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## COVER PHOTO

Our new captains help lead at the College Dedication. Primary Captains are Olivia Ellis and Daemon Cruise; Middle School Captains are Joshua Bull and Kirra Dodwell; and College/Senior Captains are Josh Andrews and Moale James.
Welcome to our very first newsletter for 2016. A lot has happened since last year so hopefully you’ve been able to keep up to date via our Facebook page or by visiting the College website every now and again.

**N Block now complete**

The biggest news is that N Block is now complete and our Year 2 and Primary French students moved in smoothly at the beginning of the year. N Block is significant because it means that all of our Primary students are finally out of the demountable classrooms and into permanent ones.

Moving our Year 2 students into N Block and subsequent shuffling meant that 22 classrooms were moved. This was a huge job and I want to thank everyone who helped with this. In particular, I would like to thank our maintenance team for all their hard work in such hot conditions.

The classrooms are lovely and I hope you will all be able to tour them properly on Open Day which is on Saturday 14 May this year. If you would like a sneak peak of the classrooms in action you can see photos here.

**New signage**

We finally have professional signage around the College. The main purpose was to provide clear directions but I think these signs have also really improved the overall look of the College. The signs are all modular so as the College expands, changes can be made at minimal cost.

Another sign you will see almost everywhere you look says: “DANGER, NO PEANUTS, SEVERE ALLERGY”. This is very important and is a life and death situation for some of our students so please be diligent in checking lunch boxes and ingredient list of muesli bars etc.

**Head trauma and other injuries we need to know about**

If there is an incident involving your son or daughter getting a knock to the head outside of school hours it is critical that we are informed. This is especially true if the knock resulted in concussion or medical attention; however even if this was not the case if the knock was severe it must be shared with us.

A young person can receive head trauma on the sporting field for example, experience some dizziness and then show no ill effects of the blow. For all intent and purpose he/she may look like they have completely recovered. All may be well, but in a small proportion of cases the head trauma can develop over a period of a few days into something more serious. So, even though it may look like your son/daughter has fully recovered from a head trauma incident it is critical that we are informed just in case symptoms present here at school. Innocuous symptoms like dizziness and nausea take on a new level of seriousness when associated with head trauma. Unlike most other injuries, head trauma rarely presents with any obvious effect and is therefore hidden. This is why it is so important to make us aware of such matters.

The best way to inform us is through an email to either your class teacher or PC teacher with a cc to Admin. This may mean that your son/daughter does not participate in any sporting activity for that day. Please include as part of the email the time and the date when the injury occurred and whether you received any medical advice concerning treatment.

**Uniforms**

Thank you everyone for your patience with some of the uniform troubles we have experienced. Our suppliers have been responsive to our concerns and have been repairing and reissuing faulty garments in a timely manner. If you do have a brand new but faulty garment please return it to the Uniform Shop so that a replacement can be ordered.

The senior shirts have now been replaced for all but a handful of people and we are envisaging that this will be rectified soon. This applies to the people who have submitted their shirts to the Uniform Shop. If you have needed to retain your faulty shirts you will need to now let the Uniform Shop know that you are ready to have these shirts replaced. Please come to the Uniform Shop as soon as you can with your faulty shirts so the damage can be documented and the replacement stock can be ordered.

**School photos**

This is a reminder that school photos for Middle and Senior Thursday 25 February (Primary were taken 18 February). It is important for your child to wear the full and correct formal uniform on those days. Middle and Senior students may need to bring their sports uniform and get changed into it if they require it at some point in the day.

**Chappy Michelle has left**

After the first week of school holidays Chappy Michelle handed in her resignation. She feels that God has called her to the Gold Coast and has already found a delightful apartment. Chappy Michelle was able to come back for a visit and say goodbye to students and staff. After almost ten years at GCC, Chappy Michelle had made many friends and lasting relationships. She will be missed.
We welcome Chappy Fi (Fiona Cran) who has joined us this year as our female chaplain. Chappy Fi will be mainly working with Secondary but she will be available for Primary students who would rather speak to a female for personal reasons. You can read more about Chappy Fi in her introduction later on in the newsletter.

New staff

Due to the growth of the College, each year we welcome new staff and I hope you take some time to read their introductions and look at their photo so next time you see them on campus you can make them feel welcome.

Events and activities

This year our newsletter will be coming out twice a term. That means that it could be a couple of weeks between an event happening and being reported on in the newsletter. However, you can read about the events and see photos without having to wait for the newsletter. Shortly after each event, photos are uploaded to our Facebook page and as soon as the article is written it is uploaded to our website.

If you don’t like waiting, just join our Facebook page or visit our website more often. Many schools have done away with formatted newsletters altogether and rely solely on their website and Facebook posts.

New GCC Activity Book

Colouring-in books are very popular at the moment so we have made our very own activity/colouring-in book using photos of our students at GCC. This book is a fun way for prospective families to become better acquainted with our College.

If your child features on one of the pages then we would like to give you one book for free as a thank you. Copies of the book are in Main Admin for perusal. If your child doesn’t feature but you would like a copy of the book, it can be purchased from Main Admin for $3.00.

This is quite a unique publication and we are not aware of any other schools which have created anything like it.

Bible verse for 2016

Parents who are frequently on campus may have noticed Micah 6:8 popping up in classrooms and around campus. This is our Bible verse for the year and I think it is one everyone can embrace. The verse says;

“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” It is a very practical verse with good values that would change society as we know it if everyone put them into practice.

I am praying that as our students learn this verse it will go with them for the rest of their days. Whether they end up in positions of great power or in a position where they can help just one person, I hope this verse will be ringing in the back of their mind and directing their thoughts and actions.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Baby News for Year 3G’s Mr Cooper

Congratulations to Jonathan Cooper, his wife Naomi and his family on the arrival of Joseph Zion Cooper who weighed in at a not so little nine pounds.

