

newsletter

Glasshouse Country Christian College

"Growing in Faith and Knowledge"

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

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

April 2011

- Sun 3-Fri 8 Yr 7 Canberra Trip
- Mon 4-Fri 8 Yr 10 Work Experience

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



Congratulations to our District Swimming Teams. Over the past fortnight we have participated in the Primary and Secondary District Swimming Carnivals. I am very pleased to say that we have achieved great results in both.

For the second year in a row our Secondary District Swimming Team has taken out the overall competition (held last Friday) on percentage points in our division. What a wonderful achievement. Congratulations team on your excellent performances once again. Our Primary team also performed exceptionally well taking outright 3rd place. What an absolutely tremendous effort as a team. Out of that team, four of our students went on to be selected for the Regional Squad. There is a more detailed report in this newsletter.

Leadership Induction Service for the Primary School

Last Friday we officially welcomed our College Captains, House Captains and Student Council Representatives in our Leadership Induction Ceremony.

This year all Year 6 students were given a leader's badge in recognition of the important role they each play in role-modelling the GREAT values we treasure here at GCCC. The parent turn out was fantastic and it was touching to see proud mums, dads and grandparents pinning the leadership badges on to their equally proud children. Congratulations students and I know that your contribution this year will be a very positive one.



Laptop Programme for Years 10-12

If all has gone according to plan, students in Year 10-12 will have received their laptops (MacBooks) at the end of this week. These laptops will be incorporated into lessons and will allow both teachers and students to exploit the principles of anywhere, anytime technology. The College has been preparing for a mobile computer solution for some time now with wireless hubs being installed in nearly every room so it will be exciting to see the computers in the hands of students.

Two options exist for students: a "Stay at school" and a "Take Home" option. The Take Home option will allow students to take the computer home and use it as if it were their own for \$300 per year. This covers the machine, software, support, a laptop bag, comprehensive insurance and warranty. We have tried to make this as affordable as possible. Due to the way the payment is structured it may also be possible to claim the costs under the Education Tax Refund but you will need to seek independent advice on this.

For more information please go to the College website and look under the 10-12 Laptop Programme tab. All of the documentation and a summary powerpoint is available there for your perusal.

College Picnic 2pm this Saturday



Don't forget the College Family Picnic happening at 2pm at the College this Saturday. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mike Curtis

Primary News

INDUCTION OF PRIMARY LEADERS

The 2011 Primary School Leaders were inducted at a special ceremony last Friday, 18 February. It was exciting once again to have so many parents and guests attend this function to celebrate with the students and to congratulate them. The



highlight of this ceremony for me personally is always the moment when parents pin the leadership badge on their son or daughter and honour them on their achievement.

This year, Mrs Nicole Jen is coordinating Primary Leadership assisted by Mrs Jo Lowther, our Year 3-6 Coordinator. I am confident that our students who were inducted last week will grasp the opportunities they will be given this year with both hands and enjoy the experiences that leadership will offer them.

The 2011 Year 6 students will be working in interest groups to fulfil a number of roles within the Primary College under the mentorship of Mrs Jen.

This year, we will be offering some additional leadership opportunities to our Year 6 students along with students from other independent schools in the Sunshine Coast area. These include a Leadership Day for Year 6 Captains, Student Council Representatives and House Captains on 1 March and a Day of Excellence on 27 April. For the Day of Excellence, we will be identifying two students who fit the selection criteria for each of the following:

- Music/Chorale
- ICT (Movie Maker)
- Art
- Science
- English
- Maths



I am confident that these twelve Year 6 students will have an incredible opportunity on this day to be mentored by the facilitators and to connect with other like-minded students from other independent schools.

We are grateful to Miss Colleen Devitt and our Year 8 Hospitality students who provided such a wonderful morning tea for the 100 parents and guests who attended the Induction of Primary Leaders. If you were there, I'm sure you would agree.

Cheryl Bryers
(Head of Primary)



From the Year 6 Captains:

A special induction service was held at GCCC last Friday to induct our primary leaders in the areas of school captains, sports captains, student council representatives and year 6 leaders. After the leaders recited their pledge, parents pinned badges on their proud sons and daughters. The hospitality class catered with a delicious morning tea for the parents.

