

Glasshouse Country Christian College

'Growing in faith and knowledge'



Term 2, 13 May 2011 newsletter

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 2011

- Fri 13 Senior Careers Day
- Wed 18-Fri 20 Year 5 Camp
- Wed 25-28 Biology Camp
- Wed 25 8.30am GCCC Athletics Carnival (Primary 9-11yrs) Beerwah Sports Ground
- Thur 26 8.30am GCCC Athletics Carnival (Secondary 12yrs to Open) Beerwah Sports Ground

June 2011

- Fri 3 Maleny Show Day (public holiday)
- Tue 7 Sec. Reg. Cross Country (Buderim)
- Wed 8 8.30am Primary District Athletics Glass House Mountains
- Wed 8 Yr 10 USC Uni Experience Day
- Thur 9 Prep -Yr 6 Qld Day Celebrations
- Fri 17 8.30am Primary District Athletics Glass House Mountains
- Mon 20 Immunisations
- Mon 20-Fri 24 Senior Exam Block
- Fri 24 Term 2 ends

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

DATE CHANGES

Open Day will now be on Saturday 30 July NOT 16 July.

The Regional Cross Country at Buderim is now on Tuesday 7 June NOT Friday 3 June.

The Maleny Show Day (public holiday for our area) falls on Friday 3 June NOT Friday 27 June.

From the Principal



A First 1st for the College

I start this fortnight's report with the great news that we have won the Primary District Cross Country Carnival! This is the first district sporting competition we have won outright as a school. I would like to heartily congratulate Ryan Sauer, Tom Dwan, Amalee McClellan and the team as well as Mrs Stott and Mrs Scott on this great achievement. There is more news about this inside.

News Flash

We have swapped the days for the Primary and Secondary Athletics Carnival. The Primary Athletics Carnival Day (9-11 years) will now be on Wednesday May 25 and the Secondary (12-Open) on Thursday May 26. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Fond Farewells

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Bodkin-Hunt and Mrs Janice Morris, our Music teachers. Although Mrs Bodkin-Hunt's stay with us was a short one, she made a great contribution to the Music Department. Of course, Mrs Morris has been with us for almost seven years now and she built the fledgling department to what it is now, with a vibrant band and a well-subscribed instrumental programme. You will remember that Mrs Morris went on maternity leave in 2010 and gave birth to baby Edward. On behalf of everyone at GCCC, we would like to say thanks for all the young lives that Mrs Morris touched with the blessing of music and for being a wonderful colleague. We will still see Mrs Morris around the College as she is tutoring strings as part of the Instrumental and Band programme.



Warm Welcome

I would like to welcome our new music teacher, Miss Ebony Hilton to the College. Miss Hilton has taught in both public and Christian schools. She specialises in the flute but is a fine multi-instrumentalist. There is a more in depth conversation with Ebony inside, but we are delighted to have her join the team.

New Playground

Upper Primary and Lower Secondary students wasted no time in exploring every nook and cranny of the new playground, which is situated on the eastern side of the oval. This playground was only made possible with the generous assistance of the College P and F, who, through their fundraising efforts, were able to contribute \$15,000 dollars to this project. On behalf of all the College I would like to thank them for their wonderful gift.



From the Principal (continued)

LOST & FOUND

Please see Office or Student Window to collect.

Found from Camp:

- Sleeping bag with initials RD
- Pink pillow
- Two toothbrushes and two tubes of Colgate toothpaste
- Kustom shoes
- School belt
- White towel

Found on bus Monday 9/5/11: Long sleeved white shirt with Student Council badge.

Found on the Mooloolah bus: antique style ring

IMPORTANT MESSAGE from College Registrar

Please ensure that you have checked, amended and returned your Family Database Forms. **Even if there are no changes,** please return them urgently. The due date was actually **6 May**

2011. I know that this is a tedious task but it is essential. Thanks,

Odetta Perkins



Dental Van Visit



The Dental Van is a free service for all students in Prep to Year 10 and is currently visiting our College. Please ensure that your children are eligible for an appointment by completing and returning the Parental Consent and Medical/Dental History Form to Admin urgently.



Photos of GCCC students enjoying the new playground.

Macbook Programme



Our Year 10-12 Macbook programme has all students from Year 10-12 given full time access to a laptop during normal school hours. On Tuesday this week all the students participated in

two training sessions run by a company called "Beyond Chalk". Students were introduced to some of the similarities and differences of a Mac to a PC, how to use their "track pad" effectively, the spotlight function and some of the basics of file management. The secondary teachers also had a session around similar lines after school. It was very informative and I would like to thank Mr Munyard, our Head of IT, for organising the sessions.

