

Glasshouse Country Christian College

'Growing in faith and knowledge'



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newsletter

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

July 2011

Thur 21-Sat 23 College Musical Calamity Jane
Mon 25 Whole of College Photos
Mon 25-Wed 3 Aug Japanese Students
Sat 30 10am-2pm **OPEN DAY**

August 2011

Mon 1-Fri 12 Yr 10 Set Plan Meetings
Wed 3-Thur 4 QCS Practice Yr 12
Thur 4 9.00am GCCC P-3 Athletics Carnival
Fri 5 8.30am Sec Central Dist Athletics Day1
Fri 5 8.30am Sec Central Dist Athletics Day2
Tue 9-Wed 10 Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews.
Wed 17 RNA Show Holiday (student free day)
Thur 18 6.30pm Secondary Subject Selection
Fri 26 Primary Themed Dress Day
Tue 30-Wed 31 Year 12 QCS Test
Tue 30 Prep Fathers' Night

September 2011

Thur 1-Fri 2 Year 3 Camp
Fri 2 12pm Sec Reg Athletics (Uni)
Tue 6 Grandparents Day (Primary)
Tue 6 8am Sec Reg Athletics 2 (Uni)
Mon 12-Fri 16 Senior Exam Block
Tue 13-Wed 14 Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 16 Term 3 ends

Uniform Shop

New and second-hand uniforms.

Mon 8.00 - 9.00am

Fri 8.00 - 9.00am

2.30 - 3.30pm

Open for trade Open Day 10am-2pm

PLEASE NOTE: Uniform Shop will not be open on Wednesdays during Term 3.

From the Principal



Welcome back to another term at GCCC and a special welcome to our new families who are starting with us this term.

Calamity Jane

Tonight, the cast of our musical Calamity Jane will be performing at 7.30pm with a matinee performance at 1.30pm on Saturday and then evening performance at 7.30pm Saturday evening. The students and staff have been working very hard together on producing an excellent show that all ages will enjoy. During the evening performances a light supper will be provided.

The Arts are alive and well at GCCC so please show your support and purchase a ticket. To book go to the website www.gccc.qld.edu.au and click on the Calamity Jane link. Adults are \$20.00 and children are \$15.00.



Open Day

Next week on Saturday July 30 from 10-2pm is our Open Day. If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling at the College please invite them along. Open Day is a great opportunity to walk around the campus, talk to staff and see what the College has to offer. There will be a free sausage sizzle courtesy of the P and F and, for those parents who complete a short survey, there will be a coupon for one free "Devonshire style" tea from our Hospitality department. Our "Find the Eagle" scavenger hunt will also be happening. As part of raising funds for our Fiji Mission Trip there will be a Trash and Treasure sale and car wash. If you have goods that would be suitable for the Trash and Treasure they can be dropped off at the College the Friday before Open Day at the church from 8.30am.

Japanese Study Groups

This Saturday we welcome a group of students from Koshigaya High School in Japan for the next two weeks. Thank you to those families who have agreed to be Home Stay families. During their visit the students will be sitting in on some of our classes and will be undergoing English classes in the meeting room of the Library. We will have a special assembly on Monday to welcome the group.



Welcome to new staff

I would like to welcome three new staff members on behalf of the College Community. Mr Tony Parker will be teaching Year 3 replacing Shelley Short. Tony is a very experienced teacher and has taught in Australia and overseas.

From the Principal (continued)

LOST & FOUND

FOUND

- newish pink Smash lunchbox, unnamed
- two pairs of black joggers both US size 6 (one with a pair of white socks)
- black hooded zip up jacket with the words "Super series" on front, size 8
- small hooded grey checked jacket size 7 with the letters M S K on front - Milkshake brand
- stuffed dog with "Huggalie pawphans" on tag attached to collar
- cream cardigan - girl express brand size 14
- near new jacket size 10 unnamed

LOST

- Melissa Faherty - silver ball with crystals (came off her necklace)
- hat named Harding
- jacket named Nicholas Moore
- soccer ball (black and gold) named Sam Hind
- hat named Willow Hildreth
- jacket named Jordon Delacy
- hat named William Warner
- jacket named Adam Smerdon

Medical Reminder



The cold, flu and swine flu season is in full swing. Please help your children be vigilant in washing hands and covering mouths when coughing. Please remember that it is vital to keep sick children at home.

