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**COVER PHOTO**

Grandparents’ Day on Friday 24 July was our biggest one yet with more than 500 grandparents attending. All the photos are on our [website](http://www.glasshouse.qld.edu.au).
**PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS**

**Fantastic news from Farm Fantastic**

Some of you may be aware that the College had a stand at Farm Fantastic two weeks ago. The weekend went even better than we hoped. There was a lot of interest from new enquiries however; even more encouraging was the feedback from people who had heard about the College.

Comments such as, “Your College has such a great reputation,” and “I have friends who go there and they rave about the College,” were often repeated over the three days of Farm Fantastic.

I want to thank all our College families for your wonderful ‘good gossip’ about the College. When we have new students enrol we ask the families how they heard about the College. Overwhelmingly, the response is that they heard about the College from friends who have students here. GCC families are our best ambassadors and our most powerful marketing tool. Thank you.

**Table Tennis gift and Berlei donation**

Last week Moreton Bay Table Tennis Association in Caboolture donated a full table tennis set to the College. I would like to use this opportunity to publically thank Lionel Rose, Paul and the team from MBTTA for their generosity. They have also donated some free passes which are available at Main Admin for those who would like to try the game.

We were also the recipients of Berlei’s generosity when they donated undergarments and smalls for our senior Interior Fashion and Design students. The students will be using them to turn them into completely different garments for a curriculum project they are working on.

**Special one-off pupil free day swap**

It is still a long way off but I want to let you know that on 4 November the College has the opportunity to host world renowned educational expert, Alan November. Alan is one of the foremost experts on how schools can best prepare students for the 21st century and the future. Alan has two best selling books, has been named as one of England’s 15 most influential thinkers of the decade, was selected to speak during the Nobel Prize Festivities in Stockholm and is co-founder of the Stanford Institute for Educational Leadership through Technology.

This is a very rare opportunity for Glasshouse Christian College and we want to take full advantage of what the teachers can learn from Mr November for the long term benefit of the College and its students.

To maximise this opportunity we have decided to call a one-off pupil free day on Wednesday 4 November so that Alan can work as closely as possible with the teaching staff and together we can learn as much as we can.

We explored every other possibility of learning from Mr November but, due to the demand for his services, this was the only date he is available. Our senior students will not be affected and closer to the date we will advise you of options available for younger students.

Normally we would have a pupil free day for Verification Day on Monday 19 October but, due to the event on 4 November, we are treating this as a normal school day. In summary, students will be required to attend College on Monday 19 October but not on Wednesday 4 November.

There will be information on alternative arrangements for younger students closer to the date.

**How to help your child become a better student**

In Term 1 I mentioned a couple of small tips which hopefully helped you encourage your child in their studies. Here are two more tips that I thought would be particularly helpful.

*Check your child’s homework, and then have them explain it to you.*

It’s not enough for students to just get the answers right. To make sure your children aren’t guessing, sometimes ask them to explain what they did and why. This lets you know that the child has completed the task and when the child actually explains their work, it helps their learning.

*Don’t compare your child with others.*

Don’t put pressure on children to be just like others. There’s no such thing as a child who is like every other child. They are all different. They all have strengths and weaknesses, they all have talents and challenges.”

*Mike Curtis, Principal*
CHAPPY CHATTER

There is an increasingly popular view going around that “all roads lead to Rome” as far as religion is concerned. The thinking is that all forms of spirituality are heading towards the same goal and will all meet at ‘god’ at some point.

An analogy I heard recently was that life is like an empty room filled with humans who are all blindfolded. God is like an elephant standing in the middle of the room.

One person feels around and grabs hold of the elephant’s trunk and says: “ha! So God is like a long bendy thing!” Another person takes hold of the ears and says: “God is like a big floppy thin thing.” A third person touches the elephant’s leg and thinks: “God is a solid tall thing that I can barely wrap my arms around.”

In this way people start to believe that all religions are partially right but don’t have a full picture of God.

This kind of thinking might sound like wisdom. But is in fact foolishness because it assumes that God, the creator of the universe would simply stay silent and allow mankind to flounder around in the dark trying to find Him.

God is not silent.

He has spoken, and revealed Himself throughout human history, which is all recorded in the Old Testament. Ultimately God revealed Himself and His character through the person of Jesus Christ.

We can start to understand and know Him by reading the record of how God described Himself to mankind in the Bible.

Through the Bible, all people have the opportunity to remove the blindfold and see God for who He really is.

In Jeremiah 29:13 God himself said: “If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.” (NLT)

Mick Spann, Youth Pastor GCBC

We are very excited about the introduction of our brand new primary vest. The maroon vest is a fantastic option to help keep our primary students warm on those cooler days as they are able to wear it underneath their school jacket in winter, or without the jacket as the days start warming up heading into spring.

The vest is a high quality knitted item and everyone who has already seen it has commented on how great it looks, especially with our new logo on it.

