

# Glasshouse Country Christian College

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*'Growing in faith and knowledge'*

## newsletter

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## From the Principal

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### March

Mon 10	Clean up school day Legacy Cup
Mon 10-Tue 11	Year 11 Exam Block
Thur 13-Fri 14	Year 11 Exam Block
Fri 14	9.30am-10.30am Induction of Primary Leaders
Mon 17-Fri 21	Year 11 Emu Gully Camp
Wed 19	Ride2School Day
Thur 27-Tue 1 April	Year 12 Exam Block
Mon 31-Fri 4 April	Year 10 Work Experience
Mon 31-Thur 3 April	Year 7 Canberra Camp

#### April

Tue 1-Fri 4	Year 8 Camp Higher Ground
Tue 1-Wed 2	3.15pm-7pm Primary Parent Teacher Interviews

**Fri 4 Last day Term 1**

#### April

Tue 22	1st Day Term 2
Thur 24	ANZAC Assembly
Fri 25	ANZAC Day March
Wed 30 -Thur 1 May	Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews

### Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths delivered the Earn and Learn rewards to school on Thursday 27 February and it needed a team of people to help unload all the goodies.

Fortunately we have great leaders at GCCC and even though the Primary, Middle School and Senior School leaders thought they were turning up just to have their photos taken, when they saw the need, they quickly rolled up their sleeves to help out.

These donations are a direct result of all our families' hard work collecting little fruit stickers and bringing them into school so faithfully. The people from Woolworths said it was the most they had seen a school earn in the local area and they were impressed with how involved our families are.

Even though there were hundreds of dollars of valuable educational resources delivered, what brought the biggest smile to the students' faces was a donation no one was expecting. Woolworths brought a giant mud cake weighing 10kg along with boxes of fresh fruit for a special morning tea. I would like to thank all our families for their faithful collection of the stickers and thank Woolworths for all the donations from the rewards program.

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).



### Congratulations Jesse Woods

Many of you may know by now that Jesse Woods from Year 9 won the Schultz Toomey O'Brien Lawyers Young Achiever of the Year Award for the month of February. The school nominated Jesse for his outstanding academic achievements, his willingness to take on leadership roles and his level of commitment to excel in everything he does.

In the past this award has only been for sporting achievements so we are very proud of Jesse for not only being the first student in 2014 to win the award but also the first ever winner on academic merits.

The prize consisted of \$1000 for Jesse, \$1000 for the school, the Hot FM Breakfast Show broadcasting from GCCC and the accompanying visits from the Fusion Bus and Maleny Dairies. This all happened on Friday 28 February after only two days' notice of Jesse's win.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Schulz Toomey O'Brien Lawyers, the Sunshine Coast Daily, the Hot FM Breakfast Show team, the Fusion Bus people and Maleny Dairies for such a fun and delightful morning.



Of course, we can't forget the reason for all the excitement so thanks to Jesse for embodying the College values of excellence and attitude so well. Jesse now goes in the draw for the Young Achiever of the Year Award for the whole of 2014 which is announced in November.

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

### **New bus service to Caloundra**

The College is pleased to announce that it is introducing a new bus run using the College's small bus to service the Caloundra area (as far as Nicklin Way). Expressions of interest in this opportunity are eagerly sought.

If you have friends living in Caloundra who have shown interest in our school but are worried about transport, can you please share this information with them.

Please contact Admin on 5439 0033 if you or your friends would be interested in using this service or if you know anyone else who would be.



### **Roadworks on Roberts Road**

Next week work will begin outside Beerwah High expanding their car park. This work is expected to take until the end of the Easter holidays to complete. During the construction, Beerwah High School's car park will be effectively halved and this will have a flow on effect along Roberts Road. Expect traffic disruptions and delays but please remember to go slow, travel carefully and treat all other drivers and pedestrians with the utmost respect and courtesy.

Please click on this [PDE](#) if you would like more details.

### **Fiji Trip**

The mission trip to Fiji is planned for July this year departing on Wednesday 9 July and returning Tuesday 22 July. This trip is open to all Senior Students who have a sense of adventure and want to be involved in church, kids' clubs, scripture lessons, youth groups, home groups and schools in a developing country.

The cost cannot be finalised until total numbers are known but \$1500 would be the maximum amount. This cost includes airfares, food, accommodation, transport and a day off at an island resort.

If your Senior Student is interested in going on the Fiji Mission trip this year please let Admin know as soon as possible. More details will be coming soon.

### **P and F AGM**

Last Tuesday on May 4, the P and F held their Annual General Meeting and elected a new President. Congratulations to Lynelle Rouse who was elected the new P and F President and Jayne Hinds who is the new Vice President. Congratulations also to Sue Schafer who is Secretary and Jules Grange who has agreed to stay on as Treasurer.

The P and F do a wonderful job supporting our students and the school. This year will be a big one for the P and F and GCCC with Funfest on Saturday 2 August. Many hands **do** make light work so if you would like to help and become a part of this dynamic group of people, come along to the next P and F meeting. Meetings are held the first Tuesday night of each month at 7pm in the Library.

