**Term 4**

- **9 weeks**

**NOVEMBER**
- Mon 23-Tue 24: Year 11 Exam Block
- Thur 26-Fri 27: Year 11 Exam Block
- **Fri 27**: Year 6 Wet and Wild
- Fri 27: Last day for Year 10 and 11
- Fri 27: Year 9 Rites of Passage Day
- Mon 30: Prep to Year 6 Orientation 8:45 am to 10:30 am
- Mon 30: Prep to Year 2 Carols night 6:30 pm

**DECEMBER**
- Tue 1: Years 3 to 6 Concert 6:30 pm
- Tue 1: Last day for Prep students
- Wed 2: Junior Swimming Fun Years 1-3
- Wed 2: Year 6 Graduation 2pm
- Thur 3: Year 9 Aussie World Day
- Thur 3: Year 9 Dinner Dance
- Thur 3: Last Day Term 4
- Fri 4: Student free day

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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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**COVER PHOTO**

The much anticipated Year 12 Formal has been and gone, and wow - what a night! The ladies looked gorgeous in their gowns with the gents cleaning up a treat. Pictured L-R back row: Korby Davis, Rebecca McKelvey, Monique Newell, Mrs Patrice Cutlack (teacher), Kalisa Balazs, Louise Munyard, Brooke Festa. Front row; Savannah Dawson, Felicity-Maye Tasker, Taylah Holt and Hayden Snow. Congratulations graduates!

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Remembrance Day Service

Sadly, the Remembrance Day Service at the Beerwah RSL Cenotaph was cancelled this year. As the RSL has gone into receivership there was a public liability insurance problem which meant the community could not access the property to hold this solemn event.

However, we commemorated the day and the minute’s silence across the College. Students in various year levels have been learning about the significance of the day in different ways. It is important not to forget the ultimate sacrifice so many made on our behalf.

Agricultural Science Facility

I am delighted to announce that the P and F have donated 17,000 dollars towards establishing an on-campus Agricultural Science facility.

Our Ag Science program is a popular and important one that we offer at GCC. At present the course is conducted largely off campus in partnership with a local farm and a family of the College. This means that, due to the timetable constraints, we can only offer Ag Science to Senior students. We believe this is an important subject for our students and our community so we would like to extend this offering as much as possible.

As the new parcel of land becomes further developed, the College will hopefully be in a position to establish our own Ag Science facility here on the campus. The immediate benefit of this is that the option to study this subject will be made available to more students. It will also mean that current timetable constraints will be removed.

The plan is in its infancy at this stage and I will keep you updated as to its progress.

Traffic toys in the Lower Primary Outdoor Learning Area (OLA)

The P and F are committed to funding projects that lead to an enriched learning experience for their sons and daughters at GCC. These are projects that the College is not in a position to fund but are desirable. For this reason the College has asked the P and F to assist with the purchase of ride on cars, bikes and model traffic signs that will transform the OLA into a model road system every lunch time, not unlike what you may see in some parks.

The P and F has happily donated 4000 dollars towards this project.

This area will also be used during road safety lessons and is going to be a very popular for the students during break times where they will enjoy lots of imaginative play and also learn to develop their road sense.

I’m sure you will all join with me in thanking the P and F for this donation. It represents many hours of hard work in gift stalls, pie drives, barbecues, discos, and much more. This is the also the ideal opportunity for me to encourage anyone who would like to help with the 2016 Funfest to contact Lynelle at pandf@glasshouse.qld.edu.au to find out more information. Funfest raises an incredible amount of funds for the College and every dollar is put to good use benefiting the students.

Year 12 Formal

Every year at this time I am astounded at the metamorphosis of Year 12 school boys and girls as they become beautifully dressed young men and women. The red carpet arrival is more than just our Year 12 students showing off their new dress, suit or choice of transport – it is their way of showing us all that they have grown up and are ready for the next stage of their lives.

The grandeur and scenery of Flaxton Gardens was entirely appropriate as a backdrop and venue for our graduating students and even the sun shone brightly for this exalted occasion.

As the night wore on it became less formal as students relaxed and enjoyed themselves over dinner before venturing onto the dance floor. It was a great night to celebrate not only the end of the recent exams but the end of 13 years of school life.

