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Term 3 (9 weeks)

JULY

Mon 11-Fri 15 Pupil free week for staff training
Mon 18 First day of school
 Wed 20 P and F Meeting 7 pm
 Fri 22 Grandparents' Day
 Tue 26-Wed 27 Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences
 Wed 27 Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews
 Sat 30 FUNFEST 11am to 4pm

AUGUST

Tue 2 ICAS - English
 Tue 2 P and F Meeting 7 pm
 Thur 4 Careers/QTAC Info Night
 Fri 5 Secondary Island Night 4pm to 11pm
 Mon 8-Fri 19 SET Plan Interviews
 Mon 15 Island dress for Middle and Senior School students
 Tue 16 ICAS - Maths
 Tue 16 Primary Books and a Blanket Night
 Mon 22-Fri 26 Book Week Fair
 Mon 22 Secondary Book Character Day
 Thur 25 Primary Book Week Dress Up Parade
 Thur 25-Fri 26 Year 9 Retreat
 Fri 26 Volunteers' Lunch 12.30pm
 Fri 26 P and F Primary Disco - to be confirmed
 Tue 30-Wed 31 QCS Tests
 Tue 30 Prep Fathers' Night 6:30-7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

Thur 1 P and F Fathers' Day Stall
 Tue 6 P and Meeting 7 pm
 Wed 7-Fri 9 Year 3 camp at Tunnel Ridge
 Thur 8-Tue 13 Year 11 and 12 Exam Block
 Wed 14-Wed 28 Fiji Mission Trip
 Fri 16 Middle School Messy Games
 Fri 16 Last day Term 3



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Beauty and the Beast Musical and Caloundra Events Centre.

Photo by Rob Hill



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS



It's been a very long term which means a lot has happened since our last newsletter:

Open Day

I am always amazed by our Open Day and the team effort that makes it such a successful day. I have no idea how many people were there but to me it seemed like this was our best attended day ever. Cars lined up and down Roberts Rd with every available spot taken.

Once again I was excited by the positive feedback after prospective parents returned from their tours. Sometimes new visitors are guarded about their opinion of the College but after our students have taken them on a tour; they are ready to enrol.

I'd like to thank all of our parents who brought their students to the College on a Saturday so they could volunteer, perform and take part in this important event. I really appreciate your support.

Our P and F did a fabulous job and used the opportunity to raise \$688 in profit from their sausage sizzle. I would also like to thank Fiyah Flavours who donated \$210 and Spud Buds who donated \$70 from the proceeds of their sales. Not only did their presence take the burden off our Hospitality Department, these donations will be supporting our Fiji Mission.

Beerwah Woolworths were good enough to donate more than 100 apples for us to put in our gift bags for new visitors. The apples were to show the College's encouragement for healthy eating and were greatly appreciated.

Each Open Day we tweak things to improve for the following year but the one thing we never need to change is the star quality of our students. Student Voice volunteers were at College by 8am and their help in setting up was invaluable. They also worked throughout the day and they were still here at 2pm helping with the pack up. Student guides and greeters did an admirable job with new visitors and had been training for the last couple of weeks.



Even though we have wonderful facilities, the number one comment from visitors is how great our students are and it is a major factor in new families enrolling with us. It's not just our tour guides, but our Hospitality students, performers, and classroom helpers all made a G.R.E.A.T. impression. New families want their children to be like our students. What a compliment!

Photos of the day are on our [website](#).

Beauty and the Beast Musical



Beauty and the Beast was a fantastic show. I am so proud of everyone who was involved in the production; it truly was of an incredibly high standard. What a wonderful showcase of the Arts at GCC!

Our performers were amazing. The leads and support cast showed incredible talent and the musicians were superb. The backstage crew was well drilled, seamless and barely noticeable. The sets were dazzling as were the costumes and props.

It was exciting to see the combination of our students, staff members, parents and friends of the College come together to create something so beautiful.

Our Performing Arts, Music, Textiles and Visual Arts Departments did an incredible job pulling together all of these pieces and producing a show that was enthralling. It is hard to appreciate the countless hours that Stacey and her team put into this project but they managed to make sure that everyone peaked at the right time.

As I enjoyed the musical I had to keep on reminding myself that this was not a professional production but was performed by our students and staff. The bar has once again been lifted. Congratulations one and all and thank you for those of you who came to see the performance.

More photos [here](#).



P and F Trivia



The P and F Trivia Night was a lot of fun. Team Rainbow stole the show with their decorations and costumes. The Blue Team was a sea of blue and white with elegant masks and hair bands (for the ladies) and the black team brought new meaning to the word 'elegance'. Once again the Purple Team thrashed the Red Team in what is shaping up to be a streak on par with State of Origin.

My thanks go to everyone who joined in the night but especially to Mark and Alaina Westaway who put in many hard hours preparing the questions and ensuring everyone had a terrific time. More photos [here](#).

The Night of Talent



What a fantastic event the Night of Talent was! The church was beautifully decorated, the student talent was amazing and there were over 170 people in the audience.

Firstly, the Middle and Senior Student Voice (Middle and Senior name for the Student Council) did a wonderful job in organising the night and running the event. It was a great team effort and it was clear after the success of the night that the students were buzzed about their achievement. Thanks to Tanya Cullen who leads and mentors this group of young leaders so effectively.

Secondly, the talent on display was very impressive. It was a common theme at the end of the night of people coming up to me and saying that the next few College musicals are in good hands. There was a dazzling display of singers, dancers and poets.

Isabella Buckland won the Lower Primary category. She gave us a dramatic recitation of all of the Man from Ironbark. There were also amazing singing performances from Bella Campbell and Charlotte Westaway.

First place for the Upper Primary category went to McKenzie Godwin for her dance performance and runner up went to Mason White for his trombone playing as he provided a great soundtrack for the images that were playing behind him.

Finally, for the Middle and Senior category our winner was Ariana Doolan for her singing performance and Kiona Scott and Georgia Breen's dance performance took second place.

The competition was genuinely very close between all of the contestants. Please congratulate any of these students or anyone who competed last night. It was very entertaining.

It was an impressive night and a great fundraiser for the Student Voice. More photos [here](#).

Maleny Show achievements



Congratulations to all of our students who entered into the Maleny Show and helped GCC take out approximately 34 prizes. Agricultural Science students won 11 first prizes for: hen eggs, carrots, snow peas, English potatoes, finger limes, passionfruit, collection of organic fruit and four first prizes for Camembert cheese. They also won four second and five third prizes. All of the agricultural produce entries were submitted in the Open section so the competition was fierce.

GCC's Kitchen Garden embraced this year's theme of 'Renew, Reuse and Recycle' and every class contributed to the handicrafts section. First prize in the bead section went to 2W, first prize in paper craft went to 2G and third prize in the recycled box class went to 1G. In the age divisions, Prep students won third for their drawings and Year 2 came second for theirs.

In the cookery section the Kitchen Garden took out first prize for roasted beetroot hummus, three second prizes

(regular hummus, sweet sauce, and tapenade) and two third prizes (ricotta and butter).

Not to be outdone GCC's textiles students made their mark by winning two first, two second and three third prizes in the machine sewn section.

