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## TERM 2 (10 weeks)

### MAY

<b>Sat 16</b>	<b>OPEN DAY 10am to 2pm</b>
Mon 18	Primary District Cross Country
Wed 27	Immunisations for all Year 8 girls and boys
Fri 29	Maleny Show Holiday - public holiday

### JUNE

Tue 2	P and F Meeting 7pm
Wed 3	Primary Athletics Carnival
Thur 4	Secondary Athletics Carnival
Mon 8	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Fri 12	Primary Disco
Thur 18-Tue 23	Year 11 and 12 Exam Block
<b>Fri 26</b>	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>

## TERM 3 (9 weeks)

### JULY

Mon 13-Fri 17	Pupil free week for staff training
Mon 20	First day of school
Wed 22	P and F Meeting 7pm
Fri 24	Grandparents' Day
Tue 28-Wed 29	Middle School student led conferences 3:20-6:30pm
Tue 28-Wed 29	Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews
Thur 30-Fri 31	Primary District Athletics

### AUGUST

Tue 4	P and F Meeting 7pm
Wed 5	Year 10 SET Plan Information night
Mon 10-Fri 21	SET Plan Interviews
Fri 21	Prep to eight years old Athletics Carnival
Fri 21	SHINE on the Arts night 5-8pm

### SEPTEMBER

Tue 1	Prep Fathers' Night 6:30pm
Wed 2	P and F Meeting 7pm

## COVER PHOTO

Ararat races to another win at the Junior Primary Cross Country. For full story see page 13.



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## PRINCIPAL ADDRESS



### Open Day 16 May 10am to 2pm

Open Day is tomorrow and I am really looking forward to the event. Each year I am hugely impressed by the hard work and dedication of our students and staff which make this such a great event. We always have lots of positive feedback from

visitors about Open Day but what they mention the most are our students.

Our students are the stars of Open Day. Whether it is serving a cake and coffee with a smile, being an enthusiastic tour guide, greeting visitors as they arrive or participating in one of the many performances, our students are the stand out success of our Open Day.

I am very aware that it is thanks to you as parents that help our students shine. I really appreciate the time you take out of your Saturday to bring your children to College in their full uniform so they are in time to perform their various duties.

The animal nursery and jumping castle were such big hits that we have brought them back again. Due to the increased size of the College with the opening of the new Year 1 buildings we have hired a trackless train to provide free rides for all of our visitors wanting to explore the campus in a more leisurely way.

The Open Day program is on the home page of our website and hard copies will be handed out on the day but you can also click [here](#) if you would like to go directly to the program. I look forward to seeing you all on the day.

### Flood Policy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and students who coped with the extensive delays and inconveniences with such good grace during the flooding that happened on Friday 2 May. It was a scary time for parents whose children were on delayed buses and I appreciate the decency shown by them in this stressful time.

I also want to thank all the bus companies and everyone else who went above and beyond to take good care of the students and ensure their safety and comfort. We heard stories of one bus where a parent, who could access the stricken bus, bought snacks for all the children; another busload was taken care of by the generosity of a nearby cafe. Even though it was a hazardous time, it was good to see everyone pitch in and take care of each other with such big-hearted spirit.

We are formulating a specific Flood Policy. When this is finalised, it will be on our website so everyone is aware of the procedure if something like this were to happen again.

### Feed a Farmer Day



The same day as the big wet we enjoyed a sumptuous lunch put on by our Agricultural Science and Hospitality students. Jade King sent out invitations to all the local

farmers who have been helping with our Ag program. The big wet worked in favour for once and farmers who normally would not be able to get away from their duties, were able to attend and we ended up with about 60 people at the lunch. Jade roasted a pig on a spit and the Hospitality students provided the rest. It was a great event and I am very proud of our Hospitality and Agricultural Science students.

### Cross Country Carnivals

Last week we enjoyed all three Cross Country Carnivals in one week so the Sports and Maintenance Departments have been very busy.



We were blessed with perfect weather for each event and our students rose to the occasion by doing their best and by embodying our core principles of excellence and respect. There was a great atmosphere of cheering the other teams and none of the nasty stuff that can sometimes attach itself to competitive sporting events.

There are photos (lots) and articles on the Cross Country carnivals later on in this newsletter. Many of you may have already seen the photos on our [Facebook page](#).

Children pick up a lot of their behaviour from parents and your attitude of cheering everyone on in good sportsmanship will go a long way in helping your children become mature, respectful and of good character.

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students in these year levels participated in tests for Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (i.e. spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy this week.

Children in these year levels have been undergoing a comprehensive preparation program that looks at, amongst other things, test-taking skills, question familiarity and refreshment of previous learning.

These tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN does not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

### **Non-Government Transport Assistance Scheme**

Many of you may be eligible for the Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme. The link is on our website under College Life, Bus and Transport Services or you can click [here](#) to take you straight to the website. **IMPORTANT:** The deadline for subsidy applications is the 31 May so you will need to act quickly.

### **Speed limit 10 km/h slow down!**

Please adhere to the strict speed of 10 km/h around the College. I have been noticing that, due to the better flow of the traffic, speeds have been creeping up to unacceptable levels. Remember there are 930+ children around this campus at any one particular time and we need to be mindful of every one of them. Even if you are running late the safety of our children must be our first priority. Imagine if one of our students got hit by a car travelling at 20 or 30km/h; it is a horrible thought.

### **Pave the way to learning**

This is an important reminder that the P and F are having a fund raiser which is called "Pave the Way to Learning." This project involves buying a custom engraved brick to be paved into a new path on our campus. College families are invited to purchase a personalised brick and the P and F have opened this opportunity to GCC staff members.



As a young College we have a lot of history in front of us and I invite you to be part of that history by commemorating your families' time at GCC.

