

# 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 2

##### April

Mon 15	First Day Term 2
Tue 16	7pm P and F Meeting
Wed 17	Immunisations - All Yr 8 and Boys in Yr 10
Mon 22-Tue 23	Buranga Camp Mapleton
Wed 24	3.20-7.50pm Middle and Senior School Parent Teacher interviews
Thur 24	Primary ANZAC Service
Thur 25	ANZAC Day

##### MAY

Fri 3	Years 4-12 Cross Country
Fri 10	Prep to Year 3 Cross Country
Tue 7	6.30pm Prep Mothers' Night
Thur 9	Mothers' Day Stall
Tue14-Thur 16	NAPLAN Testing
Sat 18	Open Day 10am to 2pm
Mond 20	Primary District Cross Country
Fri 31	Maleny Show - public holiday

##### JUNE

Mon 3	Year 6 at Caboolture QUT
Tue 4	Secondary Regional Cross Country
Wed 5	Year 10 USC Experience Day
Mon 10	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Thur 13-Tue 18	Years 11 and 12 Exam Block
Fri 21	Grandparents' Day
<b>Fri 21</b>	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>

#### Primary Disco Night

What a terrific job our P and F did organising the Primary Discos on Friday night. It was a lot of fun and great to see everyone 'get up and boogie' the night away. The students behaved very well and were a credit to the College in their manner and dress.

#### Teacher Contact List

We now have a list of all the staff names, titles and email addresses that you may need on our website. The list includes Management, Specialist Departments, Secondary Teachers and Primary Teachers. Except for the Management section, the teachers are listed alphabetically by their surname. You will find this list under [www.gccc.qld.edu.au](http://www.gccc.qld.edu.au) Contact Us, Contact Teachers.

Once staff photos are back from Portrait Patch we will be uploading a picture of each teacher on this site to help you recognise them.

#### G.R.E.A.T. Values in Action

I recently received a delightful email from one of our parents who experienced our GREAT values first hand and wanted to thank the person responsible. An extract from the email reads,

"Thank you to whoever the student/person was who found an iPhone out near the crossing on 14 March and took it to the office. It filled our hearts with much joy and gladness to see this item handed in. It showed our child that the values of being 'GREAT' operate within the school community."

#### Camps and Alternative Programs

It was eerily quiet around some of the Middle and Senior school areas last week as our students attended camps and alternative programs. Year 7 went to Canberra and Year 9 and 11 went to different parts of Emu Gully in Helidon for their adventure camps. Year 8 and 12 enjoyed alternate activities all week and the Year 10 students participated in work experience programs. You can read more about these events later on in the newsletter and see all the photos on the website.

#### Shave for a Cure

I am very proud of our College and three girls in particular. Jayme-lee Groer, Emma Johnson and Andrea Curtis have all shaved their heads to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Jayme-lee was shaved outside the Glasshouse Newsagents on Saturday 23 March, Emma was shaved on 15 March at a local hairdressers and Andrea was shaved at Collision Youth Group, also on 15 March.

So far the girls have raised more than \$12,000 between them. Following the girls' example, the College held a Crazy Hair and Hat Day on Monday 25 March to raise more money for those suffering from leukaemia. The day was a colourful and creative success raising more than \$725.

## Congratulations Chappy Danni

Chappy Dani (Danielle McPherson) and her fiancé Dan (Daniel Bassett) were married on Sunday 24 March. From all accounts it was a really lovely wedding with lots of laughs and wonderfully sunny weather. Please join me in congratulating Chappi Danni and Dan in their new life together. There are two photos of the happy couple on the website.

## Farewell Cathy Richardson

We are very saddened to say goodbye to Cathy Richardson from 2M who will be leaving us at the end of Term 1. Cathy experienced a very difficult year in 2012 with her son's illness and wants to take life at a slower pace. We wish Cathy and her family all the best and know that she will be sorely missed by staff and students alike.

## ANZAC March and Service

Even though ANZAC Day still seems a long way off (25 April) the school holidays already here and this date is quite early in Term 2.

Anyone who has been with the College for some time will know our proud tradition of supporting the local ANZAC March on ANZAC Day as a whole school. The tradition is born out of a deep respect and gratitude for our Australian soldiers and what they have done to protect our freedom. Our students always conduct themselves admirably on this day and I look forward to sharing this special experience with them in 2013.

