

Glasshouse Country Christian College

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'Growing in faith and knowledge'

newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Tue 29 6pm Yr 9 Work Experience info 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

Thur 14 Year 12 Formal

Fri 15 Year 12 Graduation and Clap Out

Thur 21 Immunisations

Fri 22 Last day for Year 11

Fri 22 P-6 Disco

Fri 29 Last day Year 10

Fri 29 Year 10 Dinner Dance

DECEMBER

Mon 2 Orientation Day

Mon 2 6.30pm Prep - Yr 2 Carols by Candlelight

Tue 3 Year 3-6 Presentation Night

Thur 5 Last day Term 4

Fri 6 Pupil Free Day

Volunteers lunch

Volunteers are the backbone of Glasshouse Country Christian College and it was the College's honour to hold a special lunch for them to celebrate their generosity, kindness and faithfulness.

The lunch was held the first week back from the holidays at the Beerwah Community Hall and it was catered by our wonderful Hospitality students and their talented leader, Miss Colleen Devitt.

Tables were decorated in blue with yellow roses and a scrumptious buffet feast was prepared followed by very decadent but delicious desserts.

Numbers were down a little on previous years and we are looking into why this may have happened because I would hate for any volunteer to miss out.

GCCC is blessed with many volunteers so there is a multi-faceted approach to ensure everyone knows that they are invited. We put the invitations right on top of the volunteer sign in register in Admin so they can't be missed and we also deliver some to the classrooms in case someone has forgotten to sign in. Along with this we also advertise the event in the newsletter, on the calendar, our website and Facebook.

If you can think of other ways that more of our volunteers can learn about the event, I would welcome your suggestions ready for next year. Just email them to newsletter@gccc.qld.edu.au. [Group photo on GCCC website.](#)

Sports Awards' Night

Congratulations to all of our Sports' students and particularly the

Sportsmen and Sportswomen of the year. This year that honour was awarded to Ryan Sauer and Ella Mickelson for Secondary and Amity Roser and Beau Howard for Primary. Well done guys.

Each year our students continue to improve their personal best and are making a name for themselves and our school in the district and regional scene. This year they have really left their mark in the region and are becoming a force to be reckoned with.

GCCC was honoured to have Australian cricket legend and TV commentator, Jeff Thomson as the special guest. Jeff is a former Australian right arm fast bowler, was a Guinness World record holder and was by far the fastest bowler of his era. Jeff's fastest delivery clocked at 160.4kmp against the West Indies. Thank you also to all the parents who came to the event and supported their children not only on the night but the whole year through. Being a parent of a young sports person is a very demanding job with lots of weekend and week night running around. [Photo gallery on GCCC website.](#)

Halloween

This event is big in the USA and seems to be getting bigger in Australia every year. As a Christian school we do not celebrate Halloween and I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know why we don't allow Halloween traditions.

To many, Halloween is just a time to dress up and annoy the neighbours with requests for lollies but the tradition has dark roots. It goes back to the Druid new year when the beginning of darkness (symbolically and literally i.e. UK winter) was celebrated. It was believed to be a time where the gates of hell were opened and is still a key festival for modern pagans today. The carry over is seen in the dressing up as witches, ghosts etc. and some groups use the evening for specific anti-God purposes.

All this to one side – as a Christian school, we want to celebrate God’s power and the wonderful victory Jesus won over death and evil. We believe evil exists and is very real but God is more powerful than evil. We don’t want to celebrate an event that has such an emphasis on death, darkness and fear when Jesus Christ gives life, faith, light and hope.

I know it is difficult to go against the prevailing culture – especially when the event is often seen as harmless fun but the reality is that Halloween does touch on more sinister things and we don’t want to expose our students to harm.

Please do not allow your children to bring any Halloween related items to school.

Mike Curtis, Principal

STOP PRESS

Please note that the College will be closed from Saturday 21 December 2013 to Sunday 5 January 2014 inclusive. The office will reopen on Monday 6 January 2014.

During this time the phones will be put on holiday switch so important messages can be left.