The vests are now available for purchase from the Uniform Shop, or online via Flexischools, where we will then send it to your child’s class. The cost of the vest is $45 and they are available in sizes 6 – 18.

Shirts and blouses

Our shirts and blouses are in the process of having the new logo embroidered onto them. Minimal sizes have arrived so far, but we are still awaiting many more sizes. If you would like to pre-order one of these items, please go to www.flexischools.com.au and we will prioritise getting the shirt/blouse to your child as soon as we receive the stock.

See you in the Uniform Shop.

Stephanie McCredie, Uniform Shop Convenor

Please note that GCC is a NUT-FREE school. Nuts and nut products are not sold in the Tuckshop and must not be brought to school in packed lunches. Thank you for respecting this policy and helping to keep our students safe.
Grandparents’ Day

Grandparents’ Day 2015 was such an enjoyable event. What a joy it is for us as staff to see the level of commitment our GCC grandparents have to their grandchildren.

The feedback at the end of the day was so encouraging and we were thrilled that our visitors enjoyed the morning tea, concert and class visits so much.

Grandparents’ Day is such a special day for our staff also. The partnership between home and school is strengthened even more when grandparents are also part of the equation. Please pass our sincere thanks to the family members who attended and let them know that we look forward to seeing them again next year.

We are very grateful to Mrs Peters and the Hospitality students who provided such a lovely morning tea. For all the photos, please click here.

Uniform - addition of a primary vest

We are so pleased to announce that the primary vests have arrived and are available for purchase. Over the years we have found that some children need additional warmth in winter to protect them from colds and flu. To address this issue, a vest has been added to the primary College uniform.

This will now provide the additional warmth that many students need, and also allow the jacket to be removed during the day when two layers (vest and jacket) are no longer necessary.

This is a wonderful addition to the primary uniform as it now overcomes the difficulty of the bottle green pullover which could only be worn under the jacket – not on its own.

Reminder - Shoes must be SOLID BLACK (no white on the edge of the sole or grey strips etc.) and must be vinyl or leather – NOT CANVAS. This has always been the uniform policy.

Congratulations and farewell to Mrs McWilliam

Many of you may already be aware that Mrs McWilliam has resigned from her position of teaching assistant to pursue her new career as a fully qualified teacher. Mrs McWilliam has been at the College for approximately eight years and has assisted staff and students wonderfully throughout those years.

You may still see Mrs McWilliam around the College where she is now working from time to time as a relief teacher.

I am sure that you will want to congratulate her on following her dream when you see her next.

Time to shine

The auditions have been completed over the past couple of weeks and staff have kindly been giving up their free lunch times to act as judges. Students have been practising their items and we have really enjoyed watching them perform. The scope of talent and the different types of items have been interesting for all the judges.

The students who will be in the finals will be notified so that they have time to polish their item for Thursday 13 August (Prep – Year 2) and Friday 14 August (Years 3 - 6). Parents of the finalists may wish to attend at 11:00am in the theatre on these days. Finalists are encouraged to wear a costume or special clothing for their performance.

Late arrivals

LESSONS EACH DAY BEGIN AT 8:30AM SHARP

The first part of every day establishes the tone for the remainder of that day. Teachers discuss any information students need to know to have a successful day and College notices are shared with the classes. Notices involve all the activities which are happening on any specific day and sometimes reminders for upcoming activities. Equipment is checked so students are ready for the day.

We are noticing that many students are arriving late in the mornings.

I personally teach a Maths group every day at 8:30am and initially many students were arriving later than first bell. This caused incredible problems as I wanted children to experience success but when they came late, they were disadvantaged because I couldn’t go back and re-teach what they had missed. I am very happy to say that notifying specific parents has totally solved this problem and all students are arriving at my room now at 8:30am. I can’t begin to tell you what a difference this makes to providing successful lessons – not only for the teacher but for the students as well. This gave me some insight into the number of students arriving late every day and the impact this is having on classes.

Each month we receive a print out of absences and late arrivals/early departures from the office. We will highlight those students we are concerned about and will be contacting parents where necessary.

Please give your children the opportunity to achieve to their potential by ensuring that they are at school every day (unless sick) and on time.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary
When I am a grandparent by Prep White

“I will spoil my grandkids. I will also play Elsa with them. I will play in the snow and dance in the rain. We will do running.” Sophie.

“When I am a grandparent, I will work in the garden with my grandchildren. I will make pizza for dinner. I will give them cuddles. When I have no jobs I will play with them. I will make them cakes. I will make them a cubby. I will take them for walks.” Bella.

“I will play with my grandchildren. I will play Lego. I will play hide and seek. I will count to 10.” Cooper.

“I can see my grandchildren and play in the garden. I will play stop and go and do cooking.” Kya.

“We will play Lego and cook pizza together. We will have fun.” Charlie.

“When I am a grandparent I will play hide and seek and we will cook cake. We will go to the zoo.” Charlotte R.