All students are expected to attend in their formal uniform (including formal hats for secondary students) and families are welcome to cheer them along from the sidelines. Students are asked to bring a bottle of water with them.

Please assemble at 9.10am on the corner of Mawhinny and Free Streets in Beerwah. The march will begin at 9.30am and end at the cenotaph at Beerwah RSL where the service will commence at about 10.00am.

Once again, floral tributes will be laid by the Primary, Middle and Senior School Captains.

## Easter Holidays

For most Australians, Easter is four day holiday to go camping, get stuck into home improvements or indulge in a great excuse to eat chocolate. Christmas still retains a little of the original message amongst the frenzy of shopping, gift giving and over indulging but true meaning of Easter is often completely smothered in chocolate and foil wrappers.

I would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to reconnect with God this Easter. Show and tell your children about the real meaning of Easter. What does it mean for your family that Jesus died and rose again so that we could be friends with God? Use this time to go to an Easter Friday or Good Sunday service with the whole family. Even if you are on holidays, there will be a church nearby. Learn together how Easter is not just a four day holiday but a celebration of the life-changing sacrifice God made for us.

May you and your family enjoy a holy and meaningful Easter.

*Mike Curtis*

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## QATSIF Scholarship Students Honoured

Glasshouse Country Christian College wishes to acknowledge the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) and the Scholarships that it provides to our indigenous students, Juanita and Stephen Greasley. We honour Juanita and Stephen as recipients of QATSIF scholarships for 2012 and 2013.

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## Withdrawal of Students

The Registrar's Office would like to remind all parents about the terms and conditions concerning the withdrawal of students. Parents must give **a term's written notice to the Principal**. Unfortunately, failure to provide this notice may result in financial penalties. If the student wishes to re-join GCCC in the future, please include in the letter of withdrawal, a request to place the student's name back in the waiting pool.

### Uniform Shop

All winter uniforms now available  
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](mailto:secondhanduniform@gmail.com)  
if you can assist.

## STUDENT COUNCIL AND LEADERS MORNING BREAKFAST

On Thursday 21 March, the student leaders and student council members met in the Library for a 'get together' and a breakfast of cereals, fruit salad, croissants, hot cross buns and juices.

We had time to introduce ourselves to one another, discuss some plans and projects for Term 2 and organise meeting schedules with Mrs. Bryers, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Jenn.

This was a great way to get to know each other, make new friends and to meet, as a young leaders at GCCC.

*Photos are on the GCCC website.*

***Gail Mitchell***

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## Shake a Tail Feather!

It seems that "Disco" is the flavour of the month. A week before the whole of Primary had their opportunity to "bust a few moves", the Preps were leading the way with the annual "Dippy Duck Disco".

Dippy Duck, for the uninitiated, is a character in "Letterland" (the literacy program used in Early Primary). All three Prep classes donned their disco finery and danced the afternoon away in the Prep Shed, which had been transformed into Party Central with disco balls and everything!

Under the guidance of our own Disco Diva, Mrs Smith, the Preps "Chicken Danced" and "Nut-Bushed" until they drooped. Mrs Bryers, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Rosenberg took a break from their busy schedules to have a boogie with the Preps too! Dippy would have been proud.

*Photos are on the GCCC website.*

***Heather Dodwell***

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## Kitchen Garden News

How glorious to see some sunshine and be able to get into the garden this last fortnight!

Many flower seedlings have been planted in the class adopt-a-gardens by our eager young gardeners so keep a watch out for some great displays of colour over the next few months.

We have planted some broccoli, lettuce, shallots, onions and spinach seedlings in our garden beds which will hopefully flourish and provide a bountiful harvest for us in the coming months.

Classes have continued to learn about 'What's in our food?' This fortnight the focus has been on fats in our foods. We have learnt that not all fats are bad and that in fact our bodies need fat as it a valuable form of energy and it helps us absorb some of the vitamins you need to stay healthy, such as vitamin A, D, E and K. However, too much fat (especially saturated fat) is bad for us and could ultimately lead to obesity, heart disease and type 2 diabetes. Many fast foods and store bought cakes, biscuits and processed foods contain high amounts of saturated fats so these are best limited in our diets.