One brick costs \$30 and is tax deductible. This is a great fund raiser because not only does it help beautify the College, it doesn't involve eating and selling copious amounts of chocolate!

All the information is on our website.

**Mike Curtis, Principal**

### **CHAPPY CHATTER**



At the start of this week I was speaking to one of our former students. He's now 20 and has a lot of big career decisions to make in the coming months. He asked me, "Mick how can I know what God wants me to do with my life? I want to do what He wants... but I don't know what that is!"

His question is not uncommon.

God has clearly explained what He wants in scripture. And our choice of career has very little to do with it. God's desire is that we love Him, follow His commands and serve Him in everything we do.

I believe that if our heart's desire is to follow God, then God will honour that desire by gently leading and directing our lives. But God won't steer a ship that isn't moving. We can't just sit on our hands and refuse to budge until God sends a lightning bolt from heaven. If there are a few options open to us, it's important to think wisely about them, pray about our decision and then go for it! If we truly want to follow God's will, we must trust that He will open and close doors to help guide and lead us.

Let me also suggest however, that while we are deciding where we are going, it's a good idea to have a think about where we are.

Why Has God got me where I am right now? What could I be doing to serve the Lord right now? While we make decisions for our futures and trust Him to guide our paths, we should also look at our current circumstances and ask how we could serve Him TODAY. Let tomorrow worry about itself. We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9

**Blessings, Mick Spann, Youth Pastor**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

[Maleny Singers' La Belle Helene](#)

[Brisbane Roar Active Program](#)

#### **Community survey requests**

[Survey 1](#) - Parenting and Family Support Centre

[Survey 2](#) - How Do Parents Make Decisions About Vaccinations?

## PRIMARY NEWS



The highlight of the past two weeks has definitely been the culmination of class Run Around Australia practices – our GCC House Cross Country competitions. It was so wonderful to have so many parents and friends at the Primary and Prep – Year 2 (including 8 year olds) competitions last week. Your

presence at these events sends such a strong message to your children – that you are interested in every aspect of their school life. The tents were so well decorated in House colours and I noticed on Friday that Zion had their war cry on not ONE but TWO banners! How enterprising is that! I'm yet to establish who made them, but I must say "Well done!"

I am always thrilled to see students who may not win the Cross Country for their age group, but complete the course, actually win a race position prize because of where they finish. It's wonderful to see the joy on students' faces when their position (10th etc) wins the prize. We never know till the end which places are the special ones. This helps students realise that every team member has value – whether they are a world beater or they just do their best and finish the course to help with team points.



### **Open Day Saturday 16 May 10.00 – 2.00 pm**

We are expecting our 2015 Open Day to be bigger and better than ever. Thank you to everyone who is supporting the student performances by organising to have children available at the specific times for the various items. Classrooms will be a blaze of colour and displays and this will be a wonderful opportunity to come with your children and see some of the exciting work they have been doing this year. Open Day is such an important event in our College calendar and there will be so much for families to experience. Please feel free to come and bring family and neighbours who may be interested in what is happening on a daily basis at our school from Prep to Year 12. Even if you can only bring your children for an hour or so, I am sure you will be impressed by what is happening on the day.

Don't forget to go to the Secondary College and get a "feel" for what Years 7 – 12 have to offer in terms of subjects and facilities. You'll be surprised! This will be a great opportunity to visit the new Year 1 rooms and enjoy the cutting edge classroom design. Many parents have been asking about the dirt area beside the current Year 1 class area. Year 2 classrooms will be built there this year ready for 2016.

**Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary**

## Kitchen Garden News

Our garden beds continue to flourish in the very warm autumn we are having. We have harvested some lovely fat corn cobs which the chefs used in our recipe for the fortnight; sweet corn, capsicum and tomato salsa. This was served with tortillas and devoured quickly with many students asking for seconds.

Many children asked for the recipe so here it is:

### **Sweet corn, capsicum and tomato salsa**

1 tablespoon olive oil  
4 corn cobs, kernels removed  
2 shallots, finely sliced  
4 ripe tomatoes, finely diced  
1 red capsicum, finely diced  
1 teaspoon of ground cumin  
The juice of half a lime  
Sour cream and tortillas or corn chips to serve.



Heat olive oil in a fry pan over medium heat. Add shallots, corn and capsicum and fry for a few minutes until slightly softened. Remove from heat and place into a bowl. Add tomato, cumin and lime juice. Serve with sour cream and tortillas/corn chips. This would be a healthy alternative for the lunch box too; remember to pop in a spoon to make it easier to eat.

We had a big tidy up in the garden for Open Day. Sugar cane mulch was added to garden beds, flower seedlings were planted in our gazebo pots, Prep classes tended their adopt-a-garden beds and planted new flowers and we have begun a new garden bed next to the gazebo that was previously used for growing weeds (very successfully too, I might add!). This new bed will be used for a herb garden as it is right next to the kitchen gazebo. For more photos click [here](#).

Until next fortnight, happy growing!

**Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator**

## Unseasonal Summer Time!

The warm unseasonal weather we have experienced lately was perfect for us to really imagine we were in summer for our Outside Time theme this past Friday.

In Science, we are learning about the seasons and weather and how these influence the way we live. After the rigors of the Cross Country, Prep Green and Prep White children were busy at the sunshine at Beerwah Beach (well, Prep sandpit cleverly in disguise), fishing, playing cricket, painting and colouring Summer pictures. However, the highlight of the day had to be the Icecream Parlour! The shopkeepers did a roaring trade with icecream cones and sundaes which were specially designed not to melt (or be eaten as salty playdough may LOOK good, but not

taste so delicious!)  
 Generous servings were made available to those in Admin who were surprised at the realistic food items presented! (We nearly tricked them!)

Autumn has now arrived and so the leaves in Prep are changing colour...  
 More photos [here](#).



