**COVER PHOTO**

Jay Marshall cooks up a storm in the Kitchen Garden, making mini chicken burgers with red cabbage coleslaw.

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GCC is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
Welcome to Term 3

I hope you all had a good relaxing break and are ready for an exciting and valuable Term 3. During the pupil free week our staff were hard at work preparing for the term ahead and completing onsite professional development courses.

On the Friday of the pupil free week we took time to celebrate four very special staff members who have completed ten years at Glasshouse Christian College. Mike Botterell, Heather Dodwell, Rob Hill and Brian McDonald were taken out to lunch with the GCC staff to commemorate this important milestone.

Community feedback

Late last term our Year 8 Geography students had an excursion to the beach. A couple of days later, we received this delightful email from a couple who observed our students in action:

“Hello. We recently visited Caloundra to see the naval fleet leave. We met some of your pupils and teachers of which you should be extremely proud. The pupils were so well behaved and polite. I heard one pupil speak and their politeness was something the whole school should be proud of.

“My husband and I watched the students walk back to their transport and saw some of the boys letting the girls go first. A big congratulations to all who were at the excursion. The students’ discipline was a testimony to the school, staff and their parents. If you have a school newsletter PLEASE print this letter. You could all teach other schools a lesson on behaviour. Best wishes, Tina and Pat Mills, Brighton.”

It was lovely of this couple to take the time to write to us about the student behaviour and a good reminder that people are observing us all the time. Let’s all be the best representatives of GCC that we can be.

Exciting Agriculture News

Congratulations to Dakotah Davis for winning the highest award in the DAF Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition. Dakotah won the Paul Johnston Memorial Senior Science Award which comes with a $1,000 part scholarship and she also won a scholarship to attend TASTE 2015.

Congratulations also are due to our Agricultural Science students Madeline Kinsley, Taylor Olsen, and Thomas Chapman for their achievements. Jade King provides more information in her article later on in the newsletter.

Grandparents’ Day

The 2015 Grandparents’ Day will have already been over by the time you read this but due to deadlines we could not include any photos in this issue. There will be lots of photos in the next newsletter and we also hope to have some on our Facebook page and website by late Friday.

Thank you to all of our grandparents who made the time to attend this event.

Volunteers’ Lunch

There are lots of lovely quotes about volunteers and how valuable they are but none of them adequately sum up the impact they make in our College. We are truly grateful to all of our volunteers and can’t thank them enough for their time, effort and dedication. However, once a year we hold a lunch as a very small token of our gratitude.

This year the lunch is being held on Friday 28 August at 12 noon in the Hospitality Courtyard (or the church hall if the weather is bad).

If you are a regular volunteer at our College we would love you to attend this event please RSVP by Monday 24 August by phoning Admin on 5439 0033 or emailing admin@glasshouse.qld.edu.au and don’t forget to advise of any dietary restrictions at this time.
**Farewell and welcome**

Many of you will know Fay Needham who is our Accounts Payable and Transport Officer. Sadly, Fay has left GCC to go and work in Thailand for Christian Outreach International College in Chiang Mai. We wish Fay all the best in this new ministry and pray that the Lord will protect and bless her. Jessica Williams has come on board to become the new Accounts Payable and Transport Officer and I hope you will make Jessica feel welcome when you see her in the office. Another sad farewell is to Kylie Woodhead who has faithfully run the Uniform Shop for many years. Kylie leaves us to work for Church on the Rise in Beerwah but we will still see her around the campus as she continues as a GCC parent.

We welcome Stephanie McCredie as the new Uniform Shop Convenor and hope you will introduce yourself to Stephanie when you meet her.

*Mike Curtis, Principal*

**INTRODUCING STEPHANIE MCCREDIE**

My name is Stephanie McCredie and I have taken on the role of Uniform Shop Coordinator.

I immigrated to Australia from the UK in 1991 and am so thankful to be living in such a beautiful part of the world. I met my husband the following year and we have now been married for 20 years.

This is my 10th year being part of the GCC community, which began when we enrolled our daughter in Year 2; next year she will graduate!

I have loved seeing all of the College growth that has taken place over the last ten years and I could not think of anywhere better for children to go; where they are encouraged in pursuing all that they were created to be.

