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### 2016 Term Dates for GCC

- **Term 1**: Monday 25 January – Thursday 24 March 9 weeks
- **Term 2**: Monday 11 April – Friday 24 June 11 weeks
- **Term 3**: Monday 18 July – Friday 16 September 9 weeks
- **Term 4**: Tuesday 4 October – Friday 2 December 9 weeks

### COVER PHOTO

Our cover this fortnight shows our French students at the Ouen Toro lookout in Noumea lookout from which they can see panoramic views of the blue lagoon and neighbouring islands.

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GCC is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
Welcome to Term 4

Even though the holidays were wonderful, it is good to be together again. Term 4 is always the busiest but it is special time when significant milestones are celebrated.

One celebration began earlier than expected for our Primary Teacher Jane Beadon. Jane gave birth to Olive Eliza ten days early on Thursday 24 September. Apparently they organised the car seat just in time. Congratulations to Jane and her husband Andrew on their new bundle of joy.

Fiji Mission team return

For some, the holidays weren’t about sleeping in or lazy days on the beach. Our Fiji Mission team spent the break running kids’ clubs, going into schools, sharing their testimonies and putting on concerts in the marketplace.

This was one of the most successful missions yet. The team had been preparing for a long time and God honoured their prayers and preparation by opening doors normally closed to them. In the past, several Fijian schools have not allowed the team to enter but this year the welcome mat was thrown down.

For those who have been following the journey on our Glasshouse Christian College Chaplaincy Facebook page, you would have seen how much the Fijian children enjoyed the fun, teaching and interaction with our students.

Inaugural Noumea French study trip

In another part of the Pacific Ocean, some GCC French students were enjoying our first ever study tour to Noumea. The students spent several days with a local school and shared lessons, videos and PowerPoints they had prepared about each school and area.

The GCC students’ videos were very impressive and I hope you had a chance to see them on our Facebook page. If you don’t have Facebook, you can see them on YouTube. Lee-anne Gordon has written more about the trip later on in the newsletter.

Upcoming events

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, Term 4 is packed full of important events so I hope you can celebrate as many as possible with us.

The P and F Primary Disco is on Friday 9 October. It’s lovely to see how much the younger students enjoy dancing and having fun on these nights. The P and F have organised for some terrific prizes to be won and our thanks go to Laserzone and Top Shots for their generous donations.

The Night of Talent is coming up on Thursday 15 October from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This is an initiative of our student council and promises to be a great night.

Middle School Experience is on Friday 16 October. If you have friends who have been thinking about the College and have children in this age group, encourage them to ring our Registrar Sonya Bowden and book in for the morning. You don’t have to be enrolled to experience Middle School at GCC and it is an ideal way to get a feel for the College.

Our Sports Awards Night is the first of the big annual events where we commemorate the achievements of our students. It is on Wednesday 21 October from 5:30pm and will be huge. We are privileged to have Duncan Armstrong as our guest speaker for the night but the real highlight will be celebrating our students’ triumphs.

The Middle and Senior School Awards event is once again on Tuesday 3 November at the Caloundra Events Centre. Then we have the Year 12 formal and graduation, Prep to Year 2 carols, Years 3 to 6 concert and Year 6 graduation so please keep your calendar in a handy place so you can plan ahead.

You will also note on the calendar that 19 October is not a pupil free day at GCC. Instead, we are holding this on Wednesday 4 November – which will work out well for all the students and families who were out at the awards the night before.

Next year is a Funfest year. This is organised by the P and F and is a huge fundraiser for the College. There is a lot of planning and the first meeting is on Friday 23 October. If anyone is interested in hearing more about Funfest or being on the committee, please attend this child-friendly meeting.

Top tips on raising children

How to help your child be a better student: Top tip number 8 is to remember that Middle and Senior School are not the times to take a more hands-off approach. Just because your children are getting older doesn’t mean it’s time to put them on autopilot. This is the point in their lives when they’re trying to sort out who they are. Peer pressure is intense and their connectedness to school can wane. Secondary students have this air about them that they don’t need their parents anymore, but they really do.