“When I’m a grandparent I will dress up silly. We will play baseball.” Micah.

“I will play with my grandchildren. I will play soccer. I will count to 11: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11.” Mischa.

“My Opa is funny to me. He plays with me. He brings presents.” Philip.

“Lala loves me so much. When I visit we have fun and we like to play! We play soccer in the garden and I love it. I like Popple. He is funny, I love him so much and he loves me.” Mila.

“My Nanny loves me. We have so much fun.”

“My Grandad is funny. He has funny jokes. He likes playing with me.” Oliver.

“I love her and she loves me. I go to Nanny’s house. We play and squirt water at each other.” Amelia.

“My Grandad can do paintings and my Grandad can do drawing. My Grandad can paint a helicopter with a tiger.” William.

“My Grandad throws me in the pool and he plays ball with me. He plays cricket with me.” Micah.

Lin Smith

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

What do you do with a bumper harvest of broccoli, kale, cauliflower, cabbage and potatoes? The more challenging question is, “how do you get the kids to eat them”? You whizz it all into ‘Super Soup’ of course! Our junior master chefs chopped, grated, whizzed and stirred before consuming cups full of the green goodness topped with crunchy bacon and mopped up with a crusty bread stick.

Classes planted many different flower seeds into punnets for use in the adopt a garden beds and planted some giant pumpkin seeds. Our snow peas are looking fantastic and should also be ready for harvest soon. A bumper crop of tomatoes was also discovered under the wildly growing foliage.

Volunteer’s lunch – invitation

To thank you for all you do for the students and staff of GCC, we’d like to invite you to a special lunch catered by our fantastic Hospitality students.

When: Friday 28 August 2015 at 12 noon
Where: GCC Hospitality Garden (wet weather alternative is the church hall)
RSVP with any special dietary requirements by Monday 24 August 2015 by phoning Admin on 5439 0033 or emailing admin@glasshouse.qld.edu.au.

“Volunteers are love in motion”
Thanks to parents and students for the efforts undertaken in last week’s Student Led Conferences. Now it is a matter of putting plans and ideas into practice so they become a reality. We do encourage you to continue to communicate to us if your child is struggling or you have any concerns or queries so that together we can support our students and as we encourage our young men and women to ‘run with perseverance the race marked out for us.’ Hebrews 12:1-3.

This is a good time to remind you that our College offers homework help for our middle and senior students on Thursday afternoons from 3-4pm in the library. Teachers volunteer their time to be available to assist students with their work and this is an excellent opportunity for students who may need a little more help.

Assessment Calendars came out last week. These can be found if you go to the internet site: http://connect.glasshouse.qld.edu.au/course/. On the home page of this site, in the top bar menu, one of the options is a tab: Assessments. Once you go into this section, you can then choose the year level and access the relevant assessment calendar for your child for this term.

I have noticed there are some students without covers on their laptops. These can be purchased from the uniform shop for $15.00 or families can purchase their own from another source. It is not uncommon for a laptop to slip accidentally and drop. A cover is a little more ‘insurance’ to prevent unnecessary breakages. It is also a requirement of the laptop agreement that it has a cover.

This term coming up there are a few small fund raisers for Fiji; for the families and Bible college that our school mission trip students will be visiting. As well, there will be a ‘Make a Stand’ Destiny Rescue fund raiser – crazy shoe day on Thursday 3 September. Students who have signed up may be asking for donations or sponsorship as they choose to stand on this day (rather than sitting to do their usual work). This week we held a sausage sizzle to send support to a place for homeless people in the Noosa area.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

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Here is this fortnight’s recipe:

**Super Soup**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 onion, finely diced
- ½ head of broccoli
- ½ cauliflower
- 2 large kale leaves
- 1 large potato
- ¼ cabbage (sugar loaf)
- olive oil
- 1 litre of chicken or vegetable stock
- ½ cup of cream
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 4 rashers of bacon, finely sliced
- bread stick to serve

**Method:**

Chop all vegetables into small pieces discarding any tough stems. Lightly fry onion in a little olive oil in a large heavy based pot until translucent. Add the vegetables and stock and bring to a slow boil. Simmer for 25-30 minutes until all the vegetables are soft. Puree the soup with a stick blender until smooth. Add cream and pepper to taste. Heat a small amount of olive oil in a fry pan over medium heat and fry bacon until crispy.

Ladle soup in bowls and top with the crispy bacon. Serve with crusty bread.

For more photos, click here.
Education = Opportunities

Ellen Ochoa, a former astronaut and current Director of the Johnson Space Center stated, “I tell students that the opportunities I had were a result of having a good educational background. Education is what allows you to stand out.” Education provides opportunities.

Next week we start the Year 10 SET plan interviews and we aim to create as many opportunities as possible for our students.

On Wednesday we had a double information evening; one for the Year 9s as we looked at the timetable structure for 2016 and the new initiative that will be happening on Wednesdays. The second was for our Year 12s as they plan their QTAC applications and study/career options for next year.

