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Cover Photo

College Captains Troy Fullerton and Calista Theron hand over their leadership with the lighting of the Charter. Congratulations to Josh Andrews and Moale James on their new captaincy, we look forward to 2016. Photo by Rob Hill.

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2016 Term Dates for GCC

Staggered start in 2016 as follows:
Monday 25 January - Year 7 only
Tuesday 26 January - Australia Day public holiday
Wednesday 27 January - Prep to Year 10
Thursday 28 January - Year 11 and 12s

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

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PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

Sports Awards Night

Winner of three gold medals, a silver medal, an Order of Australia, world record holder and Young Australian of the Year (1988), Duncan Armstrong had a lot of wisdom to pass onto our students at Sports Awards Night.

“Never underestimate the commitment of your family supporting your goals,” Mr Armstrong said. “They are your taxi service and your cheer squad. You will be emptying their petrol tank and then emptying their pantry when you get home again,” he added.

We were entertained by Mr Armstrong’s animated and self-deprecating account of his first gold medal but it was what he told me afterwards that I found truly inspiring. As an elite athlete Duncan was used to being in control of his life and used anger and jealousy to fuel his swimming which worked for winning in the pool but not in life. By the time Duncan retired he had become aggressive and distant from his family. His life strategies were just not working.

A friend he admired invited him to church and Duncan’s first thought was that he had walked into a circus – everyone was clapping and loudly worshipping God. However, he felt welcomed so kept going back and on his third visit he said Jesus was waiting for him. “I felt like I had been crash-tackled by God and my life hasn’t been the same since,” he said.

“I could feel the presence of God and His love and didn’t know how to handle it. As an athlete I was a control freak but when I encountered God’s love, I felt overwhelmed and out of control. I couldn’t stop sobbing. It was a difficult year but it was an amazing shedding of all the things I thought was important and the peeling continues 11 years later. I still struggle with thoughts and judgements today but I pull out my bible and throw myself back on God,” he said.

Mr Armstrong was impressed by our students’ talent and quickly recognised the regulars as they were repeatedly called up to receive awards.

This year the Primary Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year were Daemon Cruise and Cassidy Ferris and the Secondary Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year were Damian Tomokino and Andrea Little respectively.

An unexpected addition to the night’s program was seeing just how good a doppelganger GCC’s Russell Modlin is for Duncan Armstrong. Mr Modlin said that back in the 1980s complete strangers wouldn’t believe that he wasn’t Mr Armstrong and he would have to point to his name badge to prove the point.

The night was a success because of all the hard work put into it by Michelle Boroughs and the Sports Department Team. Well done everyone.

For those who haven’t seen photos from the night yet, please click here.
**Middle and Senior Awards Night**

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The Dance Night on Friday night was another wonderful night and a great celebration of the Arts at GCC. The event was so well attended it was sold out.

It was obvious that the students were clearly enjoying themselves and that enjoyment was infectious. The quality was on display for all to see. There were quite a few students who performed their own choreographed pieces too.

The act of the night was our male staff dancers and what a fantastic bunch they are too. In particular, Mr James Follett, who continued with the number even after suffering the indignation of being dropped by his colleagues in the final lift. My daughter Rachel laughed so hard people around thought that she was in great distress.

As always a night like this does not happen without a great deal of effort from a great team. I would like to particularly thank Stacey Whyte and everyone who helped make this night a success.

How has your day been?

We all appreciate someone asking us this question after a long day – even if we aren’t quite ready to unburden ourselves yet. Children of all ages are the same – even teenagers who seem to turn into partial mutes at age 14 (although it doesn’t stop them chatting to their friends) appreciate knowing you care about them, what their day was like and what they learned.

Small things, like asking a child what happened at school, can be the difference between a child who unplugs at the end of the day and one who continues thinking about what they learned. When children explain to their parents what they have learned, it shows they have understood it and provides the parent with a door into their world. Give them the kind of feedback that acknowledges and respects their comments so they know you are really hearing them.

Mike Curtis, Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

Withdrawal of students

The Registrar’s Office would like to remind all parents/caregivers about the terms and conditions concerning the withdrawal of students from the College. If students are leaving at the end of a school term, parents/caregivers must give 90 days written notice to the Principal/Registrar. Unfortunately, failure to provide this notice may result in financial penalties.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 5439 0033 or registrar@glasshouse.qld.edu.au

Sibling entry

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 some year levels and early submission of Application Forms is encouraged for consideration in future years.

