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‘Growing in faith and knowledge’
Newsletter Term 1, 4 April March 2014

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Tue 22  1st Day Term 2
Thur 24  8.30am Whole of College ANZAC Assembly in SUA
Fri 25  ANZAC Day March 9.15am at Cnr Mawhinny St and Free Streets
Mon 28  Secondary Legacy Cup clean up day
Tue 29 April  Age 9 years to Open Cross Country
Wed 30 - Thur 1 May  Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews

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Thur 1  Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 2  Secondary District Cross Country
Sat 3-Sun 4  Music Camp
Tue 6  Prep Mothers’ Night 6.30pm
Wed 7  Mothers’ Day Chapel
Thur 8  Mothers’ Day Stall
Fri 9  Prep to 8 years old Cross Country
Tue 13-Thur 15  NAPLAN testing
Fri 16  NAPLAN testing catch up
Sat 17  OPEN DAY
Mon 19  Primary District Cross Country
Mon 19-Fri 23  Year 9 Pindari Camp
Fri 30  Maleny Show Holiday – public holiday

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Jessiman Cathcart, Christopher Gibson and Christine Hayes aren’t afraid to get muddy when it comes to adventure. See p8 for more details.
A time for everything

There is a very poignant passage in Ecclesiastes chapter 3, verses 1 to 8 that has a challenging but true message that seems to cover every event and time in life.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up.

These verses have been at the back of my mind this term as we’ve enjoyed some good times, celebrated highs and also experienced some very sad times. More recently we seem to be going through a time to mourn and a time to weep as I have some sad news to pass on.

It has been widely reported that a couple were found dead in their home in Glasshouse Mountains on Friday 28 March. Sadly, their little girl (who was with her grandmother at the time of the incident) is one of our Primary students. Please pray for this girl and her grandparents as they come to terms with such a tragic loss. I have spoken with the grandmother and offered any support we can provide as a College community. Please watch this space for further details.

Earlier this term Secondary Teacher Sonya Kadel’s husband (Sean) was diagnosed with a serious and complicated cancer. Sonya has cut down her hours in Term 1 to be with Sean during all the tests and treatments but has decided to take a leave of absence during Term 2 as the treatment intensifies. Please keep Sonya and Sean in your prayers as they travel through this dark and uncertain time.

During Sonya’s absence James Follett will be taking her classes. Many of the students already know James as he has already been providing relief teaching in Term 1.

Year 4M students and their families are already aware of their teacher Bron Wynn’s current situation. Her husband was involved in a serious car accident earlier this year and his recovery has been steady but slow. Bron has also been struggling with some significant health issues. After careful consideration Bron will be taking a leave of absence in Term 2 to take care of her husband and recover from her own health situation.

The College has hired Louise Boxce as Bron’s temporary replacement during Term 2. I hope you will all make Louise very welcome.

In the midst of this sadness and difficulty, it is good to remember that we have a God who loves us and knows what it feels like to suffer pain and loss.

Camps and Work Experience

On a much more joyful note this week has been jam-packed with camps, work experience and end of term activities.

For the first time in GCCC history our Year 7 students have flown rather than bussed to Canberra. On the first day of their trip, Year 7 Coordinator Mr Matt Ware was able to report how many of the plane passengers commented on the students’ excellent behaviour.

I’m also looking forward to finding out how the Year 8 ‘Higher Ground’ Camp went as the students arrive back on Friday.

Every Year the Future Pathways team do an excellent job helping our Year 10 students find work placements for their work experience. Every year we hear reports back from the employers on how well the students worked and how impressed the employers are with them. I’m sure that this year will be no different and look forward to learning about their different experiences in Future Pathways articles next term.

No aerosols in school please

Some students suffer severe allergies to aerosol sprays that can trigger and (often) serious asthma attack, or bring on a severe migraine. Sometimes the reaction can even bring on an anaphylactic shock (much like a severe peanut reaction). These reactions can happen even when the aerosol is sprayed a few metres away.

