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**COLLEGE CALENDAR - FULL VERSION ON [WEBSITE](#)**

<b>Mon 27</b>	Leader groups and catch up school photos
<b>MARCH</b>	
Thur 2	Legacy Cup Clean Up Day
Tue 7	P and F Meeting and AGM 6:30 PM
Thu 9	All Year 7 immunisations
Mon 20-Fri 24	Year 10 Work Experience
Thu 23-Tue 28	Year 11 and 12 Exam Block
Thu 30	Primary and Secondary Cross Country
Fri 31	Whole of College Easter Service
Fri 31	Last Day of Term 1
<b>APRIL</b>	
Mon 17	Easter Monday public holiday
Tue 18	First Day Term 2
Wed 19	P and F meeting 7 pm
Mon 24	ANZAC Day College Service
Tue 25	ANZAC Day March (public holiday)
Wed 26-Fri 28	Year 11 Camp
<b>MAY</b>	
Mon 1	Labour Day public holiday
Tue 2	P and F Meeting 7pm
<b>Tue 2-Wed 3</b>	Middle School Student Led Conferences
Tue 2-Wed 3	Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue 9	Prep Mothers' Night 6:30-8:00 pm
Tue 9-Fri 12	NAPLAN



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**COVER PHOTO**

Adelie Tomokino and Kate Briggs with Pastor Jocelyn Carolissen, celebrating Ararat's win at the Primary Swimming Carnival.



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## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS



Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new families. This is our first newsletter for 2017 and already a lot of significant events have taken place.

Our Bible verse for 2017 is from Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,

whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." This is a beautiful verse that I think every parent would want for their children and families. As a school that emphasises values, we thought this verse was perfect to guide our thinking this year.



## Infrastructure improvements



A lot happened over the holidays and our Property Team were kept busy. There is now an undercover walkway right along the Kiss and Go express lane alongside N Block and the car park. This will protect our students from the sun and those notorious showers that always seem to hit at 3pm.

Prep Maroon has its own toilet block (temporary until a permanent one is built very soon), our Primary Music room has been converted from two small classrooms to one large performance area and there has been a lick of fresh paint to many parts of the College. There were many more upgrades that are largely hidden but I want to thank the Property Team for working so hard during unpleasantly hot weather while many of us were on holidays enjoying a relaxing swim.

## Uniforms

After a two-year phase in period, the new uniform and logo is now mandatory for all students. Teachers and

staff will be on the lookout for infringements with zero tolerance for infractions. The only items permitted with the old logo are the College backpacks and they will be phased out by the end of this year.



## OP Results

Each year our students' academic performance continually do us proud. Well done to all of our students who did their best and a special congratulations to those who received the OP scores they hoped for. Here is how our Year 12 OP students performed:



## College Dedication Service

We value our history at GCC and give thanks to God for his faithfulness to us over the years. This is why we asked Mrs Cheryl Bryers to be our guest speaker at the 2017 College Dedication Service. Cheryl was able to speak first-hand about how God had grown the College from 16 students in 2000 to the 1065 we have in 2017.



It was a good time to look back with thankfulness and look forward with excitement. More photos [here](#).

## Leadership Inductions

As we took time to dedicate the whole College to the Lord we also had two special services where we set apart our Middle and Senior School leaders for 2017.

The services were held on Monday 6 February and guest speaker was Nikki Nucifora from Psychology Café and Milkbar (previously known as Family Challenge in Mooloolaba). Nikki spoke on how all good leaders are servants and used her friend, Andy Gourley (founder of Red Frogs Australia) as an example.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of

our Middle and Senior School Leaders.

If you missed the event and don't have Facebook, you can



see all the photos here: [Middle School Leaders' Induction](#); [Senior School Leaders' Induction](#).

### Prep-2 Playground and sandpit

Children are not to play on this or any other playground at the College unsupervised. The College provides supervision during normal school hours only, that is during the break times between 8.30 am to 3.00 pm but nothing outside of these hours.

We do allow children to play on the equipment on weekdays but this is only if a parent/caregiver is actively supervising their own child/ren. It is not good enough for someone to "watch" a friend's child as well as their own. It must be one to one supervision.

### New staff

We reached a new milestone in 2017 with three streams from Prep to Year 12 with the addition of 6W this year. As a school with approximately 1065 students and 165 staff, we experience more staff movements even though we have the same small percentage turnover. Take a few minutes to read about our new staff in this newsletter and say hello to them next time you see them on campus.

### Mike Curtis, Principal

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## NEW STAFF

### Desley Maciejewski

I live in Morayfield with my husband Michael and three beautiful children. My family and I worship at the Caboolture Baptist church. I am teaching Year 3W this year.



My previous teaching position was with Australian Christian College – Moreton where I taught Year 5. I have previously worked with the Department of Justice in the

Children's Court Brisbane and the Sandgate Magistrates Court. I also like to walk at least five kilometres a day with my best friend, Bronwyn (when we do lots of talking and walking – and try to solve the world's problems!)

The staff and students at GCC have been wonderful, gracious and caring and I can say that I am truly blessed to be part of the GCC community and teaching 3W this year!

### Renat Yusupov

I am originally from Uzbekistan. Music is my lifetime passion and I am blessed to be a part of GCC as a Primary Music Teacher.

Teaching music in a primary school is like having an everyday party. I hope to share my love for music with the kids. Please come and visit primary music room, I love meeting and getting to know people. Maybe you need someone to pray with? I will be delighted to meet you!



### Valerie Beattie

Bonjour! I am originally from Montréal, Canada. I have travelled the world backpacking solo for two years before deciding to make the big move to Australia only five years ago. I have a degree in Business International Marketing and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning. French is my first language so you will not be surprised to learn that I have recently joined the French teaching team! I am truly looking forward to sharing my love for French and making my Year 7 and 8 students discover the opportunities a second language can bring to their life experiences.

I have two young children that I simply adore. Therefore you will only see me part time on school grounds as I make a gradual return to the workforce. I am on a learning journey when it comes to enjoying the waves at the beach, all of Australia's creepy crawlies and your two seasons; hot and not so hot! I am looking forward to an amazing and exciting year of teaching French at GCC.



### Asha Butler

I'm assisting Mrs Kombanie with Textiles this year. I have been a teacher for the past nine years, most recently at Meridan State College, teaching Years 1 and 2 and prior to that I taught Year 3 at Chancellor State College. I took a break from teaching when I had my first daughter, five years ago and during that time I quickly realised that I was a lover of all things creative. So, as well as



assisting with Textiles, I am also studying Interior Design and Decoration. I'm very passionate about that.

My husband Joel and I have spent most of our lives here on the Coast and we have two beautiful girls, Emily (5-years-old) and Laura (3-years-old). Emily has just started Prep here at Glasshouse Christian College and she is absolutely loving it.

Encouraging people and building them up is something I really love to do each and every day. I'm looking forward to doing that as much as I can wherever it's needed this year and beyond.

Thank you for the lovely, warm welcome to the College. Everyone has been genuinely friendly and I feel very blessed to be here with you all.

### **Rhiannon Lindsay**

It is my absolute privilege to be teaching at GCC this year! I am quite new to the teaching profession, graduating university with a double-degree last year. I have lived in Beerwah my entire life, coming to Glasshouse Christian College as a student.



I'm teaching English Humanities from Year 9 to Year 11, and I also have a passion for art and music.

