

Glasshouse Country Christian College

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'Growing in faith and knowledge'

newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

Tue 13	ICAS Maths
Wed 14	Year 11 Chemistry Excursion
Thur 15	Year 3 Excursion Mary Cairncross
Mon 19	Prep to Year 3 Athletics Carnival
Mon 19-Fri 23	Book Week Activities
Mon 19-Tue 20	District Athletics Carnival
Thur 22	Primary Book Week Dress Up Parade
Fri 23	5pm to 8pm Shine Arts Night
Tue 27	6.30pm to 8pm Prep Fathers' Night
Wed 28	2-3pm Smart Strings Open Rehearsal for parents
Thur 29	Fathers' Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

Tue 3-Wed 4	QCS Test Year 12
Tue 3	7pm P and F Meeting
Tue 3	Primary Regional Athletics
Wed 4	6.30pm New to Middle School Info Night
Mon 9-Tue 10	Secondary Regional Athletics
Thur 12- Tue 17	Years 11 & 12 Exam Block
Thur 12-Fri 13	Year 3 Camp
Tue 17-Wed 18	3pm Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 20	Middle School Messy Games
Fri 20	LAST DAY TERM 3

Athletic Carnivals

Once again the Upper Primary and Middle/Senior Athletics' Carnivals were packed full of energy, fun and students exemplifying the GCCC core value of excellence. Not only did students excel in their efforts, they also excelled in their attitude and attendance.

During both carnivals the points were often nail-bitingly close and the students rose to the challenge to try and sway the numbers by participating in as many events as possible.

Zion took out the honours for the Upper Primary Athletics' Carnival but we had to wait a week after the Middle/Senior Athletics' Carnival to discover the house winner. The points were so close that a week of high jump events was going to be the decider and it could all come down to participation. This is where the students shone. Some who were a little scared about high jump gave it a good go and one young lady on crutches even pretended to 'jump' by falling backwards onto the mat and thus scored a point for her team.

Late Friday afternoon Mr Maguire could be heard whooping for joy so loudly that all of Beerwah could tell that Zion won the Middle/Senior Carnival. The win was by a tiny seven points but it was a win on par with Queensland snatching back the State of Origin in 2006. Could this be the beginning of an eight year winning streak for Zion or will Ararat bounce back at the next competition? Maybe Sinai will sneak up on both houses and have its turn in the limelight. Time will tell.

More information and action packed photos can be found in the Sports' section.

Shine Arts Night

Last year saw our inaugural Arts Soiree. The event was such a success that it is being held again this year but with a name change to reveal more

about the night. [Please click here for a link to the poster.](#)

Shine on the Arts is being held on Friday 23 August from 5.00pm to 8.00pm in the Senior Undercover Area. It will be a night for our Years 7 to 12 students to shine by showcasing their talents and skills. The night will focus on Music, Visual Art, Dance, Interior and Fashion Design, Drama and French.

Everyone is welcome to what looks like being an entertaining evening. A gold coin donation at entry will be welcomed.

Student and Parent Surveys

Last October I conducted a GCCC Satisfaction Survey from 100 randomly selected families representing students from Prep to Year 12 across both genders. The data collected was very helpful in identifying and addressing some of the challenges highlighted.

We are a vibrant and growing school and don't want to take our fingers off the pulse of what you as parents feel and want for the

school. That is why I launched a survey this week which I hope all of our parents take part in. If you missed the email or haven't got around to filling in the survey yet, would you please click on this [link](#) and fill it in now. It will only take 20 minutes of your time but will provide us with valuable information in order to give your children the best education and school experience possible.

We are also asking students from Year 4 to Year 12 to participate in a separate survey just for them. Looking at the school through the students' eye will often reflect a different picture to what a parents' survey reveals. We want the education journey at GCCC to be the best it can be for the parents and the students. This survey will help reveal what is important to the students; what they care about and what they would like to see happen.

I will reveal the results of these surveys in a future newsletter.

Maleny Bus Run

The College is currently exploring the idea of introducing a Maleny Bus run to travel to and from the College via Bald Knob Road (Peachester) of a morning and afternoon. Costs will be comparable with our existing Landsborough/Moolooloona Bus run, being \$15.00 per family per school week.

If you would be interested in making use of such a service, please complete the survey by clicking on this [link](#). Alternatively you can submit your non-binding expression of interest to the Business Manager, John Dohler by email at bm@gccc.qld.edu.au no later than close of business Friday 16 August 2013.