We also had approximately 20 displays from universities and other tertiary and job placement organisations. This was open to all our Senior students.

On assemblies I’ve been speaking to students about the many different open days and job shows that are coming up. Please take the time to investigate these with your child. It is important that they see for themselves the opportunities available. Besides the universities there are lots of other opportunities. Coming up on 20 August is the Sunshine Coast Jobs Show. This is being held at the TAFE Eastcoast - Mooloolaba Campus. This Jobs Show is for students who are seeking:

• part-time jobs while they study
• school-based traineeships or apprenticeships;
• work experience;
• a full-time job upon leaving school; or
• an apprenticeship or traineeship upon leaving school

For more information see their website: www.thejobshow.com.au

Scholarships and Early Offers

Due to our relationship with Sunshine Coast University, our students are able to apply for early offers for entry into a range of courses. These offers will be made before OP scores are even released.

Students who are interested in becoming a teacher can also apply for guaranteed entry and scholarships for teaching courses at the Christian Heritage College. These scholarships are worth around $4,000. For more information on these please see Mr Nash, our Future Pathways Coordinator.

University @ Glasshouse

There are a number of students who have successfully completed their first university subjects whilst still at school. They not only passed them but most received credits and distinctions.

These students are:

Will Smerdon, PASS, Management & Organisational Behaviour;
Moale James, CREDIT, Introduction to Creative Writing
Maddisson Larfield, CREDIT, Introduction to Sport & Exercise Science
Lachlan McCaig, CREDIT, Communication and Thought
Holly Dodwell, DISTINCTION, Introduction to Psychology A
Ryan Jeffrey, DISTINCTION, Communication and Thought
Nichola Bates, CREDIT, Introduction to Creative Writing
James Proud, CREDIT, Communication and Thought
Gemma O’Driscoll, CREDIT, Introduction to Psychology A

Congratulations to these students for their hard work!

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Grandparents Day

A big thank you to the Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students for helping prepare and serve morning tea for the grandparents. It was a very big task making more than 400 items of sausage rolls, scones, gluten free biscuits and muffins.

Thank you also to Lana Balazs (Kalisa’s mum – Year 12) for helping to cook some of the scones. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to serve these much appreciated treats to grandparents.

Julie Peters, Head of Hospitality
Perth Arts Tour

In the final week of Term 2, 19 senior Arts students accompanied their teachers to Perth for a five day tour exploring the Arts, culture and history of this part of Western Australia.

The tour began with a visit to the Western Australia Academy of Performing Arts. Here the students were given a tour of the campus and facilities and given an insight into the life of a student studying the Arts at tertiary level.

The students then visited the Art Gallery of Western Australia and watched Daniel Lewis Breakdance battle in the city mall, followed by an evening at the Crown Theatre where they saw the musical 'Wicked'.

Day two began with a tour of the historical His Majesty's Theatre, followed by a visit to the WA Performing Arts Museum. In the afternoon the group split, with half visiting the Joondalup Art Gallery for a workshop with a professional artist, and the other half participating in a Ballet/Contemporary Dance workshop with the West Australian Ballet Company. The day was completed with a dinner reservation at Jamie Oliver's Italian Restaurant in the city.

The final day of activities began with a cruise down the Swan River from Perth to Fremantle, followed by a guided tour of the Fremantle Prison. Students then had an opportunity to explore Fremantle, visiting the whaling tunnels, lookouts and shops.

The trip was a fantastic opportunity for all involved to see and experience the arts and culture on the other side of the country.

For all the photos, click here.

Stacey Whyte, Head of Performing Arts
Debating competitions

Of the five GCC teams entered in the Sunshine Coast Debating Competition of 2015, our senior teams lost one debate and faced a forfeit (meaning the opposition dropped out of the debate). Our intermediate team was also defeated, alongside one of our junior teams, whilst GCC’s pride was upheld by our second junior team in round 1.

Our teams look forward to the fresh challenges of round 2.

Debating Coordinator - Amanda Gook

GCC Debating Article: Facing Titans!
by Moale James

They say: Everything is a learning curve! Well in this instance, I certainly hope so.

The middle and senior debating teams competed in their first debates on Wednesday night against a variety of schools on the Sunshine Coast. It was a particularly challenging night for GCC Senior Team 1.

As the affirmative team we were faced with an interesting statement, “gambling advertisements should be banned throughout sporting broadcasts.” As we received our statement and were secured in the preparation room we began our planning immediately.

But what we didn’t realise was that our competitors (Grace Lutheran College) were a mere few metres away composing their own mind-blowing arguments, that would later be used to secure our defeat. As the hour rushed past in what seemed like seconds, we secured arguments and ran out of our planning room with seconds to spare to compose our palm cards ready for our debate.