My background is in public relations and marketing and I have previously worked in a couple of local independent schools in this role. I have also had experience working in student services, enrolments and school events and I love being able to serve in a Christian school environment.

When I am not at GCC, the rest of my week currently includes working in digital marketing and public relations for a couple of local businesses. I also enjoy volunteering on the creative team at our church, where we help prepare and set up for the special events.

On a weekend, one of my favourite things I love to do is to get together with a group of friends and head off exploring a different location, especially rainforests and waterfalls.

I am really looking forward to meeting many more of you in the Uniform Shop over coming weeks.

Please drop by and say ‘hi’ when you pass by.

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**INTRODUCING JESSICA WILLIAMS**

I have just started serving at Glasshouse Christian College as Accounts Payable and Vehicle Officer. Throughout my administration career I have worked in various Christian organisations including churches, schools and international media.

I have completed a Diploma of Accounting and a Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology.

My involvement in church life and Christian ministry started when I was a child and attended Maryborough Baptist Girls Brigade. I moved to the Sunshine Coast 26 years ago and I now live in Buderim and attend Christian fellowship in Woombye.

In my spare time I have many interests including craft, reading, bush walking, going to see musical theatre and choir singing. I enjoy helping others in practical ways including Thailand missions, Australian outback care and local community support.

I am looking forward to serving you, as we support the next generation to fulfil whatever God has for their exciting futures.
Term 3 will be a busy term with Grandparents’ Day this week and Book Week in a few weeks’ time, Talent Quest for Legacy Cup, P – 2 Athletics and many other events.

The theme for Book Week this year is “Books Light up Our World” and our Annual Book Week Parade will be held on Thursday 27 August. Start thinking about the costumes for your children as we encourage all students to dress up for this activity. It’s such a fun day for everyone - even for the staff.

At the end of Term 2 we held our Legacy Cup Competition – Big Thinkers (Prep – Year 2) and Challenge of the Minds (Years 3 – 6). It was a great competition and the students had a lot of enjoyment with some close competition. House Spirit was high and the scores changed considerably during the rounds and the winning House wasn’t decided until the very last round. The overall results were:-

| Challenge of the minds (Years 3 – 6) | 1st Sinai | 2nd Zion | 3rd Ararat |
| Big Thinkers (Prep – Year 2) | 1st Zion | 2nd Ararat | 3rd Sinai |

Overall points

Zion 5 points - 1st
Sinai 4 points - 2nd
Ararat 3 points - 3rd

WELL DONE ZION
Click here to see the photos.

This term we have the P – 2 and Years 3 – 6 Talent Quest “Time to Shine”.

So, Term 3 promises to be another exciting term which will conclude with Student Led Conferences in the last week of school.

Cheryl Bryers, HEAD OF PRIMARY

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BECOMING CHILDWISE - 10 WEEK COURSE

Thank you for the responses I received from the last newsletter.

Due to the information gathered, we won’t be holding a night course at this time; however, the next morning course is listed below. Looking forward to meeting you.

When: Starting Wednesday 19 August 2015 from 8:45am to 10:30am
Where: Upstairs room in the Glasshouse Country Baptist Church.
Cost: $16.50 for the work book
Contact: Tanya Lindsay 0407 161 412 or 5495 0137 or email tanya.lindsay@glasshouse.qld.edu.au

Please Note: If you have young children who do not attend kindy or day care, we have arranged a position in the church Playgroup on that morning with a carer at a cost of $5 for morning tea and craft supplies. Playgroup is held downstairs at the church in the big back room so you are able to check on your child if you need to.

Tanya Lindsay

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We would like to welcome new families who have started at the College.Tuckshop is open every day except Wednesday. We have Tuckshop online which needs to be done by 9.00am on Tuckshop days. You need to register on www.flexischools.com.au.

Years 7-12 can purchase food over the counter except pre-ordered food on the menu. Prep to Year 6 are not allowed to purchase food over the counter. The children must order on a bag or online. To access menu go to the GCC website, click on College Life for any information about Tuckshop and menu will be on this site.

The Tuckshop direct phone line for any enquiries is 5436 5654.