For this reason GCCC will be banning aerosols in school and at school events and activities. Please use roll on alternatives for all school purposes.

We have not talked about forbidding aerosols at school before so there will be a period of grace where students will not be given demerits for bringing in aerosols during the introduction of the policy. However, teachers are instructed to immediately confiscate the aerosol in order to protect other students from a bad or fatal reaction.

All confiscated aerosol products will be handed in to Primary or Secondary Admin. Parents will be informed that the products have been collected from their son or daughter and that they can call into the College and collect the product.

Please use the holidays to deplete any aerosols that would normally travel to school and purchase roll on alternatives for the beginning of an asthma-friendly start to Term 2.
laid down their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. It is a freedom that was bought at great cost and not one that we take for granted.

Students and staff will assemble at 9.10am at the corner of Mawhinney and Free Streets in Beerwah. The march begins at 9.30am and ends at the cenotaph at the Beerwah RSL where the service will commence at about 10.00am. Students must wear their formal school uniform including formal hats for Secondary students. Please bring a bottle of water with you on the day. Families are welcome to watch the parade from either side of the street.

Finally

I want to take this opportunity at the end of Term 1 to thank you for your support. As a College we take very seriously the commitment to work in partnership with our parents as we strive to educate children in the best way possible.

I hope you have a restful and relaxing holiday and that you make the time to reflect on Jesus Christ, His death, resurrection and ultimate triumph over sin and death.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Student Voice recommendation

One of the Student Voice committee recommendations was that we fly the Aboriginal flag on days of indigenous significance during the year. A flag has been purchased and will be raised on 26 January (Australia Day); 13 February (National Apology); 21 March (Harmony Day – promoting cultural diversity and tolerance); 27 May to 3 June (National Reconciliation Week); 1 July (Coming of the Light – marking the arrival of the gospel in Torres Strait); 1-11 July (NAIDOC Week – celebrating history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people). We hope that raising the flag on these days will send a positive message of indigenous pride to all of our students.

ANZAC Day March

There won’t be another newsletter between now and the ANZAC Day March on Friday 25 April so please put these details in a handy place for when the date comes.

As you know, we have a proud history of participating in this significant event for many years and it is a tradition we want to continue into the future. We do it to show we are part of the community but more importantly, to respect and honour those who

News from the Uniform Shop – New House Polos

Our new house Polos will be here available to purchase straight after the Easter Holidays (April 23; 28, 30 and May 2) in time for the Cross Country events. They are not compulsory until 2015.

Primary House Polo: $20
Secondary House Polo: $22

Kylie Woodhead, Uniform Shop Convenor

Banking update

Last week, we banked a total of $980.90 and this week we have banked $818.90.

We currently have a total of 169 students participating in the school banking program, which is absolutely fabulous!!

Libby Sos will be processing the bank deposits from next week until we return from our holiday on the 30 April. My mum has very kindly been assisting me with all the bank deposit processing – she is the chief date stamper and token provider in the student’s books! She will be available to assist Libby while I am away, but please direct any queries either to Libby or Jo Morgan (from Commonwealth Bank).

Many thanks again for your support in the School Banking Program.

Amanda Turner
HIGH FIVE PROGRAMME
An email was sent home offering the High Five programme to families where children are struggling with a change in family situations.

Some places are still available for this programme and we encourage you to consider registering your child/ren if they have experienced family changes. The feedback from parents last year was that their children benefited greatly from these sessions.

Please notify the College office if you would like your child to be part of the High Five Programme on Tuesdays in Term 2.

SPONSORSHIP FOR LAWRENCE AND TADIWA
What a wonderful job students and families are doing in supporting Lawrence and Tadiwa, our two boys from Zimbabwe.

To date students have donated $45.65 in Prep – Year 2 (who only started last week) and $181.20 in Years 3 – 6. This is a fantastic result and we congratulate you on your kindness in giving Lawrence and Tadiwa a better life. Fancy being able to sponsor two children in the primary school?