More photos here.
Year 12 Graduation and Clap Out

As you read this we would have already experienced the one event of the year with the highest emotions – Year 12 Graduation and Clap Out.

There are a lots of tears from staff, other students and the Year 12s themselves as the finality of the event sinks in. There is excitement about the future, sadness at leaving, relief that the last exam (for now) was over and a real sense that it was the end of something special and the beginning of something new.

It is also special time for our Prep classes as they look on to where they will hopefully be in 12 years’ time and share in the excitement of the morning.

On behalf of everyone at the College I would like to wish our Year 12 students of 2015 all the very best. I look forward to learning of their accomplishments in the future.

Due to deadlines, we cannot include any photos in the newsletter but they will be up on the website and Facebook Friday afternoon.

The newsletter will be twice a term next year

GCC is a vibrant place with an amazing array of activities and achievements that we love to tell our school community about in our newsletter.

We are proud of the quality of our newsletters. There is never a shortage of activities around the College to write about and the result is a very comprehensive publication.

We would never compromise on this quality however we realise that 16 pages of stories every fortnight is a lot of information and we don’t want to overburden you. For this reason newsletters in 2016 will be twice a term.

We will still have all the stories uploaded to our website as they happen so if you don’t want to wait for the publication to be electronically emailed, you can read recent articles when it suits you. We will also continue with our regular Facebook updates.

The published newsletter will continue to contain all of our regular columns and articles from all sections of the College. The only difference is that some articles may be shorter with links to the full story for those who want to read on just like we do now with our photo galleries.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Synergetic Implementation

You may recall that in September of this year that the College had decided to change our School Administration Software (i.e. the software program that runs our school) from PCSchool to a program called Synergetic which is more suitable for a College of our size and complexity.

This very significant decision with regard to the operation of the College will have an impact on almost every area of College life including the management of:

- Student Records
- Human Resources (Payroll and 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 months of training and sorting out issues related to data migration, we will be commencing live operation on Synergetic on Monday next week, being 23 November 2015.

This week, (16 to 20 November 2015) is “Lockout Week”. During this week:
1. PCSchool has become read-only except for attendance and reporting;
2. Synergetic will be performing the live conversion of our data in Melbourne; and
3. We will not have access to Synergetic until the week is over;
4. There may be some interruption or other effects on our normal services to parents and students.

We are excited and optimistic about the change (including the introduction of an excellent parent portal), but I do wish to remind all members of our community that there are likely to be some “teething” issues with the implementation of Synergetic.

The College therefore respectfully requests your patience during the last two weeks of this term and the beginning of 2016 as we sort out any conversion and operational issues associated with this change. The College undertakes to keep these issues to an absolute minimum and thanks you in advance for your understanding.

John Dohler, Business Manager

Uniform Bookings

If you haven’t yet made a booking to purchase Uniforms, NOW is the time!

Bookings for this term have been filling up fast, so to avoid the January rush and get your uniforms organised in the next two weeks before school finishes, call main admin on 5439 0033 or email uniforms@glasshouse.qld.edu.au. (Bookings for January should also be made now).
As the year comes to a close, our teachers are completing all the important Term 4 tasks including assessment and reporting, class lists for 2016 and end of year awards and concert items.

This takes an incredible amount of work but we are nearly there and like you, are looking forward to the holidays in a few weeks.

Orientation morning is on Monday 30 November. This is the time when we give students the opportunity to move with others in their new class to meet their teacher for 2016. In most cases, they will go to the room which will be their classroom for next year.

Teachers have been working together as a year level team with Mrs Mitchell and myself to determine the class lists for 2016. Teachers’ professional judgements have been combined with a number of parent considerations which were submitted in writing some time ago and we have made every effort to take these requests into consideration wherever possible. Thank you for the reminders about issues with students in previous years. These have been factored into our decisions regarding class lists.

However, please understand that in some cases it has been impossible to give students a friend of their choice for next year which we believe is very important for them and also fulfill every request from parents. As explained in Term 3, there are important educational, social, emotional and behavioural constraints which must be balanced first before requests are considered. There is also the gender balance which is very important. Just one change causes a domino effect in terms of this balance.

