

# Glasshouse Country Christian College

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## newsletter

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### From the Principal

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Important Dates Term 2

##### MAY

Tue 14 - Thur 16	NAPLAN Testing
Fri 17	Biology Excursion
<b>Sat 18</b>	<b>OPEN DAY 10am to 2pm</b>
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	Primary Regional Cross Country
Wed 5	Year 10 USC Experience Day
Mon 10	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 11	7pm P and F Meeting
Thur 13 - Tue 18	Years 11 and 12 Exam Block
Sat 15	P and F Trivia Night
Fri 21	Grandparents' Day
<b>Fri 21</b>	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>

#### Open Day 18 May 10am to 2pm

Open Day is almost upon us and I am really looking forward to the event. Each year I am hugely impressed by the hard work and dedication of our students and staff which make this such a great event. We always have lots of positive feedback from visitors about Open Day but what they mention the most are our students.

Our students are the stars of Open Day. Whether it is serving a Devonshire Tea with a smile, being an enthusiastic tour guide, greeting visitors as they arrive or participating in one of the many performances, our students are the stand out success of our Open Day.

I am very aware that it is thanks to you as parents that help our students shine. I really appreciate the time you take out of your Saturday to bring your children to College in their full uniform so they are in time to perform their various duties.

One of our guiding principles as a College is to work in partnership with our parents and Open Day is a key time when this partnership evident. I also want to take this time to thank all the parents helping with the P and F barbecue. This is hugely successful in feeding hungry staff, students and visitors while raising money for the school at the same time. It is also a great opportunity for prospective parents to chat with our College families.

The Open Day timed events were in the last newsletter but I am repeating them here so it is easier for you to access:

#### PROGRAM FOR OPEN DAY SATURDAY 18 MAY 10AM TO 2PM

Time	Item	Venue
10.20 -10.40	GCCC Choir	Theatre
10.50-11.00am	Primary Band	Theatre
11.00-11.20am	Cheerleading & Dance	Outside library on grass
11.30-11.40am	The Little Voices (Jnr Choir)	Theatre
11.45am	Storytelling	Library
11.45am	String Ensemble	Theatre
12.00-12.15pm	Dance Performance	Outside library on grass
12.30-12.40pm	Vocal Group	Theatre
12.45pm	Storytelling	Library
1.00-2.00pm	The Big Science Show	Theatre

#### Non-Government Transport Assistance Scheme

Many of you may be eligible for the Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme. The link is on our website under College Life, Bus and Transport Services or you can click here to take you straight to the website. IMPORTANT: The deadline for subsidy applications is the 31 May so you will need to act quickly.

## **No Nuts Please**

This is literally a life and death matter for some of our students so please do not allow your children to bring any nuts or nut products to the College. Recently, another pile of nuts was found on the school grounds so I cannot stress the importance of this policy enough.

## **Royal Show Holiday not a holiday for GCCC**

In previous years GCCC and other Sunshine Coast schools have used the Brisbane Royal Show holiday as a pupil free day. This is no longer the case and now the day (Wednesday 14 August 2013) is just a normal school day for us. Although schools and businesses in the Brisbane area have this day off as a public holiday, our local show day is Friday 31 May.

Our original calendar did incorrectly show the 14 August as a pupil free day but it has since been corrected on our website.

## **NAPLAN 14 to 16 May**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (i.e. spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Children in these year levels have been undergoing a comprehensive NAPLAN preparation program that looks at, amongst other things, test-taking skills, question familiarity and refreshment of previous learning.

Sometimes we are asked the question, “What if I do not want my son/daughter to do the NAPLAN test?” This may be because the child already experiences learning difficulties and the probability of achieving a poor result on the test is high. The diagnostic value of the test may then be eroded by the damage caused to the child’s self esteem-another reminder that success at school does not come easily to them.

If you would prefer your son/daughter did not do the test then please inform the College and make arrangements to keep your child at home for the NAPLAN days.

These tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN does not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. More information is on the GCCC website under College Life, Parent Notices, Whole of School Notices or click here to go directly to the link.

## **P and F Trivia Night**

I’m sure Alaina will have more information in the P and F article later on in the newsletter but I wanted to remind everyone to keep Saturday 15 June free for the P and F Trivia Night. Last year this was such a huge success that it is now an annual event. The official invitation with all the information is on the website so start looking for your team of eight.

## **Congratulations to Mick Spann**

Congratulations to Mick and his wife Anne on the arrival of a beautiful baby girl. Our Chappy Mick is now the proud father of Alayna Liora Spann who was born Monday 6 May at 6.43am weighing 3.8kg (8.46 pounds) and measuring 50cm long.

There is a photo Alayna with Mick when she is just a couple of hours old, on the GCCC website.

***Mike Curtis, Principal***

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## **Pause and Ponder - Normal is just a setting on the dishwasher**

Mothers come in all shapes, sizes and personalities. There is no such thing as ‘normal’ (except as a setting on my dishwasher) for a mother and the one thing all mothers have in common is that they are not perfect. It may seem to young children that mum can do no wrong but as soon as those children turn into teenagers and discover the shocking truth that mum makes mistakes like every other human being on the planet.

Even though mums are not perfect, nothing seems to compare to a mother’s love when it comes to literature, poems and, of course, Hallmark greeting cards.

There is something special about a mother’s love and no matter how old you grow, you always want your mum with you if you are sick, lonely or sad. You know that when times are tough, mum will be there for you.

God knew what He was doing when He created mothers. Even though God is our heavenly Father, it is obvious from Scripture that He feels maternally for his children. Matthew 23:37 says “How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings”.

As you remember your mum this Mothers’ Day, take time to remember God’s great love for us; how He wants to gather and protect His children just like a mother hen and her chicks.

## THE GOLDEN RULE AND RESPECT

We are continuing to focus on aspects of RESPECT and VALUES in the primary school and are very pleased with the response from the students.

It is so encouraging to walk around the school and hear children greeting students and staff and calling them by their name, being helpful, inviting others to join their games, walking respectfully on the paths and using the Golden Rule. Children are sharing the names of others who are doing good things and this is having a very positive impact on the school culture.

Alongside this, Mrs Mitchell and I are meeting with students who have been named in the Year 3 – 6 bullying survey. We will be monitoring this also from time to time to ensure that students feel safe and that GCCC is providing a supportive safe environment for your children.

## CLARIFICATION: USE OF THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

The safety guidelines for the use of the junior playground before and after school are as follows:

- Students must be supervised by their parents - NOT OLDER SIBLINGS.
- College staff are not on duty in this area. It is the responsibility of parents to supervise their own children closely .
- Any students not with their parents should go to the senior undercover area when they arrive in the mornings as staff are on duty there before and after school.
- Children must keep their shoes on as this is a safety issue. Just check the sand before you leave as you may prefer to return it to the sandpit rather than empty it in your car or home. You have no idea how much it costs us to top up the sand every few years.

We have always encouraged the sense of community as children play together on the playground equipment with parents watching them before and after school , but there are concerns at present regarding unsupervised children.

PARENTS SHOULD ONLY BE SUPERVISING THEIR OWN CHILDREN.  
ALL OTHER STUDENTS WILL BE SENT TO THE SENIOR UNDERCOVER AREA.

Regards  
**Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary**

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## Junior Masterchefs of 5G

On the 1 May, Year 5G had a great afternoon feeling like Junior Masterchefs. We got hair nets and aprons (which were down to our feet). All geared up and ready to cook. Washing our hands was a must!

We gathered all the equipment we needed and started to collect our ingredients; flour, sugar, coconut, oats, butter and Golden Syrup (YUM). Sizzle went the butter..... Fizz went the syrup..... stir in the rest.

As the mixed ingredients were complete, trays came out 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, even 7 per group. Mrs Newman came for a taste test, "I'm in Heaven," she said

When we were done, the kitchen smelt divine. ANZAC biscuits were loaded up and given to us to devour. Thank You Miss Devitt!