Tuckshop ordering changes for Primary

Primary families should have received an email home this week advising that Tuckshop ordering is going to be fully online from next term. Online ordering through Flexischools has been working well for Secondary and many Primary families for some time and enables us to keep costs down because of its efficiency.

This change will only affect primary students currently using the paper bag system and all the details are in the email. Our Tuckshop is a service to our College community and does not make a profit. This is because we try and run the most cost effective service possible and not pass on any extra costs to College families.

Funfest

 Funfest promises to live up to its name and I hope you have put Saturday 30 July as a date claimer in your diary. Please keep an eye out for updates from the Funfest Committee to see if there is any way you can help. One way everyone can help is by turning up on the day and having a great time. The event begins at 11am and finishes at 4pm.

Mid-year holidays

Although there are three weeks of holidays, the GCC staff will be back on campus for the third week, undertaking training and professional development. Every second year Christian Schools Australia host the Queensland Christian Schools Conference and our teachers and teaching assistants will be attending this two-day conference. During the rest of the week staff will be planning for the semester ahead and undertaking specialised training for their department or specialist area.

On behalf of the entire staff at GCC, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday. As educators, we are so proud of your children and appreciate the many special talents they bring to GCC. We especially value the respect and kindness they show others as it speaks volumes about the kind of people they are. We are truly thankful to be working with such amazing children and supporting parents.

Mike Curtis, Principal.

Introducing:

Chappy Mat Vaoesea

Hi! My name is Mathew Vaoesea. I am thrilled to be a part of the chaplaincy team here at GCC.

I have eight years' experience working with youth through youth groups and camps where I have been a part of the youth leadership team.

I moved just over a year ago from New Zealand to the awesome Sunshine Coast, where I am now a part of Collision Youth. I have also previously worked as an RI (Religious Instruction) teacher in state schools. I am passionate about God first and foremost, music, sport and supporting the All Blacks. I look forward to working with you all and being a part of the great GCC community.



Chappy Rob Wolsley

Hi everyone, I am so thankful to God for giving me this privileged opportunity to serve God here. God has given me a huge passion to inspire people to live holistically. Ultimately my heart is to help lead people to fall in love with the One who gives full Life.

Life has taught me a lot. Being brought up in a dysfunctional family and working as a Youth Pastor for more than 25 years, has given me a drive to be a peace maker and do everything I can to bring out the gold in others. God has blessed me with gifts and experiences with the music industry (piano tuner by trade) and a passion for all sports. Ultimately, God and people are my top priority so I look forward to walking through life together.



Chappy Donna Newell

Hi, my name is Donna Newell and I have a husband Ross and three children Jacqueline, Monique and Harrison who are past students of GCC.

My involvement with GCC goes back to the days of praying for it when it was only a vision. I have such a passion for this place that over the past 15 years I have been involved in many roles from painting buildings, making curtains, running tuckshops, serving on the P and F, serving on the school board, working as the preschool teacher's aide and taking students to Fiji on mission trips.

Now I am excited to say I will be filling in as chaplain in Term 3 while Chappy Fi is travelling the world. I have seen and experienced so many of God's blessings in this place over the years and am thrilled to be able to share his love with your children on a more personal level.



Bec Seymour - Library Assistant

Hi, my name is Bec Seymour and I am the new Assistant in the Library.



My husband and oldest son, Caleb who is 20, moved to the Sunshine Coast at Easter. I have also left an 18 year old son in Ipswich. My time in working in schools started about a year ago when I was a Teacher Aide at Amberley District State School. Before that I have spent many years working in Leading Creative Arts in my local church.

I have enjoyed my time so far this term at GCC and have really enjoyed getting to know the staff and students. This is a great school with fantastic staff and excellent students and I look forward to getting to know the students and staff more in the future.

Kim Hansen - Crossing Supervisor:

My name is Kim Hansen and I would like to introduce myself to you all. I am one of the new crossing supervisors here at GCC, along with Nicole.



Firstly, I want to thank you all for being so friendly and welcoming to me, and accepting me into your school community with wonderful smiles and respect. I am looking forward to keeping you all safe while crossing the road this year. I have been working with children for 38 years now and have enjoyed watching them develop into wonderful adults and parents themselves.

I am hoping I get the chance to get to know you all a little better over the next few months, staff, children, and of course parents/guardians. Hope you all have a great three-week break and see you all next term.

Celia Aldridge - Administration Officer

I am the new Administration Officer to the Future Pathways Coordinator (Carol McKee). I have an Administrative background and have also completed my Diploma in Education Support. I feel very blessed to be here at GCC and part of the team. I am looking forward to getting to know the senior students of GCC and assisting them in any way that I can.



I am married with two beautiful children and have lived here on the Sunshine Coast for six years. As a family we enjoy going to the beach, stand up paddle-boarding, bike riding, camping and spending time with friends. For us, the Sunshine Coast is Paradise! It is such a privilege to be working here at GCC with Carol and the team and I am looking forward to a wonderful year with you all.

PRIMARY NEWS



Can you believe that we have completed first semester of 2016 already?

It has been a very busy time for staff and students alike over the past term as we have changed our reporting document to align with the ACARA (National Curriculum) standards. This will allow us to track students' learning

from early primary right through until Middle School which will provide essential information to assist their educational journey. Our primary teachers have worked incredibly long hours adjusting assessment pieces to align with this new reporting framework and you can be confident that the results on these reports have been underpinned by a collection and folio of evidence for this rating.

You will receive a cover letter with the report with an explanation outlining each section. Please read this over letter carefully and remember that a "C" (Years 3 – 6) or "Demonstrating" (P -2) is achieving at the level which is expected at the end of Semester 1 for a particular year level.

Grandparents' Day – DATE CLAIMER

When: Friday 22 July

Where: Church building for light refreshments followed by a concert and then class visits to spend time with grandchildren.



Why: To honour Grandparents and to give children an opportunity to celebrate and share their learning with their special family members.

An invitation was sent out earlier this week. Please speak to your children's grandparents and RSVP by the due date Monday 18 July as this is very important for catering purposes.

Incursions, Excursions, Camps and Sports Days

As I reflected on the activities during Term 2 it was a reminder of the wide variety of opportunities our students experience with excursions, incursions, camps, competitions and performances. Even in this last week of term, we have had our free dress day for the SRC (gold coin donation for a piece of exercise equipment for the oval), our Term 2 Legacy Cup competition which is Challenge of the Minds for Years 3 – 6 and The Knowledge -A-Thon for Prep – Year 2.

I hope many of you were able to attend the P – 2 Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. As I write this newsletter article I thought how wonderful the march past at the beginning of the day was as students represented a country for the mini Olympics. There was some very keen competition during

the day. I am sure by the time you read this newsletter you will have heard all about the P – 2 Athletics Carnival. Students will treasure the special medals they each received. More photos [here](#).



Congratulations to Our Year 6 Leaders

On Thursday 16 June our Year 6 students who had completed about 650 hours of service to the College in their breaks were presented with their Level One Green Leadership badge.



We congratulate these students on an amazing amount of hours they have done this semester helping the Prep – Year 6 students and teachers in a variety of tasks which include being buddies to the Prep and lower primary students as well as helping with refereeing soccer on the oval and in the library, raising and lowering flags every day and a number of other services to the College. More photos [here](#).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout Semester 1 and for your attendance at the class celebrations of learning each term. May the mid year break be a time of refreshing for the whole family – not just the students.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

CHAPPY CHATTER

A great way to start the day is to "consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)."