Jonathan wrote, “We greatly appreciate your prayers. There have been a few significant times in my life I’ve been tangibly aware of being carried along by others’ prayers and this was one of those times. The kids are besotted by their little brother and he is sleeping very well indeed (fingers crossed this will continue).

Jonathan and Naomi Cooper

Prep 2017 and Sibling Entry

Prep 2017 Enrolment Interviews

We will be commencing enrolment interviews shortly and I would like to extend an invitation to all our existing families to ensure they have submitted their enrolment application for all siblings who are eligible for Prep next year.

Students born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 are eligible for Prep 2017.

Sibling entry

If you have siblings interested in enrolling at GCC please note the following:

Parents should complete and submit a separate Application for Enrolment to the College for each new sibling. This is the first step in the enrolment process and families are
cautioned that whilst siblings are given priority enrolment consideration they are not guaranteed a place within the College. Please note that waiting lists are being experienced across some year levels and early submission of application forms is encouraged for consideration in future years.

Enrolment Procedure:

A completed Application for Enrolment Form (one per student) is to be returned to the Main Administration office together with a $50 application fee per student. This fee is not refundable. Please note that each application/fee does not guarantee a place at the College.

1. Application forms are to be supported with the following documentation:
   - Naplan results (where applicable)
   - Last two years’ school reports (four reports)
   - Copy of birth certificate
   - For further documentation please see the checklist in the application

2. Failure to provide supporting documentation delays the application for enrolment process unnecessarily.

3. Due to waiting lists in many year levels now, early submission of applications is advised.

4. An enrolment interview may then be scheduled with the appropriate Head of School. You will be advised of the outcome of the interview by mail.

5. Should a placement with the College be offered, this will be deemed to be accepted once a signed acceptance and bond payment of $400 per family is received by the College.

If you have any doubt that you have followed this procedure, please contact College Registrar: Sonya Bowden to clarify.

Sonya Bowden, College Registrar

Welcoming New Staff for 2016

Introducing Jonathan Cooper

Hi! My name is Jonathan Cooper and I am the new 3G teacher. I am delighted to be teaching at Glasshouse Christian College. I have been teaching for 13 years and was previously at Ipswich Junior Grammar and Saint Philip’s Christian College in Newcastle (NSW).

My wife and I recently had our fourth child and moved to the Sunshine Coast from Brisbane. I have also previously worked full time in church ministry and been very involved with youth and music. I am excited about partnering with parents in helping to bring out the God-given potential of their children.

Introducing Debbie McKinley

My name is Debbie McKinley and I am happy to be joining GCC in 4G.

I have been teaching in Sippy Downs at Chancellor State College for the past five years. I have a degree in Primary Education and a Post Graduate degree in TESSOL. I care very much for the whole child and believe that children need good teaching as well as love and care to grow. I have high expectations of myself and my class, which I hope will be fulfilled through support, encouragement and hard work. My two beautiful girls join me at GCC as well.

I love reading, gardening and spending time with family and friends. I look forward to getting to know you and your families this year: God bless.

Introducing Lee-Ann Brissett

Hi, my name is Lee-Ann Brissett and I am the new teacher of 3W.

I have recently moved to Queensland from Victoria, where I had been teaching at Maranatha Christian School for the past 11 years. I have a bachelor of Primary Education degree. I have been teaching for 23 years in total. I love working with children and helping them to grow.

When I am not at school I love to read and travel. I also love taking photos when I am exploring new places.

Introducing Morgan Wayne

Hi, my name is Morgan Wayne and I am a new Year 6 teacher at GCC. I have been teaching for a number of years, and my career has seen me specialise in the Upper Primary area. I am passionate about teaching Maths especially. Most recently I was teaching in Year 7 at a high school on the coast.

My wonderful family consists of my wife who is also a teacher, three daughters and three spoilt cats! I enjoy living near the beach and making the best of the great weather Queensland offers.

I am excited to be working at GCC and am looking forward to being part of the community.

Introducing Tania Calais

Hello, I’m Tania Calais, and I’m pleased to be joining the English/Humanities team this year; teaching Years 7W and 9G, along with English Communication to Year 10, and Senior English to one Year 11 class. I am also the Year 9G PC teacher.
I’ve been involved in education for about 25 years, with half of that time teaching mainly English, Humanities and Religious Education subjects, and for the other half I’ve been involved in school leadership for a small private system of schools both in Melbourne, VIC, and here in South Queensland.

I have two children – one studying primary teaching at university, and the other in Year 12. In my spare time I love being with my kids, and I enjoy reading, going to theatrical productions... and fishing! I’m really looking forward to getting to know the GCC students and parents.

Introducing Sharon Wolsley

Hi. My name is Sharon Wolsley and I am the new Teaching Assistant in Hospitality. I have come from Bendigo Victoria, where I worked as receptionist at Victory Christian College. I am married to Rob who has been a Youth Pastor for the last 28 years, and have two beautiful boys, Josh (23) and Ben (21) who both study with YWAM (Youth With a Mission).

I’ve had a lot of experience in hospitality over the years including Cafe Church, a Youth Drop-In Centre, Youth Camps, and various Church functions. I love working in a school environment, especially with the kids, encouraging them to be all that God created them to be.

Introducing Tuija Hast

Hi, my name is Tuija Hast and I am the new secondary French teacher. I am very excited to be part of GCC.

For the past 16 years I have taught secondary school students in Finland, in the country where I was born. My family and I moved to the Sunshine Coast about six months ago and we just love it! I’m married with two daughters and my passions include visual arts and sports – especially swimming, running, triathlon and group fitness.

I look forward to working with you all!

Introducing Jose Fuentes Omana

Hola! My name is Jose Fuentes Omana. I am the new Maths Teacher for Years 10 and 11, and the Pastoral Care Teacher for 10W.

I am from Venezuela (South America) and came to Australia in 2010. My wife is from Norway. I met her in Australia and we celebrated our second wedding anniversary this year. Three months ago we had our first baby.

