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'Growing in faith and knowledge'

newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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
Wed 18	Middle School Messy Games
Wed 18	Year 10 Careers Day
Thur 19	Primary Blue Day for Asthma
Fri 20	LAST DAY TERM 3

OCTOBER

Mon 7	Labour Day public holiday
Tue 8	First Day Term 4
Fri 11	Volunteers' Lunch 12.30-3pm
Thur 17	9am New to MS in 2014 Info session
Mon 21	Pupil Free Day (Verification Day)
Wed 23	6.30pm Sports Awards Evening

NOVEMBER

Tue 5	6.30pm Middle & Senior School Awards
Wed 6-Fri 8	Year 5 Currimundi Camp
Thur 7-Tue 12	Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
Wed 13	Immunizations
Thur 14	Year 12 Formal
Fri 15	Year 12 Graduation and Clap Out
Tue 19	2pm End of Year Concert Year 4
Thur 21	Immunisations
Fri 22	Last day for Year 11
Fri 29	Last day Year 10
Fri 29	Year 10 Dinner Dance

Book Week

Book Week is about promoting and celebrating the joy of reading with a week full of activities. The pinnacle of this annual event is the dress up parade which was held on Thursday 22 August.

Every year I am astounded by the creativity, ingenuity and courage of our students and staff when they come dressed for the Book Week Parade and this year was no different.

I know that there is a lot of hard work behind the scenes for weeks before this event, so want to thank all the parents who helped their children with their costumes. The students couldn't wait to show their costumes off to the rest of Primary and had a terrific time on the day.

I'm sure others will have more to say on Book Week later on in the newsletter.

'Shine on the Arts' Evening

The College was lit up like a Christmas tree but it was our students who really sparkled during our Shine on the Arts Evening Friday 23 August.

I was very impressed by maturity, talent and enthusiasm our students showed on the night and I wasn't the only one. Cr Rick Baberowski attended the event and said he admired the way the students organised themselves and seemed to need very little direction from teachers.

The Drama, Dance, Music, Media, Visual Art, French and Fashion and Textile Departments showed what high quality teachers and students we are blessed with here at GCCC. I was immensely proud of everyone who had a part to play on the night.

There was a real buzz in the atmosphere as friends, family and visitors watched the performances or roamed around the art and crafts on display. The food from the French Café was as delicious and plentiful, resulting from many hard hours in the kitchen.

The highlight of the night was the official opening of the sculpture garden outside F block. Patrice Cutlack has done an exceptional job designing the area and it was exciting to see it in all its glory. This was shortly followed by the announcement of the prize winning quilt.

Everyone worked hard to make this such a quality event and I want to pay special tribute to our seemingly tireless maintenance team. Mark and Tim especially pulled some very long and hard hours to ensure everything would run smoothly on the night.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Queensland Core Skills Test

This week our Year 12 students have been working hard on the QCS test. All Year 12 students have to sit this test if they wish to receive a university entrance score called an overall Position (OP). The test shows how well students have understood 49 skills which are common across the whole curriculum from Year 1 to 12. It was held over two days and comprises two multiple-choice papers, a writing task and a short answer paper.

Students, I'm sure that you are able to say that you did your best and that all the time spent preparing for these tests were worth it.

GCCC Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to the 181 people who filled in this survey. The results were informative and in some areas, challenging. Parents were asked to rate their satisfaction from 1 to 4 with 1 representing low satisfaction and 4 representing high satisfaction. The numbers in the graph below are percentages.

The survey was slightly different from last year's one and made up of almost 100 questions so I really appreciate the time people took to fill this in.

One of the areas that challenged us was learning some students are using bad language on the school grounds and in other venues during school activities. This is totally unacceptable to us and obviously to those respondents who took the time to tell us about it. I have been addressing this behaviour through special assemblies and the College will be coming down hard on any students using bad language.

We will be focussing on how to improve other areas in the school in the coming months.

Mike Curtis, Principal

GCCC Satisfaction Survey 2014 Results

Questions	Stongly disagree %	Disagree %	Agree %	Strongly Agree %
My child feels safe at school	2	3	32	62
My child feels happy at school	2	11	46	41
There is a sense of purpose at the school	2	13	45	40
Students wear the required uniform and are well presented	3	8	32	57
The school sets and maintains high expectations of student behaviour	5	16	36	43
The school sets and maintains high academic standards	2	11	48	39
The schools' grounds and buildings are well maintained and presented	2	1	33	64
I feel welcome as a parent/caregiver when I come to the school	2	7	31	60
The Principal is approachable	2	9	39	49
The Heads of School are approachable	2	12	41	45
My concers are responded to appropriately	3	15	46	35
My child's teachers motivate him/her to want to learn	2	13	35	50
The classroom program meets my child's academic needs	3	18	42	38
My child's teachers are committed and enthusiastic	2	11	28	59
My child's teachers are aware of my child's strengths and weaknesses	4	15	42	39
I am pleased with the progress my child has made this year	6	13	37	44
My child's teachers provide clear feedback to my child about his/her work	7	15	42	36
The classroom program covers things my child is interested in	2	13	52	33
The classroom program involves the right amount of challenge for my child	3	15	44	38
My child's teachers respond to concerns that I raise in a constructive way	3	9	40	48
My child's teachers have high expectations of him/her	3	9	41	46
My child's teachers implement a homework program that works for my child	6	22	35	37
My child is helped to set realistic learning goals	5	17	47	31