Mike Curtis, Principal
The Registrar’s Office would like to remind all parents/caregivers about the terms and conditions concerning the withdrawal of students. If students are leaving at the end of a school term, parents/caregivers are required to give 90 days written notice to the Principal. Failure to do so may result in financial penalties.

**Sibling enrolment**

If you have siblings interested in enrolling at GCC please note the following:

It is the parents’ responsibility that each new potential student (sibling) must complete and submit to the College, a separate Application for Enrolment form. This is the first step in the enrolment process and families are cautioned that whilst siblings are given priority enrolment consideration, they are not guaranteed a place within the College. Please note that waiting lists are being experienced across many year levels and early submission of Application Forms is encouraged for consideration in future years. Please click here to obtain our Enrolment Application.

**Enrolment Procedure:**

1. A completed Application for Enrolment Form (one per student) is to be returned to the Main Administration office together with a $50 application fee per student. This fee is not refundable. Please note that each application/fee does not guarantee a place at the College.

2. Application forms are to be supported with the following documentation: please also refer to the checklist at the back of the application.
   - Naplan results (where applicable)
   - Last two years’ school reports - 4 x semester reports
   - Copy of birth certificate

3. Failure to provide supporting documentation delays the application for enrolment process unnecessarily.

4. Due to waiting lists, early submission of applications is advised.

5. An enrolment interview may then be scheduled with the appropriate Head of School. You will be advised of the outcome of the interview by mail.

6. Should a placement with the College be offered, this will be deemed to be accepted once a signed acceptance and bond payment of $350 per family is received by the College.

If you have any doubt that you have followed this procedure, please contact Sonya Bowden to clarify.

**Sonya Bowden, Registrar**

E: sonya.bowden@glasshouse.qld.edu.au

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**FROM THE REGISTRAR**

**Withdrawal of students**

Can you believe that we have only nine weeks left in the 2015 school year? For many of us on staff, we are not only closing off 2015, but planning for 2016.

During the holidays Mr Curtis, Mrs Mitchell and I interviewed a number of teachers to fill the positions we will need for 2016. We all agreed that the quality of the applicants was outstanding and we actually had difficulty reducing the number to short list and interview last week. It was such a blessing speaking to the teachers we interviewed and hearing what they could bring to the Primary College.

Quality staff are the key to a good school and it is exciting to have applicants of such excellent calibre (with such glowing recommendations from their referees) apply for these primary teaching positions for 2016. We praise God for His provision in this important aspect of our College.

**Junior Athletics - another great event.**

Despite the rain which caused the sports day to be shortened, there was enough time for all children to have their races and still participate in some of the additional tabloid sports. This is always such an enjoyable day and all the children enter into the spirit of the events, which makes the day so successful.

Thank you to all parents, staff and P and F members who assisted to make the day so much fun.

The rain may have shortened the carnival – but it didn’t dampen anyone’s spirits. See all the photos here.

**Key Dates for Term 4**

Please check the College website for important dates for Term 4. The last two weeks of term will be exceptionally busy and will be upon us before we know it.

I trust you have had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to all the activities which make the end of the school year so exciting and so enjoyable.
Chappy Pancake Party

When • Monday 12 October Years 3 - 6
• Wednesday 14 October Prep - Year 2

These pancake parties will be at the end of Chapel and will simply be pancakes and maple syrup. There will be dairy and gluten free alternatives for those who need it. Please still send some fruit or a snack for afternoon tea on these days.

If you don’t wish your child to participate please make the class teacher aware and let your child know also.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Synergetic Implementation

In the middle of 2014, a committee comprised of senior staff at the College began exploring the possibility of us changing our School Administration Software (i.e. the software program that runs our school) from PCSchool to something more suitable for a College of our size and complexity. PCSchool has served the College very well for many years, but we have essentially outgrown it.