Cooks made some healthy fruit kebabs with a honey and yoghurt dip. Fruit kebabs are a fun way to get your child to eat a wider range of fruit. If the children make the kebabs themselves they are more likely to eat them and come back for more! From this you could introduce vegetables kebabs cooked on the BBQ. Experience has shown me that kids love eating anything on a stick!

Don't forget to check out our website [www.gcccitchengarden.com.au](http://www.gcccitchengarden.com.au) for weekly updates, photos and tips. There are also photos for this fortnight's article on the GCCC website.

Until next term.....***Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator***

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## Lost and Found

Found: iTunes card; pencil case full of pencils. Please see Karen Siggs at student reception if these belong to you.

Also: a bag of Middle School uniforms was dropped off at the office but it is unsure if they were for sale or donation. If you dropped this bag off, would you please ring Admin on 5439 0033 and let them know if the uniforms are for sale or donation.

## Year 9 Emu Gully Adventure

The spirit of ANZAC and a touch of an episode of MASH pervaded the Year 9s last week, whilst on their survival camp at Helidon's Emu Gully Adventure Camp. To understand what it means to show courage in the face of fear, to live out the quality of mateship, persevering beyond what they previously thought their bodies could handle, whilst sacrificing for their mates, their companies and their year-level, our Year 9s tackled in truly impressive and sometimes comical form, some of the greatest battles of WW2 and beyond.

On buggies and bikes they crossed the muddy terrain of the Malaysian campaigns and were forced to ask the question: "do pontoons float?" Happily discovering that yes they do, even with more than 20 Year 9s aboard. Then, sliding through mud and leaping from the highest of heights Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta Companies took on the Kokoda track and destroyed, forever, more than one or two items of clothing.

Though students cooked almost all their food over fires, one Year 9 student showed his 'civified' upbringing by asking, "Is fire hot?" As he dug into a well-cooked dinner he received his answer. Though challenging, at times exhausting and often hilarious, Year 9 now stand among the elite graduates of the Emu Gully School of 'hard knocks' and are no doubt stronger, wiser and happier for it.

Check out all the great photos on the GCCC website.

*Amanda Gook*

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## Year 7 Canberra Trip 2013

On Sunday afternoon, 83 excited (yet slightly apprehensive) Year 7 students and seven staff members boarded two coaches bound for Canberra. The night was spent on the bus and on Monday morning after breakfast we took a walk around the Sydney Opera House before heading to the Sydney Museum to see an exhibition of 'Alex the Great'. After lunch we drove down to Canberra.

The next three days were extremely busy visiting many of our national icons including:

- Australian Institute of Sport – sock wrestling was a favourite;
- National Gallery – where 'Blue Poles' and 'Haystacks' were admired;
- National Capital Exhibition – students were challenged to design their ideal capital city;
- Questacon – the hands-on Science Centre which is a big hit with all;
- CSIRO Discovery Centre – handling goliath stick insects, and donning lab coats to carry out various mini experiments;
- National Film and Sound Archives – where we saw footage from the first ever Australian film. It was about Ned Kelly, and I think it was a unanimous opinion that it contained really bad acting;
- Old Parliament House (Museum of Australian Democracy) – we were able to sit in the seats of parliament;
- Royal Australian Mint – we saw where our coins are made, and were able to buy a souvenir, uncirculated \$1 coin.
- National Museum of Australia – among the treasures here was Phar Lap's heart (bigger than the average person's head).
- Telstra Tower – sky high views of Canberra and its surrounds;
- Parliament House of Australia – we role played the voting in of a new bill in a mock House of Representatives.
- Australian War Memorial – included a solemn walk down the halls containing the Roll of Honour where we searched for family names, then stayed to watch the closing ceremony at the end of the day.

Early Thursday evening we boarded the bus for the last time in Canberra and began the long trip home. We arrived back at GCCC at 10am on Friday, very tired but happy. The students were GREAT ambassadors for the College, and we were blessed to have a fabulous time where great memories and friendships were made.

*Photos on GCCC website.*

*Jenny Ritson*

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## Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year we will once again participate in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Due to the great work of College families collecting stickers last year, Woolworths donated more than \$10,000 worth of educational teaching aids and resources to GCCC.