This is my first year as a secondary teacher. I completed my Secondary Education degree at Christian Heritage College and a Masters in Engineering Science at USQ. Before becoming a teacher I worked as an engineer for six years in different industries, putting into practice my academic science knowledge.

I chose secondary teaching so I could have a positive influence in the lives of students and encourage them to learn and use their knowledge to serve others as Jesus said in His Word.

Introducing Fiona Cran

Hi there, my name is Fiona Cran, AKA Chappy Fi! I have been working in children’s and youth ministry for 20 years, most recently as an RI teacher in four local Hinterland schools. I am really excited to be working at GCC and journeying through life and faith with the students, staff and families.

I am married with four children who are all at university! I love the outdoors, bush and beach, being creative with art and craft, and cooking then eating (especially the eating part!). You might see me round school carrying my friend Ozzie so make sure you come and say hi to us!

Introducing Carol McKee

Hi, my name is Carol McKee and I am the new Future Pathways Coordinator.

I moved to Australia from Ireland 8 years ago with my husband and three children and have worked for seven years at Suncoast Christian College. It has been fantastic living on the Sunshine Coast and we feel very much at home. Weekend walks on the beach with my cocker spaniel pup make me feel very blessed to live in such a gorgeous spot!

I also love to cook and unwind by coming up with new recipes for friends and family. I am very excited to get to know the students at Glasshouse Christian College and to find their passions and God given talents. It is great to think outside of the box with students and help them realise that the world is their oyster. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing young people excited about their future!

Year 9 Dinner Dance photos

The Year 9 Dinner Dance photos are here! Thanks to Mr Evans for working on these beautiful photos over his holidays. Go to the following link http://bradleyphotograph.com.au/year-9-dinner-dance-2015/ and then scroll down and click on the link after: “Download your photos”.
It is difficult to believe that we are at the end of Week 4 already. The
beginning of the school year is such a busy time with new students,
different classes, checking student data from the previous year; new
staff settling into all the processes for GCC, standardised testing
for reading age and spelling age, ACER testing for new students and the list goes on. In
fact these are only a few of the important things done at the beginning of any year; however, we are now settled into the routines for the 2016 school year and we are confident that it will be another great one with the various activities which are specific to our College.

To see the new Preppies walking to the library or to specialist lessons it is hard to comprehend that they have only been at school for 18 days. Even at the Whole School Dedication Assembly these Prep students were able to sit quietly and participate very well.

The official opening of N Block, our first permanent Primary building, will be on 8 March and the Year 1 and 2 students will be special guests at this important ceremony.

Our elected Primary Leaders for 2016 have almost been finalised and we will be having our Induction Assembly on 18 March. It is so wonderful to see how the Year 6 students, as potential Primary Leaders, have risen to the challenge of serving the College by volunteering for the numerous jobs in the breaks. Teachers are very appreciative as the assistance from these Year 6 students helps provide so many opportunities for younger students. On any one day they are in the Prep helping little ones to open their yoghurt, navigate their straw into the tiny hole in the tetra pack fruit juice, or pushing young children on the swing during play time. In other parts of the College they will be putting out sand toys, refereeing soccer matches or assisting in the library.

But perhaps the most exciting job for them is helping with our new additions this year; the bikes, trikes and cars, which the Year 1 and Year 2 students are able to use in the OLA. Oh what fun this is!

Please remember to allow your child to bring their bike helmet on the day designated for their class. As one child excitedly told someone in the office, after his class was rostered to use the bikes and cars one day last week, “Today was the BEST day of my WHOLE life!”

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Meet the Teacher evening last week. Mrs Mitchell and I enjoyed spending a little time in the class presentations for each year level and we are sure that you will now be more informed about how to assist your children throughout the year. We value these strong partnerships between home and the College. Thank you for your support.

Last week’s swimming carnival was such an enjoyable day. We are always so thrilled with the number of parents and family members who support days like this and would particularly like to thank parents who assisted by taking a job for the day. We couldn’t run these carnivals with staff only. Great swimming during the day saw some long standing records broken convincingly. Congratulations to those students who broke swimming records! For photos of the day click here.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Meg the Wildlife Warrior

Meg (in 5M) is part of the Wildlife Warriors at Australia Zoo.

Late last year Meg took part in the Readathon challenge set up by Bindi Irwin to raise funds for the animal hospital at Australia Zoo. Meg raised over $700 and came 5th out of all the entries from all over the globe!

She also was picked to be the Joey reporter for the Crikey! Magazine Summer issue.

A huge thanks goes out to all her wonderful teachers at GCC who have helped to nurture her love of reading and writing. She is a credit to them all.

Meg and her sister (Chloe: Prep W) had the privilege of meeting the Irwins last week, and Bindi was very happy to meet one of her star Joey’s and a future wildlife warrior!

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

While it has been a hot start to the year; this hasn’t fried the enthusiasm of our young gardeners. Our citrus patch was overtaken by Cosmos flowers during the holidays so muscles were needed to remove them and the weeds. The eager workers removed all of the flowers and the weeds and mulched the whole area and it now looks fantastic. Preppies have planted lots of flower seedlings into their adopt-a-gardens, which should become very colourful in the next few months. Classes have planted eggplant, cabbage, lettuce, pumpkin, capsicum, shallots and zucchini into the vegetable beds and we have harvested an abundant amount of tomatoes, corn and rosemary that was left growing over the summer holidays.
Our theme this term is ‘Eat a Rainbow’. We are learning the importance of eating a variety of different coloured fruit and vegetables and how each different colour provides our bodies with different vitamins and minerals to keep us healthy. All of the food we are cooking this term encompasses this theme. One of the favourites so far is ‘Rainbow muffins’. These tasty savoury muffins can be added to the lunch box for a healthy alternative to sandwiches. More photos here.