Cathy Boyer (Tuckshop Convenor) and Lauren Bottril
This term we are going to be learning about the new Healthy Food Pyramid and how to make healthy food choices in our diets and how many serves from each food group we should aim to be eating every day.

Gardeners harvested some lovely red cabbage for the cooks to use along with lots of aromatic herbs for them to use in this fortnights recipe; Mini chicken burgers with red cabbage coleslaw. Our super colourful burgers were quickly devoured with many wanting more!

We planted lots of new seedlings into our garden beds to ensure an ongoing supply of fresh vegetables. Cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, shallots and bok choy have all been squeezed into our already crowded garden but I’m sure they will flourish amongst their friends! For more photos click here.

Until next time, happy growing!

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Convenor

MLTAQ Languages Speech Contest. Mark this in your calendar: Sunday 30 August at the University of the Sunshine Coast. (Entries close Friday 14 August)

Our College will be participating in the above speech competition organised by the Modern Languages Teachers Association of Queensland (MLTAQ). This is a special event in which a student is selected form each Year level (Years 4 - 10 ) to represent their class and the College at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Last year our students were awesome and secured 2nd place for Year 4 and 3rd place for Year 7, as well as a couple of highly commended certificates. Please encourage your children at home as all students from Year 4 will be practising their speeches in their French classes over the coming weeks.

Also a big thank you to the Language Perfect Team who treated our certificate winners to a yummy pizza lunch at the end of Term 2. For more photos click here.

Nadine Hammill

Volunteer’s lunch - invitation

To thank you for all you do for the students and staff of GCC, we’d like to invite you to a special lunch catered by our fantastic Hospitality students.

When: Friday 28 August 2015
Where: GCC Hospitality Garden (wet weather alternative is the church hall) RSVP with any special dietary requirements by Monday 24 August 2015 by phoning Admin on 5439 0033 or emailing admin@glasshouse.qld.edu.au.

“Volunteers are love in motion”
Important Dates - Semester 2, 2015

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Welcome Middle Schoolers and parents to third term! I hope the holidays were a good break from the routines of school and a chance to recharge the batteries as students launch back into new units in their subjects. I was impressed with many students’ reports which recognised how hard-working and diligent our students have been in the first half of this year.

Student Led Conferences
These will be held next week on Tuesday and Wednesday and will be an excellent opportunity for students to consider last semester’s results and set relevant SMART goals with their parents/guardians and their Pastoral Care teacher. Bookings are made through the link that was sent by email with the reports.

Pastoral Care Program
This term, Middle School classes will be discussing topics related to healthy relationships in their Pastoral Care classes. Some of the work covered will relate to physical changes as they become teenagers and young men and women and various discussions around the topic of sexuality. If you would like to know more about what will be covered, please contact your child’s Year Level Coordinator or Pastoral Care teacher to discuss this further.

Survey
Our school has agreed to participate in an ‘Adolescent Survey’ conducted by Queensland University of Technology. The survey is specifically focussed on the use and effects of alcohol and an adolescent’s perception and understanding of this. Students will undertake this survey in week 5 of this term. Parents will have received an email about this; concerns can be addressed as per the information on the email.

New Staff
Middle School would like to welcome Mrs Adele Luatutu. She will be teaching some of the Year 7, 8 and 9 English/Humanities classes, replacing Mrs Sonya Kadel for the rest of this year. We continue to uphold Mrs Kadel and her husband (Sean) in prayer as they deal with his serious illness. We are so grateful that our school has been able to replace her until the end of this year with such a competent teacher.

Book Week is in Week 6 of this term. This year, for the first time, Middle School students will have the opportunity to dress up ‘in character’ to a person out of a book they have enjoyed reading. More details to come later; however now would be a good time to begin thinking about this. English and Pastoral Care classes will be discussing this with the students.

Exploring future pathways and careers is important for a Middle School student. The University of Sunshine Coast (USC) run a great Open Day - you can find out more about it by clicking on this link: Imaginarium. It will be held on Sunday 9 August, 10.00pm – 2.00pm, Sippy Downs campus. These days, universities provide courses that prepare students for a diverse range of career pathways and are well worth considering. I recommend checking it out if you can make the time with your child.