I feel so totally blessed to be working with these young people in a school that God is using and growing for His kingdom. I can't wait to see what the next years bring. To God be the glory!

### **Sarah Jennings**

I am a new Primary teacher at GCC with Year 3G. I have recently moved to Queensland from Sydney NSW with my husband of three years. We have moved into a house in Kallangur and are loving the life of a Queenslander. I am a social person who loves a cuppa and a catch up with friends and family.



I have three years teaching experience working full time at a public school in NSW. I am very excited and grateful to be working at GCC, with such a beautiful Christ-centred and student-focused atmosphere. I look forward to partnering with parents and the College to provide a quality education to the students in my care.

### **Maryke van Eck**

This will be my 12th year of teaching and I am fairly new to Australia, having moved here a year and half ago from New Zealand. I was born and raised in South Africa and I had the privilege of teaching in different countries. My experience is



in Lower Primary with P-Year 2 students. I love art, being creative and going to the gym with my husband. We love being fit and healthy!

I have a passion for teaching and learning. I believe that school should be exciting and fun and I hope to instil that same passion for lifelong learning in your child. I look forward spending time with the students here at GCC!

### **Steven Libby**

I have recently come from the south east of Brisbane working as a tutor for senior science subjects and mathematics for various schools for the past seven years. During that time, I also worked as a swimming instructor for the past four years at John Paul College. These two positions fuelled my passion for teaching as I completed a dual Bachelor of Science (Physics) and Bachelor of Education (Secondary).



Apart from science and mathematics I enjoy playing PlayStation, downhill mountain biking, and playing with my four pet rats.

I am taking senior Mathematics classes and all senior Physics classes. I personally enjoy placing emphasis on students taking responsibility of their own learning. I look forward to encouraging students this year to steer themselves toward their own passions.

### **Kailah Cuckson**

I am very excited to be teaching Year 6 this year. This is my first year teaching as I completed my Bachelor of Primary Education at the end of last year. Throughout my own schooling, I was very lucky to have been taught by some very passionate teachers. So, I am looking forward to instilling the same love of learning in my own students.



My family has lived on the coast for ten years now and my husband and I got married in 2015. I look forward to working with you all and can't wait to see what exciting things are in store for 2017.

### **Karen Blackburn**

I am privileged to be teaching Year 4 this year. I taught for seven years at Northside Christian College, Brisbane, before having my own children and becoming a stay-at-home mum. I have five children aged from 6-13, one daughter and four sons. After a period away from the classroom, I am relishing the opportunity to be back and feel so blessed to be able to sow into the lives of the children in my class this year.



## Belinda McWilliam

I'm the new Year 5W teacher. I live in Peachester with my husband and two sons Lachlan (14) and James (12), both of whom have attended GCC since Prep. Some of you may already know me as I was previously employed at GCC as a Teaching Assistant and have seen many of your children throughout the College over the years. I completed my teaching degree about 18 months ago and have been teaching at quite a few different schools across the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay areas. I am very excited about being part of the GCC community again this year and am looking forward to the year ahead with my Fantastic Fives and their families.



## Jenny Evans

I have been the Art Co-ordinator at my previous school for twelve years. This year I will be teaching Art at Glasshouse Christian College for Year 7 through to Year 12, and I'm looking forward to this new adventure.



I'm a wife, mother and grandma to three gorgeous boys, with another grandchild arriving in August. I love animals and nature and of course drawing and painting. I'm grateful that here at GCC, I can share my faith in God and passion for creativity with the young people in my care and look forward to the many new relationships I hope to build while I'm here.

## Marlize Kasselmann

My name is Marlize Kasselmann. I am so blessed to call Queensland home after teaching in South Africa, the UK and Taiwan in both State and Private Schools.



This year I have the privilege of teaching Year 1. I love the godly atmosphere and the amazing staff and students at GCC. We believe that God sent us to this place for His purpose and I am so excited to be a part of what God is doing here at GCC. I love God, my family, sport, music, art and a piece of dark chocolate at the end of the day.

## Jocelyn Carolissen

I am the new Primary College Pastor. I have a Bachelor of Theology and have been involved in school and church ministry for ten years. I love teaching kids about Jesus and have ministry experience in Australia, South Africa and Mexico.



I am married to Ryan and together we enjoy nature, travelling and being active. I have a heart for social justice and helping kids to see how they can be involved in helping the needs of others.

## From the Fees Office

A very big thank you to all of our wonderful families for your commitment to the payment of your school fees again this year. Our College has an exceptional reputation within the industry for our fee policies, processes, and payments and the regular stream of fee income allows the College to continue our high level of service to you. Our excellent fee collection record also enables us to plan confidently for exciting new developments in the near future (watch this space!) for the benefit of all of our students.

We also pride ourselves on our approachability within this area and our flexibility working with families through difficult periods of their lives. We encourage our families to always contact us to discuss (confidentially) any financial concerns they may be experiencing.

To access any of your financial Transaction and Statement history including ongoing receipts and account balances, please log into the iLearn Parent Portal and choose 'Finance'.

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## Important information regarding waiting pools and sibling entry for the future

If you have siblings interested in enrolling at GCC please note the following: Parents should complete and submit a separate Enrolment



Application form to the College for each new sibling. 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 pools are being experienced across many year levels and early submission of Application Forms is encouraged for consideration in future years.

With the extensive growth over the last few years we are seeing a trend whereby new families are submitting their applications in much earlier. This creates waiting pools across many year levels including Prep. Please ensure you have enrolled siblings into the College to avoid disappointment in the future.

Prep 2018 and 2019 enrolments are now open. We ask our existing families to apply now to avoid disappointment. Prep interviews for 2018 have now commenced and therefore submission of applications is strongly encouraged as soon as possible.

Please contact the College Registrar as soon as possible regarding enrolments on 5439 0033 or [registrar@glasshouse.qld.edu.au](mailto:registrar@glasshouse.qld.edu.au).

## PRIMARY NEWS



It never ceases to amaze me how every new school year seems to begin busier and busier each January but in spite of the busyness it has been a smooth start to 2017.

Our new teaching staff have settled in to GCC well, under the guidance of their team leaders, and students are building friendships in their new class groups.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Meet the Teacher Parent Information Night. I am confident that these sessions were very helpful in developing home/school partnerships which are so very important for your children.

During one of these sessions there was a request for parents to know the extra – curricular activities timetable for the week. I have included this in my article so you can remind your children about the activities which are being held each day. It is exciting to be able to offer so many different lunch time opportunities to our students throughout the week.

Our new music teacher Mr Renat Yusupov is offering some amazing musical experiences for students including Boyz to Men Music Group (boys only), Sing and Shout (performance group Years 3-6), Primary Concert Band and String Ensemble. Mrs Smith will be working with Year 1 and 2 students in Little Voices again in 2017. Little Voices performs throughout the year at various events/ functions and does an amazing job. They are so cute!

Sporting training is held at lunch times and before school, Dance Team is held at a lunch break and a Year 5/6 group before school.

Pastor Jocelyn is meeting with Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 on different days to do Bible Study and develop drama groups for chapels on Mondays and Wednesdays. There is also a Bible Study group with Pastor Joce for our lower school students (Prep – Year 2) and Chapel Band sessions for Years 3/4 so these students can lead the worship on Wednesdays for Chapel.