Book Week

Book Week will be upon us soon (Monday 19 to Friday 23 August). There will be lots of activities during the week with the Book Fair being held from Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 August and the Primary Dress Up Parade on Thursday 22 August. I can't wait to see the staff and student costumes. They become more creative every year.

Middle/Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who took the time to catch up on their child's progress at GCCC during the parent teacher interviews. We encourage parent participation and hope you found the recent interviews helpful. Don't forget that all the teachers can be contacted by email so if you couldn't make it to an interview, please follow up the teacher with an email. To find teachers' email addresses go to Contact Us, Contact Teachers on the College website or click [here](#).

Mike Curtis, Principal

Unidentified bank deposits

Our accounts show unidentified bank deposits on the following dates: 21 June, 26 July and 2 August.

If you have a direct deposit going into the College account and some of your payments aren't showing up on your statement, please contact College Admin urgently. Thank you.

Absent Students

If you are emailing teachers about absent students, could you please cc the email to admin@gccc.qld.edu.au as well. Thank you, GCCC Admin.

Pause and Ponder

The Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne is a memorial to all Australians who served in war. The Shrine contains the marble Stone of Remembrance which has the words, 'Greater love hath no man' engraved on it. Once a year on 11 November at 11am (Remembrance Day), a ray of sunlight shines through an aperture in the roof to light up the word 'Love' in the inscription.

The inscription is from John 15:13-14 where Jesus says, 'The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you.' If we respect and are thankful for those who laid down their lives for their country how much more should we be grateful to Jesus Christ for laying down his life for us.

The soldiers who died for us did it because they want us to live free from oppression in this life. Jesus died for us so that we could live free from the oppression of sin and death forever.

Next time you visit a war memorial or enjoy a warm ray of sunshine, remember that the greatest act of love was that Jesus laid down his life for you.

Learning Connections

During the Pupil Free Week, staff attended a two-day professional development on Learning Connections. These sessions covered issues which can impact children's progress developmentally and some strategies to assist these delays.

The Learning Connections Approach

The brain is the centre of all learning. We now know that the brain is ever changing and that depending on what we do over the course of our lives, healthy brains can be improved. Specific repetitive activities, experiences and mental exercises can assist the brain to reorganise its map.

Because our brain maps change, those with learning difficulties, developmental delays, attention disorders and behaviour problems can be helped to form new maps and neuronal connections, by getting their healthy connections to fire together and rewire to give off clearer and more powerful signals. Research shows that as a result of training, neurons that fire faster give off clearer signals that have a greater impact on the brain.

Learning Connections programs assist the brain to fire better signals and to reorganise what was previously disorganised. When this happens, learning programs become more effective.

The Brain does not Learn by Itself, the Body Learns too.

For most children, sensory motor integration and controlled motor ability develop in the course of ordinary childhood activities. For some children this does not happen effectively resulting in gaps and irregularities in their development which can lead to gaps and irregularities in their learning.

Sensory processing disorders and retained primitive reflexes are almost always an aspect of children's learning, attention and behaviour problems. Immaturities in sensory processing lead to differences in behaviour and affect the child's interpretation of the world, as the brain is inadequately programmed for learning.

Although the best time to address these issues is before children come to Prep, there are some activities which will assist – even during their school years. Teachers in the Primary classes have been incorporating some of these Learning Connections activities into their programmes and in transition times throughout the day. You may wish to visit the Learning Connections website for further information – www.learningconnections.com.au

Sick Students

With so much sickness around, we have a duty of care to other students to minimize the effect of this. Currently there are children being sent to school who have been vomiting during the night or who have terrible colds, ear aches or flu like symptoms.

Please note the College policy regarding sickness and what the procedure is. It is essential that every family has an emergency contact if for any reason you are unavailable to collect.

SICK BAY

Students who are unwell or injured can receive short-term care by a First Aid Attendant in the Sick Bay, however after this time a parent or guardian will be notified so that the child can be taken home. If the parent cannot be contacted, the second contact name will be phoned. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell, as we do not want other students being infected.

In the event of serious illness or injury, the school will attempt contact with the Parent/Guardian immediately. If the First Aid Attendant deems it necessary, the student will be taken by ambulance to the nearest available hospital.