It was recognised at the time that this is a very significant decision with regard to the operation of the College as it will have an impact on almost every area of College life including the management of:
• Student Records
• Human Resources (Payroll & Staff Records)
• Student Attendance
• Student Assessment and Reporting
• Timetabling
• Property Management
• Enrolments
• Medical Records
• Student Welfare & Pastoral Care
• Parent Teacher Interviews
• Debtors, including the charging and collection of school fees and
• Creditors – Purchasing and Payment

After many meetings and sitting through the presentations of several possible providers, we decided on a package called Synergetic.

This software package will be implemented over the second half of November of this year.

We are sharing this news with parents because we are feeling excited about the added efficiencies this change will afford us and the new look Parent Portal it will provide. Even though the look of the portal will change it will still be referred to as ‘ilearn’ and will still be accessed by the same website “ilearn@glasshouse.qld.edu”

We are determined for this to be a seamless change but there may be some unforeseen teething problems. We would ask for your patience as we eliminate all of the ‘bugs’.

The College therefore respectfully requests your patience during the last part of this term as we undergo the process of live implementation of this new system and any conversion issues which may impact upon you late this year and early in Term 1 of 2016. We are however, committed to keeping these issues to an absolute minimum and thanks you in advance for your understanding.

John Dohler, Business Manager

**KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS**

Welcome to Term 4. We hope you enjoyed the break with your families. I would like to introduce and welcome Shelby Stott to the Kitchen Garden team.

Mandy Ward

“Hello, my name is Shelby and I am very excited to be working with Mandy within the Kitchen Garden. I have a Bachelor of Nutrition and love teaching children the benefits of eating a variety of healthy foods. I enjoy spending time in the kitchen cooking and trying new recipes.

“My husband and I have recently purchased our first home and have been busy gardening and renovating to make the house our home. I look forward to meeting all the students and working with them in the Kitchen Garden.”

More photos here.
Marriage is a bit like driving a car. You have to put good fuel in it, you have to keep it serviced regularly, and sometimes, you will inexplicably lose the key. For these reasons I would like to commend the ‘Growing a Great Marriage’ seminar to you.

The event will take place on Friday 23 October from 7:30pm – 9pm, and Saturday 9:30am – 4:30pm at the Church located on the school grounds.

The workbook, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are all included in the cost which is $50 per couple. Child minding is available for a $5 per child.

This workshop is for all long term couples and is being run by renowned marriage counsellors Greg and Meryem Brown. You may find more information about this event on the school website here: http://www.glasshouse.qld.edu.au/growing-a-great-marriage/ and you can book here: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/growing-a-great-marriage-enrichment-seminar-tickets-17654295473

I look forward to seeing you there!

Dan Bassett, Chaplain
E: dan.bassett@glasshouse.qld.edu.au

Term 4 Purchases - Get in before the busy period! Bookings are now open for Uniform Shop purchases throughout Term 4. As this is the start of our busy period, it is essential that you make a booking for Uniform Shop fittings this term, commencing on Monday 12 September. Avoid the busy week in January and get your uniforms sorted now. Laybys are welcome and sizes can be swapped in January if need be. Please call the College Admin to arrange your booking.

Volunteers Wanted: We would love you to come and help in Uniform Shop during our busy periods throughout Term 4 and also during Admin week in January. If you are able to help, even for just a couple of hours, please send me an email to uniforms@glasshouse.qld.edu.au.

Stephanie McCredie, Uniform Shop Coordinator

Awards Night - Tuesday 3 November

Awards Night is a celebration of GCC students’ learning journeys and their achievements. It is an opportunity to showcase the highlights of each year level through photo stories and a few of our best artistic items. Awards Night is an excellent evening for families to share and have insight into your child’s school year.

Attendance is compulsory for all students. All students must wear full formal winter uniform (jumper not required but boys must wear ties). Please remember to note this evening in your diary.

The following Middle School Awards and items are a part of the evening:

Academic Awards are presented to ten students in each year level who have achieved the highest grade point averages. The top five students receive a Gold Award and the next five students receive a Silver Award.

Diligence Awards are presented to five students from each year level who have been nominated by their teachers for consistent effort or for their outstanding improvement due to hard work.