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:
   - Naplan results (where applicable)
   - Last two years’ school reports
   - Copy of birth certificate
   - For further documentation please see the checklist in the application

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 College Registrar: Sonya Bowden to clarify.

Sonya Bowden, College Registrar
Our College Primary Parent Handbook is currently being updated for 2016 and will be available on our website soon but I find it is helpful to include sections of the handbook in newsletters from time to time to keep the information current.

As a leadership team we are periodically required to investigate friendship issues between students, or defuse other relationship problems which are causing children to have an unhappy time either inside or outside of class.

Every school, including GCC, experiences this to varying degrees and has policies and procedures in place to manage situations which arise from time to time. These policies and procedures ensure that there is fairness and equity whenever a problem is investigated.

At the end of the school year, children tend to get tired and at this late stage in Term 4 when class assessments are being completed for Semester 2 reporting, we often find that there is an escalation in behaviour and friendship issues.

We speak regularly on assemblies about the need for children to make us aware if they are not having happy days at school because something is troubling them. We have placed a letter box in every classroom and encourage students to write a short note to the teacher. These letter boxes are cleared regularly and the teacher can investigate any concerns which are raised. Younger students tend to simply tell the teacher if something happens to them or they are upset. In addition to this, we regularly check the culture of the primary school by doing online surveys for most year levels or in the case of our very young students questionnaires are administered by staff and children are able to give their responses orally. This allows us to keep our finger on the pulse in regards to the general culture.

Students also know that they may come to see Chappy Dan, Mrs Rosenberg (Prep – Year 2) and Mrs Mitchell or myself (Years 3 – 6) if they would like to speak to us about a problem they may be experiencing. We take these requests very seriously and always investigate issues thoroughly – often over a number of days interviewing everyone concerned to ensure that we really have a true account of what actually happened. Although this can be time-consuming, we believe it is important to be absolutely confident that we have the complete picture.

If however we are not made aware of a problem, we cannot assist or investigate.

The protocol for these situations is for parents to encourage children to let the class teacher know. If the problem continues, we ask parents to phone or email the teacher to make him/her aware. Usually this is sorted at a class teacher level, but if the problem continues, please contact Mrs Rosenberg (Prep – Year 2) or Mrs Mitchell or myself (Years 3- 6). We meet with the Chaplains every week and discuss any situations where children may benefit from contact with either Chappy Dan or Chappy Michelle who then regularly check how those students are travelling. Our Chaplains do an amazing job with guiding children who are experiencing problems with friendships or with relationships. It is very important to us that our students feel safe and have happy days at school. We have many successful processes in place to ensure this whenever we are aware of a concern.

Spelling Bee Results – Legacy Cup

What wonderful results the Prep – 2 and Years 3 – 6 students achieved overall in the Spelling Bee recently and everyone participated with great enthusiasm. The house teams competed closely with the following results:

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Congratulations to all the students on a fine result. The overall winner of the Legacy Cup was announced at the Secondary Awards Night as Zion. Congratulations.

Important Date Claimers:

- **Monday 30 November**
  - Primary Orientation Morning
  - Prep – Year 2 Carols Night
- **Tuesday 1 December**
  - Years 3 – 6 Christmas Concert
  - Prep – End of Year Break Up Day
- **Wednesday 2 December**
  - Junior Swimming Fun Day Year 1 – Year 3 (8 year olds)
  - Year 6 Graduation
- **Thursday 3 December**
  - Years 1 – 6 Break Up Day
  - Last Day of School

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

We had some very cute visitor’s to Kitchen Garden this fortnight; four little ducklings waddled in for a cuddle and to meet the children. They are Peking ducklings from Mrs Ward’s farm. Classes were amused to hear that a mummy hen hatched them and is now raising them as her chicks!

Our junior chefs made Corn, cheese and bean quesadillas with tomato salsa using fresh tomatoes, broad beans, onions and herbs from the garden. Gardeners harvested a
wheelbarrow full of red onions and lots of tomatoes and broad beans. Classes have begun clearing some of the beds so that they can be refilled in the coming weeks as the soil is getting low. For more photos click here.

Until next fortnight,

Happy gardening and cooking!