We entered the debate room with confidence in our stride and big smiles on our faces until we saw the sincere, smiling and calm faces of our competitors. What we also didn’t realise was that titans could be hidden underneath pleated brown skirts and ties.

As we led the debate I didn’t realise what we were up against until the first speaker of the negative team proposed her statements, and spoke with such high confidence the roof wouldn’t have been able to contain the team’s excellence.

I wished at that moment that I could have been debating any team other than the ones we were faced with.

Personally, I am not one to lose my confidence in a few seconds, but it almost seemed that I had bathed in kryptonite and become a broken recorder as I approached the adjudicator to propose my arguments, but humiliatingly repeated the same phrase over and over again, also exposing my lack of confidence, which wasn’t helping the strength of my argument.

After our debate was completed and the titans took the win, we shook hands with the other team who had then switched off ‘competitor mode’ and suddenly lost their titan persona and seemed just like regular teenagers. We then found out that this incredible team were actually finalists in the state competition and had been competing since grade seven compared to our team who met briefly on Monday lunchtimes, for only a few terms. But through all challenges and losses there is always something to learn. In this particular instance we learned, Don’t debate against titans; they will smash you.

Please Note* Although this newsletter article is quite dramatic, the competitors were lovely young women and we had a good conversation following our debate. We take our hat off to the team as they did an incredible job and we wish them the best of luck in the finals.

Moale James

Rachel’s Tears

Last term the Year 11 students studied Rachel’s Tears. Rachel’s Tears is the moving story of Rachel Scott who, at the expense of her life, refused to renounce her faith.

At her high school in Colorado, two gunmen (students Eric and Dylan) killed 13 people including Rachel. At gunpoint, Rachel refused to deny Jesus and was consequently killed. Rachel left a legacy at her school; a legacy of kindness and selflessness.

Rachel’s Challenge® as described by her parents in Rachel’s...
Tears is ‘reaching out to those who are different, picked on by others, or new at school’.

Shortly before her death, Rachel wrote in her journal “I have a theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go.”

Over the past two terms, there has been a ‘Rachel’s Challenge’ board set up outside the Year 11 classrooms. Underneath the board is a chain made up of ‘acts of kindness’. Students have been given the opportunity to add their ‘act of kindness’ onto a link of the chain to hopefully spark a chain reaction. This is the culture the Year 11s are trying to cultivate within the College and hopefully Rachel’s challenge really will start a chain reaction for good.

Andrea Curtis

FUTURE PATHWAYS

On 5 August the College ran a very successful Careers and Information evening, highlighted by the presence of around 20 exhibitors from a range of training institutions including TAFE, universities and creative institutions. Presentations were also given by Mr Steffler and Mr Nash to Year 9 and Year 12 students and parents respectively.

I would like to thank the many people involved on the night, in particular; Mrs Mel Parker for her organisation of the Careers Expo, exhibitors and catering for the night, Mr Tim Siggs and Mr Mark Becker for the organisation of the rooms for the exhibitors and of course, the exhibitors themselves for making themselves available and helping to make the night a very successful one, through their engagement with both students and parents.

USC came to the Senior students assembly on 6 August to talk to the students about Headstart. This raises awareness of study at tertiary level and guaranteed course offerings whilst still at school.

TAFE Applications 2016

There are three ways to do a TAFE course: 1. TAFE at School. 2. TAFE after school. 3. TAFE and QTAC, (Year 12).

A TAFE at school program, can be delivered as a VET in schools’ program, if it is government subsidised, or as a stand-alone TAFE course funded by the user. In both cases the VET course is run as part of a student’s program.

As a follow up to this night, students and parents need to be conscious of application dates for the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre, (SCTTTTC), Coastal Cookery Trade Training Centre (Maroochydore) Skills Tech, VET in Schools Courses at TAFE East Coast and Brisbane TAFE, i.e skills tech 18 September is the closing date for round one.

SkillsTech

SkillsTech at Bracken Ridge offers the following courses:- Certificate I in Construction, Certificate I in Plumbing Services, Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation (Light Vehicle), Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation (Heavy Commercial Vehicle), Certificate II in Engineering Pathways, Certificate II in Furniture Making and Certificate II in Electrotechnology. It is recommended that students have gained at least a Sound Achievement in Core Maths and English in Year 10. The closing date for round one is 18 September.

Year 10 SET Plans

These will run from 10 - 21 August. The electronic booking system is now closed so if you have not made an appointment Mrs Parker will be in touch with you to advise when your child has been booked in.

Year 12 QTAC Applications

Year 12 students need to create an account before they submit an application. To do this a student must go to: https://applications.qtac.edu.au/admissions-customer-client/account/register.xhtml

The closing date for Year 12 QTAC Applications is the 29 September if paying by BPAY and the 30 September is the final deadline.

Year 12 parents and students can make appointments directly with Mr Nash, who works (Monday to Thursday), or through Mrs Parker who works on (Tuesday and Thursday). It is preferable Year 12 appointments be made after 21 August.

