

Glasshouse Country Christian College

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'Growing in faith and knowledge'

newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Important Dates Term 1

March 2013

Fri 1	Primary Leader's Induction
Mon 4	Senior School Leaders' Induction
Tue 5	School Photos Prep to Year 6
Thur 7	6.30pm Technology Information Night re iPads
Tue 12	Year 7 to Year 12 and Sibling Photos
Thur 14	School Photos catch up
Thur 14-Tue 19	Years 11 & 12 Exam Block
Sun 17-Fri 22	Year 7 Canberra Trip
Mon 18-Fri 22	Year 9 Camp Helidon
Mon 18-Fri 22	Year 10 Work Experience
Tue 26-Wed 27	Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 20-Fri 22	Year 11 Emu Gully Camp
Thur 28	Last Day Term 1

New Look Newsletter

We have been working on ways to improve our communication for some time. The newsletter is an important means of passing on information but we are aware that some of you are having problems with the older format. Some of the challenges include the newsletter being too big to download quickly and too large to read and navigate your way through the information.

For this reason, we have created a new way of passing on newsletter information. Rather than the emailed link taking you to a PDF version of the newsletter, the email will contain a list of hyperlinked stories that have been uploaded onto the home page of our website. You can click on any story that grabs your interest and the link will take you directly to that article.

Once you are in the article you will see a menu to the left which lists stories according to section. Sections are in alphabetical order and include: Library, Middle School, P and F, Prep, Primary,

Principal, Senior School, Sport, Staff and Community News. Simply click on the category that interests you or click on All News to see every article that has been uploaded during the last fortnight. You will see a photo and the first sentence of the article - just enough to know if you want to click on the link and read more.

Other benefits of this system are that we can upload many more photos without slowing or freezing your computer and we can post stories and photos as they happen. For example, the stories and photo galleries for the Primary and Secondary District Swimming Carnivals were uploaded on Monday 25 February.

This means that the old format of the newsletter (what you are currently reading) will simply be text only and still be available on the GCCC website under College Life, Newsletters. You have the choice of downloading a simple PDF document quickly but without any photos or clicking onto the website links.

DANGER - IMPORTANT WARNING

The majority of children injured or killed in school transportation incidents are injured **outside the bus**. Most are struck by motorists who just can't see a child when they walk out between buses or cars. I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is to instil good safety practices in your children by repeatedly talking with them and modelling safe behaviour yourself.

I have been horrified to witness many occasions when children are not using the crossing and are instead walking across the road from between the buses. What is worse is that these children are with an adult or parent! There are lots of things young children can forget or don't understand properly but as parents, we know the dangers and should behave accordingly.

If someone is hit by a car even going 20km per hour they have a 10% chance of being killed and the incidence of injury is higher again. Around 70% of car to pedestrian collisions occur when the motorist is travelling **within** the speed limit so even though we will continue to exhort drivers to be vigilant, the need to encourage and model safe practices for our children is even more important.

I am asking all parents, guardians and adults to display the **G.R.E.A.T.** values of our College to other members of the GCCC community in the car park and around the College. Show **GODLINESS** by loving one another (no road rage); show **RESPECT** by not parking in the disabled car parks; display **EXCELLENCE** in adhering to the road rules; have the right **ATTITUDE** in considering others, be **TEACHABLE** and teach your children to only cross at the crossings.

School Photos

You will see by the calendar on the GCCC website that it is once again school photo time. Prep to Year 6 will have their photo taken on Tuesday 5 March and Year 7 to Year 12 (plus siblings) will have their photos taken on Tuesday 12 March. The photo catch up day is scheduled for Thursday 14 March.

Please ensure that your child is correctly attired for these days. If they need a haircut, please attend to that. Middle and Senior School male students must wear ties. If you don't yet have a tie, please visit the Uniform Shop urgently.

Let me encourage you to take some time to teach your son how to tie his tie before the school photo day. In previous years, the photo process has been held up considerably by students turning up without their ties on and then not knowing how to tie them correctly.

Students who are not correctly attired or whose haircut is deemed to be inappropriate will not have their photo taken.

P and F Family Fun Day

It was very disappointing to have to postpone the P and F Family Fun Day due to lack of responses.

This event is now scheduled for Saturday, 16 March from 11am to 3pm so please take a minute to RSVP your attendance to pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au so food, drinks and events can be planned in plenty of time.

This event has always been a highlight in the College calendar and I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mike Curtis, Principal

MESSAGE FROM ODETTE PERKINS, REGISTRAR

REMINDER FOR PREP 2014

We have now commenced with the Prep 2014 enrolment process. At this time we are extending an invitation to all existing families of the College to ensure that an Application for Enrolment has been submitted to the Registrar for all siblings that are eligible for Prep next year (2014).

INVITATIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL (YEAR 7 2014) APPLICATIONS

Year 7 is the beginning of those very important and exciting Middle School years. We have limited placements that open up in this year level for a short period of time. We are extending an invitation to all existing families of the College that have siblings who may be interested in Year 7 in 2014, to ensure that an Application for Enrolment has been submitted to the Registrar for priority consideration.