*The Kitchen Garden team.*

**QUESADILLAS**

**Ingredients:**
- 6 x tortillas.
- 1 large can of corn kernels, drained.
- 200g broad beans, blanched in boiling water & skins removed.
- 200g tasty cheese, grated.
- 500g shredded cooked chicken (optional.)

**Method:**
Smash up broad beans with a fork in a medium sized mixing bowl. Add corn and grated cheese and mix to combine. Divide mixture between the 6 tortillas. Spread filling evenly over half of the tortilla and fold in half to make an envelope with the filling inside, (a half moon shape.)

Heat a non-stick fry pan over medium heat. Cook quesadillas one at a time until the cheese has melted in the centre. Serve topped with tomato salsa and sour cream (and guacamole optional.)

**TOMATO SALSA**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 x punnet of cherry tomatoes cut in quarters.
- 1 small red onion, finely diced.
- ½ bunch of coriander, finely chopped.
- 1 tbs olive oil.
- Dash of tobacco sauce (to taste.)

**Method:**
Mix all ingredients together gently in a bowl. Spoon onto quesadillas and top with sour cream/guacamole.

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**Recycling with Year 4**

On Friday the 30 October, the three Year Four Classes, (4W, 4M and 4G) had the privilege to go on an excursion to the Beerwah Resource Centre and learn more about the Three Rs.

*(Reuse, Recycle and Replace).*

We learnt that if we recycle, the resources we have now, will last longer. Trish, our guide showed us many recycled materials including old woks, and fan blades that were reused in many ways, such as decorating gates or garden ornaments. The Recycling Centre builds lots of different things from all of the materials that people have thrown away. We saw lots of different areas that are recycled e.g: green waste, batteries, clothes and recycled general waste. The students bought some things from the markets — things that people had used and now it had a second chance/life. All the students thought that it was an exciting excursion.

*By Jack Lecky and Josiah Monos*
MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Celebrating the ‘Lasts’

Often the last time something happens is a well known event, other times it’s a year or so later and you realise sadly that ‘it’ doesn’t happen anymore. When we went on road trips with small children (or even shorter trips) we would schedule our stops around great parks they enjoyed (often renamed by them because of the item in the park they liked the most – the Steam Train Park was a local Lion’s park, Bucket Park was a free water park in Darwin with a huge bucket of water that irregularly tips). I clearly remember a moment in time when our youngest was in late Primary School when I realised that we no longer visited or were pestered about visiting parks like this. There was no ‘this is our last park – let’s landmark the event together’. The end of an era is worth celebrating – if you know it’s coming up.

Glasshouse has traditions like Awards Night, Celebration Dinners/Formals, Year 9 ‘Climb Mt Coolum’, Shine evening etc. They are the stuff memories are made of. A huge thank you to everyone for attending and sharing in our Awards Night on Tuesday. Over the last few weeks. I reflected on how grateful I am to work in the school community where we have the hard-working, thoughtful students; and with their dedicated teachers who have brought them this far in partnership with the families who encourage and support their children through all the highs and lows of the year.

Finishing Well

As last few weeks come up, it’s business as usual for all aspects of school. This is a reminder that students are expected to adhere to the Uniform Policy at all times. Attendance up to and including Thursday of Week 9 is also important. Teachers have put in a great deal of thought and effort into what will be happening in the last few weeks of school.

Here is some specific information about this time:

• **Week 8** Three exam blocks will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning for period 1 and 2 only with the regular timetable occurring after these two lessons.

• **Week 9** Alternative Program with planned lessons from Monday – Wednesday. Students will be sent a program from which they can make choices for various electives over the three days.

• Thursday – a Year Level excursion with each doing a different program off campus.

• Wednesday – laptops returned, students who don’t return their laptops and chargers will be required to attend a detention in the holidays. All students will be re-issued with the same laptop at the start of the new school year. **Laptops will be wiped and re-imaged over the holidays.**

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Year 7 Survivor Day

As part of our Year 7 Pastoral Care program, the Year 7 students went to Moffats Beach. At Moffats Beach, the students participated in an exciting educational program that focussed on developing good team building skills. The Year 7 students had a wonderful day. Our thanks to Mr Modlin and Mr Kasslemen who organised the program, Miss Gosbell who was our go to person and cook, Mr Asplin (supervisor and cook) and Mrs Horrigan (First Aid Officer) and Miss Friedrich our fantastic prac student and roving photographer.