There are enough opportunities to get information about my child's progress (e.g. reports, interviews)	6	9	38	47
I receive quality information about my child's progress	5	13	43	39
I find the parent/teacher interviews useful and informative	4	8	36	51
I am made aware of any areas my child needs to work on in order to improve	8	14	43	34
GCCC caters well to the needs of primary school students	3	10	47	41
GCCC caters well to the needs of middle school students	2	15	55	28
GCCC caters well to the needs of senior school students	1	15	58	26
My child is helped by GCCC to become self-managing, so they can have a 'can-do' attitude and set high expectations for themselves	5	13	49	34
My child is helped by GCCC to develop relationships skills so they can work well with others in groups and teams	2	13	46	38
My child is helped by GCCC to develop research skills so they can find and use information	4	13	52	32
The integration of computers into my child's education has been a positive step	7	13	25	55
My child is helped by GCCC to develop leadership skills	5	18	51	25
I am happy with the range of sporting activities provided for my child	7	13	45	34
I am happy with the range of cultural, musical and artistic activities provided for my child	2	12	46	40
School information is communicated to parents and caregivers effectively	3	19	40	38
There are opportunities for parents and caregivers to communicate information about home and school	3	12	45	40
There are opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in school life	1	10	39	50
	Not at all useful %	Not useful %	Useful %	Very useful %
How useful is the school newsletter as a means of communication	4	6	46	44
How useful is the school website as a means of communication	1	12	50	37
How useful is email as a means of communication	1	1	35	63
How useful is Moodle as a means of communication	23	17	42	18
How useful is Facebook as a means of communication	42	23	27	8
How useful are text messages as a means of communication	5	1	31	63
	Not at all important %	Not important %	Important %	Very important %
What importance do you place on reading	0	1	6	96
What importance do you place on writing	0	0	12	88
What importance do you place on Christian Life Studies	2	9	52	38
What importance do you place on handwriting	1	3	35	60
What importance do you place on Mathematics	0	0	7	93
What importance do you place on Science	0	3	40	56
What importance do you place on History	1	6	54	40
What importance do you place on Geography	1	11	91	66
What importance do you place on Physical Education	0	3	50	47
What importance do you place on Health and well-being	0	2	37	61
What importance do you place on Industrial Arts	0	15	62	22
What importance do you place on Hospitality studies	1	12	63	24
What importance do you place on Fabric and textiles technology	3	28	55	14

What importance do you place on Music	1	13	56	31
What importance do you place on Drama	1	19	62	19
What importance do you place on French	17	38	30	15
What importance do you place on Art	1	17	62	20
What importance do you place on Business	0	11	59	30
What importance do you place on Computer Education	0	1	30	69
What importance do you place on Leadership programs	1	7	40	52
What importance do you place on Sports program	1	11	45	43
What importance do you place on Outdoor education program	1	10	46	43
What importance do you place on Careers education and guidance	0	2	23	75
What importance do you place on school based apprenticeship program	0	4	27	69
	Not at all well %	Not well %	Well %	Very Well %
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Reading	1	9	53	37
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Writing	2	11	60	27
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Christian Life Studies	2	6	48	44
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Handwriting	5	18	49	27
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Mathematics	1	6	57	36
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Science	3	9	62	26
How well do you think GCCC is delivering History	1	8	71	20
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Geography	1	10	70	19
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Physical Education	1	6	64	29
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Health and well-being	1	7	66	25
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Industrial arts	0	2	74	24
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Hospitality studies	0	2	64	34
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Fabric and textiles technology	0	5	73	22
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Music	0	9	65	26
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Drama	0	8	70	22
How well do you think GCCC is delivering French	3	9	66	22
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Art	0	7	70	24
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Business	2	6	74	19
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Computer Education	1	6	58	36
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Leadership programs	0	15	61	23
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Sports program	3	11	61	25
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Outdoor education program	5	13	60	23
How well do you think GCCC is delivering Careers education and guidance	0	7	61	32
How well do you think GCCC is delivering School based apprenticeship programs	1	8	59	32

Uniform Shop Dates

The Uniform Shop will be closed Wednesday 18 and Friday 20 September in last week of term. It will open on Monday 16 September.

Term 4 Sales - No 5% discount this year

Last day of uniform sales is Friday 29 November

Closed for Stocktake - Monday 2 December to Friday 6 December (last week of school)

January Back to School Sales

Dates for the Sales are: Monday 20 January to Friday 24 January 9am to 3pm (all five days of the week before school starts)

NEW SCHOOL BUS RUN

Due to the overwhelming support and popularity of their current school bus from Elimbah, Coast and Country Buses will now be running a new school bus From D'Aguilar and Woodford to school via Peachester Rd.

This new run is a "User-pays" bus and will cater for anyone in the Wamuran, D'Aguilar, Woodford, Kilcoy and Peachester areas that needs to get to Glasshouse Country Christian College. If you are interested in taking advantage of this service or for more information

Please contact Dylan Curtis on 1300 4 BUSES (1300 482737) or email dylan@coastandcountrybuses.com.au .

Primary News

What's Happening in the Primary College?

The past fortnight has been such a busy time with Book Week and Fathers' Day activities as well as sporting and academic programmes.

The Book Parade on 22 August was an outstanding success as staff and students alike entered into the spirit of Book Week and nearly everyone came in costumes representing one of their favourite books. It was exciting to see the incredible support from our parent body and the children had such fun! [Photos are on the GCCC website.](#)

I am sure all the dads enjoyed being spoiled on Sunday with the gifts children purchased from the P and F stall.