In many cases teachers had pre-empted the issues and these were already reflected in the class lists for 2016. However, in some other cases it has been impossible for us to accommodate every parent request for a student as these would override our professional responsibility to have balanced classes.

Please understand that Mrs Mitchell and I have had lengthy discussions with every year level team and that the class lists on 30 November will be final.

End of year P-2 Carols Night (30 November) and Year 3-6 Concert (1 December)

An invitation will be sent out very soon with the menu from food vendors which the P and F has organised for these nights as well as the prices for food items.

The staff and students have been working very hard preparing the items and costumes for both nights. I am sure your children have been sharing their excitement with you throughout the term. These two nights are some of the highlights of the year as families, neighbours and friends share an evening together where they can enjoy dinner from a variety of food vendors, a free concert and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

God bless

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

This week in the Kitchen Garden we began clearing out all of our garden beds before the school holidays. We harvested lots of cabbage, lettuce and silver beet. Students were busy clearing out and topping up our garden beds with compost and dynamic lifter in readiness for 2016.

Cooks prepared our special kitchen garden cabbage slaw salad.

As we approach the end of the school year in the next two weeks, we will be celebrating with party games and yummy party food. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Happy gardening from the Kitchen Garden team.

Kitchen Garden Cabbage Slaw Salad

Ingredients
- 2 cups of shredded cabbage.
- 3 Carrots peeled and grated.
- 3 large red apples, core removed and thinly sliced.
- ½ a pineapple, skin removed and cut into small pieces.
- ½ red onion, finely diced.
- ¼ cup raisins.
- ¼ cup sunflower seeds, toasted.
- Small bunch parsley, finely chopped

Method
Toss all ingredients in a bowl. Mix through ½ cup of homemade mayonnaise.

More photos here.
Crawlers and Wrigglers in Prep

In Prep White, we have been excited to follow the development of some little creatures in our classroom. Our silkworms ate and ate and grew fat. We loved to hold them. Before long, they spun their cocoons and then we waited. We had a go at spinning pretend cocoons with fairy floss. After a few weeks, white moths emerged. The excitement reached a crescendo when a moth began laying eggs on a little one’s hand! Now we are watching and waiting for the little eggs to emerge and the cycle to repeat itself. It has been so wonderful hearing the children declare it all ‘amazing’.

We have also been awaiting the transforming of mealworms into pupa and then black beetles. This has been slower, but still so interesting to watch. More photos here.

What a creative God we serve!

Lin Smith

The Quest – Regional and State Finals

The Quest is a team challenge for gifted and talented students from schools across the Sunshine Coast region. Winning teams from that event go on to compete in the State Final. This year, students were chosen to represent our College in the following categories:

(Prep -Year 2) Jarrett Coulson, Aimee Cullen, Nicholas James
(Year 3 – Year 5) Mason White, Teanna Newell, Lincoln McKenzie
(Year 6 – Year 8) Kacey Dickson, Kirra Dodwell, Arianna Doolan

The regional event was held over two days at the Buddina State School. The first day was about preparing the teams for the challenge, rotating through the three learning areas of Science, Mathematics and Humanities, and introducing the students to their focus topics. On the second day, using a similar rotation system, they undertook three challenges. The teams were given 90 minutes to complete each challenge, being judged on the creativity, problem solving, teamwork and leadership they displayed during each challenge. At the end of this event all our students received a commendation for the excellent positive attitude and the love of learning they demonstrated. We were also excited to hear that our Year 5 team of Mason, Teanna and Lincoln had qualified for the finals by finishing a very, very close second in their division.

The State Finals were held at Griffith University in Brisbane one Saturday in mid November. It was a strongly contested event, with seventeen teams from other schools competing in the same category against us. The challenges were even tougher than those they completed at the Regionals, requiring the students to understand and use knowledge well above their current levels of schooling. Mason, Teanna and Lincoln put in their best efforts but missed out on getting a place or winning a trophy this time round. They did do a wonderful job in representing their school, extending themselves individually and working really well as team. We commend them for the effort they gave on the day and in the work they did to prepare themselves as well. Well done students!

Mark Bowman
(Primary Teacher – Gifted and Talented Program)

Year 5 Camp 2015

Wow, what an exciting three days we had! We took 60 students to Currimundi Active Recreation Centre in Week 6. During our stay students got out of their comfort zones, challenged themselves physically and mentally, and formed new social connections with others.