Jesse and Jordan (Year 6 Captains)

School Captains: Jordan Bull, Jesse Woods

Sports Captains Senior:

- Ararat** - Hannah Johnson, Ryan Einsporn
- Sinai** - Jacqueline Roach, Kyle Bullard
- Zion** - Ryan Sauer, Tenaia Owens

Sports Captains Junior:

- Zion** - Joel Woodhead, Amelia King
- Ararat** - Emma Giles, Julian Munyard
- Sinai** - Laura Vobr, Caitlin Willcock

Student Council Representatives

3G Jesse Goddard and Liam Willington

3M Slayde Stokes and Thomas De-Luca Lecky

4G Josh Bull and Audrey Marsh

4M Everret Evens and Jonathan Montgomery

5G Aaron Lerch and Shane Charlesworth

5M Georgia Childs and Louis Vobr

6G Kayla Moore and Makenna Richie

6M Maddison Hill and Mikayla White

Australian Geographics Needed

Lin Smith, teacher of Year 2, would be delighted to receive any donations of Australian Geographic magazines that the GCCC community may no longer need. They could be delivered to Room E1 in the Primary school. Or email lin.smith@gccc.qld.edu.au to arrange drop off. We would also value any old **Scrabble** or **Upword** tiles.



We honour these students for:
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

CLASS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Prep Green (Mrs Rosenberg)	Isobel Handley	Eleisha Ryall
Prep Maroon (Mrs Dodwell/Lindsay)	Dominick Raja-Grieve	Arno Mens
Prep White (Miss Kuhn)	Kaylee Marjoribanks	Lachlan McGilvray
1G (Mrs Hay)	Niamh Williams	Lincoln McKenzie
1M (Mrs West)	Abby Myers	Genevieve Kratzmann
2G (Mrs Smith)	Ellie Thompson	Tebany Owens
2M (Mrs Leary)	Declan Martin	Jakkson Cunnington
3G (Mrs McDonald)	Lacey Hall	
3M (Mrs Short)	Reid Harding	Brianna Bottrill
4G (Mr Bowman)	Breanna McClellan	Josh Bull
4M (Mr Hampshire)	Cassi Hilbers & Everret Evans	Sarah Mens
5G (Mrs O'Donnell)	Harry Fullerton	Emily Logar
5M (Mrs Lowther)	Erin Holland	Jacob Kassiou
6G (Mrs Jen)		
6M (Mr Eggleston)	Alex Harwood	
Class for Milo	Mrs Smith's 2G	Miss Kuhn's Prep White
Class for Coco		
Library Monitor	Emily Raine	2M & 3M
Library Manners Star	Rory Tait	Prep W & 5G

LOST PROPERTY

Hi all,
 Please contact Student Reception if you have lost the following:

- two blue beach towels
- black swim shirt from surfing (Yr 7 student)
- towel with Caboolture Lions logo
- brand new Smash lunch box
- ring found in Uniform Shop
- pencil case with calculator and usb in it
- formal hat (past student's name in it)
- light blue plastic lunch box

FROM LAST YEAR

GCCC netball, shirt and joggers
 Various togs and towels

*Thank you,
 Karen Siggs*

The Library is a popular place to visit at GCCC and is fast becoming the learning hub of the College. Many students visit daily and make the most of the outstanding spaces and resources that are available. Primary and Secondary spaces are being used for lessons, small reading groups, craft club, research, relaxation and quiet study. The media suites and Mac circle are very popular destinations for students, offering the perfect opportunity to use technology and work in smaller groups.

Library Opening Hours:

The Library is open Monday to Friday during term time. It is open from 8:15am – 3.15pm for Prep – Year 9 students and 8:15am – 4:00pm for Senior Secondary students from Year 10 - 12. Primary and Secondary students have lunch time access to the Library daily and spaces can be booked by teachers throughout the day for lessons.

Students in Year 10 – 12 can visit the Library after school daily until 4pm for research and quiet study. This time has been set aside to offer senior students extra time for research, study and assignment work with help available from Mrs McKellar (Teacher Librarian).

Parents and students are welcome to visit the Library from 8:15am each morning. Parents are also welcome to visit after school with their child/ren to return books and see what's happening in the Library.



Homework Club

A Homework Club for students in Year 7-12 is on every Thursday afternoon in the Library from 3:15pm – 4:30pm. This is a valuable time for students to seek help with homework from teachers. If your child 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.

Parent Helpers:

We are presently looking for parents to help in the Library with book covering and shelving. Please pop in and see me or email me at vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au if you are able to assist.