It was wonderful to see so many fathers at the Prep Fathers' Night and the Prep – Year 2 chapel/assembly last week. Your attendance at these functions sends such an important message to your children – that you are interested in their school life. Thank you to all who were able to be there.

Last week The Life Education group presented a session on Cyber Safety to each of the Year 6 classes. This was a very important presentation as we live in an increasingly challenging world where young people need to know how to negotiate the cyber world safely.

Our Year 5 Oz Tag teams performed admirably at a recent carnival with the girls' team being the overall winners and the boys' coming third. This was an outstanding result and we congratulate Mrs Stott and all the players.

Student Collaboration

Your children may have come home recently with the news that many classes are using some white board tables to work in collaborative groups. Teachers are using these tables in a number of ways to support student learning.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee in Term 3 produced some excellent results and the House Points have nearly been finalised - only one Team Spelling Bee Competition to go! By Week 9 we will know the final result and all will be revealed. This has been a very exciting house competition and the team events for Years 3 – 6 have shown that we have some excellent spellers in each class.

Kitchen Garden

Those of you who have younger children will appreciate what a fantastic job Mandy Ward and the team of wonderful volunteers do in promoting healthy eating in the Kitchen Garden Programme. Here is a lovely email (printed with permission) from one of our grateful parents. We love this sort of feedback as we are convinced that KGP is such a valuable aspect of our lower primary curriculum and guides our children into healthy eating for life.

Hi Mandy, Just a quick THANKS for getting both my boys to eat something green last week (yes even Jake!) Both came home saying how delicious the green quiche was, so we made it again for dinner the other night.... thanks too for giving me one more meal that our whole family likes (that's a very limited few things, most of which aren't too healthy!). Thanks again! Cherie

Finally, please remember that our College policy is that shoes must be worn at all times on school grounds. This is a safety issue and this was reinforced last week when a piece of rusty tin was found in the sandpit. Although we check regularly, shoes need to be kept on at all times to ensure your children's safety as there are often "visitors" in the grounds on the weekends.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

PREP FATHER'S NIGHT

What a fabulous evening the children of Glasshouse Country Christian College Prep had on Tuesday 27 August, playing, dancing, singing, crafting and eating with their favourite men – their dads (or granddads or uncles)!

The evening started with games and activities and the making of a special name-tag tie for dad. All ties were uniquely decorated to ensure the men were suitably dressed for such a special occasion!

We danced the Hokey-Pokey, sang some other songs together and generally had lots of fun showing dads our Prep rooms and activities.

Fathers' Night was a really great opportunity for dads to see what their children get up to throughout their days in Prep. The dads were great sports, joining in with us in everything asked of them. Thank you to all who could attend. We had such a great time, and a delicious supper!

[Photos are on the GCCC website](#)

Lin Smith

Kitchen Garden News

Classes had such dirty fun this fortnight in Kitchen Garden. After waiting for what seemed to be 'forever' (at least in a Preppies time line!) it was finally time to dig up our potatoes.

I grow spuds every year in my own garden and still get such a thrill at harvest time. There is such anticipation and the excitement of turning the spade to reveal what lies beneath the soil. Our eager diggers started in earnest before it was full blown dirt-digging fun.

Dirt, potatoes and laughs flew freely across the garden bed. Jed was the champion potato harvester finding the most and the biggest; in fact we decided that Jed should consider becoming a potato farmer when he grows up.

We ate our way through the purple/blue rainbow stripe this fortnight. Cooks made some little prune cakes and Year 2s devoured fresh beetroot 'spaghetti' with most of the class sporting purple tongues.

Classes planted capsicum, tatsoi and parsnip seeds whilst we harvested lots of fat beetroot bulbs and some enormous heads of lettuce.

Preppies were kept busy weeding and mulching their adopt-a-garden beds in readiness for the next plantings of flower seedlings.

Until next fortnight, happy cooking and happy gardening.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Mandy Ward. Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Get Ya Head Right Film Competition

Get Ya Head Right is a Generation Next initiative to gain awareness about mental health and wellbeing in young people. The aim of the event is to generate short three-minute films that deliver useful mental health and wellbeing messages. The topics for this year's film competition include:

- Bullying and Harassment – Don't Be a Bystander, Be a Friend
- Racism is not Okay
- Getting Back in Touch with Nature and People

There are three categories of prizes for both Primary and Secondary School Students. Prizes are to the value of \$500. Entries close Wednesday, 20 September 2013. Further information is available via <http://www.getyaheadright.com/>.

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

Looking out for the interests of others and being intentional with how we spend our time does not necessarily come naturally to us. It takes an act of the will to speak thoughtfully to others, stick to our goals and use our time wisely for not just getting what we should get done for ourselves but also something truly altruistic for others.

All Middle School students watched this you tube clip at one of our recent assemblies http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9i6rApq-RQ&list=UU0W6NYJ_y7cd3laVfaSOI0A A beautiful thought provoking clip put together by two young men on making choices and doing things for others rather than some of the silly crazes that we can get involved in.

At GCCC in our Middle School this attitude is at the heart of where our teachers want students to be. From using their gifts and talents to be their absolute best to giving students opportunities to build awareness of the plight of other people in the world less fortunate than themselves. As well, growing in independence so that one-day students can be functional, mindful adults.

Read about the [Year 9 Excursion to the city](#) in this newsletter, which not only was a trip to a cultural awareness event, but also an activity in using public transport and negotiating their way around the city - growing in independence.