At the beach we all learned to body board and enjoyed using our new skills to surf, change direction on waves and follow the beach safety rules. There were quite a few wipeouts and lots of smiling faces. We were lucky enough to enjoy pool games and had a pool party where students danced and sang together.
At Lake Currimundi we laughed and paddled canoes in teams of four. Some students were able to go in a straight line while others paddled all over the lake unintentionally, but happily. On Remembrance Day we stopped on the bank of the lake for morning tea and a minute silence to remember soldiers past and present. Students reflected on the importance of remembering all that has been done to protect our freedom and way of life.

As if that wasn’t enough excitement, back at the camp students were involved in team building activities. One of these was working together to build and use catapults to fire tennis balls at targets. They had to use rope skills they learned and their whole body to release the tennis balls successfully.

The most popular activity was the Giant Swing where students were harnessed in and lifted 15 meters into the air. In their own time they released the band, free fell for a second and let out a very loud scream. Even the teachers and the parents had a go.

Even though we were all very tired by the end of it the children did not want to leave. It was so wonderful to see so many smiling faces and to hear students saying things like, “I was scared but I am so glad I tried that. It was awesome!” It was such a fabulous time with a great group of people. Camp creates treasured memories for life.

Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who joined us during the camp. We couldn’t have done it without you. You were so helpful and we really enjoyed getting to know you during our fun time together. It was a real team effort.

Cheers,

**Donna Andrews, Dan Bassett and Leath Ramsay**

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

This week we recognised students who received ICAS competition certificates, the Debating team students and Diligence certificates from Term 3 and our Dance Troupe who came Highly commended in a large competition several weeks ago. These students have worked hard and consistently over many weeks and months.

Congratulations also to our ‘Happy Photo’ competition winners and a special thanks to Miss Gook and her student team for putting this in place. It certainly created a great deal of fun and laughter around the school.

Welcome home to our Beerwah celebrity, Miller Wilson-Raatz, who returned from a fortnight in Hollywood after working on a special production. He has made a few YouTube clips which gained over 480,000 views and has over 5,000 followers to do with his love and fascination for wildlife that have brought him into the limelight. I’m sure we will see him aired on the big screen in the next few weeks.

As we move into assessment time and the end of the year, please continue to encourage your child over the finish line. Teachers are only an email away and are happy to discuss any concerns with you.

**Coming up in the next two weeks**

**Week 8**

Exams over three sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for Maths, Science and French with the regular timetable outside of these times.

**Week 9**

Alternative Academic Program and Wrap up is shaping up to be a fantastic week! There are so many great options on offer. Students will need to sign up for the Tuesday and Wednesday program.

**Formal Hats for 2016**

A new formal hat has been organised. It is lighter, more durable and cheaper than the old hats. As of 2016, all Middle School students will need to wear their formal hat with their formal uniform.

**Important Dates for early 2016**

- 25 January: Orientation Day Year 7
- 27 January: Start Date for all other GCC students
- 28 January: Parent Info Night for year 7
- 3 – 5 February (Week 2) Year 8 camp (compulsory attendance required for all camps)
- 3 February – Year 9 Launchpad (Retreat day to set goals and gain focus for the year ahead)
- 4 February – Year 7 Launchpad (Retreat day to build
community and set goals for year 7)
25 February – Middle School Photos
18 – 22 April – Year 7 Canberra Trip and Year 9 Camp.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

2015 Term 4 – Middle School Week 8 and 9 Program

Week 8

Exams

Several of the subjects are undertaking exams with the whole cohort at the same time. These will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. The rest of the week is the regular timetable.

Week 9

Alternative Academic Program and Wrap up. Students will need to sign up for the Tuesday and Wednesday program.