**Rainbow muffins**

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12 tray muffin tin with cases.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 2 cups of self raising flour (GF can be substituted)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup of corn kernels
- ½ cup of tasty cheese, grated
- ½ cup of tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup of milk
- ½ cup of olive oil
- ¼ cup of chopped herbs
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 2 leaves of purple kale, finely chopped
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper to taste

**METHOD**
Place all ingredients into a large mixing bowl. Stir until well combined. Spoon into prepared muffin tin. Bake in oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Happy gardening and cooking,

*Mandy Ward and Shelby Stott, The Kitchen Garden Team*

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Welcome to all our new students and their families to Middle School at GCC for 2016. So much has already happened in the past four weeks along with the real business of lessons, homework and assignments. Some of these are:
- Year 7 Orientation Day
- Year 8 Camp (photos)

Interestingly, when it comes to success and doing well academically, it’s the camps, goal-setting days and students’ extra-curricular involvement in sport, music, and other activities that develop the grit and perseverance that are the one important common denominator to academic success and high grades. So how do you help or assist your child to build this? Research in this area has found:
- It is more important to focus on how hard a student has worked rather than their natural innate abilities. Congratulate your child for their effort when they have done well.
- Help your child to understand that their brain and their intelligence is capable of growing and changing depending on how they use and apply themselves.
- Use inspirational stories of your own or others (such as entrepreneurs, explorers etc.) demonstrating where they kept going even through the tough times to achieve great success.
- Allowing failure can be helpful – there’s no such thing as a mistake if you learn from it. A mistake with safe consequences can be a great way to learn.
- Taking small steps in learning helps them cope and feel achieved rather than overwhelmed when they see the larger task or a more complex problem.
- Give your child new responsibilities as they get older. This will develop his or her confidence. I remember reading of a parent who entrusted their teenage son to bring in their larger boat into safe harbour (with choppy weather!)
- This TED talk clip and this article have some further insights on this topic.

**Adjustment to Homework guidelines and suggested allocations for each subject.**

Previously the Parent handbook Homework Table has had an equal time allocation for Maths and Humanities. However, Humanities at GCC is a combination of three core subjects, (English, History and Geography).
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Year 8 trip to Retirement Village

Last year Year 8 visited the local aged care facility to share some Christmas cheer in the form of hand made cards and gifts, and carols. The students had some surprising and sometimes frank conversations with our senior citizens, and shared some quality time. They came away with heart warming experiences and many want to return for another visit.

Many thanks to the staff and volunteers at the McKenzie Age Care facility for helping us to have such a lovely visit.

Kerrianne Draper, Year 8 Level Coordinator

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Please also remember that we are encouraging students to read for 20 minutes/night. However, around assessment time, if students have spent considerable time on assignments or study, students can choose to have a break and I would encourage parents to monitor this. Also, please encourage your child to email their teachers regarding homework/assessment queries.

A few reminders for Middle School Students

1. Road crossing - pedestrians are reminded to use the crossings at all times.
2. Homework Club - Thursday 3:00 - 4:00pm. This is a great service for students who may want some additional help with homework or assignments. Note: the library is open every afternoon until 4:00pm for quiet study work.
3. Computer use while at College must only be school-related. There is to be no access to non-school related websites or games. At home, use of the computer is at the parents’ discretion.
4. Contact your child’s Pastoral Care Teacher for general concerns. Remember that staff will respond during work time and to please allow them two days for a response.
5. Up and coming dates for your calendar:
   6. Next Thursday - PHOTOS Students are to wear full formal uniform on this day. (Boys need belt and tie).
6. Week 6 Monday 29 February - Elevate Study Skills Workshop for Year 7 and 8. Parent Info Evening 6:00 - 7:30pm in the College Theatre.
7. Week 6 Tuesday - Legacy Cup Clean up Australia Day event in first session of the day - students MUST wear their House shirts.
8. Week 8 Tuesday 15 March, 6:00pm: Year 7 Canberra Camp Information evening in the Theatre.

Other noteworthy items

• We are now moving into the assessment time, please remind your child to email their teachers directly if they need an extension for an assessment deadline. (The forms can be found on Connect.)
• Assessment Calendars can be found on the Connect site that your child has access to, or the College website. Ask them to print out a copy for the fridge or their study area.
• Reading focus this year - all Middle School students should be reading 20 minutes/week night.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Year 8 Camp Tuchekoi 2016

This year the Year 8s jumped straight into the action with a camp in the second week of school. It was quite a feat to take students on camp so early in the year, and we were a little concerned as to how this would work given that students and teachers had only been together for 7 days!

However; we were all surprised and amazed at how much this camp brought the students and teachers along as a group to move forward together into this year. Having to help each other through long bush hikes, set up and run a campsite together; and solve group challenges helped the students to bond with their Pastoral Care groups a lot quicker than in previous years. Photos here.
This week we inducted our Year 12 College Leaders. They are:
College Captains: Moale James and Josh Andrews,
Faith and Community Captains: Holly Dodwell, Emma Johnson, Lani Kombanie and Isabelle Westaway
Sports Captain: Thomas Boroughs
Performing Arts Captain: Holly Colvin
House Captains: Ararat: Nichola Bates and Lachlan McCaig; Sinai: Talia Rosa-Denham and James Proud; Zion: Rebekah Groer and Durack Underwood.

All our Year 12 students are seen as leaders in their own right. Undoubtedly there are many younger students who look up to our Seniors as role models and so it is so important for them to set the right example. Such simple little things like wearing their uniform with pride can easily impact younger students. Careless language is easily picked up by younger ears as well. Our Seniors have taken a pledge and we will review this pledge throughout the year so they don’t easily forget the influence they have on the student body.

QUT Student Ambassadors
Four students from Year 10 and 11 have been selected to represent our school again as QUT Young Ambassadors. They are: Year 11: Jesse Woods and Billie Sandes and Year 10: Jade Curtis and Stephanie Freeman. These students will attend workshops at QUT each term and will be able to provide a students perspective to QUT management.