Do your close relationships need a fresh dollop of love? Then why not consider Love 10 or Love 20. How this works is that you write a letter to a family member or friend. Simply put their name on the top and then add 10 or 20 character qualities that you have seen or noticed in them. Sign your name and "Bobs your chaplain".

Trust me, its simple but powerful. I experimented with the mother-in-law and she cried (not in a bad way) but because she felt valued. Grab a pen today.

"Bless ya"

Chappy Rob (Bob)

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

Wow! What a huge term in the Kitchen Garden. Students spent a lot of time preparing entries for the Maleny show and we had some winners!



Our preps and year 1M won 3rd prize in the drawing competition with some wonderful pictures about how to reduce, reuse and recycle. 1G won third prize for their recycled jewel box. 2G won first prize for their waste paper baskets. 2W won first prize for their newspaper necklaces.

We also had our master chefs whip up some magnificent entries, which were very successful at the Maleny show. 1W won first prize for their beetroot hummus. 2M won second prize for their Hummus and 3rd for butter. 2G won second prize for their chocolate sauce. 2W won second prize for their tapenade and third prize for Ricotta.

Our gardeners have been busy planting potatoes, broccoli, cabbage and lots and lots of snow peas and sugar snap peas. We have made some delicious foods this term and on Tuesday of the last week in term, we had the Year 3 students come over and prepare a tasty chicken curry.



Click [here](#) for the recipe and more photos.

Heidi Langley - new therapist at GCC

Heidi has been a child and family therapist (mental health social worker) for 17 years and delivers business services to children and their families.



Heidi is an accredited mental health social worker and accepts mental health care plans (referral from a GP). She is also a member of the AASW. If a mental health care plan is not in place, cash payments will be accepted. Heidi also offers bulk billing counselling.



Please click [here](#) to learn more about her counselling for individuals and parents.

Heidi also runs parenting courses, one called Evergreen Christian Parenting which runs for seven weeks and also holds workshops on stress management.



Super Under 8's Day in Lower Primary

The Lower Primary celebrated Under 8s Day in style! The goal was to encourage children to engage in many different play-based situations as this can help them develop social skills and can help foster a love of learning at a young age. Mission accomplished!



The sandpits in Prep and Junior area were filled with golden treasure. There was a minor dust storm as students jumped into the sandpit and started digging. Many coins were found and the students are to be commended for the spirit of kindness and the way they undertook this activity. Many students helped a friend or shared multiple coins. Other activities included dancing in the OLA, making beautiful ribbon bangles, playing instruments, creative and bright colouring, awesome pavement art, puppet shows and basketball hoop shooting.

This is the first year Glasshouse Christian College has run this event. What will our Under 8s day look like next year? It is sure to be fun! More photos [here](#).

Mrs Sarah Leary, Prep to Year 2 Coordinator

GCC author inspires Prep students



Recently, all the Prep classes were delighted to welcome Year 4 student Laeni Rees to our classes Prep author story to have her read the book she wrote and illustrated when aged just 7. It is called 'Tootie's Trunk Troubles'.

This sweet story is available for loan from the GCC library if you wish to enjoy it too. As Laeni read her story, the children sat enthralled and silent. Then the children were able to ask questions and suggest ideas for further adventures of her main character Tootie. We are excited that Laeni has inspired others to aim to write and illustrate a story of their own too.

Lin Smith

Primary Tuckshop Is Going Cashless

Starting next term on 18 July, Primary families will only be able to use the online ordering system at www.flexischools.com.au to order tuckshop. The paper bag system will no longer be available to use.

The Tuckshop has been very happy with Flexischools over the last four years of use. The very rare internet problem has been promptly rectified by our IT department, or the Flexischools Help Team. Secondary students are able to still buy over the counter, use eftpos or order online with Flexischools. If you have any questions please ring the Tuckshop on 5436 5654 or Flexischools on 1300 361 769.

Winner of the Norco Milk promotion is Rueben Plummer-Beattie pictured here with his skateboard prize.



Cathy Boyer, Tuckshop Coordinator

Important information regarding Waiting Lists and Sibling Entry for the future

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

Parents/Caregivers should complete and submit a separate Application for Enrolment form 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 many year levels and early submission of Application Forms is strongly encouraged.

With the extensive growth over the last few years we are seeing a trend where new families are submitting their applications much earlier. This creates waiting pools across many year levels including Prep. Please ensure you have enrolled siblings into the College to avoid disappointment.

Please contact the College Registrar as soon as possible regarding enrolments on 5439 0033 or registrar@glasshouse.qld.edu.au



French Happenings Semester I 2016 GCC Second in Queensland

It has been a busy and exciting time in our Primary French classes with the semester culminating once again with our Language Perfect World Championships. Years 4, 5 and 6 French students, right up to Secondary, participated in the championships, where GCC once again came second in French in QLD out of 119 schools.

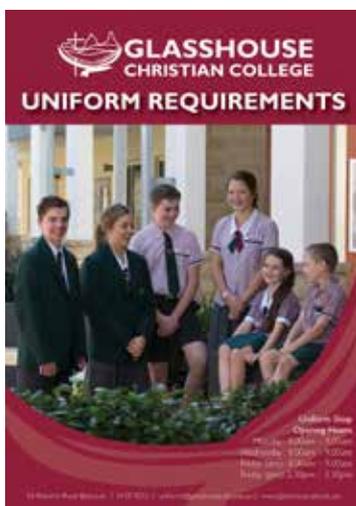
This year's certificate winners for Primary students alone were at an all time high with 70 certificate winners. At assembly the students proudly held their certificates up high, amongst their class peers, who likewise had contributed and achieved awesome results for GCC. It was a lovely sight to see. Our students have a wonderful team spirit and always do us proud. Certificate winners were treated to a Pizza party last Monday.

To see all the photos, names of the certificate winners and GCC's ranking, click [here](#).

Nadine Hammill

Uniforms with old logo

Make the most of these school holidays – if you have uniforms with the old logo, these school holidays will be a great opportunity for you to get them updated to our new College logo. Simply download our alteration form here and hand this into Admin with your uniforms and payment either on the last day of term or in the first week of school holidays. Uniforms will then be ready with the new logo for the start of Term 3.



Unnamed uniforms

We have seen many uniform items appearing in lost property with no names on them. We urge you to spend time these holidays checking all your uniforms and naming every item, including faded names.

Stephanie McCredie, Uniform Shop Coordinator

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



It has been a busy, full and exciting time for Middle School students in the last half of this term. Take a look at these pictures that show some of the highlights.

Athletics Carnival – view all the photos [here](#).



Did you get to the Night of Talent? The quality of the items was well worth the night out! Well done to these two gifted students who came second in this competition. More photos [here](#).



Excursions

Recently students have been on Science and Geography excursions. Here is a picture from these 'outdoor classrooms'.



Sports Winners in the wider community

Congratulations to Holly Lubcke who has recently placed first in the U15s Sunshine Series Mountain biking competitions and came 4th outright in the women's section.



Congratulations also to Bakani Kombanie for coming second in the Regional Cross Country.