## Prep Mothers' Night

God gave our children in Prep such special mums. We wanted to have them know how much they are appreciated, so what better way than to have a night of fun in Prep together in our classrooms. We all enjoyed playing, dancing, singing, crafting and a delicious supper with awesome mums. We wanted them to relish some one-on-one time with their child as we showcased some of the fun we have as we learn.



The evening began with games and activities and the making of a sparkly crown or necklace for mum to wear. All crowns were uniquely decorated to ensure the mums were suitably adorned for such a special occasion! We danced, sang some songs together and generally had lots of fun enjoying Prep activities with our favourite ladies.

Thank you to all who could attend. We had such a great time, and a delicious supper was served in the new Outside Learning Area! God bless mums! For more photos click [here](#).

**Lin Smith**

## Chess News

### SCIPHA Chess Tournament 2015

On the first day in May we sent a team of four students to compete in this event, which was held at the Immanuel Lutheran College, Buderim. Ninety-five boys and girls, representing a number of independent schools on the Sunshine Coast, attended the day-long tournament.

Our team members were Jared Post, Samson Coumi, Ethan Rees and Sam Ritson. This was be their first tournament and, as newcomers, they competed against the forty-six other students in the B (Novice) Division. Every student in this division was required to play seven games of chess throughout the day. It is early days and we did not win but it was pleasing

to see how well the boys played each of their games. Their efforts were concentrated and they approached each game with enthusiasm and mental toughness. Congratulations go to Jared Post who finished

19th in his division. The other boys did not score quite as highly this time, however there were a number of very tight games that could have gone either way. They all learned a lot and are better chess players for the experience.



## Chess Club

Interest in chess in the Primary School is growing. Each Wednesday the Chess Club meets in Room K2 for some friendly games and matches. It is also a great place to make friends and perhaps get a chance to compete in an upcoming tournament or two. So if you like to play chess and want to improve your game, then feel free to join us every Wednesday during the first lunch break. More photos [here](#).

**Mark Bowman**

## Upcoming Worldwide French Competition

### Language Perfect Championships 2015

We are very excited at GCC to once again participate in the World Championships from Year 5 to 10. This 10-day worldwide competition is an exciting and fun time of strong Language learning. This year's competition will commence on the 18 May until 28 May. Students will be given French class time to participate during this period and we also encourage parents to allow willing students to access Education Perfect at home using their usual school log in details. Access to Education Perfect is simple through either computers or iPads [The Education Perfect app is free to download from the Apple store]



## Nadine Hammill

Last year's competition results were a real success: School achievement: top 10% in French for Queensland and Australia French competition. Our College came 9th for French in Queensland (out of 131 participating schools), 66th for French in Australia (out of 649 participating schools)

Our students achieved a total of 36 certificates  
 4 Gold awards (3000+ points)  
 2 Silver awards (2000+ points)  
 7 Bronze awards (1,000+ points)  
 23 Credit awards (500 + points)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



### Open Day

I hope you are able to make the time to pop in and look around on Saturday between 10:00am – and 2:00pm. Middle School parents do not have as many opportunities or reasons to visit Middle School as Primary.

Many of our students, teachers and staff have put a great deal of time and thought into what we can put 'on show' for this day and it is such a wonderful opportunity to show off your child's school to other family members and friends. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

### Subject Selections for Year 10, 2016

Over the next few weeks, the Year 9 cohort will be visited by the Heads of Subject Departments during their PC lessons. They will present a short overview of the subjects offered to our senior students and the relevant career pathways they could lead to. You can access the Senior Subject Handbook on our College 'Connect' site which will give an overview of the subjects currently being offered. You may wish to begin discussing senior subject selections at home with your Year 9 child. The subjects offered at Year 10 align with the our senior subject offerings, and are designed to be preparatory, building the skill sets required to be successful in Year 11 and 12. There will be an important Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, 5 August with displays from Heads of Department and QTAC that all Year 9 parents and students should plan to attend. The time table structure for Year 10, 2016 will be presented and explained, parents will have the opportunity to hear about the subjects that will be offered, and most importantly, the subject selection process for 2016 will be explained.

The College is also exploring the introduction of some additional elective subject offerings, and if approved, these will be presented at this evening as well. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please direct them to Mr Rob Steffler (Dean of Studies) via email at [rob.steffler@glasshouse.qld.edu.au](mailto:rob.steffler@glasshouse.qld.edu.au).

### Study Skills

Procrastination can be one of the main issues with students completing work. Our recent Study Skills presenters addressed this issue by suggesting that there are three 'Procrastination' types:

1. 'No reason' Solution: need a goal for their future and make it real
2. 'Overwhelmed' Solution: Take on the task in bite-sized pieces
3. 'I don't like it' Solution: Make study fun – work

with a friend; or, work out a reward system for when the jobs get done.

Other Tips Given:

- Make a study timetable (that accommodates some time also to be involved in sport, hobbies and watching a favourite TV show etc. Of course this is in moderation.)
- Make a list of Tasks not Time when there is homework and then the personal reward such as the TV show or game comes after the task is completed.
- An assignment should typically involve:
  - Research should take four days;
  - Organise thoughts into dot points;
  - Write first draft and gain feedback;
  - Polish the presentation.

### Cross Country

I would like to commend our students for their participation and house spirit at the recent cross country.



It was a perfect day weather-wise and our students were well-presented in their house shirts or even house dress-up colours. The scores were so close – there was one point difference between second and third place! While only one student can be the winner of their race – the participation of each team member is a great life lesson on being an important part of your community/team. A big thank you to our PE staff team who did a great job in organising this event.

### Bell-free Environment

Except for the start and end of the day and breaks the Secondary School is going bell-free. Teachers and students will be guided by pre-set alerts on their laptops and lesson times. This is an approach successfully used in some schools. It is expected that it will take a short time to adjust and will then become the 'new normal'. This will contribute greatly to a quieter campus.