When you consider these extra-curricular activities in addition to the colouring club and chess groups (just a couple of the activities on offer in the library) our students have so many opportunities available to them. Maybe you can chat about these and encourage your children to consider getting involved.

Personally, I am very excited about the wonderful opportunities available to our students each week.

On Monday the Literacy Pro designers from USA visited our College to see how successful Literacy Pro (Year

3-6) and to visit some of the primary classrooms. This is an incredible honour for our school as they recognize that our staff and students have embraced Literacy Pro and students are making great progress in reading. We are very grateful to Mrs McKellar and Mrs Murray in the library who have guided Literacy Pro since its introduction a number of years ago.

The Parent Pipeline on the Responsible Thinking process last week was well attended and I believe it was helpful for all those who were here. It is important to know the background and theory of this process and how it must be implemented in its integrity.

This week there were two more Parent Pipeline sessions with a focus on Literacy Pro. We hold these Parent Pipelines to equip our parent community with information and skills to assist their children in their educational journey.

In the coming weeks you will be receiving emails regarding other Parent Pipeline sessions

*How to form letters correctly in hand writing (more suitable for Prep and Year 1 correct directionality of letters)*  
*Strategies for helping with Home Reading (Lower Primary)*

If there are areas you would like us to hold a Parent Pipeline session in the future would you please complete the form which will be emailed soon.

We would love to support you as we work together to give your children the best educational experiences we can possibly provide for them.

**Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary**

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome to all families that have started at the College this year. Tuckshop operates everyday except for Wednesday. All Tuckshop ordering for Primary Students is done online with Flexischools. All these online orders must be in by 9am on Tuckshop days. All Middle School and Secondary students can buy over the counter at Tuckshop. Only food that is available in the hotbox and counter top fridge, drinks and yoghurts can be purchased over the counter; any pre-ordered food on menu must be done online or on a paper bag and handed in before school at the Tuckshop. EFTPOS is available for all Middle and Secondary students to use.

We want to remind our new Middle school students that their morning tea and lunch breaks are now at different times from when they were in primary! Morning tea is at 10:40am and lunch is at 1:00pm.

For anyone wanting to volunteer or any inquiries phone Tuckshop direct on 5436 5654

**Cathy Boyer, Tuckshop Convenor**

## KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



This year we welcome a new Kitchen Garden Assistant. We are delighted to have Debbie Goddard join us. Debbie replaces Shelby Stott who has found full time work elsewhere. We wish Shelby all the best on her new venture. Many of you already know Debbie who has been a long time parent and volunteer at the school.



During their first Kitchen Garden lesson our brand new Preppies learnt the rules of the garden and where and what everything is. It was a hot day so some nice cold watermelon was enjoyed by everyone at the end of the lessons.



After two long years of waiting, we are beginning to harvest our pineapples which are super sweet. The tops have been kept and will be replanted to grow more pineapples that will fruit in another two years! We have been busy cleaning up and replanting our garden beds. Getting things to thrive in the garden in the extreme heat has proved to be a challenge so far this year with many seedlings 'fried' by the sun. We have planted many seeds into punnets so hopefully they will be more successful. More photos [here](#).



A bumper crop of super sweet corn has been harvested and was used by the master chefs to make some delicious corn fritters with tomato salsa. Many asked for the recipe so here are the links to it:



[Sweet Corn Fritters](#)  
[Tomato Salsa](#)

**Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator**

## Be Brave Little One



Separation anxiety is normal in early childhood and can occur when a child gets upset when separated from a parent or carer. It is very common after holidays or extended leave from school. It might not appear in the first few days of school but as the days roll into weeks and the initial excitement of school wears off it can creep into morning routines.

Here are some strategies you can try if your child is still a little bit apprehensive at the morning drop off:

- Be brave yourself by keeping calm and rational.
- Always say a proper goodbye, never sneak out.
- Talk about how they are feeling before you get to the classroom.
- Tell them how proud you are when they are brave.
- Encourage them to stay at school all day (unless sick or unwell).
- Support feelings of anxiety by letting them know that sometimes you feel that way and chat about strategies that work for you.
- Find a friend or help settle them into an activity.
- Try to make goodbyes short and sweet.
- Remind your child of pick up arrangements "I'll see you at the classroom this afternoon".
- Stick to those pick up arrangements (as much as possible).

We understand that at times things happen that are out of our control and pick up arrangements may need to change during the day. Please contact the College as soon as you become aware of any changes. From what I have observed, it may feel uncomfortable to leave when your child is upset; however, after a few minutes most students settle and are immersed in learning.



If a student doesn't settle within a reasonable amount of time then we would call and discuss this further. If you would like more information about separation anxiety and how it can affect you as a parent, here is a useful link: <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/social-and-emotional-learning/positive-separations-understanding>.



**Sarah Leary,**  
**Prep to Year 2 Coordinator – Student Welfare**

## Uniform Shop – New Opening Hours

Uniform Shop now has extended opening times, covering every day of the week for your convenience:

- Monday (morning): 8:00am – 9:00am
- Tuesday (afternoon): 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- Wednesday (morning): 8:00am – 9:00am
- Thursday (afternoon): 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- Friday (all day): 8:00am – 4:00pm (closed for lunch)

**Winter wear logo alterations:** If you have a Primary jacket or a maroon knitted jumper which still has the old logo, we can get the new logo embroidered on for you. Please visit our Uniform Shop page on our website and download the Uniform Alteration Request Form at the bottom of the page. Then drop this form off to Admin along with your uniforms and your payment. Please note that in order to guarantee your jumper/jacket is returned to you in time for winter, the deadline for submitting uniforms is the last day of Term 1.

## GCC's Student Accident Protection Plan

Did you know that:

- GCC has a Student Accident Protection Plan (i.e. insurance) covering students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, provided the student is engaged in school or organised sporting activities, including travel to and from such activities?
- the College has just upgraded the cover for your child from Gold to Platinum?
- the cost of this excellent level of insurance is included in the Resource Levy you are charged at the commencement of each school year?
- this cover doesn't just provide financial benefits to students and their families for medical costs in the event of accidental injury, but also offers additional benefits such as tuition coverage in the event of the accidental death of a parent or guardian, financial support for tutoring due to extended absences from school and clothing, hospitalisation and other out-of-pocket expenses that relate to an accident?

Unfortunately, despite the very best care, accidents do happen. The subsequent costs can place enormous financial stress on families. To help ease this burden GCC participates in Aon's Student Accident Protection Plan which automatically provides all enrolled students with protection under the scheme. For further information, please refer to the College's Website:- <http://www.glasshouse.qld.edu.au/college-life/student-accident-plan-with-aon/>.

It is explained there the process for claiming financial compensation under the policy should your child suffer an injury. There are also links to the claim form and medical practitioner's statement in the event that you need to make a claim. Should you like more information than is provided in this flyer, please contact Aon for a copy of their policy.

**John Dohler, Business Manager**

## CHAPPY CHATTER



This year has started with many of us off and running already at speeds close to Superman. Parents rushing round shops for books, pens and uniforms, Kids racing to get ready for school and staff pouring over lessons and organising meetings. And look how fast the year is going already!

It's go, go, go, just like our swimming carnival last Friday. How privileged we were to see the speed and enthusiasm of so many who went for it and gave their all to get to the finish line. You know, Jesus gives us an example of how to run life well and finish well, which I believe can help us to get through each day. Hebrews 12:1-3 encourages us to look to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

As Christians our end goal is heaven but along the way life is a bit like a race. God understands that sometimes the race overwhelms us which is why in Philippians 4:6,7 we are encouraged not be overwhelmed by anxious thoughts, but come to God with everything, giving thanks so we can experience the peace of God which is unmatched. His peace is available to all come to Him with everything.