Vanessa McKellar, (Teacher Librarian)

Guidance Officer Bookings for 2011

We are pleased to have Mrs Toula Gordillo available to see parents and families at Glasshouse Country Christian College. Toula will be here on the following dates:

- Friday 11 March
- Friday 6 May
- Friday 29 July
- Friday 12 August

To make an appointment please phone or email Sue Fraser (5439 0033 or sue.fraser@gccc.qld.edu.au).

About Toula: Toula Gordillo is a Clinical Psychologist and Registered Teacher who has worked in primary and high schools as both a teacher and guidance officer since 1998. She has worked in some of Queensland's largest schools of 2000+, namely at Kirwan State High School in Townsville and Mountain Creek State High School on the Sunshine Coast.

Toula has been in private practice as a counsellor/tutor/trainer and mediator for approximately ten years and has specialised in the area of children and youth. Presently studying her PhD in resilience and stress-coping among Australian adolescents, Toula is intensely interested in providing our youth with the skills necessary to cope with changing, and increasingly demanding, academic and social environments.

Toula presently sees private clients in Glenview and at Kawana Waters Medical Centre. She runs seminars and conducts private assessments for the Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors for individuals wishing to become counsellors and Toula has maintained this role over a ten year period. Toula specialises in mental health issues including anxiety, depression, eating disorders, substance abuse disorders, ASD, learning and behavioural difficulties etc. Toula also provides private and school-based careers counselling and regularly conducts assessments in this area.

Toula can be contacted on 0424 834 344 if you wish to discuss your present situation and ways in which Toula may be able to assist you. Please be aware that sometimes it may be necessary for Toula to discuss some of the issues with the school but Toula will always obtain your written consent first.

Bookings to see Toula may be made via Mrs Sue Fraser at the College.

Patrice Cutlack (GCCC Art Teacher) is seeking donations of old and unwanted jeans for a current project. If you can help, please hand them into the Office. Thank you.

Problem Solving Grant

GCCC has been blessed to receive a \$3,000 grant from the Commonwealth Government administered by Independent Schools Queensland. The grant will be applied to teaching problem-solving in middle school maths. Mrs Cathy Argent is leading the project which will involve a mathematics consultant visiting the school to help Middle School maths teachers better prepare for teaching the range of abilities that we find in maths. This is an exciting project and we are thankful for this opportunity.



Farewell from Mrs Rennie

March 3rd will be my last day at GCCC and I will be taking with me many, many fond memories of parents, students and staff alike.

When I commenced my employment here 202 students attended the College. Currently there are just under 700. What an amazing growth! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with this growth in my role as College Registrar.

I would like to bid you farewell, wishing you and your families God's many blessings as you continue your journey in the community life here at our wonderful College.

*Aurevoir
Mrs Rennie*

Pause and Ponder

Trusting God can sometimes feel like driving a car on a dark night. Our headlights never shine all the way to our destination; they illuminate only about 50 metres ahead. - just enough to keep us moving forward.

God's Word is like headlights in dark times. It is full of promises we need to keep us from driving our lives into the ditch of bitterness and despair. His Word promises He will never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5), that He plans wholeness for us and gives us a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11) and that our trials are there to make us better, not bitter (James 1:2-4). So the next time you feel as if you're driving in the dark, remember to trust your headlights - God's Word will light your way.

Excerpt from Our Daily Bread, Joe Stowell

Vocational Education and Training (VET) News

In choosing possible careers and pathways for the future many students aim towards something they know about or that family members are involved in. To have the best chance of choosing wisely, students need to know about a wide range of possible career choices. This year the College will be introducing students and parents to a variety of career paths through guest speakers who can tell you about their industry and answer your questions. The very first of these sessions is in March.



Construction Skills Qld Information Session for Parents and Students

Have you ever thought about a career in the Construction Industry or an allied profession? Careers in this industry are many and varied and are available to men and women in interesting and well paid trades and professions. Cameron Quirke from Construction Skills Queensland

is coming to our College on Friday 11 March at lunchtime to talk about possible careers in the industry and pathways into it including advice on finding an apprenticeship or traineeship. Even if you have never considered this direction come along and hear what Cameron has to say. Girls please come along. This is an industry in which women are really starting to shine!

Where? Theatrette **When?** 12.50 sharp (lunchtime)

Date? Friday March 11.

Parents and guardians are also invited.

Work Experience for Year 10s

Thanks to everyone who has helped to place students for their work experience in April. Nearly all students are confirmed for their placements and as soon as the process is complete for all our students parents will receive details of the arrangements.