Monday

• Year 7: Three double lesson rotations: Slumcity worlds, Minecraft Challenge, Handball Tournament. Return laptops at the end of the day
• Year 8: Return laptops then head off to French Restaurant Excursion
• Year 9: Three double lesson rotations: Green Globs, Excel; My Future Career
• Year 7 return laptops at the end of the day

Tuesday

• Sign up options for the all-day activities
• Christmas at Lavelly House
• Bike to Tibrogargan
• Junker aeronautics
• Who’s in your Backyard?
• On the Farm
• Random Acts of Kindness preparation
• Random Acts of Kindness
• Survivor on the Moon activity
• Bridge Building activity
• Year 9 Return laptops at the end of the day

Wednesday

• Water sports – kayaking, surfing x 2 groups
• Random Acts of Kindness in ACTION x 3 groups
• Community Christmas Art
• Junker Aeronautics
• Home grown Film Festival
• Dance workshop (invitation only)
• Period 7 and 8 – PC class Wrap up

Thursday – All day year level excursions.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Unity

This is the last newsletter article I write while our Year 12 students are still at College. At the end of this week they will be dismissed for the final time and approximately 1,000 students, staff and parents will clap them out of the school as they take their place in society.

We trust that the education they have gained at GCC has prepared them for this new role of their lives. We strongly believe that education is not just about gaining an OP or a certificate or a headful of knowledge; education is so much more multidimensional than this.

Our Year 12s will always remain very much a part of our community. I love the definition of community, being a group of individuals who share a “common unity”. As you know, our theme for 2015 is Unity and it is fitting that the last article I write for our Year 12s is also on this important theme.

I was shocked this week to see the tragedy unfold in Paris. How can people be perpetrators of such atrocities? Part of the reason, I believe is that they do not belong to that community; they do not share the same belief system and values that everyone else does. Our values help define us as a community and at GCC we adhere to a simple set of values that we have aligned to the acronym GREAT

• Godliness
• Respect
• Excellence
• Attitude
• Teachability

We celebrate and encourage these values whenever we can. Unity and hence community are so important in our society.

Two weeks ago, we held our annual Awards Night and we reminded students of their commitment to attend this event. It is the most important event in our calendar as it brings the entire Secondary School together in unity to celebrate the God’s goodness to us over the year, as well as the achievements of all our students. Not everyone received an award as that would diminish the importance of those awards that were given. Everyone joins together to celebrate in unity. I therefore continue to encourage every parent to insist that students attend this event next year. Awards Night is so important to building the community that is GCC and hence it is why we make attendance compulsory.

Important Compulsory Wednesdays in 2016 dates for your calendar

Whilst Wednesdays are given to students in Year 11 and 12 to explore careers, and various other study options such as TAFE and University programs, these days are still school
days. In 2016 we are endeavouring to reduce the number of disruptions to our academic program by holding various events on these Wednesdays. Students need to make a special note of these days and ensure that their employers and other instructors know they their attendance at school will be required.

These dates are:
10 February – Secondary Swimming Carnival
23 March – Secondary Cross Country Carnival
25 May – Secondary Athletics Carnival
22 June – Start of the Year 11 camp

David Heyworth, Head of Secondary School

Year 11 Brisbane Court Excursion

On Thursday 12 November our Year 11 Legal Studies class had the honour of visiting Brisbane’s Queen Elizabeth II Courts Of Law on both district and supreme level. The trip included the ability to ask Justice Butler of the District Court of Queensland many questions that provoked the curiosity of the students. This privilege gave an insight into many ethical dilemmas a judge or barrister may face, tips for students who wished to pursue a career in law as well as an understanding of the position of Justice. Students were then permitted the opportunity to experience courtroom proceedings of fraud and drug smuggling at certain stages including sentencing, witness examination and witness cross examination hearing from both the defence and prosecution.

However, as courtroom proceedings can go on for some time perhaps hours, or even weeks, the students were then able to experience the CBD of Brisbane along Queen Street and reflect on their experiences. Though the courts were nothing like television shows such as Judge Judy or Law and Order, it still proved to be a rather enlightening experience for all of the Year 11 Legal Studies students who have learnt some very valuable lessons and gained first hand experience of the system which they study. We are all very thankful for the excursion.

Ryan Jeffrey

Year 11 Hospitality Studies and Practices

The students had an excursion to the Good Food and Wine show, where some of them met the chef Miguel Maestre from The Living Room on Channel 10.

Bailey Townsend had the opportunity to ask him lots of questions and inspire him in his career in Hospitality.