The next verse, Philippians 4:8 encourages us to think positively when it says "Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent and praiseworthy think about these things". This is our College Bible theme for 2017 which as Pastors we are excited about how this will transform our thinking and our actions this year.

So, let's take time out today to breath and enjoy the One who gives us breath. To talk to Him and involve Him in our everyday lives. Let Him take your pressure, slow down and realise that we are so blessed to run the race with Jesus by our side. Rest in the promise that through Christ I can do all things (Phil 4:13) and He can make the Impossible possible (Luke 1:37).

Blessings and Peace from the Pastoral Team

**Pastors Donna, Jocelyn, Rob and Fi**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



### Moving on from beginnings

We have had an action-packed start to 2017 with a Parent Information night, camps, Launchpads, special assemblies and the swimming carnival. Now, reality is coming to the fore and it is highly likely that students are finding meeting homework and

assessment deadlines, taking responsibility for organisation of their uniforms, laptops etc., is causing them (and possibly their families) stress. I would like to encourage parents to remember that the best thing we can do for our Middle School students is to let them learn from making their own choices rather than nagging them and doing the organisation or follow up, communication etc. for them.

If you weren't able to make it to the Parent Information Night you may want to have a look at this great clip on the power of ['Not Yet' by Carol Dweck](#). I think it's worth remembering that our Middle School students are 'in training' and that while we need them to be able to do certain things – they're still building the capacity to be good at these 'certain things'. We all need to remember that when we do things for them – even the remembering! – we are telling them that we don't think they are capable of doing this themselves and it's a good chance that they will give up – or keep waiting for you to do it for them. They may not be good at it 'YET' but unless we give them a chance they will not learn either. On the school front, we are very keen to guide them, give advice and assist with organisation – let's keep working together on this.

### Homework

Homework is an important component of school life in Middle School. We don't expect students to complete brand new work at home, rather it is a continuation or completion of what was covered in class. It usually helps them to better understand what they have learnt and usually gives them the space to take their time and really finish something well without the interruption of the bell for the next lesson etc.

Click [here](#) to see the Middle School Homework Guidelines.

### Assessment Calendars and Connect

Students can access their assessment calendars off [connect.glasshouse.qld.edu.au](http://connect.glasshouse.qld.edu.au) They should have these placed on the wall in their study area at home (or maybe on the fridge). Ensure your child has organised themselves with this and that they have made note of when their specific assessment tasks are due. Students who miss a deadline (and who have not been granted permission for a late submission from their subject

teacher via the Extension Application Form that can be found on Connect) will be issued with an After School Detention.

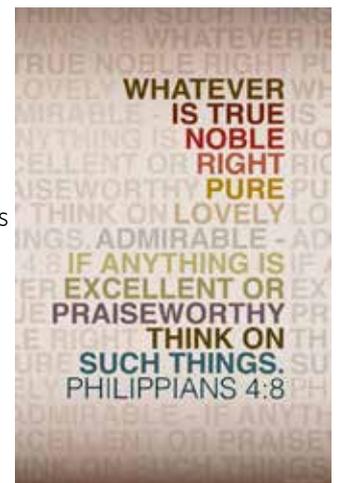
### Uniform

All old logo uniform items are not allowed, please dispose of these as students may find that they need to spend the day working in the RTC if they wear them to school. Also **canvas shoes** or shoes that are not completely black are not to the uniform code and will be followed up on in a similar manner.

Recently we hosted Graham Hyman to present to parents on the topic of 'Understanding Your Teenager'. The theme or main message was that the most valuable relationship students have at this age is with their parents! When it appears they are pushing you away, Graham recommended a 'Sara-Lee' approach to parenting, that is, spend a few minutes right now gathering together 5 -10 things you love about your child. Save them fast in your memory. Then when you have that moment of frustration or issue – pull out your memories, place them layer upon layer upon layer. Then tackle the problem with these thoughts in the back of your memory.

On this note, no one loves your children like you do. At GCC we recognise this and are happy to communicate with you regarding any concerns. Graham Hyman also spoke to the Year 7 students. He mentioned to the students – if it's not worth reporting, it's not worth remembering. So therefore, if it IS being remembered, perhaps we need to know about it. Please contact your child's Pastoral Care teacher or Year Level Coordinator if there are any issues or concerns.

The GCC theme for this year is 'Whatever it true, noble, praiseworthy, admirable, right, pure, lovely – think on these things'. (This is a sentence out of the bible found in Philippians 4:8). As we help our students to manage the highs and lows of school life this is our filter and something we can refer back to in our conversations. Perhaps you would also like to print this verse to put on your fridge at home to remind them that we are all hoping to aspire to this in our interactions and actions.



### Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

For those who missed it on Facebook, you can see all the photos of the Middle School induction on our website [here](#).

## STEM

Well, the year has certainly started with a 'bang'. In Year 8, students have been studying a program called S.T.E.M. which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These have incorporated the subjects previously referred to as Science, Business/ ICT, Mathematics, Foundations and Pastoral Care. The main change for teachers and students is that all of us have been working as a whole cohort at the same time in a newly redeveloped flexible learning space in L8.

### Year 8 Camp: Interdependence and Steps



When: Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd February 2017  
Where: 759 McKinnon Drive, Cooroibah (Teen Mission Camp)  
Activities: Rogaining, Milk Crate Climb, Raft Building, Low Ropes, Archery, Mission Possible

Students worked to develop a sense of place through critical thinking and further developing personal and social competence. In creating self-awareness, students were allowed to develop a better sense of place and form a foundation from which to "Step". Some of these were to "Step Up" and take on the challenge, "Step down" and allow others to take the lead, "Step out" of the challenge and acknowledge the limit of their comfort zone. All decisions required support, which was provided with professional facilitation by staff both from GCC and Adventure Alternatives.

One outdoor adventure, had students camp out for a night. I am happy to report that all students stayed out overnight and the smiles on their faces (though very tired) was worth it. As for a lot of students this had been their first camp-out ever.

The camp instructors spoke highly of the students and were impressed with the level of encouragement and support students were giving each other.

There were many tired students (and teachers) on Friday afternoon but everyone was commenting on a great time had by all. I would like to personally thank all the staff who assisted in make this camp a success. More photos [here](#).

**Matt Ware, Year 8 Level Coordinator**

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Our Seniors' Vision: "To unite, encourage and empower the College".

It has certainly been a busy start to the year but I'm excited about what is happening.

Activities and programs started way before the end of the

holidays with five of our College Captains attending a special leadership training camp held at Cooloom. These were our two College Captains, Jordan and Ella and three of our Faith and Community Captains. From all accounts, they had an absolutely fantastic time and were challenged to do great things this year.

On the second day of term, these Captains were joined by the House Captains, Sports Captains, Arts Captain as well as all the Middle School Captains. The goal of this camp was for the Captains to focus their attention on the year ahead and to set some measurable goals. At our recent Leaders' Induction, the College Captains shared their thoughts and their vision for 2017 which is the heading for this newsletter article.