I would also like to thank the Year 9 student leader who gave up their time to come and assist. The day would not have been the success it was with your help. For more photos click here.

Matt Ware, Year 7 Coordinator
Christian Studies Community Service

Glasshouse Christian College impacting our community and the world through Social Justice and Community Service.

Matthew 25:37-40

37"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' 38When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

40"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

One of the most challenging parts of living a life of significance is to move beyond just thinking about ourselves and starting to think of other people.

Our Year 12 students completed a whole semester of work on Social Justice and Community service in Religion and Ethics. We looked at the plight of those who are less fortunate than us and what we can do to lighten their load. We invited guest speakers and looked at effective interventions that are changing the world on a daily basis.

As a result of this we decided to get our hands dirty to make a difference. On 20 and 21 October our Year 12 cohort went to several organisations across the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane to bring light and life to those who are suffering. Some students served the elderly at Glasshouse Views Aged Care while others supported Lifeline stores to raise funds for counselling. Six of our girls supported Destiny Rescue, which rescues trafficked children, so well that the staff were in tears with thankfulness. Two teams of students went to The Shack at Nambour where they prepared frozen meals for the needy and mowed lawns of the elderly, disabled and less fortunate. A large group travelled to Yeronga where they supported the Mission of Samaritan’s Purse by packing and screening gift boxes for impoverished children in developing countries for Operation Christmas Child. Through their efforts we processed hundreds of boxes and ensured that many needy children will have a wonderful Christmas.

I am so proud of our students for their tremendous effort and going beyond the call of duty to make a difference. My prayer is that they are paving the way for even greater works of love and care for those who need it most. Photos here.

Bert Kasselman, Head of Christian Studies

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Science Spot

Over the last few weeks GCC has had the pleasure of Dr Adam Polkinghorne come in and participate in classes with our Year 6 and Year 11 students who are studying microbiology.

Year 6 and Year 11 Biology have taken swab samples from all over the school to investigate the different types of microbes that are present in our local environment and look at the factors which help them to grow best. Dr Polkinghorne joined with the students when they collated their findings and also talked to the students about the different types of bacteria and fungi that were found. The following week Dr Polkinghorne joined the Year 11 Biology and Science 21 class, along with a few keen Year 6 students, to teach students microscopic methods to identify bacteria. Students made their own slides and identified different groups of bacteria from a procedure called a Gram Stain. Everyone had a great time. Many thanks need to go to Dr Polkinghorne who is giving his time each week this term to help our Year 11s in their microbiology studies. More photos here.

Delph Exam Success!

There has been great success of our Year 10 students. They all passed the Delph Exam with Rory Tait getting 100%!

FELICITATIONS! = CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who all successfully passed the Delph A1 exam at the Alliance Française in Brisbane last week with flying colours. This is a qualification which is recognised throughout the world and signifies a sound level of spoken and written French.

We can’t wait for the certificates to arrive from France!
Helping Hands Community Survey

Glasshouse Christian College
Community Survey – OSHC – $100.00 gift voucher to be won.

To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both your and your child’s individual requirements, and to understand what is important to your family we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey.

Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a $100 gift voucher. (One survey per family).

Follow this link to complete the survey online;
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015Glasshouse

Or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you.

Hard copies are also available at the service. The survey closes on 27 November 2015

MUSIC NEWS

Our Secondary Band played at Primary Assembly last week to give all of our upcoming primary instrumentalists a glimpse into what the future of their playing at the College will look like. Yes the music is harder, but what a wonderful challenge to have.

Our current Year 6 Primary Band members, together with our Secondary Band members, were rewarded with their commitment to band with a performance by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra at QPAC on Tuesday night. Inspiration for all.

All our Year 1 and 2 students participated in the ‘Music Count Us In’ performance on Thursday 29 October at 11:30am. The song ‘Gold’ was written to be sung on the same day and same time by around 500,000 students from schools all over Australia.

Our performance was linked into the live webcast from Sydney and was a celebration of music education.

Dates to diarise this term for music performances:
• Tuesday 17 November Gala Night
• Tuesday 24 November Year 4 Band Concert
• Friday 27 November Year 3 Smart Strings Concert

FUTURE PATHWAYS

QTAC and Year 12 Applicants: What happens after school has finished?