Early Offers at USC

Year 12 students can download an application form (at http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/how-do-i-apply/entry-pathways/early-offer-guarantee/information-for-students) from 4 August and if they are considering the University of the Sunshine Coast as their first institution of choice they may receive an early offer by the 13 November 2015. Hard copies of the application form are now available at the Future Pathways Office. However a number of conditions have to be met and these are as follows:

• A student must be prepared to place on their QTAC application form their first two preferences as USC preferences.
• Their Semester 1 report in Year 12 must be of a sufficiently high standard that the College’s Principal Mr Mike Curtis will then be able to make a recommendation to the University that the student is capable of handling the course, for which they are applying.
• Courses such as Law, Nursing and Midwifery cannot be entered via this method.
I am often asked the question: How does University X compare with University Y? Objective research has been done on several measures.

Australian university rankings can be found at:

This link contains links to individual university rankings and ratings pages presenting an overview of specific placements within a range of measurement systems.

Another excellent resource to compare universities is Hobson’s ‘The Good Universities Guide 2015’, available at both newsagents and book stores.

Measures used to compare universities include: non-government earnings, student demand, research grants, research intensity, domestic versus international undergraduates, student-staff ratio, staff qualifications, teaching quality, generic skills, overall satisfaction, student retention, and graduate outcomes such as a graduate starting salary and getting a full time job.

**TAFE Programs with the University of the Sunshine Coast in 2016**

A number of TAFE East Coast programs articulate with the university. So a student will start at TAFE obtaining more of an industry component of the course and then complete the program at the Sunshine Coast University. Examples of programs include the following:-

- Diploma of Photo imaging/Bachelor of Arts
- Diploma of Community Services Work/Bachelor of Social Science
- Diploma of Event Management/Bachelor of Business (Tourism)

**Sunshine Coast Regional Council Traineeships.**

These entry-level positions vary and can include qualifications in: business administration, horticulture, library and information services, customer contact, engineering and information technology. A full time traineeship is for 12 months. During this time trainees gain knowledge, practical skills and qualifications that will gain them employment.

When traineeships are available, they are not made directly known to schools, however they are advertised on the council’s website: http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/.

**TAFE BRISBANE**

Please note Southbank, Mount Gravatt, Bracken Ridge and Grovely campuses will be closed on Wednesday the 12 August 2015 for the show holiday.

Students in these classes will not be required to attend their TAFE class on this day.

**Lightmare Studios**

Lightmare Studios are offering placements in the IEPC (Interactive Entertainment Production Course) and Traineeship opportunities for this coming year. Mr Simon Banks QLD Coordinator for Lightmare Studios will be giving a presentation to our senior students 13 August. Any students who may be interested in learning more about what’s on offer please contact Mr Nash.

In 2016, the College is offering a school based traineeship in Information Technology Support for students interested in this career pathway opportunity. The traineeship will be awarded through an equitable application and merit based process. Expressions of Interest should be directed to Mr Munyard, IT Manager or Mr Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator.

**CHC Teacher Education Scholarships**

CHC is offering GCC up to two teacher education scholarships to current Year 12 students.

Each teacher education scholarship is worth $4,000 ($1,000 for each semester) for two years of study for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Education (Primary or Secondary) degree at CHC. Applications are available from the Future Pathways office, please see Mr Nash. Scholarship applications will close on Friday 9 October 2015.

**Jobshow Thursday 20 August**

10am – 3pm & 4pm – 7pm Mooloolaba TAFE East Coast Campus

Students interested in attending the Job Show need to register online: http://www.thejobshow.com.au/

**Upcoming dates including open days**

- 8 August JMC Academy Night: go to http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/open-days/register and register your intention to attend.
- 8 August SAE Creative Media Institute, Brisbane Campus Corner of Jane Street & Riverside Drive, West End 4101. 11am – 3pm
- 9 August Griffith University, Nathan and Southbank
- 16 August QUT Open Day. Caboolture Campus, 10am-2pm.
- 20 August Jobshow – Mooloolaba TAFE East Coast Campus, 10am – 3pm and 4pm – 7pm
- 22 August - Christian Heritage College, 10am-2pm. A copy of the Open day program can be downloaded from http://chc.edu.au/.
- 22 August - Aviation Careers Expo 10am-4pm, 15-25 Boronia Rd Brisbane international Airport.

**Paul Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator**
Library Hours
Prep – Year 6 students: 8am – 3:15pm
Year 7 – 12 students: 8am – 4pm

Secondary Homework Club
Teachers volunteer their time to assist with the Homework Club on a rostered basis.
Every Thursday (Year 7-12) From 3pm – 4pm

MS Readathon is on during August (P-12)

It’s that time of the year again! The MS Readathon raises funds to provide vital services to people living with multiple sclerosis and their families while the search for a cure continues. Head to www.misreadathon.org.au to register or pick up a form at the Library. The program is open to all ages, and we encourage all students to get involved. As little as $50 will help a newly diagnosed person attend an information session where they can learn about their diagnosis and get much needed support. If you have any questions or need fundraising ideas, check out the online video or give the MS Readathon team a call on 1300 MS READ (or 1300 677 323).

