**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**TERM 1**

**March 2011**

- Fri 25  Chocolate Drive are funds due
- Fri 25  Non Uniform Day
- Mon 28  Library Official Opening
- Tues 29  Exam Block Year 10
  - 29/03 - 01/04
- Tue 29  Year 8/9 Hospitality Excursion
- Wed 30  8.30am GCCC Cross Country
  - 9Yrs-Open
- Thur 31  Exam Block Years 11 & 12
  - 31/03 - 05/04

**April 2011**

- Sun 3  Fri 7  Yr 7 Canberra Trip
- Mon 4-Fri 8 Yr 10 Work Experience
- Tues 5  Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wed 6  Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mon 4-8 Year 9 Camp
- Wed 6-8 Yr 11 Emu Gully Camp
- Fri 8  P-3 Cross Country
- Fri 8  Last day of Term 1
- Mon 25  9.10am ANZAC Parade
  - Cnr Mawhinney & Free Streets
- Wed 27  Term 2 Begins

**Uniform Shop**

- New and Second Hand
  - Mon 8.00 - 9.00am
  - Wed 8.00 - 9.00am
  - Fri 8.00 - 9.00am
  - 2.30 - 3.30pm

**DATE CHANGES**

- Open Day will now be on Saturday 30 July NOT 16 July.
- The Maleny Show Day (public holiday for our area) falls on Friday 3 June NOT Friday 27 June.

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**From the Principal**

**Anzac Day**

At GCCC we have had a very strong tradition of showing our support for the local Beerwah Anzac Day commemoration. This comes out of a deep respect and gratitude for our Australian soldiers and what they have done to protect our freedoms. Our students always participate on this day with a great attitude of which I am always truly proud.

This year the ceremony will occur on the last Monday of the school holidays. I understand the difficulty that this presents and therefore attendance at this year’s parade is not compulsory, but I would still like to encourage as many students of the College to be there as possible. We will assemble at the corner of Mawhinney and Free Streets at 9.10 am so we will be ready for the parade at 9.30 am. Remember this is an event where full dress uniform, including formal hats, belts and ties are required.

**Beerwah High School Students**

Lately there have been many students from Beerwah High School who have been coming through the school grounds both before and after school. In the same way that a proliferation of GCCC students would not be welcome through Beerwah High School we cannot have the numbers we have now strolling through the grounds. It is difficult enough job that staff have to exercise the requisite duty of care for our own students during this busy time.

We also understand that there are high school students who collect their siblings from the senior undercover area. We do not want this practice to stop but to better facilitate it please note the following: As of next Monday Beerwah High School students are not to enter the College grounds unless they are under the direct supervision of a parent or collecting their siblings from the bus shelter at the front of the College. They may not come any further into the College grounds. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Connecting Buses from Beerwah High School**

On Monday we had a very near miss with a student crossing the road in order to get their connecting bus which leaves Beerwah High School. As you know the only crossing that exists is the one down near the local pool. If students are crossing the road without parent supervision this is the crossing that must be used.

We are continuing to write to Council about the desperate need for a crossing.
For those students who must cross the road for their bus, there is a bus that takes them from the college grounds over to Beerwah High School where they can connect with a necessary bus. This is the bus that students must catch from now on. This bus leaves the college at 2.55pm every day so it arrives in time to connect with Beerwah High School buses.

**Transport survey**

On our website is a link to a simple survey that will only take a few minutes to complete but will give us much information. The survey asks the following questions:

- How do your children generally travel to and from school?
- How often do they ride to school?
- How often do they walk to school?
- What area are you coming from?
- What is preventing your children from catching the bus?
- If a kiss and go zone lane was established would you be a regular user? (Accommodating about 10 cars at a time).

Your completion of this survey would be greatly appreciated as we attempt to facilitate a better traffic flow for the set down and pick up routines.

*God bless,*

*Mike Curtis.*

**Introducing Melanie Parker**

I’m thrilled to have joined the Prep team having spent a lot of my time helping out last year.

I have a passion for working with children and wanted to change direction in my life after having my son.

Previously I’ve worked in corporate environments including medical, legal and publishing but I decided to follow my passion and I’m currently studying to obtain my Certificate III in Children’s Services followed by the Diploma.

My husband and I live locally now but have previously lived in UK, France and more recently Hong Kong with our son, who is now in Year 1.

I have been lucky enough to have travelled extensively over the years and I’m now happy to do any travelling within Australia and closer to home! I cherish ‘family’ time with my husband and son, enjoy reading and socialising and love to keep fit with Pilates and swimming. I am looking forward to helping the preppsies and parents alike enjoy all that GCCC has to offer.

*Mel Parker*  
Teacher’s Aide, Prep Green
Year 2s ‘Mooving’ it in Maleny

Ellie’s recount:

On Tuesday Year 2 went on a dairy farm. When we got there we had lunch. Then a dancing cow came and gave us some high fives. Then we gave Fairybell a pat.

After that I got to have some milk straight from the cow. It was warm and I liked it.

Next we went to the kids. We got the feed the kids and the baby cows. We got to go to the vats then we went to the silos then we went to where they milk the cows.

After that we washed our hands then we took a picture on front of the Maleny Dairies truck. Then we had a look at what they make.

Afterwards we had a look at how the milk gets in the bottles. We went to the movie theatre. I liked the movie and we got to go and see the cold room. Then we drank flavoured milk. It was yummy and really cold. I had fun.

TAKE THE TEST

Are you Equipped for Your Child’s Future IT World?