Onsite Psychologist
A reminder that our College outsources a psychologist who is available on Fridays. For those who would like to access this service, please talk with our chaplains to make arrangements. This is a user-pay service; however, there are provisions for Medicare to fully cover costs under certain conditions.

European Study Tour 2016
A great opportunity for our Middle and Senior School students. This will run in September of 2016. The tour will accommodate students who are studying French but will also be of benefit for Arts, Humanities and perhaps may be of interest to Design Technology and Agricultural Science students.
Uniform
This Thursday the Middle and Senior school students were checked to ensure that their hairstyles were in line with our Uniform Policy. There has also been a small change to the policy regarding makeup for girls. The policy has been changed to: ‘No eye makeup. No lip gloss or lipstick but minimal foundation is now allowed as long as it is a natural colour.’

Contacting Subject Teachers
Please don’t hesitate to email any of your child’s teachers to discuss particular concerns or issues. You could also email to make an arrangement to meet face to face. At GCC, we believe it is important that we work hand in hand together in your child’s academic journey.

Presentations on Assembly
On Tuesday 21 July we made presentations to our students who earned Academic, Diligence or Language Perfect Awards. All the photos are on our website.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

INTRODUCING ADELE LUATUTU
Hi, I’m Adele (Mrs. Luatutu) and I have virtually just arrived from Victoria with the polar vortex that swept Queensland last week.

I come from a country city called Bendigo (population approximately 120,000, gold rush heritage) and have moved to Queensland with my husband and two school age sons.

We also have two adult daughters; one here and one in Melbourne. Bendigo has been our home for over twenty years so the move is a significant one.

We are living on the coast as we await God’s direction in where we should settle long term, meanwhile enjoying the beautiful local beaches.

I have enjoyed a warm welcome thus far and am pleased to be working here at Glasshouse Christian College this semester, taking over from Sonya Kadel. I look forward to getting to know staff, students and parents alike.

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our College – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the College or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Thank-you for supporting our College.
Welcome back to Term 3!

This term is already looking like it will be extremely busy. Just this week all the Year 10s attended the Sunshine Coast Careers Expo at the Sunshine Coast University. Our Year 12s have had their final Study Skills program which was delivered to them on Thursday titled "The Finishing Line"

For our Year 12s, the end is in sight. The last thing we want now is students stressing and forgetting the skills they’ve been taught. Topics covered by the presenters include:

• How to set (or reassess) short term goals for the final exams
• How to work effectively during the exam period itself
• Holiday work, and how to avoid putting it off
• The importance of sleep and what bad sleep patterns do to their productivity

The seminar was a great final motivation for our students to do their best in the lead up to the QCS examinations and the very important end of Term 3 exams.

Next week we have parent teacher interviews and I encourage those with any concerns to come to these and bring your child as well. Let your child hear straight from the teacher the concerns they have or ways they can better address their learning to improve.

Term 3 is very short, only 9 weeks. Our Year 11/12 block exams are changed slightly this term to occur in Week 8. Year 11 students will be heading off in the final week to either Fiji or to the Year 11 camp being held at Emu Gully near Helidon. There are approximately 20 Year 11 students going on the Fiji Mission trip and I am really excited for them. From my experience of attending this last year, the Fiji trip is “life changing”. My prayer for these students includes:

• Safety;
• Opportunities to serve;
• Opportunities to see how richly we are blessed in Australia;
• Fantastic learning; and
• that each student sees first hand God’s hand at work on their lives and those around them.

Please uphold them in prayer as they meet each week to train for this trip.

Thank you Language Perfect!

What a wonderful way to celebrate our achievements in the Language Perfect World Championships 2015 with a sponsored Pizza Party.

The students worked so hard over the two week competition to achieve

First place in our category overall for French in Queensland!

The 72 well deserving certificate winners enjoyed meeting up over a slice of pizza and a chocolate éclair. Bon appétit! More photos here.

We continue to use Language Perfect in middle and senior school French classes over the year, and weekly tasks are set each week for homework. It is the perfect way to revise vocabulary learnt and to continue to improve listening and speaking skills in a fun and competitive way. The students compete against each other in year groups and earn points the more they practice.

Let’s hope this event has captured the students’ imaginations and will encourage them to continue to work hard over the year!