Another quote the Captains shared with the student body was: "Those who stand for nothing, will fall for anything". They challenged the student body and in particular the Year 12s to make sure they stand up for their beliefs and not be afraid to share their ideas with others. "Don't just be someone who follows the crowd but be a leader through your actions and stay true to the morals you have created for yourself."

Finally they used the scripture 1 John 3:18 "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" to summarise their call to action in 2017.

### Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we held the first of the Sports Carnivals for the year. The House Swimming Carnival was won by Ararat closely followed by Sinai and then Zion.



On Friday 17 February, Ararat celebrates their win with Pizzas served in the Year 12 Courtyard.

The Swimming Carnival was a huge success and as usual the Sport Department managed to organise a carnival that had that unique blend of fun for everyone as well as serious competition for athletes. Photos from the day can be found [here](#).

## Diligence Awards

I'd like to congratulate all those students who received Diligence certificates at our first Assembly. These students received Very Good for effort in all or all but one of their subjects at the end of 2016. It is my experience that diligence in work is more highly regarded than excellence in academics and hence I always hand these certificates out first.

In Year 10 almost 20% of students received a certificate. In Year 11 this increased to over 26% and in Year 12, 23% received one. This clearly shows how hard our students are working and they deserve to be congratulated for their efforts.

### David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

For those who missed it on Facebook, you can see all the photos of the Senior School induction on our website [here](#).

## Agricultural Science News

Heading into the fourth year since Agricultural Science was first offered at Glasshouse Christian College and it looks set to be yet another incredible year. Year 11 students have been



learning about the anatomy and physiology of plants and how Normalised Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) works as a technology to identify stressors in plants. They are working to develop NDVI indices for locally grown crops such as macadamia, custard apples, strawberries, ginger and pineapples. Some of these crops have no previous NDVI index guides, so the Year 11 students are definitely on the forefront of Agricultural research when determining this information. Once the indices are established, students will use this knowledge to interpret maps they conduct when they fly the Ag Science drone equipped with an NDVI capable camera. Keep posted for progress updates!

The Year 10 Ag Science students have jumped straight in to the Department of Agriculture's Plant Science competition. This year the topic is soils, which just happens to be my absolute love, so it is with great passion and excitement that I get to teach this, and so far, students have enjoyed getting dirty and discovering the physical and chemical components of soil. This term they are running pot trials to investigate which is the best soil texture for optimal plant growth. In addition, they have conducted laboratory analysis to determine particle size distribution of their soils. It has definitely been an eye opener for these new Aggies, with many discovering and agreeing that soil is awesome! More photos [here](#).

### Jade King, Head of Agricultural Science

## Katie Ellett's NYSF Adventure

In January I was given the opportunity by Rotary and GCC to attend Session C of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra. The NYSF is a 12-day live-in program that takes place at the beginning of every year at various universities around Australia. I attended the NYSF at Australian National University in Canberra.



During the fortnight

I participated in a variety of lab visits and lectures; gained exposure to every corner of science, from quantum physics, to solar energy, to bio-medical engineering; and got to listen to lectures from some of Australia's best scientists.

One of my favourite lectures was from Professor Tanya Monro, from the University of South Australia. She taught about Photonics, the science of light and platform technologies of the future, which was something that I had little knowledge about. This lecture was held in the Australian Academy of Science's Shine Dome, which is one of ANU's innovative science buildings, to reflect the innovative nature of science. (Group photo is in front of shine dome).

My highlighted lab visit was to Canberra's Deep Space Communication Complex which is in partnership with CSIRO and NASA. This opportunity came about through Rotary who is a founding partner of NYSF. I was very privileged to be nominated by The Rotary Club of Glasshouse Mountains. Rotary plays a huge part in the NYSF sponsoring a number of students to attend the January sessions. They also support to the students on session, as well as in transit. Without the work that Rotary does the NYSF would not be possible.

To be able to attend I also had the College's support behind me, with Mr Doolan presenting the opportunity to me early in 2016. The program was a remarkable opportunity that I am grateful to have received. And I cannot speak highly enough of the experience as a female interested in a STEM career. I would encourage families with teenagers passionate about a career in STEM to have their child/children apply during Year 11.

## The Conocophillips Science Experience - 17-20 January, at QUT, Griffith University and UQ

More than 160 students from Queensland and Northern NSW attended this experience. Over the four days we visited three different Universities in Brisbane. We participated in Science based activities, an Innovation Challenge, and listened to keynote speakers who are experts in their fields of research. We attended workshops with hands-on opportunities to experience the various sciences. Over the four days we all learnt a lot thanks to the many interesting lectures and exciting workshops that helped us broaden our knowledge in various areas of Science. The workshop that we all enjoyed the most was the Engineering workshop. In the Engineering workshop we learnt how to calculate wind speed and we had to design and test a model wind turbine. We learnt that using larger propellers increased the voltage produced. The teams had to create the most effective wind turbine. Other workshops that we really enjoyed were the hands-on ones that involved building things such as the Paddle Pop Bridge Challenge, making bike lights using circuitry, controlling an online pac-man game using play-doh, and the Innovation Challenge. The Innovation Challenge involved competing in teams to start up businesses to create a product. The teams had to work out issues such as copyrighting and advertising. Each team was required to develop a prototype product within a 2 hour limit. The judges, from The Young Scientists of Australia, used an algorithm to determine which team made the most money from their product. Casey Woods' team came third overall in the Innovation Challenge. Thanks must go to the Rotary Club of Glasshouse Mountains for sponsoring the three of us to go to this fantastic Science experience.



### Casey Woods, Sarah Mens and Kate Jackson

#### Wonderful Parent Helpers in Hospitality



These enthusiastic parents from the school, gave up their day to help cook a variety of meals in the Hospitality Kitchen. It was like a classroom of students but this time they didn't ask so many questions! They all demonstrated their culinary skills to produce these meals to help support families of the school community. It has been a wonderful blessing to be able to hand out a meal and show that we care.

Thank you to the great bunch of parents.

## Student Voice for 2017

G'day everyone, and welcome to 2017! It looks to be an exciting year for the Student Voice with Ellen Byrne and Jesse Woods holding co-presidency of the council.



This year we have 26 keen students on board, ready to support and unite the students of GCC – the best that we can. This is such an increase from last year, and even more so than the year before, and it's astounding how many students we have all of a sudden, wanting to help us out!

We are making the Student Voice a little more professional this year and in doing so our 'Executive Team', formed through nomination and voting, consists of Co-Presidents of Ellen and Jesse; Secretary and Vice-Secretary are the Sister Act, Alisha and Sarah Mens, and the Fabulous Finance team, comprising of Rory Tait, Jayde Curtis and Kacey Dickens. Lacey Hall, Kirra Dodwell and Kacey Dickens complete our marketing team, and keeping our fans updated on our actions in both the newsletter and the student notices is, in fact, me! There are many students so far that have not yet been given a specific role, however this isn't a worry, because as they say, many hands make light work!

### Cerys Richardson, Student Voice Correspondent

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Little Voices for 2017

It has been wonderful to have the Little Voices choir children wear their T-shirts and headbands or braces for our performances. If there are students who have moved to Year 3 and have these items that they no longer will need, could they please contact Mrs Lin Smith so we may have these available as second hand items please.



lin.smith@glasshouse.qld.edu.au

Orders for new costumes will be available via the email parents will receive this week. This email will be sent to the caregivers of children who have indicated an eagerness to belong to Little Voices this year.