NAPLAN Tests

Finally, congratulations to those students who completed their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) tests this week. I am sure that the many hours of preparation that had taken place since the beginning of the year came to the fore. If you are a parent whose child sat the NAPLAN tests you would have received a letter last week explaining what the test is all about and how you will be informed of your child's outcome.

Introducing Jennifer Moore

My name is Jennifer Moore and I sincerely send a warm greeting to all the College families. The College has employed me to work in the Responsible Thinking Classroom (RTC). Previously, I have mentored for four years at Beerwah High School and conducted Speechcraft courses in many schools in our region for seven years. I am a qualified counsellor and hold a Diploma in Community Welfare. My passion is the Lord Jesus Christ and I am a member of the Church on the Rise where I serve in a home group. I also organise creative arts such as dramas within the church. I have been married to Garry for 25 years and we have three fine children. I really look forward to meeting all parents, new and old, as we partner together in the children's success.



KOORONG CATALOGUES

Koorong catalogues went out this week. Please note that the orders must be returned on or before **Thursday 2 June**, not the date of 27 June as printed on the catalogue.

UNIFORM SHOP

We are running very short of second hand uniforms. If you have any old uniforms hiding in your cupboard that you no longer need please bring them to the Admin ASAP.

Winter uniforms are available. If you can't get into the uniform shop please email your orders to Kylie:
kylie.woodhead@gccc.qld.edu.au.



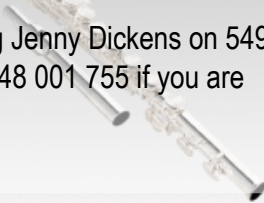
Don't forget to make sure you have your house T-shirts for the Athletics carnivals.

Kylie Woodhead

For Sale

Student flute approximately 1.5 years old but only used two terms. Complete with books, cost is \$100.

Please ring Jenny Dickens on 5496 9759 or 0448 001 755 if you are interested.



For Sale - soft guitar cases

1/2, 3/4 and full size available

\$5.00

Purchase from the music room.



New Music Teacher - Ebony Hilton

I have grown up on the Sunshine Coast and always attended the local Uniting Church in Caloundra. Since completing High School, I have taken the time to travel overseas with family and friends and was also part of mission trip team to Africa.

Since I can remember, music has always been a part of my life. My parents always had music playing in the background, whether this was Mum's BeeGees' tapes or taking me to orchestral performances.

I always loved the pretty sounds of the flute and knew this was an instrument I wanted to learn. I began learning the violin when I was six and later moved onto the flute. At school, I was always involved in the school music programme and later completed up to Grade 8 in AMEB and Trinity College exams. In 2000, I was invited to play in the Sydney Olympic Marching Band for the Opening Ceremony. This was a fantastic opportunity to play with other musicians from all around the world and make new friends.

I graduated from Nambour Christian College and was asked to come back as a flute teacher for the school. I spent seven years as a flute tutor at this school and was involved in conducting bands, small ensembles and playing in the orchestra for their musical productions. I have been involved in many local musical productions on the Sunshine Coast and played in many orchestral performances with the Pacific Chamber Orchestra for various events. God has instilled in me a passion for music and blessed me with many musical opportunities. My music teachers were able to create an enthusiasm for music in my life and now I would like to pass on my passion to the students of Glasshouse Country Christian College.

Whether I am playing my flute or my Ipod, I always have music on around me. My vision for Glasshouse Country Christian College is to create a music programme that inspires students to have a passion for music and performance.

Free Seminar on anti-bullying

Anti-bullying expert and well-respected psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg 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 are held from 6.30 to 8.00pm

Registration is essential. Visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/student-services/behaviour/workingtogether.html> or ring 07 3235 9072 to book.

"The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord..."

Habakkuk 2:14

Dots and Splatters in 4M

This term the Year 4 students are exploring how Australian culture has changed. We have been hearing some early aboriginal stories and exploring different methods the Aboriginal people use for painting. So far we have experimented with dot painting and splatter painting.

Mr JP Hampshire was able to find some real red ochre, burnt umber and yellow ochre in his own yard so the students made the paints from scratch which added to the learning experience.