Traineeship in Sport and Recreation

Mitchell Fraser has just commenced a traineeship with the College assisting with student sport and physical education. Mitch is a keen sportsman and is half way through a Certificate III in Fitness at TAFE which will be a great advantage in his new position. Mitch will be helping Mrs Stott with the Preps' activities on Monday mornings and working with Mrs Scott to organize Secondary sport on Wednesday afternoons. In addition, Mitch will be completing a Certificate III in Community Sport and Recreation as part of his traineeship. We wish Mitch every success with his traineeship during Years 11 and 12.



Vocational Education and Training Date Claimers

Information is already pouring in about opportunities this year to find out more about careers and courses. You might like to put these in your diaries. Students thinking about future directions, students considering subject selections and Year 12s getting ready to complete QTAC applications later this year, can all gain wonderful assistance in possible careers and different pathways by going to these events and talking to the experts! I will let you know as the College is advised of more events.

16 March 5.15pm for a tour and 6pm for information.	University of Sunshine Coast	Headstart information evening
13 May	Convention Centre Brisbane	Careers and Employment Expo All senior students will be going to this with the school
14 July	University of Sunshine Coast Sports Stadium	Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo
16 and 17 July	RNA Showgrounds Brisbane	Tertiary Studies Expo
21 August	QUT Caboolture	Open Day

Projects Abroad

I have received lots of information from Projects Abroad, an organisation which arranges worthwhile, constructive and safe volunteer placements for high school leavers. Year 12s who may be interested can find out more on their website at www.projects-abroad.com.au or see Mrs Ferris for a pamphlet.

ADFA Education Award - Applications Close 28 February

These are presented to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements during Year 11. The prize is a laptop computer and certificate, along with a plaque of recognition for our school. There is no obligation to accept an offer to attend ADFA if you win. Contact: 13 19 01 <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx> or www.defencejobs.gov.au

For further information on these, or any other VET issues, please contact me.

Joan Ferris, VET Coordinator
email at joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au

UNIFORM NEWS

The below stock has arrived and is now available. All back orders can be collected from the Uniform Shop.

- PRIMARY HATS
- MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS
- SPORTS SHORTS (except size 6 & 14)
- ALL FORMAL SHIRTS AND BLOUSES (except Senior 10)

WINTER STOCK

All winter stock is currently available in all sizes.

2ND HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

If you have any uniforms that no longer fit and they are in good clean condition (not faded or stained) please drop them to the school reception.

A BIG THANK YOU

To all those who braved the heat to help with new and 2nd hand uniform sales during the new year rush – A big thank you – your help was appreciated.

Kylie Woodhead
Uniform Coordinator





Secondary District Swimming Carnival

We started the day with a smile and enthusiasm and finished the day winners! The GCCC Secondary District Swimming Team has won the SCRSS Central District, aggregate 'B' divisional school swimming trophy for the second year running through combined effort and impressive participation. This means we had the best results per swimmer for our division.



Within our division we competed against much larger schools including Kawana Waters State College, Maleny SHS, Chancellor State College, Meridan State College and Unity College. Our College team was made up of only 13 swimmers who displayed eagerness and dedication with most swimmers swimming outside of their age group (in a division 1 or 2 years older) to help achieve utmost participation points.

We all had a fun day and were very proud of the excellent behaviour and team spirit exhibited by our swimmers. Chloe Colvin had a big day not only swimming for our College but participating in the time trials for the Regional competition. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to cheer on our team.

The GCCC District Swimming Team was Jordyn Bennett, Emily Scott, Aaron Giles, Ben Giles, Jayme-Lee Groer, Isaac Cornel, Rebekah White, Lachlan Thompson, Jesse Snelling, Jess Cathcart, JJ Williamson, Chloe Colvin and Andie Little.



Primary District Swimming Carnival

In between rain showers and the heat, the GCCC Primary Swimming team competed in the Glasshouse District Swimming Carnival last week with tremendous results. Everyone competed enthusiastically with determination to achieve their very best. It was great to see a lot of personal best times swum as parents and grandparents cheered loudly for our swimmers.