Lee-anne Gordon
Assembly Awards:
We have a fantastic group of Senior students. After the reports were published, I did what all nerdy maths teachers do and compiled a few statistics. Firstly, have a look at the graph below.

![Graph showing Senior Grades Awarded Semester 1, 2015]

Only one student in senior received an E grade in one subject. Likewise only 6 A+ grades were awarded. It is pleasing to see that the graph is not normally distributed but rather skewed to demonstrate students generally are getting higher grades.

Academic Awards
There were 28 students who received As in at least half their subjects and these received an Academic Certificate on Assembly this week. This represents 14% of our student population.

Diligence Awards
What impressed me much more was this statistic: 46 students got “Very Good” for effort in all or all but one of their subjects and will get a Diligence Certificate on Assembly. This represents almost a quarter of senior students (22%).

Important Calendar Date
Sunday 9 August the University of the Sunshine Coast will transform into a wonder-filled place devoted to your imagination.

Be intrigued and inspired, delighted and excited - with activities designed for all ages!

Curious? Good! All will be revealed in time, so sign up to find out more.

Sunshine Coast Imaginarium, including USC Open Day, Sunday 9 August 2015, 10am - 2pm, USC Sippy Downs campus.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

FUTURE PATHWAYS

Welcome back to Term 3. It is usually the busiest term, aside from Term 1 with Work Experience, for the Future Pathways Department.

A Careers and Information Night will be held on the 5 August for Year 9 students going into Year 10 and Year 12 students.

This is a night that focuses on Year 9-10 transition and Year 12, together with a range of career exhibitors, for parents and students to discuss careers and course options.

Presentations will be given by Rob Steffler and myself. Rob Steffler will present to the Year 9 students and parents and I will give a presentation on QTAC admissions for 2015-16 to Year 12 parents and students.

This night is invaluable as a range of exhibitors, including Universities, Christian Training institutions and private providers, are present for parents and students to speak with.

It is a night that can highlight pathways into traineeships and consolidate tertiary course choices for 2016.

Additionally, Heads of Department are available for parents and students to consult, to clarify subject choices for 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Annual Sunshine Coast Careers Market was held 21 July at the USC, which followed the Tertiary Studies Careers Expo held on July 18 and 19 at the RNA grounds in Brisbane.

David Heyworth and I took our Year 10 students and they found it a valuable experience in assisting them with course and career choices, particularly after completing their research and school based careers program, which focused on the My Future website.

QUT Open Days – 26 July 9am-3pm, Gardens Point. Register online for your chance to win a MacBook Air at [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day)

I would like to highlight the University of the Sunshine Coast’s ‘Imaginarium & Open Day’ on Sunday 9
August. It looks set to be an exciting and inspiring opportunity for a variety of ages from Upper Primary students upwards with not only all the aspects you would expect of an open day (Senior students will be able to obtain course information and faculty representatives will be available to speak with) but additionally a creative and stimulating range of interactive activities that will appeal across the board. You might join a tour of specialist facilities in your area of interest and discover a career you love, join the ‘Global Village’, indulge in the fun and games in the Adventure Zone or have the chance to win a $10,000 trip of a lifetime joining uSC researchers at one of their incredible international research sites (Borneo, Tonga or Cambodia). Check out the website for full details:  [http://www.usc.edu.au/imaginarium](http://www.usc.edu.au/imaginarium)

**The Endeavour College of Natural Health**

Students who are interested in a career in natural health can contact Anne Seville, the National School Liaison Co-ordinator. Anne can be contacted at Anne.Seville@endeavour.edu.au

**Information Evenings at USC**

- **Imaginarium** Sunday 9 August, 10.00pm – 2.00pm, Sippy Downs campus
- **Headstart Information Evening** Wednesday 9 September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm, Sippy Downs campus

Upcoming Defence Force Information Sessions in Maroochydore and Brisbane: All the details are on our [website](http://www.usc.edu.au/).

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**Dakotah Wins Top Award and more from DAF!**

It has been an absolutely amazing start to Term 3 for Agricultural Science student, Dakotah Davis, who has won the highest award in the DAF Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition; The Paul Johnston Memorial Senior Science Award! This entitles her to $1000 part scholarship for text books/resources for first year of tertiary education, a medallion and a certificate. Dakotah’s winnings did not stop there however; as she also won a Scholarship to attend TASTE 2015 camp and art materials/science magazine.