GREAT Awards go to students who have been observed over the course of the year consistently displaying the characteristics and values that are our school’s GREAT values. These are: Godliness Respect Excellence Attitude Teachability Year 9 Dux, Year 9 All Rounder, Year 9 Principal’s Award Year 9 students graduation from Middle School into Senior School.

Student-Led Conference Survey feedback

Thank you to all the parents who gave their feedback on the recent survey on ‘Student-Led Conferences’. An underlying theme in the comments was the desire to have constructive conversations and genuinely engage and work with your child’s teachers. It has been a common problem across many schools that Parent-Teacher interviews are poorly attended and even more so in the second half of the year. The survey revealed that you as parents see value in your child taking ownership of their learning through goal-setting and evaluation and the conversations around this, but also that there needs to be an opportunity to have these discussions with the relevant subject teachers.

I have a confession to make, when my oldest son was in Year 10, I was rung up by his school to ask, ‘When I would be
booking the Parent-Teacher interviews’. When I replied that I didn’t think they were necessary as we communicated well with our child on all school-related matters I was strongly encouraged to make a booking; it was not an option. After attending, I was so grateful for the opportunity to chat with his teachers, meet them face to face and come away from those conversations with the overriding knowledge that they knew him well and had his best interests at heart. It added and gave me further insight into the discussions I had with my son about school.

It is our intention and desire at GCC to provide the best possible educational journey for your child. I look forward to next year’s interviews and encourage you to continue to give feedback.

**French Trip to Noumea**

Have you seen the photos from the Noumea French Trip in this week’s newsletter? What a privilege it was for our students to do this trip - they improved their language skills and experienced another culture. I would like to thank Mrs Gordon for making this opportunity possible.

_Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School_

**Noumea Trip2015**

What an amazing week we had in Noumea, New Caledonia the first week of the September holidays!

GCC joined forces with St Teresa’s in Noosaville and three teachers and 18 Year 9/10 students left for Noumea to experience the Melanasian culture and improve their French.

We were not disappointed and the week was packed with many language and cultural activities! The students started each day with a French lesson at the hotel then had an awesome three days with their French buddies at the sister school College Champagnat. Much French was spoken, cultural exchanges made, not to mention many friendships formed!

Of course it was not all work and we enjoyed a trip to two of the many islands surrounding Noumea, where we experienced amazing views, crystal clear water and incredible snorkelling!

We have returned with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the culture and language of French New Caledonia and a much greater appreciation of what we have here! What an experience! More photos [here](#).

_Lee-anne Gordon_
**Senior School News**

“The Attitude not Ability determines destiny”

The final term - It’s going to get busy!

Welcome back to the final term for 2015. As you are reading this there has already been a week gone by.

On Thursday we had our usual Week 1 hair inspection day. Please check with your child to see if they were asked to get their hair or any other part of their uniform fixed up. Students who were handed a note on Thursday were told they have until Monday to get their haircut. If their hair is not acceptable on Monday then they are asked to stay home until it is corrected, take the day to work in the Responsible Thinking Classroom or go to Beenwah barbers and get it cut.

Students are reminded that ties for boys are no longer compulsory and shirts no longer need to be tucked in. Please ensure that your child has the correct footwear though. Even if shoes fall apart in the last few weeks of term, it is important for our students to have safe footwear that meets our uniform guidelines. Hats in particular will be checked this term. Students must wear their formal hat with formal uniform and sports hat with sports uniform.

**Year 11 Camp**

The quote above comes from Emu Gully Adventure camps which led our Year 11 Leadership training camp in the final week of Term 3.

It was an amazing camp and the students grew through various ordeals and challenges as well as some great team building activities.

Overall, I would say this was one of our most successful camps ever, largely in part to the attitude of the students who went.

There were some great activities including skirmish which saw certain staff in the firing line. I have to be honest and admit that initially when I chose skirmish as an activity, the thought of shooting a few students was certainly very appealing. In my excitement I forgot that the thought of shooting me must have been quite appealing to some students too. I couldn’t understand why there was a call to “Go for Orange” when we only had a red team versus a yellow team and the flag we had to capture was blue. Needless to say, I seemed to get trapped in a hail of yellow pellets from all sides! The bruises are slowly healing too. More photos here.