If you need to still register your interest, you may download an Application for Enrolment from the website www.gccc.qld.edu.au or alternatively you may collect one from our Admin office when you are next on campus.

All Applications for Enrolment must be supported with a copy of the student's birth certificate and where applicable all supporting documentation.

You may email the Registrar directly on odette.perkins@gccc.qld.edu.au should you wish to check if an application form has already been submitted."

Uniform Shop

New and second-hand uniforms.

Mon 8.00 - 9.00am &
Wed 8.00 - 9.00am

Fri 8.00 - 9.00am & 2.30 - 3.30pm

Please phone Kylie on 0429 200 400.

Second Hand Uniforms

If you have quality second hand uniforms please drop them off to the Uniform Shop. They must be accompanied by a completed form (downloaded from GCCC website, College Life, Uniform Shop) to the Uniform Shop.

Email secondhanduniform@gmail.com if you can assist.



Introducing Sandra Brahim

I am honoured to be part of Glasshouse Country Christian College. Most of you know me as I have been volunteering since 2008. I am a born again Christian, married to a wonderful man (Troy) who is a builder. I am blessed with three beautiful children, Daniel (carpenter), Amanda and Hannah.

Born in Kilcoy, I was raised in dairy cattle and stock farming in Toogoolawah where I did my schooling. My hobbies include listening to Christian music, walking, horse riding, tennis, and a love of craft. My favourite food is anything organic.

A photo of Sandra is on the GCCC website.

Introducing Alice Dacombe

I am very excited to be joining you all as a Teacher Aide Learning Enhancement.

For the past nine years I have been working at St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly in Brisbane, assisting IEP students in years six to twelve.

Now that our adult “kids” have flown the coop, my husband and I are having a sea change and will be living in Coolumb.

I enjoy reading, gardening, long walks with my dog and holidays in New Zealand where most of my family live. You might still hear my Kiwi vowels!

A photo of Alice is on the GCCC website.

Introducing Jacqueline Herbaut

I feel so blessed to have been given the opportunity to join the wonderful team at Glasshouse Country Christian College as a part-time French Teacher.

An Aussie by choice, I am a French native speaker, with twenty-three years of teaching experience in Queensland. I am delighted to be facilitating the learning process of my remarkable students who abide by the G.R.E.A.T College rules and who are willing to “Grandir en Foi et Connaissance”.

I recently experienced a great feeling of joy when I found out that some of my prior students, were now using the French language as a means of communication, in their professional daily life (in Australia and abroad).

I am family orientated and love spending time with my youngest grandchild when I can. My husband and I share many hobbies together. We love clogging dancing, swimming, walking in natural environment, gardening and sightseeing. I also enjoy handcrafting (crochet, tapestry, embroidery), reading, solving logical problems, working out Sudoku and Kakuro puzzles and playing Scrabble in English or French.

A photo of Jacqueline is on the GCCC website.

Introducing Merisa Mumba

I have been part of GCCC for almost seven years now and it has been a great journey to watch and see the way God is building this school. It is wonderful to be here once again in a more permanent role.

I am a Mother of three beautiful boys and have a heart to see young people becoming who they are destined to be, in every sense of the word. Physically, academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

In my spare time I love playing with my boys, spending time with friends, reading and travelling.

It is a privilege to be a part of this school and of your child’s life.

A photo of Merisa is on the GCCC website.

Re-introducing Lauren Kuhn

I have been working here at GCCC since 2007, with the exception of last year when I was living and working in Canada. I love our school and am excited to be back with my gorgeous Prep class.

A photo of Lauren is on the GCCC website.

Introducing Chris Warren

Although having spent most of my adult life in Queensland, in 2007 I and my family moved to Melbourne where I worked at Melton Christian College and Catholic Regional College. At the end of 2012 I moved back to Queensland to support my extended family with health issues.

I recently completed my Master of Education focusing on fathers and their impact on their children's education. I have a passion for educating young people using innovative techniques, positive relationships, showing a genuine care and being a genuine Christian witness.

I love all sport especially AFL and also enjoy everything on two wheels including motorbikes, pushies etc. I love sailing, and keeping fit and healthy.

I am extremely excited about my role as a Secondary English teacher at GCCC.

A photo of Chris is on the GCCC website.

Introducing Penny White

I have been happily married to David for 20 years and we have two sons, Hamish (Year 6) and Mason (Year 3).

Since 2005, I have been teaching early childhood music on the coast, but more recently tried something different and completed postgraduate studies specialising in Project Management.

I sing Alto with the Sunshine Coast Oriana Choir who toured Europe in July 2012 to much acclaim and this was an unforgettable experience for my family (my husband sings Tenor). A highlight for us all was singing not only inside the magnificent St Paul's Cathedral in London, but also our impromptu performance on the front steps afterwards. I'm the current Treasurer for Oriana Arts Inc, which is a not for profit arts organisation who also represent Oriana Youth Choir.

As a family we enjoy travel, bush and mountain hiking and playing music - our current endeavour is learning to play the bagpipes.

A photo of Penny is on the GCCC website.