Outstanding results were by Tess Hagan in the 9yr girls 25m breaststroke (1st); Patrick McKenzie in the 9yr boys 25m butterfly (4th); Jasmine Bond in the 10yr girls 50m backstroke (3rd); Matt Koschel in the 10yr boys 50m freestyle (4th); Sarah-Jane Smith in the 11yr girls 50m freestyle (1st), 50m backstroke (4th) and 50m butterfly (4th); Ryan Sauer in the 11yr boys 50m butterfly (4th); and Emma Hagan in the 12yr girls 50m breaststroke (1st), 50m freestyle (2nd), 50m backstroke (3rd), 50m butterfly (4th) and 200m IM (3rd).

Four GCCC students are representing the district at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Jasmine Bond, Sarah-Jane Smith and Emma Hagan. We wish you all the very best as you progress through to Regionals.

Congratulations to Sarah-Jane Smith who swam consistently well throughout the day winning Runner- up Age Champion in the 10yr girls division.

The exceptional efforts of all of the swimming team meant GCCC came 3rd in the large schools division, amongst some very tough competition. What an extraordinary effort team!

The team was: Stephanie Ferris, Jasmine Bond, Matt Koschel, Sarah-Jane Smith, Joseph Oxenham, Nichola Bates, Rebekah Groer, Jaylah Daunt, Tess Hagan, Kirra Dodwell, Amy Boyer, Patrick McKenzie, Thomas Lunt, Nicholas Dwan, Connor Anderson, Joshua Bull, Elsa Marsh, Shannon Willcock, Ryan Sauer and Mitchell Baker-Spence.

Age Champion Secondary - (missing from last newsletter)

Age	1st	2nd	3rd
13yrs Female	Chloe Colvin	Andrea Little	Jessica Iling/ Paige Erskine/ Savanah Dawson
13yrs Male	Jesse Snelling	Jessiman Cathcart	Alec Sandfort/Troy Fullerton
14yrs Female	Emily Scott	Abbey Bates	Courtney Lettres
14yrs Male	Isaac Cornel	Aaron Giles	Adrian White
15yrs Female	Jayme-Lee Groer	Jordyn Bennett	Jamie Coogan
15yrs Male	Lachlan Thompson	Mitchell Ferris	Bailey Neumann
16yrs Female	Rebekah White	Caitlyn McBeth	Morgan Stevenson
16yrs Male	Mitchell Fraser	John Williamson	Andrew Cork
Open Female	Robyn White	Sophie Campbell	Alessia Cavallone
Open Male	Jake Carver	Joshua Davis	Nicholas Galea

General News

This fortnight's tasty recipe

If you have had the benefit of tasting the delicious jam drops made by Colleen and her crew in Hospitality, here is the recipe so you can make them at home.

Perfect Jam Drops

750g Plain Flour

500g Butter

250g Sugar

1/2 cup Jam

Cream butter and sugar together and simply fold in the flour. Portion balls on a baking tray, pressing your thumb into the centre of the dough and placing jam in the centre. Bake cookies in the oven on 160 degrees for 10 - 12 minutes. Top up with Jam - Perfect!



Tip of the fortnight: Only place 1 teaspoon of jam in the cookie before cooking, then top up once the dough is baked! This ensures they don't overflow.

Colleen Devitt, Hospitality

INTRODUCING CHAPPY COL



Howzit! (South African greeting for "Hi" or "How are you?") My name is Colan Coleman and I am your new Chaplain. My wife and I have three boys, aged 4, 11 & 13 and a girl aged 3. Two were born in Melbourne, Australia, as we've been living in Australia for eight years and the older two were born in South Africa. Our "home town" is a place called "Upington", just south of the well-known Kalahari Desert. You've probably seen the

programme "Meerkat Manor" before. They researched and filmed those meerkats mainly in the Kalahari Desert, South Africa.

We are a very sporty family and my strengths are in most ball sports, so that's one natural area where I will connect with students. I also love motivational and empowering talks where I can help people achieve their goals. My educational background is in Theology, however I went into business after my studies 13 years ago and worked with children as a volunteer in various areas. My passion is children and I love to support them in growing up to become well-adjusted adults.

I have a lot to learn and have a lot to give, so please involve me in any area where you need extra support with your children. I am here to support children, staff and parents in any way I can by having a listening ear and lending a helping hand.

I am very excited about the opportunity to be part of GCCC and I'm sure I'll get to know a lot of you in the next few weeks and months!

*Regards,
Colan Coleman (Chappy Col)*

Kitchen Garden Update

This fortnight the students have been sharpening their cooking skills while making delicious sweet potato pie. Most students enjoyed their first taste of this dish and if you would like the recipe contact Mrs Mandy Ward (or for any other recipes that the kids have made during KG classes).