Mrs Cathy Richardson is teaching Year 2, replacing Sarah Leary while she is on maternity leave. Cathy has been teaching at Bli Bli Primary school over the last few years.

Finally, Mrs Robyn Buchanan is replacing Rachel Bull as Rachel is now working in Administration. Robyn has been a Teacher Aide for more than 14 years at Peachester State School. A more thorough introduction to each of these new staff members is included in this newsletter.

Our whole of College photos will be happening next Monday 25 July. Please ensure that your child is in full formal school uniform for Monday.

Mike Curtis



Introducing Tony Parker

It is a great privilege to be working at GCCC and I'm very much looking forward to continuing all the good work that Year 3 and Mrs Short have been doing.

Year 3 already know me and how I like to challenge them in their thinking but I cannot wait to try some new ways of looking at learning as well as helping the children stretch themselves to match their abilities and interests.

I have worked for much of the last 20 years in the UK and Hong Kong and hope these experiences will provide your children with challenging, exciting and engaging lessons.

Tony Parker

Introducing Cathy Richardson

It is my privilege to join the staff of Glasshouse Country Christian College and I am very excited to be teaching Year 2M for the remainder of 2011.

I have been teaching on the Sunshine Coast since graduating in 2007. Prior to doing my teaching degree, I worked in Children's Services in Wagga Wagga and Staff Development and Human Resources with the Northern Territory Government in Darwin.

My husband, Daryll, and I have been married for 25 years and have four children, aged between 13 and 21 and a granddaughter, 16 months. We moved to the Sunshine Coast in 2003 and live on two acres at Maroochy River.

I would like to thank Mrs Leary for the wonderful work she has done with 2M. I hope to continue fostering the positive environment I experienced when I met the students on the last day of Term 2. My aim is to develop respectful and positive relationships with the students and their families and to encourage each student to achieve their personal best in all aspects of learning.

I look forward to supporting the students as they continue to develop academically, socially and spiritually.

Cathy Richardson



Introducing Robyn Buchanan



I am married to John and have three children, Rachel and Andrew who are both working, and Kathryn who is at university.

For the past 14 years I have enjoyed working in various schools on the coast.

I love to go camping and travelling and I hope to visit as many different places as I can.

I also like to try different crafts and in winter I love to curl up in front of the fire with a hot drink and a really good book. My favourite times are spent with family and friends.

Robyn Buchanan

Beerwah and District Kindergarten are having their Open Day on Wednesday, 17 August 9.30am to 11am.

Everyone is welcome to visit and see what happens at Kindy
9 Free Street Beerwah 4519
Phone 5494 6346
Email beerwahkindy@aapt.net.au

Landsborough Community Kindergarten is currently taking enrolments for Pre-prep children for 2012 who are turning four before June 30 2012. For any enquiries please phone Val or Debby on 5494 1248

*"I love them that love me;
and those that seek me early
shall find me."*

Proverbs 8:17

A Spot of Etiquette over Lunch



I had a lovely lunch with Ella Childs, Eleisha Ryall and Lainey Grieve as they discussed everything from holidays to friendships (with a few hints about etiquette on the side). This term we will concentrate on the use of a knife and fork, and we are even using real tablecloths and fabric serviettes.

Students in Prep-Year 2 and Years 3-6 were in the draw to be the recipients of a "Pick from the WOW Award Box" at the end of the term. Another group joined me for a special luncheon on Monday of Week 1, Term 3.

Professional Development in Reading for Primary Teachers During the Pupil Free Week



For some years now, our primary teachers have been mapping class development in writing skills using a very well respected programme called, "FIRST STEPS WRITING".

Because of the success of this programme, we decided at the end of last year to have a whole primary professional development on "FIRST STEPS READING" during the pupil free week.

All primary teachers and teacher aides spent two days learning about the phases of reading and identifying which phase individual students in their classes were on. A number of key indicators need to be demonstrated before students can be moved from one phase to the next.

Teachers, supported by our teacher aides, then work on the specific teaching strategies which students still need to demonstrate to advance to the next phase.

First Steps is recognized in all states and even overseas as 'best practice' in the teaching of reading.