The DAF Plant Science Competition is an annual competition and this year’s topic was photosynthesis. Students were required to perform a series of experiments that measured photosynthetic principles in action, such as oxygen and carbon dioxide output rate of Elodea under different light intensities, and the growth rates of plants under different wavelengths. Dakotah extended further by measuring the oxygen output from plants of different photosynthetic pathways to evaluate the potential of these plants for future agricultural practices.

Another aspect of the DAF Plant Science Competition was the Art in Agriculture section that required students to get behind the lens and photograph photosynthesis in action with a shot of a field crop basking in the sunlight! Madeline Kinsely won the Year 12 category with Taylor Olsen coming in as runner-up, while Dakotah Davis won the Year 11 category with Thomas Chapman coming runner-up.

This has been a major win for the College’s Agricultural Science students, with all gaining in-depth knowledge and understanding of plant science principles that are imperative to agricultural production. The Ag team is now looking forward to their field trip to the DAF Hermitage Research Facility in Warwick where they will be attending the awards ceremony, going on a guided tour of the research facility, attending an Agricultural Expo, sitting in on a Science Forum and then touring a poultry farm for this semester’s Poultry Science unit! It is set to be a jam-packed couple of days with so many opportunities! More photos [here](http://www.usc.edu.au/imaginarium).
**PRIMARY PERFORMING ARTS**

**Exciting day for budding new Year 4 Instrumentalists**

Eighty two very excited and enthusiastic Year 4 students were issued with their musical instruments this week. Students will now spend the rest of the year being tutored to play their instruments using the correct technique, reading music and playing within an ensemble or band.

Learning an instrument requires commitment and students are encouraged to practice a minimum of 10 minutes per day for five days per week. A Practice Journal has been supplied to each student to record their efforts, with an opportunity for self-assessment and parent comment.

**TIP** - Students should pack their instrument, Practice Journal and Music Book (to be issued week 2) at the front door (or the door you exit) on Monday night so that they don’t forget to bring them for their lesson each Tuesday.

If you or your child has any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact us at music@glasshouse.qld.edu.au. More photos here.

**Year 5 Instrumental Extension Students**

This week also saw many of our instrumental program students from last semester continue with their chosen instruments in small groups designed to further their skills and understanding. These students are now committed members of the Primary Band and will be practicing for their debut performance at our Arts night ‘SHINE’ on 21 August.

**CHAPPY CHATTER**

Our students are always encouraged to reach their full potential; to dream big and be excited about opportunities that come their way.

These are important things to teach our children.

Equally important however is to teach our students to be content with what they have and do well with it.

Jesus once told a story (Matthew 25:14-30) about a master who went on a long trip. He left his servants with different amounts of money, each according to their abilities. The expectation was that they would use the money wisely and honourably and so that when the master returned he could see positive growth for his business.

Some servants did just that. They were good stewards with the things the master had entrusted to them and were rewarded for their faithfulness.

However one servant in particular buried the money and refused to do anything with it, thinking perhaps that the little he was entrusted with was inconsequential in the grand scheme of things.

When the master returned he was very displeased with this last servant because he had not used the gift he had been given.

In our lives we have certain dreams and aspirations. We want a particular sized family, a particular job, house, and social status. We desire that life would flow in a certain direction. And when it doesn’t we can become disillusioned and unhappy.

A good thing to remember is that everything we have has been given to us by God. His expectation is that we should be content and wise stewards of the things he has gifted to us.

This mind set changes our thoughts from: “I wish I had a…..” to “Thank you for trusting me with….”

*Mick Spann, Youth Pastor GCBC*
When to start music lessons?

Dear Mum and Dad,
I heard this song and it made my body move. It made me happy and it felt wonderful! I wish I could make those sounds too.
Love From, Your Child.

If our children could express themselves like this, it would make knowing the right time to start learning an instrument much easier. The age-old questions about which instrument, how much practice, at what age and which teacher are all posed by parents. So many of the answers are determined by our circumstances as a family. Is there access to an instrument already? Is there a teacher in town? What are the financial considerations?

