursions. We believe this can develop a mutually beneficial relationship whereby the students gain invaluable Australian local farming

## Kitchen Garden News (continued)

knowledge and appreciation, whilst the farmers can be encouraged that the next generation may come to understand Australian agriculture better, thus securing its future success.

Once again we will be hosting events like the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and Grandparents Day. In addition we hope to run a Market Day in Term 2 where the students get to sell their produce and preserves. We will also be inviting the elderly from Eden Retirement Home to come and join us again once the gazebo is built and the weather cools. Finally we would like to see a regular parent get-together afternoon tea start up once the kitchen is established...the plans are endless, and the jobs keep mounting up, so let's hope the volunteers pour in!



One last plan I personally would just love to see come to fruition this year is a chook pen. This however is going to

have to at least wait until the kitchen is up and running, but I'd like to at least put the idea out there! Hopefully everyone has received and returned the note seeking any form of assistance. Please feel free to contact me anytime via this email or at [jade.king@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:jade.king@gccc.qld.edu.au) or on mobile 0405 125 791 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

**Jade King**  
**GCCC Kitchen Garden Coordinator**

### Garden Class Timetable – Term 1

Fortnightly starting:

Tuesday 1st February

Prep Maroon 9:00 – 9:30

Prep White 9:30 – 10:00

Prep Green 10:00 – 10:30

Mrs Hay – Yr 1 11:30 – 12:10

Mrs West – Yr 1 12:10 – 12:50

Fortnightly starting:

Tuesday 8th February

Mrs Smith – Yr2 8:45 – 9:25

Mrs Leary – Yr 2 9:25 – 10:05

Mrs McDonald – Yr 3 10:05 – 10:45

Mrs Short 11:30 – 12:10

## P and F News

### Annual General Meeting

On the 7th of March at 7pm we will be holding our annual general meeting in the primary staff room. This is where we will elect our P and F committee for the year. Everyone who has a child attending the college is a member of the P and F. The positions of the P and F that will need filling at this meeting are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### Parents and Friends Family Picnic

The P and F would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and our existing families to come along to our annual family picnic, which will be held at the college on Saturday the 26th of February. It will be a fantastic day of old fashioned fun with games, such as egg and spoon races and a tug o war. We will be cooking a complimentary sausage sizzle and will have lots of yummy treats to share on the day. Everyone is welcome to come along. Last years our picnic was enjoyed by over 200 members.



*Last year's tug-of-war was hotly contested.*

### IGA

Don't forget to ask for your tokens each time you shop at Beerwah IGA, and pop them into the GCCC cubby. Each year IGA give the college a generous amount of money...however it is up to us to support them and take advantage of this free money for the college

### Swimming Carnival BBQ

Last Friday the P and F ran a BBQ for the swimming carnival, this was a huge success for the P and F. We raised over \$700. A big thankyou to all the wonderful volunteers we had for the day, it was so very good to have four wonderful dads on the job as head cooks



### Chocolate Drive

The annual chocolate drive is on again! Chocolates will be delivered to your child in class on Thursday 17th February and all monies are due for return by Friday 25th March. All families that have returned their money by this date will go into the running for one of two ipods or scooters. This year we are hoping to raise in excess of \$8500 which will go straight into facilities for your child. In previous years we have funded, sports equipment, library resources, seating, and recently the P and F were able to give the college \$15,000 to go toward a new playground for the middle primary.



The Glasshouse Country Christian College P & F Committee where everyone is welcome.