Mrs Andrea McDonald (Primary Curriculum Coordinator) along with Mrs Suzanne Power (Head of Pedagogy and Learning P-12) have been instrumental in organizing this important PD for our GCCC staff and also two teachers from Coolum Christian College who joined us for these days.

Cheryl Bryers

This fortnight's recipe - Lemonade Scones with Raspberry Vanilla Jam



Lemonade Scones

Ingredients:

- 300g (2 cups) self-raising flour sifted
- 55g (1/4 cup) caster sugar
- 125ml (1/2 cup) thickened cream
- 125ml (1/2 cup) lemonade
- 40ml (2 tbs) milk

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 220°C. Lightly grease baking tray.
2. Place flour, sugar and half tspn salt in a large bowl. Add the cream and lemonade and mix to form a soft dough.
3. Turn out onto a lightly floured workbench and knead lightly until combined. Press the dough with your hands to a thickness of approx 2cm.
4. Using a 6cm round cutter, cut out 8 scones. Place on baking tray and brush tops with milk.
5. Bake for 10-15 minutes until lightly browned. Serve warm with jam.

Raspberry Vanilla Jam

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup water
- 1kg frozen raspberries
- 1kg strawberries
- 2 vanilla beans
- 2 cups white or caster sugar

Method:

Put all ingredients into a saucepan. Bring to boil stirring and then simmer for 45 minutes until jam sets or 'looks jammy'.



Whole School Photos

Next Monday 25 July we are having whole of College photos taken. Please ensure students wear full formal uniforms (if they normally have PE they can bring their sports uniform to change into after the photos are taken).

Trash and Treasure Stall & Car Wash

As a fundraiser for the Fiji Mission trip we are holding a trash and treasure stall on Saturday 30 July (GCCC Open Day) from 8am until midday. Your trash could be some else's treasure so we welcome any donations. Donated goods can be brought to the College on Friday 29 July from 8.00am – 5.00pm. We encourage you to de-clutter your home and give to this worthy cause. Funds raised will bless the work and people of the Fiji Bible College where we are staying.



On Saturday 30 July at Open Day you can also get your car washed for \$7 while you look around the College or browse at the trash and treasure stall. Funds raised will also go towards the Fiji Mission trip.

Guidance Officer Day

Toula Gordillo will again be at GCCC on Friday 29 July from 9.00am – 3.00pm. If you would like to make an appointment please phone the College on 5439 0033.

Exchange Students

After six months with us, Alessia Cavallone had to return to her home in Italy. She was a wonderful ambassador for her country and she expressed to me that she really enjoyed her time at our College. We wish her well for her future.

Baptiste Hartmann is a young man from France who is with us for one week only as part of his exchange programme. We extend a warm welcome to Baptiste and hope he enjoys the experiences here at GCCC.

On Monday 23 July, our school plays host to 24 students from Japan. This should be a valuable cultural experience for us as well as them. Please make them feel welcome. Each of the Japanese students will be buddied with a Year 10 student from our College and will attend some classes with them.

Secondary Date Claimers

21-23 July	Calamity Jane Musical
23 July – 3 August	Japanese exchange students
25 July	Whole of College Photos
27 July	Senior Information evening
28 July	Iron and Clay to perform at Secondary Chapel at 9.00am
30 July	Open Day (& Fiji fundraising)
1–12 August	Year 10 SET Plan meetings
3 & 4 August	Year 12 QCS Practice Days

Sue Fraser

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Thank you to those students who have returned their Premier's Reading Challenge Reading Record Forms. There is still plenty of time to complete the challenge



for students in Prep to Year 7. The reading period runs from 9 May to 26 August. All completed forms are to be signed by class teachers and then returned to the library.

MS Readathon



The reading period for students (Years 3-9) completing the MS Readathon finishes at the

end of July. For details on completing the MS Readathon, go to www.msreadathon.org.au A special thank you to those who have taken part and helped support such a worthy cause.

New Book Club Co-ordinators

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Kym Hind and Mrs Jo Wolfe have offered to be our Book Club Coordinators. I would like to thank Mrs Denise Giles for the outstanding job she has done as coordinator over the last two years and the wonderful training she is providing for our new coordinators. See you in the library,

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

CSI New York Comes to Beerwah



For 90 minutes on Tuesday 19th July, Year 10-12 Science students were transported to another world. The world of forensic science and crime scene investigating.