First term sees a lot of planting, but obviously not a great deal of harvest. So if you have any excess fruit or vegetables from your garden at home and would like to see them put to good use, the KG team would love to hear from you. Furthermore, if you have any suggestions on what could be done with the produce or would like to assist with its preparations in the Kitchen classes please do not hesitate to become involved.

You would have noticed how amazing the Kitchen gazebo is looking adjacent to the garden, and it is all thanks to the extraordinary work by our wonderful volunteers whom we just cannot praise enough, so we will just name them again instead: **Wayne Rosenberg, Rob Trevison, Brad Ward and Scott Toward**. This structure will hopefully be finished this weekend and will be of such a great advantage providing protection from extreme weather during classes for students and our much appreciated parent helpers.

The volunteer turnout during classes so far this term has been staggering and the kids have clearly enjoyed having their parents or grandparents helping during lessons in the garden. It is this incredible parent assistance that guarantees the success of the Kitchen Garden Programme and that the kids love and benefit from so much. Each parent brings their own unique personality, and it is truly wonderful to watch the children grow from these interactions.

Thank you to all who attended the KGP meeting and willingly put their hand up for many of the roles that required filling. There are many small jobs that make up this mammoth project including buying grocery supplies, taking an annual stocktake of provisions, collecting garden supplies, photocopying and typing up worksheets, just to name a few. If you are unavailable to help out during classes on a Tuesday but would still love to be involved, we would appreciate hearing from you.

A special mention goes to **Mrs Kristina Bullard**, our new volunteer Adopted Garden Manager who already has the gardens around the school looking fantastic. Kristina has been responsible for selecting and buying the plants, organising garden layout and helping the students to plant out their class gardens with the parent helpers.

The next newsletter will have the KG Team for 2011 so far. Please feel free to join in with these wonderful volunteers anytime, whether to take up a spare role or share one. Many hands make light work and it is a great way to meet other parents in a fun atmosphere.

Jade King (KG Coordinator)



BAND PROGRAMME

We have had a fantastic start to our band program, with students eagerly arriving each Monday or Thursday for their music lessons.

Band rehearsals for brass, woodwind and percussion students have begun. They are on Monday afternoons from 300 - 400pm. Beginners can be picked up at 340pm until further notice. String rehearsals for violins and cellos begin this Friday at 100pm.

We have vacancies for students who would like to join this program in the following instruments: Percussion, Flute, Trombone and Saxophone.

PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMME

Individual music lessons for piano, voice, drums and guitar have also commenced this term. Most teachers have some vacancies if students would like to learn one of these instruments. To enrol, families should contact the teachers directly.

Kasandra McClure: piano and theory on p) 5493 0310 or email) thepianocottage@bigpond.com

Terry Robson: drums p) 5309 6544, m) 0423579099
Ian Rix: voice p) 54927740 m)0438 136833 or email) ian.rix@bigpond.com

Jonathan Steedman: guitar m) 0433 933 380 email) jono.steedman@gmail.com

For information brochures on either program, see one of the music teachers or the College office.

ATTENTION PAST STUDENTS

facebook

A Facebook page has now been set up for the alumni of GCCC. The page is simply called Glasshouse Country Christian College Alumni. If you are in touch with past students would you please make them aware of this page. We would love to keep in touch and this is an excellent tool for organising reunions, newsletter and newspaper articles and ongoing relationships.

This is a closed group and only past students who are 17 years and older are allowed to join.

Volunteers are needed to help run the Mooloolah Community Centre Op Shop in 43 Bray Road, Mooloolah. Current hours are 9am to 1pm Wednesday and Thursday but the vision is to go five days. It is an old fashioned op shop with the dearest item costing no more than \$2. If you can help please ring Dot Page on 0408 776 735.

IMPORTANT

Please remember to go carefully and slowly in the car park area. The speed limit is a **MAXIMUM** of 10 kph.



P and F News

AGM

On March 7 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

Thank you to Every one who has sent in their RSVP for the Family Picnic. If you have not sent one in please feel free to attend anyway. It begins at 2pm and 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.



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

Chocolate Drive

Chocolates were delivered to your child on Thursday 17 February. All monies are due for return on Friday 25 March. All families that have returned their money on this date will go into the running for one of two ipods and scooters. Please wait until Friday 25 March to bring in your money, and please make cheques out to Glasshouse Country Christian College P and F Association (no abbreviations).



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