

newsletter

Glasshouse Country Christian College

"Growing in Faith and Knowledge"

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

March 2011

Tue 14 Primary Leadership Day
 Wed 16 Ride to School Day
 Thur 17 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
 Wed 6 Primary Parent
 Teacher Interviews
 Mon 4-8 Year 9 Camp
 Wed 6-8 Yr 11 Emu Gully Camp
 Fri 8 Last day of Term 1

IMPORTANT NOTE

Maleny Show Day (public holiday for our area) falls on Friday 3 June and NOT Friday 27 May as it is written in the College Calendar.

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,
Problems with Lateness
 It has become very noticeable lately that a number of students have been regularly arriving late to school.

This is a problem because late arrival at school is often embarrassing or uncomfortable for the student, an interruption to the teacher and a disruption to the learning time of other students. Generally speaking, the first learning session is one of the most important in relation to children's receptiveness to learning. It is when the administrative tasks of the day are carried out such as roll marking and reading the daily notices. Furthermore the importance of instilling punctual habits in students while at school cannot be overstated.

We expect all children to be at school and ready for class by the bell at 8.40am. Remember, every time your child is late for school, it is costing them a learning experience, as well as interrupting the learning time for others. Parents, we ask for your support in ensuring that we have 'on time' starts to the school day.

As you know students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are being issued laptops at the beginning of the day. If students are late to school the interruption is very significant to the process. Please note that if a student arrives later than 8.50 of a morning they will be unable to access their computer until recess because of the administrative burden.



Positions Available

We are inviting applications for two employment vacancies on our website; the first is for a Library Technician (this is a specially qualified position) for 3 days/week and the other is for a Groundsman also for 3 days/week. Please consult our website under Employment Opportunities to download an application form and position description.

16 March is National Ride to School Day



Next Wednesday is a nationwide government promotion designed to get more kids riding or walking to school. If you have considered allowing your child to walk or ride to school or even part of the way to school why not walk with them on March 16. It will be good exercise for you and them.

The benefits of school children riding their bikes or walking to school are well documented

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases drop off congestion and actually makes the passage to school safer
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day
- Students feel happier, healthier and this aids performance in the classroom

My kids often walk and ride to school. It gives them a sense of independence and they are developing some healthy habits for their future.

You may live too far away for your children to walk or ride. Why not try parking a little way from the College and walking or riding to school from there.

Just Google **"Ride to school"** for more information, tips and maybe put to rest some fears.

Mike Curtis

Introducing More New Staff



Glenn Eggleston, Year 6M

I, my wife Karen and our four boys have lived in Buderim for the last 8 years, being originally from NSW, (go the mighty Blues!)

I have experienced a few different vocations before moving into teaching, having worked in the rural

industry as a station-hand broad-acre farming in Western Australia; mustering and bull catching in the Kimberley region; managed a conference and outdoor recreation centre; worked in retail; and as a youth-worker and vocational trainer with disadvantaged young people.

A quote I have referred to frequently during times of change, and hope to impart to others says this:

"Your mind can amaze your body if you just keep telling yourself "I can do it, I can do it, I can do it" (Jon Erikson)

In rare moments of spare time I like to weld / make stuff, body-board with my boys, and will hopefully fulfil a lifelong ambition and learn to fly a plane. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Glenn Eggleston.

Hi, my name is Matthew Gibson. I'm GCCC's IT Assistant.

Last year I completed Year 12 and now I am doing an IT Traineeship. My job is challenging and busy as I help teachers and students with their computer and IT needs.



In my spare time I like bike riding, hiking and photography. I especially like to mountain climb to watch the sun rise or set. I also like rock climbing and recently conquered the Kangaroo Point Cliffs.

My favourite bands are Relient K, D.C. Talk and Newsboys. I'm looking forward to going to Easterfest in the holidays for a weekend of great Christian music and camping with friends.

Matthew Gibson



Should We Encourage our Children to Work Hard?

Sometimes because of our love for our children, we feel that we need to protect them from anything which may make life at all difficult. Maybe we ourselves had some challenges in our own childhood and as parents, want to make life easier for our sons and daughters by not even asking them to participate in family chores.