Mr Steve Balzois, a Crime Scene Investigator and Profiler with the New York

City Police Department, presented the students with facts and evidence from a genuine Sydney murder case from 2005.

The students became crime scene investigators and were given the challenge to solve the crime. Mr Balzois informed the students that it took the New South Wales Police Department 18 months to solve this crime, so that was an important perspective to keep in mind.



As the students shone torches, used dynoscopes, analysed fingerprints, compared handwriting samples and studied tyre track marks, they found connections between the victim, the suspects, the crime scene and the weapon.



As Mr Balzois revealed the truth behind the mystery, it all seemed to come together for the students. The moral of the story was crime doesn't pay. We each have the power to make our own decisions and if someone asks us to do something that that person is not happy to do themselves, don't do it!

It was a fantastic afternoon, with many forensic scientists coming away inspired, and many other students keen to watch Horatio on CSI: Miami.

Lauren Loft



Vocational Education and Training (VET) News

Year 10 and Year 12 Information Evening

This term major decisions need to be made by the Year 10 and 12 students about future directions. To help with this process the College is holding an Information Evening for parents and students. This will be a chance to collect resources to help you, hear speakers, ask questions and hopefully clear up some of the mysteries of subject and course selections.

When: Wednesday 27 July 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Where: At the Church

Who: Year 10 and 12 students and parents.

Welcome back Mrs Costin!

Mrs Cheryl Costin, the College VET Co-ordinator, has come home from overseas to return to her position at the College running our Registered Training Organisation. Cheryl came to the College in 2009 from the background of a private training organisation and set up many of the required processes when the College started offering certificate courses. With many more certificate courses now being offered, we are very pleased Mrs Costin is back in her old job. Mrs Costin will also be working closely with Mrs Ferris and together they will be striving to provide lots of information and support for students on the Vocational Education and Training pathway. Hooray! We're glad you're back!!

Xstrata Coal Queensland Apprenticeship Intake 2012 for school leavers

Applications are open now but close on 31 July for the new intake of Xstrata apprentices for 2012 in the Mechanical, Electrical, Auto Electrical or Metal Fabrication trades. Interested? If so go to www.xstrata.com/careers for more information and to apply. Alternatively Mrs Ferris can forward on the information received.



Brisbane North TAFE Certificate III in Hairdressing for school leavers.

BNIT is introducing a new course in Hairdressing. The Certificate III will be run over 18 months with three days a week at TAFE and one day a week on placement in a salon. For further information on this exciting new development see Mrs Ferris or visit www.bn.tafe.qld.gov.au or contact: Tel 131 248, office hours Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 8:00am to 5:30pm and Thur: 9:00am to 5:30pm, email enquiry.bnit@deta.qld.gov.au

Airline Pilot Cadetship Programs

We have received information about exciting developments for young men and women wanting to pursue careers as airline pilots. Some new career paths have recently been established which opens this potential career to young people from all socio-economic backgrounds. Recently, a number of major airlines have set up cadetships to meet their future flight crew needs. This is a radical departure from the way airlines have done things in Australia and some fantastic opportunities are created for young Australians. For more information on pilot cadetship programs please see Mrs Ferris and I can forward on the details to you and/or go to this website. <http://www.pilotaptitude.com/?page=Home/CareerAdvisor>

Wide Bay International Airshow



This annual event, showcasing everything aviation has to offer, is on again in Bundaberg from 19 – 21 August. Friday 19 August is a Trade and Careers day with entry at \$15 for adults (children under 5 free). You will have a chance to chat to people from Aviation Engineering, Pilots, Royal Flying Doctor, Defence Force Recruiting, TAFE's and Universities. More information, including a Program, can be found on their website at: <http://www.widebayairshow.com.au/>

Aviation Careers Expo

Aviation Australia has a careers expo on 27 August at the Brisbane International Airport, Bona Avenue. They will be showcasing careers in Flight Attendants, Aircraft Engineering and Aeroskills Training. There are also specific information evenings about each of these areas and details are available on their website at <http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/> Of particular note is the Flight Attendant Open Night which is being held next week, 26 July.