[Photos are on the GCCC website.](#)

**Renee Newman**

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## Kitchen Garden News

Busy, fun, dirty and just a bit smelly sums up kitchen garden for the last fortnight.

Classes weeded, planted lots of colourful beetroot, red cabbage, shallot and broccoli seedlings. Lettuce and pea seeds were planted into punnets and sweet potato runners were planted into bags (many thanks to the Holly family for their kind donation).

The vegetable beds were given a good feed of Seasol which had many workers turning their noses up at the smell!

The Year 1 classes learnt all about wriggly worms; classes examined worms with magnifying glasses, played with worms, learnt some wormy fun facts, examined the worm farm and then ATE worms! These 'worms' were actually jelly straws which we squeezed out onto apples and then sprinkled with 'dirt' (edible chocolate sprinkles).

Year 2 continued to learn about healthy eating and played games using the food pyramid. Cooks made some delicious baba ghanoush

(eggplant dip) and flat breads and to our surprise many came back for seconds and thirds which just goes to show that you can get a child to eat eggplant!

Don't forget to check out our website [www.gccckitchengarden.com.au](http://www.gccckitchengarden.com.au) for regular updates, information and lots of fabulous photos.

Until next fortnight, happy cooking and gardening.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

**Mandy Ward**

## Middle School News

### What defines excellence?

*"We are what we repeatedly do . . . excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."* Aristotle.

Are we living it out? Are we working at becoming excellent? Do our students really understand what this means in practice in their own lives and habits?

Homework, sports, music ability etc. - it is the concerted, diligent and regular practice that makes natural talent and ability become excellent.

In Middle School we have the following things on our horizon:

**NAPLAN this week coming for Year 7 and Year 9.** Please ensure your child is:

- well rested
- has had a good breakfast,
- comes to school with wholesome snacks and lunch
- has in the bag - several HB lead pencils, an eraser and a sharpener
- AND MOST OF ALL - that they know that this does not define who they are.

### Open Day on Saturday 18 May from 10.00am - 2.00pm

This is a lovely opportunity to walk around the school, have a look at various subject displays and see our school. Bring your children and they could take you on their own personal tour. Bring friends who are interested in our school so they can have an official tour.

**Year 9 Bike Ride to the Glasshouse Mountains.** There is a safety and servicing session this Thursday and the bike ride is next Thursday after the NAPLAN tests. While the ride is to have some first hand experience and exposure to our local mountains and consider the indigenous stories, it is also an opportunity to encourage students in this outdoor pursuit.

**Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences in Term 3.** At the end of this term, you will receive a semester report on your child's progress. However, in Term 3 our parent teacher conferences will take a different format. Your child will be conducting one main interview with you as their parent and their Pastoral Care teacher. They will inform you and their teacher with how they are going in all aspects of their schooling in general. Parent-teacher conferences can still be booked with specific subject teachers by appointment and the student may or may not be present for this. What this will mean is that:

1. All parents of Middle School students will need to book an appointment.
2. Subject interviews will be conducted as an option
3. These interviews will be conducted in the Pastoral Care Classrooms.

### Reminders and Updated Information

- **iPad game and messaging concerns** - please be reminded that this is primarily a school resource - similar to a textbook and you can put restrictions on the iPad with a passcode. Refer to last term's newsletters or contact us if you need help with this.
- **Moodle** - this online system is being used by most subjects and has class and assessment tasks as well as (for some subjects) your child's marked work. If you wish to access it - use your child's moodle login.
- **Term Planners** - of dates for assignments, tests and other assessment tasks are on the website under 'Learning'
- **ebooks on iPads** - we are noticing that some students do not have enough space to load these on. This can be remedied by removing games which can take up a lot of the iPad space. Ebooks are an electronic version of texts and having them on the iPad is essential to the way we now operate.
- **Uniform** - for our male students, Term 2 and 3 are our winter months and ties, belts and tucked in shirts are the uniform code.

**Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School**

## Mrs Horrigan's compost heap

There were squeals of fright and delight in the Science labs when Year 7 explored the creatures that live in Mrs Horrigan's compost heap. Students became experts at exposing the critters and deftly placing them in dishes to study them closer with magnifying glasses. There were also frantic scrambles to catch those escapees who made it to the floor.

This week we also got up close and personal with earthworms. This all ties in with the Biology unit this term looking at Habitats and Interactions.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

*Jenny Ritson*

# Senior School News

## Arriving late to School- 8:20am is the target

It is important that students arrive at school by 8:20am. This gives students time to get to their lockers, organise all their equipment as well as go to the bathroom prior to lesson 1. Our timetable is structured so that lessons start promptly at 8:30am. The first two periods are often a double lesson and missing the start of these lessons is detrimental to the quality of learning expected.

**Train travellers from Caboolture:** Please aim to catch the train that arrives at Beerwah Station at 7:52. This allows you almost 30 minutes to get to school. This train leaves Caboolture at 7:20am. The latter train does not arrive until 8:19 and does not allow sufficient time for students to get to school on time. On Monday I met this latter train and walked to school with students. These students don't arrive at school until after class has started.

It is recognised that some buses arrive close to the start of lesson 1 as well. Students on these buses must therefore plan to be prepared for class as soon as they get off the bus.

## Cross Country

Our theme for this term is **Excellence** and it was fantastic to see students participating and supporting their house. There were some extremely colourful costumes and everyone who completed the course earned points for their house. As mentioned last week, Excellence isn't always coming first. Excellence is doing your best. Congratulations to those students who achieved their Personal Best!

Unfortunately some students chose to stay away from school and did not participate. They not only let down their house but they also missed out on four lessons of work as the Cross Country Carnival only lasted from Morning Tea until lunch. I am hoping that at the next carnival all students attend to support and participate to the best of their ability.

## Homework and Study

As we get closer to the end of semester examinations, it is important that students have well established study habits.

As a guideline, students on a full load should be studying the following hours:

Grade	Hours per night
10	1.5 hours, 5 nights a week
11	2 hours per subject per week = 2 hours per night, 5 nights a week
12	2.5 hours per subject per week = 2.5 hours per night, 5 nights a week

If your child says they have no homework then they should be working on revision or other formal assessment items such as assignments. If they consistently say they have no homework then please contact their teachers and advise them to set additional work for your child.

## Year 10 Parent and Student Information Night On-line Career Planning - May 16, 7-8:30pm

Is your child unsure of possible career paths? In this information session we will explore some of the on-line career planning tools that are available that will help students plan their future academic programs. Come to the Theatre to hear Joan Ferris and David Heyworth.

*David Heyworth, Head of Senior School*

## Teaching and Taming Technology

I'm sure you've read many an article before where some 'computer guy/girl' bamboozles you with their big words and fancy gadgets. I'm not here today to confuse you or tell you how you should be parenting your child. My goal in this article, and those that follow is simply to make your life with household technology - bearable, if not enjoyable. Here we go,

### Tip 1) Designate a charging station

This is a great one for a few reasons. First of all, it gets the iPads out of the children's rooms at night time. This means that if something goes off during the night it's not going to wake them up. It also stops the temptation of checking Facebook or other such services that would keep them up at night. By designating a particular charging spot in the house (I recommend the kitchen), it means that the iPad stays a 'public' device rather than one that is used privately at nighttime in bedrooms.

### Tip 2) Turn on the Parental Controls

There are some great tools that come with the iPad that empower parents to train their children in the correct use of these fantastic devices. One such tool is the parental controls setting - found in 'general settings'. From these settings you can place a parental password on the device to do things like:

#### Turn messaging off or on

- Disallow the deletion of apps
- Disallow the installation of new apps
- Restrict podcast ratings
- Turn on or off in-app purchasing
- Restrict access to particular apps

Rather than re-invent the wheel, here is a link to find out how to use this handy tool - <http://bit.ly/ipadparentalcontrol>.