Primary News

Citations Reinstated in 2013

Last year, the demands on teachers' time in terms of curriculum and planning (particularly with the National Curriculum) meant that we had to reduce some of the load – particularly in the very busy time at the end of the year.

Because we value the opportunity to speak into students' lives – particularly in a public forum – to edify them and honour them, we have reinstated Citations this year in our Prep – Year 2 and Year 3 – 6 assemblies. This means that they can be done throughout 2013 and teachers can leave the busy times when their work load is so demanding. A class roster of student names will be prepared – in no particular order – and you will be notified when your child will receive his/her Citation on assembly, so you or another significant adult in their lives may attend and congratulate them.

The Citations will be printed on special paper and we know that the majority of parents keep these in a very special place for future reference.

I would like to thank all our teachers who put so much thought into the wording of these Citations to try to capture the essence of each student's character (as they see them) on a day to day basis at school.

Homework Guidelines

Those of you who attended the Meet the Teacher Evening last week received a copy of the Homework Guidelines/Policy for Primary classes. For those who weren't there for this presentation, the copies were sent home the following day with students in that class.

Please read these guidelines very carefully as any questions you may have regarding homework are hopefully covered in this document. Please contact the class teacher if you are experiencing any difficulties with your son's/daughter's homework as it will benefit your child if home and school work together on these tasks.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

SCIPHA LEADERSHIP DAY

On Monday 25 February a group of Year 6 students attended the SCIPHA Student Leadership Day at Immanuel Lutheran College. The day was aimed at helping young leaders heighten and reach their potential to become strong and resilient people who are inspired to use leadership opportunities to make a positive difference, impacting their school and peers.

The guest speaker was extreme athlete Alyse Burnett, a past student from Immanuel Lutheran College who inspired students as they listened to her journey. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and their reflections gave insight into the benefits of valuable input into young leadership at GCCC.

“The most enjoyable thing about the leadership day was to get to meet new people and learn about being leaders. We also learnt how to take control of a situation.” Ronan.

“The thing I enjoyed about leadership day was that we learned how to deal with conflict and how to solve it. We also got to meet new people.” Paige

The program included a range of workshops that covered leadership skills covering developing a positive mind-set, relationship building, communication, team building, goal setting, public speaking and active listening.

Despite the terrible weather it was a great day.

Photo on the GCCC website

Gail Mitchell, Deputy Head of Primary

Miss Simpsons' Visit to GCCC

On Friday 15 February 2013, Madame Speaker, Miss Simpson, came to our school and talked to us about the government and how it works. She first started to talk about her position in the government and what she does.

Her position is the Speaker and what she is called to the meeting to make sure everything is under control and nothing gets out of hand. For example: say someone, (even Tony Abbot) is arguing and not listening to her, she is allowed to send him or her out of the meeting for either an hour or the whole day.

Miss Simpson says that if someone gets called out for a day it means that they weren't cooperating at all and refused to go out for an hour. Miss Simpson said in the past a lot of the speakers got murdered, (probably from the people that got angry for being called out) but there hasn't been a murdered speaker for many years now, so she isn't that scared. Miss Simpson says that sending someone out of the meeting is not the only part of her job. She also has to get up really early in the morning and go to bed really late at night and do lots and lots of paperwork. Sometimes when she is really tired and has lots of paperwork to do she has a substitute to fill in for her.

When it was near the end of the talk, Miss Simpson answered questions from us. Someone asked her if she has a substitute when she is sick or on holidays. Miss Simpson said she did have a substitute but usually uses this person when she has lots of paperwork to do as she doesn't have holidays during meeting days.

Miss Madame Speaker taught us a lot about the government and how it works, answered our government questions and honored us in her presence.

Photos on GCCC website.

Alexis White, 6M

Prep Students to Feature in Sunshine Coast Daily

The Sunshine Coast Daily is publishing a booklet called 'My First Year' in its paper on Monday 25 March. The publication is featuring Prep classes from all the schools on the Sunshine Coast and each of our Prep classes will also have their photo in this publication. I will try and put another reminder on the website a little closer to the date but you may like to write down the date if you have students in Prep and want a keepsake for family members or your scrapbook.

Photo on GCCC website.

Lost and Found

A red pencil case full of items was found recently. If you believe this belongs to you or your child, please come to Student Reception or Admin as soon as possible.

Kitchen Garden News

Rain, rain go away! Kitchen Garden classes have been rained out of the garden for the past fortnight. So much work had been planned; mulching to finish, seeds and seedlings to plant, weeds to pull; the list goes on. I'm sure many of you are experiencing the same delays at home in your own gardens.

Despite the rain we still had lots of fun in lessons. As many of the Prep to Year 2 classes had been confined to inside play time it was welcome relief for them all to come over to the gazebo and have a go at cooking. Classes made ham and pineapple pin wheels using pineapple fresh from the garden. These were such a hit that many a second and thirds were had! The recipe has been posted on the Kitchen Garden website www.gcccitchengarden.com.au if you would like to make these simple, tasty pastries at home (they are great in the lunch box too!)