Natasha’s-eye-view of UQ

Firstly, before you continue to read, I would like to get something off my chest. When it comes to libraries, I am a huge nerd! I’m the type of person who visits the local library every week and always has a stack a books on her desk. I’m the person who will read a book ’till it falls apart but will give you an almighty death stare if I see you doggy ear a page in a book. This term has involved my second experience at the University of Queensland Library and I enjoyed it just as much as the first time. The Year 11 History cohort, as well as a Year 10 History class spent the day wandering through shelves and shelves of books and also exploring the University computers. We all emerged from the shelves, arms full of books and racing to claim a desk and start studying. Throughout the day we independently researched, only stopping for coffee and the occasional need to use the bathroom. By the time 4 pm came we were exhausted, we changed and emerged ready for dinner. Next we were herded on to the bus by our wonderful teachers. Dinner was at Grilled in Chermside and then we visited McDonalds for a small dessert before once again, being pulled away. On the way home the bus was filled with constant chatter and in some cases singing. We finally reached home where I’m pretty sure all of us collapsed into our beds with exhaustion.

By Natasha Kukulies

Consumer Studies

Consumer Studies students took on the challenge of understanding the life of an individual that is faced with misfortunes such as debilitating diseases, amputations etc. Their group task was to grapple the effects of breast-cancer on society at large. The students cooked up a storm, fundraising for the breast-cancer foundation. Thank you for all the support we received. Total well-being should be everybody’s way of life. Thank you for helping with this great cause. More photos here.
In this newsletter I am going to focus on the increasing emphasis on coding in the world of work. Coding is a term that is increasingly becoming part of our society’s and educational systems’ language surrounding computing. So just what is coding?

**Coding is:** what makes it possible for us to create computer software, apps and websites. Your browser, your OS, the apps on your phone, Facebook, they’re all made with code. For a view of young people’s potential in computer programming careers, employers look for personal attributes and skills, beyond academic credentials, when assessing candidates’ suitability, for instance creativity, a collaborative approach and an entrepreneurial spirit are as important as aptitude and experience.


**Year 9 Work Experience forms**

Many Year 9 Work Experience forms are still outstanding. The deadline was earlier this week so please return them to the Future Pathways office or Secondary Admin urgently.

**What are the main differences between School and Uni?**

Go to the following website and find out: [https://www.gut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advice-school-students/resources-for-students](https://www.gut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advice-school-students/resources-for-students)

**East Coast Apprenticeships**


Please complete the application form ONLY ONCE. To update any of your details please email applications@ecapprenticeships.com.au with your full name and date of birth.

**Tax File Numbers (TFN)**

To obtain a TFN, students will need to contact the Australian Tax Office and complete a ‘tax file number – application or enquiry for an individual’ form. It is best to apply as soon as possible as it takes up to 28 days. Students can call the Australian Tax Office on 132 861 or visit [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

**The Department of Education and Training Scholarship Program**

The Department of Education and Training Scholarship Program is now accepting nominations for the 2016 scholarships program. This is available to current Year 12 students.

For more information about available Traineeships click [here](http://www.sportspeople.com.au/?ID=18624).

**Two Minutes with Leading Sportsmen**

Ever wanted a career tip from someone who has already made it in their chosen profession? Maybe you have wanted to know what qualification might put you on the road to success?

‘Two Minutes with…’ regularly invites some of Australia’s and New Zealand’s leading professionals working in the sport, fitness, aquatic, coaching, venues, events, leisure and lifestyle professions to respond to a number of questions covering careers, inspirations, qualifications and passions. For more information go to: [http://www.sportspeople.com.au/?ID=18624](http://www.sportspeople.com.au/?ID=18624)

**Current Traineeship Vacancies**

Please go to Connect to check out the latest opportunities currently available. Some information can be found [here](http://www.sportspeople.com.au/?ID=18624).

**In a final note…**

I would like to congratulate all Year 12s and wish them every success on the future pathways they have chosen at this stage in the journey of lifelong learning.

*Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator*

**SPORT NEWS**

**A Boys Unbeaten at AFL**

The Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sports teams have played their last games for the year; with the A Boys team winning every game they played at the AFL Competition! Scores were not officially kept so the games were just for the enjoyment of playing but it is hard not to know who wins each game!