LEGACY CUP – CLEAN UP THE COLLEGE DAY
This activity was embraced wholeheartedly last week and students “polished up” their designated areas with great enthusiasm. Our “Secret Shoppers” who judged the Houses’ performances were impressed by the way our students encouraged each other with their House War cries and their desire to do their very best. The overall results will be revealed when Secondary Students have their Legacy Cup day early next term.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
Students in Primary Classes.
This week we had a number of our secondary GCCC students working in primary classes and with Mrs Stott in PE as their Year 10 work experience placement. It is always exciting to watch our young people move into the Secondary College and actually “give back” to the College in a number of ways. As I moved around the school, I was impressed by their diligence and how they were interacting with the younger students.

BLESSINGS FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Our prayer is that you will enjoy a relaxing time during the holiday break and reflect on that first Easter and God’s incredible provision of forgiveness for each one of us who asks Him and believes that the Lord Jesus Christ not only died for our sins but rose again on the third day.

So amongst all those gifts of chocolate and candy eggs please remember that God’s gift to the world cost Him – EVERYTHING and that Jesus freely laid down His life so we could have eternal life and a relationship with the Father. He chose to lay down His life – it wasn’t taken from Him. Jesus said “Greater love hath no man, than he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you”. John 15: 13, 14. “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” Romans 5:8.

Have a safe, happy holiday and we look forward to another wonderful term working with your children.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Year 2 Mosaics
Wow! What a start Year 2 has had in Art. Working with the theme of God’s Creation, we worked on three mosaic pieces – one for earth, sky and water.

From designing initial mosaic concepts, to smashing up ceramics, tiling and grouting our work, we have been busy little bees completing some wonderfully coloured mosaic pieces which the children are so excited to display. It was lovely to see the students engaged in their artwork and building creative confidence!

I must also give a BIG special thanks to Kylie Logar for her generosity of time and effort to this project. Year 2 – Well done. You are super stars!

Kate Noke

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.
Kitchen Garden News

Classes were wet and soggy in Week 9 in the Kitchen Garden. The heavens opened and bought some much needed and welcome rain for our garden beds. Many classes were confined to the cover of the gazebo where the cooks soldiered on making a crunchy Caesar salad using the abundant lettuce from the garden.

Week 10 had us playing catch up in the garden and green thumbs were kept busy planting potatoes and garlic into the beds and punnets of seeds; beans, cauliflower and kohl rabi. Students also planted up pots of garlic with many suggestions on what to cook with the garlic once we harvest it later in the year. Garlic bread, garlic potatoes and garlic sandwiches were all suggested!

Preppies were delighted to see the flower seeds that they planted a few weeks ago grown into beautiful, healthy seedlings that they were able to plant into their adopt-a-garden beds.

Mrs Ward couldn’t help but have a little April Fool joke on the cooks making the Caesar salad. They were asked to crack the eggs into a bowl but didn’t know that they were in fact hard boiled eggs that they were trying to crack open!

Don’t forget to go to our website for lots of photos and recipes from past lessons www.gccckitchengarden.com.au

If you are able to help out over the holidays with some weeding or watering please let me know; all help greatly appreciated.

Until next term, Happy Gardening!

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Gardener Coordinator

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.

What a SENSATIONAL Day!

As an exciting part of our unit on ‘The Five Senses’, all three Prep classes spent Friday 28 March doing fun activities. There was pancake making and fruit loop lacing, musical shakers and collage makers, coloured salt jars and noise making stars. The children enjoyed moving from one area to another, engaging in the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and textures of some very interesting and sometimes ‘gooey’ experiences.

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who came on the day. Without you we could not have enjoyed such amazing experiences.

Tanya Lindsay

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.

Into the Deep of the Night

Black space, happy face
Into the deep of the night.

Blue moon, silver spoon
Into the deep of the night.

Shimmering stars, golden bars
Into the deep of the night.

Beams of light, bright red kite
Into the deep of the night.

Outside my room in the deep dark
The moon makes a silvery path.

By Madeleine Roulston Year 6

Invite a FRENCH exchange student to stay with you!