Our volunteer numbers have been down so far this term. I'm sure that the weather is in part to blame but some classes (1M and 2W for example) have NO parent helpers at all! It would be great to see this turn around in the next few weeks and for our volunteer numbers to increase. It only takes 40 minutes each fortnight yet it means the world to the kids.

Have you purchased your copy of the Kitchen Garden cookbook 'Cooking Creations'? Copies are still available from the office for \$10 or email myself and I can organize a copy for you.

Yours in gardening and cooking,

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Kitchen Garden photos are on the GCCC website

Middle School News

Launchpad

Each year at GCCC, Middle School begins with a community building and thought provoking day called Launchpad. On this alternate activity day, students are challenged to think about their goals and values, about relationships and friendships and to have some time of reflection in preparation for the year ahead. Each class group then shares a lunch and a fun afternoon getting to know each other and building important links in friendship with each other.

While dodging the weather - nothing would deter our classes from enjoying the experience and a great day was had by all.

Lots of fun photos are on the GCCC website.

Jacq Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Britney Dale 8G to compete in World Championships of Performing Arts

Britney and her mum will be going to America in July for Britney to compete at the World Championships of Performing Arts. Britney is in Team Australia competing in the Junior WCOPA segment as a Solo Singer in five categories. Britney has been taking singing lessons for two and a half years and was asked by Alison Goodwin (Australian Talent Scout) to join Team Australia. Britney is now one of only 35 other people in Team Australia.

In the lead up to this event Britney's mum as well as parents of other competitors are learning the skills of fundraising and requesting sponsorships. Britney's web address is www.britneydale.com and this is where you can find lots of lovely ways of supporting Britney such as the Trivial Night being put on by "Goodwin Performing Arts" in Mooloolaba on 6 April. Britney's mum (Tracey) will also be selling raffle tickets outside IGA on Sunday 3 March.

Britney also featured in the local Glasshouse Country News this week.

Technology Information Night

On Thursday 7 March from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Theatre, we are having an evening we are calling "Recapturing the iPad". There is no doubt that the iPad is a very effective learning and organising tool but there are plenty of unwelcome distractions-namely messaging, internet browsing and other time wasters. For some of you there might even be random alarms that sound in the middle of the night!

The evening will be led by our Educational Technology Specialist Teacher Mr Brad Evans. He will demonstrate some of the ways we are using the iPads at the College and give you the tools and tips that you need to ensure that the iPad is being used for the purpose it was intended at home. Such items for discussion will include internet filtering, putting parent controls on the iPad, how to be "internet-savvy", controlling your wireless internet and your download bill.

It will be a very valuable evening for all Middle School Parents.

It's all about RESPECT

I believe there are three aspects to respect: Respect Ourselves, Respect Others and, Expect Respect.

The bible says, Love one another as you love yourself.

This means you have to love yourself in order to be able to love others.

How do we RESPECT ourselves?

If you're a student reading this – what are the top 10 things that you should do on a regular basis that would demonstrate that you respect yourselves/that demonstrate: 'I care and take pride in myself?'

Here's mine ... but to be honest – they're not ranked – I believe they're all equally important.

1. Eat Breakfast
2. Make some plans for time to
 - a. Study
 - b. Do homework Note there's a difference between study and homework
 - c. Spend time with family and friends
 - d. Play and/or chill
 - e. Hang out with God
3. Exercise
4. Stay clean – not just regular washes – but clean clothes, teeth, and hair – soap doesn't cost much - take pride in your appearance. (and your room)
5. Respect your parents. (Honour them – they gave you life and continue to provide for you)
6. Get to bed on time – AND wake up at a good time.
7. Go outside for some time every day – scientists have proven that watching a sunset or sunrise increases your endorphins.
8. Have fun – laugh, enjoy the moments.
9. Pray to God – talk to Him – he's your heavenly Dad.
10. Help do the household chores (pull your weight around the house) or surprise someone with a random act of kindness.

Some Important Dates to Remember

Monday 11 March	Legacy Cup Clean up the School Day
Tuesday 12 March	School Photos
Sunday 17 March	Year 7 Canberra Camp leaves at 5.30pm
Monday 18 March	Year 9 Emu Gully Camp
Monday 18 March	Year 8 Alternate Activities Week

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Senior School News

Merits and Demerits

It's very easy for teachers and parents to focus on the negative behaviours of our children and forget about the great things that they often do. It's a bit like watching the evening news - we see so much bad news and fail to recognise the good news! At GCCC we want to reward positive behaviours by issuing G.R.E.A.T. awards. Teachers who observe students displaying behaviours that are aligned to our College Values of Godliness, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teachability will record a merit award electronically in the same manner we record demerits. These G.R.E.A.T awards will be tallied and once a number have been accrued then a certificate will be presented on Assembly.

Demerits are issued for misdemeanours in the following areas: uniform, lateness, language, chewing gum, minor safety issues, equipment, homework or non-compliance. All demerits are reviewed by respective Year Level Coordinators and if required then an after school detention is issued. This is usually the result of getting three or more demerits in a week. After school detentions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and emails will be sent home to confirm the time that is least disruptive to the family. Please support us by ensuring your child attends detentions when given.