### NAPLAN

This week our students sat their NAPLAN tests. You can learn more about these tests on this [link](#). These tests provide progress data for the individual and our school. For the individual, it is important to know what they are capable of and where further work or assistance may be required. For our College, it informs our practice. While there is much that is not tested, numeracy and literacy are foundational components of education. As a school community, we all (families and teachers) help our students to perform their best on these tests on the day. Thanks for your help in supporting your child through these tests this week.

**Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School**

## Year 7 Canberra Trip 2015



On 21 April the Year 7 students from Glasshouse Christian College flew down to Canberra to start their week-long adventure learning about their country's capital and our democratic government.

Leaving on the Tuesday we were to fly to Sydney, looking forward to visiting Taronga Zoo and the Sydney Opera House. Unfortunately we did neither. While on the plane to Sydney we experienced the worst storm in 10 Years. Many students saw what they had for breakfast again, while teachers handed out sick bags and prayed that the plane would land soon. Landing in Sydney saw Taronga Zoo closed as well as all the ferries (this was on our way to the Opera House). The rain was horizontal and the winds buffeted the bus as we decided to head to Canberra and hopefully our accommodation.

Wednesday saw a beautiful day and allowed us to explore Canberra and even visit Parliament House. At the end of day we let off some steam and visited iPlay. The students (and teachers) got to play laser tag, dodgems, and other educational games! It was a great bonding time for all.

Thursday saw us ride around Lake Burley-Griffin and experience a man-made marvel. All of the students were able to find their way around the lake with the help of a guide. Only one teacher got lost but she managed to find her way back to us just as a search party was being organised!

Friday we visited Old Parliament House, learnt about our electoral system and did a bus tour of the various embassies located in Canberra.

The culminating activity was attending the 100 Year ANZAC Dawn Service at the War Memorial. We were fortunate enough to be up the front of a screen where we could see what was happening and be close to experience this memorable occasion. Credit goes to all the students who displayed maturity and respect throughout the service. People approached the teachers after the service to comment on how well behaved all the students were and what a credit they were to the College.

I have listed only some of the things we did while in Canberra. To mention them all would take pages! However I would like to mention we could not visit Canberra and do the wonderful things we did, without

the assistance of the Australian Government. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education and therefore make a significant contribution to the cost of the trip.

Thanks also to the wonderful supervisors who gave up their time and families to make this trip possible. Also a big thank you to Carl and Philip from GoOZ Tours. For lots more photos click [here](#).

**Matt Ware, Year 7 Coordinator**

## Year 8 Camp 2015



Well, Year 8 camp went off with a bang this year. The girls were the first group who got to march up the mountain, followed by the boys on the second night. Once on the mountain we had to set up camp and cook our own dinners. We ended the night around the camp fire, and shared stories and s'mores. Back at base camp we worked our way through several team challenges such as canoeing, milk crate climbing and orienteering.

We came back to College a much closer group, having faced so much together over the short time span. I will finish with some of the comments students gave us about the camp on our return.

*It was great! We learnt a lot about working as a team.*

*We got to work as a team and everyone was encouraging everyone else.*

*Camp was fun. I enjoyed mixing with my friends and also finding things out about other people I don't usually hang out with.*

**Kerriane Draper, Year 8 Level Coordinator**

## Fashion and Charity

Our students have yet again produced some brilliant products. Our seniors have taken culture to a whole new level. Check them out



on Open day. The Year 7s have designed logos for their drawstring bags, fabrics courtesy of the Millhouse. The Year 8s have picked up pace, producing two pencil cases in one term; one for themselves, and the other for the Fiji missions trip. Please join us on Open Day as we show some love to the children of Fiji, decorating pencil cases for them. For more photos click [here](#).

**Primrose Kombani**

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



### **Demanded and Earned Respect**

Today I met with our Year 12 boys and we unpacked the meanings of 'Demanded and Earned Respect'. Demanded respect is given due to a position of authority over

another. Earned respect comes from an established relationship between two people.

I explained to the students that in any established society there are people who demand respect simply because of their position. More important though, is earned respect as this is long lasting and far more valuable. Students must show respect to all staff because of their position. My prayer though is that I have also earned their respect.

As the Year 12s finish their schooling this year and become positive members of our community, I trust they will earn the respect of others as they in turn give respect to those who demand it.

### **Happenings in Senior...**

#### **Study Skills: by Elevate Education**

Last week our Seniors did three separate study skills sessions. They were:

#### **Year 10: Time Management**

This addressed the question from students: *"Once I know what to do, how do I find the time to do it?"*

Skills covered included:

- **Study routine** - How to develop a study routine that allows for socialising, sport and extra-curricular activities but ensures that students still find time to fit in their study.
- **Working smart** - How to identify the work that is going to get students the most marks across their final years and how to ensure that it gets done.
- **Study groups** - Students were shown how to leverage their time across the year by using study groups. This is a particularly powerful technique for those students who are time poor.
- **Procrastination** – Students are introduced to the most common reasons for procrastination and how to get around it.

#### **Year 11: Memory Mnemonics**

Sometimes, the only thing more difficult than getting through all the work in the final years of school can

be remembering it! This seminar covered simple to use techniques and strategies that help students with their memorisation and recall of information.

It also showed students how an effective study environment can affect their memory. Students were introduced to ways to eliminate distractions such as Facebook, music, TV and internet.

#### **Year 12: Ace your Exams**

With the arrival of exams, knowing the material is no longer enough. Now it's a case of application. The question for many students is: *"How do I take all the work I have done and turn it into the marks I deserve?"* The seminar examined what students need to do in the lead up to exams in order to be properly prepared. The seminar also covered a range of exam room skills used by top students in order to stay calm and stand-out.