Awards Night - 5 November, 6.30pm, Caloundra Events Centre. Please remember to book this important school event in your diaries. All students are expected to attend. Year 9s will be welcomed into Senior School and will receive a certificate for completing Middle School. There will be awards for the top 10 Academic students in each year level (based on the first three terms of this year); Encouragement Awards for the top five students of each year level who are recognised for their consistent effort and outstanding improvement; GREAT awards for the top five students from each year level who have displayed consistent application of the GREAT values in their school life; a Middle School All Rounder award for one student from Year 7, 8 or 9 and; a Dux of Year 9 trophy.

Walk to Water – 20 September. This is an Open Doors fundraising event that Year 8s are participating in. This event raises money for wells to be built for villages in Nigeria so that local people will have better access to clean drinking water. All Year 8s will be participating in the 'Walk' component.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes due at the school by 28 October. This is another opportunity for your family to help children in developing nations have a small slice of the type of 'Christmas' we are so accustomed to. A shoebox of gifts is put together with the donation of \$9.00 to help send this gift overseas to its destination. Please feel free to put your own box(es) together as a family or help your child contribute via their class joint venture boxes.

Messy Games – 18 September. Our Year 9 leaders have been planning a HUGE fun afternoon of messy activities for Wednesday, Week 10 of this term. It will be held after second break. Students are to wear sports uniform to school and then get changed into casual, appropriate, sun-safe clothing for the Messy Games. At the end of the day, all students will be expected to change back into their sports uniform – which will be clean and dry for the journey home on buses or in cars.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Our day trip to Brisbane

A couple of weeks ago all the Year 9 students went on an excursion to Brisbane city. This excursion was very good and I thoroughly enjoyed it. During this excursion we did multiple things such as explore parts of Brisbane city and look at different monuments or places so that we could answer questions and find out what they meant.

After this, we continued on to Musgrave Park where we learned about the indigenous people and their culture. We learned about their traditional dances and the didgeridoo. It was interesting to hear that in aboriginal culture it is offensive for women to play this item. I also found it interesting that it is an inclusive culture and invites everyone to come and be part of their culture and actually welcomes people of all nationalities to play their instruments such as their didgeridoo.

I also found the transport interesting as we caught public transport to and from the city. I found this very enjoyable and a different approach to the usual way we go to and from excursions which is on a bus. When we were on the train we were mingling with different people and experiencing things that some may have never experienced before.

I found this excursion very helpful and I hope that the school will do more excursions like this.

Aaron Gisler

Year 9 visit the city

On Tuesday 13 August, the Year 9 students embarked on a journey to Brisbane city.

To get to the big city we caught a train, which taught us how to behave appropriately on public transport and also how to use our Go Cards that we were given.

In the city we were split up into six different groups and were given a map with different landmarks we had to find. One of the places we had to walk to was Anzac Square. In Anzac Square we took photos of the different statues and answered some historical questions.

After finding all the landmarks we made our way to our indigenous cultural activities. This was held at Musgrave Park. When we got to our destination we were introduced to the people there. One of their names was Adrian.

In two groups we did different activities. Group one firstly listened to a speech and then learnt some aboriginal dances, while group two painted their own boomerangs. After we had swapped over, so that everyone had a turn at everything, we learnt how to throw a boomerang.

There were many failed attempts but Moale James of 9W successfully threw her boomerang.... hitting Mr.Warren on its descent.

After our fabulous time at Musgrave Park we walked to South Bank. At South Bank we had some lunch and then made our way to the ferry.

Overall the Year 9 Brisbane excursion was both exciting and informative. I'm sure many of the Year 9s had a fantastic day.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Hollie Warner 9G

Hospitality students go strawberry picking

Hospitality students privileged to visit Oakland Farms to learn more about the paddock to plate journey.

Students were surprised at how many different varieties of strawberries were grown at Oaklands and even more surprised by the differences in taste, size and texture.

Hospitality teacher Colleen Devitt said the excursion was very valuable for the students' understanding. "They learned things on the farm that they could never fully grasp in a classroom," she said.

John Allen from Oaklands Farms was good enough to delay pulling up the plants so the students could enjoy picking and eating as many strawberries as they wanted. Between them, they must have picked about 40kg worth of strawberries!

Students also learned a lot about the economic principles of supply and demand and how this directly affects business right back to the farm.

Thanks to John Allen and Oaklands Farms for their hospitality and generosity.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Senior School News

"I love my Dad"

I have the most amazing father and I was so pleased to celebrate Father's Day with him last weekend. I know my father loves me and would do anything for me. He has sacrificed so much for me and I love him with all my heart.

This amazing relationship between a father and child is only a reflection of the relationship God designed for us when he created mankind in the first place. Our heavenly Father wants a personal relationship with each one of us. He loves us so much. The bible says "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

QCS Exams

As I write this article, a large number of the Year 12s are sitting the Queensland Core Skills exams. The QCS Test consists of four papers — a Writing Task (of 600 words), a Short Response paper and two Multiple Choice papers. The results achieved for each of the four test papers are combined into one grade, ranging from A (the highest grade) to E (the lowest).

Those sitting the test are asked to respond to a variety of stimulus materials, such as prose passages, poetry, graphs, tables, maps, mathematical and scientific data, cartoons and artistic works.

The QCS Test does not test particular knowledge of specific Year 12 subjects. It tests the Common Curriculum Elements, a set of generic skills identified in the Queensland curriculum. The test assumes that candidates have basic levels of general knowledge and vocabulary and a Year 10 knowledge of mathematical operations.