I heard this devotion on Radio Rhema 106.5 on Saturday morning (5/3/11) and felt there was such wisdom in it that I really wanted to share it with you this week. I pray that it is helpful to you as you continue to bring up your children to become fine young men and women.

"These commandments... Impress them on your children." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Teach your children the value of hard work. Navigator's founder, Lorne Sanny, smiles as he remembers four words from his father that changed his life, 'Son, get with it!' Parents who think that letting their kids avoid hard work is doing them a favour are deluded. Your children will become irresponsible, dependent, under developed and end up resenting your over-indulgence. *'Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.'*

He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son' (Proverbs 10:4-5 NIV). If you keep doing for your child what they should do for themselves, you're crippling their development and creativity. Honest work is God's provision for human happiness, as well as for personal, social and spiritual growth. This is more than a financial issue; it's a spiritual issue. Hard work is good for you! *'The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the soul of the diligent is made fat' (Proverbs 13:4 NAS).*

One day your child will thank you for requiring them to participate in family life and do their fair share. Their future husband or wife will thank you too! You say, 'But they're so young and they've school work to do.' If they master the three Rs, but fail to become responsible and mature they'll pay for it in the future. *'It is good for a man that he should bear the yoke (of responsibility and work) in his youth' (Lamentations 3:27 NAS).* What they learn in youth they'll enjoy for the rest of their lives, as they become men and women of God!

Cheryl Bryers

Free Seminar on anti-bullying

Anti-bullying expert and well-respected psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Green is presenting a free seminar for parents.

The nearest locations to us are:

Kallangur - North Leagues Club on August 1

Noosa - Noosa Blue Resort on August 8

Evening sessions for parents go from 6.30 to 8.00pm

Registration is essential. Visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/workingtogether.html> or ring

07 3235 9072 to book.

Primary Leadership Day

On Tuesday 15 February the Year 6's were lucky enough to have Stacey and Kate from Barambah Environmental Education Centre help us learn about the qualities of a good leader and how to work better as a team. They had several activities planned for us which required good communication and listening skills.



One of the activities was called Tanks. You had to put a lot of trust in the other person because your sense of sight was taken away from you. Your partner directed you around while you wore a blindfold. Another game was Moonball. We had to work as a team to keep the giant ball above the ground. It was a fun activity and we made a record of 69 passes.

We learnt a lot during the day and we thank Stacey and Kate, the parent helpers, Mrs. Jen and Mr. Eggleston. Everyone had a great day and we will apply the things we learned on Tuesday to our lives.

Jesse and Jordan (Year 6 Captains)

We honour these students for STUDENT OF THE WEEK

CLASS	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
Prep Green (Mrs Rosenberg)	Meg Jarvis	Noah Rumble
Prep Maroon (Mrs Dodwell/Lindsay)	Nathan Kennedy	Kate Briggs
Prep White (Miss Kuhn)	Lily Maguire	Dominic Bliston
1G (Mrs Hay)	Riley Korczynski	Elias Buckley Mackenzie
1M (Mrs West)	Mason White	Catherine Munyard
2G (Mrs Smith)	Olivia-Grace Wolfe	William Manthey
2M (Mrs Leary)	Grace Garcha	Sam Pollock
3G (Mrs McDonald)	Jesse Goddard	Latisha Edwards
3M (Mrs Short)	Harry Brisbane	Jaylah Daunt
4G (Mr Bowman)	Audrey Marsh	Tess Hagan
4M (Mr Hampshire)	Kate Jackson	Kirra Dodwell
5G (Mrs O'Donnell)	Gabriella Jacobson	Aaron Lerch
5M (Mrs Lowther)	Stephanie Ferris	Georgia Illing
6G (Mrs Jen)	Tegan Gisler	Kayla Moore
6M (Mr Eggleston)	Alisha Mens	Alexander McLeary
Class for Milo	Mrs Short's Yr 3M	Mrs MacDonald 3G
Class for Coco	Mrs Dodwell & Mrs Lindsay's Prep M	Mrs Smith's Yr 2G
Library Monitor	Sara Rosa-Denham	Cameron Kennedy
Library Manners Star	Mrs Hay's 1G Mr Bowman's 4G	Mrs Smith's 2G Mr Eggleston's 6M

Year 7 Canberra Trip: The Parent Information night will be held on Tuesday 15 March 2011 at 7.00pm in the theatrette. Please return permission slips URGENTLY.