**Fiji Mission Trip**

Many Year 11s also went on the Fiji Mission trip. I spoke with Chris Warren when the team got back and was pleased to hear how successful this trip was as well. I thought the 2014 Fiji trip which Chris and I attended was good but Chris advised me that this one was even better! You can read more details in Chris’ article.

**Awards Night - Tuesday, 3 November**

This evening is one of the few compulsory events outside of school hours. All secondary students are expected to attend. The night is not only about handing out awards but is also a celebration of the year. It is a fantastic opportunity to build community. Please ensure your child is able to attend. Parents and families are also welcome to attend. If travel is an issue then ask your son/daughter to see me and I will see if we can support you through car sharing or other means to ensure they get there.

**Year 11 Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program (RYDA)-Tuesday, 13 October**

Following on from the highly successful RACQ presentation last term, the Year 11s will be travelling to Corbould Park for the RYDA program. This is a fantastic driver education program which will help them to consider carefully the privilege that driving is and the responsibilities that come with receiving a license. Most schools only send those who can afford this program however we believe that it is so important that the cost of this is covered entirely by the College.

**Glasshouse Christian College Talent Night (TNT) - 15 October**

This term we will be holding our first Talent Night. This will be a fun evening and will showcase some of the great talent that our students have.

There are lots of other events in the calendar so keep an eye open for these and come along and support our students. This term is going to go so fast!

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

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Fiji Mission Trip

Wow! What more can be said. Once again the Fiji Mission Trip was absolutely fantastic. The trip started in typical Fiji fashion, picking up some random Japanese import hire cars (one even had new tyres) on a picturesque Fijian background with not a cloud in sight. All was well, despite the oppressive heat and lacklustre air conditioning in one or two of the cars.

We got straight into the hard work, with 12 days of ministry opportunities in kids’ clubs, school concerts, youth groups and in the local churches in Ba and Lautoka. All of the 16 students involved gave freely and willingly of their time and effort over and over again. Despite their occasional and obvious fatigue and sore throats, they remained diligent, focused, enthusiastic and all around; brilliant! They really were incredible ambassadors for the College and Australia. It was inspiring to see our young people witnesses, testify, sing and perform on a daily basis with massive smiles and a heart to serve. Their efforts were beyond commendable and highlight the incredible talent and character of the team members that went. Every principal of the schools we visited commented on the great job and message of hope they carried.

Some highlights for me, were the ways God consistently answered our prayers to get access into the schools. This seemed to be a daily occurrence in Week 2. Within minutes of praying for access, we were to receive a phone call from the Ministry of Education granting permission to visit schools in the local area. Likewise, it was amazing how many of the students testimonies were exactly what was needed for many Fijian students at this time.

We also found the odd moment or two to spend time with the Fijian Bible College students. They were a blessing and inspiration to the entire team (except when we played against them in the Rugby and Volleyball). Seeing their commitment and simple contentment as they prepared for a life of ministry was inspiring. Hearing them sing in chapel - simply amazing!

A trip like this is impossible to pull together without a harmonious team working together. We had some amazing assistance from remarkable people this year. Typically, the team was assisted by Neil and Annette Daniel, who have been going to Fiji multiple times a year for the last 23 years. Ross and Donna Newell, along with their daughters Jacqueline and Monique also came and led much of the trip. A special thanks to Chappy Mick Spann, Anne his wife, Sonya and Sean Kadel, John Vreeling, Heather Rutherford and Brianna Williams (graduate student from 2014) for their work and effort in leading, administrating, driving and cooking.

So what now? The 2016 Fiji Mission trip will be better than ever. If you are a Year 10-11 student in 2015 and are considering the mission trip for 2016 - prepare to have a life transforming time!

More photos here.

Chris Warren
FUTURE PATHWAYS

QILT

The Federal Government has launched the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) website: www.qilt.edu.au. The QILT website helps you compare student experience and employment outcomes data from Australian higher education institutions.