Primary News

Time 2 Shine – Talent Quest

Over the past two weeks in a very low key way students have self nominated to have the opportunity in our Primary Time 2 Shine Talent Quest to show their individual or group talents during lunch time auditions. Mrs Mitchell gave each student or group a number – just like “X Factor” or “Australia’s Got Talent” – and they lined up outside the audition classroom – just like the real thing. A panel of judges has been assigned to be part of these auditions and judge the acts. Many of these students we thought would never self nominate, but they have performed a variety of items including skipping routines, magic tricks, hoola hoop shows, dances, instrumental pieces and songs.

We have been thrilled to see the level of participation from Prep – Year 6 and every student who has performed has helped gain House points for Legacy Cup - simply by nominating and attending the auditions. It has been so much fun for the judges (Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Bryers, Miss Power and Mr Brown). The finalists will be chosen and the parents will be informed so they can encourage children to refine and polish their item for public performance on Thursday and Friday of Week 4.

It has long been my belief that we have students in the Primary School with talent in many areas – including the Arts. This Time 2 Shine Talent Quest is only the first of many which will be developed in 2014 and beyond. Our desire is to help children recognize their strengths and develop them and we have plans to hold a more formal Talent Quest next year where children are not restricted to House Groups etc as well as provide other opportunities for our students to develop their areas of interest throughout the year. The 2014 talent quest will be well advertised and over a longer period than this House one for the Legacy Cup.

New Staff for 2014

Many of you would be aware that there will be some changes to teaching staff in 2014. Mr Costin in Year 6 has accepted a new position at another Christian School and Mrs King will be developing the Agricultural Science programme for the secondary classes from next year in addition to an extra teacher for the natural growth of the additional Year 3 Class. Mr Curtis and I were involved in interviews for new teaching staff during the holidays and in Week 1 this term. The final list of staff for 2014 will be published later this year but we are delighted with the calibre of the applicants and believe our primary staff will continue to provide strong educational outcomes for our students in 2014. Both Mr Costin and Mrs King have contributed so much to our College and we thank them for all they have done in the lives of the children they have taught.

Thank You GCCC Volunteers

The Volunteers’ Luncheon was a great success again this year and it was wonderful to see so many of our parents present to be honoured at this meal so professionally prepared by Miss Colleen Devitt and her team of students. Our wonderful volunteers contribute so much to the life of our College and both staff and students are very grateful for their invaluable assistance.

Guarding the Floodgates of the Eyes and Protecting Sensitive Hearts

Our children are very precious to us both at home and at school and little minds are tender and need protection. There is a plethora of information available today – computer sites, games and also on TV - which has the potential to be very damaging and affect them greatly.

Please be aware of this when your children watch current affairs programmes at night or on Sundays, news reports and other general shows where they could be impacted.

Sometimes it is not easy to check these programmes ahead of time and it may be wise to have a family discussion afterwards to debrief and make them aware of the need to be sensitive around their friends. If however, the content is known and you feel it is not age appropriate, please make every effort to protect your children.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Kitchen Garden News

In Week 2 we had a very special visitor in Kitchen Garden, one of my mummy hens came for the day with her four fluffy chicks. The children were very excited to watch how the mummy showed her chicks how to eat and scratch and they were even more delighted to have a hold and a cuddle of the little balls of fluff.

Sushi was on the menu in KG this week. The mere mention of the word had many children cringe and many comments such as “yuck! I don’t like sushi” rang through the garden.

However, once our master chefs filled and rolled their seaweed sheets and saw how delicious it looked almost every one had a try and then came back for seconds, thirds, fourths and even fifths! Our parent helpers were most impressed as to how much sushi the classes chomped through and many decided that sushi would be on the menu at home. It really is easy to make and if you get the kids involved they are more likely to eat it.

Green thumbs were kept busy in the garden. The adopt-a-garden beds in the Prep car park have been fertilized (lots of manure and compost added) and mulched with sugar cane mulch in readiness for planting next fortnight. The addition of sugar cane mulch will help retain moisture in the beds that dry out very quickly under the bark.

Zucchinis and lots of lovely lettuce (which was used in the sushi) were harvested along with some beans which were eaten fresh.

Don’t forget to check out the kitchen garden website: www.gcccitchengarden.com.au for lots of photos and action in the garden.

Until next time, Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

[Photo gallery on GCCC website](#)

Prep goes underwater

The children in Prep had a great adventure with a visit to Underwater World to tie in with the “Living and Non Living” unit we are studying in Science. We were a little concerned about the recent fire scare that the facility had nearby in the few days before our visit, but the staff assured us all would be well – and it certainly was!