The QCS Test contributes information for the calculation of Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs), which are used to rank students for tertiary entrance.

A student's individual QCS Test result is not used on its own in the calculation of their OP — instead, group results are used as part of the statistical scaling processes. A student's individual result on the QCS Test (from A to E) is reported on the student's Senior Statement or Statement of Results.

Thank you

There has been a great deal of work performed to prepare the Year 12s for the QCS test. I wish to thank the staff who have helped by taking them through practise tests as well as teaching them various examination techniques. I also want to thank the Year 11 students who served breakfast to the Year 12s on both Tuesday and Wednesday to help settle the nerves of the students.

Year 11 High Achievers

Students in Year 11 who are getting a B+ average are invited to study a University subject through the University of Queensland. This is part of the Enhanced Studies Program (ESP). Students can only participate in a maximum of 1 ESP subject during first semester of Year 12. The university does not charge any fee for these courses. Please see Mrs Ferris if you want more information.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Future Pathways

Year 12s

As I write, Year 12 students are sitting the QCS test. Others are completing TAFE courses and traineeships and all thoughts are heading towards finishing school and future plans.

Our Visiting Guidance Officer this term, Mr Paul Nash, has been talking to all the Year 11s and 12s. Mr Nash is very knowledgeable about QTAC applications and other pathways after Year 12. If students or parents need help with options for next year please make an appointment with Mr Nash on Monday or Thursday before the holidays.

QTAC applications are due by 27 September. Year 12 students are encouraged to complete their applications and pay the fee well before 27 September (the end of the first week of holidays) to ensure the application goes through safely before the due date. Late applications face a late fee.

Tracking your QTAC Application

Once you have applied to QTAC you can keep track of your application on-line. To find out how to use this feature go to http://www.qtac.edu.au/Downloads/Applying/TrackApp_Sep2012_controller.swf to watch a movie that explains the services that are available.

University Scholarships for 2014

We have received information from USC about their Scholarships for next year. Any students applying to Uni of Sunshine Coast please see Mrs Ferris for a copy of this information. Applications close for most of the USC scholarships on 31 October.

High achieving Year 12 students (expecting OP 1 – 5) and their parents are invited to the Academic Scholarships Seminar at QUT to find out about possible financial assistance for their studies. This seminar will be held on Thursday 3 October 5.30 – 7pm at the Kelvin Grove campus of QUT. Go to www.qut.edu.au/study/events and click on Academic Scholarships Seminar.

Year 12s applying to QTAC to study at university next year should be researching all the scholarship possibilities. Every year scholarship and bursary funds go unclaimed by eligible applicants so it is worth pursuing.

Moodle Webpage for Year 12s

We have set up a page on the Moodle Future Pathways website specially designed to assist Year 12s over the Christmas holidays and beyond. It has information about uni seminars to help with reordering QTAC preferences, information about study options and other alternative directions as well as handy practical hints for young people leaving school. Go to moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au/Students/FuturePathways/after_year_12 and log in as a guest. Thanks to Mrs McMinn, the Moodle Queen!!

Year 10s

With SET Plans now completed Year 10s who are considering external studies are now completing applications. All applications for:

- Brisbane North TAFE
- Skills Tech at Brackenridge
- The Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre

should be given to Mrs Ferris or Mrs McMinn, with all supporting documents, by next Friday 13th September to enable processing and submission by the following week.

Students interested in the Sunshine Coast TAFE offerings should view the courses on-line and fill in an Expression of Interest form on the web page as soon as possible.

Headstart applications to the University of the Sunshine Coast are due in October. Students will need to view the timetable for their subjects which will be available on the website over the school holidays. Once completed, the applications should be brought to Mrs Ferris as soon as possible in 4th term for the school to process and submit to the University.

Job Search and Interview Skills

On the last Wednesday of term all Year 10 students will have the opportunity to learn about searching for jobs and learning interview skills. We will be covering basic job search techniques, resume and application writing and preparation for job interviews. This will be followed up in Term 4 on Wednesday 16 October with mock interviews for each student with an industry person from outside the school. Students will be interviewed and given feedback to help them polish up their interview skills. Students will be invited to wear appropriate clothes for a job interview on that day. We hope that all our Year 10s will finish the year with not only some ideas about future careers, but also practical skills to land a job in the future.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our two Year 12 Emilys who have completed traineeships with Queensland Health. Emily McNulty has completed a Certificate III in Health Assistance at Kilcoy Hospital and Emily Ellwood has completed the same qualification at Caboolture Hospital. This traineeship involved the students working as an assistant nurse in these hospitals. These lucky girls were in the last intake of trainees employed by the Metropolitan North Health District since traineeships are not offered anymore due to funding cuts. Emily and Emily have done a great job and have been great representatives of our College. Well done on your achievements and very best wishes in your future careers.

Congratulations also to Nathan Siggs. Nathan has completed his Certificate Courses at the Trade Training Centre and, after his last work placement, was offered a full time carpentry apprenticeship in that work place. Completing his studies and being offered this opportunity makes a fantastic finish to Nathan's school program. Well done Nathan!

Welcome

Welcome to Ryan Harrison in Year 11 who has joined the staff at the school as a School Based Trainee on Wednesdays, assisting Mrs Wendy Stott with the Physical Education program in the junior school. Ryan will be completing a Certificate III in Sport and Recreation.

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator

Music News

"Music education is more than just introducing students to beats, notes and songs. Instead, it completely transforms a child's mind and opens up endless possibilities to their learning potential".