To be safe, sick children should not be sent to school until they are completely well. If they have been sick during the night, it would be expected that they would be kept home to recuperate the following day. This will allow the student to come back when he/she is completely better and will protect other children from infection. In this way, we can minimize the spread of these infections. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

JUNIOR TOILET ISSUES AFTER SCHOOL

From time to time we find some "disasters" happening after school in the boys' or girls' toilets and are concerned that it may be pre-prep children using the facilities unsupervised. Our cleaners do a wonderful job but are not expected to clean up after little ones have had accidents. Please use the adult toilet near the girls' toilets if your little one needs the amenities and they should be supervised by an adult, not a sibling.

Kitchen Garden News

Orange and yellow fruit and vegetables were the topic of discussion as we continued our 'Eat a rainbow' theme.

The aroma of freshly baked pumpkin scones filled the air in Kitchen Garden classes this fortnight. Almost all the children tried the warm scones with the "mmmm's" and "yums" being heard far and wide.

Our chefs ended lessons looking as if they had been involved in some serious flour wrestling!

The sun was shining brightly and the air filled with the hint of spring as our busy gardeners planted seeds of pumpkin, cucumber and rockmelon. We harvested some enormous beetroots and mulched our strawberries and potatoes. A sneak peak under our potato bushes revealed a bumper crop which will be harvested in the next month or so.

You will find the recipe for pumpkin scones on the Kitchen Garden website www.gccckitchengarden.com.au along with the latest photos. [Photos are also on the GCCC website.](#)

Enjoy the sunshine!

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Middle School News

Living the life of the dash

How do we live life in the dash? From the time we are born until the time we die is signified by the dash on our gravestone. In 1 Thessalonians it is stated: Make sure nobody pays back wrong for wrong, always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

Each teacher of Middle School endeavours to help/encourage and guide your child on how to live that life. I am hoping that your child's presentation at the recent Student Led Conference was a testimony to this and a positive experience as we work together to make the rest of this year count and be worthwhile for your children.

Calendar Events

Elective Subject Selection Evening for Year 9 Electives will be held Wednesday 21 August at 5.30pm in the Library. This is only for parents of students in Year 8. These electives are chosen as yearlong subjects and continue on through to the end of Year10.

Shine on the Arts Evening - Friday 23 August Various Arts presentations from Dance, Drama and Art through to Music and Interior Fashion Design displays. There will also be French Food appetizers and desserts.

Year 7 Middle School Experience Morning Thursday 17 October 9.00am – 11.30. This will be for all Year 6 students and students new to Year 7 in 2014. A Parent info session will be held at the start at 9.00am in the church.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Walking in a straight line

There was no sign of *Sliverchair* when some Year 9 students walking and drawing in straight lines in the SUA recently. Mr Gary Havenga had the class consolidate their understanding of gradients and linear equations from their Maths unit.

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

SHINE ON THE ARTS

Mark your calendar for a wonderful night out enjoying the talents and skills of GCCC students. Shine on the Arts will be held on Friday 23 August from 5.00pm to 8.00pm in the Senior Undercover Area. Everyone is welcome and a gold coin donation is the only cost.

For more information and to see the full poster, please click [here](#).

Cyber-bullying and Ask.fm

Does your child use the website Ask.fm? This is one of the latest social networking websites that students love to login to.

Do you know how it works? The premise is fairly simple - ask a question and get an answer. The service is very easy to use. You can pose a question to one particular person or to all users, or you can answer any question that comes up on your feed. Typical questions that appear on the site include, "What would you do if you won the lotto?", "What is the scariest movie you have ever seen?", and "What was the last YouTube video you saw?" This all just seems like simple fun, and it should be, except that like most technology, its fine until it's abused.

Judging from personal experience, having to deal with students who have been the target, and also from news sites, Ask.FM abuse is widespread. There has even been a number of reported suicides by young people targeted by cyber-bullies using Ask.fm.

You only have to skim through the site to see that sexualised, abusive and bullying content can be, and is being posted unchecked. The biggest issue though is that the site allows anonymous chat that often results in abusive and highly offensive content. This in fact is the unique selling point of Ask.fm - its guarantee of anonymity. The target users are also teenagers. The estimate is that over 50% of users are under the age of 18 and many are under 13, having opened accounts that actually violate the site's terms of service. This makes the site highly attractive to bullies and other, even more sinister users.

We all would agree that bullies are often the weakest and most pathetic individuals. Ask.fm allows bullies to post pathetic messages to other users that intimidate and hurt. Parents, you need to support your child online.