Students of the Week

Term 1, Week 11: 1M - whole class; 2M - Chevarny Norcott, 3G - Aiden McKellar, 3M - Aiden Myers, 4G - Amber Weatherburn, 6G - Makenna Ritchie, Library Monitors - Hannah Knapp, Makenna Ritchie, Emily Grigor, Tegan Gisler and Kayla Moore.

Term 2, Week 1: 1G - Annabelle Clark, 1M - Oliver Robertson, 2G - Tate Doneathy, 2M - Shelby Daunt, 3G - Noah Mechielsen, 3M - Noah Woolston, 4G - Samara Edwards.

Term 2, Week 2: Prep Green - Rachel Owen, Prep Maroon - Olivia Gregson, Prep White - Lana Thompson, 1G - Jemma Ritson, 1M - Quinn Shepherd, 2G Cassidy Ferris, 2M Riley Precians, 3G - Faith Angus, 4G - Thomas Lunt, 6G - Tenaia Owens & William Cupitt, 6M - Joseph Oxenham.



A tribute to all mothers in our College

Mothers' Day is simply one day in the year when we set aside a particular day to honour our mums.

Although this was actually last Sunday, I would like to share a poem which is precious to me and also another article which I believe has such wisdom.

If a Child Lives with Criticism

If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.
 If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.
 If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.
 If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.
 If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.
 If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.
 If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.
 If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.
 If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.
 If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.
 If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.
 --Dicksons

If a child lives with control he learns to rebel. If a child lives with guidance he learns to love and trust. Kidsread

A Child's Ten Commandments to Parents by Dr. Kevin Leman

1. My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so that I can keep up with you.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have; please let me explore safely. Don't restrict me unnecessarily.
3. Housework will always be there. I'm only little for a short time, please take time to explain to me things about this wonderful world and do so willingly.
4. My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs. Don't nag me all day long. (You wouldn't want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness). Treat me, as you would like to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God, please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement... to grow. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticise the things I do without criticising me.
7. Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail, so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I'll be prepared to make the kinds of decision that life requires of me.
8. Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts didn't quite measure up to your expectations. I know it's hard, but please don't try to compare me to my brother or sister.
9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it's a great way to show us kids that your marriage is special.
10. Please take me to Sunday School and church or synagogue regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.

"Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." - Jesus (Mark 10:14 New Testament)

Parenting Children With Eczema

Are you challenged by your child's eczema?

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with eczema.

Parenting a child with eczema presents many challenges (everything from the daily application of creams and avoiding eczema triggers, to more general parenting tasks).

The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood eczema particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's eczema.

If you are a parent of a 3 to 10-year-old child with eczema, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood eczema management strategies for parents.

Results of this study will be made available to all participants.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/eczema>

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Katie Sillar (katie.sillar@uqconnect.edu.au) or phone Amy Mitchell (07 3365 7305) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Alina Morawska, Amy Mitchell and Katie Sillar

UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

What an awesome responsibility we mums have been given - to shape and mould young lives. I pray that these writings will inspire and encourage you as you selflessly guide your children through each stage of their lives.

Primary Queensland Day Celebrations - Thursday, 9 June

Although Queensland Day is actually 6 June, we will be celebrating this special day on 9 June this year. Once again this year we will be asking students to dress up in a theme which relates to our Queensland heroes - past and present. These could be people from history or our present heroes from the floods or cyclones e.g. firemen, policemen and women, SES, ambulance workers, clean up volunteers etc. Please remember that we are celebrating real heroes so **don't** come dressed up as Superman or Batman.

Please understand that costumes are only intended to be low key and not cause your family any added stress. Local op shops often have a wealth of bits and pieces which can be cutt off (no need to hem) and turned into costumes. This is meant to be FUN - for everyone.

Cheryl Bryers

Move Over Princess Catherine!

We had far more important princesses in the limelight last Tuesday night as we celebrated Mothers Night in Prep at Glasshouse Country Christian College.

Love was in the air! Little faces shone as the children played games with Mum and chatted with their friends. Mothers were celebrated, songs were sung and poetry was read.

If you thought the jewels were dazzling at the Royal Wedding, you should have seen the glittering jewels that were being glued onto the custom-made tiaras and necklaces for Mum. Meticulous care was taken in their construction and they were worn just as proudly, too!

Each of the three Prep rooms were set up for different activities and each class and their mums moved between them. One room was the "Craft Room" and another was the "Singing, Story & Poetry Room". However, the highlight of the evening had to be the "Throne Room".