Hopefully those tips can help you rest a little easier when it comes to having iPads in the house. As a teacher, I am convinced of their worth in the classroom, and with a bit of training and patience I know they can become an asset to your home.

**Brad Evans**

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## RILEY ROSTRUM'S RUNNER-UP!

Recently Year 12 student and College Captain, Riley Williamson, competed in the Sunshine Coast heat of the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition held at Immanuel Lutheran College.

In the midst of five other students from schools around the coast, Riley gave an outstanding speech on one of his favourite topics, 'Good Government'.

Riley delivered a knowledgeable, poised and passionate speech and was rewarded with the position of 'runner-up'. A fantastic effort!

Several parents of other competitors congratulated Riley on the quality of his presentation after the competition. Riley now has his sights set on the Quota Student of the Year Competition coming up in June.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

**Jo Winlaw**

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## Birch Carroll and Coyle Faith on Films Series

The "Faith On Film" programming will be back from next weekend, with first screening on Sunday 12 May with "Home Run Showdown".

The next Faith on Film line-up will again commence on Sunday 12 May running for eight weeks. This time around they will be screening two films per week, the first on Sunday at 2.30 pm and the second on Monday at 6.30pm. The same films will run every week for the next month but on alternate the days.

[More details are on the GCCC website.](#)

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### Found Property

- two watches
- ANZAC badge
- material elephant keyring
- Questacon Bouncing Putty from Year 7 camp

If you think any of the above items could be yours please contact Student Reception or Admin.

## Career Planning for Year 10s – Parents and Students

Now that work experience is successfully completed, many further activities are planned for Year 10s over the next few months to inform subject choices and career planning for the future.

On the evening of Thursday 16 May we are holding a session at the school to share information about how the College and parents can work together to assist our students to think about upcoming decisions which will affect their future lives. We will be looking at career planning resources readily available to all families. We will also be describing what we are doing at school to help the students and also how to prepare for Senior Education and Training Plans which will be negotiated with students and parents in Term 3. We hope you can come along on Thursday night 16 May to hear all about these exciting developments in the lives of our Year 10s.

What: Year 10 Parent and Student Information Evening  
When: 7pm Thursday May 16  
Where: Theatrette H3

If you would like more information please contact Mrs Ferris. [joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au)

## Upcoming Career Events

This term, in addition to the Information Evening on 16 May, we are exposing our students to many different ideas about possible careers. We have had a guest speaker from Dominos Pizzas to talk about job opportunities in the food sector, we have the Defence Force visiting on Monday 13 May and Projects Abroad who organise overseas volunteering and gap year activities on 27 May. In June we are spending a day with Darren Pereira, who specialises in motivating young people to tackle their future as an exciting challenge. Darren will speak to the Year 10s about careers in the morning and will assist the Year 11 and 12 students with study skills in the afternoon. On Wednesday 5 June all the Year 10 students are going to the Sunshine Coast Uni for the day to see uni life and hear about tertiary study pathways. We hope by the end of this term all our senior students will have had a good chance to consider their future directions.

## Studying Law at USC

The University of the Sunshine Coast has exciting news for students wanting to study law. In 2014, USC is planning on offering nine [law](#) programs.

USC is holding a study [law information evening](#) at Sippy Downs (Building C, Lecture Theatre 7) on Wednesday 29 May, between 6pm and 7pm. The event is for community members, high school students interested in studying law. The Law Information Evening is an opportunity to meet USC Law Professors Neil and Anne Rees, who will provide an overview of the law program and study options in the combined degrees. From Semester 1, 2014 the first cohort of law students at USC are planned to be undertaking the exciting new program, which will also be offered in conjunction with Arts, Business, Commerce (Accounting), Creative Writing, Journalism, Science and Social Science.