What can parents do?

Unfortunately, when it comes to technology, our kids will usually be at least one step ahead of us. So it is highly possible that they will have an account with Ask.fm and other social networking sites that you have no knowledge about. So how does a parent manage this?

Above all else, it is vital that you have good, open communication with your child about what they do online. Remember you may not know all there is to know about tweets, blogs and apps but you do know about parenting and all the same principles apply. You should sit down with your child and discuss the use of Ask.fm and other similar sites. Setting rules and boundaries around your child's use of this site is important.

All children are different and parents need to decide what approach is best for their child. Typical approaches vary: from agreeing what is suitable behaviour on the site, regularly monitoring their activity, or not allowing them to use it at all. At the very least you should agree that they will always treat others with respect and let you know if anything happens that upsets them.

For rules and boundaries to be really effective they are best developed between you and your child. Having this chat with your child can give you a lot of information about their online activity and concerns.

The conversation surrounding the agreement of rules can often be as useful as the contract itself. If your child has had an input in developing the agreement in relation to their use of Ask.fm they are more likely to see the rules and sanctions as fair and are therefore more likely to abide by them or discuss them at a later date if they feel they should be changed.

A GREAT internet site - GCCC Moodle

Have you checked out our Moodle?

Moodle is the GCCC Learning Management System and was introduced this year. It is slowly growing and evolving into a highly useful application for parents, students and staff. Teachers are beginning to upload unit plans, lessons, assignments and other assessment tasks. There are also links to various highly useful learning tools.

So check out www.moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au

There are three sections - Students, Staff and Community.

The Community section includes such things as the Middle/Senior School Parent Handbook.

The Student section includes information for each student's subjects, Future Pathways Information and library resources.

Please be a little patient with us as Moodle is certainly a work-in-progress.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Senior Parent and Student Information Evening

Last Wednesday evening many senior school families came along to the Senior Information Evening. Highlights included presentations on SET Planning for Year 10s and Life after School/QTAC Applications for the Year 12s. Students and parents were also able to talk to College staff and guests from Universities, Colleges, the Defence Force and apprenticeship services. Any students who were not able to attend this event have been given their named pack from the evening.

To follow up this event, all year 10s and their parents will be having a SET Plan meeting by the end of next week and all Year 12s and their parents are invited to meet with our visiting Guidance Officer, Mr Paul Nash, to review progress towards the end of Year 12 and to plan a pathway ahead. Mr Nash is available on Monday and Thursday this term, from 1pm – 7pm. To make an appointment please email him at paul.nash@gccc.qld.edu.au.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Congratulations to our fantastic Headstart students

Eight Senior students completed University subjects in first semester this year. They are Jayme-Lee Groer, Emily Hammill, Libby Carver, Abbey Bates, Jordyn Bennet and Jordan Marston. Special mention for MacKinley Brisbane and Aaron Giles who passed with Distinction. We are very proud of these wonderful achievements from these students. Congratulations to you all.

This semester we have several students enrolled for university studies. Very best wishes to all our current Headstart students.

USC Open Day this Sunday 11/8/13

If you are planning University Studies and/or Headstart in 2014 go along to the USC Open Day on Sunday to hear about courses and talk to Uni staff. Go to this link for all the info about a great day.

<http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events/open-day-sunday-11-august-2013>

TAFE Health Courses for Year 11 students in 2014

Invitation for parent/ guardians and students who will be studying Year 11 in 2014 to an Information Evening about the Health courses to be offered by Sunshine Coast TAFE in 2014 for the Senior Phase of Learning program. The proposed courses to be offered are Certificate III Allied Health Assistance and the Certificate III Health Administration.

DATE: Tuesday, 20 August 2014 **TIME:** 6.00 to 7.30 pm

VENUE: Auditorium – A Block

Sunshine Coast TAFE, Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek

You will be given information about the above courses during the evening which will assist students to decide if they wish to pursue a health course pathway at Sunshine Coast TAFE in 2014.

Contact Mrs Ferris if you want more information about these courses for Year 11 in 2014.

Energex Apprenticeships

Energex Apprenticeships for 2014 are currently being advertised. Positions are always very sought after and competitive. Applications close Friday 16th August, 5.00pm. Go to <http://careers.energex.com.au> and go to reference Apprent/01/04.