Nacel Australia invites your family to host a French Exchange Student from 15 July to 09 August 2014.

This is an ideal opportunity for Australian volunteer families to learn more about another culture and language, particularly if your son or daughter is now studying a foreign language or thinking of travelling overseas as an exchange student. Friendships for life could be made.

Students are also invited to apply for exchanges over the Christmas period or for a term, semester or year.

For more information:  Contact Patricia Clunes Telephone: (07) 5498 6066 or 0410 617 825 or our Head Office on  1300 735 732 (Angela)
Email: streetons@iprimus.com.au or www.nacel.com.au
Easter serves as a reminder that we all need a saviour. It could probably be said unequivocally, that the lives of all our families and students are never straightforward. There are no exceptions to the fact that this sometimes involves times of great stress and difficulties. The only thing we can be assured of is God’s love. In Isaiah 53:5-6, it is stated: He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. I pray that your Easter is not only a lovely holiday but also a holy day.

One way we endeavour to support our students is through our Pastoral Care program which is integral to the structure of the GCCC Middle School. It involves one key teacher who teaches at least one core subject line or two minor subject lines. As teachers supporting the role of parents, that responsibility is taken seriously by being aware of each student’s successes and failures and social relationships in association with their natural abilities, gifts and level of maturity. A key role of the Pastoral Care teacher is to provide a setting where relationship and trust can be built. In this role the PC teacher endeavours to be the first point of contact for families when things are tough and to keep parents informed when a student is experiencing difficulty at school. The up and coming Parent Teacher Interviews are a great way to connect with your child’s pastoral care teacher (along with your child’s other teachers). Also, please remember to bring your child along to these interviews.

Year 7 Canberra Camp: At point of writing this article the Year 7s are settling down to their first night in our nation’s capital. However, by the time you read this they may be home again sharing their stories, adventures and highlights of the trip. Knowing firsthand how our country operates and seeing some of our nation’s treasures and important places is a wonderful privilege. We would like to officially thank and recognise the contribution by the Australian Federal Government towards the cost of this camp.

Year 8 Higher Ground Camp: At the same time, the year 8s were off on an adventure camp with a one night campout. We’ll have photos and an article on the camp in the next newsletter in Term 2.

Term 2 Reminders

ANZAC assembly and March. In Week 1 of next term there will be whole College assembly commemorating ANZAC day on Thursday 24 April. The following day the College will march in the Beerwah ANZAC parade on the 25 of April. All students are expected to march and will need to come in full formal with hat and water bottle.

NAPLAN tests will be in Week 4 of Term 2.

Year 9 camp is in Week 5 with students heading off to the border to Pindari.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Year 9 French croissants

Year 9 French have been busy making chocolate croissants for our end of unit research project on French bread. Who would have thought there were so many types! We enjoyed tasting them too!

Middle School fundraiser for farmers

On Wednesday, 26 March, the Year 9 leaders held a Middle School fundraiser. At 2nd break the leaders sold three different flavoured ice-cream spiders and hotdogs for $2 each or $3 for a combo deal. The money raised on the day will be donated to buyabale.com.au, an organisation that helps farmers in rural Queensland and New South Wales who are struggling in times of drought. Every $20 raised is enough to buy a hay bale for a farmer in need. The organisation also offers other options such as diesel, fuel or gift cards for the farmers. In total around $150.00 was raised for this organisation. Thank you to Mrs Vreeling for purchasing ingredients, Year 9 leaders for setting up and serving up food, and Middle Schoolers for supporting this fundraiser by purchasing delicious food.

Jesse Woods
Year 7 French Fashion Show

Year 7 finished the unit on clothes by performing a fashion show in French. We had some colourful outfits and the students did well describing what they were wearing in French.

Then we enjoyed some French food and gave our opinions in French of course!