T.E.A.M Dynamics Program

Michael Knight of Peer Power is presenting a seminar to our Year 10's this Tuesday entitled "T.E.A.M. Dynamics". This is an exciting program that aims to equip and empower students by:

- Identifying each individual's and collective personality trends and patterns.
- Identifying the strengths and challenges of each trend.
- Discovering the value of the unique diversity within the group.
- Exploring how to adjust to each personality and maintain cohesiveness within the group.

- Creating realistic and practical methods to motivate each trend into action.
- Discovering the value and impact of the collective strength of the group.

Senior School Induction

Next Monday our College Leaders will receive their badges at the Senior School College Leaders Induction to be held on Monday 4 March at 9:15am. Parents of our Year 12 students are invited to join us. Please Email Cheryl Costin on secondary.admin@gccc.qld.edu.au if you intend coming.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Do you want to host a French student?

In July, approximately 20 students will arrive from 7 July to 4 August. Some students choose to be with their family for all of their stay and others are doing the Moreton Bay Excursion during the last week of their stay in Queensland. Fifteen of these students still need a placement for their plans to go ahead. They are all aged about 16.5 years.

If you are interested in hosting a French student please contact Patricia Clunes, Queensland Coordinator for Nacel Australia on 07 5498 6066.or 0410 617 825 as soon as possible as she needs to begin working out the details and fill in the necessary paperwork including Blue Card Applications..

World on a Plate

Year 10 Students this term are studying "World on a plate". We began our travels with a taste of Italy in the form of a visit from Flavya Woodfired Pizzas.

The students got to experience making pizza the traditional way and did everything from scratch - including lighting the wood fired oven. Students made pizzas with authentic toppings and some which were not quite as traditional but just as much fun. Chocolate and marshmallow pizza was not quite as Italian as the famous Margherita but it was very tasty and exceptionally popular.

Photos are on the GCCC website.

Colleen Devitt, Head of Hospitality

Australian Legends Lunch

The Year 10 students invite all Senior and Middle school students to an Australian Legends' Lunch held at the College on Thursday 7 March (week 6). Students will get the opportunity to buy Australian favourite foods (Lamb burgers, fresh fruit pavlovas, etc.) Students can look at the window in J1 for a complete menu. Menu items range in price from \$2 - \$4.50. Lunch will begin at 12.45pm and finish at 1.15pm.

Colleen Devitt, Head of Hospitality

Future Pathways

Our Wonderful Future Pathways Students.

Last week Mr Heyworth met with our TAFE students to check on how their year has started. Students were reminded to stay ahead of school work and TAFE assessment and request help if they strike any problems. Some of our TAFE students were away at courses or elsewhere when we met including Sian Lindsay, Juanita Greasley, Emerson Tasker, Ashlie Balour, Megan James, Courtney Rechberger and Brendan Flesser however here are the rest of our 2013 TAFE students with Mr Heyworth, Study Supervisor Mrs Fiona Peel and Mrs Joan Ferris. *Photo on GCCC website.*

Headstart students start their university courses this week at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The students gathered to discuss uni routines, schedules, assessment and other such items. Jordan Marston was absent from our gathering. Very best wishes to these students in their first week at uni. *Photo on GCCC website.*

Headstart Information Evening

Speaking of the University of Sunshine Coast anyone considering Headstart studies at Uni at any time in the future should consider attending the information session on Wednesday 13 March. To register for this session please go to www.usc.edu.au/info.

Year 10 Work Experience

Excitement is mounting in the Year 10 ranks with Work Experience looming up in coming weeks. All students now have a confirmed placement thanks to many very generous employers and fantastic work by Mrs McMinn. At the moment we are talking to the students about workplace skills including personal presentation, communication and Workplace Health

and Safety. To assist the school in final preparations, parents are asked to please take their student to the workplace to meet the supervisor within the next fortnight. Students should use this visit to find out what to wear, when to arrive, workplace arrangements for lunch breaks, who to report to and where to go on the first day. We have found in the past this visit makes the first day and the rest of the week run very smoothly. If you have any questions or concerns about work experience please contact Mrs Ferris.

Defence Force Update.

Last week Mrs Ferris visited the new office for Defence Force Recruiting in Maroochydore. It is at 35 – 39 Primary School Road. This is on the corner of Maroochydore Road and the back road to the Plaza near the Bunnings and Homemaker Centre. You can contact them on 5459 8700 or email defencejobsmaroochydore@dfr.com.au.

There are some Information Sessions coming up for students interested in joining the Defence Force. They are:

- ADFA Wednesday 13 March at 6pm
- Royal Military College Thursday 21 March at 6pm
- General careers information sessions Thursday 11 April and Wednesday 22 May at 6pm.

There are many very interesting and well paid careers at all levels and occupations including 12 month programs which have replaced the GAP Year. ADFA candidates should apply in Year 11 when they turn 16. Any Year 12 students considering ADFA and who have not already done so should be applying right now.