Plus Fitness Membership Winners
At the end of last year Josie Robertson, Manager of Beerwah Plus Fitness approached the College and kindly donated full annual memberships for two worthy recipients from each grade from Year 9 to 12. These have been chosen and will be made known at a special assembly on 29 February. I would like to publicly thank Josie for this generous donation.

It is wonderful for the College to have these links with our wider community. As seen so often in the media, the fitness levels of our young people can be a problem and so we support this initiative wholeheartedly.

Swimming Carnival
We had a great Secondary Swimming Carnival. It was such a close competition between our houses and congratulations go to Ararat who were the eventual winners. As is so often the case, the winning house was ultimately the one with the greatest participation. I want to thank those students who swam in virtually every event. I also applaud those who got involved even though swimming is not entirely one of their gifts. The fact they gave it a go meant their house was awarded points. I want to thank the staff for their hard work throughout the day to make the event run so smoothly and the parents who came and supported the event. For photos of the day click here.

The big change for 2016 was holding this carnival on a Wednesday. This decision was made deliberately in an endeavour to reduce the interruptions to the Senior academic programs. Unfortunately some students still chose to stay away from the carnival even though attendance is compulsory. The College needs parents support for attendance at events like this.

If your child is in Year 11 or 12 then please note the following Wednesday dates for compulsory school attendance:
23 March – Secondary Cross Country Carnival (half day attendance only)
25 May – Secondary Athletics Carnival
22 June – Start of the Year 11 Camp

Please note also the date of Tuesday, 1 November our 2016 Awards Night which is also compulsory attendance.

Future Pathways
I am very pleased to see the number of students making the most of opportunities available to explore career choices. This year we have five Year 12 and 17 Year 11 students studying the Diploma of Business course that we are offering. We also have students doing Headstart University subjects, TAFE courses and various traineeships and apprenticeships. We welcome to the College, Mrs Carol McKee who is our Future Pathways Coordinator and encourage all students who are not sure of their options after leaving school to touch base with her. Mrs McKee will be working particularly with our Year 10 students this term in preparing them for their work experience program held early in Term 2.

DeLorean Project
Have you heard about the Delorean Project which our Year 10s are doing? This is extremely exciting. Each Wednesday our Year 10s are working on a range of projects in areas/topics that interest them. These projects are negotiated with our DeLorean Project Facilitators and will ultimately take the year to complete. Every project meets a need in the community and develops the ‘21st Century Skills’ that employers say young people MUST have to be successful in the workforce of the future. Some of our students have the opportunity to work with the USC and we are excited about what they will be producing. I am sure that this independent learning will prepare them greatly for their senior years of schooling and beyond. If you’d like to see what the DeLorean Project is up to please visit www.deloreanproject.com.au

Study Skills
On 29 February, each Senior-Year Level will participate in a double period session designed to empower our students to become better learners. They will be taught...
range of study skills that we are hoping they will incorporate into their home study program as well as at school. In the evening we will be holding a parent information night so you too can understand what benefits students and their learning. I hope you will get answers to those age old questions:

- Does listening to music while you study make you a better learner?
- How can I help my student to become a better learner?

If you haven’t received an email from us about the evening then please contact the College.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Agricultural Science

The first weeks of Agricultural Science 2016 have been inspiring with a great bunch of Year 12s continuing their agricultural journey and a fresh batch of 17 new Year 10s. Already there have been loads of hands-on learning which has involved checking out various crops, harvesting produce and feeding pigs, sheep, chickens and cattle!

Alongside all the practical fun, the Year 10 students have immersed themselves into the world of plant science, designing and planning their investigation into inoculation of pulse plant growth for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Plant Science Competition.

Jade King, Head of Agricultural Science

Shrove Tuesday (9 February)

Year 10 sold pancakes to students to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. The students ran back and front of house, serving all students and staff. (Photos here).

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent which is the time of the church calendar when some Christians prepare for Easter by remembering the 40 days Jesus spent praying in the wilderness and not giving into temptation.

In the past people would try to make good by confessing all their sins on this day. They hoped that their sins would be forgiven. Another word for forgiven is ‘Shriven’ and that is where the word Shrove came from. Pancakes are a traditional food on this day in many cultures.

Today, we know today that the only way to have our sins forgiven is through Jesus Christ. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for all the wrongs we have done and all we have to do is ask Him to forgive us.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

Year 10 Work Experience

The excitement is beginning to build for students about their work experience placements as we investigate the benefits it will bring to their personal development, future planning and resume building.

A number of sessions have been planned including, workplace communication, presentation, first impressions, WHS, healthy attitudes in the workplace and much more, so that our students are really ready to shine and impress the local business community.

In the next few weeks, placements will be handed out with work experience agreement forms that need to be signed by the student, parent and employer and returned to the College before work experience can commence. During this appointment with the employer students will have an induction and the opportunity to find out the employer’s expectations for the placement. Further details of the process will be sent out via email.

Construction White Safety Card

Students who have chosen to sample a trade or may be visiting building sites will need to have their Qld Construction White Safety Card to be covered by insurance.

There are a number of online providers but I have personal experience with Blue Dog Training who offer a 50% discount to high school students. The course takes about three hours to complete (doesn’t have to be in one go) and is entirely online. To avoid panic at the last minute it may be an idea to have your student start this in the next couple of weeks. Here is a link to the website: https://bluedogtraining.com.au/

Students who have yet to submit a preference form should do so without delay as we are keen to secure quality placements for all our students. If they are unsure of what they would like to do, please encourage them to call into the Future Pathways Office to have a chat and brainstorming session!

Defence Force Work Experience Opportunities for Year 11 and 12

There are a number of ADF Work Experience opportunities throughout the year. These are just a sample of what is coming up in the next few months:

Girls only Taste of Navy Trades in Brisbane - 14 March

A hands-on and interactive experience for young women considering a career in Navy technical trades. The activity will primarily focus on a number of hands on tasks showcasing technical/mechanical skills, damage control, communications
and an opportunity to interface with serving Navy sailors and Recruiting personnel.