Lee-anne Gordon

Secondary News

Year 11 Camp – ANZAC Adventure Camp

Our Year 11 students returned from their Emu Gully camp instilled with the ANZAC values of Perseverance, Mateship, Courage and Self Sacrifice in their minds. The activities they did included things such as building bridges, mud runs, dragging 4WD buggies through mud, racing buggies through a paddock, cycling and navigating through a course. The teachers and leaders at the camp are now hoping that these values will become more a part of their everyday lives. Each activity the students did was centered around a battle or trial that our armed services have had to go through. There was the Mekong Delta, the Burma Bridge, the Kokoda Track just to name a few. Students roughed it at night using tents as shelter and they had to boil water for showers. They cooked their own food from rations they were given each day. This was not a holiday camp. On one evening my group was led to a dark hillside where the leader opened a special shaft into a long tunnel. He told the story of the tunnel rats during the Vietnam War and then as a group, with no torches, we climbed through this maze of tunnels in total darkness. These activities really pushed the students. I was particularly impressed when, on the last day of camp, a number of students spoke publicly to thank their peers, the staff and the Emu Gully leaders as well. They expressed the fears and concerns they had prior to going on camp and then shared how they had grown through the trials and challenges of camp and how they had built relationships with other students that will help them in the last two years of their schooling. I am confident that every student learned so much more about themselves and that the camp was well worth the pain that they went through.

ANZAC Day

I think it is so relevant that after such a great camp we now get to remember the sacrifice of the ANZACS on 25 April. All students are encouraged to march with the Beerwah community. This is the first Friday back after the holidays so please keep this date free. I particularly encourage the Year 12s to make an effort to attend this important event as it is the last time they will get to march in this way for the College.

The Greatest Example of the Spirit of the ANZACS

As we remember the sacrifice of the ANZACS it is also important that we remember the greatest sacrifice of all history, the death of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. At Easter we remember how this one man gave his life freely so that we can all have a relationship with God. John 3:16 summarises this amazing event “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.”

The story doesn’t finish though with Christ’s death. Even more amazingly, Christ conquered death and rose again. This is the miracle of Easter!

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

The Term 1 Progress Reports will be emailed to families early next week. With the reports, there will be instructions on using our online booking service for the Parent Teacher Interviews. These are to be held over two evenings on Wednesday, 30 April and Thursday, 1 May.

This year we are encouraging you to bring your son/daughter to the interviews so that they are aware upfront the discussions that are held and can also be answerable at the meeting about their level of effort and their attitude to study. If however you want to have a confidential discussion about your child’s progress then please take the liberty to ask your child to step aside as you meet with staff.

Aerosol-Free School

Certain products can have devastating effects on individuals at school. This includes well known things such as nut products. Another that can easily be avoided are aerosols. Please ensure your child does not bring any aerosols to school.

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.
Winter Uniform in Term 2

Please remember that the GCCC winter uniform is required for Term 2 and 3. For boys this means their shirt must be tucked in and belt and tie must be worn. For the girls, it just means that black opaque tights are optional. This is a good time to remind you that from 2015 the College blazer will be compulsory for all Senior Students.

Finally…

I trust and pray you will have a wonderful Easter break with your family. I hope that you keep safe and that all students return to school on 22 April refreshed and ready to work hard for the remainder of Semester One.

God Bless,

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Future Pathways News

Our Year 10s have successfully completed their work experience and no doubt they have shared many stories with you. In total there have been 85 students, and a total of 92 placements. Every Year 10 was visited by a staff member on site and had their photo taken. The student’s evaluation form from their employer can be a valuable component of the student’s resume.

The Glasshouse Country News will do a feature on two of our students at work experience in an upcoming edition. They will have been interviewed by a student on a placement at Glasshouse Country News.

On the 29 April Tom Cameron from MRAEL will be visiting the school from 8.30am to interview students interested in apprenticeships. MRAEL is involved with apprenticeships, work experience and building sustainable partnerships with schools and other training providers. A booking sheet has been created for interested students.

After the holidays students will attend the Annual Health Heroes Day, which has a focus on a range of allied health areas and Year 10s will have a series of career lessons in Term 2, leading up to SET PLANS and Subject Selection for 2015.