The QILT website is a robust suite of independently managed surveys that measure: overall satisfaction of current students, overall satisfaction of recent graduates, rates of students moving into full-time employment after graduation and the median salary received by recent graduates.

TAFE Queensland Scholarships

If you are planning on doing a TAFE course, you may be eligible for a TAFE scholarship. TAFE QLD are offering scholarships of $5,000 to successful applicants. To apply for a TAFE Queensland Scholarship you will need to complete the online application form which can be found at: www.scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au

TAFE Funded Programs

Details of funded programs can be found at: http://training.qld.gov.au/training-organisations/funded-programs/index.html

Mock Interviews

As mentioned in detail in the last newsletter of Term 3, the mock interviews for Year 10 students will be held on Wednesday 21 October. Students should obtain two copies of their job advertisement, resume and cover letter. One copy is kept by the student for the interview and the other copy is to be forwarded to Mrs Melanie Parker at melanie.parker@glasshouse.qld.edu.au, which is then forwarded onto the interviewers so they can be briefed in advance of the interview. Students are given feedback on their interview performance the following week.

GenR8 and Health Services Initiative - Training Qld

Training Qld still has vacancies with employers in Beerwah, Glasshouse and Landsborough in the GenR8 program, Certificate II in Logistics and also the Health Support Program, Certificate II in Health Support Services. If you are interested you can contact ncoasttraining@dete.qld.gov.au or phone a school to work officer on 1300 369 935.

QTAC

A number of Year 12 students may have applied through the Educational Assistance Scheme (EAS) scheme. The EAS component of your application and supporting documentation must be in to QTAC by 30 November 2015. Students are reminded to periodically check on the QTAC website www.qtac.qld.edu.au to view the status of the courses, for which they have applied. There are instances where some courses are withdrawn and new courses are added. Students can change their preferences up to three times without incurring extra charges.

First Year Apprentice Electrician Opportunity through Busy at Work

South East Queensland (SEQ) is one of Australia’s fastest growing regions. To continue building, improving and maintaining networks, Busy at Work clients invest a lot of time in developing and training its people. Keeping up with the energy demands in SEQ, Busy at Work is currently aiming to commence up to 26, first year apprentice electricians to commence with them across SEQ on the 18 January 2016, and would like to offer these opportunities to Year 12 graduates of 2015.

Busy at Work’s client is one of Australia’s largest electricity distribution organisations with more than 3,800 staff working in a range of roles to supply electricity to a population of around 2.8 million people in South East Queensland.

As one of the nation’s leading energy companies, they distribute electricity to more than 1.3 million residential, industrial and commercial customers. They have developed a strong reputation for their network asset management capabilities including specialised engineering services, metering applications and energy solutions.

To be successful, applicants must have strong comprehension and mathematical skills. All new apprentices, will receive nationally recognised training from industry experts and mentors. Students will need to have a driver’s licence or be close to getting their licence, prior to commencement. Female students encouraged to apply. To apply please visit: www.apprenticeshipcentral.com.au

Traineeship Vacancies

Redmako have a number of hospitality traineeship vacancies currently available, please refer to Connect for the latest updates.

Upcoming events

• 3 October – Year 9 Work Experience Night – compulsory attendance, 6.00-7.30pm
• 21 October – Year 10 Mock Interviews
• 28 October – Year 9 Explore Uni Day – QUT Caboolture (all day event)
• 3 November – Middle and Senior School Awards Evening
• 8 December 2015 - Results posted to Queensland Year 12 students by Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA)
• 9 December 2015 - Queensland Year 12 students can access results at www.studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator
Welcome back to school! We hope you’ve had a great break (and perhaps even read a book or two) and are now ready to put the final touches to the 2015 MS Readathon. It’s time to follow up on pledges, return your fundraising and thank your sponsors. You can complete your fundraising by logging in to the MS Readathon website at www.msreadathon.org.au. Feel free to call the MS Team on 1300 MS READ or 1300 677 323 if you need assistance. In order to receive reading rewards, make sure your fundraising details are completed by 31 October. Certificates will be mailed out at the start of November. Thank you in advance for the families that have taken part in the 2015 MS Readathon.