**Gallipoli Barracks Army Field Experience - 21-23 March**
This work experience activity provides an introduction to the 7th Brigade and provides information on Army careers, enlistment and training procedures.

Participants will rotate through the Mess, Weapons Training Simulation System (WTSS), Gym (including a fitness assessment), RAR Memorial and Museum, Base Accommodation, Battle Simulation Centre & Night Vision Training Centre (Ninox). Information on the Defence Recruiting process will also be programmed.

**RAAF Amberley Air Force Familiarisation Program - 4-6 April**
Students will be exposed to a program of indoor and outdoor activities providing participants with an insight into a wide range of careers including: aircrew type employment through to engineering, maintenance, logistics, air traffic control, fire & rescue, administration, ground defence and many others.

* Please note that students must be over 16 years old and numbers are strictly limited. Early applications are recommended to ensure a placement. Interested students should see me as soon as possible.

**Health Heroes**
Health Heroes is an educational career expo for Year 10, 11 and 12 students held at Kawana Waters State College adjacent to the Kawana health precinct and construction site of Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital on 6 May.

With over 80 health services showcased in engaging workshops and displays, students have the opportunity to talk directly with health professionals and advisors from universities and other training providers to gain information on the broad range of career and training pathways.

Students will learn of the growing health sector on the Sunshine Coast as well as information on the occupations required in the near future with the completion of Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital.

Students interested in finding out more about a career in the health industry should see me to express their interest.

**Big Day In at USC – 21 April**
As the technology industry evolves, one of its main challenges is helping to prepare students for the job roles of tomorrow. The ACS Foundation, in partnership with Digital Careers, is addressing this challenge by directly connecting students with entrepreneurs and companies who have proven ‘real world’ experience.

The Big Day In is a tech careers conference with a difference. It’s organised, run and hosted by students for students. Companies such as Microsoft, CSIRO, Google, IBM, Westpac, HP & WiseTech Global highlight the future of technology and how students can get on board.

Through interactive presentations, demonstrations and competitions, tech gurus show students how they built their careers and how students can kick-start theirs too.

This is a whole day conference for Year 11 and 12 students who are interested in a career in technology and sells out every year. I already have some names but at the moment it appears some tickets are still available (funded by the College), so if your student missed the information at senior assembly, there is still time to get on board!

**Certificate II in Aircraft Line Maintenance – Year 11 Students**
Since 2001, Aviation Australia has been providing aviation training that has created partnerships with over 150 industry organisations comprising airlines, aerospace companies, governments, defence forces and regulatory authorities.

- Commencing 14 April 2016.
- Duration two years (completion at the end of 2017) one day per week and two weeks block per year.
- Pathway outcomes - Apprenticeship, Airline Maintenance Engineer (Qualified), Airline Maintenance Engineer (Licensed).
- Location - Aviation Australia, 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport (direct public transport available).
- Maximum 24 places available.

If your student is interested they should see me before 26 February so I can submit an expression of interest.

**Scholarship Opportunity for Year 12 Students Interested in studying Quantity Surveying**
The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) offers a number of scholarships each year for Year 12 students who qualify for entry into a Quantity Surveying, Construction Economics, Construction Management (Economics) or other appropriate courses at an AIQS accredited university in Australia.

The scholarship is to the total value of AU$3,000. This includes:
- AU$2,000 cash (there are no restrictions on its use); and,
- AIQS published textbooks and manuals to the value of AU$1,000.

Applications are now open, with a deadline of Tuesday 26 April 2016. See me for more information on how to apply.
A Parents’ Guide to Career Development

One of the most valuable things a parent can do to assist their student with the career planning process is to listen and maintain an open mind to often unclear and wandering ideas. Career development can be stressful—this may be the first really big decision your student has ever had to make.

For a full list of things you as parents and caregivers can do to help get your child focussed, please click here.

Carol McKee, Future Pathways Coordinator

MUSIC

Instrumental Band Program begins again

Our Year 5 students arrived home with their chosen instruments last week and have hopefully spent the week either reintroducing themselves to their instrument from last year or starting from scratch on something new that interests them.

Our instrumental lessons are Wednesday mornings from 8:40 – 9:40am with our tutors and the students must bring their instrument, red music book and Practice Journal to every lesson.

We recommend that students spend a minimum of 50 minutes a week practising and any encouragement that family members can provide in this area is greatly appreciated by all of our tutors.

We are also running an Alternate Music Program for those students who felt that an instrument and the band setting were just not for them at this time.

If you have any questions at all regarding this program or about the instruments themselves, please do not hesitate to contact the Music Department.

Year 9 Music Excursion – Indiana Jones

On Saturday 6 February, the Year 9 Music class was privileged to travel to Brisbane Convention Centre to watch and hear the Queensland Symphony Orchestra perform the soundtrack live to the heroic, classic movie ‘Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark’. This was a great start to our unit ‘Film Music’. On behalf of the students, we thank Ms Hilton and Mrs White who were involved in this wonderful experience.

Hamish White

Piano Exams:

A number of students completed piano exams during the holidays. They all received outstanding results.

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Congratulations to all the students who completed their piano exams.

Instrumental Music Lessons:

Instrumental music lessons have commenced for the year. We offer lessons on guitar, percussion, piano, strings – violin and cello, voice (singing), woodwind – flute, clarinet, saxophone and brass – trumpet and trombone. If you would like to enrol your student in lessons, please visit the College website and click on Learning -> Music Program. You will also find contact details of all of our tutors if you would like to discuss lessons further with them. Alternatively, you can drop into the Secondary Music Room (H1) and discuss lessons with Miss Hilton.

We also have a number of ensembles students can participate in.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours

The library is open Monday-Friday during term time.