QTAC Applications - Year 12s

The release of your OP/Selection rank

In December, 2015 Queensland high school OP students will get their OPs from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

On 18 December results will be posted to students by the QCAA and made accessible on 19 December at 9am at: https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/.

2015 Queensland high school OP ineligible students who apply for study can find their OP ineligible rank in their application from 29 December 2015.

Students who have applied through the Educational Access Scheme must have provided QTAC with supporting documentation by the 30 November 2015.

If you need to change your details in your application note the following:

Change your personal details

After you have lodged your application, you can use Application Services to change your: postal or home address, email address, phone number, password, security questions, authorised persons details.

Phone QTAC on 1300 467 822 to update your: name, date of birth, citizenship status, gender, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status, qualification details.

Courses are offered on the basis of Merit

Merit – competing for a place in a course

You compete for courses (both TAFE and Uni) based on merit. Everyone who has met a course’s minimum entry requirements is placed in a highest to lowest order based on their OP or selection rank.

QTAC makes offers by going down the order until all places are filled. The final place is called the ‘cut-off’.

You have to compete for a place in this way, because the numbers of course places available is usually less than the number of people applying.

Find out a course’s cut-off

Cut-offs are not set beforehand but as a guide, so you can check what the cut-off for your course is likely to be, by looking at previous years’ cut-offs.

To check previous years’ cut-offs, search for the course entry details on the QTAC website.

If your selection rank isn’t high enough to get into a course,
you might want to consider the upgrading pathways (available on the QTAC website).

**Getting a Higher OP than You Expected**

This doesn’t mean you have to change your preferences. It also doesn’t mean you have to alter suddenly your course for that dream job you have been desiring.

However, it does give you the opportunity to reflect and look at related courses with higher OP cut offs (on the QTAC website and in the QTAC guide hard copy) within the discipline of study you want to pursue and possibly rearrange your preferences. Obtaining a higher than expected OP is a testament to all your hard work, and is therefore thoroughly deserved.

**Key Application Dates**

Whilst the major offer round is on the 14 January 2016, there are at least six subsequent offer rounds that are made in various courses depending on vacancies. The first Response to Offer date is the 21 January 2016. After that date, the offer lapses. A reminder to students who may be away during this period is that they should authorize someone else to respond on their behalf, so the offer doesn’t lapse.

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QTAC is open for further advice to students, if needed, once school is finished. Ph contact: 1300467822

**UQ College**

UQ College offers an intensive four week program in Math, Chemistry or Biology. It starts on 24 November 2015 – Sat 19 December. Successful completion of these courses will satisfy the prerequisite requirements at The University of Qld. Contact UQ College on (07) 33468222; email: info@uqcollege.edu.au

**Year 9**

The day at QUT Caboolture was very stimulating for students in raising their awareness of the range of disciplines that could be studied, but also that University life is like, as opposed to school. Students were issued with an ‘Explore Uni’ booklet and rotated through four sessions during the day.

There was a computer interactive business activity, ‘Zoo Tycoon’; a Science and Engineering Activity, called ‘Cryptic Codebreaker’; and a Health Activity focusing on Psychology. Students were introduced to what constitutes stress, their stress indicators and various stress management strategies. The fourth activity was called ‘Why Uni?’ This addressed a number of Myths surrounding Uni such as ‘It’s not hands on’ and ‘I’m not smart enough—you have to be a genius to get into Uni’.

For upcoming events click [here](#).

**Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Library Hours:**

- The library is open Monday to Friday during term time. Prep to Year 6 students: 8:00am to 3:15pm
- Year 7 to 12 students: 8:00am to 4:00pm

**Homework Club:**

- Every Thursday (Year 7 to 12) from 3:00pm to 4:00pm

A “Big Thank You” to those who inspire a love a reading at GCC!

World Teachers’ Day was a great day to pause, reflect and give thanks to the staff at GCC for all the fantastic work that they do. But beyond this day, TUH Health Fund wanted to find a way to say ‘thank you’ to teachers for all that they do, every day. As the proud principal sponsor of the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge, TUH thought it would be a great idea for teachers and teacher librarians to hear first-hand just how much they inspire a love of reading in our children.