There are wonderful opportunities for women in the ADF and preferential arrangements for General Entry into the Army. Girls in Senior School considering the ADF for their future career would be well advised to talk to the recruiting staff about this.

Finally, I receive a quarterly newsletter from the ADF about all the news on Defence Force Recruiting. If you would like to receive this newsletter it is posted on Moodle or contact Mrs Ferris and I will pass it on to you. Anyone considering the ADF as a career should be receiving this very informative and helpful resource.

Showcase for Year 12s

Next Friday 8 March, all Year 12 students will be walking across to the Beerwah State High School. Beerwah High have kindly invited us to attend the Uni Showcase. Showcase is a travelling exhibit organized by Uni of Sunshine Coast involving 11 different Tertiary Institutions, the Defence Force and TAFE. Students also receive excellent advice on such things as QTAC applications and Uni life. Students will leave the College on foot on Friday 8 March at 11.30am and be back at the College by lunchtime.

ENERGEX is inviting applications for its first Electrical apprenticeship intake for 2013. ENERGEX apprentices enjoy some great benefits including paid training, a nine-day fortnight and uniforms and tools are provided. Apprentices receive all the support needed to succeed and excellent career opportunities for the future. Applicants must be aged 17 or over before the start date of the apprenticeship and have completed Year 12 with a pass in Maths and English. Applicants will also need a current open or provisional manual 'C' class driver's licence. Applications close: 8 March 2013. To apply visit: <http://careers.energex.com.au/>

Joan Ferris Future Pathways Coordinator joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au

Library News

New Library Hours for 2013

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

Prep – Year 2 LIBRARY BORROWING

Please note that due to the heavy rain we have been experiencing some Prep – Year 2 classes have not been able to return and borrow library books during their regular time slot. Some classes have been able to reschedule, while others have had to wait until the following week depending on library bookings. Thank you in advance for your patience with this and for helping keep our books safe and dry.

Vanessa McKellar

Sports Reports - 13 February 2013

Fishing

The Barramundi fishing group began our fishing season feeling slightly wetter than the fish did! The weather was wet but everyone was still keen to get some fishing done. So we braved the drizzle and tried our wet hands at some 'Barra' fishing.

Our current top fisherman is Elizabeth Gregory, who hooked the only fish of the day, and fought it all the way to the bank (screaming all the way). Unfortunately the fish managed to Houdini himself off the line before she was able to get him out of the water.

We are all keen for round two next week.

Touch Football

The GCCC boys played well and worked together as a team. Every boy contributed and was keen to make sure all had a run. We won all four games against Caloundra Christian College. Unfortunately CCPS didn't show up.

Scores:

Game 1 - GCCC (6) def CCC (0)

Game 2 - GCCC (3) def CCC (0)

Game 3 - GCCC (2) def CCC (0)

Game 4 - GCCC (4) def CCC (0)

All boys performed well but the best players and participants for the day were Lucas Tidy and Roarke Carter.

Netball

"For our Inter College Netball Competition, our A team demolished their competition with two resounding wins. We beat Caloundra City Private 10 to 5 and Caloundra Christian College 17 - 4. Our two outstanding players were Caitlyn Smith and Shannon Howard who defended the goal circle outstandingly, getting every single rebound and many intercepts. Well done girls "AWESOME WORK"

The netball B team went in hard with lots of energy and enthusiasm! There were players leaping, flying and shooting exceptionally! Lani Kombanie made numerous impressive intercepts to keep the opposition out of possession, giving us many opportunities to shoot! Emily had her game face on and made some great shots, ensuring we had a solid lead for the whole game. Well-done girls. Two wins is an awesome start to the season!

Hockey

The girls scored a goal in each game but finished in a narrow loss. While the boys were also beaten the boys turned a 6 - 1 half time score into a 7 - 4 full time score, technically taking the second half 3 goals to 1. Everyone is looking forward to getting into next week with a better understanding of what to expect and what driveway leads to the correct venue.

Badminton

Students had a fun afternoon playing badminton. For many students it was their first time playing and many were bursting with enthusiasm to get out on the court. Our two best players for the afternoon were Shannon Willcock and Abbey Brockhurst.

Basketball

Well the boys basketball started last Wednesday with a sense of excitement and trepidation. With only a couple of hours practice, the boys went on court facing a well trained opposing team.

The first game was tough and the boys did not give up but unfortunately went down 28 - 8. However, the score would have been closer had the all the boys shots gone in.

The second game was against an up and coming team. Our boys put the first lost behind team, pulled together and came away with a win 16 - 10.

All boys should be proud of their efforts and the way they supported each other. James Proud and Lachlan McCraig were outstanding with their shooting and setting up the plays.

Matt Beattie, Head of Sports

Due to the wet weather at most of these events, there are no photos.

Secondary District Swimming Carnival

The GCCC Swimming team put up a valiant effort at the independent school sports district swimming event at the Noosa Aquatic Centre last week. Throughout all races over the course of the day the GCCC swimmers consistently finished in the top 50% of events.