#### **Cross Country**

We had the most glorious day for our Cross Country Carnival and it was wonderful to see the participation and the effort students put into the event.



The U16 Boys event deserves special mention. Every U16 male competitor was present except one. This was a great day for building sportsmanship but even more importantly in my opinion, was the school spirit it generated. Thank you to parents for encouraging your child to get involved.

It was fabulous to see how close the competition came with only a few points separating the winning house.

#### **Bell-free Environment**

Except for the start and end of the day and breaks, the Secondary School is going bell-free. Teachers and students will be guided by pre-set alerts on their laptops or phones for end of lesson times. This is a common approach in other schools and is also used in universities. It is expected that it will take a short time to adjust and will then become the 'new normal'. Less bells will make for a much more harmonious environment.

#### **Coming Up...**

#### **Legacy Cup Challenge of the Minds – Thursday 21 May**

We have a wonderful fun competition coming up on our Assembly in Week 6. All students are required to support their house for this competition by wearing house shirts and sport uniform. Students will be

selected based on their academic results and will be challenge in a team competition to discover which house has the greatest minds!

### **Drug and Alcohol Education - Kerry-Anne de Jager (TechniTest)**

On 18 May, a guest presenter from the company TechniTest will be coming to the College to address our Year 10 students. TechniTest go into work places and do alcohol and drug testing of employees. Kerry-Anne will be talking to our students to ensure they are aware of the impact drugs can have on individuals and their ability to perform. If you want to know more about this organisation then please go to their website at [www.technitest.org](http://www.technitest.org)

### **Your assistance required...**

I have written to all senior students to explain the need to be accountable for all school attendance. Students who miss roll-call must sign in otherwise we cannot account for their presence. Likewise, any students who leave the grounds must be signed out by parents or students must provide a parental note giving permission to leave. No students will be given permission to go into town to purchase food. Please ensure your child is aware of the importance of following these procedures as an unaccounted for student can have devastating results in the event of an emergency evacuation.

**David Heyworth, Head of Senior School**

### **SHINE 2015**



Our first session of Shine began last Friday afternoon and we welcomed a beautiful bunch of Year 11 ladies. We spent the session getting to know one another by chatting and having some really great conversations and lots of laughs. We also washed and exfoliated each other's hands with a delicious homemade lemon and sugar scrub.

We sipped on homemade lemonade and talked about what it means to be completely and wholly valued. We learnt that God has created each and every one of us with an intrinsic value and that no matter what our past, present or future is, our value is something that can never be taken away from us. We had an amazing first session of Shine and went home with super soft exfoliated hands and big smiles!

**Annaliese Bullock**

### **Year 11 Hospitality Students Farm and Feed Day**

Year 11 Hospitality Practices students prepared a banquet of food to showcase the produce from the College's farm.



The ginger and mint drink was a hit, as well as the variety of salads using pumpkin, sweet potato, corn, capsicum and feta. They finished off with ginger cake and passionfruit citrus tarts for desserts

The food was cooked at College and we delivered the food to the farm, where students served it to the guests.

This was a great experience for the students, as it was their first function for the year!

### **Farm and Feed Day**



Last Friday, the Agricultural Science plot saw the annual Farm and Feed Day take place. Despite the torrential rain the turn out was amazing with more than 60 farmers, program supporters, parents and students coming along to enjoy a pig-on-the-spit, which was accompanied by delectable side dishes that showcased the farm and local produce. The Agricultural Science students got to talk with many of the visitors and inform them of what they learn in lessons and on the farm. However, due to the rain they were not able to do all of the planned tours.

The bonus of the rain however, was that the Hospitality students got to showcase their amazing food preparation skills and their very professional hosting capabilities. The overall atmosphere of the event spoke for itself, as everyone experienced the camaraderie of good friends and interesting conversation. It is with great thanks to the Hospitality staff and students, friends and family that all pulled together to make this a wonderful day. More photos [here](#).

**Jade King, Head of Agricultural Science**

## THE SCIENCE SPOT – Aspiring Women in Science Conference



On Saturday 9 May, 10 senior female Science students and myself travelled to Brisbane to the Aspiring Women in Science Conference. We spent a day listening to inspiring female scientists who are well known in the local and international scientific community.

Every one in the group of girls had a difficult choice of picking speakers throughout the day. There were many female scientists to choose from, working in fields of Engineering, Marine Biology, Medicine, Physics, Mathematics, Genetics, just to name a few. Each presenter not only lectured about the research and achievements they were involved with, but also about their challenges as a woman in science.

Everyone who travelled to the conference was inspired about the opportunities available in working in science and the impact we can make in society. We were encouraged as young girls to explore our career options in science and what was available to us to start our journey in a career in science.

My favourite speakers at the conference included astrophysicist Tamara Davis, who fascinated us with her study of the universe expansion and dark matter, which has some sort of anti-gravity. If she and other scientists can find the reason for this anti-gravity they could create hover boards for the future! I also really enjoyed Dr Diana Conrad and her presentation on the procedures of eye surgery, which has impacted many individuals living with various eye diseases.

We were all tired from the day, but it was well worth it. All of us who visited are now motivated to achieve a career in Science and make an impact for the world around us.

**Talia Rosa-Denham,**  
**Year 11 Science Ambassador**

## FUTURE PATHWAYS NEWS

On Wednesday evening, 13 May, we held a Year 10 information night that outlined the process of SET Plans and the involvement of parents in SET Planning. Essentially a SET Plan reviews a student's career aspirations, in the context of their interests, abilities and their College results.



We also had a guest speaker Mr Geoff Timm, Regional Engagement Manager from Sustainable Partnerships Australia, who spoke about our Year 10 students from the perspective of employer feedback. Geoff indicated that the feedback which he had received from employers, was overwhelmingly favourable concerning the performance of the students.