Every team played really well with the girl’s game being particularly entertaining, especially when our two teams played against each other. There was almost more laughing than serious play with both teams showing great sportsmanship. A similar game was also seen when our GCC boy’s teams played each other.

There were some very competitive games played. Our students played well together as teams to achieve great results, also learning lots about the game of AFL along the way.

The AFL Development staff who ran the days of the competition are keen to have new players join the sport of AFL. Keen families can contact the Landsborough AFL Club for more details about playing AFL. More photos [here](http://www.sportspeople.com.au/?ID=18624).
**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

**End Of Year Returns (Prep – Year 12):**
Special thanks to the many Year 12 students that returned items promptly this week. Families will be notified by mail of any outstanding items.

Please note the following dates below for all other Mac/charger and text returns. During Week 8 and 9 the Library will be closed as staff and student returns are sorted. During this time returns are always welcome. If you have any queries about items please contact Vanessa McKellar (Primary items) or Beryl Morris (Secondary items) via library@glasshouse.qld.edu.au.

- **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)
- **Year 10 & 11:** Books and Macs due back Friday 27 November (Week 8)
- **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.

**Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services**

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**Many Students Qualify for State Relay Champs**
Many of our students competed in the Little Athletics Regional Relay trials and some great results were achieved. Athletes compete as a team in track and field events and their scores are added together to find the winning team.

GCC had many students qualify to compete in the State Championships in December and we wish them all the best in that competition.

**Library News**

**2W Celebrate Winning Run Around Australia**
Year 2W were very excited as they began their day of fun with Mrs Stott as the reward for being Junior Class Champions in the Run Around Australia Challenge.

The day began with a play at the most awesome Bells Reach Park. After a quick snack they went to Chipmunks Indoor Play Centre where they burned up heaps of energy exploring all the different areas and racing down the slides. Being showered in a million balls was also awesome and rewarding after picking them all up one by one! Mrs McLaren, Mrs Stott and the mums who came to help also enjoyed zooming down the slides.

It was then off to Kings Beach for a sausage sizzle and play in the fountain and on the beach. The class was soon covered in sand and the fountain was a great shower! Thanks to all the awesome Mums and Nanas who helped us out during the day.

Everyone had a great day out and slept well that night!

For more photos of the great day see [here](#).

**Ella Childs Competes in All Schools Aquathon**
Ella Childs is a keen triathlete and competes often all over the coast with her family. Last weekend she competed in the Sunshine Coast All Schools Triathlon Championships at Lake Kawana which was a qualifying event for the State Championships to be held next year.

Ella competed in the Primary Aquathon event against young athletes from all over South East Queensland. The competition was fierce but Ella did really well pacing herself through the event. The event was a 1 km run, 200 m swim and then another 1 km run to the finish line. Ella placed just after half way through the field completing the course in 16 minutes and 41 seconds. She was the 15th Sunshine Coast athlete to finish with 80 competitors completing the course. More photos from the day [here](#).

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Hi everyone,

We had our final meeting for 2015 this week and discussed fundraising ideas for 2016. There were some great ideas received in reply to the P and F email sent out to all College families a few months ago for fund raisers/events.

Planning for next year’s events are now well underway:

• A trivia night for Term 1
• Due to the success of the Pie Drive this year, another is planned to hopefully take place next year in Term 2
• We are also looking at selling an entertainment book or something similar
• Primary discos are being planned!
• And finally the one we’ve all been waiting for… Funfest 2016! Our biggest and best fundraiser for 2016, a fantastic fun family day!

Funfest

All key coordinator positions have been filled, however we are still looking for a couple more volunteers for organising the Auction for Funfest. If you would like to lend a hand keep a look out for more information early in 2016, other areas of Funfest may require some help.

Please contact P and F if you can help with auction.

Donations

The Committee met to discuss which areas of the College we thought we could donate funds to.

The P and F aim to fund projects that lead to an enriched learning experience for students here at GCC. These are projects that are desirable but are unfortunately unable to be funded by the College.

In recent news we were delighted to donate $17,000 towards establishing an on campus Agricultural Science facility.

Our Ag Science program is a popular and important learning experience offered at GCC. Currently the course is currently conducted largely off campus in partnership with a local farm and a family of the College.