By taking part in the ‘Big Thank You’, you can thank our staff and help our College win one of 5 x $1000 education resource bursaries. Your child can also win one of 100 x $50 gift vouchers just by entering. All you have to do is visit [bigthankyou.com.au](http://bigthankyou.com.au) and say in 50 words or less how a...
teacher or teacher librarian helps to inspire a love of reading (parents can help younger students with their entry). Entries close at 5pm on 4 December 2015 and can be submitted at http://www.bigthankyou.com.au/. Check out the Big Wall of Thank You for inspiration.

Thank you in advance for getting behind this initiative and showing your appreciation! At the end of the promotion TUH will collate all the responses and send them to the respective schools so the messages of appreciation can be shared with the teachers, parents and school community.

Scholastic Book Club Thanks

The final issue of Book Club for 2015 has been sent home this week. Orders are due no later than Wednesday 11 November to ensure that items ordered are received by the end of the term.

Thank you to the many families that have placed orders this year. We have been overwhelmed by your generous support of both the Scholastic and Koorong Kids book Clubs. It has been a pleasure to partner with you as we develop a love of literacy and learning through reading.

The Book Clubs depend solely on volunteers to run efficiently and I’d like to say a special thank you to Kelly Yeo, Debra James and the team of helpers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare each issue. Their support and willingness to help has been a tremendous blessing to the College.

Library Timeline

As the end of term draws near the Library team are about to move into their busiest phase sorting returns and preparing resources for the new year. Please make note of the following dates below. Your prompt assistance with the deadlines will assist the Library team and reduce the number of items we have to chase with overdue letters.

Library lessons will conclude at the end of Week 7. During Week 8 and 9 the Library will be closed as staff and student returns are sorted. Please note returns are always welcome during this time. If you have any queries about items please contact Vanessa McKellar (Primary items) or Beryl Morris (Secondary items) via library@glasshouse.qld.edu.au.

End Of Year Returns (Prep – Year 12)

The following dates listed below outline the end of year book and Mac returns. Students are expected to return items in good condition. Texts returned should be the copy that includes the student’s name in the front cover insert. Barcodes are not to be taken off IT devices and plastic cases should be left on. Please note books that are lost or damaged beyond repair will incur the full replacement cost. A letter outlining computer issues and repair costs will be sent home shortly.

Prep – Year 6: All library books and home readers due back on Friday 20 November (Week 7)

Year 7 – 9: Books – Due back Monday/Tuesday 23/24 November (Week 8)

Macs & Chargers – Due back Wednesday 2 Dec (Week 9)

Year 10 & 11: Books and Macs due back Friday 27 November (Week 8). Students can return their laptops once they have sat their final exams.

Year 12: Books and Macs due back Tuesday 17 November (Week 7). This is the last day of exam block. Students need to return their laptops once they have sat their final exams.

See you in the Library,

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

SPORT NEWS

Chloe 6th in State

Chloe Dunford was not content to just swim 1.25km in a lake; she wanted a greater challenge. Last weekend Chloe competed in the Queensland Open Water Swimming Championships held at Lake Kawana and put inexperience behind her to finish in 6th place in the 13 girls 2.25km event. She swam a great race keeping an even pace throughout, even after collecting a few thrashing arms in the first 50m. This was the first time Chloe had raced over this distance although she trains hard to compete in the 1.25km open water races. What’s another 1.25km! She swam the distance in just over 38 minutes. For photos click here.

Junior Swimming Fun Day Coming Up

We are looking forward to a fun day at the pool on Wednesday 2 December from 9am – 11:30am.

The Year 1, 2 and Year 3 students who are still 8 years old will be showcasing the skills they have gained during swimming lessons this term and also participating in novelty races and fun games. If you would like to come along and support your child and join the fun, mark it in your calendar and meet us there.
Girls Teams Touch Football Champions

Our Girls A and B Touch Football Teams were both announced District Champions after just two rounds of competition. Unfortunately the third day of competition had to be cancelled due to rain and another date could not be found so winners were decided by points already scored.

Our Girls B team won every game and the Girls A team were undefeated with just one draw. Both teams played fantastic attacking touch football and were also strong in defence.

Congratulations to these teams.

Girls A Touch Football Team

Girls B Touch Football Team

Secondary State Trials

Running from Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 October, Year 11 student Joshua Pedersen, and Year 12 students Andrea Little and Ella Mickelson competed in the Queensland Schools Athletics State Trials.