A Funfest Facebook page has been set up and can be accessed [here](#).

### **Mike Curtis, Principal**

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### **Second Hand Uniforms**

The P and F have changed the payment process regarding second hand uniform payments. Cheques will no longer be provided as payment with all payment now being made via direct debit. The new form for submission with second hand uniforms has been amended to reflect this and will be available on the school website by the time you read this.

Can everyone submitting uniforms to the second hand uniform shop for sale please make themselves familiar with the new format of the form as well as the conditions for uniform submission.

Please ensure your second hand uniforms are in good condition before submitting them for resale. We want to maintain a high uniform standard at GCCC and uniforms in substandard condition cannot be accepted.

## WHAT SHOULD YOUR CHILD DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THEM AT SCHOOL?

Inevitably during their years at the College, there will be times when an incident occurs for your child at school – either between friends or with other students. For some time, we have been speaking to students in class and in assemblies about the processes we have in place where a student may **report** an issue which is troubling him/her. These processes allow staff to support students when there are problems as we cannot investigate concerns or assist them if we are not aware of the problem until days or weeks later



In the first instance, students should be assertive by saying “Stop it! I don’t like it!”, or in less serious situations, they may simply choose to walk away. However, under no circumstances should a child feel that he/she must **always** move to another place simply because they feel intimidated.

If a particular student continues to cause difficulties for your child, there is **always** at least one staff member on duty in every area and it is imperative that students REPORT the problem to this teacher (even if it is a relief teacher). We have duty folders for each area which are taken by staff at breaks and when the duty teacher investigates the issue, notes are recorded in these folders. Every week Mrs Mitchell reads through these duty sheets to check for things which may need to be followed up.

It is imperative that students report when serious problems occur so that the teachers on duty are able to speak to witnesses right there and then to investigate carefully before the students forget the details of what actually happened. Serious issues are referred to Mrs Rosenberg or Mrs Mitchell for follow up either that day or the following day.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to remind your children to always report so we can support them immediately. We have developed a “reporting culture” in the Primary school which allows students to be confident that they will be supported. The following are various other ways in which students can report.

We have a class letterbox in every room where, at a convenient time, children may place a letter or note to make teachers aware of any problems they may be having. Teachers check these letterboxes each day. Sometimes it is easier for a student to place a note in this box if they are reluctant to speak openly to the teacher.

Finally, students are told regularly in assemblies that they may speak to Mrs Mitchell or Mrs Bryers if they have a need. They simply let office staff at Student Reception know they would like to speak to us. If we are not in a meeting we will be happy to speak with them and if we are not available the office will take the student’s name and we will follow up as soon as possible.

These processes which are in place, give students every opportunity to feel safe at school. They provide a framework to allow them to stand strong knowing that they will be supported and that we will investigate any significant issues which arise. Natural justice is essential so we give every student the opportunity to explain what happened when we investigate a complaint.

Please encourage your children to use these processes so they can become resilient young people who are prepared to stand up themselves for what is right. This will help empower them not just in primary school, but also as they move through their secondary years and into their post compulsory school years.

## SAFETY CONCERN

### Crossing the Ring Road Between Buses Endangers Children’s Lives

Crossing the ring road anywhere but the WHITE painted pedestrian crossings puts your child at risk. From 2:50pm there are a number of buses parked on the College side of the ring road.

There are two pedestrian crossings to provide a safe place to cross and we are asking that you use these to take your children across the ring road. The speed bump with yellow painted lines is NOT a pedestrian crossing.

Historically in schools, accidents happened when children or adults step out from behind or in front of buses – even when they are parked.

It is also helpful to teach our children that wherever possible we use a pedestrian crossing so we can be safe.

**Cheryl Bryers, HEAD OF PRIMARY**

## Year 5 Band Program

Come and have a look at the Year 5 Band, practises are every Tuesday Morning in the Music Department.



## SCHIPA Leadership Day

Last Monday, selected students in Year 6 participated in the SCIPHA Leadership Day.

The event was organized by the Sunshine Coast Independent Primary Heads Association and was hosted at Immanuel Lutheran College. Eleven Independent Schools on the Sunshine Coast participated.

We were honoured to listen to an inspiring special guest, Darcy Higgins, who was in a car accident just before he was going to join the army. He was told he would never walk or talk again. Although this happened, Darcy concentrated on his goal – to walk and communicate again, proving the doctors wrong. This took great persistence and determination!

In the activities, students were involved in five different rotations where they had the opportunity to learn about conflict resolution, communication, role modelling, teamwork and goal setting. Students learnt how to work with their peers and how to make an impact on their school. They also learnt about how to be resilient young leaders and to lead the way!

This was a wonderful opportunity for young leaders at GCCC to develop leadership skills and develop a positive self-mindset, build good relationships, be active listeners and confident public speakers.

Special thanks to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Jen for organizing the trip and for running one of the workshops. It was a fantastic day of fun and learning, while at the same time, a time of getting to meet and make new friends.

**By Mrs Mitchell, Jaimee-Lee Goudie and Aiden McKellar**

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).