Arts winners in the wider community

Miss Hilton wrote: "Congratulations to both the dance group and the Year 8s for representing the College so well as they showcased off our school's talents. So very proud of Bakani Kombanie and Julian Munyard who won the Sunshine Plaza Breakthru competition on the weekend. It was a tough competition but the boys genuine love of music, their smiles and their ability to connect with the judges and audience gave them that winning edge. The time and effort they have put into rehearsing and preparing for this competition has paid off well."



Reader's Cup

Our Year 8s placed 5th in a very tough competition on the Sunshine Coast last week, just missing out by one point to get into the final round!



Chapels

Chapels this term have challenged and encouraged our students – with a guest speaker from the Shack, and a chapel version of the Hunger Games. Over the last few weeks of this term students have been bringing in donations of food for the homeless that is provided through The Shack outreach program.



Reports

Next term begins on Monday the 18 July and students will receive a hard copy of their reports to take home. Thanks for your patience as we continue to move over to the use of our new database system.

Parent Teacher Conferences Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 July

The online booking system will be sent out by email in the first week of term. The Pastoral Care (PC) teachers have worked with their students to assist them in their study habits. As well, they have a good understanding of how they are going. We ask that parents bring their students with them so that they can conference with the PC teacher for the best results in the second semester of schooling. Bookings can also be made with other teachers.

Praying that our Middle School students have a safe and restful mid-year break. Ready to see you all next semester.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Volunteers' Lunch Invitation 2016



Volunteers are the backbone of GCC and we really appreciate you. There is no way we can repay your kindness and generosity but to thank you for all your help we would like to invite you to a special lunch in your honour catered by our fantastic Hospitality students.

When: Friday 26 August from 12.30 to 2.30pm

Where: GCC Hospitality Courtyard

RSVP: For catering purposes RSVPs must be returned by Friday 19 August. Please let us know if you have special dietary requirements by emailing admin@glasshouse.qld.edu.au or phone 5439 0033

"Volunteers are not paid because they are priceless"

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



It was a very sad day for a third of the College this week. On assembly we announced the winners of the Secondary Athletics and for once it wasn't Ararat. This year Ararat came third with Zion coming second and Sinai achieved overall winner. Being a fervent Ararat supporter, this announcement was just too difficult for me to make and so the Sports

Captain, Tom Boroughs read out the results. Tom stressed that the house that won was the one that had the greatest participation in all events.

Congratulations Sinai!

We made a few other presentations on Assembly as well. We presented the QUT Youth Ambassadors; Jesse Woods, Jayde Curtis and Stephanie Freeman. Also we acknowledged the fantastic results of our College in the Breakthru Music and Dance Competition which saw a number of students represent the College in the finals. It was fantastic to see the outright winner of the music competition was taken out by Bakani Kombanie and Julian Munyard. These two won \$6,000 for our school and \$3,000 for themselves.

I also acknowledged on Assembly, Jesse Woods who has been accepted into the QUT 2016 Vice Chancellor's STEM camp to be held over the September school holidays. This is a huge honour for Jesse as he was selected from over 250 of the State's brightest students.

Finally, I didn't get to do this on Assembly because the certificates have only just arrived, but I'd like to acknowledge those students who received awards in the Language Perfect competition. Elite awards went to Rebecca Bradney-Wareing and Emily Logar. Nathan Wood earned a Gold Award whilst Olivia Logar and Kyara Smith both received Silver Awards. Finally, Rebekah Woodhead, Charity White, Rory Tate and Eloise Grigor all received Credit Awards.

Programs this week:

Year 12 "Celebrate the Memories"

On Monday our Year 12 participated in a program that allowed them to reflect on their time at Glasshouse Christian College and remember the good times and the tough times. They shared from the heart and affirmed one another. I have just received this email from one student:

"Just wanted to say the program made this day incredibly special and one of the best days I've ever had. As a year level we definitely need to implement this more and bring back the team that ran it. Thank you for organising it! :). On behalf of everyone."

Year 11 “Camp”

Our Year 11s headed out to Mudjimba on Wednesday for what we expect to be a fantastic camp. Our College Captains joined them on Thursday afternoon to share with them their experience of leading the College this year.

Year 10 “Being a Bloke” and “Beyond the Mascara”

On Thursday our Year 10s were separated according to gender. Our young men undertook the program, “Being a Bloke” and the young ladies completed, “Beyond the Mascara”. The programs are designed to inspire and provoke our students to consider what is the essence of healthy masculinity/femininity.

Drug Education and Student Welfare Survey

In the last newsletter I mentioned that our College received a grant to assist in the education of our students about drug and alcohol abuse. To assist with this program, the College wants to do a survey of our students so that we can gain a greater understanding of the current perceptions of our students. The survey will be held early next term and will target Year 7, 10, 11 and 12. This week our Year 8 and 9 participated in a similar survey organised by QUT. More information about this survey will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

Finally I trust you have a wonderful break with your children. Term 3 is especially stressful for our Year 12s who have final assessments before Verification as well as the QCS exams. I trust all our seniors will return relaxed and ready to put in their best efforts for Term 3.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

QUT’s 2016 Vice-Chancellor’s STEM Camp

A big congratulations must go to Year 11 student Jesse Woods who has been selected to attend QUT’s 2016 Vice-Chancellor STEM Camp in September. The camp generated significant interest with more than 250 applications received from students statewide.



Jesse was recognized for his outstanding STEM leadership potential.

All Jesse’s accommodation, meals, program materials and activities will be paid for by QUT. I’m sure it will be a great experience for Jesse to attend this STEM camp. We wish him all the best for the September camp.

Fenton Doolan, Head of Science

Pencil cases for Fiji

The Year 8 pencil-case production for the missions’ trip is well underway. The students have produced some creative designs which hopefully will put a smile on a precious soul in Fiji. The Open Day pencil case challenge was very successful, with a lot of young seamstresses and tailors taking it on, and some decorating more than one pencil case, which was a delight to see. For the male challenge, we had very competitive dads running the machine like a motorbike, also producing exquisite designs in a limited time. Please feel free to fill a pencil case with some stationery goodies. We are blessed to be a blessing.



The Maleny based Architect, Norm Richards, has supported the IFD department for four years now, coming in and giving students formative feedback on their maquettes, an experience that has been so valuable to our young designers, evidenced by the progress in quality we witness each year.



The Year 9s had their first experience of critical analysis by an expert in the field. Not only was he pleased with their beautiful products, but the students seemed to enjoy their conversations with him, confidently responding to all questions regarding their design process. This year, for the Year 11 cultural unit, students stepped it up by designing double stories and bathrooms that suited their chosen culture.

More photos [here](#).

Primrose Kombanie

Year 10 Multicultural Luncheon

Year 10 Hospitality class worked very hard in presenting a two course meal to their guests for the assessment task. They worked in pairs and picked a country, researching food and suitable dishes. They demonstrated their knowledge in working front and back of house. They all did a great job and pleased a lot their guests including Mr Curtis.



More photos [here](#).

Julie Peters, Head of Hospitality and Textiles

Archibull Prize – ART, TEXTILES, SCIENCE & AG SCIENCE!