For various reasons however; Ag Science is only offered to senior students. It is an important subject for our students and our community, and so our College aims to offer this subject to other students.

While the plan is still in early stages at the moment, we hope to eventually allow this facility to benefit students from Prep to Year 12. (See the Principal’s address for more information on this project)

We have also happily donated $4000 towards the traffic toys in the Lower Primary Outdoor Learning Area (OLA)

Our donations are assisting with the purchase of ride on cars, bikes and model traffic signs that will transform the OLA every lunch time into a model road system; something similar to what might be seen in some parks.

This area will also be used during road safety lessons. We are sure this is going to be a huge hit with the students for break times where they will enjoy lots of imaginative play while also learning to develop their road-sense.

Thank You

Another great year for the P and F providing various fundraisers and events for our College family and community has gone by in a flash. Thank you to all the support our College families have given to the P and F.

It helps us, as parents, to contribute to our College in areas that we see as important or a benefit to our children.

Another huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who give their time to help where they can, you truly are appreciated.

Without the support of our College staff, the work the P and F do wouldn’t happen, we are very thankful to you all.

I really enjoyed working with our executive committee again this year. With a special mention to Jayne Hinds, Sue Schafer and Patti McNulty, thank you.

Look out for the 2016 P and F meeting dates in the college calendar.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Enjoy the break.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President

Carols by Streetlight is a movement of Christian Churches from all denominations, sizes and locations uniting together to sing the Christmas Story into the heart of the community, the week leading up to Christmas Day.

If you would like further information please visit our website carolsbystreetlight.org
**CHAPPY CHATTER**

I might lose any respect I had left in this school, but it is time I made a confession. I drive a hybrid. Yes, a girly, wussy Toyota Camry that drives with the assistance of electricity. I have copped a hard time about this from all my mates, even though they know my good reasons for buying it.

Though I do hear quite a bit of criticism about hybrid cars, I find that a lot of people try to live hybrid lives. Instead of electricity supporting a normal petrol engine, they think that God is there to support their wider plans of what they want to do. Their attitude seems to say, “I am in charge, and I am sufficient, but I can use God if I ever need a bit of a boost.”

The only problem is that God doesn’t like hybrids. The only way to have a proper relationship with God is to fully surrender everything to him. Proverbs (3:5) reminds us to “Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding.” For me, as a Christian living in Australia, this is a difficult thing to do. But the promise of Jesus is that no one who surrenders everything to follow Him will miss out in the long run. My challenge to you and myself this week is to ditch the Hybrid, and try to live a life that relies fully on God.

**Chappy Dan**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE**

**FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP**

As Christmas is fast approaching, you are invited to Youth Excel’s annual Gingerbread House fundraising event.

This event will be held on 8 December at 6.30pm @ Youth Excel – 138 Old Gympie Rd, Cnr Nellies Lane Kallangur.

Last year’s event was a HUGE success with both children and teenagers alike enjoying time with their mums while they assembled gingerbread houses. No one is too young or old for this event. Being grandma, aunty or neighbour along for a great night out.

This event is hosted by Kerry Van, a precious mum of one of my clients from many years ago. Each year Kerry personally bakes all the gingerbread houses and facilities this incredible night in support of Youth Excel.

Everything you need to create a gingerbread house will be supplied on the night, but if you have any specialty lollies you want to use you are welcome to bring them along.

Tickets are $25 per person. 100% of proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Youth Excel.

To register please phone the office on 3482 3466. RSVPs essential and numbers are limited.

I personally can’t wait to attend this night with my two nieces. Hope to see you there.

**Michelle Mitchell**

**Helping Hands – Prep and Pupil Free Days**

Sunshine Coast Football

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YEAR 12 FORMAL

GCC is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
For more photos from the evening, click here.
Edward Wayne Logan's extended family climbed a backyard fence in fear for their lives as the 50-year-old was consumed by a violent rage.

Police officers responding to their 000 calls had only seconds to react when they stopped in front of the Tewantin home where Edward had been visiting his son Thomas Logan and Thomas's partner Teegan Gordon.

‘He said the police wouldn’t be taking him unless he was in a body bag’

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They certainly are in our books!