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## GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Two weeks ago the Primary Captains and House Captains attended a leadership conference at the Nambour Civic Centre.

The students travelled by bus to Nambour and were accompanied by Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Roulston. The focus of the conference was to prepare students in practical ways for the role of a leader.

During the day we learnt about how to be a schoolyard Superhero, how to lead like a strawberry and not a watermelon, succeeding at student leadership and bringing our ideas alive. Being a Superhero means to be a Helper, an Encourager, a Role model and an Organiser. It was an amazing day!

We listened to speakers, were involved in some crazy activities and all in all we had great fun while learning to be great leaders. It was a wonderful day.

**Gail Mitchell and Madeleine Roulston**



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## School Banking

The College will soon be able to offer school banking with a difference to all students. The difference is that when students bring in their banking, the Commonwealth Bank will make a donation to Uthando towards the construction of Isiseko Educare Centre in Cape Town, South Africa. This education centre will receive 5% commission of the total value banked by pupils as well as a once off fee of \$5 for every first deposit made to a pupil's new bank account. These amounts are payable on a quarterly basis.

This week Jo Morgan from the Commonwealth Bank has been visiting each Primary class to explain the opportunity and to hand a leaflet out to the students. Next week on Monday and Tuesday 10 and 11 March, a representative from the bank will be at the College to help students set up accounts. On Wednesday 12 March, the first banking will begin.



Year 3G with the Commonwealth Bank representatives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Amanda Turner who not only drew our attention to how this program can help students in Africa but has also volunteered to be the School Banking Coordinator. This is a time consuming job and we really appreciate Amanda's generosity in organising it.

## Kitchen Garden News

Welcome autumn and welcome rain to Kitchen Garden! Everyone has enjoyed some cloud cover whilst tending the garden in the past fortnight.

Classes planted lots of punnets of seeds for late autumn harvest; broccoli, snow peas, fennel, beetroot, lettuce, cauliflower and okra seedlings should begin to emerge very soon. Once these are large enough we will plant them into our garden beds and watch them grow.

Classes looked at the different shapes and sizes of seeds and learnt that the size of the seed determines how deep it is planted. Big seeds need to be a little deeper and the tiny lettuce seeds need to be much closer to the surface.

We are very excited In KG this year to be getting our first real crop of citrus. Our lime tree is loaded and cooks used the tangy fruit to make a lime and corn dip which they served with corn chips – a great snack.

Preppies had a close up look at dirt learning that good fertile dirt contains lots of living organisms that are really important for healthy soil. Worms, ants and all manner of creepy crawlies were discovered!

Volunteers are always welcome in KG and so far this term the turnout has been great. We understand that not everyone can make it on Tuesdays due to other commitments but if you would still like to volunteer there is always plenty of 'behind the scenes' work that needs to be done. Small jobs like writing the fortnightly newsletter submission, holiday watering/weeding, fundraising or updating the KG website are just some examples of how you can help out.

Until next fortnight,

**Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator**

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).



## Middle School News

**Responsibility** and **Privilege** are two words that generally go hand in hand. The more responsible a person is, the more privileges they are generally given. God rewards faithful stewards – with more responsibility. Such as in the parable of the minas (talents/money) found in Luke's gospel in the Bible. The first faithful servant who doubled his master's gift was told, 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' We trust our students to act responsibly in all manner of affairs including **reporting** of incidents of bullying, irresponsible behaviour, littering, use of poor language etc. This is not 'dobbing' – where we hope someone will get punished but this is from an intention to maintain the high standards we have in place at our school.



Our GREAT recognition merit awards are based on merits that are given by staff – not necessarily for specific behaviour, but more for 'above and beyond' acts that a staff member would like to acknowledge students for. If your child comes home with a green award voucher please sign and of course give them a big pat on the back as it represents three occasions that they have received a merit. Once returned, students may hand it in for a fun food item. A maroon award slip is the next level up – and will mean a student receives a voucher once it has been returned signed.

The term is well underway with assessments and tests beginning to come up on your child's radar. Please remember:

1. If there are planned days where you know your child will be away – while not ideal – please give the PC teacher of your child as much forward notice as possible. Research has shown that more than 5 – 7 days away from school in a year can hamper your child's progress.
2. The due date is the due date.
3. An after school detention will be given to students who do not meet the due date, unless an extension has been approved via a note from the parents.

### Some more iPad info

1. We have asked all students to remove all social messaging apps off their iPads whilst at school and have recently reminded students that they are not allowed to play games while at school. Any student who does not follow this directive will have the ability to download apps from the appstore removed prior to all non-educational apps removed. If a student needs to add another app after this – they will need to go to the IT department to organise this.
2. If your child's iPad becomes damaged and it is the student's fault, they can continue to use it until it becomes unusable. Once a report has been placed, the iPad will need to be handed in for repairs. If another student damages it, it will need to be reported immediately so that it can be followed up and then will go in for repairs.