Each Prep class and the parents and teachers with that class were lead on a guided tour and then met for lunch at the “Seal Show”. After lunch the children were split into very small groups to explore Underwater World with their parent helper. Thanks must go to the parents who very kindly gave up time to help out on the day. They were all so enthusiastic and patient. There were some sleepy children (and adults) on the bus ride home - all tired, but very happy.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Heather Dodwell

Year 6 Game Designers

Year 6 are becoming game designers! They are using their knowledge of the design process to develop a computer game for the Year 4 classes.

In the first week the class was introduced to the Scratch game creation software developed by the MIT university.

Students then collaboratively developed a list of questions that they wanted to ask the Year 4 teachers and students. The idea is that through the questions the students will be able to gain an understanding of what the Year 4s would like, to assist them with their game development. The Year 6 students were excellent in working with the younger students, asking good questions and recording the information as needed.

The next step for the students is to design and create the game and then have the Year 4 class test it out. It looks like it will be a busy and challenging time in Year 6.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Brett Costin

Last week saw two big events in the Middle School calendar

Orientation to Middle School was on Thursday for our Year 6 students and new students coming in next year. [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

All Year 9 girls Retreat/Rites of Passage camp left for an overnight camp last Thursday and returned Friday.

This week

Dance Evening Performances – Friday night

Survivor Day - our Year 7s have had a Team building event

Sports Awards Evening – Wednesday night.

As Henry Ford so aptly put it: *Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.*

While a great deal of a child's educational progress relies on students pulling their own weight academically, it is also impacted by other important factors. Reliable and thorough research has identified a list of structures that dramatically improve how well a child learns. The following are in this list:

- Cooperative vs competitive learning
- Classroom cohesion
- Peer influences
- Outdoor-adventure programs
- Cooperative vs individualistic learning Hattie, J.

These specifically highlight how important it is to work on building cohesive teams and group skills in our classrooms.

Class Lists

Each year we look at our class groupings and endeavour to place students where they will work most effectively as well as be in the best position to have the help or extension that suits their abilities.

We will be working on class lists over the next few weeks. Our 2014 Year 8 and 9 classes will remain similar to the respective Year 7 and 8 classes of this year. Our Year 9 to Year 10 class will have more significant changes as we regroup students into three mixed gender classes ready for the senior schooling years. Please email Mrs Jacq Vreeling if you have specific requests or concerns.

Our team of teachers will collaborate class groups to maintain the best possible combinations which will address the needs of the students as well as the balance for the classes as a whole.

Two classes will have students who may need Teacher Aide support and one class will not. However, all three classes will have students that are of a higher academic ability.

Calendar Reminders

| Date | What | Who | Details |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 23 October | Year 7 Survivor Day | All Year 7 students | Moffat Beach school hours |
| 29 October | Career Info & Work Experience evening | All Year 9 students and parents | 6.00pm – 7.30pm |
| 30 October | QUT Uni explore Day | All Year 9 students | Sun Coast Uni, school hours |
| 5 November | MS/SS Awards Night | All MS and SS students | Caloundra Event's Centre |

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Christmas boxes from 9W

Five students in 9W spent time raising money to put together a number of Christmas boxes for the Samaritan's Purse project. Well done girls.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Year 9 Girls' Camp

The Year 9 teachers recently took the Year 9 girls to a camp, which was a 'Woman's Business Camp'. The teachers did an amazing job in organising it and it was thoroughly enjoyable.

They made us feel like princesses; they gave us time to be by ourselves, they took us on a hike up a mountain and even though we nearly got lost it was lots of fun and a great experience, and not to mention the fleas and the ticks, oh gosh! That was the best-bit :D (not).

For the girls who stayed back, we enjoyed playing with hula hoops and cards. We spent most of the day playing games and getting inspirational lectures from our teachers. We learnt a lot from the camp and we learnt things about each other that we wouldn't normally know.

Although it was only for one day we really enjoyed it and it was a lot of fun especially when we had the photo-shoot. Gosh. Some of us are such posers.