Cheryl Costin cheryl.costin@gccc.qld.edu.au

Joan Ferris joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au

GCCC Represented at the District Softball Competition

Zac Cathcart (Yr 7) spent part of his holidays at the District Softball Competition as a vital member of the Glasshouse Team. Teams from all over the District came together for the weekend-long competition. The Glasshouse team competed well to finish third out of eight teams. They won three, drew one and lost two games. They won against Noosa which is a very strong team, so they did really well!



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Upcoming Cheerleading competitions and demonstrations

GCCC Open Day
– Saturday 30 July
11.00am Primary and Secondary teams

17 & 18 September
– WCC Asia Pacific Grand Finals
(Brisbane) Secondary team only



Term 2 Cheerleader Awards

Congratulations to Georgia Childs (Primary) and Cara Newman (Secondary) for the Cheerleader of the Term awards. Georgia worked hard throughout Term 2, always putting in 100% effort. During training sessions before competitions I was constantly reminding the girls to smile; Georgia kept a smile on her face every session throughout the whole routine. Great work Georgia. Cara came into Cheerleading at the start of Term 2 and although she missed the competitions, she was at every training session (even the early morning sessions). We warmly welcome Cara into our Cheer family and look forward to seeing her in the next competition.



Christine Scott

Coles Sports for Schools

The Coles Sports for Schools promotion will be starting up again soon. For every 10 dollars purchased at Coles, the shopper will receive 1 voucher. These vouchers can go towards sports equipment purchases for the school. We will keep you updated in following newsletters.



Mike Curtis

Pause and Ponder

It's not so much what we say
As the manner in which we say it.
It's not so much the language we use
As the tone in which we convey it.

"Come here!" I sharply ordered;
And a child covered and wept.
"Come here," I softly whispered;
And into my arms he crept.

Words may be mild and fair,
But the tone pierces like a dart.
Words may be soft as summer air,
But the tone can break a heart.

Author unknown

Junior Athletics Carnival

Thursday 4 August 9 am – 1 pm at GCCC

A fantastic day of athletics and fun games is planned, so come along and join us. Children will be involved in sprints, long jump and tabloid activities.

Let's Dress Up

It would be great to have everyone dressed in their house colours to help create the carnival atmosphere and show support for their house.

Ararat – Blue, Sinai – Red, Zion – Green

Can You Help Us?

We need parents to move around with each group of children to each tabloid game. There will be a teacher running each activity so parents would just need to support the children and encourage them along the way. If you are able to help, could you please let your child's class teacher know or contact the office. Your help will make this day run smoothly.

Program: (Times are approximate only)	
9.00 – 10.20 am	Sprints and Long Jump
10.20 – 10.40am	Morning Tea
10.40 – 12.00 pm	Tabloid Sports
12.00 – 12.30 pm	Lunch
12.35 – 12.50 pm	Presentations
12.50 - 1 pm	Lunch and Tidy Up



P & F BBQ
Sausage Sizzle
Healthy sandwiches & poppers available



Market Day in the Kitchen Garden

The Inaugural Kitchen Garden Market Day held on the last Thursday of Term 2 was a huge success with many local suppliers supporting our cause very generously. Because of their contribution we were able to offer our College families and members of the wider community fresh local honey, fruits, vegetables, herbs, native seedlings, strawberry plants, delicious homemade pickles, relishes and baked goods. Students worked hard over Term 2 to pot up many of the strawberry plants and were proud to be able to contribute in this way. Students were also able to test out their maths skills on the day by helping take payments and assisting our customers with their enquiries.



As always, we couldn't have pulled it off without the tireless efforts of our amazing team and we want to thank each one of them for all their hard work approaching suppliers, collecting supplies, packing fruit and vegetable boxes, making the cakes, slices, biscuits, pickles and relishes, helping out on the day and for every aspect of organizing this event. It's a great testament to our wonderful KGP team who continually come up with these great ideas as well as the hard work to bring them to a reality. Please contact me if you would like to join the team, as we have many people performing many tasks, great and small, to keep the program running successfully. At the end of the day, our Kitchen Garden Market Day really was a huge success, as we had great feedback from our customers on the day, sold all our supplies and we were able to raise over \$1200, which will go towards equipment for the Kitchen Garden Classes.