Book Fair Achievements (Prep – Year 12)

Each year we are astounded by the generosity we receive from the College community during Book Week. This year we sold $8000 worth of items at our “Under the Sea” Book Fair. From your generous purchases we received a commission of just over $2500 to purchase items for the College. As part of our commission, we were able to select many books from the Book Fair that are currently being catalogued and covered. We also had a number of titles donated by College families. Thank you for supporting such a worthwhile cause and helping grow a love of reading at GCC!

Current Overdue Items (Prep – Year 12)

Letters have been sent to families noting long-term overdue items. Please ensure these items are returned at your earliest convenience. Items lost or damaged beyond repair will incur the full replacement cost. Please contact Vanessa McKellar at vanessa.mckellar@glasshouse.qld.edu.au to discuss any issues regarding returns.

End of Year Book Returns (Prep – Year 12)

Please note the following dates for end of year book returns as you prepare for the busy term ahead. Ensuring items are returned efficiently helps us prepare resources and texts for the commencement of the new year and to conduct any book repairs.

- Prep - Year 6: Items due back Friday 20 November (Week 7)
- Years 7-9: Items due back Monday/Tuesday 23/24 November (Week 8)
- Years 10 and 11: Items due back Friday 27 November (Week 8)
- Year 12: Items due back Tuesday 17 November (Week 7)

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.
Run Around Australia Champions – 2W and 4W!

This year we all participated in the Run Around Australia Challenge to get fit for the College Cross Country. Everyone was very competitive with each class trying to run more laps than other classes in order to win the Class Outing Prize. Students ran as many laps as possible for 10 minutes each day wearing the grass off the oval in places. As a primary school we totalled more than 47,300 laps around the oval!

The Champion Junior Class was 2W running 11,898 laps and the Champion Upper Primary Class was 4W totalling 13,413 laps. The competition was very close between Prep M and 2W and also between 3G, 4W and 6M, with these classes not missing one day of running!

Individual Class winners for boys and girls were also presented prizes and certificates at the Run Around Australia Presentations. Children were also able to attain Gold, Silver and Bronze awards for running 200, 140 and 84 laps respectively. An amazing 284 students attained a Bronze Award running 25km and 43 attained the Silver Award running 42km or more.

Our Junior School Champions were Chloe Turnbull and Caleb-Jay McNamara and Cassidy Ferris, Declan Martin and Jacob Broderick were Upper Primary Champions running the most laps individually.

We were all very impressed by the effort put in by all students. Running the College Cross Country was so much easier after all this practice!

### Individual Class Winners

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### Winning Junior Class

1st: 2W with 11,898; 2nd: Prep Maroon with 11,726; 3rd: 2M with 11,726.

### Winning Upper Primary Class

1st: 4W with 13,413 on day 20; 2nd: 3G with 13,583 on day 21; 3rd: 6M with 13,111 on day 21.

Total Laps run by GCC = 47,395. Total actual km run by GCC = 14,218km.

More photos [here](#).

**Wendy Stott**

GCC is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
Noah Smerdon National Motocross Champion Again!

Noah Smerdon has showed his dominance on the National Motocross stage by winning the 65cc 9 – U11 years National Title during the holidays in Bunbury, Western Australia. Noah was one of the youngest competitors in this class and on the very sandy and rough track, this was a great accomplishment.

Noah dominated the qualifying rounds with consistent wins and top three placings. This continued into the finals when he won several races and went into the last day of finals with a 12 point lead over the field. Noah rode smartly in the last two races where some of the holes in the sandy track were deeper than his bike! He finished those races very safely in 3rd and 4th positions maintaining a 6 point lead over the field to win the Australian title.

Noah also raced on his bigger bike in the 9 - U12 years 85cc category which was another challenge for him. Once again one of the youngest in the field he rode very strongly to finish overall 14th in this category.

After the presentations Noah was asked what his favourite part was by reporters: “The best thing about this year was good competition, and this was my second time getting an Aussie title. It was really tough and the track was hard to ride, so my favourite thing was getting the win in such hard conditions.”