On the College Open Day, Future Pathways will be prominently displayed outside the Library. We would love to see you.

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator

Prep Teddy Bears’ Picnic

Last week the Preps celebrated the end of the term with a Teddy Bears’ Picnic. The children were so excited to bring along their favourite teddy and enjoyed listening to a story and receiving some tiny teddies for their efforts. During iDiscover lessons this term Preps enjoyed a variety of activities across the three classes. Children listened to stories, read stories via books and iPads, completed their Bobbie bookworm Activity Booklet and worked on the Macs in the Mac Circle. They have learnt so much in such a short time and have enjoyed every minute!

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.

Cross Country details

The GCCC Cross Country day will take part this year on Tuesday 29 of April.

Students will be present on the course for their races at the following times.

Morning Session

Years 10, 11, 12
9am to 10:30am

Middle Session

Years 7, 8, 9
11am to 12:50

Afternoon Session

Years 4, 5, 6
1pm to 2:40pm

Regards,

Matthew Beattie, Head of Secondary PE & Sport
Year 6 Boys Win Softball Competition

Wow, what a great game softball is! Our Year 6 and 7 girls and boys have been competing on Friday afternoons against all the other Glasshouse District schools over the past four weeks. They have had a great time but it sure has been hot!

To begin with, our teams were quite new to softball but now we all love the game and are quite good at it.

The Year 6 boys were sensational and won their B competition winning every game they played. Noah Woolston pitched fantastically to Rowan Gough as Catcher who was very brave at all times. On many occasions the boys fielded the batted ball and it was thrown directly to Damian on first base and the batter was out! When batting the boys hit some huge balls way out the back and scored spectacular home runs. This was a very talented team who played together well, encouraging each other and showing great sportsmanship.

The Year 6 girls’ team played six one hour games winning four games and losing only two. They finished the competition in 3rd place overall. The girls played so well and learned lots about softball. They learned that the pitcher is such an important position and Sophie and Laura did a great job in this position. The girls batted and ran between bases really well and also did some great fielding.

The Year 7 boys’ teams had some close fought matches but improved with every game. They had three wins and three losses over the three weeks. They played off for 3rd and 4th and placed 4th overall after being beaten by Glasshouse Mountains State School.

The Year 7 girls gained much experience from this competition and started winning games after a tough start in week 1. The girls won four consecutive games and finished with a win in against Glasshouse Mountains State School in the finals to finish well in 3rd place.

Our teams really displayed the GREAT values at this competition and we are very proud of them. Next term we will play Soccer and Netball. For more photos, see the GCCC Website.

Great Achievements at Club State Championships

Many of our students have been involved in State Championships in their chosen club sports over the past few weeks. Students gain valuable experience in sporting skills but also sportsmanship and working as a team.

The Queensland Junior Surf Life Saving Championships were held on the Gold Coast in huge surf and Amity Roser and Patrick McKenzie competed for their club Dicky Beach. Amity made history for the club as her Under 11 year girls relay team won the gold medal in the Beach Relay against clubs from all over Queensland. Patrick also competed well and his Under 12 year Beach Relay team placed 4th. There were 32 clubs at the competition. Congratulations to both these students.

The Queensland Little Athletics Championships were held in Cairns last weekend and GCCC students competed as part of the Glasshouse and District Little Athletics Club.

There were some outstanding people who did not get placed but who just went out there and tried their hardest but, there were two people in particular who stood out and they are Tom Thow and Andie Little.

Tom showed his strength and placed 3rd in shot put and Andie ran some awesome races and placed 1st in the 90m hurdles, 2nd in the 200m hurdles and 4th in her first ever pentathlon. What a great effort from both these athletes. These are their first state medals. They had a great time in Cairns and wished they could have stayed longer but were glad to get home.