[Photo gallery on GCCC website.](#)

Written by Natasha Kukulies and Moale James

Year 9 not sitting on the job

Year 9 Art students had the task of recreating a famous artwork onto a functional object such as a stool. The goal was to give the artwork a new meaning and Mrs Cutlack said the projects turned out even better than she could have hoped for.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Year 9 Maths

The Year 9 students seem to have star roles in this newsletter and this continued into Maths with Mr Havenga. On the GCCC website, there are four photos of the Year 9 class actively engaged in consolidating the learning they completed on Venn diagrams.

Venn diagrams show all possible logical relations between a finite collect of sets and were given their name by John Venn in 1880. Venn diagrams are used to illustrate relationships in probability, logic and statistics.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Future Pathways

Release of Year 12 results.

Online release

All results contributing to the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and OPs and FPs will be available in students' learning accounts on the Student Connect website <https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au> from 9 am on Saturday 14 December 2013. Students must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in and check their results. Students will be able to access their results more quickly if they have previously activated their learning account.

Mail out

Students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profile in the mail from Monday 16 December 2013. Any Year 12 students who have not already accessed their Learning Account through Student Connect should do this soon to assist their ability to access their results from 14 December.

Health Traineeship Program

The Metropolitan North District of the Health Department has supported a number of young people to complete traineeships in hospitals. Trainees who commenced their programs at the beginning of 2012 last week graduated with qualifications in fields as varied as Engineering, Allied Health and Nursing.

Emily Ellwood has completed a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance at Caboolture Hospital while Emily McNulty completed the same qualification at Kilcoy Hospital. Congratulations to Emily and Emily for completing the first step towards a career in the Health system. [Photo on website.](#)

Our very first graduate of this traineeship program was Jess Harrison ([photo on website](#)). Jess completed her traineeship in 2010 and went on to study Nursing at Australian Catholic University at Banyo. Jess is at the end of her university course and has just been appointed as a Registered Nurse to a hospital in Sydney. Jess is proof of how very valuable traineeships can be in starting a career and she has been a wonderful ambassador for our College in her tertiary studies. Congratulations to Jessica Harrison.

No new traineeships were commenced this year in the hospitals due to funding constraints, however, it was very good news indeed, announced at the graduation ceremony last week, that the program will restart next year with up to 14 traineeships commencing in 2014. Hopefully our College students will continue to avail themselves of this fantastic opportunity in the future.

Year 9 Work Experience Information Evening

It's that time of year again and we are starting to prepare for our work experience week in Term 1 of 2014. All Year 9 students and parents are invited to an Information Session next Tuesday night to talk about the program in Year 10. Details are as follows:

WHO: Current Year 9 parents and students.
WHAT: Work Experience in Year 10
WHEN: Tuesday Oct 29, 6pm – 7.30pm.
WHERE: Theatrette, H3.

We are hoping to finalise placements for work experience by the end of this year so please come along and find out all about it. For further information about the Information Session or about the program please call or email the Future Pathways staff, Mrs Ferris and Mrs McMinn. (future.pathways@gccc.qld.edu.au).

Mock Interviews

Last week more than 50 of our Year 10 students were interviewed by industry and workplace representatives to give the students a taste of the interview experience and build their skills to gain employment. We thank the following workplaces who provided staff to undertake several hours of interviews for the College. They were MEGT and Busy at Work Apprenticeship Centres, Queensland Youth Industry Links, Australian Agricultural Colleges Corporation, Mrs Nicky Webb from Beerwah Active Physio, our own Business Manager Mr John Dohler, and Beerwah Community Recycling's Mrs Trish Cashin. These wonderful people gave our students an authentic interview experience and very useful advice to take to their next job interview. We thank them for their time and expertise so willingly shared. Many of the students realized what a valuable activity this was and said they will be better prepared when they go out into the world and into real workplaces.

Eleven PM Recording Studios Open Day

This recording studio at 80 Howard St Nambour is opening its doors this Saturday 26 October from 9am – 12noon. There will be live recording demonstrations, a chance to meet and chat to the engineers/producers, live performances, a sausage sizzle and more. For catering purposes please email them if you are planning to attend at elevenpm.booking@gmail.com or pop down and say hello.

Projects Abroad Volunteering

If you are interested in overseas volunteering next year you might like to attend an Information Evening in Brisbane this coming Tuesday 29 October, 6.30 – 8pm at the Bleeding Heart Gallery 11 Ann St Brisbane. Bookings can be made at

<http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us/information-evenings/>

If you would like to know more about this and can't make it to this event, there will be an on-line presentation in November. Check out the website for more information.