We would sincerely like to thank the following for their support, as well as the community at large for supporting us: Smerdons Farms, The Honey Man, David Erbacher, Korzinski's Passionfruit Farm, Pims Organics, Mitre 10, Coochin Creek Co-op., Dot's Natives, Matilda Fruit Barn, Graeme Meadeto who donated pineapples, the Pumpkin People from Simpson Street, and The Beerwah Feed Barn.



We've thrown ourselves straight into a new term and we have a new theme to go with it in Garden Classes, being "Eat a Rainbow". During the term the students will be learning the importance of eating a variety of colours of fruit and vegetables as each colour contains different vitamins and minerals and benefits different parts of the body. The Year 2 and 3 classes were first to enjoy the new theme by making Rainbow Kebabs using different coloured fruits with a yoghurt honey dressing.



It's busy in the garden, as always, with students planting late broccoli, cauliflower, cabbages, carrots and beetroot. The children are always happy to harvest snow peas, and usually gobble them up straight away. We are also harvesting our never ending supply of eggplants. More jobs in the garden include pruning back the passionfruit vine and planting new vines, mulching the banana and strawberry beds, and watering and fertilizing the Adopt-A-Garden beds so they look lovely for the College Open Day.



Thank you to all those who have been collecting barcodes from McCains frozen vegetables and Purely Potato packets. The collection box is located in the College Administration office and the more barcodes we collect, the more garden equipment we can claim.

Mandy Ward, mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au

YOUR GCCC P AND F NEED YOU!

Our College has been growing steadily over the past few years, but we have had a downturn in the amount of parents willing to help or serve on the P & F. For example, there were only three parents and our College Principal at the last meeting. Meetings are advertised in this section of the Newsletter every fortnight, so please think about donating just a small amount of your time. It would be greatly appreciated.

The following list is positions we are currently trying to fill or need parent helpers to go ahead:

- 2012 Funfest Committee
- Help for the Fathers Day Stall
- Second Hand Uniform Co-Ordinator
- Parent Helpers for Junior Athletics Carnival

All of these positions are extremely important to the running of the events. Buying and selling second hand uniforms is a vital service provided by the P and F and they have had a wonderful couple of parents helping diligently over the past couple of years and we would hate to see this service be abolished due to lack of parental support.

Currently in the administration building, a list is being very slowly compiling of parent helpers for the junior athletics carnival on 4 August. Unfortunately, if the list is not full we are not willing to commit to offering this service. So please volunteer. Just half an hour of your time would enable a current P and F member to watch their own children's event/s.

The Funfest date has been set for next year and we need a co-ordinator to work in cooperation with the current P and F committee. You would not be alone in this position. At this point in time we are simply throwing ideas around.

Thank you to all the parents who continuously support and donate their time to all P and F causes. We can't thank you enough. If you think you would like to help in any way please email me at bonnie@completemetalroofing.com.au

Bonnie Harding

PAST STUDENT/ALUMNI NEWS

Myles Telford - living the dream.

A few days ago Myles' mum uncovered a 15 year old note that Myles had written as a preschooler. The note said how much he wanted to join the army and now, fifteen years later, that long held dream is coming true. Myles had actually written that he wanted to be, "the boss of the army" but give him time and his determination will get him there.

Myles graduated from GCCC in 2009 wanting to be an army chaplain and he is still working towards that long term goal. Since leaving GCCC, Myles has gained work experience and jumped through all the hoops so on Monday 18 July he officially joined the army intake in Brisbane. From there he flew to Kapuka (near Wagga Wagga) for 80 days of basic training.

Myles initially plans to become a chef in the army and will join HMAS Cerebus Navy Base on the outskirts of Melbourne for 19 weeks of training. After that there is a ten-day bush cooking course before Myles is posted to a capital city or major town for his three-year apprenticeship. From there, Myles could be posted anywhere in the world. "I've always had a flair for cooking so I'm really excited about being able to do this in the army," he said. "I think the biggest challenge will be the basic training in Kapuka but I've passed all the physicals, done the correct amount of push ups etc and am used to working all hours so it shouldn't be too difficult," Myles added.

Although Myles is living his dream, he will miss friends and family and had been trying to catch up with as many as possible before he left.