**Year 7 and 8 Camps** are coming up in week 10 of this term. Camps are an integral and fantastic part of our curriculum and are compulsory for all students. The costs of camps and excursions are built into the school camp fees. Year 7 is heading off to Canberra for four days and Year 8 to Mary Valley to participate in an adventure camp with a one night camp out. Later on next term, Year 9 will go to an Emu Gully camp where they will camp out in one-man tents and cook their own food for a week. From Year 7 through to Year 9 there is a gradual progression of independence and outdoor Ed skill development that is built on each year. Please contact your child's PC teacher if you need to discuss any related concerns.

### **Offsite activities**

If your child is going to be on excursion, you will generally be informed via email. Please remember though the following permanent offsite arrangements are in place for Sport:

Wednesday afternoons – Year 9

Friday afternoons – Year 7 and 8

### **Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School**

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#### **Year 8 Still Life Graphite Drawings**

Recently the Year 8 Visual Art students have been working with still life and graphite to focus on contrast and tone. Visual Art teacher, Mrs Patrice Cutlack is very impressed with their work.

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).



#### **The Science Spot – Science 21 in Focus**

In 2014 one of our new senior subjects is Science 21. Science 21 caters for the needs of students who are interested in Science but not at such a high academic level as is required in subjects like Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

It is now a prerequisite of many teacher training universities that their students have completed at least one senior Science subject at high school. Science 21 will enable these students to fulfill this requirement.



At the moment students who are studying Science 21 are doing a very practical and interesting unit on Forensic Science. In the Forensic Science unit students have the opportunity to examine areas such as: DNA Analysis; Blood Typing; Tool Mark Impression; Fingerprinting ; Hair and Fibre Analysis ; Impression Evidence; Chromatography; Blood Spatter Analysis and Forensic Anthropology.

In Term 2 the students will be studying a unit on Natural Disasters. The students will learn about earthquakes, bushfires, volcanoes, tidal flow, satellites, ocean currents and nuclear energy.

Any students in Years 9-10 or their parents who are interested in finding out more information about doing Science 21 in the future you can speak (or email/phone) to myself or Mrs Horrigan.

### **Fenton Doolan, Head of Science**

## **Senior School News**

Last week in Assembly Toulia Gordillo, a clinical psychologist spoke to our students about Cyber Safety. This was well received by the students and they are now more aware of strategies to handle cyber bullying and other cyber attacks on their safety. Toulia Gordillo runs a website called talk to teens [www.talktoteens.com.au](http://www.talktoteens.com.au) and facebook page with a similar name. Parents can visit this page if they want more information.

I also reminded students that we do not tolerate bullying in any form and discussed with them the Bullying Support site on GCCC Connect. Please note that there is information on here for parents as well. To visit the site, go to this link: <http://connect.gccc.qld.edu.au/course/view.php?id=899>

On the Bullying Support website there is a form students can use to report instances of bullying and submit electronically. A full investigation will occur once we receive a bullying report.

### **This Week:**

QCS Preparation: The Year 12 students have commenced regular preparation sessions for the QCS exams held in September. All students who are OP Eligible must sit this exam. Students who are OP ineligible are strongly encouraged to sit the exam as it can greatly improve their tertiary selection rank.



On the other hand, a poor result on the QCS test will not be detrimental to their rank. It is therefore a huge benefit for non-OP students. QCS practise will continue each Wednesday morning for about 2 hours. Tuesday evening we held an information session on QCS, OP calculations and Tertiary selection ranks. If you have any questions relating to these important issues then please contact our Dean of Studies, Rob Steffler.

On Friday the Year 12's will be going to the University Showcase. This is another opportunity for students to talk to representatives from a wide range of tertiary institutions about options in 2015. There will be representation from TAFE and the Defence Forces as well as the respective Universities. Guest presenters will also discuss life beyond Year 12 and what is available to help and support them in the next stage of their journey post-secondary.

### **Coming up:**

The Year 11 camp will be coming up very soon in Week 8. It is very important that the College is fully informed of all medical details as well as emergency contact details. Please ensure all camp forms are fully completed when issued.

Year 10 Work experience: Week 10.

## ***David Heyworth, Head of Senior School***

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### **Abbey Museum Visit**

This term the Year 11s and 12s have been studying Archaeology in their Ancient History classes. They invited three Year 10 students who wanted to study Ancient History next year to go on an excursion with them to the Abbey Museum in Caboolture.

This was an excursion to complete an archaeological dig. It was a perfect day to do it as well! We got to the Abbey around 9:30am, looked around in the museum and there were so many amazing things from a collection of items used in the past.



When it was time to do the excavation it was the best part of the day. We had a brief overview on what we had to do. We had to get into pairs, were assigned a coordinate and we had to dig in the little square that we had. So many things were dug up! There were: swords, a stove, mosaic tiles, bowls, vases, and most importantly a skeleton. We had to be so careful.

At a dig site, when you step on the dirt, you do not know if you are breaking something. After doing the digging we went into the Church. It was a small church/Abbey but it was beautiful. We were told about the stained glass windows that were in the walls and how the Abby's volunteers had to do some work on them as they were broken (some dated back to the 12th century).