My thanks go to the many teachers for their workplace visits and the support shown by the parents and the administrators of the school, and Liz Walker from Sustainable Partnerships, for what was a very successful Work Experience in 2015.

The High Five Principles of Career Development are as follows:

Change is constant: there must be a recognition that the world around us is changing and we must be open to change and remain alert to new opportunities.

Learning is ongoing: one must strive for continuous personal improvements. Stay motivated by learning new skills and developing new talents.

Focus on the journey: Don't focus on one destination only. Recognise that your career journey will be throughout your lifetime. It is important to appreciate and value each experience along the way.

Know yourself, believe in yourself and follow your heart: pursue your passion to find fulfilment. Discover ways to combine your interests with career opportunities.

Access your allies. Rely on the support of your family, friends, mentors, colleagues and peers. Career success can be a team effort.

**University of NSW Co-op programs.** The University of NSW offers a range of scholarships to students every year. Entry to the University of NSW is through the University Admissions Centre UAC, NSW, not QTAC. Visit [futurestudents@unsw.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@unsw.edu.au) for further information.

If OP ineligible Year 12 students go to [www.usc.edu.au/learn/courses-and-programs](http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/courses-and-programs), they will find a link to a range of Recommended Tertiary Preparation Courses for the Sunshine Coast University.

Parents should be reminded that the Year 10 presentations are placed on Future Pathways – Connect for viewing and reference. Other upcoming careers events and expos can also be found on the Connect website.

**Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator**

## LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours

Prep – Year 6 students: 8am – 3:15pm

Year 7 – 12 students: 8am – 4pm

### Secondary Homework Club

Teachers volunteer their time to assist with the Homework Club on a rostered basis.

Every Thursday (Year 7-12) From 3pm – 4pm

There is still time to get involved in the Read More

**May is  
National Family  
Reading Month!**



in May Challenge! Students are encouraged to take part by collecting a Reading Record form at the Library or online at <http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au>

to record their Reading Minutes. Check out the [Library Weebly](#) for further details, in the Read More in May tab under iRead (P-12). Thank you to those who entered our Shelfie Competition. We had some fantastic entries. Make sure you check them out on Open Day. Winners will be announced during Library and Information Week in Week 6.

### Literacy Pro Achievements to be Celebrated on the Library Weebly

Due to the number of students achieving amazing Lit Pro results, we have decided to celebrate their reading milestones on the Library Weebly rather than handing out certificates at Assembly. Check out the Lit Pro Leader Board on the Library Weebly to regularly stay up to date with the Lit Pro achievements. Bronze, Silver and Gold awards will be listed on the Lit Pro page at <http://gccclibrary.weebly.com/literacy-pro-year-4-6.html>. Please note this page is password protected. Students will be able to assist with logging in.



## Achieving Research Success

Research and inquiry is an integral part of learning in all subjects across the school curriculum. Over the next few weeks, students will be required to read for the purpose of research and to enhance their skills of locating the right information from relevant sources to then to understand it to effectively answer the specific question/s in their assignments.

Preparing for research takes effort and practice. Learning how to be effective researchers is challenging and students are encouraged to use the support available on the [Library Weebly](#) and to ask for assistance at the Library.



Skills learned during the research process are valuable in our work and recreational lives and are part of learning for life. We are often required to investigate and problem-solve in a variety of situations and school learning aims to equip us with skills that we will draw upon throughout our life.

### Supporting Students as they Research

There are a number of ways to support student learning during the research process. Encouraging students to plan their task at the outset is one way to ensure that they are setting aside sufficient time for working on their research tasks. Students benefit from the opportunity to talk through what their task entails and also from brainstorming ideas and questions to guide their research.

Our College Library has a range of research tools and tips available on the Library Weebly that support student learning. Students can access Encyclopedia Britannica and other research databases via our Library website using the iResearch tab: – <http://gccclibrary.weebly.com/iresearch-p-12.html>. Support with referencing is available when students use the Online Referencing Generator accessed on the Library Weebly.

StudyVibe – (<http://www.studyvibe.com.au/>),- is a website that has been put together by an Australian Educator (Leonie McIlvenny) who has years of experience assisting students with research, study and learning. I encourage parents and students to explore the various pages within this site for a range of study/research tips and strategies to increase student research success.



StudyVibe can be located via the link in the newsletter or via the iSucceed tab on the Library Weebly. Stay tuned for more research and study support tips and suggestions during Library and Information Week later in May.

## Readers' Cup Competitions

Teams from GCC will be competing in the annual Sunshine Coast Regional Readers' Cup Competitions again this year. The Year 8 Competition is only a few weeks away and a group of Year 8s are busily preparing for this team event. Teams need to read six books chosen especially for this event and be prepared to test their understanding of characters, plots and themes in the stories being studied. Students benefit greatly from the opportunity to work as a team, discuss ideas and story lines and then produce their best answers under competitive pressure. The Year 8 Competition is to be held on Tuesday, June 9 at Maroochydore State High School commencing at 6:30 pm. The Year 9 Competition will be held during Book Week in August and the final competition will be for the Year 7s in October. Further information will be shared closer to the date of these events. We wish our Year 8 Team all the best as they read their way to success!

## Library Displays

Displays are an effective way to highlight new books, advertise an event or showcase student learning. One of our recent displays honours those who served our country at Gallipoli during World War I. Students have been encouraged to find out more about the events of World War I as part of honouring and remembering the personal sacrifice of so many of our young Australians during that time in history.



A number of displays have been created to share information about this event in our country's history. It has been rewarding to see the display created by some of our primary students working with Mr Mark Bowman, take shape and become an effective tribute to our ANZACS. Parents and students are invited to come and view the displays, to take a closer look at the student work and to borrow from the selection of books on display. The recording of details about our ANZACS through photos, diaries, articles, stories and journals leave a legacy for us to learn from and add to our understanding of what it meant to live and serve during wartime. 'Lest we forget'. More photos [here](#).