Agricultural College Scholarships

Calling anyone who is passionate about a life on the land and aspiring to a career in agriculture to apply for a \$10,000 scholarship offered through either Emerald Agricultural College or Longreach Pastoral College. Applications close on Monday 28 October. To apply visit www.agriculturalcollege.qld.edu.au, call 1800888710 or email enquiries@aacc.edu.au.

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator

Dance Eisteddfod

The Middle School Dance Troupe participated in their second dance eisteddfod for the year on Saturday the 12 October. The South East Queensland Performing Arts Festival took place at Tullawong State School in Caboolture, and this time the troupe had the opportunity to compete against other Secondary schools in the area.

The Middle school students took on the adjudicators feedback form their last eisteddfod and improved their performance drastically.

The girls came away with 3rd place in their category and are excited to better their scores and placings next year.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Stacey Whyte

End of Year Book Returns

Please note the dates below for book returns. These dates ensure that books are returned prior to students finishing for the year, allowing library staff to complete a stocktake and prepare text books required for the start of 2013. All Year 11 and 12 students have received a list of items on loan this week to prepare to return items by November 12. Please come and see Vanessa McKellar in the library or email vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au if you need to check or discuss any items. Items lost or damaged beyond repair will need to be replaced. Thank you in advance for your help with ensuring that items are returned promptly by the final dates.

END OF YEAR BOOK RETURN DATES

Year 11 & 12 WEEK 6 - Tuesday November 12
Prep – Year 10 WEEK 7 - Friday November 22

Year 8 Readers' Cup team comes 2nd in the Regional Finals

Our Year 8 Readers' Cup team The Novel Bunch, competed in the Regional Competition on Friday October 18 at Immanuel Lutheran College, against 16 other schools.

After a huge night of heats and finals, the St John's College team came first, GCCC came second, and the St. Andrew's Anglican College team followed closely behind in third place. The Novel Bunch included Alisha Mens, Abela Appuhamy, Jesse Woods, Jordan Bull and Jake Coleman.

To prepare for the competition the team had to read seven novels plus one picture book and answer quiz questions based on each title. For their efforts the students won four novels each, a medal, \$25 book voucher and six books for the library. It was a great achievement by the team and a worthy prize for all of their hard work. The students are pictured below with Richard Harland, author of the steampunk novel they read, called Song of the Slums.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Book Covering Marathon next Friday November 1 – Volunteers required

Next Friday we are holding an all day Book Covering Marathon to cover some of our recently catalogued items. We would love to have parents who enjoy covering come along to join library staff for a few hours or the whole day. The event will be held in the library from 8:30am – 3:00pm. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be provided. Please bring a plate of goodies to share. BYO lunch. Please RSVP to library@gccc.qld.edu.au if you are able to assist. [Photo of the last book covering marathon is on GCCC website.](#)

See you in the library, **Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services**

Chappy Chatter

Our Primary Chapel time was very special in Week 2. Christian children's performer Sean W Smith came back for the third time in as many years to do a concert for our students (Years 1 -6).

"Fun, dynamic and boundless energy", are just a few words that encapsulate one of Australia's most loved and best-selling Christian children's performers - Sean W Smith. Sean's captivating songs and incredible heart for God has seen more than 200,000 children impacted for Christ across the globe. From his humble beginnings as a Primary School teacher in 2009, Sean's God given ability to connect with children has made him one of the most sort after children and family ministers/performers in Australia.

Sean had the students (and many of our fabulous teachers) dancing and singing, jumping and grooving to the music. However, it wasn't all noise and silly dancing. Sean puts a lot of effort into making his music fun and child friendly. He also has a great ability to take important Christian theological truths and make them simple enough for children to understand and sing along with.

Two of the favorite songs from the day were "Extraordinary" and "Creation Song". Not only could the kids dance like superstars and act like gorillas, they also learned about how big God is and how he created the world and each of us!

The students enjoyed the concert very much and we were very pleased with the professionalism, talent and humility of Sean. We look forward to having him back again next year.

You can find out more about Sean at www.seanwsmith.com. His CDs can also be purchased at Koorong.