### Lin Smith, Primary Choirs Coordinator

## Music Happenings 2017

Music lessons have commenced for the year with our Instrumental Music Teachers and so have band and ensemble rehearsals.



### Instrumental Music lessons:

This year the enrolment process for instrumental music lessons are being completed digitally using a Google form. Please follow the link below if you wish for child to enrol in instrumental music lessons.



**Instrumental Music enrolment form:** <http://bit.ly/2l0eqA6>

We offer lessons on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, guitar and bass guitar, piano, drums, vocals, violin, viola and cello. The College website has been updated with the latest instrumental music handbook that provides contact details of all our music teachers, costs of lessons and enrolment methods. Our music teachers are quickly filling with enrolments and some teaches only have a small number of spaces left to take students. Please contact Miss Hilton at [music@glasshouse.qld.edu.au](mailto:music@glasshouse.qld.edu.au) if you have any questions regarding instrumental lessons.

### Bands and Ensembles:

There is also a Google form for parents to complete if there child is interested in participating in the Concert Band. **Secondary Concert Band enrolment form:** <http://bit.ly/2jBn5H3>

Why should my child join band?

**Teamwork:** In an band, orchestra or ensemble, you're part of a team working towards a common goal. You all have to work effectively together to produce a sound people want to hear, and to do justice to the notes a composer has written on a page. If one person doesn't pull their weight, it can affect the entire performance.

**Organisation:** You'll need to practise your part in between sessions, as well as committing the time to weekly rehearsals. Your organisational skills will get a good boost when you have to juggle all this with your schoolwork, and it will give you good practice for handling large workloads at university and beyond.

**Coping under pressure:** Though enjoyable, a band or ensemble is a high-pressured environment because you're required to play your instrument to a high standard, performing beautifully without making any mistakes. Your

ability to overcome stage fright and put on a top-notch performances will stand you in good stead and boost your confidence in other situations you may find yourself in at school, university or in a job

**Discipline:** It takes a lot of hard work and determination to reach a high standard on any musical instrument. You'll need to practise religiously pretty much everyday for years, and continue to do so in order to maintain that high standard once you've attained it. Not all music practice is fun, either; scales and studies are often dull and repetitive, and the practical and theory exams you'll be encouraged to take are challenging. If you want to prove you've got the discipline and self-motivation it takes to see a project through to its conclusion, this is a great way to demonstrate it.

We have many ensembles this year for students to participate in. Mr Yusupov runs the Primary ensembles, please contact him on [renat.yusupov@glasshouse.qld.edu.au](mailto:renat.yusupov@glasshouse.qld.edu.au) if you have questions regarding primary ensembles. Miss Hilton runs secondary ensembles, please contact her on [ebony.hilton@glasshouse.qld.edu.au](mailto:ebony.hilton@glasshouse.qld.edu.au).

Primary Band	Tuesday morning 7.30-8.30 - Primary Music Room
Little Voices (Yr 1-3)	Tuesday 11:00 - 11:30 - Primary Music Room
Sing & Shout (Yr 4-6)	Friday 11:00 - 11:30 am - Primary Music Room
Boys to Men Choir (Yr 5-6)	Wednesday 11:00 - 11:30 am Primary Music Room
Jazz Band	Tuesday afternoon 3.30-4.30 - Theatre (H1)
Brass Ensemble	Wednesday afternoon 3:30-4:30 - Secondary Music Room (H2)
Primary String Ensemble	Thursday 11.00-11.30 - Primary Music Room
Secondary String Ensemble	Thursday 1.00-1.30 - Secondary Music Room (H2)
Concert Band	Thursday 3.10-4.30 - Theatre (H1)
Secondary Vocal Group	TBA

### Mason White: Yamaha Australian National Band Championships – Launceston

Mason White has been selected to attend the Yamaha Australian National Band Championships held in Launceston. He will be performing in the Sunshine Coast Youth Band 'Bright as Brass' which will compete on the Easter weekend in Launceston, Tasmania. They will be performing a number of songs and



also competing in a marching segment where they will march down the road in front of many spectators.

He will also be performing in a group called 'Bold as Brass' which consists of mostly the younger band members and some adults which will compete with the D Grade bands which has an unrestricted age limit and player level.

His father, David, and our brass teacher, Matthew Gill, will also be playing tuba in the 'Bold as Brass' group.



## **Ebony Hilton, Instrumental Program Coordinator**

### **FUTURE PATHWAYS NEWS**



We have had a busy start to the year in Future Pathways with many students taking up opportunities to participate in Vocational and Tertiary Courses whilst still at school.

### **Wednesdays at Glasshouse Christian College**

Nine students have commenced a Certificate II in Rural Operations combined with a Certificate II in Horticulture, which ties in beautifully with their Agricultural Science studies.

A further 10 students are adding to their resumes and employability skills by studying towards a Certificate II in Travel and Tourism, living in the ideal spot to utilise their new-found skills.

Seven students have enrolled in the Diploma of Business, which although adding to their workload, will give them an excellent tertiary rank and credit towards several university's Business degrees.

### **TAFE and Trade Training College**

This year 11 senior students have enrolled at TAFE and Trade Training Colleges in subjects as diverse as Cert II Animal Studies to Cert I Construction. As well as earning QCE credits over the year of their course, students will gain valuable hands on experience in their chosen industry and have the opportunity to make contacts which may lead to employment after school.

### **School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

Six students have already signed up to school-based apprenticeships and traineeships this year in Plumbing, Horse Business, Engineering, Retail Operations, Health Assistance and Business Administration. The upcoming Year 10 Work Experience week is an excellent opportunity for any other students who are interested in traineeships and

apprenticeships to network and make themselves known to local employers.

### **University while at school**

Three students have enrolled in university courses at USC and UQ this year which will give them a taste of tertiary education and make the transition after Year 12 a less daunting one.

Although Semester 1 enrolments have closed, students in Year 11 and 12 can still apply to study in Semester 2. These applications close on 26 May.

### **GCC 2016 Graduates Awarded Scholarships**

Congratulations go to 2016 graduates Dakotah Davis and Nathan Schafer on being awarded scholarships.

Queensland Government Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) Scholarship recipient Dakotah wants to concentrate on agricultural practices needed to sustain future growth with limited resources, and chose the Rural Industry Practices and Sustainable Agriskills program based at CQ University, Emerald Agricultural College.

Dakotah is thankful for the financial assistance of \$5000 that will make the move to Emerald much easier.

Nathan is the recipient of a University of the Sunshine Coast Vice-Chancellors Merit Scholarship. These scholarships are intended to recognise, reward and encourage academic excellence.

Due to his hard work at school and excellent results, Nathan will now receive \$3000 per annum for each year of his study for his Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology.

We are very proud of your efforts Dakotah and Nathan, and know that you are worthy recipients of these awards.

Assistance is available in the Future Pathways Office later in the year for Year 12s wishing to put together excellent scholarship applications.

### **Year 10 Strength Potential Workshops**

Year 10 have started the Strength Potential Program during Pastoral Care classes. These will continue into Term 2 after we have a break for Work Experience preparation.

The Strength Potential Program is based on research which shows that operating in areas of strength boosts our mood and resilience, increases our sense of well-being and makes us more open to new learning.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Hours

The library is open Monday-Friday during term time.