What if our children and students could express to us what they needed to have a successful and fulfilling musical education? What would they say? After a heartfelt discussion with my two young children here are some suggestions.

To parents and teachers,

Please encourage me to learn about music. I am curious about sound and want to create and recreate things I hear. Please find people who I can connect with and can learn more from; people who encourage and nurture me; a teacher who can communicate and build a path in music that engages me.

Please encourage me to play. I know we are busy, but can we find time every day to let me have space and time with my instrument? It doesn’t always feel or sound good, but each day I learn a little more and before long I can master things I couldn’t do before. I feel good when I learn how to do something new and you are right there celebrating with me!

I feel good when I play a piece for my grandparents and it makes them smile. It feels like I’ve given them a little present; something valuable that I did all by myself; I feel confident when I show my friends what I can play and I’m able to teach them new things.

Thank you for encouraging me to perform in recitals and exams. I feel proud of myself when I have played, and believe in myself more each time. Even when things don’t go right I learn that it is okay and it helps me to become a little more resilient.

Please give me space in my practice time to explore and roam around in my imagination. Sometimes I feel sad or angry and know that I can go to my instrument and play. I can explore and make sad songs. I am learning to express my emotions, I can be creative and need to know that there is a safe place to do so. I am also learning to listen and respond to emotions I hear from others.

I like to hear the sounds I am creating. Please can I have an instrument that creates beautiful sound? An instrument that can do the things that my teacher is showing me in my lessons so that I can explore, create and experience the things I am learning properly.

Please talk with my teacher about how I’m going, and if they have any information to help me learn better, can you help me make that happen? Sometimes I don’t remember my books or want to practice. Can you please carry me when this happens? I am still learning to build my self-discipline. I am learning that consistency is long term and I’m not so good at the big picture yet.

Please help me explore music in lots of ways. I love to hear new things and see other people make music. Please share these experiences with me. Please take me to the music shop and let me explore the music and instruments like it is a lolly shop! Let me save up and buy a music book I want just so I can play a song that I like!

Please help me be engaged, let me explore and create, learn to express myself and be receptive to the expression of others. Help me experience and enjoy the world in new ways with sound.

Love From, Your Child.

Music offers children a variety of life skills and it is our responsibility as parents and teachers to provide the environment, guidance and support that fosters musical and personal growth. The when, where and why answers are all guided by your child and your family.

By Carly McDonald, Creative.Piano.Professional
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

Lights, Camera, Action… Book Week is coming soon! Books light up our world

Children’s Book Week is always a highlight of the College calendar and will be even bigger and brighter in 2015. Book Week will be held in Week 6, from Monday 24 August – Friday 28 August, with the Primary Book Week Parade taking place on Thursday morning 27 August.

With 2015 being declared the International Year of Light by the United Nations, it’s fitting that the Children’s Book Week theme this year is “Books light up our world.” We are looking forward to exploring the theme and discovering all it encompasses for our students and the College community. This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the Children’s Book Council of Australia and it’s an honour to celebrate the 2015 shortlist and acknowledge the many hours of reading and judging that go into creating it. Our annual Book Fair will also be held during Book Week, offering students and families the opportunity to purchase new and recent releases from Scholastic. More details about these events and upcoming competitions will be emailed to families soon.

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Secondary Library News
eBOOKS LAUNCHplatform

We are excited to announce that eBooks are now available for all Secondary students to borrow through the Wheelers Platform. Students can choose from a great selection of new and classic titles. Our eBook collection is available 24/7 and can be read on any device. Students can access our collection of eBooks in a number of ways:

- via the link on our Weebly homepage – look for the Wheeler’s image
- via this link: https://glasshouse.wheelers.co OR
- by searching on our v-Library catalogue for all eBook titles.

Information on ‘How to borrow’ and ‘Reading your eBook’ can be found at the following link:

https://glasshouse.wheelers.co/help

Secondary Students use their general school login to login to our Wheelers e-Library.