Police Visit 1 March 2011 to Year 2



Olivia's dad, Constable Kyron was talking to Year 2 about his police role. He showed us all his equipment like pepper spray, handcuffs, his torch, his video recorder, tazer and his radio.

Constable Kyron asked us questions about road safety and our responsibilities to stay safe. He told us about his job being shift work. Sometimes he has to stay up all night to work.

He put the handcuffs on Cooper and William.

Outside, Constable Kyron showed us a police van, black safety vests and his speed camera gun. Rosie and Ellie tried the vests on. They were heavy.

Grace had her breath tested for alcohol. She had to blow very hard.

We got to sit inside the police car, some in the back, some in the front.

Constable Kyron put the sirens on twice. The van's blue lights were flashing.

We learnt a lot about police work.



Secondary News

We are now into the last few weeks of term and so much is happening that I thought it important to highlight some of these:

Friday 11 March

- Lunchtime Career Talk at 1.00pm in H3. This is the first of several guest speakers who students can hear speak about career options.
- Toulia Gordillo (Guidance Officer) will be at the College taking appointments with students. Year 12's will commence planning 'life after school'. Parents can contact Mrs Fraser to make an appointment.
- Year 12 students are participating in a University Experience session with USC.

Thursday 16 March

School Photo catch up day. If you were unwell or unable to attend the school photo days then please make every effort to come in your full formal uniform on this day for your photo.

Friday 25 March

This is a non uniform day to coincide with the end of the P&F chocolate drive. Monies are all due in by this date. Please ensure that you abide by our College Policy regarding free dress when choosing your clothing for the day. Remember you MUST have closed in shoes for safety reasons.

Monday 28 March

This is the official opening of our wonderful Resource Centre (Library). Year 12 students will act as guides for our invited guests to show them around our College.



Wednesday 30 March

This is our annual Cross Country. The race will commence first thing in the morning from 8.30am. Please start some preparation training now. Year 11 & 12 students who do not attend on Wednesday normally can still come in the morning to participate. We really encourage your attendance for this event. For more details, please speak with Mr Couper.

Other important points to note...

Exam block for Seniors commence on the following dates:

- 29 March for Year 10
- 31 March for Years 11 & 12

Exam block timetables will be distributed on Tuesday 15 March.

Camps & Work Experience

Camp permission forms will also be distributed on Tuesday 15 March. Senior students will need to remember to notify their employers or TAFE that they will not be in attendance

on Wednesday 6 April due to camp or work experience.

Easterfest 2011

Please see the Chappies for more details if you are interested.

Chapel Guest Speaker



Secondary Chapels recently had the pleasure of being addressed by Mr Steven Mitchell, former Youth Director and Pastor at Sandals Church in Riverside, California, USA.

Steven first visited GCCC in 2001 & then again in 2002 as part of a mission team linked with Glasshouse Country Baptist Church. He has been amazed by God's goodness at the growth of the College over the years.

Steven is on holidays this time and couldn't resist visiting GCCC again. We were also introduced to his wife, Rebekah, who is a professional dancer with the New York Rockettes. Some of the girls have been grilling her with questions. We pray that God will continue to bless them in their travels and their ongoing ministries.

Sue Fraser

This fortnight's Recipe - Pizza Dough

You may have made pizzas on muffin halves or pocket bread but now you can make your very own pizza dough.

Ingredients

- 500g Plain flour
- 350ml Warm water
- 75ml Oil
- 10g Dry yeast
- 15g Salt
- 10g Sugar



Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Knead the dough and then cover with a moist tea towel and put in a warm place to prove (rise) for about 30 minutes.

Roll out to desired thickness, then top with tasty toppings. Bake in a hot oven 200C until dough is cooked and cheese is melted (15 to 20 minutes depending on size and thickness of dough).

Well done Emily Scott

Emily Scott (Year 9) competed at the State Age Diving Championships last weekend with great results.