The program kicks off on 8 April and there will be a box outside College Admin where you can place your stickers. Thanks to everyone for your help with this.

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## Community Chest Donations

Thanks to Supa IGA's Community Chest Donations, GCCC received a donation of \$745.00 this month. Please keep remembering to ask for your tokens if you shop at IGA as its policy is to only give out tokens to those who ask.

## Attitude not ability determines our destiny.

This quote comes from Emu Gully Adventure Camps, who led the camps for our Year 9 and 11 students last week. It was my privilege to attend the Year 9 camp and it has to rate as one of my favourite camps I've been to.

Are camps important?  
**YES, YES and YES!**

Imagine I came to you and asked if you'd help supervise 80 Year 9 students in the bush for five days on meagre rations. Now you know how I initially felt when asked. As Head of the Senior School, I haven't had a great deal of interaction with the year 9s but I know that they have lots of attitude. Unfortunately its not always the type of attitude we like to foster at GCCC.

This camp took the students on a journey. First we had a journey back in time with students discovering the values of the ANZACs and realising what it was like on the Kokoda Trail or building the Burma Bridge. But then there was a much more valuable journey which each student did. The boys became young men as their attitude slowly changed. On one night adventure, I witnessed the boys band together to pull an 8 tonne truck over 1,500m and then carry 15 railway sleepers up and down steep hills until way after 10pm. How did they do it? It was all about attitude.

Next term we will turn our focus from the "R" in our GREAT GCCC values and focus on the A. It doesn't mean students will forget the true meaning of Respect however our emphasis will be on Attitude. The type of Attitude I would love to see our students gain is summed up in that of Christ Jesus. At Easter we are reminded what type of Attitude we should have -

### **Philippians 2:5-8**

*In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

Have a wonderful Easter with your family and friends as we remember the amazing sacrifice of God's son for us.

**David Heyworth**

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## Year 11 Camp

Year 11 camp is done and dusted but will remain with the students for a long time to come. We climbed, carried, crossed, paddled, dragged and jumped all manner of obstacles across the three days at Emu Gully.

Students pulled a five tonne truck over a kilometre, carried a 'stretchered' patient up steep hills, over walls and across creeks, and overcame a number of group challenges that had us teachers scratching our heads on more than a few occasions. They also found time for a dance competition, which I'm proud to say, was taken out by none other than Mr Doolan.

The most impressive thing about the camp, aside from a 30m long mud pit, was clearly the students. They did the College proud, gave their best and proved themselves to be ready for the role of senior students at GCCC. Each student who attended came away with a renewed respect for themselves and each other.

A big thanks to the amazing teachers that attended the camp, Natalie Woolston, Annaliese Bullock and Fenton Doolan the great staff at Emu Gully and the families of our Year 11 students, who got behind the camp and entrusted us with their 'preciouses.' for three awesome days.

*Photos on GCCC website*

**Rob Maguire**

# Future Pathways

## Work Experience

Congratulations to all our Year 10 students who did a fabulous job last week in workplaces from Coolum to Hemmant in Brisbane and even down in Sydney! The feedback from their supervisors was very positive and encouraging. Not all photos have come in yet but you can see the ones we have so far on the GCCC website.

## **Bond University Law Experience**

Bond University's Law Experience is a great program aimed at students who have an interest in legal studies and/or a career in law. The program provides budding lawyers with information on what it takes to study law and the diverse career options available.

While on campus students will –

- Find out first-hand what studying law is all about
- Discover special topics in law with our professors and legal specialists
- Engage in legal scenarios in our purpose built moot courtrooms; and
- Enjoy lunch and refreshments with current law students

During the course of the day, students will also be involved in a range of activities including a 'client interview' and a 'mock trial', which will demonstrate how legal skills are put into practice. The complimentary program is open to all high school students with teachers and parents welcome, but places are limited.

Saturday, 18 May 2013, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Lecture Theatre 4, University Centre, Bond University

Please visit the Law Experience webpage for additional details and to register your attendance. Registration will close on Wednesday, 15 May 2013.

## **Projects Abroad**

Projects Abroad have announced their two week summer program for students in year 10 and 11 from Australia and New Zealand. Students can join the groups singly or together and go to such places as China, Cambodia, Nepal, South Africa and Sri Lanka. Summer trips this year will leave on 8 December and return on 21 December. The programs are a rich experience of volunteer work, work experience and cultural activities and may include teaching and shadowing medical staff.