Shelby Daunt raced exceptionally well in her first State titles and placed just out of the medals in 4th place in the Under 10 1100m Race Walk. Laura Vobr also had a fantastic carnival also placing 4th in the 11 year girls Discus competition. She threw a personal best distance so was very happy with her performance as she was just 40cm behind 3rd place. She also threw a personal best distance in the javelin and competed in the shotput. Jaylah Daunt was also in the Discus competition and placed a very creditable 8th. Jaylah also competed in Triple Jump and Shotput.

Cassidy Ferris was also busy competing in the shotput, placing 9th, and she raced in the 200m and 400m finishing in the middle of the field. Stephanie Ferris threw the shot and Tom Dwan competed in the Pentathlon event.

15 year old Natasha Hoeksema has trained hard and had a busy weekend competing in the 800m and 1500m events. She ran a personal best time in the 1500m race placing 6th and was just 1 second outside her best in the 800m event where she placed 7th. Thanks to Andie Little for her contribution to this article.

Caitlin Moore has had a great swimming season and was named the Sunshine Coast Champion 10 year female swimmer.

Noah Woolston has had an awesome season of cricket playing for his club U12 team at Caboolture. Noah received three trophies at the Caboolture Snakes cricket presentation for his achievements over the season. He won the trophy for the most number of runs for the season, another for the most number of wickets taken over the season and also a team trophy. He certainly is a talented all round player.
Caitlin Moore Swims at Schools State Champs

Ten year old Caitlin Moore was really excited about competing in her first Queensland Primary Schools Swimming Championships and is the first GCCC student to do this.

Caitlin was selected in the 50m Backstroke and freestyle events and was also selected to swim in two relays for Sunshine Coast.

Caitlin swam a personal best time in her favoured backstroke event and placed a very creditable 26th against 44 very talented swimmers. She also raced well in the freestyle event and her Freestyle and Medley relay teams placed in the middle of the field.

We are very proud of Caitlin’s efforts to swim at this carnival and know that she has reached this level through her own hard work, commitment to training and she has a very supportive family. She has won 25 medals over the swimming season. We look forward to further success in the future.

P & F News

Hi everyone,

First term is coming to an end; how quickly the weeks have gone.

With some well earned P and F funds, it has been approved for a long awaited sink to be installed for the Kitchen Garden. I am sure this will be appreciated by Mrs Ward and students. It is always exciting to see P and F funds benefiting areas of our College.

In Term 2 we have the Mothers Day Stall on Thursday 8 May. If anyone is available to help please email your details to pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

We will be needing help with putting the gifts together and also help on the actual day. We will be doing a disco towards the end of Term 2 for the Primary School. Watch the space for more information.

This year the P and F are organising a Walkathon/Runathon fundraiser instead of the annual Chocolate Drive. This will be for Prep to Year 9 and will be held in last term around October. More information to come later.

The next P and F meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 April at 7pm in the library boardroom.

Don’t forget to like the Funfest Facebook page. Please click here to visit the page. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break. See you all in Term 2.

Lynelle Sim

FUNFEST 2014

Exciting news! Funfest preparations are well underway with most of the Primary stalls now allocated! All of your favourites will be there this year: Cake Stall, Mystery Jars, Book Stall, Strawberries (YUM!) and Show Bags, with many more to come.

As has been done previously, every class will have a stall and will need Parent Representatives to help out. Please see your child’s teacher if you would like to help out your child’s class stall. You can also like us on Facebook at Funfest 2014 to keep up to date with what is happening. Let’s all work together to make Funfest 2014 the best one yet!

Chappy Chatter

Pause and Ponder

Uh-oh it’s Easter again; the time I eat way, way, way too much chocolate and go up another dress size. Even though my size changes every Easter, I know the one truth that will always stay the same.

More than 2000 years ago someone loved me so much that He gave His life for me. Easter is the time of year I remember how special I am. Let me elaborate. Easter isn’t just a time for me to remember how special I am but also a time for you to realize how special you are.

You see, in John 3:16 it says that God loved the people in the world so much that He gave His only Son. So let me say that again. More than 2000 years ago someone loved you so much that He gave His life for you to be able to live.

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