Emily won 3rd in the 14/15yr age group 3m springboard synchronised event; 4th on platform narrowly missing out on 3rd by only 3 points; 5th on 3m springboard and 5th on 1m springboard.

Emily will next compete at the National Championships in Sydney in April. We wish Emily the very best.



LOST PROPERTY

Hello All,

FOUND PROPERTY

Red pencil case

Quicksilver pencil case

Boys Formal Hats - Josh Forsyth, two unnamed

Two beach towels

Plastic blue lunch box

Pink and grey lunch box

Netball uniform with joggers (from last year)

Umbrella - white, tan, brown

USB stick

LOST PROPERTY

Formal hat named, belonging to Will Smerdon

Diary and pencil case belonging to Matthew Wright

Karen Siggs

Vocational Education and Training (VET) News

Technical Trade Training Centre

A promise in the 2007 election campaign has seen Trade Training Centres built around Australia to address skills shortages in the trades and construction. One of the first of these is a new centre in Caloundra which is offering training to Senior School students in this area. It started operating this year and is offering courses in Construction, Sustainable Energy, Conservation and Land Management and also an Integrated Learning Engineering Program (2 units from University of Sunshine Coast Engineering plus School based technology subjects.) The Centre takes students from several schools in the southern part of the Sunshine Coast. The Centre's intention is to produce excellent graduates who, at the end of Year 12, will form a ready supply of employable labour in local industries. As part of the effort towards excellence the students at the Centre wear a specially designed uniform.

GCCC's Year 11 student, Liam McKeown, was fortunate to be offered a place at the Centre and has started his work there every Wednesday this term. Ms Tracie Warry, the Centre's Manager, recently visited the College to present Liam with his new uniform (pictured above right). We hope Liam will be the first of many College students who can use these wonderful new facilities in years to come.

Lattitude Global Volunteering

Applications are now open for students interested in a placement in 2012 with Lattitude Global Volunteering. They



are seeking volunteers for a wide range of placements in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Pacific. I have more information for anyone who is interested, or you can go to www.lattitude.org.au.

Headstart

Any students who are interested in studying University subjects at the University of Sunshine Coast while still at school may wish to go along to the Headstart Information Evening on 16 March. You can register on-line for this at www.usc.edu.au/info. Whether you are thinking of taking up Headstart subjects next semester or next year this is a great way to find out about the program. I have Headstart booklets too for anyone who is interested.

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

Recently, selected classes representing Secondary year levels from Year 7-12, took part in a Library Survey to assist in building our library collection. Students shared their favourite authors, fiction



genres and non-fiction themes. It was a worthwhile exercise that highlighted the students' diverse range of interests and a great way of ensuring that new titles we purchase are



relevant and engaging. Thank you to those classes who took part in the survey. Keep an eye out in the library for new books to hit the library shelves soon, many of which were noted in the survey.

Parent Helpers:

We would still love more parent helpers in the library to assist with book covering and shelving. Please pop in and see me or send an email to library@gccc.qld.edu.au if you are able to assist.

Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic parent to take on the role of Book Club Coordinator. This special role involves handling the distribution and ordering of the monthly Scholastic Book Club, offered to students in Prep - Year 7. Training will be provided and support from library staff will always be available. If you are interested please drop in to the library for more details or alternatively contact library staff at library@gccc.qld.edu.au.

Library Opening Hours:

The Library is open Monday to Friday during term time.
 Prep – Year 9 students: 8:15am – 3.15pm
 Senior Secondary students from Year 10.00am – 12.00 and 8:15am – 4:00pm

Homework Club is on every Thursday afternoon for Secondary students from 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

Vanessa McKellar

Mr Steyn and son Julian from Year 1G enjoying the library together before school



Music Notes Music Notes Music Notes

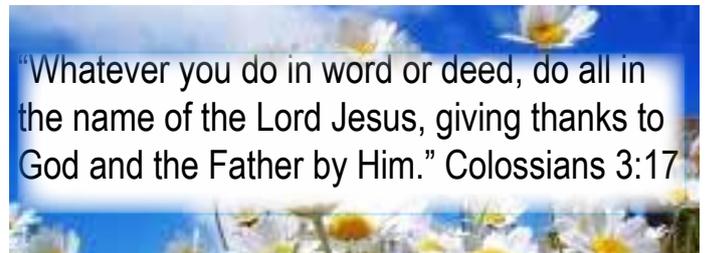
We have a number of un-needed new guitar soft covers for ¾ and full sized guitars. These are available to buy for \$5 each. If interested, see Mrs Morris or Mrs Bodkin-Hunt with your \$5.