To the strains of Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman", each child escorted Mummy down a fairy-light pathway to the beautifully decorated throne, amidst the applause of everyone else in the class. Mum then was asked to sit for an "Official Portrait" with their own prince or princess. (Every woman needs a little Royal treatment now and then!)

We do hope every mummy came away feeling very special and very appreciated and they enjoyed their handcrafted Mother's Day presents on Sunday.

Heather Dodwell





Songbird of 4M

If you read the local papers, you would have seen Cassi Hilbers on the front page and page 10 of Caloundra Weekly, page 10 of GC News and page 5 of the GCCC Newsletter!

Cassi loves singing and has been doing it since she was a baby so her parents set up the YouTube channel to show family and friends her progression (<http://www.youtube.com/-cassihilbers>). A US talent scout came across the site, submitted Cassi to the World Championships of Performing Arts competition and now she has been chosen to represent Australia on the world stage.

Cassi's parents are very excited about the opportunities coming up for their daughter but are careful not to raise her hopes as there is still a long way to go in raising the funds for the trip. People have been generous since the stories hit the newspapers but there is still a long way to go. The trip has to be booked and paid for by 30 May so there is not much time to get the funds together.

Recent exciting news is that Cassi is recording her very first single this week and it will be available on itunes.

Just another bit of exciting news, Cassi is down in the Gold Coast next Monday & Tuesday writing and recording her very first single, which will be available on itunes! Cassi also sang and was interviewed on ABC Radio last Wednesday.



Assessment Planners

Assessment planners have been given to students this week. As this is a short term, students really need to focus as the assessments are commencing already and will continue steadily until the end of term. Assessment planners will also be available on the website.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those who attended the parent/teacher interviews. We hope you found the feedback informative.

If you did not manage to get an appointment with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact the teacher via phone or email to make an alternative arrangement.

Sue Fraser

This fortnight's tasty treat - Sour Cream Mini Donuts

Ingredients:

3 cups SR flour
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup cup caster sugar
 4 egg yolks
 1 cup sour cream
 40g melted butter
 Oil for deep frying
 Cinnamon sugar for dusting



Method:

Sift dry ingredients together.

Mix in wet ingredients. Form into balls and carefully drop into hot oil. Fry for 5 to 6 minutes until golden brown. Roll carefully in cinnamon sugar and enjoy!

Variations: Use a piping bag to create donuts centres such as jam, ganache, custard or lemon butter.

Colleen Devitt

Calamity Jane

DATE CLAIMER!

The 'Hollywood' musical comes to GCCC! An adventurous group of secondary students and staff are well under way in their rehearsals for our upcoming production of 'Calamity Jane'. They have

been working hard learning lines and songs ahead of the performance dates of July 22 and 23. In Term 2, assemblies across the College will be treated to a 'teaser' to showcase the wonderful work being done by the students involved.

On Saturday April 9, cast and crew will be involved in a film shoot at the Caboolture Historical Village. To see how all of this comes together with our musical, come along in July and see for yourself. Stay tuned for some exciting updates ahead!

P.S. If there are any College families out there who may have an old luggage trunk, vintage looking suitcase or doctor's bag lurking in their garage and would love to donate it for our props, I would love to hear from you.

Jo Winlaw

Year Seven's Amazing Trip Down Under

On Sunday 3 April, 67 students, more than a hundred anxious parents and five slightly stressed out teachers were awaiting the annual Year 7 Canberra trip.

Our trip started off a little rocky, making sure we had all students out of the bus and back on the bus at the several toilet breaks on the way down. While most students slept the night on the Topline coaches, several teachers (mainly Miss Ellis) were planning the next day in Sydney and the other days in Canberra.

Imagine 67 students walking through the heart of Sydney with five very tired teachers and four bus drivers. We all made it through.

Everybody had an amazing time. Seeing our capital city, touring through Old and New Parliament House, seeing the amazing artifacts at the War Memorial, physically training at the Australian Institute of Sports and renaming the animals at Taronga Zoo (hang on, that was only Miss Ellis and her group). Out of all the amazing places we visited the students were excited to go to the famous Questacon, full of hands-on activities.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist you (the parents) the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$60 per eligible students under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon the completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme.

There are many stories to tell, but these memories and photos will always be a constant reminder of our adventure to Canberra 2011.