The entire excursion was brilliant. Thanks to Miss Gook, Mrs. Morris and our bus driver Robert for taking us to our excursion and for planning it all.

### ***Shannon Smith (Year 10)***

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

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### **Agricultural Studies Update**

I just love that Agricultural education concepts are steeped in the sciences of biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, and the related areas of engineering and mathematics. Whilst covering all of these concepts, it is also an amazing combination of examining the theory behind farming practices, and conversely, practical opportunities implementing the theoretical concepts taught.

This month, the students have delved further into the anatomy, nutrition and growth of plants. Then they were able to apply this to crops that they have established and are now maintaining. On the more practical, hands-on side, students have started learning to safely operate the tractor, roll out and strain fences, inoculate seed and maintain water troughs.

The real excitement however, has been the arrival of a breeding set of Wessex Saddleback pigs. This rare breed, that many may have heard of on the TV series of 'Gourmet Farmer', has so many qualities going for it. Firstly they are less likely to get sunburnt due to their darker colouring, they have a more succulent and tastier meat, have a great temperament and finally, they are just plain gorgeous! The students' work on completing the pig paddock fencing has paid off and the content pigs are enjoying being the centre of attention of the Ag Science classes.



Finally, as with any new project started in this amazing community, the support afforded to it has been incredible and it is greatly appreciated. Already, we have a number of local farmers on board offering their industry expertise to ensure that the program is first class and that it reflects the local agricultural sector.

It is with the greatest gratitude that we would like to thank the following people:

John Allen – Strawberries

Nerida Allen – Red Brangus cattle

Ian Fullerton – Pineapples

Brett Newell – Lychees and Avacado

Cameron and Mary Lister – Macadamias

Peter and Annoeska Korczynski – Passionfruits

### **Jade King, Agricultural/Science Teacher**

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

### **Hospitality Cafe**

Year 11 Hospitality Studies students have been running a CAFE every Friday outside the kitchen. They have all had a turn at taking orders, making milkshakes and being a runner from front to back-of-house. Last week the students did an 'Oreo Milkshake' and they had trouble keeping up with the supply. Even though it has been very busy, students are enjoying the responsibility.

On Friday 7 March the Cafe's time was extended to cater for Primary, Middle and Senior Students. The proceeds from this cafe will be donated to farmers suffering from the Queensland drought. Milkshakes and slices will be sold.



For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

## **Future Pathways**

Year 10 students have been having work experience lessons in personal presentation and communication skills both verbal and nonverbal and future lessons on occupational health and safety.

Some Year 10 students still haven't returned their work experience agreement forms and need to do so as soon as possible.

Year 12s are going to the annual University Showcase on Friday the 7 March at Beerwah State High School. It is an opportunity for students early in the year, to become aware of what the range of universities, such as Queensland University of Technology and the University of the Sunshine Coast, intend to offer in 2015.

The NEW 2014 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care schools program offered at Brisbane North Institute of TAFE has undergone a review, where changes to this delivery model have been implemented. Students in this program will now attend their allocated TAFE face to face training day every week and attend their vocational placement at the end of this term.

There will be an Army Officer Facebook event coming up on Thursday the 6 March from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. If you are interested please contact Adam Need on [aneed@dfrc.com.au](mailto:aneed@dfrc.com.au) and for jobs in the Defence Forces, go to [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au).

I am often asked about starting salaries for certain occupations. If you go to the following link <http://www.graduateopportunities.com/graduate-salaries/> this will give you the information you are seeking.

The school will again be participating in the 'Health Heroes' event scheduled for May 1st. Planning for this event is already underway.

HEADSTART STUDENTS INFORMATION EVENING;- Wednesday 26 March 2014, 6pm (5:15pm for campus tour), Lecture Theatre 7, Building C, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs. To book your seat, please complete the registration form at <http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events/2014/march/headstart-information-evening> or phone 07 5456 5000

### **Paul Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator**

## **Library News**

### **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



## Get connected at the Library

It's that time of the year when Secondary students are starting to prepare drafts and complete assessments. A great place to seek support with research and referencing is via the Connect Library Course. Students can self-enrol in the course and can access everything easily from home or school. To get to the page go to Connect (<http://connect.gccc.qld.edu.au>), then click on the Students & Families tab and then the Library tab. In the Library Course you'll find a list of items to choose from to explore. The section called **iResearch – Get Connected at the Library** contains links to the following databases:

- *Britannica Digital Learning (Prep – Year 12)*
- *Britannica Image Quest (Prep – Year 12)*
- *Library Webs (Years 6 -12)*
- *Twig World (Years 6 – 12)*
- *Australian History Mysteries (Year 6-12)*
- *The Source (Year 4-12)*
- *SLASLA Online Reference Generator (Years 3 – 12)*

The databases give students access to a huge range of scholarly information and images. Many provide citations allowing students to easily reference sources in assessments. The SLASLA Online Reference Generator is a fantastic guide for referencing and provides a broad range of examples for students to refer to when using in-text referencing and preparing reference lists. Students simply add in the details of their source and the generator creates their citation, allowing them to add it to their work.