- www.childrensmusicworkshop.com

The music room is buzzing with many musical opportunities offered to students at the College outside of the classroom music time. I'm so excited by the interest that has been shown for choirs, vocal group, bands and ukulele clubs. Since our successful Arts Night, "Shine on the Arts", students have asked about becoming involved in ensembles that are offered.

This term saw the commencement of the Primary Ukulele Club (Year 4-6) and Secondary School Ukulele Club (both Middle and Senior School). Please see the complete list of music ensembles that are offered and their rehearsal times.

Secondary Ukulele Club	Monday second break
Primary Ukulele Club	Tuesday second break
Primary Band	Tuesday morning 7:45-8:25
High School Concert Band	Tuesday afternoon 3:15-4:30
Vocal Group (secondary students)	Wednesday morning 7:30-8:25
	Thursday second break

Little Voices (Year 1-3)
Primary Choir (Year 4-6)

Thursday first break
Tuesday first break

I have also set up Moodle sites for Little Voices and Vocal Group. Students in Vocal Group can use their sign in details to access lyrics and recordings. Parents of students in Little Voices, I have set up a Moodle site for you with 'Guest' settings so you won't need any log in details. Please follow the link:

Home page -> Students -> Co-Curricular Activities -> Creative Arts -> Little Voices. ** Please select the 'Guest Login' button. Alternatively, you can click on [this link](#).

This term there are performances at Embracia and Glasshouse Country Care where students have the opportunity to show their skills to the residents of these facilities. Please also keep an eye out for performance dates in Term 4.

I'm encouraged by the enthusiasm that students show for music and the love and appreciation that is growing throughout the school.

Ebony Hilton, Music Coordinator

Library News

MS Readathon and Premier's Reading Challenge have now finished

The reading period for the MS Readathon finished on August 31. The reading period for the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 6 September. Please ensure all PRC Reading Record Forms are signed by class teachers and then returned to the library. Extra Reading Records are available in the library if the original has been misplaced. Certificates will be given out in Term 4 to students who have returned their Reading Record Form.

The final date to return PRC reading records is Wednesday September 11.

Book Week

Book Week was celebrated recently and this year's theme, 'Read Across the Universe' inspired an amazing array of costumes. We had astronauts, solar systems, planets and wonderful book characters, even a student dressed up as our very own Principal, Mr. Curtis as he appeared in the 2012 GCCC Yearbook. Students completed a range of Book Week activities during the week, including a Lego challenge, reading ipad stories, a mystery reader visit by Chappy Dani, board games and space craft. Many thanks to the amazing effort that parents and students put in to the costumes. I think this year was our best ever!

Book Week Competition Winners

[Photos are on the GCCC website](#)

Year Level	Colouring Competition	Lego/Book Review Competition
Prep	Dylan Bradley	
Year 1	Abigail Pearce	Mitchell Broderick (Lego)
Year 2	Jasper Tait	
Year 3	Kiri-Anna James	Kiri-Anna James
Year 4	Lillian Evans	Lily Harding
Year 5	Jamiee -Lee Goudie	Madeleine Roulston
Year 6	Casey Woods	Kate Jackson

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

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Sports News

Showjumping Challenge

Abbey Brockhurst, Tahlia Pratt, Sam Taylor and Courtney Sinclair represented the College at the recent Matthew Flinders Anglican College Show Jumping Challenge held on 17 August 2013.

The event is a fund raiser for the Sunshine Coast Children's Therapy Centre. MFAC have been able to hand over more than \$50,000 over the past years. There were over 150 competitors representing more than 40 schools from near and far. Abbey and Tahlia rode beautifully achieving clear rounds. Sam Taylor placed 5th in the AM5 and Courtney Sinclair achieved a 1st in the AM5 and 3rd in the AM7, placing 3rd overall in the 80-90 cm class.

Congratulations to all the riders in their achievements and for being great ambassadors for the College.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Courtney Sinclair

District Athletics Report 2013

The District Athletics Carnival involving athletes from 11 independent secondary schools was held at the university athletics track in perfect conditions. This year GCCC was represented by a talented group of athletes that certainly made an impact over the two-days of competition.

On both days we had some excellent results with several athletes finishing their events within the top three placings. Ella Mickelson put in a standout performance with the Javelin. In the process of taking out first place, she also smashed the District Carnival's long standing record by a huge 7 meters. The record now stands at 31.80m and should stay intact for many years to come.

GCCC this year are able to boast age champions in Ryan Sauer and Ella Mickelson. These two athletes were able to record successful performances over a variety of events throughout the day. A special mention should also be made of Cameron Shervey who finished runner-up to Ryan.

Other commendable results are as follows:

Ryan Sauer	3rd Discus, 2nd Triple Jump, 1st High Jump, 2nd 100m, 1st 400m, 1st Long Jump, 1st Shot Put, 1st 200m
Jillisa Thomas	3rd Javelin
Cameron Shervey	3rd 800m, 3rd Triple Jump, 2nd Long Jump
Ella Mickelson	1st Triple Jump, 1st Javelin, 3rd Shot Put, 3rd 100m, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 200m
Brianna Gallen	3rd High Jump
Rebekah White	2nd Long Jump
James Proud	3rd Long Jump
Jacqueline Roach	3rd 1500m, 4th 3000m
Jesse Snelling	1st Javelin
Jayme-Lee Groer	2nd High Jump
Alex McDougall, Kyle Bullard, Toby Glover, Ryan Sauer	1st - Yr 7/8 Boys 4 x 100m Relay

Amongst the age results it should be noted that our 13 years boys exceeded to finish in 3rd place behind St Andrews Anglican College and just 2 points behind Matthew Flinders Anglican College. Their massive points tally was no doubt helped along by their success in winning the 4 x 100m relay. Well-done boys!