QTAC Applications

QTAC applications are now open for Semesters 1 and 2 2014. Please keep in mind the following points when applying to QTAC:

- Some tertiary courses (particularly in the Creative Industries) require an earlier application to QTAC and completion of auditions and portfolios in August or September. If in doubt consult your QTAC Guide.
- QTAC applications for all other courses are due on 27 September (in the first week of the school holidays) and cost \$34. After that date the cost triples so don't be late. Be aware that sometimes the QTAC site struggles in the last days before the closing date so don't leave it until the last minute or you might not get on to the site in time.
- QTAC applications are not processed or recognized by the system at all until you pay the application fees. If you do the application and don't pay for it DON'T FORGET to go back and pay and finish the application. You should get a confirmation of lodgement if it is all properly completed. This needs to be done BEFORE the closing date 27 September.

- Be careful what email address you use on your application. Don't use your school one as you may not have access to it at Christmas time.
- Check your emails often coming up to offer rounds. If you are going to be away get someone else to check your emails. If a friend or even your parents are taking care of responding to your QTAC offers you will need to fill in a QTAC form to enable this to happen otherwise your representative (even if it is your parent) will not be able to act on your behalf.
- If you are offered a place by QTAC and don't respond within a week, your QTAC application, and all your preferences, lapse.
- You can change your preferences three times without paying any extra fees.
- When you get an offer you can knock it back altogether if your circumstances have changed, you can accept the place, you can accept the place and depending on the institution you may be able to apply to defer to the following year, you can accept the place conditionally and await an offer for a higher preference. There are many, many options. Consider your options very carefully and get advice if you are not sure
- If in doubt about any decisions you need to make ring QTAC.

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator

Library News

Read for Australia

During National Literacy and Numeracy Week we celebrated "Read for Australia" by reading a number of CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) shortlisted titles. Prep – Year 2 students joined me during lunch and we sat and read stories together. Herman and Rosie by Gus Gordon was the official book chosen for Read for Australia this year. Set in New York, it is a book about friendship, music and following your dreams. A delightful tale that had the students enthralled and a great excuse to enjoy a great read! [Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Library Hours

The library is open Monday-Friday during term time.

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

Year 7 - 12 Students: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Homework Club:

Every Thursday (Year 7-12)

From 3:00pm – 4:00pm

MS Readathon

The MS Readathon runs 1 to 31 from August. Students across Prep –Year 12 are invited to participate and help raise funds to provide vital support for Australians living with multiple sclerosis (MS). Students who take part have the chance to receive great reading rewards including book vouchers and even a Samsung Galaxy tablet. Recently Catherine, a MS Readathon volunteer met with students during lunch to promote the reading fundraiser. Please encourage your child/children to get involved to promote reading and to support such a worthwhile cause. [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Participation is easy and you can get started by following the three easy steps below.

How to take part in the MS Readathon:

1. Register - Participants register online at www.msreadathon.org.au
2. Read throughout August - Children can read any literature as long as it is at their own reading level. The reading period runs from 1 to 31 August. Children can include all books used for the Premier's Reading Challenge for the MS Readathon.
3. Fundraise from family and friends - All students who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and Reading Rewards to recognise their dedication to helping others.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The reading period for PRC finishes on Friday 6 September. Please ensure all Reading Record Forms are signed by class teachers and then returned to the library over the next four weeks. It is wonderful to see the forms continue to flow in. Extra Reading Records are available in the library if the original has been misplaced or if you want to continue recording titles read. Every student that completes the Challenge will receive a certificate.

Book Week Dress Up Day (Prep – Year 6)

During Week 6, from 19 to 23 August, the College will be celebrating Book Week. The theme this year is Read Across the Universe. To celebrate the theme students from Prep – Year 6 are invited to take part in a Book Week Dress Up Day, on Thursday August 22. Students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book or space character (no aliens please). A Prep – Year 6 parade will take place at 8:50am in the under covered area on Tuesday, 20 August. Parents and extended family are very welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to bring the book that inspired their costume and there will be prizes for the best-dressed Prep-2 and Year 3-6 classes, as well as the best-dressed teachers. Following the Parade parents are invited to visit our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library.

Book Fair (Prep – Year 12)

Book Fair will be running from Tuesday 20 August to Thursday 22 August. It will be held at the Primary end of the library from 8am – 3:30pm daily. During Book Fair we will have a large range of Scholastic books and posters available for purchase. Parents and Grandparents are very welcome to attend with or without children at a convenient time. The school benefits from a commission on books sold at Book Fair, so all families are encouraged to get involved. Keep an eye out for our special guest, Clifford the Big Red Dog, who will be back again this year.