Keep reading more in May!

**Vanessa McKellar and Beryl Morris**  
**TEACHER LIBRARIANS**

## SPORT NEWS

### Junior Cross Country Fun

Wow, what enthusiasm was seen at the Junior Cross Country held one the oval last week! Faces were beaming as students crossed the finish line – the feeling of achievement very evident!



House tents were elaborately decorated by house captains and students in an attempt to win valuable points and intimidate all other competitors. The war cries were fantastic with faces turning red as more volume was sought. Ararat were War Cry Champions and Sinai was announced the best decorated tent gaining valuable points even before the races started.

Prep and Year 1 students raced around a 750m course scattered with obstacles to add to the challenge. Lily Short and Zefflyn Dorrett were the fastest Prep runners and Hannah Gassner and Ben Ramke sped around their course beating everyone else to the finish line in the Year 1 races. Ben and Owen Heathwood sprinted against each other towards the finish line with Ben just beating Owen. The Year 3 and 6 House Captains had a tough job staying in front of the speedy Year 2 and 3 students racing around their 1 km course. Saskia Hallink and Jake McGilvray ran great well-judged races to win the Year 2 competition. Bronte Brannigan and Max Cashin led their Year 3 races from start to finish winning their races by quite a distance.

Placegetters were presented with ribbons by Mr Curtis and three students from each race won Lucky Spot prizes. Everyone received a frozen juice after their race and a finisher's certificate. Most students ran most of the way which was awesome and showed their parents and grandparents just how fit they had become during the Run Around Australia Challenge. We all had a great morning of racing and cheering each house on to gain as many points as possible. The support from parents and grandparents was fantastic.

After all points were tallied the score was very close!! Ararat were announced Junior Cross Country Champions with 215 points, Sinai second with 212 points and Zion in third with 205 points. That is only ten points separating all three houses!! What a close competition! Place-getters and photos [here](#).

## Great Racing at Primary Cross Country



The sun shone brightly as students readied themselves to run in the GCC Primary Cross Country Championships. There were a few nerves but these soon disappeared as the war cries rang out around the Beerwah Sports Grounds. Tents had been amazingly decorated, students were fit and the stage was set for a fantastic morning of cross country racing.

First off were the nine-year-olds with the boys racing off with great speed and enthusiasm in their first Upper Primary Cross Country races. Joshua Moore, James Roser and Kieran Robertson were the front runners setting a cracking pace, but Joshua pulled away from James over the latter part of the race to win. These boys ran the 2km race faster than the 10 year old boys with a winning time of 8.43! Olivia McKenzie led the girls race from start to finish trailed by Islah-Lyleigh Dwyer who also ran really well finishing about 15 seconds behind Olivia who still looked very strong at the finish line.

Next were the ten-year-old boys who have been training hard during the Run Around Australia Challenge. This is a talented age group with Jack Lecky, Bryce Sambrook and Nathan Kennedy racing it out to finish in that order. Nathan and Bryce also helped their Ararat team win the teams race in this age group. Amy Trevan and Lili-Jean Cruise battled it out in the 10 year girls' race with neither girl wanting to let the other get ahead. The hill was decisive and Lili-Jean managed to establish a lead and went on to win by about 50m.

Last to run were the 11 year olds with Lincoln McKenzie establishing a commanding lead early in the race. Joshua Collins, Ethan Palmer and Beau Doneathy tried to stay with him but Lincoln was too strong. Daemon Cruise was unable to compete due to a clash with Regional Rugby League so the boys knew their times would determine the final placings as Daemon's time was included after he raced the following day. Lincoln ran a fantastic time, but Daemon's time was just 10 seconds faster so both boys were awarded first place for the race with Daemon being Age Champion. Cassidy Ferris showed a clean pair of heels skipping out to a lead early in the race. Molly McCaughey did her best to keep in touch

but Cassidy was too fast. Molly came in second and Caitlin Moore finished in third place. It was fantastic to see everyone running really well especially after the first three placings. There were some great battles as students sprinted to the finish line to beat just one or two more runners. Every place was important as the Team Race places were also being contested. The first four runners home in each house in each race had their placings added and the house with the least points (first four runners in same house to finish) were declared Teams Race Champions. At the end of the day each house had won two teams races.

Sinai cheered all day long I am sure, winning the Tent Decorating and Cheer Competition with Zion winning the War Cry competition.

After all the racing and cheering, the points remained close. Ararat were victorious on 165, Zion placed second with 159 and Sinai were third with 156 points. Well done to students, teachers and parents who made the day a great success. Place-getters and photos [here](#).

## Secondary Cross Country



This year's Secondary GCC Cross Country Carnival was rescheduled to a perfect day offering excellent running conditions. The races started from the Beerwah Sports Fields and continued through the surrounding bushland. The level of participation was very high and this ensured the success of the event. Several hard fought wins from our exceptional school athletes were on display as well as commendable efforts from all others who managed to finish the race.

Among participants this year, we have a group of talented runners that through discipline, training and determination managed to finish their races within the first six placings. The majority of these runners had the opportunity to compete at the District and Regional cross-country competitions.

Congratulations to Sinai who this year managed to win the Secondary Cross Country. Congratulations also to Ararat who finished in front overall from Prep to Year 12. Place-getters and photos [here](#).

## The final house points for the Secondary

### Cross Country

1st Sinai	2nd Ararat	3rd Zion
286 Pts	283 Pts	270 Pts

### Overall Winners

1st Ararat	2nd Sinai	3rd
448 Pts	442 Pts	429 Pts

## District Cross Country

This year GCC had a group of talented runners compete at the District Cross Country Carnival in Buderim. As there were 50 to 60 runners in each race from anyone of the 11 participating Secondary Schools, our athletes found the going tough.