Joshua competed in the triple jump and made a jump of 11.92m, scoring himself a 15th place out of 24 competitors. Andrea placed 5th in her 100m hurdles preliminary heat with a time of 17.61 seconds. Ella competed in the long jump, making a jump of 4.96m and placed 13th out of 26, and 100m sprints with a time of 13.12 seconds placing 8th out of 9 in her semi-final. She also competed in the 400m sprint, finishing 4th in her preliminary heat with a time of 1:01:86. Ella also participated in the 4x100m relay, with their Sunshine Coast team being unfortunately disqualified after finishing third.

We are proud of these athletes and their achievements while representing the region at the state titles – well done!

Tuckshop News

Fruit sorbets have arrived at Tuckshop. Lemon Pomegranate, Orange Mango, Red Apple. The Red Apple is sorbet in half an apple, which can all be eaten. The sorbets can be ordered online or with brown paper bags for $2.50 each.

Flexischools

If you are ordering online with flexischool, don’t use the APP, use the flexischools.com.au website.

Tuckshop Direct Ph Number is 5436 5654

Thanking you

Cathy Boyer (Tuckshop Convenor)

Lauren Bottrill

P and F News

Hi Everyone,

Funfest

As you would have seen in the email sent out this week, the P and F are looking for a Funfest Coordinator and Auction Organisers for the 2016 Funfest.

As previously mentioned, the big day is set for 30 July, 2016. Not a lot needs to be done this year but getting key positions filled so these roles are ready for 2016 is something that we would like to have organised. After our information session a couple of weeks ago, we filled some key roles, however, there are some positions we which still need filling. Most importantly, we are looking for another one or two people to be Funfest Coordinators. We already have a parent who has volunteered but need at least one other person for this role to function efficiently. Another role we are looking for is for two or three people to be Auction Organisers.

For more information on these positions, or if you’re interested, please contact either Leisa McKenzie on 0409 872 157, Lynelle Sim on 0412 152 997 or email pandf@glasshouse.qld.edu.au

Our next P and F meeting is Tuesday 10 November at 7pm in College library. This is our last one for 2015.

Everyone is welcome.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President
MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT

GCC is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
CHAPPY CHATTER

Have you noticed that when life gets hard and your time is stretched, the important things suffer most?

For me, in the whirlwind DOING GOD’S WORK (pastoral care sessions, team meetings, program development, sermon preparation, home groups and music practices), it is so easy to allow my time with the Lord to decrease or be totally consumed by the other activities that strive for my time and attention.

The most frustrating thing about this problem is that the vast majority of things that compete with the Lord for my quality time are all good things. Sadly even good things, if put in the place of God, can become a black hole that sucks the life out of our Christian walk.

There is a children’s book I sometimes read to my daughter written by Andrew McDonough entitled “Tina the Tree” (you can buy Andrew’s books from Koorong and they are awesome!). In the book Tina lives by a river bank. All manner of Australian animals come to her because they need her help (a place to sleep, something to eat etc.). Now, instead of staying by the river bank and being nourished herself whilst helping her animal friends, Tina runs off into the bush going out of her way to help them. All the while getting weaker and weaker because she isn’t drinking the life giving water from the river. In the end Tina collapses and cannot help anyone! To find out what happens next you’ll have to go buy the book.

Is your spiritual life a little like Tina? Too busy running around doing good works but missing out on that spiritually nourishing quality time with your Lord and Saviour? The end of term can be an absolute shocker and we need a lot of help to be the people God created us to be - to do good works for the glory of God. So let’s learn a lesson from Tina. Stop whatever you’re doing and get back to the river.

Psalm 1:3 (NIV)

“But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)

“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPC Netball Club Sign-On – 016 Winter Day Season

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Visit our specialised information sites for details about our club

Website: www.spc.qld.netball.com.au
Facebook: SPC Netball Club
Twitter: SPCNetballClub
SnapChat: SPC Netball Club
Instagram: SPC_Netball_Club

If you are unable to make one of the sign on days please contact Kathy on 0402 024 331 or us email, to arrange a time that will suit.

PACFA Program

On 13 November, the Research Committee of the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia and the Queensland Counsellors Association will be presenting a two hour session for teachers, psychologists, school counsellors, chaplains and other people who work with children and young people to introduce the “Let’s Talk About Children” program which has especially designed to support young people who have at least one parent with a mental illness.

More information here.