The carnival kicked off with the long distance events. These races were tight battles with our representatives matching it with swimmers from our larger neighbouring private schools. The 200m individual medley provided our best results for the day. Joshua Topfer finished with a first placing. Joshua has been a welcome addition to our swim team this year with this and other excellent results throughout the day. Abbey Bates didn't disappoint either, finishing with a second placing. Other pleasing results came from Andrea Little with a third and James Proud with a fourth.

Several of our swimmers really came into their own once the 100m events got underway. Joshua Topfer again put in pleasing efforts to place 3rd in the backstroke, 4th in the breaststroke and 5th in his 100m freestyle event.

As the GCCC swimmers continued throughout the day, more impressive results were evident. We finished with fourth placings from Emily Ellwood and James Proud in the 100m breaststroke and a fifth from Jesse Snelling. Up and coming swimmers Shannon Howard and Rani Weir both managed 8th and 9th in their 100 meter freestyle race.

Other swimmers involved in the day's events from GCCC were Elise Ellwood, Lilli Jameljanko, Brianna Gallen, Jack Fissendon, Ryan Sauer, Nicola Bates, Thomas Dwan, Connor Chapman, Thomas Chapman, Lucas Tidy, Troy Fullerton, Louise Munyard, Jayme-Lee Groer and Juanita Greasley.

A big congratulations to all who represented our school at the district carnival. All swimmers gave it their all and we should be well pleased with there efforts.

Matt Beattie, Head of Sports

Lots of photos are on the GCCC website.

Primary District Swimming Carnival - Rising Stars Shine in the Pool

The rain subsided and our 37 strong GCCC Primary Swimming Team gathered at the Beerwah Community Pool to take on the strongest swimming talents in the Glasshouse District. There were nerves all round but an excitement about representing our college and challenging personal best times was contagious. All races were over 50m except for the nine year olds who raced over 25m and do not progress to Regional Trials.

Twenty-three ribbons were won, many personal best times acheived and almost every team member finished in the top ten with some outstanding individual performances helping to place us in third position in the District Competition behind St Michael's College and Maleny State School.

Outstanding performers of the day were Beau Howard (11 years), and youngsters Amity Roser (10 years), Cassidy Ferris and Caitlin Moore (9 years) who put in outstanding performances to become Glasshouse District Age Champions.

Cassidy and Amity won three events each with Cassidy, Caitlin and Molly McCaughey dominating the nine year girl's competition placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in every nine year girls race. Amity clinched the 10 year girls Age Champion title in the last race of the day when she swam an awesome Individual Medley chasing down the leader after the butterfly leg. Beau won the 200m Individual Medley showing his fitness with fantastic breaststroke and freestyle legs and he placed 2nd in backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle and 3rd in butterfly to become Age Champion.

The day was topped off when the girls combined well and showed their class and depth to win the Girls All Age Relay beating both St Michael's and Maleny.

Sophie Trevan also had a successful day placing 2nd in the 11 yr girls butterfly and freestyle events and 3rd in backstroke. Tara Fissenden also swam really well and was just pipped for third in three strokes but her fitness gained her 3rd place in the 200m individual medley.

Congratulations to Amity Roser, Sophie Trevan and Beau Howard who qualified to represent the Glasshouse District at the Sunshine Coast Regional Swimming Carnival.

Thanks to all the fantastic parents who cheered and supported the whole team all day long. We were all very proud of the teams' efforts and sportsmanship shown throughout the day.

Wendy Stott

Lots of lovely photos are on the GCCC website.

Little Athletes Excel

Several students from GCCC have excelled in the Regional Little Athletics Championships held recently at Skippy Park and have qualified for the Queensland Little Athletics Championships to be held in March in Brisbane.

Fifteen students competed in the Regional Champs with seven qualifying for the State Champs after beating many talented athletes from all over the Sunshine Coast.

Athletes who made it to State Champs and the events that they made it in are:

Under 9: Cassidy Ferris – 60M Hurdles 3rd, Shot Put 4th; Shelby Daunt – 700M Walk 1st

Under 10: Jaylah Daunt – Long Jump 4th, Shot Put 1st, Discus 3rd; Laura Vobr – Shot Put 2nd, Discus 2nd

Under 13: Ryan Sauer – Shot Put 2nd

Under 14: Andie Omara-Little – 100M 4th, 80M Hurdles 2nd, 200M Hurdles 1st, Discus 1st, Javelin 1st; Tom Dwan – 200M Hurdles 3rd

All these students are members of Glasshouse Little Athletics Club who meet every Friday night at Skippy Park for coaching and competition in all athletics events. No experience is needed and it is great to see many GCCC students enjoying athletics and friendships made at the club.

Rebekah White also competed last weekend in the 2013 Queensland Junior State Championships and ran well to comfortably win the Under 20 Women's 100m Hurdles. Congratulations Rebekah.

Jaylah Daunt, Laura Vobr, Cassidy Ferris and Shelby Daunt also competed in Redcliffe over the weekend at their Twilight Pentathlon Event. It was a great day with Jaylah and Laura competing against 22 girls in their age group but both did so well. Jaylah came 5th and Laura came 8th. Laura also showed her strength and technique when she threw a record in discus of 20.09m.