Prep - Year 6 Students 8:00am - 3:15pm

Year 7 - 12 Students 8:00am - 4:00pm

### Homework Club

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

The goal of the program is for our students to discover their strengths, reach their potential and make a difference. As we progress through the program our students will come to see that each of them has unique in-built strengths and are able to develop them. They will understand that they can start with what they have and not be weighed down with a focus on what they don't have. This doesn't mean that it's ok for them to ignore the things they could do better...but they should manage these things and not major on them.

Students have already completed their online StrengthsQuest which has identified their top 5 strengths from a possible 34 (there is only a one in 33 million chance of your top 5 strengths being in the same order as someone else's!). This has given them access to a comprehensive report, unique to them, which we will work on in Term 2.

We will discuss their findings, and how it can relate to a future career, at their SET planning interview in Term 3, but in the meantime why don't you ask your Year 10 student to show you their strengths report? It makes for interesting reading and several students have commented how accurate the descriptions are.

### Year 10 Work Experience

Signed Work Experience Agreement forms are due back to the Future Pathways Office now.

If you have already discussed placements with me, or have asked for assistance for a more difficult request, these are being worked on now.

Students will be receiving their Work Experience Assessment and Record book this week which explains the next steps and has instructions on how to contact employers for information and inductions.

During Pastoral Care classes I am preparing students with lessons on workplace communication, telephone etiquette, WHS, how to make a great first impression, and lots of other aspects that will allow them to shine on their week with their employer.

### Work Experience Opportunities with the ADF

Although not during our official Work Experience week, the Australian Defence Force has many opportunities available throughout the year for interested students to sample life in the forces.

Opportunities coming up for students 15 years and older are on [this](#) link.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please see me in the Future Pathways Office.

**Carol McKee, Future Pathways Coordinator**

A huge welcome to the new staff, students and families that have joined the GCC community this year. We look forward to getting to know you and working alongside you this year.



We recently farewelled Mrs. Sandra Brahim who has been a much loved member of our library team and who

not only worked with us, but also graciously spent many years volunteering in the library in the early days of the College. Sam Swanson has replaced Sandra and is working as a Library Assistant on Thursdays and Fridays. Sam has been a relief



team member, regular volunteer book coverer and a great support to the Book Club team. Although we are sad to see Sandra leave, we are excited at the plans God has in store for her and to have Sam join our team.

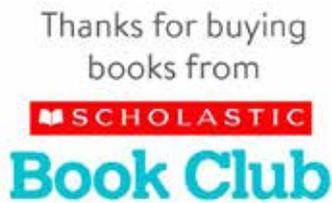
### Primary News

#### Amazing Book Club Achievements



We recently received our 2016 Book Club Certificate of Achievement. As a College we earned an amazing \$5083 worth of Scholastic Rewards via our Book Club and Book Fair purchases last year. Special thanks to everyone who purchased items to help achieve this phenomenal result. Extra special thanks to the fantastic team of volunteers, led by Debra James, who work tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring Book Club runs so smoothly. More photos [here](#).

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 has now finished, but there's plenty more to come in 2017! There'll be 7 issues altogether, as well as our annual Book Fair in August. Scholastic sources popular books from more than 50 publishers worldwide to bring the best possible range of children's books direct to our College — providing great choices to engage students. Book Club contains core ranges specifically chosen for selected interest levels and a wide range of gifts. Keep an eye out for the gold coin super specials in every issue, making it easy for families to purchase books at discounted items.



Last year Scholastic gave Australian schools more than 11 million dollars worth of learning and literacy resources through the Scholastic Rewards program, where schools earned rewards for purchases made. We are proud partners of the rewards program and greatly appreciate the benefits it brings to the College. We look forward to partnering with families in 2017 to continue promoting Book Club and raising readers at GCC.



### Koorong Books Online



Have you checked out the GCC Koorong at School Webstore? In 2016 we transitioned to the new online version of the popular Koorong Kids programs. The Koorong at School Online Program is a convenient way to browse and purchase Christian resources. Every purchase made will earn commission for the College. The products are updated twice a term and all books have been carefully selected to be uplifting and encouraging with a relevant Christian message. You can also explore the Koorong Store for other titles by searching for Titles, Keywords or ISBNs in the tab above our school logo.

Click on this [link](#) to browse our Webstore and simply add items to your basket to purchase and enjoy the convenience of home delivery. Shipping costs are noted on the [GCCHub](#), under the iRead (P-12) tab > Books Clubs > Koorong at School Online page.

### Summer Reading Club Winner

Did your child take part in the Summer Reading Club? Dylan Wood from 6W participated through the Beerwah Library and won the Super Hero Prize Pack for reading over the holidays. To participate entrants had to read five books and



record them on their Reading Log. Reading Logs could be entered for every five books read.

Led by the State Library of Queensland, in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association and other state and public libraries, the Summer Reading Club is an annual program that aims to encourage a continued love of reading and ongoing multi-literacy skills development among children and young people during the summer holidays.

Although the summer of 'heroes, villains, sidekicks and more' has come to an end and the competitions have ended there is still lots to do online:

Check out the [Club Member posts, book raves and short stories](#)

Review [Club Member artwork](#)

Read [Leigh Hobbs' and Deborah Abela's blogs](#)

### Secondary News

It was wonderful to welcome students and families at the beginning of the school year when laptops and textbooks were collected during 'Admin Week'. First term is in 'full flight' and assignment deadlines are not too far away! Secondary students can access research assistance at the library and are welcome to borrow from our print and eBook collections. The library provides a range of resources and activities to support student learning and reading for pleasure.



### Homework Club

Homework Club is held every Thursday afternoon in the library for Year 7-12 students and is a great opportunity for students to seek 1-1 support from teachers and library staff. Secondary teachers are available to help students with queries about homework and the Library team are on hand to assist with research inquiries for assignment tasks. Research sessions are held across the year at some of the Homework Club sessions and can be booked by emailing Mrs Morris.

### Secondary Book Club

Book Club will be held this year during Thursday lunch break for all secondary students keen to share about their latest great read. A number of different activities are planned for the year including reviewing some of the new books, helping recommend books to other students via the 'Book Buzz Blog', create new displays or participate in a relaxed book chats. Further information will be shared in student notices and all students are welcome.

## Text Books

Print and digital textbooks have been issued for the year, with many subjects across Year 7-10 using eBooks via their Macbooks. Students are reminded to take care of all textbooks and to regularly check they are using the copy they borrowed. It is recommended that books borrowed by students are kept safe and not left in classrooms even when used regularly. All books remain the responsibility of the student who borrowed them and need to be cared for respectfully and kept in good condition. At the end of the year or when the textbook is no longer required, books need to be returned directly to the library by the student not via staff or other students. A replacement cost will be required for unreturned books or books damaged beyond repair. Students are encouraged to see the Library staff if they have a damaged or misplaced/lost textbook.

## Wheeler's eBooks



Secondary students can borrow eBook novels and non-fiction titles from our Wheeler's ePlatform that can be accessed via our Library Website – [GCC Hub \(http://gcchub.weebly.com/\)](http://gcchub.weebly.com/) or at <https://glasshouse.wheelers.co/>.

A wide range of eBooks can be downloaded 24/7 downloaded and read on any device. Students need to use their school login when downloading/borrowing the eBooks. New titles are added each term – take a look and borrow one today!

Students are encouraged to email or see Mrs Morris with questions about eBook borrowing or assistance with their research and inquiry tasks.