Congratulations to all Athletes that represented GCCC at this event. It was fantastic to see every team member compete to the best of their ability and we are very proud of your efforts.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Matthew Beattie, Head of Sports

Year 5 Girls Oz Tag Champions

The Year 5 girls were very excited as they returned to GCCC as Oz Tag Champions. Three teams of Year 5 students have been training for the Oz Tag Schools Challenge for the past few weeks and were ready to play teams from all over the Sunshine Coast. The teams played four or five games each working well together as teams with many students showing brilliant evasive technique and illusive running skills to score some great tries. There were some fantastic tags made also. Sometimes when a try seemed sure to be scored a GCCC player would dive and grab the tag to save the try just at the last moment.

The Year 5 girls only lost one very close game in their round games and then had to play St Andrews College in the final. It was very close but our girls played one of their best games scoring four tries to the St Andrews two to become Year 5 Champions! Willow Hildreth cut through the opposition using the spin technique to score from all over the park. Jaylah Daunt and Emily Roach showed their sprinting speed to score several run away tries. Sophie Trevan also squeezed through on the blind side to score a couple of spectacular tries.

The Boys 1 team had two wins, one draw and one loss against a very slick Palmwoods team. Millar Wilson-Raatz showed his skill in being to weave through and dodge the opposition players and was rewarded by scoring seven of the team's tries. Millar, Noah Woolston and Jesse Goddard made some fantastic diving tags, stopping players on their way to the try line. The boys played some great Oz Tag were very competitive finishing in third position.

The Boys 2 team also played well as a team but were less experienced than their opposition. They lost their four games but also scored a few good tries and made some great tags throughout the day. Once again our faithful parents were a great support to the teams and the students really enjoyed the opportunity to play in this competition and were great ambassadors for our College.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Wendy Stott

Laura Blitzes field to win Regional Discus Title

Ten year old Laura Vobr blitzed the opposition with her last throw to win the Regional Discus title this week and qualify for the Primary State Athletics Championships. Laura was sitting in fourth place before the final throw so had to pull out a big effort. She spun beautifully, released the disci, and watched it soar out to 22.42m just off her personal best distance but further than any other competitors had thrown. Laura also shone in the shot put event putting a personal best put with her last attempt which placed her in 4th place, just missing selection in this event.

Damian Tomokino has been training hard for his 10 year old discus event and this paid off as he threw 25.05m almost 2m further than he has thrown before. He placed in fifth place which was an awesome effort against very tough opposition who threw over 30m! Noah Woolston also finished a very creditable fifth in the 10 year old Shot Put event, where he was up against bigger, stronger and more experienced competitors.

Tara Fissenden put the shot well to finish in seventh place with a distance of 7.59m, just a little less than her put at the District Carnival. Bradyn Bell also competed strongly in the 200m event just missing qualification for the finals.

GCCC was very proud to have had six students representing the Glasshouse District at the Regional Championships with these students competing strongly and fairly. Laura is one of nine Glasshouse athletes who qualified to compete at the Primary State Athletics Championships being held in Brisbane early next term.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Wendy Stott

Suncoast Hinterland Softball Have a Go Day and Sign-on

Beginners and experienced players of all ages welcome.

7th September 9am to 12 noon.

129 Mooloolah Connection Road, Mooloolah

For more information please contact Charles on 0415 135 683 suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com www.suncoast.softball.org.au

[Poster is on the GCCC website.](#)

Glass House Mountains Touch Football Season

TRAINING NOW - Still able to register any time. SEASON RUNS UNTIL MAY 2014

Where: Glass House Mountains Sports Club, Steve Irwin Way.

Age Groups: Age groups girls & boys under 8's/10's /12's /14's /16's & 18's

Quality Representative Players/Coaches. Come and be part of a team and have some fun! Touch is played every Monday 4.30 - 6.00pm.

Contact Desley 0458 228 550, craiganddes@bigpond.com

P and F News

Hello again everyone,

Welcome to Spring! I want to send out a big thank you to Jayne and Jodi for co-ordinating and running our Junior Athletics Carnival sausage sizzle and our Fathers' Day stall. It is the first time these ladies have run an event for the P and F and they did a great job! Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted on these days as well. It's fabulous to know that there is always a faithful bunch of people willing to step up when it counts.

I want to congratulate the Arts Department on a fabulous showcase evening two weeks ago. It's an event that was well supported by the school and showcased our very talented students. This week the P and F have agreed to fund the purchase of an upright piano to help the Arts Department continue their excellent work and we hope all students will benefit from this purchase. Stay tuned for photos once it arrives!

[From me to you Ladies evening \(cancer fund raiser\):](#) 11 October. This night is coming up fast! Please spread the word and purchase tickets. They are available at the office for \$15 and will be available on the night for \$20. Please find on the next page an introduction to another mum who is participating in the walk to end cancer.

Have a great fortnight! Blessings, Alaina Westaway

My name is Desiree and my beautiful daughter Nikita Hazzard is in Grade 1. I am proud to be a team member of "Making Strides". As you are all aware "Making Strides" is a group of six local mums who are raising funds to help End Women's Cancers and are walking 60Km on the weekend of 26 and 27 October. The P and F have been very kind to host a "FROM ME TO YOU" ladies night to help our team reach our fundraising target.