- Prep - Year 6 Students: 8:00am – 3:15pm
- Year 7 - 12 Students: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Homework Club:

Every Thursday (Year 7-12) From 3:00pm – 4:00pm

We’ve had a busy but productive start to the year and have enjoyed meeting all the new GCC students. Thank you to the many families that dropped in during Admin Week to help get our Secondary students organised. Miss Amber Burchell joined our team and will be working at the front desk to assist with library loans and requests. We’ve also had a new set of Year 6 Library Monitors join us, who have been a brilliant addition to our team. We look forward to meeting new families across the College and supporting teaching and learning at GCC. We have a huge year of library events planned and look forward to seeing them unfold in 2016.

Primary Library News:

Library Borrowing

Please note the Primary borrowing days below. All students are expected to borrow regularly to assist with home reading practice and to foster a love of reading. New titles are added regularly to ensure students have plenty of choice and we welcome ideas for new titles in our suggestion box.

Students in Prep – Year 2 are expected to have a GCC Velcro bag for borrowing and will receive prizes each term for consistently bringing their library bag. If students in Prep are away, miss their lesson or forget their bag, they must borrow with a parent/caregiver or sibling, or wait until the next lesson. If Year 1 and 2 students miss a lesson they can come and borrow by themselves at a convenient time.

Primary Book Exchanges

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I am sure many of you have seen the old bumper sticker “Christian’s aren’t perfect, just forgiven” at some point in your travels.

From what I have seen, it is often used to rebut some criticism of Christianity, particularly when a critic points out a Christian’s sin. It has been used to defend lying, stealing and even recently, in regards to the Royal Commission into institutional responses to child abuse.

While the statement itself might be true, I think it is something that we as Christians should leave behind. Jesus may have been the “friend of sinners”, and eaten meals with all kinds of ‘bad’ people, but there was one group he simply could not stand: religious hypocrites.

Our verse for the year, Micah 6:8 shows us a helpful pattern for how to act in this regard. Firstly, we are to “act justly”. This means that we should live the right way, and act quickly when we see others being treated unfairly. When others do ‘stuff up’, which they will, we need to “love mercy” enough to forgive (without forgetting to act justly).

Finally, when we personally ‘stuff up’ we need to be humble enough in our walk with God to admit error and apologise unreservedly. Instead of saying “Christians aren’t perfect, just forgiven” we should try saying “This is not the way Christians are called to live, I am sorry”. After all, Pobody’s Nerfect.

Chappy Dan Bassett
Great Competition and Fun as Moores smash records at Swimming Carnivals

Joshua and Caitlin Moore showcased their talent as swimmers at the recent carnivals. The brother and sister team broke 12 out of a possible 12 records over two amazing days of swimming.

Students were excited to be able to race against their classmates and gain valuable points for their houses at the Primary Swimming Carnival. Tents were decorated by the newly appointed House Captains and their team war cries rang out all day as they supported their teammates.

This year, all Year 3 and Year 6 students competed, meaning eight-year-olds raced for the first time. To find the 12-year-old swimmers Age Champions, times were compared with 12-year-old times at the Secondary Carnival.

Children raced in divisions according to their ability allowing the not so confident students a chance to win a ribbon. A Division competitors raced for Age Champion points and also positions in the GCC Team to swim in the Glasshouse District Swimming Carnival. Novelty races, relays and a Bomb competition added to the fun of the day which was concluded by the Flying Squad Relays and Teacher verses Student Relay.

At just 10 years old Joshua Moore rewrote the record books by setting new records in the six events he was able to swim in. He smashed the 50m butterfly record by 22 seconds! Josh was pushed along by Jaymes Roser in many races, but Josh was too strong and fit. He has been training hard and his strokes were smooth and fast.

After comparing the 12-year-old times, Caitlin Moore also showed her class by comfortably winning every race. Just like her brother Joshua, Caitlin also broke six records, smashing the 200m individual medley record by more than 40 seconds.

We look forward to seeing both Joshua and Caitlin competing at District, Regional and hopefully State levels in the next few months.

Reaghan Boxsell and Hunter Smith dominated their eight-year-old age groups to become Age Champions.

Maximum points were gained by eight-year-old Bronte Brannigan and 10-year-old Joshua Moore as they won every race they swam to dominate their age groups.

Amy Trevan and Ella Childs dominated the 11-year-old girls competition with Amy winning all but one race of their six.

Caitlin Moore won all six of her events to also gain maximum points and become 12-year-girls Age Champion.

Age Champion place-getters are as follows:

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Overall Secondary and Primary Swimming Carnival scores combined gave the result of…

1st Ararat    2nd Sinai    3rd Zion

Congratulations to everyone who competed. (Photos here.)

Wendy Stott

Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sport

Each term the Year 5 and 6 students play sport against other schools in the Glasshouse area. These games are held on two or three Fridays towards the end of each term.

Students have the opportunity to trial for these teams during lunch breaks. Four teams will be selected for each sport.

During Term 1 softball will be played in this competition. Students are trialling and training now and we hope they learn much about the game of softball and also enjoy playing with classmates against other schools.

Soccer and netball will be played in Term 2, touch football in Term 3 and AFL in Term 4. We look forward to a great year of sport with these students.
**Noah Smerdon Gains KTM Rider Contract**

Christmas came early for Noah with a sponsorship contract from KTM Australia arriving in December. Noah’s goal since he started racing at five years old was to be selected to join the KTM Australia Junior Team. He is the youngest and only Queensland rider to join four other riders from throughout Australia and on the team.

With the sponsorship from KTM Australia and Motorex with bikes and oils, Noah also receives support from Lusty Industries and Troy Lee Designs with race gear and helmets, Dunlop for tyres and Kustom MX for graphics for his bikes and race jerseys. He also has support from his personal sponsors MXRP in Kunda Park with bike suspension and CFX Seats in New Zealand who provide all his customised seat covers.

Noah and his family are very appreciative of the opportunity he has been given by KTM Australia. His commitment and dedication to motocross is paying off and he hopes that the two Australian 65cc titles he has won are just the beginning of a successful racing career: Winning these titles as well as his results at a State level were instrumental in his being selected for the team.