GCC is excited to announce that it has been accepted into the Archibull Prize Competition this year! If you came along to Open Day or have visited the library lately, you may have noted the life-size fibreglass cow.

The Archibull Prize is an Australia-wide project that aims to encourage greater knowledge of Australian agriculture and the development of big ideas through cooperation and teamwork.

In summary, students are given a life-size fibreglass cow that they must paint/construct to encompass a particular theme and allocated industry. Our allocated industry is Cotton and the theme is 'Feeding Clothing and Powering a Hungry Nation is a Shared Responsibility'. The students also run a blog, put together an infographic and multimedia animation highlighting their progress, industry and share their growing knowledge and journey.

Along the way, students are supported by James Kanaley, Cotton Farmer, Agronomist and Young Farming Champion. Students are looking forward to his upcoming visit where he plans to present some insightful information on the cotton industry, share cotton samples and share his amazing farming journey that has taken him around the world.

Open Day saw the fibreglass cow covered in name suggestions from students, teachers and the supporting community. After careful consideration, the name, Gossypium (the scientific name for cotton) was selected, due to its link with the Cotton industry. This name was put forward by Isabella Cornel, Ebony King and Mrs Jenny Ritson on the day. Congratulations on winning the naming rights!

The Archibull Student team so far encompasses Arts, Textiles, Science and Agricultural Science students. Be sure to follow our journey and support the students on the Gossypium Blog at glasshouse2016archibull.weebly.com.

Jade King, Head of Agricultural Science

Amazing Ag Achievements!

Mid May saw the Year 10 students travel to Gatton, complete with their rather large sunflowers, for the University of Queensland Sunflower Competition. Students spent 12 weeks putting into practice their growing knowledge of plant nutrition to produce some very commendable sunflowers. It proved to be the most successful day with the students winning the prize for the heaviest sunflower in Year 7-10 section, as well as Overall Grand Champion, Heaviest Recorded Sunflower. Well done!

More recently, a combination of Year 10 and 12 Aggies headed up to the Maleny Show to demonstrate some of their agricultural skills and knowledge, by giving presentations in the Small Farmers' Tent. The Aggies spoke of fertiliser requirements and plant physiology, before demonstrating how to pot up strawberry plants with the help of several GCC primary students. The students did a fantastic job and received very positive feedback.

Whilst at the Maleny Show, the Aggies were able to check out their range of produce and cheese entries. They came away with tonnes of prizes including Reserve Champion for Collection of



Organically Grown Fruit, 7 First Places, 4 Second Places and 4 Thirds. The Grade 10 Camembert Cheeses that they prepared earlier this term were also awarded First Place with some very complimentary feedback from Cheese Judge, Colin Cunningham..

More photos [here](#).

Jade King, Head of Agricultural Science

Seeking Volunteer Host Families

WEP are currently looking for volunteer host families. All the information is on our [website](#).

Contact WEP and receive a comprehensive information pack, including student profiles. Sylvia Kelly, World Education Program. For the cost of a local call: 1 300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au www.wep.org.au



FUTURE PATHWAYS



Term 2 in the Future Pathways Department has seen lots of investigation by our Year 10s through Work Experience, Career and Personality matching, Senior Education and Training plan discussions, Health Heroes Expo, Experience the University of the Sunshine Coast Day and guest speakers.

Most recently the Year 10s attended three workshops each at the University of the Sunshine Coast, getting the feel for university life and some insight into careers and courses available that they may not have previously considered. The day was a great success with many of our students inspired to research courses and offerings further.

These investigations will be followed up in Week 1 of Term 3 with a Year 10 visit to the Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo on 19 July.

The 14th annual Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo presents an ideal opportunity for our students interested in education and training or those seeking career and employment opportunities. With exhibitors including Universities, private education providers, TAFE institutes, graduate employment, Defence Force recruiting, student support services and employers, this Careers Expo provides a unique opportunity to find everything related to education and employment, under one roof.



Although only Year 10 are going with us during the day, I recommend any Year 11s and 12s seeking further information or advice might be interested in attending during the evening session 4 – 7pm with their parents or friends. There is no charge for this event. Please note Year 10 students should wear full formal uniform, including blazers, on this day.



For an even bigger event I would recommend the Brisbane Tertiary Studies Expo. Universities send representatives from each discipline

to help and advise potential students. This event is held on the weekend of 16 and 17 July at the Brisbane Showgrounds and like the Sunshine Coast event, admission is free.

Glasshouse Christian College Careers and Tertiary Studies Expo 2016

Should students prefer a smaller venue, Glasshouse Christian College is holding its very own Careers and Tertiary Studies Expo on 4 August between 6pm and 8pm upstairs in the Library. All students in Years 9 – 12 are encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians.

Exhibitors confirmed so far:

All Trades	Australian Catholic University
Centacare	Central Qld University
Christian Heritage College	Community Solutions
Defence Force Recruitment	Demi International
East Coast Apprenticeships	Endeavour College of Natural Health
Epic assist	Griffith University Sports College
JMC Academy	Katrina's Hair and Beauty
Maylon College	Qld University of Technology
STEPS Employment Solutions	Sunshine Coast Trade Training College
University of Queensland	University of the Sunshine Coast

There are a number of important information sessions throughout the evening for students and parents from Years 9, 10 and 12.

- Year 9 Subject Selection Session – 5:30pm in the Theatre
- Year 10 Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan Session – 6pm in the Church
- Year 12 QLD Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Session – 7pm in the Theatre

Heads of Department will be available downstairs in the Library after the Year 10 SET Plan session to discuss subject choices further.

I will be checking in on all Year 12s individually during August and September to assist with applications to University, TAFE or employment.

Advice will be given on resumes, cover letters, interview skills and scholarship applications. Educational Access Scheme (EAS) applications for consideration by Universities will be submitted for students who have had their senior education impacted adversely in any way. This will be explained further at the information session on 4 August.

Year 10 SET Plan Interviews

Year 10 have been working through their draft Senior Education and Training Plans in the last few weeks which

they will bring to their SET Plan interviews. These are being held from 8 to 19 August.

A parent or guardian must attend the SET Plan interview with their child so that they are fully informed in this important decision making process for every student. Appointment slots are available with myself (Future Pathways Coordinator), David Heyworth (Head of Senior) or Rob Steffler (Dean of Studies). Appointments are available in 20 minute slots from 8:30am – 7pm.

Instructions on how to book have been emailed to all Year 10 parents/guardians last week. I encourage you to book so as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already, to ensure you secure a slot that is as convenient as possible to you and your family.

Year 11 students will have an opportunity to discuss their plans with myself in Term 4 to ensure they are still on track.

Traineeships available in Health

This week Year 10s had a presentation from Kylie Boccuzzi, the coordinator of Training & Education with Metro North Hospital & Health Service .

She outlined the opportunities available to the students during Years 11 and 12 to complete one of five health related Certificate IIIs in Dental Assisting, Allied Health (Indigenous), Business Administration, Aged Care or Health Services Assisting (Nursing). Students commit to working one day a week in either Redcliffe, Caboolture or North Lakes Hospitals over two years whilst completing the theory component of their certificate.

There are opportunities for continuing employment after Year 12 even on a casual basis should the student decide to go to University or TAFE.

Numbers are limited to 17 across the five qualifications and entry is by application, interview and trial work experience.