Students can customise how their eBook looks on their laptop/device to enhance their reading ebooksexperience. Books in ePub formats can be read via the Internet browser and PDF titles can be downloaded. Information for downloading PDF titles can be found on the Wheelers Help section and also via the College’s IT Helpdesk. Students can also ask for assistance at the Library. Mrs Morris will be visiting classes and speaking at Assemblies during the term. Lunchtime tutorials will be held during Week 2 and Week 3 and will be advertised in the daily notices.

All students borrowing eBooks in the first weeks of Term 3 will qualify for the Prize Draw to celebrate the launch of the eBook platform. All prize-winners will be notified during Book Week which will be held during Week 6. Do yourself a favour – step into a great story and discover a whole new world!

Voices on the Coast – Literature Festival

Twenty-Five, very keen secondary students put on their uniform during the holidays and came to school! This year’s Voices on the Coast Literature Festival, held at University of Sunshine Coast provided the incentive for an enthusiastic group of our students to attend an excursion during their holiday break. The festival,
a not-to-be-missed event, is held annually and provides a wonderful opportunity to hear from a range of authors, illustrators, speakers and performers across a day of talks, workshops and book signings. Our students were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the event.

“I loved Voices on the Coast. I enjoyed every session, but my favourite was Belinda Murrell teaching us about developing characters. It was especially exciting because we are reading one of her books for Reader’s Cup.” Erin Year 9

“I think we gained knowledge on how to improve our work and also how to proceed with publishing if we wanted this type of career in the future.” Natasha Year 11

“I enjoyed listening to the different authors, hearing about their different styles and types of stories, like Barry Jonsberg who writes really interesting character stories.” Eloise Year 9

Our day at the festival provided the opportunity for our students to listen to two author talks and attend a workshop with a notable author, illustrator or performer. There was also time to enjoy a Library and Art Gallery Tour and spend time browsing the Festival Bookstall and author signing area. Thank you to Mrs McKellar, Mrs Morris, Chappy Dan Bassett and Mrs Leah Roulston for accompanying our students on the day. This year the festival celebrated 20 years and certainly did not disappoint the thousands of students that gathered to hear some great stories and to be inspired to create their own. More photos here.

**Beryl Morris, Secondary Teacher Librarian**

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Table Tennis State Finals**

Congratulations to Annalise Peters and Jayde Treloar on their fantastic effort at the state final of Queensland Table Tennis.

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After competing in the regionals competition winning silver medals, Jayde and Annalise were invited to play the best teams in Queensland, representing Glasshouse Christian College. They both had a great day and proudly took home bronze medals (third in the State). Well done girls.

**Julie Peters**

**Little Athletics**

**Trial Night**
Friday 21st August
Starts 5pm
‘Skippy Park’
Old Landsborough Rd, Landsborough

If you have never done Little Athletics before and would like to have a go come down on our trial night and check out the fun. Cost $5 per child.

**Sign on Nights**
Friday 28th August
Friday 4th September
4.30pm – 6.30pm
‘Skippy Park’
Old Landsborough Rd, Landsborough

Age groups from U6 to U17 and Tiny Tots*
*Try this program available if they have registered before doing

Come along and join in the family, fun & fitness
We look forward to seeing you there!

For more info please go to our website
www.glashouseteall athletics.com.au

Or email: info@glashouseteall athletics.com.au

WIN
Register and pay in full an sign on tonight.
You have the chance to win your registration fees back…
Excellent news.

**Glasshouse District**

Beryl Morris, Secondary Teacher Librarian
Shine Arts Night - Date Claimer

This evening will be held on Friday 21 August from 5pm to 7:30pm. Celebrating the Performing and Visual Arts at Glasshouse Christian College.

There will be music, dance and drama performances as well as an exciting Art gallery in the library. Refreshments will be for sale on the night. Everyone is most welcome.

P AND F NEWS

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and having a break from the school routine.

Now we are back and ready for another term.

This term the P and F are having a Fathers’ Day Stall on 3 September and another Primary disco on 4 September. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

The P and F endeavour to organise fund raisers and events that has our entire College, from Prep to Year 12, included.

We would love to see more parents/caregivers from across our college, come along to P and F meetings or volunteer your time where possible at P and F fundraiser/events.

We have just had our July meeting, so our next one is Tuesday 4 August 7 pm in College library. Everyone is welcome.

_Lynelle Sim, P and F President_  
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