Students are very welcome to come and seek help from library staff. We specialise in supporting students at their point of need and are happy to chat to parents about accessing the databases with their child at home. The library is open daily from 8am-4pm allowing many opportunities for students to seek assistance. Homework Club is held every Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm in the library and is another great option for seeking support.

## Minute Mob

Natasha Kulkulies recently completed the Minute Mob challenge and finished reading an amazing 10 000 minutes! She received a novel for her efforts and we are so proud of her dedication and passion for the written word. Details about the Minute Mob, which is open to students in Year 7-12, can be found in the Library Connect page under **iRead – Secondary Library Links – Be Rewarded for Reading**.



## Book Club Achievements – Thank you for helping us raise readers!

Thank you to the many families who have supported the Scholastic and Koorong Kids Book Club already this term. The Book Clubs offer a great range of products, often at extremely low prices. It is a great way to promote reading at home and for students to keep up with recent releases. We recently received a certificate celebrating the number of independent reading minutes accrued from our 2013 orders. It came to a huge 294, 525 minutes! Thank you on behalf of the library team and our amazing Book Club volunteers for helping us create such a wonderful reading culture in our community.

## Book Club volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers who can assist a few times a term with helping sort and staple book club brochures and packing orders when they arrive. The times and days may vary, but if you are happy to be emailed when we need extra help it would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Vanessa McKellar at [vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au) if you are able to assist.

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

## Sports News

### Best Ever District Swimming Results

Our GCCC swimming team have had great success at the District Swimming Carnival held last Friday at the Beerwah Pool. GCCC finished second overall which is the best ever result at this carnival. Some of our team had been training regularly with their own swim squads and at our Early Morning Training sessions in preparation for the carnival. Their hard work certainly paid off with a record eight students being selected into the Glasshouse District Swim Team to compete at the Sunshine Coast Regional Carnival coming up soon.



Caitlin Moore had an outstanding carnival winning all but one event which meant she was presented as 10 year old girls Age Champion. Caitlin had one of the highest points tally of the day. Cassidy Ferris was close behind Caitlin in many races and was the runner up Age Champion which was a proud moment for our college. Molly McCaughey was also close behind these girls in points.

Beau Howard also had a fantastic day winning breaststroke and 200m IM, he placed 2nd in backstroke and freestyle and 3rd in butterfly to gain him just enough points to be joint 12 Year Age Champion. It all came down to the last race, the 200IM which Beau won to give him enough points to be joint winner with Saxon Crozier from St Michael's College.

Amity Roser was a tough competitor all day and battled it out with the other 11 year old girls. She won the freestyle and made great comeback in the 200m IM to gain second place and enough points to become runner up Age Champion.

Sophie Trevan gave it everything in her races against the top scoring swimmer of the day Lucilla Osswald from St Michael's College. Sophie won three second places and two third places to finish just a point behind the runner up age champion in the 12 girls competition.

Our team of 35 students all swam their very best and were fantastic ambassadors for GCCC. Many students swam personal best times and improved their results from our College Carnival. The team is grateful to all the parents who came to support them on the day and cheer them on.

We wish the students listed below all the best when they compete at the Regional Carnival.

Cassidy Ferris – Fly, Breast and Free,  
Beau Howard – Fly, Back, Breast and Free  
Molly McCaughey– Back and Breast,  
Aiden McKellar – Free  
Lachlan McWilliam – Breast  
Caitlin Moore – Fly, Back, Breast and Free  
Amity Roser – Back, Breast and Free  
Sophie Trevan – Fly, Back, and Free

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

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### **Caitlin Qualifies for State Champs!**

Seven very talented and committed swimmers competed at Caboolture in the Sunshine Coast Primary Swimming Championships. They qualified for this event through the Glasshouse District Swimming Carnival was held at Beerwah recently.



Caitlin Moore had an outstanding day at the Championships to qualify for the Queensland State Primary School Championships to be held in Brisbane. Caitlin started the day with a beautiful swim in the 10 year 50m Backstroke event beating all the opposition to place first, taking three seconds off her personal best time. She placed third in the 50m Freestyle against a very talented field and will also swim this event at the State Championships. Caitlin also finished second in the butterfly event but her time was unfortunately just outside the qualifying mark by 0.9 second!

The standard of swimmers at this event is very high but our swimmers swam their fastest ever times and most placed in the middle of the field. Beau Howard gained 10th place in his least favourite stroke, backstroke, setting a new PB. Sophie Trevan also swam well in her backstroke event finishing a very creditable 12th and bettering her time by 3 seconds. Cassidy Ferris swam faster than she had before when she powered through her 50m freestyle race to break her personal best time by over 3 seconds to finish 14th. Molly McCaughey, Amity Roser and Aiden McKellar also swam just under their best times in their races.

Every student represented GCCC and our Glasshouse District with pride and swam their absolute best. Thanks once again to our parents who supported their children and the team at this event.

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### **Interschool Softball Fun and Competition**

Four teams of Year 6 and Year 7 students have begun a three week Inter-school Softball competition against other Glasshouse District Schools. Teams compete for just over two hours with the Year 7 and Year 6 girls playing two games and the Year 6 boys playing three games.