Parent Helpers

We are looking for parent helpers to assist with Book Fair on the following days: Friday 16 August to Friday 23 August. Please contact Vanessa McKellar at vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au if you are interested and note the day/time you are available.

See you in the library,

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Sports News

Junior Athletics Carnival - Monday 19 August 9 am – 1 pm at GCCC

A fantastic day of athletics and fun games is planned, so come along and join us. Children will be involved in sprints, long jump and tabloid activities.

Let's Dress Up

It would be great to have everyone dressed in their house colours to help create the carnival atmosphere and show support for their house.
Ararat – Blue, Sinai – Red, Zion – Green

Can You Help Us?

We need parents to move around with each group of children to each tabloid game. There will be a teacher running each activity so parents would just need to support the children and encourage them along the way. If you are able to help, could you please let your child's class teacher know or contact the office. Your help will make this day run smoothly.

P and F sausage sizzle - water and poppers available.

Program: (Times are approximate only)

9.15 – 10.30 am	Sprints and Long Jump
10.20 – 10.50am	Lunch
10.50 – 12.30 pm	Tabloid Sports
12.30 – 12.40 pm	Snack
12.40 – 12.50 pm	Presentations
12.50 - 1 pm	Tidy Up

Glass House District Little Athletics

Sign On Days

Friday 23 and Friday 30 August 4.30pm – 6pm
'Skippy Park' Old Landsborough Rd, Landsborough

Trial Nights

Friday 6 and Friday 13 September Starts 5pm
'Skippy Park' Old Landsborough Rd, Landsborough

If you have never done Athletics before and would like to give it a go come down on our trial nights and check out the fun. Cost \$5 per child.

Age groups from U6 to U17 and Tiny Tots.

Come along and join in the family, fun & fitness

For all new registrations please bring birth certificate to be sighted.

For enquiries please contact: 0401897704 or email janedwan@bigpond.com

Action Aplenty at Primary Athletics Carnival

The tents were up, the track was marked and the starter was ready for 200 excited students. A sea of red, green and blue waved in the breeze, as students arrived at the Beerwah Sports Grounds ready to compete. The war cries rang out around Beerwah as each team challenged the others with great enthusiasm and noise. Students ran, jumped and threw energetically throughout the day showing their skills to parents and fellow competitors. The highest placed two or three students gained selection into the GCCC District team but everyone gained very valuable points for their house.

Six records were broken and the competition to become age champion and champion house was evident throughout the day. The house scores were close all day but Zion won the Primary day gaining a 150 point lead by the end of the day's competition. It was great to see almost all our students participating in the carnival helping their team gain valuable points.

Cassidy Ferris dominated her nine year age group winning every event gaining a whopping 70 points! There were some very close competitions for age champion especially in the nine year old boys with Daemon Cruise just edging out Ben Blue and Ethan Palmer by two points. Eleven year old Adam Smerdon and Patrick McKenzie also had a great battle, finishing first equal! This just shows the depth of talent at our College amongst the Primary school. Amity Roser and Jaylah Daunt also gained almost a twenty point advantage on their closest rivals to win their age groups.

The P and F provided a delicious sausage sizzle and snacks which were very much appreciated by students and parents. A big "Thank you" also goes to all the parents who helped at events and supported their children throughout the day.

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

Age Champions

Age	Place	Girls	Place	Boys
9 years	1	Cassidy Ferris	1	Daemon Cruise
	2	Oceana Gordon	2	Ethan Palmer
	3	Shelby Daunt	2	Ben Blue
10 years	1	Amity Roser	1	Brayden Bell
	2	Laura Vobr	2	Millar Wilson-Raatz
	3	Emily Roach	3	Declan Martin
11 years	1	Jaylah Daunt	1	Adam Smerdon
	2	Tara Fissenden	2	Patrick McKenzie
	3	Maya Amendolia	3	Lachlam McWilliam
	3	Mackenzie Stokes		

Record Breakers

Name	Event	Old Record	New Record
Jaylah Daunt	11 yr Girls Discus	15.50	16.67
Adan Smerdon	11 yr Boys 100m	15.10	15.06
Brayden Bell	10 yr Boys Discus	19.80	20.05
Brayden Bell	10 yr Boys 200m	32.40	31.68
Laura Vobr	10 yr Girls Discus	16.19	22.48
Cassidy Ferris	9 yr Girls Discus	12.80	14.60

Cheerleading

For those interested in cheerleading, practices will be held on Monday during first lunch and on Thursday during second lunch.