Students in Year 8/9 music are looking forward to performing for the Year 7-12 students at a lunchtime concert this term. They have been working on music using our new equipment- electric and bass guitars are sound system. The concert, to be held towards the end of the term will also include some of our instrumental music students. Keep posted for the date.

Is anyone interested in learning Tenor Saxophone in the Band Program? We are in need of some more bass for the band! If you would like to participate, please speak to one of the music teachers.

Band practice has started, rehearsing on Monday afternoons from 3.00-3.30pm for beginners and 3.00-4.00pm for continuing students. We are in need of someone to play keyboard. If you are interested, please see me.

Genevieve Bodkin-Hunt.



STUDENT UNIFORMS

All uniforms on back order have arrived, so if you have any students out of uniform the uniform shop can no longer be used as the excuse. Thank you so much for your patience.

Kylie Woodhead, Uniform Shop

Attention Grandparents raising grandchildren.

There is government financial help for school camps, approved sporting and recreational activities in your community. Grandparents are eligible if they are primary carers and not receiving the fostering allowance and not an approved Department of Child Safety kinship carer. For more information visit:

www.grandparentsqld.com.au



Kitchen Garden Update

The Farmer Friends program allows us to offer the students real life contact with our amazing local Australian farmers. Initially this began with visits from the farmers to the garden, but has now extended to excursions to the farms. It is hoped that by making links between school and the agriculture sector, the children will get a greater understanding and respect for farming, which in turn may eventuate in a brighter future for Australian agriculture.

This week the Year 2s visited a local pineapple farm run by Farmer Fullerton. More of this visit will be in the next newsletter - stay tuned.



Here is a list of our wonderful Kitchen Garden volunteers and some of the daunting jobs they take on.

Jobs	Description	Volunteers
Farm correspondent	Liaise with local farmers to secure farm excursions and talks.	Mary Lister
Grant applications	Apply for any grants that we may be eligible for.	Kirsty Blinston Hayley Pennycuick Belinda Hutchinson
Fundraising	Seek, plan and coordinate funding opportunities.	Kelly Yeo Kirsty Blinston Hayley Pennycuick
Compost care	Maintain the compost and any materials that it requires.	
Herb garden	Maintain the herb garden, add to it etc.	Allison Kratzmann
Fruit trellis	Maintain and care for fruit trees.	Kirsty Blinston
Events co-ordinator	Organise one-off events such as Aust BMT, Market Day, Grandparents Day	Alison Souter
Fortnightly newsletter	Keep everyone informed by writing the fortnightly newsletter for school.	Jenelle Goddard
Accounting	Keep track of spending and reimbursements.	Kelly Yeo
Adopt-a-garden Manager	Select and order flowers for the gardens and provide information for planting.	Kristina Bullard
Eden Village Host	Organise morning tea and comforts to the elderly visitors.	Lisa Ellis
Curriculum assistant	Help make curriculum support material, photocopying, laminating.	Annoeska Korczynski Lisa Ellis
Garden supplies source	Do the garden 'shopping' as required to keep supplies available as needed.	Hayley Pennycuick
Nutritional Advisor	Find information on nutrient value of produce as used.	Skye Ryall
Photographer	Take regular photos of both garden and cooking classes.	Lyn Baker
DPI Contact for Bananas	Complete applications and source bananas	Skye Ryall
School Community A/T	Host some afternoon teas from the garden throughout the year.	
Recipe Book Assistants	Team together to produce the KGP's first ever cookbook.	Christina Lucas Keren Roigard Jolene Bryan

General News

URGENT NEED IN TUCKSHOP

The College Tuckshop is in urgent need of helpers or is in danger of closing down!