Teams have been selected from students who were keen to play and they have been practising for a couple of weeks now.

Pitching is proving the major difference between teams, but our teams have shown some fantastic batting, throwing and catching skills and have been very competitive.

The Year 6 boys had three clear wins last Friday, beating Beerwah, Peachester and Maleny schools. The boys showed some very slick fielding to limit the runs scored against them to six whilst scoring 38 runs themselves. The Year 6 girls and Year 7 boys both won one game and lost one game whilst the Year 7 girls lost both games but gained much experience.

The teams play again on Friday in week 6 and week 8 and the students are looking forward to more practise and game experience. Parents are welcome to come and support our teams at Beegees Sports Grounds from 12 noon.

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#)

## District Trials for AFL, Rugby League, Soccer, Netball, Tennis and Golf

Trials for the above 12 year Glasshouse District Teams are all coming up before the end of term. These teams allow students to play their preferred sport at a high level, meet students from other schools and be eligible for selection into the relevant Regional teams to compete at State Championships.

Students who play these sports well are encouraged to attend these trials which are usually from 3:30pm at a local school. They need to be willing to train with the team after school for approximately three weeks and also attend the one or two day Sunshine Coast Regional Carnival. Tennis and Golf trials vary slightly so please contact Mrs Stott if you would like to trial for these teams. Transport to and from these events is the responsibility of parents.

### Glasshouse District Trial Dates:

Mar 6	AFL – Landsborough
Mar 11 & 12	11 & 12 years Netball
Mar 18	Tennis – Landsborough
Mar 19	Rugby League
Mar 25 & 26	Girls and Boys Soccer

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## Year 7 and 8 Sports

### GCCC vs Pacific Lutheran College

The Year 7/8 girls played Pacific Lutheran College in a friendly game of Soccer on the Friday of week 4. Our girls were nervous at first as many had not played before and their opponents looked very good. When the game commenced our girls took to soccer like they had been playing for years. They performed superbly as a team and represented Glasshouse Country Christian College with pride. It was a pleasure to watch. At the end of the game our girls had won 3 – 2. Congratulations to all players, especially Jayde Curtis who scored two of our three goals. We may see more of Jayde in the next World Cup!



The boys' team put up a valiant effort against an experienced PLC outfit. Our boys were unable to get in front despite the hard work of the midfielders in particular Harrison Still.

The Volleyball games were very close affairs. One of our teams finished in front 2 sets to 1 and our second girl's team lost in very close circumstances.

All of our sports teams involved in the Friday competition did so with enthusiasm. We are looking forward to upcoming competition with Suncoast Christian College in week 7 as well as our Softball teams competing in the Glasshouse competition later this term in week 5, 7 and 8.

### Wakeboarding and Fishing

This term we have also had a Year 7/8 group venturing to "Go Wake" at Bli Bli to participate in Wakeboarding and Fishing. Students have taken to Skiing like a ducks to water and it is impressive to see many students managing to complete multiple laps of the lake on both the kneeboards and wakeboards.



The reel drags have been screaming among the fishing group as they have recorded great results with both barramundi and bream.

Well done to Emerson Grange who last week hooked a large bream.

For more photos see the [GCCC Website](#).

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## Club Sport News

Since our article in the last newsletter we have learned that Natasha Hoeksema ran a personal best in the 800m and also won the 1500m race to qualify for States in both events.

Fifteen year old Natasha has also been selected in the Caboolture Under 18 Indoor Netball team to play in Division 1 in the Brisbane Super League Competition.

Well done Natasha.



## SCISSA Volleyball

Over the last couple of weeks the Year 7/8 and Open Girls Volleyball teams have been competing in the Sunshine Coast Independent Schools Sporting Association (SCISSA) Volleyball Competition. These games are held outside of school hours, on a Wednesday starting at 4pm and going to as late as 6pm. These girls are showing huge commitment and dedication to representing our College in this competition.



The first week we travelled to Noosa to compete against St Andrews Lutheran College. As we walked through the doors to their Volleyball courts the nerves starting to kick in and the girls saw the kind of competition they were in for! However, both teams took charge of their nerves and went out with their game faces on!



The 7/8 team's first set was 15 – 25 to St Andrews, but the girls didn't let that stop them. Their determination and improving skills enabled them to only lose the second set by 4 points, which was very close and a fantastic effort for their first game.

Georgia Chapman managed to win 5 serves in row on two occasions, which was a huge achievement! Well done to Georgia who was Player of the Week in Week One. The Open girls also lost their first game to St Andrews, with a first set scoring 9 – 25 and the second set scoring 15 – 25. This was a great effort, considering these girls had never played together before! Well done to Ella Mickelson who was Player of the Week.

The second week, we versed Pacific Lutheran and showed a dramatic improvement. Lunchtime training must be paying off! The 7/8 girls pushed their opposition to 3 sets and finally fell short in the third set by only 4 points. Well done girls and a special mention to Brooke Hughes who was Player of the Week in Week Two.