Please meet Mrs Boroughs at the bus stop shelter so she can walk over to the church with you.

Year Six Soccer Team – District Champions!

After many weeks of training the **Year 6 Soccer team** went to the Glasshouse District Competition fully prepared and ready to show their class. This team has many very skilled and talented players in it as well as some inexperienced players. The team passed the ball well and created some spectacular goals with Dylan Myers scoring ten goals throughout the day. Mark Kennedy put some beautiful balls across and through for the strikers to score from.

The team remained unbeaten going into the final game against Glasshouse State School. A win in this game would clinch the B division title. Glasshouse scored a dubious goal early and at half time the score was 1-1. Some fantastic determination and great football in a very heated game saw our team come out as champions winning 2-1. Maya Amendolia stunned everyone when she gained the ball in defence by heading it on, ran with it deceiving the defenders and smashing it home past the goalkeeper from outside the box to score the winning goal. It was a deserving conclusion to a great day of football.

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

The A soccer team made up of Year 7 players also played some great football with many individuals showing their skills. The boys won two games, drew one and lost two games to finish in third place. Lachlan Peel and Justin Fourie were the stand out players in this team putting in 100 per cent in every game. St Michael's College were the stand out team and winners of this competition.

The netball teams were mixed year 6/7 teams with the **A netball team** finishing in fourth place. The girls played six or seven games throughout the day which was very taxing on their bodies but they handled this very well. The A team played some tough games against strong opposition winning three games and losing two to put them in a playoff for third and fourth place. The GCCC girls played really well but were beaten by Elimbah to finish in fourth place. The girls appreciated the coaching and organisation of Lisa Grigor throughout the day.

The B netball team were less experienced but combined well together to be a strong team in this competition. Without a specialist shooter, several girls took on this role shooting really well throughout the games. Defence was strong and movement of the ball up through the court was some of the best seen in this competition. GCCC won all but one game against Glasshouse State School who ended up winning the competition by one point from our GCCC team. What a fantastic effort by all the girls who were very tired in the last game but fought magnificently to come from 0-3 down at half time to a 5-3 win. Mrs Stott was so proud of each and every player who gave absolutely everything for the team.

GCCC also supplied three very competent umpires for the A and B netball competitions. Tegan Gisler, Hannah Johnson and Tenaia Owen were very appreciated by all coaches and teachers who complimented them on their professionalism and fairness in umpiring a variety of teams.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Wendy Stott

Secondary Athletics Carnival Report

This year's Secondary Athletics Carnival was an extremely tight competition between houses. A good showing of Sinai, Ararat and Zion athletes turned up for all events ensuring maximum participation points.

This year, events were spread across a day and a half with the high jump continuing throughout the week due to slippery conditions. The competition was hard fought and the lead between houses changed regularly. Intermittent rain and wet conditions on carnival day did nothing to dampen spirits as a record number of students took part in all events.

Congratulations to the following students who managed to break many long-standing records:

Hurdles: Ryan Sauer, Rani Weir, Natasha Hoeksema, Lucas Tidy, Jake Hoeksema

Javelin: Jillisa Thomas, Ella Mickelson, Andrea Little, Adrian White

Triple Jump: Ryan Sauer, Joshua Pederson, Jared Moore

Discus: Ryan Sauer, Jesse Snelling, Andrea Little, Adrian White, Mitchell Ferris

Shot Put: Caitlin Smith, Andrea Little, Adrian White

Long Jump: Ryan Sauer, Cameron Shervey, Ella Mickelson

100m: Ryan Sauer, Andrea Little, Jared Moore

200m: Ryan Sauer

400m: Ryan Sauer

800m: Natasha Hoeksema, Andrea Little

1500m: Abbey Bates, Natasha Hoeksema, Jacqueline Roach, Cameron Shervey

Special mention should be made to Ryan Sauer for his outstanding efforts, managing to break records in seven events.

The drama continued to unfold right up to the last event, the 16 boys high jump. Ararat was in fact sitting in front by only three points. Luckily for Zion, Glen Morris arrived for competition in what was his last day at GCCC before embarking on an

apprenticeship. His cameo performance was enough to win his age group and thrust Zion back into the lead and ultimately overall winners by only seven points.