## **JMC Adademy Open Day**

JMC Academy is an Australian private higher education provider offering education and training for the Creative Industries. Their campus at Southbank is having an Open Day on 1 June. Go online to register.

## **Swimwear Short Course**

TAFE are running a new Swimwear short course on the Sunshine Coast. This night course, run over a period of weeks weeks is a perfect head start to those students looking at a career in fashion after completion of school or those looking for a after school activity with a difference. For more information please contact Sunshine Coast TAFE on 5457 1000.

*Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator*

## **Library News**

### **Work Experience in the library**

Last week Katie Todd joined the library team as part of the Year 10 Work Experience program. Katie is a regular library monitor at lunchtime and having her come on board as a 'library assistant' was a tremendous blessing. Katie completed a wide range of tasks and extended her knowledge of the library services we offer. She completed a library monitor brochure, became very popular at the Prep picnic handing out Tiny Teddies, checked orders and assisted with cataloguing, as well as helping with loans/returns and covering books. Katie showed great skill and exemplified the College G.R.E.A.T values in her actions. She was a pleasure to work with.

*There is a photo of Katie working in the library on the website.*

### **Term 1 Book Club Achievements**

Thank you to the many families who have supported the Scholastic and Koorong Kids Book Club this term. We have had a fantastic start to the year with families ordering \$2691 worth of items so far. This has earned us close to \$500 in commission. The Book Clubs offer a great range of products, often at extremely low prices. It is a great way to promote reading at home and for students to keep up with recent releases. Students love ordering items and we are constantly asked, "When will Book Club arrive?" once orders have been placed. It usually takes less than a week for orders to arrive.

Thank you also for helping to ensure that orders are placed by the due dates noted on the covering letter of Book Club. Book Club is run voluntarily by a group of mums who willingly give their time each issue. Having orders placed on time ensures that orders can be placed, received and packed in the shortest time possible. Your assistance with this process is greatly appreciated.

At the end of 2012, the Book Club commission was used to purchase a large floor rug for the library. It has been a great addition to the green amphitheatre area and is particularly useful during book exchanges and lessons. I already have a wish list of items on this year's agenda and look forward to buying more resources for staff and students to enjoy.

## **Prep Teddy Bears' Picnic in the library**

To celebrate the learning goals achieved this term in the library, the Prep classes brought their teddies along for a picnic during a recent library lesson. It was a wonderful event for each class to enjoy as they celebrated reading and all they have achieved with Bobbie Bookworm and Casey the Crocodile (from the Prep shelf).

*Photos on the GCCC website.*

## **Holiday Reading**

All students across Prep – Year 12 have been encouraged to borrow and read over the holidays. Students across Prep - Year 6 will have the opportunity to bring both home readers and library books (including Lexile titles) home at the end of the term. Please encourage students to read their books, to keep them in a safe place and return them promptly when school returns.

If you are looking for activities to keep the kids busy over the holidays check out the Sunshine Coast Libraries website and the "School Holiday Activities" link under the "Kids" tab. There are a huge variety of free activities available and a number of authors to meet including Cartoon Dave, Vicky Chan and Barbara Johansen Newman.

## **Lifeline Bookfest – Book lovers and volunteers required**

The Lifeline Bookfest is on at the Caboolture Centenary Lakes Indoor Basketball Courts (Morayfield Road, Morayfield) during the holidays from April 6 – 8. Prices start from \$2. All funds raised at the Lifeline Bookfest support Lifeline and Uniting Care Community's free counselling and support services. Volunteers are required to help with the Lifeline Caboolture Bookfest, including the set up (April 3 – 5) and pack down (April 9 – 10). If you have time to spare and would like to help or require further information, please contact Maria Griffin on 54091406.

Please note the library will be closed during the school holidays.

Have a wonderful Easter celebrating the death and resurrection of our amazing Saviour Jesus.

***Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services***

## **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

## **Sports News**

### **Third in State for Shelby**

Shelby Daunt had an awesome start to the IGA Little Athletics Queensland State Championships. In her first State Champs she sped around the track in the 9 year girls' 800m race walk remaining completely disciplined to win a medal and take out third place in the event. Shelby has trained hard for this event so it was great to see her rewarded for her hard work which also resulted in her clocking a personal best time. She was thrilled to receive her medal from Sally Pearson, Olympic Gold Medallist and World Champion in 100m hurdles.

Jaylah Daunt and Laura Vobr also competed in five events between them in the 11 year girls' long jump, shot put and discus. The girls both finished in the middle of the field amidst tough competition but it was in the discus that they both excelled. Jaylah finished 13th out of 28 girls and Laura put the shot exceptionally well to gain an impressive fifth place with a personal best put.

Ryan Sauer shone in the 13 year boys' shot put event showing his strength and technique to place fourth in the State against strong opposition. He put the shot 11.31 metres which was a personal best put for him and signals a great school athletics season coming up.

Andrea Little also competed well in the 15 year girls' discus event where she placed seventh from 22 girls, which was a well-earned result.

Tom Dwan, and Cassidy Ferris also represented Glasshouse Little Athletics well competing in hurdle, shot put and sprint events.

*Photos on GCCC website.*

***Wendy Stott***

## Weetbix Tryathlon Fun

Tryathlons are a great way to have fun in the outdoors and experience a taste of what the professional triathletes do. Fifty Five students were motivated by our visiting Weetbix Tryathlon promoters to have a go at a Tri in the Weetbix Tryathlon to be held in Caboolture on May 12. See Mrs Stott or Weetbix Tryathlon website for more details.

**Wendy Stott**

*Photo on GCCC website.*

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## Cross Country Training

Every Tuesday and Thursday a bunch of keen students are in training to beat everyone else in the College Cross Country in Week 3 next term. If you want to sneak up on the opposition and gain District selection or just get a bit fitter, come along and join us. We meet in the Senior Undercover Area at 7.25am to leave at 7.30 sharp and run in a variety of places for about 30 mins.

Come and join us and see your fitness improve! All Year 3 students and older most welcome.

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## Year 6 Boys in District Softball Final

After many enthusiastic practice sessions the Year 6 Boys Softball team have proved that practise counts when they finished second in the District Interschool Sport Softball competition. Defeated by a more experienced St Michael's team the boys were disappointed that the rain fell and the game was stopped after the first innings as they were only just behind on the score sheet.

There was some awesome pitching by Ronan Martin, Connor Anderson and Hamish White which kept the opposition scores low and the boys batting and base running resulted in many victories throughout the two week competition. St Michael's College were the only team to beat them.

*Photos on GCCC website.*

## Year 6 Girls Softball Competition

The Year 6 girls also competed really well with several inexperienced Year 6 and 7 players joining a committed core of Year 6 players. The girls scored three wins, two draws and just two losses throughout the competition which was a great achievement.

Tara Fissenden, Chelsea McLeary and Maddy Malone pitched well, Holly Lubcke excelled on base 1 and Amber Weatherburn bravely put her body on the line as catcher and hit many balls way out into the outfield. Shaelee Burton was also a very reliable member of the team playing in a variety of positions.

The Year 7 teams had a mixture of wins and losses but could only play the first week of competition due to the Year 7 trip to Canberra during the second week of the softball competition. The Year 7 girls had a convincing win against Beerwah and the boys had a win against Beerwah and a draw with Maleny.

*Photos on GCCC website*

**Wendy Stott**

## Community News

## P and F News

Hi all

Wow! What a huge fortnight we have had. Thanks to all who came out to the Family Fun Day. It was fabulous to see so many new families there and we hope you had a great day! A big thanks to our PE teacher Wendy Scott for organising the games for the day. It looked like all who came had an awesome time!

Thank you too to all the children who attended the disco on Friday night. What an AMAZING night! From the feedback I have received it seemed to have been a very popular event and I have already had requests for another one. The kids all looked like they had a ball.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped out at the "gate", the BBQ and the kitchen. We couldn't have done it without you. All in all, the children were very well behaved and were very enthusiastic. I even saw a few parents dancing the night away too! This is definitely on the agenda for next year again.

I pray you all have a fabulous, safe and blessed Easter break. See you in April.

**Blessings, Alaina Westaway**

*There are lots of photos of the Family Fun Day on the GCCC website.*