With their first game under their belt, the open girls grew in determination and motivation coming into the second game against Pacific Lutheran excited and with high anticipation levels! The first set was lost, but the girls re-grouped and came out to blitz the second set with a win of 25 – 16!

The third set was an absolute nail biter; it ended in a draw and the girls unfortunately lost narrowly in the tiebreaker. A special well done to Calista Theron for her monstrous serving and impressive plays. Calista was Player of the Week in week two.

The third week, we versed Sunshine Coast Grammar, which proved to be a very close game for the 7/8 girls. The girls narrowly lost the first set, and the second set was only lost by 2 points, which was again a superb effort from the girls. Well done to Ella Mitchell who consistently worked hard and was Player of the Week.

The Open girls played well and whilst improving greatly, still didn't manage to get a win this week. The girls lost both sets, but kept their chins up and are looking forward to next week! Well done to Jaimie-Lee Groer for her dedication and enthusiasm, which often ended up with her on the ground!

With three weeks left in the competition, the girls would love to have a win and will be working hard to try and get one! All in all, these girls are showing massive improvement in such a short period of time. Well-done girls! Keep up the awesome work!

**Annaliese Bullock**

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

## Chappy Chatter

### Pause and Ponder – Adam and Eve

When Adam and Eve chose to listen to the devil in the garden of Eden and turned away from God, they let sin into the world. Now they and their children and their children's children..... would have to live forever choosing who they would listen to – God or the devil?

So do we listen to God our creator who loves us and is the father of love and goodness and fairness or do we listen to the father of lies who lied to Adam and Eve to hurt God. The Bible says in John 10:10 that the father of lies who is the devil seeks to steal kill and destroy. So his purpose is to make you really, really, really sad.

However, God comes to bring abundant life! And God actually tells us in the bible to choose life which means to listen to Father God because listening to the devil only brings pain and suffering and death.

God wants you to have freedom and abundant life through listening to Him and trusting him. If you are not listening to God and living life His way, you're listening to the devil and living life his way! If we all listened to God, what a different world we would have.

So who do you want to trust and listen to today? The God of truth or the father of lies?

**Chappy Michelle Britton**

Hi Everyone!

It is with great excitement and a tinge of sadness that I introduce you to our new Executive Team!

After holding the position of President for two years, I was happy to hand over the reins to someone else and I am pleased to announce Lynelle Rouse has volunteered for the position. Taking up the Vice President position is Jayne Hinds, with Sue Schafer being voted in as our Secretary. Jules Grange has agreed to stay on as Treasurer.



Its the first time in many years we have had a full Executive and I am excited to see some new faces on the team. Congratulations to all. No doubt they will take the time to introduce themselves to you in future newsletters but I wish them all of God's blessings as they step up and take on these jobs. I look forward to working with them in the future as we continue to work with the school for you, our school families.

### ***Alaina Westaway***

## Community News

### **Foreign student hosts needed**

A message from Patricia Clunes, Queensland Coordinator of Nacel Australia.

There are five boys and 15 girls looking for placement. Their ages are between 14 and 17.

I have so far placed four of the girls.

I look forward to hearing from you all in the near future.

Nacel Australia 0410 617 825



### ***Patricia Clunes, Queensland Coordinator***

### **Aqua Aerobics at Beerwah Pool**

Tuesday 7am

Wednesday 9am and 5pm

Saturday 8am

Take the weight off those tired joints and muscles in the comfort of water and gain aqua fitness

Cost \$9

PHONE DESLEY 0458 228550



### **Walk for Autism Awareness**

This event is about Autism Awareness and raising money for ASD Kidz & Familyz Inc to continue supporting families in the Caboolture and Morayfield area. It will be held at Centenary Lakes on Wednesday 2 April 2014 starting from 5.30pm. We will have stalls and service providers and a sausage sizzle, as well as a bubble blowing activity. We will all gather at the BBQ area near the toilets. Between 6 -6.30pm we will be walking to the corner of Morayfield Road and King Street, Caboolture. Come dressed in blue and support families with Autism. Please share with other families.

For any other information or interested in having a stall, please contact Jessica on 0427587611 or email [asdkidzfamilyz@live.com.au](mailto:asdkidzfamilyz@live.com.au)

Jessica, ASD Kidz & Familyz Inc <https://www.facebook.com/pages/ASD-Kidz-Familyz-Inc/163088713743185>

### **National Ride2School Day**

Wednesday 19 March 2014 is National Ride2School Day. Don't forget to register your participation prior to this day to be eligible for the following great prizes:

Go to council website [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) to register and be eligible for:

1st prize \$500 voucher at a bike shop of your choice.

2nd Prize \$200 voucher at a bike shop of your choice.

Plus many more random draw prizes i.e. helmets, bike locks.

### **Why ride?**

Be part of the fun with more than 250,000 children and teens across Australia expected to ride.

Student feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.

There are fewer cars around the school which eases drop off congestion and makes it safer for the active traveller.

Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes per day of physical activity.

TravelSmart is an initiative of the Sunshine Coast Council. For more information, please visit [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) or contact the office by phone on 5475 7272.