Declan Martin wins in Borneo

Declan Martin has spent the holidays competing in a soccer competition for 12 year old club teams in the Asian Pacific area. The Borneo Football Cup was held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, East Malaysia. Declan’s Caloundra United team won the Sunshine Coast competition and were keen to test their skills against the opposition in this competition.

The team played exceptionally well and won all the pool games by 6 or 7 goals and proceeded to the finals. They came up against a Malaysian team in the final and won 2 – 1 in a very competitive and hard fought game. Declan played a key role on the left wing and also managed to score a goal by chipping the ball over the goal keepers head.

Declan is very proud of the teams achievements as other local teams have competed in this competition in the past and have been well beaten. As Declan has not returned yet no photos are available but will be included in the next issue.
Rain Shortened Junior Athletics Carnival

After an earlier postponement due to rain the Junior Athletics Carnival was buzzing with excitement as children and parents busily decorated house tents and their surrounds. It seems that the decorating gets bigger and brighter and more elaborate every time we have a carnival! Custom made bunting, glittering house signs and twirling wind spirals all helped to create excitement as children gathered in house tents ready to begin competition and fun.

The rain was forecast so races got underway promptly. Preps and Year 1 children had two races over 60m with the top four finishers receiving place ribbons. The second races were organised in ability levels so children all had a chance to race others of similar ability to themselves.

The Year 2 and 3 children participated in long jump and high jump and also showed their strength and team work in the tug of war competition. Many mums and dads and grandparents were also ‘roped’ into this fun competition.

The groups changed activities after the racing was completed and the Year 2 and 3 children showed their speed and determination over 60m and 80m races. There were some very close races in both the girls and boys competition and we look forward to seeing these children excel in athletics as they grow older.

The cheering and support for team mates was fantastic throughout the morning. Impromptu war cries were heard, cheers were shouted and cameras clicked as the children raced by. The smile on faces as children returned with ribbons showed a great sense of pride and satisfaction in running their very best.

The P and F ran a sizzling barbecue and sold refreshing drinks which was very much appreciated by hungry and thirsty children at the lunch break.

Unfortunately the forecast rain came down as predicted so the tabloid activities had to be cut short. This was disappointing for all but at least everyone got to run and jump and cheer for their house.

The war cry competition was won by Ararat with Sinai in second and Zion in third and the Tent Decorating was almost too close to call. After much consideration and inspection the judges could not separate the teams giving every team 1st place. When points were added Ararat were declared winners with Sinai in second and Zion in third place.

See all the photos [here](#).
Hi Everyone,

Primary Rocktober Disco

It’s time to rock to those dance tunes. I hope you are coming to our Primary disco on Friday 9 October.

It will be held in the OLA (Year 1 area) with Prep – Year 2 rocking it out from 5pm – 6:15 pm and Year 3 – Year 6 getting their chance to rock on from 6:45- 8:15 pm.

There will be no hot food but there will be chips, popcorn, lollies, ice creams and drinks for sale on the night, and lots of glow-in-the-dark products.

Cost is $5 entry, per school aged child.

We have some great prizes to give away. Thank you to Laserzone Kawana, Top Shots Maroochydore and Events Maroochydore for your kind donations.

So come along for a fun night and a chance to win great prizes.

The year 2016 is knocking on our doorstep – scary but true. For those new families to our College who may not have heard about Funfest – it is our major fund raising event held at our College with stalls, rides, displays, food, entertainment etc.

We hold Funfest every two years and it is a great family day out and a terrific way to raise valuable funds for the P and F. A committee of wonderful College families is formed to create this memorable day for our children. The Funfest date is set for next year, Saturday 30 July.

If anyone is interested in being on the committee or just hearing more about Funfest 2016 then mark Friday 23 October on your calendar. The information session is being held in the College library and everyone is welcome. You can bring your little ones too.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 10 November in College library at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President
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GCC’s Student Voice proudly presents...

THE NIGHT OF TALENT

Date: Thursday 15 October
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Venue: Glasshouse Country Baptist Church

FREE ENTRY with light refreshment available for purchase

All welcome