### Event Details:

USC Law Information evening  
For community members, high school students interested in studying law  
6-7pm, Wednesday, 29 May  
Lecture Theatre 7, Building K, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs

## Skills Shortages

We all know that there are vast numbers of different jobs out there in the workforce. But how do we know which ones offer the best job prospects for our students and for anyone preparing for the workforce in the future? To keep up with labour force trends it is worth receiving the MyFuture newsletter which always has useful information on interesting occupations and emerging industries. To subscribe to this newsletter go to <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/Events/e-News/Subscribe.aspx>

For links to many very good websites on Job Trends, Skills Shortages etc see <http://myfuture.edu.au/The%20Facts/Work%20and%20Employment/Trends%20of%20Work.aspx>

For up to date information from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations see the Australian Jobs Report for 2012 – <http://deewr.gov.au/australian-jobs-publication>

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to past student Alex White who is off to the Defence Force to pursue a career in Avionics. Alex completed Year 12 at the College in 2011 and won a scholarship to the Queensland Institute of Aviation Engineering to do a Certificate IV in Aeroskills in 2012. Good luck to Alex! (photo on GCCC website).

## **Defence Jobs Maroochydore.**

For accurate information about jobs in the Australian Defence Force go to their webpage which is a fabulous compilation of wonderful opportunities. Our local office for Defence Force Recruiting is at Maroochydore. In their current newsletter are the following articles:

- Defence Jobs MOBILE website launched – use your phone to keep up with Defence opportunities
- DFR now on FACEBOOK
- Priority Jobs – this section lays out which jobs are currently being recruited for right now.
- Information Session at the Maroochydore Office on 22 May at 6pm. Bookings are essential. Register by ringing 5459 8700.

You can subscribe to their newsletter by emailing [defencejobsmaroochydore@dfr.com.au](mailto:defencejobsmaroochydore@dfr.com.au)

## **ADFA Experience Competition**

The Defence Force is running a competition in conjunction with Fox Sports where four lucky winners will be chosen by ADFA and DFR on Friday the 24 May to fly to Canberra on Friday 7 June and attend a live Super Rugby game at Canberra Stadium, joined by staff and cadets from ADFA. The winners and their parents/guardians will stay at the Novotel in the city. The ADFA experience will commence at 5am Saturday morning, where the winners will be taken to ADFA, issued uniforms, have breakfast in the mess, experience the WTTS, a PT session, leadership courses, a tour of ADFA, lunch in the mess and finally, experience the over water obstacle course.

The winners will be the stars of a three minute promotional clip that will be played on all Fox sports channels over the football season and be used on the DFR Facebook site and utilised in house at ADFA promotional events and activities. Entrants must be 16-25 and write an essay in 100 words or less on a time they have demonstrated the ADFA values of:

- Doing your best
- Being Honest
- Respecting Others
- Giving Everyone a fair go on the sports field.

To enter, students will need to go to <http://signup.foxsports.com.au/competition/ausdefenceforce> between 3 May and 23 May. If the link doesn't work just go to [www.foxsports.com.au](http://www.foxsports.com.au) and click on Competitions.

## **Motor Sport Officials Competition**

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) is offering young motor sport enthusiasts the opportunity to be a part of the 2013 International Rally of Queensland

Officials Team. The 2013 CAMS Young Officials Team aims to introduce motor sport enthusiasts between the ages of 16 and 25 to the world of motor sport officiating. The successful applicants will be trained in a safe and supportive environment supervised by some of the world's best motor sport officials. This is a great opportunity to get involved in one of the biggest events on the Australian motor sport calendar. This new and exciting program offers successful applicants:

- The opportunity to officiate trackside during the 2013 International Rally of Queensland.
- Learn from the best in the business during scrutiny of National and International Rally vehicles.
- International Rally of Qld apparel and race day pack.
- Invitation to the exclusive CAMS Young Officials Team Welcome Function in the week prior to the race.
- Two guest passes for both weekend days of action, for friends and family.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

- Aged between 16 and 25
- Be available to officiate at the Kenilworth and Imbil event, 12 - 14 July 2013. Between the hours of 6am – 7pm.
- Be an enthusiastic team player, willing to take direction and listen to instructions
- Have written consent from a parent or guardian (for applicants under 18)
- Be willing to cover your own costs for travel and accommodation

There are 12 places available. To be considered for a position at the 2013 International Rally of Queensland, follow the link below and complete the online entry form by no later than Thursday 30 May 2013.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W5JSSN6>

## **Work Experience Photos**

Please visit the GCCC website for [more photos](#) of our work experience students in the retail and education industry.

***Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator***

## SALAKA DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Last week, three men from the Salaka drum ensemble in Ghana entertained and taught students from Year 3-10 drumming techniques and instruments from Africa. All the students had a wonderful time playing the drums, singing, dancing and particularly enjoyed watching the teachers dance on stage.

"I liked when the ground moved and when Mrs Wynn went up to dance. The man did a back flip, we sang happy birthday, we drummed and we then we got to go up and dance." Coby Schmeichel

"Learning about all the amazing drums, culture and languages was fun. They were wearing very bright and patchy clothes that made you happy. People went up and danced so did teachers. Mrs Kombanie had funky dance moves and we played bongo drums." - Isabel Holly.

"On Wednesday, some drummers came from Africa to do a drumming workshop with the grade 7-10 music students. They taught us the African way to drum, as well as some of the different instruments in Africa. All three of the men were amazing drummers and they drummed amazing songs for us. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. One of my favourite parts was when the teachers got up and danced!" - Holly Dodwell

[Photo gallery on GCCC website.](#)

# Sports News

## RE: TRIATHLON Wednesday 27 March 2013.

GCCC Triathletes performed exceptionally well recently in the recent "Roberts Road Challenge." The Triathlon held in conjunction with Beerwah State High, began in the morning at the pool. All up there were approximately 150 entrants across all secondary age groups. Fast GCCC swimmers in Josh Topfer and Abbey Bates got off to a great start beating their opponents out of the water. Joshua found the going tough throughout the rest of the race whilst Abbey demonstrated amazing endurance across all three disciplines to finish first in her age group. A fantastic effort against quality opposition.

Brilliant performances were also put in by Andrea Little and Louise Munyard who finished second and third in their individual races. A special mention should also go out to our 14 boys team of Jack Fissendon, Daniel Marjanovic and Harry Newell who managed a 1st placing in the teams race with their combined efforts.

These and other excellent results are as follows

Race	Placings	Race	Placings
<b>13 Year Individual</b>		<b>15 Year Individual</b>	
Jayde Curtis	5th	Andrea Little	2nd
Stephanie Freeman	9th	Ella Mickelson	8th
<b>Boy's Team</b>		<b>Opens</b>	
Jack Fissendon		Abbey Bates	1st
Harry Newell	1st	Louise Munyard	3rd
Daniel Marjanovic		Josh Topfer	11th
<b>14 Year Individual</b>			
Tom Boroughs	7th		
Tom Dwan	8th		
Matthew Mitchell	9th		

All GCCC students put in a gritty performance over the course of this extremely difficult race. We are certainly very proud to have such a talented group of determined athletes represent our school.

[Photos are on GCCC website](#)

**Matt Beattie**

## Primary Cross Country

What a fantastic day of participation by everyone and some great racing was seen at the Primary Cross Country. There were some close races and everyone really showed how fit they had become while running the Run Around Australia Challenge.

Zion won the Primary competition on 148 points with Sinai just 12 points behind and Ararat third. Every finisher in each house really does make a difference to the scores.

The House Spirit Award was a very close competition. The Ararat captains, Amber Weatherburn and Nick Dwan did a great job decorating their tent whilst Sinai were the champions at the war cry. In the end it came down to overall cheering throughout the day with Sinai taking out the House Spirit Award by only 5 points.