Courtney Ellis



Upcoming Sport Events

- WCC Regional Cheerleading - Saturday 21 May/ Sunday 22 May
- GCCC Athletics Carnival (Primary 9-11yrs) - Wednesday 25 May
- GCCC Athletics Carnival (Secondary 12yrs to Open) - Thursday 26 May

District Sport Trial Information

We encourage any student who is competent in the following sports to attend the trials. Please contact the PE department for more information.

Secondary Trial Day 3

- Soccer (15 yrs girls) - 17 May
 - Soccer (15 yrs boys) - 16 May
 - Basketball (15 yrs girls) - 18 May
 - Basketball (15yrs boys) - 17 May
 - Surfing (Open boys and girls) - TBA
 - Rugby Union (15yrs boys) - 17 May
- See Mrs Scott for more information.

Primary Trial Dates

11 and 12 years
Boys Softball 25 May
Boys Rugby Union 23 June

District Softball - Correction

The PE Department would like to apologise for a couple of errors in the softball report which appeared in the last newsletter.

Courtney Shuttleworth was our GCCC student in the 11yr girls' team and this team finished second in the competition which was an awesome result for this young team.

Courtney enjoyed the opportunity to be part of this team and is keen to play again next year.

Congratulations Emily – Silver and Bronze medallist



Standing up to 7.5 metres above the water, jumping out to tumble at up to 60km per hour before diving into the water with no splash is no trouble for Emily.

Emily Scott (Yr 9) represented Queensland at the National Age Diving Championships in Sydney last week with tremendous results. Emily came home with personal best scores on 1m springboard placing 7th, 3m springboard placing 4th and the 5 and 7.5m platform where she placed 3rd.

Emily then teamed up with a fellow Queensland competitor to come 2nd for the synchronized 3 metre springboard diving event in the 14/ 18 year age division. She dives up to 7 dives per event, competing in the 14/15 year age group.

Consistency is the key to diving and Emily dived exceptionally well for each event and throughout the week long championship. Emily was able to train alongside Olympians Matthew Mitcham and Scott Robinson, which was another highlight for her.



Well done Emily!

Cheerleading Uniforms Sneak Peak

The girls are full of excitement and anticipation as the regional competition looms closer. We will have 45 girls representing GCCC in Brisbane on Saturday 21 May and Sunday 22 May, and don't they look good! We have four senior team entries and a primary team entry and look forward to great results.

In the photo: Senior – Anastasia Bryant, Kate Fraser, Emily Scott, Lizzy Partridge, Caitlyn Lewis. Junior – Ruby Rogers



Ryan Sauer – Off to State Championships

Ryan Sauer 6G had an outstanding two days of competition in the rain to prove to selectors that he deserved to be in the Sunshine Coast 11yr Rugby League team.

Tom Dwan and Amalee McClellan joined Ryan in the two day competition held in Redcliffe where the players faced stiff competition from much larger and stronger teams. Tom and Amalee's 12yr old team won one game and lost two games and Ryan's 11yr team won one game, drew one game and lost one game, with Ryan contributing to many scoring opportunities.

Sunshine Coast selection is an awesome opportunity for Ryan who is a very talented player with a bright future in Rugby League and we wish him all the best at the State Titles.



History Makers - Cross Country Champions 2011!



GCCC Primary Cross Country team made history when they were announced Large School Champions at the Glasshouse District Cross Country Trial. The trophy has been monopolised by Maleny State School and St Micheal's College for the past 13 yrs so it was a great thrill to achieve this win.

This result demonstrated the fitness gained by our students during the Run Around Australia Challenge and also showed their determination to keep themselves fit over the holidays and into this term. Every member of the team contributed to the win, with fantastic efforts on the course and also awesome encouragement from the sidelines. Our parents also gave great support from the finish line area.



GCCC had top four placings in five out of the six races which was a fantastic result. Cameron Shervey was our star performer leading his 12yr boys race from start to finish, running a beautifully paced race, showing those behind him he is quite an athlete. Lucas Tidy also ran out of his skin following Cameron in second place for half the race. He was overtaken in the later stage of the 3km race but held onto fourth place to qualify for the Glasshouse District team.



Natasha Hoeksema got herself in a great position early and also ran a fantastic race to finish second in the 11yr girls race using every ounce of energy and determination she had. Ryan Einsporn ran a tactical race, battling it out with fellow competitors. He wanted to better his fourth placing last year and his determination paid off as he made his strategic move about 200m from the finish line and gained third place. Ten year olds Harrison Still and Jasmine Small showed their fitness, running well to both finish in fourth place. All the above mentioned students were selected in the Glasshouse District team to compete at the Sunshine Coast Regional Trials in a few weeks time.