Well done Zion!

Total point tally:

Zion - 2408

Ararat - 2401

Sinaii – 2131

[Photo gallery on GCCC website](#)

Matt Beattie, Head of Sports

GCCC at the Regional Cross Country Championships 2013

In Term 2 GCCC students attended the 2013 Sunshine Coast Regional Cross Country Championships held in Buderim. Students had to complete distances ranging from 3kms to 6kms in age groups 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs and Opens.

GCCC students displayed great discipline and focus in completing the challenging Buderim cross country circuit.

Huge congratulations to all students who participated in the championships and represented GCCC proudly. A special mention goes to the following students for achieving great results within their age group:

Jarred Moore (OPENS) – 4th place

Jacqueline Roach – (14yrs) – 12th place

Natasha Hoeksema (13yrs) – 17th place

Abby Bates (16yrs) – 20nd Place

Cameron Shervey (14yrs) – 33rd place

Special thanks also goes to Mr Beattie for coordinating the day. It was a great effort from everyone involved.

Ryan Fowler

P and F News

Hi everyone,

A big thank you to the wonderful ladies who helped out with the athletics carnivals last week. Thanks to them, there were sausages and drinks aplenty for the hungry students! We will be holding a sausage sizzle for the P-3 carnival as well, but we will be arranging for them to be pre-ordered. Keep an eye out for the forms coming home this week.

[FROM ME TO YOU NIGHT 11TH OCTOBER:](#) Its my privilege to introduce you to Michelle Simpkins as our lady of the week for the Weekend to end Women's cancer. There is a [photo of Michelle](#) on the GCCC website although she could be a little shy because you can only see the back of her head!

Hi, my name is Michelle Simpkins. I am proud mum to Toby in Prep White, and Jack in 1M. I am one of the six mums who have taken up the challenge of raising money for the Weekend to End Women's Cancer.

There are so many people that I know that have been faced with cancer, either by going through it themselves or caring for someone close to them. It truly is a horrible and it breaks my heart to see what these people go through. When I heard about the walk, I thought, WOW a chance to do something that will help in defeating this disease once and for all.

The walk is a 60km walk around Brisbane neighbourhoods over two days. The 60km walk will be in itself a challenge, but we are all in training and am confident that come October we will all be fit enough to pull it off.... fingers crossed.

I really like this charity because it seems to cover every aspect of care with people facing cancer. The money that goes to the RBWH will help all the patients that have cancer, by providing them better access to equipment and drugs, to combat the disease. Where the money that goes to QIMR will enable more research and better equipment, so the process of discovering cures and even prevention will be accomplished at a faster pace.

I went to the tour of the QIMR at the end of March, I would highly recommend it to anyone who would like to know where their money is going. They are making so many breakthroughs in understanding cancer, it is really inspirational to know that the dream of the end of cancer is within sight.

So if seeing the end of cancer is one of your dreams, please come to the "From Me to You" night and know that your money spent on pampering yourself is going to a truly amazing cause.

Please check out the [flyer](#) for more details about this awesome event. We will have pamper stands, fashion and lots of yummy food and stalls where you can shop! Just \$15 per ticket. Tickets will go on sale soon!

STALL HOLDERS NEEDED! If you have a small business or know of someone who does and would like to book a stall for this event, please contact Jayne on hindsfam1@bigpond.com, or the P and F at pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

Chocolates: Please sell the rest of your chocolates as soon as possible and bring in the chocolate money and left over chocolates to College Admin. This is a valuable fund raiser for the College but it won't be successful unless the money and/or leftover chocolates are brought back to College. If you think you can sell another box, please come and collect one urgently. Thanks for all your hard work on this.

Fathers' Day Stall

Don't forget the Fathers' Day stall on Thursday 29 August. If you can help please email the P and F on pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

Alaina Westaway, pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

Community News

Beerwah and District Kindergarten OPEN DAY

Wednesday 21 August 2013 from 9.15am to 11.00am at 9 Free Street Beerwah 4519

Our Open Day is a great opportunity for parents and children to see what happens at our Kindy and to familiarise themselves with the Centre.

Everyone is welcome. Come and see our centre in action. Please bring your child's morning tea

Children may be enrolled for the Year 2014 or for future years at our Open Day. Please Note: There is a cost of \$10.00 to put your child's name on our waiting list.

Please phone 5494 6346 or email beerwahkindy@aapt.net.au for more information.