[Photo on GCCC website](#)

Mick Spann, Youth Pastor GCBC

Laura Achieves Top Ten Placing in the State

Laura Vobr showed she could challenge the best at the Primary Schools State Athletics Championships held in Brisbane last week. Competing for the Sunshine Coast team against the best 10 year female discus throwers from all over the state, Laura was lying in 6th place after the first three throws. This meant she qualified for three more throws in the competition. Laura was very excited to have thrown a personal best throw of 23.49m in her third attempt and unfortunately couldn't better this in her next three attempts and finished the competition in 9th place.

This was an excellent result for Laura and we are very proud of her. We know she will continue to improve with each competition she competes in.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Wendy Stott

Generous Sponsorship for Netball Team

The GCCC Eagles Netball team has been blessed by the generous sponsorship given by David Atherton and his business Monroe Shock Absorbers. David has provided the girls with a customised team polo shirt, back pack, cap and two drink bottles to use at the Mission Foods Primary Schools Cup competition which is played this weekend.

The girls have been training for three months for this carnival and are keen to play well and score lots of goals. The team has been very ably coached by Claudine Daunt and Kerrie Fissenden and Lisa Grigor has kept the paperwork straight! The carnival attracts teams from all over Queensland and last year there were sixty teams entered. The teams play a round robin competition and then the top two teams in each pool progress to the final playoffs.

We wish the girls all the best as they compete in this carnival and know they will represent GCCC with pride and great sportsmanship.

The team is Olivia Atherton, Rebekah Atkins, Brooke Hughes, Elle Mitchell, Jaylah Daunt, Tara Fissenden, Eloise Grigor, Tess Hagan, Sohpie Trevan and Amber Weatherburn.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Wendy Stott

P and F News

Hi everyone

Wow, isn't the year just flying!! I hope you are managing to keep up with everything. As the year draws to an end the P and F would like to allocate the money we have raised over the year to various projects across the school. We would love to hear from you about where you think we should spend the money. Big or small projects, we are open to all suggestions! Please email the P and F at pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

DISCO FEVER! The primary disco was such a huge hit earlier in the year we are doing another one. Keep the 22 November free and watch this space. It will again be for Years P-6 and this time cost will be \$3. There will be cold drinks and snacks for purchase, but no sausage sizzle this time around. Keep a look out for a flyer soon!

Alaina Westaway

PS There is an unclaimed prize from the Ladies, Me to You Night for June Shaw. If you know June, can you please ask her to collect her prize from College admin.

Relay for Life

Relay For Life is an incredible event that is an opportunity for family, friends and colleagues to get together with the community and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

GCCC families and staff were well represented in the recent event held last weekend. Some of the families who participated include, Vicky Childs and her family, Leisa Mackenzie and her children, Kerry Jarvis and her daughter Meg Jarvis, myself and Olivia. There were also some Year 10 students who participated but I don't know all their names.

Well done, everyone!

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Lisa Ellis

Employment Opportunity

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A TEMP position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Glasshouse CCC and you may also need to relieve at other schools.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address application to: Private and Confidential
The Principal' Personal Assistant
Glasshouse Country Christian College
Beerwah QLD 4519

Applications close at 3.00pm on 1 November 2013. For further information please phone the Road Safety on 07 54521829

[Crossing Guard Role Description](#)

[Crossing Guard Application Form](#)

Pause and Ponder - Nature abhors a vacuum

According to the ancient philosopher Aristotle, 'Nature abhors a vacuum'. Aristotle based his conclusion on the observation that nature requires every space to be filled with something, even if that something is colourless, odourless air.

The same principle is at work in our spiritual lives. When the Holy Spirit begins to convict us of sin, the idea of starting a self-improvement plan immediately comes to mind. We put forth our best effort to defeat our worst habits. But every attempt to get rid of unclean thoughts, attitudes, and desires is destined to fail because getting rid of one creates a vacuum in our souls. As soon as we empty ourselves of one vice, others move in to take its place, and we end up just as bad or worse than when we started.

Thinking about vacuums helps us to understand the importance of what Paul was saying to the Ephesians when he prayed that Christ would dwell in their hearts through faith and that they would 'know the love of Christ... that they may be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19).

The only permanent solution to the problem of sin in our lives is to replace it with the love of Jesus, which fills the vacuum. The more we are filled with His love, the less room there is for any evil thing.

Our Daily Bread by Julie Ackerman Link