Cancer is such a terrible disease and I would love nothing more than to be able to tell my daughter and all the ladies of this world that they have found a cure. We all know someone who has been affected by cancer so let us all help and try to find a solution. Any fundraising is a community effort and I must say the Glasshouse community has been fantastic. We should all be so proud of our little piece of the world.

We have raised \$13 900 to date so we are well on the way to our \$15 000 target. Thank you once again and hope to see you on the 11 October.

"Together everyone achieves more".

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Community News

Sports Camp

Sports Tuition is conducting a School Holiday Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds at Maroon Dam on 1-3 October. Activities include: fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, raft building, abseiling, milk crate climb, archery; initiative and challenge activities; & open fire cooking. Camp cost: \$210. A bus service is also offered. Bus cost: \$55. All details at www.sportstuition.com.au

[Flyer on GCCC website](#)

The Barambah Ergon Energy Open Day

- o Tour of newly renovated Centre
- o Energy saving initiatives and displays
- o Native Plant Nursery Tours and plant sales
- o Guided Rainforest walks
- o Edible Plants workshop
- o Fun and activities for all ages
- o Catapult Challenge
- o Food and drinks available all day

When: Saturday October 12, 2013 10:00am to 4:00pm

Where: Barambah EEC, 301 A Flat Road Wrattens Forest via Goomeri ([see map on website](#))

To assist with catering please let us know if you are coming! Please RSVP to Danny Welman on (07) 41688190 or email admin@barambaheec.eq.edu.au For more information and updates, please check out our website www.barambaheec.eq.edu.au

Holiday Program for ASD children

ASD Care is a not for profit registered charity who are now taking bookings now for our Holiday Program for the September School holidays for ASD kids and their siblings.

Sessions are limited to 12 ASD children with low staff ratios of 1:4. Tuesday 1 October to Saturday 5 October 9am – 1pm. Located in Buderim, we are having an Open Day for families to come and view our unique venue and free choice program specifically designed for ASD kids.

Open Day Monday 30 September 1pm – 3pm at 221 Ballinger Road, Buderim

ASD Care genuinely caters to the unique needs of ASD children to support families and empower ASD children with self esteem and confidence. Founded by a local Sunshine Coast mother of an ASD child. At our Holiday Program we provide an atmosphere of calm and harmony to prevent sensory overload.

We specialise in high functioning ASD children such as Asperger's, ADD and ADHD. We also offer separate programs for low functioning ASD kids (eg nonverbal). Our Team members are specifically trained, qualified and skilled in the unique needs of ASD children with blue cards and first aid.

Please click [here](#) for our Holiday Program brochure.

Glasshouse Country Festival

Explore one of the Sunshine Coast's most stunning areas at the Glasshouse Country Festival (18-27 October 2013). Celebrate the unique arts, culture, heritage and environment of Glasshouse Country. Immerse yourself amongst the vibrant, community atmosphere over ten days of activities spanning from Beerburrum to Glenview and across to the foothills of the Blackall Range.

There is something for everyone ranging from live music and cultural performances to art exhibitions, markets, a recycling tour, guided bushwalks around the Glass House Mountains and a hangi feast at Beerburrum. The past will be brought to life with Ned Kelly and William Landsborough causing havoc on the steam train, mysteries revealed on ghost tours at Peachester and pioneering themed fun at Mooloolah's 150th anniversary.

For the sporty there will be a skate comp, junior triathlon, Wannabe Deadly touch footy match and an Aussie vs Kiwi Rugby League game at Beerwah plus a fishing comp, kyacking and BMX riding. Don't miss all this and more!

Most events are free. Like us on Facebook and visit www.glasshousecountryfestival.com.au.

Invitation to free concert, coffee and cake on Saturday 7th September 3pm

This free concert will be a musical stir fry of jazz, blues, brass, folk, rock and more. Music will be performed by Spilt Milk and in celebration of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church's 100 years young celebration. *Everyone is welcome.*

Venue: Glasshouse Country Baptist Church, 58 Roberts Road, Beerwah

For more information: email admin@gcbcq.org or ring Chris on 0400 175 601.

[Flyer is on the GCCC website.](#)

Alan Reading Memorial Art Awards

The Alan Reading Memorial Art Awards is a charity fundraising event for the Maleny State School Chaplaincy and The Starlight Foundation. There is a section for 13 - 18 year olds for any of the GCCC students in this age group who may wish to participate.

[Entry form and more details are on the GCCC website.](#)

Pause and Ponder - Lost and Found

Until the day I was found, I didn't know I was lost. I was going about business as usual, moving from task to task, distraction to distraction. But then I received an email with the heading: "I think you're my cousin."

As I read my cousin's message, I learned that she and another cousin had been searching for my branch of the family for nearly 10 years. The other cousin promised her father, shortly before he died, that she would find his family.

I hadn't done anything to get lost, and I didn't have to do anything to be found except acknowledge that I was the person they had been looking for. Learning that they had spent so much time and energy searching for our family made me feel special.

This led me to think about the "lost and found" parables of Luke 15 in the Bible - the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.

Whenever we wander away from God, whether intentionally like the prodigal son or unintentionally like the sheep, God looks for us.

Even though we may not feel lost, if we have no relationship with God, we are.

To be found, we need to realise that God is looking for us (Luke 19:10) and admit that we are separated from Him. By giving up our waywardness, we can be reunited with Him and restored to His family.

by Julie Ackerman Link, Our Daily Bread.