See you in the library,

**Vanessa McKellar and Beryl Morris**  
**Teacher Librarians**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



The Psychology Cafe & Milkbar is a world first mental health service located in Mooloolaba that offers psychological consultation in a fun and relaxed 1950's style Milk Bar setting for children and a cafe setting for adults. [www.psychologycafe.com.au](http://www.psychologycafe.com.au)  
Ph: (07) 5478 0202. 19 Walan Street, Mooloolaba



## P AND F NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome to new and returning GCC Families. My name is Kate Adam and I am the current President of the GCC Parents and Friends (P and F) Association.



The P and F runs/assists with many events throughout the school year to compliment the wonderful education our children receive at GCC. These events include Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls, Discos, Funfest, Open Day BBQ, Trivia Nights, Pie Drives and Christmas Concerts.

The P and F also fundraisers for many of the projects you may notice around campus. In the past we have been able to fund shade sails, additional water bubblers, a large clock on the oval and most recently we have funded the purchase of a coffee trailer (for student/Hospitality Department and P and F use).

The P and F consists of a dedicated group of GCC parents and friends whose collective aim is to enrich the lives and education of our children, families and the local community. We meet once a month, normally on the first Tuesday of the month, from February – November, with the AGM being held in March.

We would love for you to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday 7 March 2017, at 7pm in the College library. The AGM is also on this evening at 6.30pm. As the sayings go – many hands make light work/the more the merrier!

It is with great sadness that I advise unfortunately I am not in a position to continue on as P and F President this year and will officially step down at the AGM next month. I will, however, continue to attend monthly meetings and help out as much as I can. If you think you have what it takes to lead a really wonderful group of people whilst working alongside extremely supportive College management, administration and staff – please feel free to contact me on 0424 923 876, [pandf@glasshouse.qld.edu](mailto:pandf@glasshouse.qld.edu), or by coming along to the AGM and meeting next month.

**Kate Adam, P and F President.**

## SPORTS NEWS

### Rugby League Training with Jack Reed

GCC Rugby League players have been training hard in recent weeks in the lead up to the Justin Hodges Rugby League competition. Our College will be entering two teams, a Year 7/8 team coached by Liam Dart and a Year 9/10 team coached by Glen Tomakino. Our players were very excited last week after a training session run by former Brisbane Broncos champion Jack Reed. Jack had some engaging drills and ball movement activities that helped prepare our teams for competition.



The Justin Hodges competition will commence with three evenings of competition on Tuesday the 14, 21 and the 28 February. There will then be a full gala day that will take place on the 10th of March. We wish our teams all the best in this competition. More photos [here](#).

### Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sport

Each term the Year 5 and 6 students play sport against other schools in the Glasshouse area. These games are held on two or three



Fridays towards the end of each term. Students have the opportunity to trial for these teams during lunch breaks. Four teams will be selected for each sport.

During Term 1 Softball will be played in this competition. Students are trialling and training now and we hope they learn much about the game of softball and also enjoy playing with classmates against other schools.

Soccer and netball will be played in Term 2, Touch Football in Term 3 and AFL in Term 4. We look forward to a great year of sport with these students.

### District Sports Team Opportunities



Glasshouse District Teams (10 – 12 years) are selected in a variety of sports each year and we are very proud of all our students selected in these teams. Trials for these teams are held for 10 – 12 year olds who are competent in the chosen sport and District Teams are selected.

These Glasshouse Teams then compete in the Sunshine Coast Regional Championships. There are details on the college website of sports that are played and trial dates. Trials and training are all after school and it is parent's responsibility to get students to these trials. Regional trials are held during a school day.

Secondary students also have the opportunity to trial for Regional Teams through Trial days each term. Find details of these sports and dates on the College website or at the PE office.

Being part of these teams gives students the opportunity to compete with other skilled players and make new friends from other schools. It is also the pathway to Queensland and National Championships for talented athletes.

### Winter Sport Opportunities

Sign-ons for a wide variety of winter sports are on in our community at present. Have you signed up yet??

Sport is a great way to help your child make new friends, gain fitness and get them off the screens and into the fresh air. Clubs such as Beegees Soccer Club, Tibros Netball Club, Bulldogs Rugby League Club, Maleny Bushrangers Rugby Union Club, Landsborough AFL Club, Tennis Clubs, Softball Clubs, Oz Tag and Touch Clubs are signing on new players at present.

Find information on line, on billboards in the community or local information centres.

## PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a talented bunch of swimmers we have in the Primary School. Eight records were broken some of which have stood for many years and were swum by very notable swimmers. There were also lots of fantastic swims by students of all ages and abilities.



Students showed great team spirit bursting into war cries and team chants throughout the day, urging their teammates on to great performances. Every student gained valuable house points for each event swum with relays and Fastest races gaining double points.

Olivia McKenzie was the highest points scorer, winning every race in her age group. She had some close races against Nicole Morris who placed second in every race behind Olivia. Jaymes Roser and Joshua Moore once again battled it out in the 11 year boys age group. Josh won the first race of the day, the 100m freestyle but Jaymes gained the victory in every other race with some of them being very close finishes with only tenths of seconds separating them. Unfortunately Jaymes and Olivia will not be competing at the District Champs as they will be competing in the Qld State Nippers Championships, but we hope they shine at this competition too.

Bronte Brannigan and Chloe Turnbull also swam some very close races with them winning and placing second in different strokes. Bronte had gained more points and was 10 year girls Age Champion ahead of Chloe by just four points! In the 12-year old boys competition Alex Chidgey and Carl Burgess both swam. The 12 year old times for Year 6 and 7 students had only two points separating Alex and Carl with Carl winning the Age Champion. The 12 year girls' title was won by Amy Trevan who won all but her breaststroke. Ella Childs won breaststroke and pushed Amy all the way in some close races.

The Flying Squad relays stirred up fantastic cheering from the crowd as the House teams tried to win valuable last minute points. Double points were given for these races. The overall House points winner for the Primary Carnival was Ararat with Sinai in Second and Zion finishing third. Just over 50 points separated all three houses so the points were very close.

Students participated well throughout the day and enjoyed the novelty events which cooled everyone down. We would like to thank all the parents who helped out on the day and also parents and family members who came and supported the children during the competition.

For all the photos and placegetters, click [here](#).

## SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL



This year's Secondary Swimming Carnival was a great success. There were some exceptional efforts from all participants and the vibrant house colours, dancing and loud cheering made for an exciting atmosphere. All enjoyed the novelty races, fashion of the pool and the equally hilarious 'big splash' competition.

With all students dressed in team colours and cheering throughout the day, the rivalry was at an all time high. House war cries resounded regularly and it was Zion who this year showed the most enthusiasm to win the spirit award.

Competition in the pool was extremely close across most age groups with some champions being decided by the smallest of margins. Students swam in either the A or B division races according to their previous nominations and trials. It was a fantastic spectacle to see the regular close finishes. The final points were actually much closer than anyone expected with Ararat emerging as well deserved house champions. The final points were Ararat 771, Sinai 760 and Zion 514.

At our 2016 carnival 32 new swimming records were set. The standard of swimming has continued to improve this year, as an incredible 38 new records were set in some outstanding swims. Congratulations to all students who managed to qualify to swim at the district carnival. In particular our age champions and record breakers.

Thank you to all parents, teachers and house captains who helped make the day a success.

To see all the photos and lean the swimming age champions and record breakers please click on [this link](#).