Interested students should email me on carol.mckee@glasshouse.qld.edu.au to register their expression of interest. Application packs will be available early Term 3 with a due date of the first week in August.

Students who THINK they might be interested but are unsure are encouraged to apply anyway as they will have an opportunity during the work experience trial to ascertain if the traineeship is for them or not before signing up.

Congratulations to all our Senior students on surviving exam season, I hope you all enjoy a well deserved break.

Carol McKee, Future Pathways Coordinator

PERFORMING ARTS

Breakthru Results



Others have mentioned this in their articles but here are more details on the Sunshine Plaza Breakthru competition.

This was the first time both our dance group and our musicians gained a place from the heats to the finals, so that alone is an awesome achievement!

Unfortunately the dancers did not place, but our music students Bakani Kombanie and Julian Munyard did! They received first place and won the school \$6000 as well as \$3000 for themselves in Sunshine Plaza gift cards. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement by these boys.

The judges' feedback for both of the GCC acts was fantastic. We did not receive any negative feedback regarding the musicians or the dance performance, and one of the judges even said she would hire our dancers!

Thank you to the few staff that took time out of their Saturday to come and support our kids, it means a lot to the kids as well as Ebony and myself to see the support.

If you see any of our Breakthru finalists around the school please be sure to congratulate them, they all did such a fantastic job on getting to the finals, and to Bakani and Julian for taking out the competition. More photos here.

Stacey Whyte, Head of Performing Arts



YEAR 5 INSTRUMENTAL BAND



A concert performance for parents, grandparents and fellow students this week saw the culmination of 12 months instrumental tuition by seventy five of our Year 5 students.



Family members were welcomed with a pre-concert breakfast on Wednesday, before our large Year 5 Band performed a number of songs, including rounds

and small group ensemble solos. This was followed by our Year 5 String Ensemble who delighted us with four of their favourite songs. All of our students must be congratulated on their fine performance, and our honoured guests Mr Curtis and Mrs Bryers were very impressed with the standard.

A number of our Year 5 instrumental students have excelled and/or shown promise and enthusiasm for their chosen instrument and these students have been offered the opportunity to continue in our Year 5 Instrumental Extension program over Semester 2. This program will see them continue with small group lessons each week together with a commitment to become members of our Primary Band or Primary String Ensemble. We are certainly looking forward to hearing the boosted sound of these groups in Term 3.

To witness these groups up close and personal, performances by our Primary Band and Primary String Ensemble were also given at the concert, including a brief introduction of how a song is rehearsed.

Should parents have any questions regarding the program, including instrument purchase or hire options, please always feel free to contact Mrs White at music@glasshouse.qld.edu.au.

Photos [here](#).

Penny White

Community Performance 23 May 2016



On 23 May our young Performing Arts students blessed our local retirement village with the sounds of music.

Glasshouse Views residents were entertained by 110 of our eager performers in our Primary Band, String Ensemble, Little Voices and Sing and Shout choirs.

Little Voices soloist Bella Campbell sang like an angel and a village staff member commented that they got goose bumps. The performance finale was a duet by our talented clarinet duo Jasmine O'Brien and Jemma Ritson.

Our Performing Arts Captains, Lexi Brannigan and Mason White, thanked residents and staff for the honour of sharing music with them. It's always a whirlwind visit, but one that is always greatly appreciated and loved by both residents, their families and staff.

More photos [here](#).

Penny White

Helping Hands July 2016 Holiday Program

For more details please click [here](#).



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

Holiday Reading

Looking for some holiday fun or relaxation? Winter is a great time to curl up with a good book! A cool winter's day, a warm hot chocolate, a corner tucked away from the world, and... a fantastic, thrilling adventure awaits you – especially with the added ingredient of a seriously awesome story to lose yourself in!



Students across the College have been encouraged to borrow and keep reading over the holidays. Secondary students can download an eBook from our Wheeler's eBook collection via our [Wheeler's eBook Platform](#). The username/password for students is the same as their school login. For instructions go to the [Wheeler's page](#) on the [GCC Hub](#). Exploring eBooks and Audiobooks via the Sunshine Coast Libraries website is another great option and is free to all library members. Go to the [eLibrary page](#) for more details. Check out the great range of lexile titles in the Audiobook range – there are many to choose from.

If you're looking for some hands-on fun check out the activities on offer at the Sunshine Coast Libraries and the State Library of Queensland. Coding, building, writing, creating, film-making and robotics are some of the many options to explore. Click on the links below for further details:

State Library of Queensland – [Story Lab](#)

Sunshine Coast Libraries – [Holiday Activities](#)

Sunshine Coast Libraries Teen Read Competition (Year 7-12)

Here's an opportunity to earn yourself some great prizes just by jumping into a great read! The Sunshine Coast Libraries annual teenReadmonth begins again on June 24 until the end of July. It's really easy to do... register, read five 'things' (doesn't have to be a paper book), prove it by listing them on a log, nominate your school and the prize you want to win and then you go in the prize draw. More details [here](#).

Voices on the Coast are once again donating a box of books for the winning school – so remember to nominate us! Students, if you want to win an extra prize, email Mrs Morris with a list of the '5 Things' you read and your name will go

into our prize draw to win a voucher. The winners will be announced at Assembly in Term 3.

Our library spaces have been busy places throughout the term with a number of special events and competitions to keep our students learning, creating and reading.

Library and Information Week (Prep – Year 6)

Library and Information Week is held annually across Australia and in 2016 took place from May 23-29. As part of the celebrations this year, Prep – Year 3 classes enjoyed an author visit from Kerry Argent on Monday 23 May. Kerry is one of Australia's most highly acclaimed



illustrators. She has written a number of picture books and has collaborated with Australia's best known picture book writers, including Mem Fox and Margaret Wild. Kerry's visit was a wonderful way to engage students in the writing and illustration process. It was a joy to see and hear children talking about their ideas and illustrations in the days that followed Kerry's visit. We were fortunate enough to also have an exhibition of her work on display as part of the "Travelling Suitcase" program offered through Book Links.

Students were also invited to take part in the 16th National Simultaneous Storytime at first break on Wednesday 25 May. NSS is an annual campaign that aims to encourage young Australians to read the same story simultaneously at venues around the country. This year over 500,000 participants and 3,000 locations registered to take part. We read I got this hat together by Jol and Kate Temple to celebrate. I got this hat explores the world through the medium of hats and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Open Day Library Winners

Congratulations to Kaitlin Morris (4G) and Tiana Sambrook winner who won our Library Membership Competition at Open Day. Both girls won a \$25 Scholastic Book Club Voucher for bringing their Sunshine Coast Library Card to the library.