Fantastic Effort by GCCC Netball Girls

Tegan Gisler, Hannah Johnson and Tenaia Owens played fantastically at the Sunshine Coast Regional Netball Trial held at Caloundra last week.

The girls helped their 11 year old Glasshouse District team finish in third place after winning three games and losing three games.

One unfortunate loss was against the top side when Glasshouse was one goal down with only a few seconds on the clock. The girls shot successfully but the whistle sounded just before the goal was scored, so they just missed a drawn result.

Hannah and Tegan were both selected for the possible games but just missed out on selection for the Sunshine Coast Regional team. Great effort girls.

GCCC team members not already mentioned are: Nichola Bates, Isabella Cornel, Sean Dern-Williams, Claire Cornel, Annabelle Freeman, Jack Boroughs, Cameron Kennedy, Jasmine Bond, Brooke Hughes, Christian Jensen, Jarred Lear and Dylan Myers.



GCCC Athletics Carnival Coming Up Soon!

The GCCC Primary and Secondary Athletic Carnivals are coming up on Wednesday 25 May (9 – 11yrs) and Thursday 26 May (12yrs - Open) at the Beerwah Sports Grounds. We are looking forward to two great days of competition and fun. Tent decorations, house cheering and house coloured dress ups will all add to the gala atmosphere of the day. Which house will be crowned champion?

The P and F will be running a canteen providing delicious healthy lunch and snack options, along with drinks and a few treats. We would greatly appreciate parent/guardian help during the carnivals to ensure they run smoothly. If you are available to assist during the carnival, please contact the PE staff or the College office on 5439 0033.



Trials will be run for the 100m event to divide students into divisions to eliminate having heats on Carnival Day. The trials will be run on Tuesday 17 May at College and students need to run to the best of their ability so that accurate race divisions can be drawn up.

Primary students will run during first break; 10.45am – 11.30am and secondary trials will take place during Second Break; 12.45 – 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch or help out during those times.

Students need to wear College sports uniforms on this day and appropriate footwear for running. It may not be a regular sport day for all students.

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has commenced this week. The Premier is challenging children in Prep – Year 7 to read or be exposed to a selected number of books over the reading period from 9 May – 26 August. All students would have now received a letter about the Challenge. We are encouraging as many students as possible to take part. Thank you to those who have returned their form. Once registered, we will send home your child's Reading Record Form and students can commence the Challenge. We are still accepting return slips over the next week for those wanting to take part.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Recently the Preps enjoyed a Teddy Bears' Picnic to celebrate the end of a Teddy Bear Library unit. The children were very excited about bringing their teddy to the library and sharing Tiny Teddy treats at the picnic. We had a number of teachers bring along their teddy too, which made the day extra special.



Invitation to all Parents to attend a Library "Tour and Tea"

During Library and Information Week 23-27 May, we are going to be holding a number of special events in the Library. One of these will be a Library tour and morning tea for parents. Parents are invited to join the "Tour and Tea" on Tuesday 24 May, from 8:45am. Parents will be escorted around the Library and have the opportunity to meet Library staff and hear about the Library programs and services we offer. More information and a response slip will be sent home soon regarding this exciting event.

Book Club Co-ordinator urgently required

We are looking again for a Book Club Co-ordinator to oversee and manage the Scholastic Book Club for students in Prep – Year 7. This is an important role and requires someone who can organise the monthly distribution and collection of orders. Full training will be provided. Please see Library staff or contact me at library@gccc.qld.edu.au at your earliest convenience if you are able to assist.

Vanessa McKellar

Library Opening Hours

Prep – Year 9 Students: 8:15am – 3:15pm
Year 10-12 Students: 8:15am – 4.00pm

Homework Club:

Every Thursday for Years 7-12 from 3.00pm to 4.30pm

Vocational Education and Training (VET) News

Lattitude Global Volunteering

Lattitude Global Volunteering will be holding an Information Night in Brisbane on Wednesday 1 June for interested students and their family members to find out more about volunteering in 2012. For more information contact Siobhan Marsh on (03) 9826 6266 or register to attend at www.lattitude.org.au

Indonesian Language Studies

Have you ever thought of learning a new language and finding out about another culture?

In 2012 the University of the Sunshine Coast has been funded to offer 60 scholarships for Headstart students to complete 2 semesters of Indonesian. Students can start from scratch, that is have no previous experience of Indonesian, and because Indonesian is a reasonably easy language to learn, will be reasonably proficient by the end of the year.