Cassidy and Shelby had nine girls to compete against, and achieved fantastic results. Cassidy won the event and Shelby finished 3rd. Well done girls.

Wendy Stott

Photo of Shelby Daunt and Cassidy Ferris is on the GCCC website.

Nyounguns Tri Action

Bright and early Saturday morning 11 keen students from GCCC were ready for competition at the Beerwah Pool. Every month the club holds a fun "Come and Try" event for anyone interested in triathlons. The length of the races varied according to age and everything is held around the Beerwah Pool and Beerwah Sports Grounds area. The students are excited about meeting Emma Jackson, a top Australian Triathlete who will be watching their training session on Thursday and encouraging them to always do their best.

Students from Year 1 to Year 8 participated and everyone improves each time they compete. Louise Munyard won the Lucky Spot prize and won herself a Tee Shirt.

Students participating were Nora Malan, Ella Childs, Savanah Malan, Stephanie Freeman, Annabelle Freeman, Louise Munyard, Tara Fissenden, Jack Fissenden, Henry Montgomery, Emily Roach and Jacqueline Roach.

Wendy Stott

Photo on GCCC website.

Queensland Schools Triathlon Championships

Thirteen year old Jack Fissenden joined the elite young sportsman from around Queensland representing the Sunshine Coast at the Queensland Schools Triathlon Championships. Jack was selected in the Sunshine Coast team at the trial in December beating many keen and experienced athletes. The State Championship event was held in wet and blustery conditions in Redcliffe with choppy sea conditions which lead to a tough event. Jack has been training hard for the event and fought well in the swim and cycle legs but it was in the run leg that he performed best. Jack finished strongly ahead of quarter of the field and gained much experience from the competition. Congratulations Jack.

Wendy Stott

Photo of Jack Fissenden on GCCC website.

Futsal Fun

Emily Roach and Declan Martin have enjoyed a summer season of Futsal playing in their 8 and 9 year team, The Thunderbolts. They have competed once a week for four months against players from all over the coast at various venues. They have gained fantastic skills and knowledge of the game and no doubt their outdoor soccer game will have improved due to this experience.

Photos on GCCC website.

Money raised from sausage sizzle

A big THANK YOU to all the people who bought sausages at the swimming carnival recently.

The chaplains cooked up a storm and with your help, raised \$586.00.

All of this money (no overheads) is going to buy food for the children at MIS orphanage in Lesotho - a small land-locked country within South Africa, where thousands of children are abandoned and orphaned because of the AIDS epidemic.

Photo on GCCC website.

Pause and Ponder - how sleepy are you?

The best part about being a teenager is the amount of sleep you get. Nobody can sleep like a teenager can. But I guess that's normal.

What I find sad however, is that so many people spend their lives spiritually asleep too. Even Christians often find themselves 'napping', and not awake to the importance of their faith and relationship with God. In the Bible, Romans 13:11b says: "The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." Now Paul (the author of Romans) isn't talking about Saturday morning sleep in's or the cute little fellow on the website who is just tuckered out. He's talking about not being ready for our salvation which gets closer every day.

You see, those who have received God's mercy (the mercy of sins forgiven through the blood of Jesus) ought to live sacrificial, worshipful, transformed lives (Romans 12:1-2).

To do this we need to stop snoozing!

Mick Spann, Chaplain

Community News

P and F News

Hi everyone!

I hope you have been staying dry in all this wet weather! My sincerest apologies for the postponement of the Family Fun Day last weekend. The weather was looking dodgy and we had hardly any RSVPs so we thought it was best to wait until it settles and more people could make it.

Please mark in your diaries the new date: Saturday 16 March. Please RSVP to myself on 0447 783 257 or to our email address pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au by Tuesday 12 March for catering purposes. Please feel free to bring picnic blankets and nibblies. It will be a great day!

Next Tuesday the P and F will hold its AGM. This will commence at 6.30pm and will be followed by our meeting at 7pm. I invite you to attend either or both. Its always great to see new faces and we would love you to come and have input into what you would like the P and F to focus on or look like in 2013. The meetings will be held in the library. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Date Saver. We will be running a PRIMARY SCHOOL disco on Friday 22 March. Watch this space for more information and times. We will split this into two different time slots throughout the night. One will be for our younger students and one for the upper primary year levels. It should be a great night and we look forward to seeing many families getting their groove on! Look out for flyers about this soon!

Blessings,

Alaina Westaway

Violin Concert

Born in Cuba in 1970, Jaime began violin studies at age five. When he was ten, Jaime's family immigrated to the United States and he began lessons with the eminent violinist Cyrus Forough, a student of the great David Oistrakh.

Jaime has dedicated his talents to sharing the love of God through sacred and classical concerts and special appearances the world over.

From High School auditoriums to magnificent cathedrals, from simple church programs to Carnegie Hall, Jaime's music can inspire, uplift, and bring peace. For over two decades, through 15 albums and more than 2,500 concerts in North and South America, Europe, Australia, and Asia, Jaime's music has touched the lives of millions. It can touch yours too.

Refer to the GCCC website for upcoming concert details.