Read More in May Challenge (Prep – Year 6)

The Read More in May Challenge has concluded and our top readers each received a \$25 Scholastic Book Club Voucher for their amazing efforts. Many students tracked their total reading minutes with impressive results. Special thanks to those who got involved and read more in May! The 2016 Read More in May winners were:

Prep to Year 2: Jacinta Jenkins 2M (1100 minutes)

Year 3 to 6: Caitlin Mare 3W (3773 minutes)

LitPro Reading Awards (Year 4-6)

Congratulations to the Year 4-6 students who have been reading their way to success this semester! In total they have completed 6742 quizzes and read 60,267,532 words. To celebrate their achievements, students were rewarded with a prize for the points they'd earned. The following students achieved over and above the goals set and are leading the way as members of the 2016 Dream Team:

Beau Doneathy	Year 6	Amelia Siddans	Year 5
Mason White	Year 6	Chelsea Lewis	Year 5
Joel Hibbert	Year 6	Dylan Wood	Year 5
Teanna Newell	Year 6	Josiah Monos	Year 5
Jemma Ritson	Year 6	Dominique Doolan	Year 4
Mia Andreassen	Year 6	Sebastian Catton	Year 4
Joshua Collins	Year 6	Oscar Hinds	Year 4
Molly McCaughey	Year 6	Luca Thomas	Year 4
Flynn Ward	Year 6	Jayden Neideck	Year 4

Voices on the Coast (Year 4 – 11)

On Tuesday 7 June, 60 students from Year 4-11 attended the Voices on the Coast Youth Literature Festival.

Voices on the Coast aims to inspire readers and emerging writers to continue to pursue their love of reading/writing.

This year, an excited busload of Primary and Secondary students attended, participating in a small selection of some of the amazing 130 talks and workshops on offer.

Our students connected with authors, illustrators and guest speakers, gleaned some great ideas to incorporate into their own writing or had a sneak 'preview' of a soon to be released book. Hearing the passion of authors and their determination to take the story from their heart and imagination and share it in a way that empowers, inspires or delights a reader was inspirational.

Attending the Literature Festival was a special opportunity for staff and students alike and the feedback from the day highlights the value of the festival across all age groups. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who assisted us with supporting small groups to attend the various venues across the University campus.

We loved Voices on the Coast because we got to see all our favourite authors and spend the day with people who love to read! We learnt new drawing techniques and how illustrations are used in books. We also got to read and buy awesome books. Olivia McKenzie and Adelle Tomokino Year 5.

I liked when we did the workshop about writing skills. We composed a poem about school and we had to write a great opening line. That was cool. I also liked when we listened to the lecture by the author Andrew King who wrote Engbear. He's an engineer who told us how he started writing and he read us his book. He showed us some models of the bears and the bridge from the story. It was an amazing day! Daniel Coumi Year 6.

The best part was the James Phelan workshop – he is my new favourite author after I saw his workshop! I'd love to go again as it was fun and my friend came too. IT WAS A GREAT DAY!!! Sam Pollock Year 7.

It was a fantastic day and I loved hearing the author's perspective on their writing – they really know what they are talking about! Cassidy Ferris Year 7.

The best part of the day for me was Dean Jacobs and his digital artwork. I'd love to attend again because it was so cool to see and talk to the authors and I also saw how to illustrate books using digital images. Sophie Kossen Year 10.

The Festival is an inspiration for young people, encourages reading and promotes writing as a fun and enjoyable activity. It's a great day and you get to spend time with people you normally wouldn't meet. Nathan Wood Year 10.

This has been a fantastic day! I learned so many great ideas to use in class. Mrs C.

Year 8 Readers Cup

Our Year 8 Readers' Cup team experienced a fierce night of competition at the Sunshine Coast Regional Readers Cup held recently



at Immanuel Lutheran College. Readers Cup, a statewide competition for enthusiastic young reader is organised by the Qld Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia and regional competitions are held across the state.

Our team: Bakani Kombanie, Patrick McKenzie, Madeleine Roulston and Steffini Twidale, formed a strong alliance, taking on the challenge of reading six books and working collaboratively to answer the fast-paced questions on the night. Narrowly missing a place in the final, they came away with a great sense of achievement, enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening and in particular loved the opportunity to hear the inspirational guest speaker – Lynette Noni. Lynette Noni is a vibrant new author based on the Sunshine Coast, who is enjoying acclaim for her new series:

The Medoran Chronicles. Her first book in the series, *Akarnae*, was featured as one of the books in this year's Sunshine Coast Regional Competition. If the reaction of the audience is anything to go by, Noni's books will be very popular and she's bound to be in high demand as a guest author. To read more about Lynette Noni go to: <https://lynettononi.com/>

Vanessa McKellar and Beryl Morris

SPORTS NEWS

12 year olds Win Gold at District Cross Country

It was another very exciting day at the Glasshouse District Cross Country Championships as our team of 18 students prepared to race. They had been training hard and wanted to do their very best at this competition.



The day began with the 10-year-old races where Olivia McKenzie powered to the front of the field. She kept up a great pace but faded a little as the race went on and finished in a very creditable 5th place. Joshua Moore also started strongly but sat a little off the pace early. He used his swimming fitness to pass one runner after another until he was sitting in 2nd place. He showed great determination to overtake many runners in the second half of the race.

In the 11 year girls' race, Lilli-Jean Cruise ran a very consistent race and spent most of the race in 2nd or 3rd place. The girls maintained these positions and Lilli-Jean ran strongly to the finish line to secure 3rd place. The 11 year boys' team was affected by sick or injured runners so our highest finisher was Bryce Sambrook who came in 8th.

The 12-year-old races concluded the day and our runners shone. Cassidy Ferris ran straight to the front from the start and was challenged for the lead a couple of times but her determination kept opposition at bay and she ran powerfully to the finish line in 1st place. This was an incredible effort as just two weeks earlier she had been in bed for two weeks with pneumonia! Molly McCaughey also ran out of her skin with a very determined effort to win a medal in 10 – 12 year district sport. She achieved her goal and finished in 3rd place adding vital points to our school tally.

Daemon Cruise also started quickly and established a good lead in his race. Other runners started coming through challenging his lead but he showed courage to hold them out. He even had enough energy for a big sprint to the finish line as he claimed the 12 year victory.

Unfortunately our team were just two points behind Elimbah State School when the points were totalled meaning GCC were runners up. This ended a five-year winning streak but we were still very proud.

Lots of parents came to cheer the team on which is so important in cross country running. We could see speed improve as runners passed people cheering for them. The whole team did a fantastic job of running well and representing GCC with pride and determination.

For the placings of other students who competed and all the photos, please click [here](#).

Mini Olympics – Awesome day of Fun!

Athletes from all over the world gathered at GCC for the 2016 Mini Olympics – well almost! A full day of Olympic inspired events kept all the Prep to Year two children running, jumping and throwing all day with big smiles on their faces.



Children were assigned to represent 16 different countries which had flags the same colour as their house team. The teams marched past as they were introduced to the enthusiastic crowd of parents and grandparents who showered them with applause. The athlete's oath was read passionately by Aimee Cullen stating that we would all compete strongly and fairly using the gifts God had given us. The Olympics were declared open by the "queen", Mrs Bryers, who used her very best English accent!

Sprints, Long Jump, Tug O War and an Obstacle Course filled the first part of the day. Children were treated with some spectacular racing in the 80m finals of each age group. The winners of these finals were presented with gold, silver and bronze medals. They marched in carrying their country flags and stood proudly on the podium to receive their medals and great applause from the crowd. Of course the music played and the photographers clicked as the winners enjoyed the moment.