Headstart subjects do not contribute to an OP but do contribute towards points for a QCE. Students who complete two Headstart units will gain guaranteed entry to most USC courses after Year 12 and credits towards their USC degree. Students who are awarded a scholarship will have no costs for fees or materials. This offer is only available for 2012 because of limited funds.

Interested students can talk to Mrs Ferris about this wonderful opportunity.

University of the Sunshine Coast Support for Parents

For parents of Senior School students, the Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 1 June from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. It will cover career planning, choosing subjects for senior school, what is an OP, pathways to university, costs of tertiary study, and financial assistance including scholarships. Both parents and students are welcome to attend. You may also arrive early at 5pm for a tour of the university with current students. Registrations can be made online <http://www.usc.edu.au/students/Future/Info/Events/ParentInformationEvening.htm> or by contacting External Relations at the University on 5456 5000.

The Information for Parents website <http://www.usc.edu.au/students/Future/Parents/> is designed specifically to provide parents with crucial information.

Alternatively, you can connect to USC parent Denise on Facebook for firsthand insight, advice and answers from a real parent of three university students.

Year 10 Work Experience

Thanks to all the students who have returned their work experience log books. I have had tremendous pleasure reading about their placements and the employer comments. All so far have praised the students. Here are a few of the comments received:

“...was a brilliant work experience student; ... was a pleasure to have here; ...has been one of the best work experience we have had from all schools; ...was a pleasure to have here; many of our customers thought she was a new employee; ...was well mannered, enthusiastic and interested; ... always wanted to help out; ... showed initiative and always looking for something to do; ... has a very bright future ahead of him; ... was an excellent student; ... was a very valuable and productive member of our team, I would welcome her in our office in the future.”

Quote of the year: “Corey showed a lot of enthusiasm whilst being on board here at Camera House. He showed a lot of dedication with outstanding selling skills, all done in this short amount of time! It was a pleasure to work with such a young man who shows a lot of potential to work in this type of industry. Corey mate, keep in contact as there may be a position available for you in the future. I'd love to have you on board!”

There were many more just like these! Hooray. Well done to our young men and women in Year 10. They have done the College proud.

A number of students have not yet returned their log books. As this is a major part of their studies and assessment in Work Education all log books need to come back fully completed by next week.

Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

Congratulations to Chris Potgieter who this week started his apprenticeship in Fabrication in his parents firm in Caboolture.

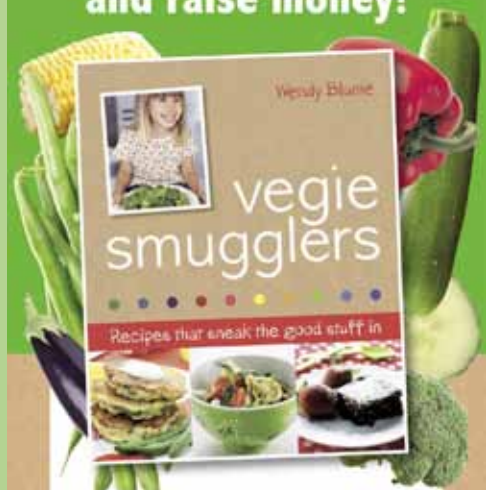
The College now has 15 students who spend one day a week in a workplace undertaking training towards a traineeship or apprenticeship. Two Year 12 students, Jake Carver and James Bowden, have recently commenced a Hospitality traineeship at Coffee en Route which is situated beside Moby Vics on the southbound lanes of the highway. While catering for travellers, Coffee en Route is also a handy place to meet for coffee and meals for local customers. Over the holidays I met a friend from Brisbane there for morning tea. I can vouch for the coffee and pancakes and the wonderful service from all the staff including James and Jake. Thanks to Owner Helen, Manager Amanda, Chef Steve and all the staff at Coffee en Route for supporting our students.

Joan Ferris





Inspire parents,
promote healthy eating
and raise money!



We are currently running a Veggie Smugglers Fundraiser for the Kitchen Garden Program.

The Veggie Smugglers Cookbook is a fantastic resource for parents; filled with ideas for sneaking in the healthy ingredients that the kids won't voluntarily eat.

There are over 60 tasty recipes that the whole family will enjoy.

The book sells for \$30 with \$10 of each sale being donated to the Kitchen Garden. A sample book is available to view at the Prep Classroom and order forms are available at the Office, Library or Prep Classroom.