The reading hour - Books and a Blanket night (P-6)

We are pleased to announce that author Aleesha Darlinson will be attending our Books and a Blanket night on Tuesday 18 August. The event celebrates the Reading Hour and will be held in the Library from 5pm – 6:30pm. Aleesha will be reading her new book Spider Iggy and running a reading session with younger students. Copies of Aleesha’s books will be available for sale and signing.

Students are invited to come along with a parent or caregiver, come dressed in their pyjamas and bring a book, blanket, torch and teddy. Tea, coffee and Milo will be served on arrival and students can find a comfy spot to snuggle up with a good book. Go to the Library Weebly under iRead (P-12) > College Events > Books and a Blanket for further details and to access the reply slip and sales list. RSVPs need to be returned to the Library by Friday 14 August.

Countdown to Book Week (P-12)

Australia is well known internationally for the creativity of its authors and illustrators and it is wonderful to know that children the world over, enjoy some of the best we have to offer. For 70 years the Children’s Book Council of Australia has been showcasing the work of our most notable authors and illustrators during ‘Book Week’ held in August each year. We’re never too old for a great story and we invite the GCC community to share in the excitement with us for Book Week 2015, where books light up our world!

A Book Week letter has been sent out to all families, outlining this year’s events including dress up requirements.

Book Week – the challenge is on! (P-9)

Students across the College have been encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities and competitions in the lead up to Book Week. Details about these events can be found on the Library Weebly under iRead (P-12) > College Events > Book Week > Primary and Secondary Competitions. This year two creative challenges have been set to showcase the theme and celebrate one of the shortlisted titles A house of my own by Jenny Hughes and Jonathon Bentley. They include:

• Creating a poster celebrating a Bible verse about light (Prep – Year 9)
• Designing and building a treehouse or lighthouse (Prep – Year 6)

All entries are due in the Library on Wednesday 19 August. A3 paper is available in the Library for students taking part in the poster competition and the Weebly contains links to relevant Bible verses. Make sure you pop in and see our larger than life lighthouse in the Library which the Primary Book Club has been working on. It’s impressive!

Middle School character dress up day (7-9)

This year the students in Middle School will be joining in the Book Week celebrations with a ‘Middle School Character Dress Up’ to be held on Tuesday 25 August. Middle School assembly will look quite different in Week 6 when different characters will take their seats and step out in style. Students are encouraged to come in character dress for a character who has lit up their world, or to dress to the theme: ‘Books light up our world’.

Riddle Chase (7-12)

Once again, the chase is on. Students will need to solve some clever clues and make their way around the Secondary campus to find their way to the prize! Miss Gook and Mrs Morris have been sharpening their wit in readiness for this task of clever quirkiness – don’t miss it! Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday lunch breaks in Week 6.

Book Fair (P–12) volunteers needed

The College community is invited to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that
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SPORTS NEWS

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Year 9 Readers’ Cup News

Year 9 Readers’ Cup Team are preparing for their biggest reading challenge – competing in the Sunshine Coast Regional Readers Cup Competition. The students have been working together as a team, reading six great books and preparing quiz questions for each other in readiness of an exciting evening of competition against over 20 other schools in the region. We wish them all the best as they compete at Immanuel College on the evening of 25 August.

Looking forward to celebrating all the exciting events during the term. See you in the Library!

Vanessa McKellar and Beryl Morris
Teacher Librarians

Noah and Adam Aiming High

Noah and Adam Smerdon are dedicated Motocross riders who have set tough goals for themselves but are right on track to meet them. They have been training hard and competing regularly this year in the Shell Series and Queensland Titles which finished during the last holidays.

After winning the Australian title for his age last year Noah elected to race against the age group above him on 65cc bikes for a little extra competition. He has also started racing the 85cc class as well. At 10 years old, Noah is now racing kids who are up to two years older than him (they can be 12 this year). It has been tough competition but he has done really well. He finished 2nd in the Shell Series (six round series) on his 65cc and 4th on his 85cc. He would have been 3rd on his 85cc except his bike had issues in a race and he didn’t finish. In the Queensland Titles Noah came 3rd on his 65cc and 5th on his 85cc. These results have put him in a good position for the Australian Titles in Bunbury, WA in eight weeks’ time. His goal is to podium on his 65cc and...
be in the top 10 on his 85cc. If he can do that it will be a fantastic result for his first year in this age group.

Adam has had some super tough competition this year too as he has moved into a class of 12 – u/16 year olds so at 12 years old he is certainly the youngest. However he has done very well to place 12th overall in both the Shell Series and the Queensland Titles. At the Australian Titles the age groups are split up so he will be in the 12-13 year group.