If you can help please ring Cathy Boyer on 5494 1505 or mobile 0429 728 425 or email her on

cathy.boyer@gccc.qld.edu.au.



Important News Re Chaplaincy

The Federal Government recently released a Discussion Paper on the School Chaplaincy program and is asking for your response which is vital for the ongoing funding and supply of good Chaplains in our schools.

The Discussion Paper, which is overwhelmingly supportive of the National Schools Chaplaincy Program (NSCP), provides an opportunity for everyone to be heard BUT only until 18 March 2011 when the discussion paper closes.

THE FOUR KEY ISSUES

The four key issues highlighted in the Discussion Paper are:

1. Minimum qualifications for chaplains;
2. Minimum standards for service providers;
3. The option for a secular pastoral care worker instead of a chaplain; and
4. Flexible models of delivery of chaplaincy in remote and rural settings.

If you would like some guidance in answering some of the questions in the Discussion Paper, I have provided below a link to SU QLD's responses.

Your feedback is vital. The vocal opponents of school chaplaincy have begun making their own submissions. We have to show the government that they represent a very small minority. But it will take every one of us to respond to this opportunity before 18 March.

SCRIPTURE UNION'S QLD'S RESPONSE

Some of the questions asked on the questionnaire do require some "technical" responses. Here is a link to SU QLD's response to help those looking for some guidance on issues outside their level of knowledge. Please go to <http://supportschoolchaplains.com.au/discussionpaper> for our response. Don't copy this word for word, but use it as a guide only.

If you don't have the time to complete the whole questionnaire, go straight to question 15 and write a positive paragraph about school chaplaincy.

The Discussion Paper/Survey can be found at: www.surveys.dest.gov.au/nsurvey.aspx?surveyid=2505396a8674ae09927471283bed581

Emailing your responses: NSCP Consultation email: chaplaincyconsultation@deewr.gov.au

Posting your responses: NSCP Consultation, Australian Government, DEEWR, GPO Box 9880, Adelaide SA 5001
Thank you for your support,

Tim Mander, CEO – SU QLD

Young Women's Strategy

Are you 13– 16 Years old? Have you felt down lately? Do you wish life could be different? Learn about yourself? Set goals? Be mentored by amazing Sunshine Coast businesswomen? Have fun?

Meetings are held fortnightly on Monday afternoons from 4:30pm -6:30pm at the Lifebridge Centre, 131 Sugar Rd Maroochydore. Phone: 5451 0555. Email: life@lifebridge.com.au. Registrations close on Friday 25 March.

For more information please contact SCYP on 5479 0070 or Life Bridge on 5451 0555



The Hinterland BMX Club

is having a 'Come and Try' day to experience the excitement of BMX on 12 March at 9.00am to 11.00am and 12.00 to 2.00pm. Cost is FREE to all non-members.

BRING: Any bike with two wheels, long

sleeved shirt, long pants, closed-in shoes, bike helmet.

WHERE: Mooloolah Connection Road, Mooloolah (just past the Mooloolah Valley Country Club)

WHAT: To enhance riding skills, racing and enjoy a fun, family orientated sport

PHONE: Renee 5494 6565

WEBSITE: <http://suncoasthinterland.bmx.com.au>

STAMPS NEEDED

Global interaction raised more than \$60,000 last year simply from people donating their old stamps. This was used to support missionaries on the field and help developing communities. Would you please save your stamps and send them into College with your child? Make sure you leave 2cm space around the stamp/s whenever possible.



General News

Pause and Ponder

One of the disadvantages of living in the sub-tropics is the brief twilight and shortened sunsets. I don't know how many times I have rushed up to Maleny to take a photo of the Glasshouse Mountains in the sunset only to find it is over before I arrive.

We all love a good sunset and even though ours are brief here on the Sunshine Coast, somehow it makes them all the more special.

Our Lord God Creator creates each sunset stunningly beautiful and completely unique, much the same way He created us so delightfully different from each other. God is infinitely creative and the variety in our personalities, senses of humour, abilities, and preferences in music, food, art and sports are all handcrafted by Him. *"God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good."* Genesis 1:31.