Noah’s goal this year is to win both Australian titles on the 65cc and 85cc and hopes to have the chance to represent Australia at the World Junior Motocross titles in Russia later in the year. Ultimately, Noah wants to race overseas while still a junior rider (under 16) before making the move permanently to live in Europe or the USA and ride professionally.

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

We would like to welcome all new families to the College. Tuckshop is open every day except Wednesday. Orders can be processed online through Flexischools. These need to be submitted by 9am on Tuckshop days. You will need to register on www.flexischools.com.au. You can also submit orders through Flexischools from the mobile phone App.

Years 7-12 can purchase food over the counter, except pre-ordered food on the menu. Prep to year 6 are not allowed to purchase food over the counter. The children must order on a bag or online. To access the Tuckshop menu go to the College website, click on College Life then Tuckshop or click here.

If you would like to volunteer feel free to come and put your name down. For any enquiries the Tuckshop direct phone number is 5436 5654.

*Cathy Boyer & Lauren Bottrill*

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**Secondary Swimming Carnival**

All of the photos from the Secondary Swimming Carnival have been posted on the GCC: [Facebook page](#) and [Website](#).
SWIMMING CARNIVAL PHOTOS

PRIMARY

SECONDARY
Welcome back to another year at GCC.

**What is P and F?**

The P and F (Parents and Friends) facilitates social activities, arranges fundraising to provide additional support for College needs, and assists in the building of the College community. As a P and F we also support College teachers, staff, children and parents/caregivers. Everyone is welcome to monthly meetings. Dates can be found on the College calendar.

We have already begun planning for the year ahead.

**Funfest**

If you haven’t already, mark this event in the calendar for Saturday, 30 July.

Funfest is our major fundraiser held every two years. With stalls, rides, displays, food, entertainment and so much more. It’s a great family day out and a terrific way to raise valuable funds for the P and F. A committee of our wonderful College families has been formed to create this memorable day for our children and community.

We are still looking for a volunteer to help with security; if interested please email the P and F for more details.

**Girl Power/Good Guys Program**

All primary parents/caregivers should have received an email last week from Administration about this exciting program the P and F have organised.

This is for Year 1 to 6 students to participate along with parents/caregivers.

Click here for flyer information.

If you did not receive the email, please contact Administration (check junk/spam mail first).

**Primary Disco**

The first disco of the year will be held on Friday, 18 March.

Prep to Year 2, 5 – 6:30pm
Year 2 to Year 6, 6:45 – 8:15pm

Hot food, drinks, snacks and ice-blocks will be available on the night to purchase.

More information will be emailed soon.

**Trivia Night**

The P and F Trivia Night held in the church has become an annual event. Friends, neighbours and relatives, everyone is welcome. Mark 7 May in your calendar; to participate you’ll need to band together a group of 8-10 people for your team – and don’t forget to dress up! There are always great prizes to be won.

More information will be emailed closer to the night on how to book, times etc.

**Grants Writer**

Do you have experience or an interest in writing Grant Applications? The P and F is looking for a volunteer or a group of volunteers who could do this role.

There are some great opportunities on offer that could potentially help with projects. So if you are interested, please email the P and F.

**Pavers**

Last year the P and F held a fundraiser which gave our College families a unique opportunity to etch our way into our College history.

As previously communicated in the GCC Newsletter, due to the construction within the College grounds we are still finalising where the pavers will be placed. One option being considered is the incorporation of the pavers with the construction of the outside library structure that the P and F are erecting with 2014 Funfest profits.

We will continue to keep you updated.

**AGM**

The P and F Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Tuesday, 1 March at 6:30pm in the board room of the College library.

All executive positions will become vacant. These positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you are interested in any position, please come along to AGM or email your nomination. If you require information on any position contact P and F via email.

The monthly meeting will follow at 7pm – all welcome.

**Important P and F dates**

- AGM and Monthly Meeting 1 March
- Primary Disco 18 March
- Girl Power/Good Guys Sessions 19 March
- Trivia Night 7 May
- Funfest 30 July

**Lynelle Sim, P and F President**
Group 1

Mindfulness for Everyday Life

A mindfulness based stress reduction program for tweens (9-12 years old) facilitated by Olga Moisuc, Psychologist.

This 8-week program aims to teach young people how to pay attention to their breath, body, thoughts, feelings and the world around them. By learning how to pay attention to the mind and body, young people are able to develop the ability to choose what they say and how they act.

Research has shown that mindfulness:
- Increases attention and focus
- Increases wellbeing and self-esteem
- Improves relationships with others
- Reduces symptoms of conduct problems, stress, anxiety and depression
- Increases quality of sleep

When: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Where: Sunshine Coast Psychology Clinic
Cost: $240
Register: Please contact us on 5309 6128 to secure a spot for your child. Click here for session details.

Group 2

Secret Agent Society is an innovative and award winning social skills program for children aged 8 to 12. The program was originally designed for children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder but may benefit any child who is experiencing difficulty with social skills. The program uses computer games in which children are detectives who must unravel the mystery of social interactions using clues. This program runs for 10 weeks with each session lasting for two hours and includes a 30-minute parent feedback component each week.
- Facilitated by: Lindsay Cote, Child & Adolescent Psychologist
- When: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- Where: Sunshine Coast Psychology Clinic
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Hero Quest - Reward for Excellence

Mark Mcardle State Member for Caloundra will recognise a student who has achieved excellence, with two movie tickets to share with a friend or relative. This reward will acknowledge excellence in the areas of academia, sporting and cultural endeavour.

The Reward for Excellence program will run throughout the school year.

‘Hero Quest’

Role models are so important to shaping young minds and can even influence what path young people will take in the future. I am interested to know what role models children and teens of today admire and will run a competition to find out who they are.

The Hero Quest competition seeks a 100 word response to the following question – Who is your hero and why? The winner will receive a voucher valued at $100 to spend at a popular Caloundra surf wear store.

This competition will be open from mid-February through to mid-April.