Term 2 in the Kitchen Garden is all about the Origin Of Our Food. This fortnight the focus has been on where food comes from: plants, animals or processed. The children used laminated catalogues and marker pens to identify the plants, animals and finally pick out the foods that have been changed by humans by way of processing, cooking or preserving. We learnt that a tomato can be fresh on the supermarket shelf, from the farm, or cooked & put into cans or turned into tomato sauce so tomatoes can be eaten all year around and out of season.



The cooks this fortnight have treated us to some delicious ginger snap biscuits made with fresh ginger from the garden. Yum!

Kitchen Garden is on Tuesdays. This term Preps and Year 1s are on odd weeks (24 May, 7 June, 21 June). Year 2s and 3s are even weeks (17 May, 31 May and 14 June.) If you are able to help out on any of these days we would really appreciate the extra help and the children love to see their parents participating.

Due to other commitments, Jade King has had to resign her position as Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator. Jade will still be an invaluable member of our team and I would like to personally thank her for the time, effort and commitment that she has given the project. I am delighted to be taking over Jade's role (big shoes to fill) and am looking forward to growing and expanding the programme in the future.

Mandy Ward & the Kitchen Garden Team.
mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au

Pause and Ponder

Before teaching with technology was standard, Sunday School teachers used to (and sometimes still do) use flannelgraphs to help teach the Bible. A large piece of flannel is stretched over a board and cut outs of people and objects in the Bible are placed during the telling of the Scripture.

However, these old school flannelgraphs aren't the oldest in visual teaching devices. God uses a very special visual teaching tool called **creation** to instruct us and to display His power.

In Psalm 19:1 it says "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the skies display His craftsmanship." On the flannelgraph of God's creation, we see God's order and design. We see His power and glory. This should lead us to worship Him.

"Creation is the canvas on which God has painted His character."

Excerpt from Our Daily Bread by Bill Crowder

Holiday Camps



Kiah Park will hold camps in the holidays.

The camps offer a fantastic opportunity for children to gain their independence in a safe Christian environment.

Camps cater for children ages 6 years to teens, offering full accommodation and adult supervision. The camp is situated close to Gympie and there is a bus available from Brisbane.

For more information contact:

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Beenaam Valley
Ph: 07 5486 6166
Email: info@kiahpark.com.au
www.kiahpark.com.au



Camp activities include horseriding, canoeing, craft, archery, sport, swimming, theme nights and lots of fun.

Camps for June/July holidays:

26/6/11 to 1/7/11 Ages 10 to 12 years
3/7/11 to 8/7/11 Ages 12 to 15 years

Camps for September holidays:

18/9/11 to 23/9/11 Ages 10 to 12 years
25/9/11 to 30/9/11 Ages 12 to 15 years

For more information contact:

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Chocolate Drive

Thank you for all families for participating in the chocolate drive. The winners of chocolates sold are :

- Jamie Coogan - Ipod
- Andrea Little - Ipod
- Henry Montgomery - Scooter
- Maddison Hill - Scooter

We hope you have fun with your new toys kids.

Fun Ideas

At our last meeting we decided that seeing we are not having a Funfest this year we are exploring other avenues for families to get together and get connected to our College, the following items were approved and we are going to be setting dates at Tuesday's meeting:

- Trivia Night
- Discount Shopping Tour
- Car Boot Sale
- Possibly a GCCC Variety Night - parents can perform too

If you have any other suggestions or would like to help out at the above events please email me at bonnie@completemetalroofing.com.au or phone 0407 670 776.

*Thank you,
Bonnie Harding, P & F President*

2011 Caloundra Chaplaincy Golf Classic

This event is being held on Sunday, May 22 to raise funds for school chaplains in the Caloundra area. Cost is \$55 per person and includes a hamburger lunch before tee-off. For more information ring Deb Taylor on 0412 718 373 or Jeff Taylor on 0439 334 859 or email deborahandjeff@westnet.com.au.

PAST STUDENT/ALUMNI NEWS

Joshua Becker graduated with the class of 2009 (we all remember *that* suit) and has been powering on ever since.



Joshua has been completing a Certificate IV in Building and Construction and a carpentry apprenticeship working for D & K Construction. "I love the whole earning and learning thing," Josh said, "and have learned heaps of new stuff."

Joshua still enjoys riding his motorbike, camping and hanging out with friends. By the end of 2012 he will be a fully qualified carpenter.