After a short lunch break to refuel, the students started competing and participating in a wide range of Olympic inspired tabloid activities. The children sped around on bikes and legs in the triathlon, they raced in kayaks powered by fellow students, they threw javelin, bowled balls and got quite wet trying to stop the water escaping from a leaking bin! Some great tries were scored in seven's rugby and tennis balls were thrown accurately to fill the bucket, while others raced over hurdles just as in the Olympics.

During all these competitions and games the students gained points for their house teams, Ararat, Sinai and Zion. Of course the war cry and tent decorating also added points and at the end of the day just 5 points separated first and second. Ararat nudged out Zion by just 5 points in the last round of competition to win the day. The Year 3 House Captains had encouraged their teams all day and were presented with the Athletics Trophy.

To finish off a great day, each competitor was presented with a commemorative medal by a fellow year level friend which typified the spirit of competition and sportsmanship of these Olympics. Thanks was given to all the fantastic parents and grandparents who supported all the children and helped with teams throughout the day. Mrs Bryers (alias the queen!) officially closed the 2016 GCC Mini Olympic Games and many tired but happy students left the arena.

View all the photos [here](#).

80m Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners:

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Prep Girls	Ariella Rees	Georgie Cobb	Jade Fullerton
Prep Boys	Ryder Rees	Max Thornton	Mitchell Hanlon
Yr 1 Girls	Jade Roy	Sophie Sharma	Molly Brown
Yr 1 Boys	Zefflyn Dorrett	Micah Constance	Cooper James
Yr 2 Girls	Hannah Gassner	Talia Demerutis	Emily Blackmore
Yr 2 Boys	Ashton van Straten	Owen Heathwood	Ben Ramke

Interschool Soccer and Netball

The Year 5 and 6 students are currently playing netball and soccer against the other Glasshouse District schools in the Friday Interschool Competition.



The soccer teams have only lost one game out of the 12 they have played and are looking forward to the final games this week.

The netball teams have had mixed results but are all improving and enjoying the competition. Some girls have not played netball before so this is a great experience for them.

The Year 5 GCC team are also competing in the South East Queensland Football competition – Sunshine Coast finals after beating St Michaels College. The team travelled to St Michaels and the score was 2-2 at full time after a hard fought game. 10 minutes extra time was played and GCC scored twice but St Michaels quickly took the score to 4-3. The final five minutes were desperate as GCC kept five corners from St Michaels out of the back of the goal. The team played great football on a wet field and we are looking forward to seeing more great football on dry fields next term. More photos [here](#).

Tough Competition at Regional Cross Country

Eight athletes were selected to run in the Glasshouse District team at the Sunshine Coast Regional Trials held in Buderim. Competition is always very tough at this competition and our runners ran determined races to finish in the middle of most age groups.



Chloe Forbes-Hood won her 10 year Multi Class 2km race and qualified to run at the State Cross Country Championships. Chloe has limited vision so this was a fantastic achievement for her.

Bakani Kombani also ran in the 14 boys race and was sitting comfortably in third place for the first kilometre. The other runners move through to pass him as Rick was not running his usual relaxed effortless style. He ran a very brave race using every ounce of the remaining energy he had, even managing a strong finish to the line. He just missed out on qualifying for the Sunshine Coast team finishing in 9th place.

More photos [here](#).

District Tennis Results

On Friday, 6 May, six students (three boys and three girls) represented GCC at the Glasshouse District Tennis Trials.



The girls selected to play were Lainey Grieve, Jade and

Lara Korczynski and the boys were Riley Korczynski, Bryce Sambrook and Josh Collins.

Play lasted nearly all day with each student playing at least four matches against students from around the district. The top four girls and top four boys of the day were then chosen for the Glasshouse District team. All students played extremely well, but Lainey Grieve and Riley Korczynski were successful in securing 4th place each and will now head to the Regional Trials on 6 – 8 of June.

COMMUNITY NEWS

This newsletter is packed so we are only able to list the Community News events here with the link to the full details on our website.

[Junior Pirates Volleyball Camp](#)

[Census looking for Field Officers \(paid work\)](#)

[Free Health Check for Kids - 29 July](#)

[Cartoon Camps on school holidays](#)

[Scarecrow Competition](#)

[Outward Bound School Holiday Programs](#)

P AND F NEWS

Hello GCC Families!

Well we've made it through Term 2 and it has been a busy couple of months for the P and F. We are so grateful to the GCC community for their contributions to our projects and events.

Our annual Trivia Night was a huge success and a great night all round. Thanks so much to Mark and Alaina Westaway for being our hosts for the evening, Matt Gibson for handling the audio/visual and also to the two winning tables who donated their winnings back to the P and F. I think it's safe to say everyone had a fantastic time and really got into the spirit with their colour themes. I am really looking forward to next year! More photos [here](#).



Our Open Day BBQ was another success for May. Big thanks to the Knapp family for their efforts in coordinating and running the BBQ on behalf of the P and F. Not only were we able to feed the masses & raise funds for the P and F, but we were also able to welcome new and existing families to the

College that we are all so proud of.

The winter primary disco pyjama party was on last Friday 17 June and the consensus is our kids had a great time as always. Thanks so much to everyone who assisted with planning and lending a hand on the night. Greatly appreciated!

Our focus now turns to Funfest on Saturday 30 July. Steph, Marg and a whole band of coordinators/helpers have been working so very hard to bring everything together for the day and we are ever so grateful to everyone who has helped in some way. If you are able to help out on the day, whether it's for half an hour or four hours, please send me an email and I will put you in touch with our volunteer coordinator. There is still plenty to be done so any assistance, big or small, would be greatly appreciated!

Next P and F meeting is after the school holidays on Wednesday 20 July at 7pm in the library. All welcome!

On behalf of the P and F Association, I hope everyone has a safe and blessed holiday period. See you next term!

Kate Adam, President

Funfest

**30 July
2016
11am to
4pm**

Funfest is only a few weeks away and students, parents and staff are working tirelessly to make this a day that you and your children won't want to miss. Saturday 30 July, 11am – 4pm – be sure to tell all your family and friends and bring them along for a fantastic family day out for all ages. There will be so much delicious food to enjoy and thrilling rides and activities for the kids.

RIDE PASSES

Our ride pass armbands are now selling. Don't miss the early bird price of \$28. You can purchase these from Flexischools, Try Booking or at Main Admin. Ride passes will then be placed around your child's wrist the day before Funfest. Individual ride tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Booth on the day.



You can WIN a ride pass by coming over to our donation drop-off spot on a Monday from 2.45pm at the Junior playground. Simply bring a donation or put your name down to volunteer.

BUSINESS OWNERS

It is not too late to sponsor Funfest, which will not only help the stalls where we still need lots of donations but your business will get gain exposure to our community through our advertising. Alternatively, we have a few more stalls available for hire. For \$50 you can sell your products and services at Funfest. Just send us an email for more details.

CAN YOU GIVE ONE HOUR?

Funfest isn't possible without a mighty team of helpers. Are you able to give just one hour of your time to help on the day? If so, please send an email to stephanie.mccredie@glasshouse.qld.edu.au and one of our team will chat with you to help you find an area that you will enjoy helping in.

NEWS & UPDATES

'Like' our Funfest Facebook page so you don't miss all our news and updates. You can also see photos of some of the rides we have coming to Funfest.

For more information, you can read our latest Funfest newsletter [here](#).

See you at Funfest.