In 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 it says *"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all."*

In the body of Christ, we see how a diversity of spiritual gifts still have a common bond and can work together for God's purposes to bring Him glory.

As we see our students grow in grace and knowledge we can see the handiwork of our Lord in their lives, gifting them into special and beautiful individuals.

As we look around at our multitude of wonderful volunteers, helpers and staff, we know that our Creator God has abundantly blessed us with people willing to use their gifts to glorify God.

Excerpt taken from Our Daily Bread, 'God's Signature' by Cindy Hess Kasper



Australia Zoo's holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day is for children aged between seven and twelve. Join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands on action with some of the animals. It's a day you won't forget! Places are limited so call 07 5436 2025 to make a booking.

Ages: 7 - 12 years Price: \$85 includes: Zoo entry, Australia Zoo cap, lunch, photo with one of our animals Duration: 5 hours Location: Australia Zoo, Steve Irwin Way, Beerwah. Dates: 16 April 2011 – 27 April 2011

Further details are available on our website <http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day>

Ausfunk

Ausfunk is coming to Peachester Hall on Saturday March 12. Learn the latest moves and grooves and have fun.

Age groups and session times are:

9.00-9.30am 3-5 years costs \$12

9.30-10.00am Prep to Grade 3 costs \$12

10.00-10:45am Grade 4-7 costs \$15

10:45 - 11.30 High School and Adult costs \$15

Register at www.ausfunk.com.au



P and F News

P and F Family Picnic

The P and F would like to thank everyone who came to our annual Family Picnic on the February 26th. A great day was had by all. The weather was glorious and the families enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other and watch their children play together.

The College grounds were filled with smell of sausages sizzling as each family found a spot in the shade to relax.

This was followed by some old-fashioned games of egg and spoon races, sack races and a hotly contested tug-of-war, of which the score is still Mums and Dads one all. After all the excitement of the games, it was a great wind down with cold water melon or an icy pole. Then delicious trays of slices, quiches, cakes and biscuits cooked by our hospitality students, ensured we all had our fill.



Thank you to our team of cooks and servers and a special thanks to Mrs Leisa McKenzie who was brilliant organising the games for us on the day.

Please support our sponsors as they support us: Glasshouse Meats, Matilda's Fruit Barn, Bucks Bakery and Peters Ice Creams.

Annual General Meeting

On the 7 of March we held our AGM. We elected a new committee for 2011 and said goodbye to our outgoing president Nicole Bradley. The new committee consists of Mrs Bonnie Harding as President, Mr Ken Steyn as Vice President, Mrs Amy Precians as Secretary, and Mrs Kerri Knapp will take on the role of Treasurer for another year.

There are still two vacancies to be filled, one being for Second Hand Uniform Shop Convener. This position is currently being done by Leigh Holt, who has done it for two years but is now moving onto other things. Leigh leaves the job in good order after implementing a computing system which has eased the workload. There are also a great team of helpers who support her. If you are interested in this role and would like some more information please call Leigh. Her number is 0419 784 662.

FUNFEST

Last year's Funfest was a huge success on many levels and the P and F are proud to hear that the money we pledged to the College for a middle primary playground is being put to good use so quickly. The P and F donated \$15,000 to the College to build this playground and it will be worth all the hard work of Funfest as we see it built during Term One.

The other committee position yet to be filled is Funfest Coordinator. This is a crucial role for next year's Funfest and would require a serious commitment from someone to stretch over the next two years. If you are interested in this role please give Bonnie a call on 0407 670 776.

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

All monies are due for return on Friday 25 March. All families who have returned their money on this date will go into the running for one of two ipods and scooters. March 25 is a non uniform day, to celebrate the end of our major fundraiser for the year. Please wait until the 25 March to bring in your money, and please make cheques out to Glasshouse Country Christian College P and F Association (no abbreviations).



Message from our outgoing President

I would like to thank all the P and F members who have been so gracious in their help to the P and F whilst I have been President. My experience as President has been tremendously positive thanks to the wonderful support from everyone. I would like to especially thank the administrative staff for all of their help, Mike Curtis for his ongoing interest and support of the P and F, and the committee I served with for the two years. All the very best to the new committee.

Nicole Bradley.

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