The staff who attended the day were very proud of the organisation and diligence shown by the students in preparation for their individual races. All of the students competed with great perseverance and determination, refusing to give up and carrying on despite fatigue, thirst, injury or stitch.

There were some stand-out performances on the day. These students excelled and have now earned a place at the upcoming Regional Cross Country event, which will take place on the 2 June held also at Elizabeth Daniels Park in Buderim.

- Bakani Kombanie, 13 boys, 6th Place
- Natasha Hoeksema, 15 girls, 6th Place
- Nichola Bates, 16 girls, 6th Place

Other students that competed are as follows:

Maya Amendolia, Chloe Dunford, Sophie Trevan, Beau Howard, Patrick McKenzie, Ben Kirkitscha, Josiah Rogers, Alex Smith, Brooke Hughes, Savannah Malan, Codie Rechberger, Jasmine Small, Kyara Smith, Keeley Thomas, Josiah Breem, Mark Kennedy, MJ Vanderpalan, Aaron Lerch, Dylan Myers, Harrison Still, Reuben Tidy, Jack Boroughs, Roarke Carter, Joshua Andrews, Thomas Boroughs, Bailey Townsend, Andrea Little, Ella Mickelson and Jaiden Andrews.

GCC would like to wish all these students the best in their future sporting endeavors. Photos [here](#).

### Matt Beattie

## Damian Selected for Sunshine Coast

Damian Tomokino has been selected in the Sunshine Coast Schools 12 year rugby league team after the regional trials in Redcliffe last week. Damian, Brodie Marshall and Daemon Cruise were all selected to represent the Glasshouse District at the regional trials where Sunshine Coast teams were selected. The boys played three games over the two day carnival against

other Sunshine Coast districts.

Daemon played in the 11 year team which won games against Nambour and Noosa but were beaten by the much bigger Redcliffe team. Damian and Brodie also played three games. Their first game was a 12-6 win., they lost the second to Nambour and lost the third to Caboolture but they never gave up. Damian is excited about being selected and is looking forward to training with the team in preparation for the State Championships to be held on the Gold Coast at the end of June. More photos [here](#).



## A Close Finish in Run Around Australia

Wow! What a fantastic effort from all students and teachers in the Run Around Australia Challenge this year. It was so great to see everyone streaming on to the oval each day and running for 10 minutes. Week one was a bit of a struggle for the bodies but as the weeks went on the running got easier as students got fitter and fitter. Classes have worn a track in the grass around the oval as they ran a whopping 47,395 laps throughout the challenge.

The last two weeks were really close as classes neared the finish line especially when the Power Play week laps were put into the results. In the Lower Primary competition for Prep to Year 2 classes, 2W and Prep M both completed the race around Australia in Week 6 of the competition with 2W just beating Prep M to the finish line.

It was even closer in the Upper Primary competition. The lead changed between 4W, 3G, 6M and 4M during the challenge with every class encouraging classmates to keep running as many laps as possible. Year 4W shot to the lead after a fantastic Power Play week and was the first to cross the finish line at the end of Week 5 of the competition surprising both 4M and 6M. Year 3G also had a fantastic Power Play total and leap-frogged 4M and 6M into second place with 6M in third place.

Year 2W and 6M won a day's adventure for their classes with Mrs Stott later in the year, which they are excited about. Individual class winners and overall individual winners will be celebrated at a Run Around Australia Presentation later in the term.

### Wendy Stott

## P AND F NEWS

The P and F had a successful weekend at the Maleny Wood Expo the weekend of 2 to 3 May. Our pies, sausage rolls, soups and slices were very popular.

A huge thank you to Caryn Remke who was our College mum who put the idea forward to the P and F and was hugely involved in the organising along with Jayne Hinds and myself. Caryn did a big cook up of pumpkin soup and pea and ham soup which was very popular on the day. We had people coming back for seconds and she was even asked for the recipe of both soups, so the soups were a big hit.

We had some awesome mums who also came along to help on both days, so thank you to you all.

### Hope all the mums had a wonderful Mothers' Day.

Our Mothers' Day stall held last Thursday was lots of fun, seeing the joy on the children's faces as they picked a gift for their special mum or grandma was just priceless. Hope you all loved your gifts.

Jodi House puts a lot of time and effort into picking suitable gifts that are affordable for our kids. Thank you Jodi for all your efforts.

We had a few lovely families who donated some gifts for us to sell. Kerri Knapp who every year does up packs of tea bags/ coffee, soaps and chocolates, Shondra Britton donated milk frothers and Catherine Brannigan, who is a new parent at our college, her mum made coat hangers and scarves and kindly

donated. Thank you.

If anyone has a talent and can make things suitable for Mothers' Day or Fathers' Day stalls that you would like to donate, please email to below address and let me know. Of course we had a load of mums who helped on the day so a big thank you to you all. Photos of the Mothers' Day stall can be found [here](#).

### Disco

We have another Prep – year 6 disco coming up this term, Friday 12 June 12. Mark it on your calendar. More details to come soon.

### Design a Brick

Have you put in your order form for a brick?

This is a chance for your family to permanently have your name etched in GCC history.

Prices start from \$30, don't miss the chance.

All payments are tax deductible.

Orders close June 12. Click here for more details.

I would like to thank our College admin staff who give a lot of support to the P and F. We really appreciate it.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 2 June, 7PM in library.

Everyone is welcome.

### Lynelle Sim, P and F President

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# OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 16 MAY  
10AM – 2PM

Student led campus tours  
Dance, Drama and Music performances  
Science shows and interactive displays  
Free morning tea  
Meet the Principal and teaching staff  
Free jumping castle and animal farm for young children  
Free train rides around the campus



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