Congratulations to the 18 students who will represent GCCC at the Glasshouse District Cross Country Champs in a couple of weeks. These 18 students were the first three place getters in the 10 year to 12 year races. We have some talented athletes who are training hard to succeed in these events.

Age	Boys	Place	Girls
9 yrs	Daemon Cruise	1	Cassidy Ferris
	Beau Doneathy	2	Genevieve Kratzmann
	Lincoln McKenzie	3	Shelby Daunt
10 yrs	Declan Martin	1	Amity Roser
	Julian Munyard	2	Emily Roach
	Samuel Townson	3	Isabel Holley
11 Yrs	Bakani Kombanie	1	Mackenzie Stokes
	Patrick McKenzie	2	Paige Martin
	Lachlan McWilliam	3	Melanie Matthies
12 yrs	Dylan Myers	1	Brooke Hughes
	Harrison Still	2	Codie Rechberger
	Christian Jensen	3	Kyara S

[A photo gallery is on the GCCC website.](#)

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## Tara Selected in Sunshine Coast Team

Congratulations to Tara Fissenden who has been selected in the 11 year girls Sunshine Coast Schools Netball team to compete at the State Championships. Amber Weatherburn, Sophie Trevan and Jaylah Daunt also competed as part of the Glasshouse Team at the Regional Carnival. Well done girls, they placed 3rd equal.

Sean Nalty-Leal, Everret Evans and Matt Koschel were selected into the Glasshouse District AFL team which our own Mr Modlin coached. The boys played well winning one game, drawing one and being close in the others at the Regional Carnival.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

**Wendy Stott**

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## Ramon Marrero in a league of his own

Ramon Marrero was selected to play for the North Brisbane Little League baseball team which played for the Queensland State Titles on Saturday the 20 of April.

The team won the State Championship and will go on to play for the National Titles in June on the Gold Coast. The winner of the Nationals will play in America.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

## **Nick Dwan to Represent Sunshine Coast**

After a fantastic day of Rugby League at the Sunshine Coast Schools Regional Trials, Nick Dwan was selected in the 11 year boys Sunshine Coast Rugby League team. Nick showed his class at the trials, tackling well and making a couple of challenging runs with some resulting in tries. His determination against often much bigger boys meant he shone on the field. We wish Nick all the best at the Queensland State Championships.

Damien Tomokino and Beau Howard also played in the trials and were great members of the team showing commitment and skill.

[Photos on the GCCC website.](#)

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## **Bronze and Silver awards for Run Around Australia**

The competition is very fierce this year with Year 5G in the lead at the moment but their lead is being cut down as other classes close the gap. Will they get to the finish line first or will another class squeeze past them?

Bronze, Silver and Gold awards can be won by students as we run. Students who run 80 laps which is 25 km achieve a Bronze Award, students who run 140 laps or 42 kms (the length of a marathon) achieve a Silver Award and those running a massive 200 laps or 60 km are presented with a Gold Award.

This week we congratulated many students who received Bronze Awards.

Four boys have run 140 laps so far and these boys received the Silver Award. Christian Jensen Year 6M, Rick Kombanie, Dominic Ruhle and Patrick McKenzie from Year 5G have all run 42 km so far in the Run Around Australia Challenge. Great effort boys!

*Wendy Stott*

## **P and F News**

## **Community News**

Hi Everyone!

I hope you are looking forward to Open Day next week. It's such a great time to promote our College and to celebrate all the fabulous components of our wonderful school. Can't wait to see you there!!

It's back - The Annual Trivia Night! Last year was an awesome night and I am so looking forward to doing it all over again. Grab a table of eight and book in at College Admin or give me a call! The winning table will receive \$250 - an easy way to recoup the cost of your table. Have an awesome week!

There is a flyer with all the information on the GCCC website.

*Blessings, Alaina Westaway*

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## **French students need host families**

If you would like to host a French student please contact Patricia Clunes, NACEL Australia on 0410 617 825.

Students are arriving for ten weeks (but can be shared with two families for two five week stays) from 16 June until 24 August.