Because the Bunbury track is mostly sandy terrain and physically demanding the boys have had to increase their cardio training with a lot of hill sprints, swimming, mountain biking, push ups and the likes, to increase their stamina and physical strength. They are training nearly every day either on the bike or fitness.

We wish the boys all the best and look forward to seeing their results from the Motocross National Championships coming up in late September.

Cassidy Ferris Age Champion at District Athletics

Our 56 strong Primary District Athletics Team were keen to do their very best at the Glasshouse District Athletics Carnival last week. Many were hoping to qualify for the Sunshine Coast Regional Competition and others were just very proud to be competing at this District competition.

Cassidy Ferris was the outstanding performer, winning the title of 11 Year Girls Age Champion. She was strong in every event comfortably winning the 100m, 200m sprints, jumped a new personal best in the Long Jump which she also won and placed third in the 800m event.

This year the team placed second overall behind Elimbah State School after a 5 year winning run. GCC was ahead in points for much of the carnival and were just overtaken during the relays at the end of the second day. Only 8 points separated first and second so it was a very close competition.

Ten year old Lainey Greive, and 12 year olds Laura Vobr and Nicole Thuenissan were runner up Age Champions. Laura won both her favourite events the shot put and discus, and Nicole sprinted very well to win the 100m and 200m sprints. Lainey had a great carnival in a very competitive age group winning the high jump and long jump events and placing third in the 100m and 200m events.

Our 9 year boys relay team combined really well to place second in their 4 x 80 shuttle relay, a great result as not one of them qualified for the 80m final!

Noah Woolston and Damian Tomokino showed their strength and technique in the throws with Damien winning the discus and Noah winning the shot put. Cody O’Loan placed third and Damian fourth in this event also.

There were some very talented athletes at the carnival and everyone performed to the best of their ability, displaying great sportsmanship and determination. Support from parents was fantastic once again and we are also very grateful for all the help given during these two busy days.

The following students received top 3 placings almost all of them qualified to represent our Glasshouse District at the Sunshine Coast Athletics Championships in September.

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Junior Athletics Carnival

Friday 21 August 9am – 1:30 pm on GCC oval

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 shirts and 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.

P & F BBQ
Sausage Sizzle
water and poppers available

More photos here.
P AND F NEWS
The P and F are always looking for ideas for fundraisers/events. The money we raise benefits our children by going into our College for something we parents want for all the students, Prep to Year 12.

Earlier on in the week, an email was sent to College families asking for your ideas on fundraisers/events and something you would like to see P and F funds spent on. If you haven’t responded and would like to, please click on this link. We appreciate the support the College families give to the P and F.

Pavers
Just an update to those families who purchased a paver before the holidays. We hope to have more details in Term 4 on where these will be placed in the College grounds. With all the construction going on, we are trying to work out the best place where they are prominent and everyone can enjoy seeing them. We are also considering if we can lay them in conjunction with the plans we are working on, from the 2014 Funfest profits. We will keep you up to date once we know more.

Pie Drive Fundraiser
The P and F are going to be running a Pie Drive in the coming weeks. The pies are from a local bakery, very reasonably priced and delicious. Ask, friends, neighbours and family if they are interested in placing an order. Look out for the information which will be emailed home soon.

Fathers’ Day Stall
Our annual Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Thursday 3 September. If anyone is handy with making something suitable, or has another idea of something they would like to donate, then we are happy to take these off your hands. We do purchase a lot of items to sell on the day but we also have some College families who like to donate items.

Please email P and F to let us know and we can organise collecting them.

Prep – Year 6 Disco
The final disco for this year will be Friday 4 September. More details to come closer to the date.

Our next P and F meeting is Wednesday 2 September at 7pm in the College library. All welcome.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President
Pandf@glasshouse.qld.edu.au

HELPING HANDS

Become a whacky scientist.
Date: Thursday 20 August then five consecutive Thursdays
Time: 3:30pm to 4:45pm

If you’re looking for some fun science experiments for children then you’re in the right place. This program is full of fascinating hands-on experiments that are a great way to enjoy the world of science. This fantastic program is available to all the children.

On this extraordinary five week science journey all children will;
- have a Funky Gooey Mess
- be lost in Space
- go crazy with Balloon Madness
- be mystified by Illusions
- witness extraordinary Explosions

Whilst participating in experiments such as the making of elephant toothpaste, slime, egg drop and balloon powered cars! The program will look at chemistry, energy, biology, movement and the world around us. Over a five week program, you will be guided by our Mad Scientist to learn fun and exciting experiments!

For more information or to book this exciting five week program please contact Helping Hands Glasshouse Country on 0499 043 107 or email glasshousecountry@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Booking forms will also be available from the College office and Helping Hands Glasshouse Country service.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Enrol your child today
Saturday 22nd August 2015
12-2pm

Open Day
Saturday 22nd August 2015
12-2pm

Mankind, He has told you what is good what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8

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