On Friday I attended the Christian Schools Principals’ Conference which was held here at the College. One of the presenters spoke about IT programs which allow our students, in 2011, access to Teaching & Learning in a way that was previously almost unheard of.

During his presentation, he referred to an article which was published in The Sunday Mail on 13 March. The same article had caught my eye also and I had actually kept it to quote excerpts from it in this newsletter. As parents we must be aware that technology is not the enemy, but we must be diligent in supervising our children.

It is rather hard-hitting, but could make a difference in keeping our children safe in an age when technology is increasing at an incredible rate and is impacting both our lives and the lives of our children.

Excerpts from Article from The Sunday Mail, 13 March 2011

PARENTS FAIL THE NET TEST

Technology is not the enemy here. It’s poor parenting, characterised by a reluctance to set and enforce limitations for our children.

Plugged in but tuned out: sound like a child you know?

The great connect to technology has become the great disconnect from family life and meaningful social interaction for kids who have developed an acute aversion to doing anything that doesn’t involve a keypad or remote control.

Before we go blaming technology for our children’s aloofness, consider this: iPhones, Wiis and computers are merely tools of communication. As such, they need to be managed and used respectfully.

As with the phone when I was a child, restrictions must be imposed. If I talked longer than 30 minutes (three minutes to a teenage girl), Dad would draw circles in the air to signal “wind it up”. I’d roll my eyes and huff, but I would get off that phone. It was a similar story with TV. One hour a day, watching programs my parents deemed suitable.

Instead of surrendering to weapons of mass communication, let’s determine how to use them for good. What values do we, as a family and collectively as a society, want to encourage and preserve?

As a tool of communication, technology has no peer. But if we allow it to dominate our lives, it ceases to work for us.

(Kylie Lang)

By the time our lower primary students are in their high school years, their access to technology will be as different from what it is today as our own school experience is in comparison with the current access to Teaching & Learning devices.

(For those who would like a copy of the complete article which gives examples of guidelines and appropriate and inappropriate use of technology and inherent dangers etc please ask for one at the office.)
Primary News

Young Leaders’ Day

Recently our Primary Captains Jordan Bull and Jesse Woods attended the National Young Leaders Day at the South Bank Exhibition Centre.

Guest speakers included Mike Martin, Jessica Watson, Wally Lewis, Rebecca Johnson and Lorin Nicholson.

Mike Martin is a former Army Officer and the current leader of the Halogen Foundation which organised the event. Jordan enjoyed his talk on good and bad reasons to follow a leader.

Jesse was impressed the most by Lorin Nicholson who is a blind guitarist and cyclist. He really enjoyed his talk on not letting obstacles stand in the way of your dreams.

Both of our Primary Captains had a great time at the National Young Leaders Day and would recommend it for the Primary Captains in the years to come.

Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews

These interviews are taking place on Tuesday 5 April and Wednesday 6 April. Letters were sent home this week (21/3/11 – 25/3/11) with all the information and login details including your PIN to book your parent/teacher interviews for Term 1.

We consider these interviews to be very important as an opportunity for a two-way dialogue between school and home to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for your children.

Please remember that teachers always appreciate the insights parents are able to give during these times together. These insights and feedback on Term 1 can assist us to understand your children better.

Please check also to see if the class teacher has actually requested an interview with you.

Free Seminar on anti-bullying

Anti-bullying expert and well-respected psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is presenting a free seminar for parents. The nearest locations to us are: Kallangur - North Leagues Club on August 1; Noosa - Noosa Blue Resort on August 8. Evening sessions for parents go from 6.30 to 8.00pm.


We honour these students as Students of the Week

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MEDICAL/HEALTH ALERT

There have been confirmed cases of Chickenpox and School Sores reported to us within the last week. One of students with school sores unfortunately developed a Golden Staphylococcus infection.

Would you please be vigilant to check your children as these conditions are highly contagious and need to be treated and covered before children can return to school.

LOST PROPERTY

- Girls white joggers with pink trim
- Set of keys on GCCC Lanyard
- Girls Swimmers left from Surfing
- Pink lunch box (pictured above)

Please see Office or Student Window to collect.

We honour these students for Student of the Week

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Library Monitor: Jedd Simpson

Library Manners Star: Mrs Rosenberg’s Prep G, Mrs Jen’s 6G
Secondary Happenings

GCCC are excited to announce it’s
FIJI MISSION

The following is a brief overview -

WHEN: During the September school holidays for 10 days

WHO: Open to senior students (spaces are limited to 15 due to accommodation facilities)

COST: $1200 per person

Please come along to an information evening at GCCC on Wednesday 27 April at 7.00pm in H3 theatrette to find out more about this wonderful opportunity.

Part of our vision is that GCCC will continue a relationship with this Fiji College for many years to come, so students in younger years can start aiming for future trips.

For 2011 the focus will be to build a large chicken shed and do craft and sport with the local people.

A staff member of our College (Neil Daniel) has been working with the Fiji community for nearly 20 years now and will be an integral part of this trip.

Secondary students are on the move:

On Sunday 3 April, our Year 7 students are heading off our National Capital via Sydney.

Their itinerary is action-packed and we pray that they have a wonderful and safe trip.

On Monday 4 April, the Year 9 students will be braving the outdoors of Kindilan in Redland Bay for an adventure where they will be doing team building, self discovery and problem solving with the aim of developing teamwork skills and reliance on each other and self. This is the first time we have used this venue, so we are looking forward to hearing of their experiences.

Work Experience is all arranged now for our Year 10 students. Students have chosen some great places to attend for the last week of term and we hope that their insight into the career world is a positive one.

Year 11 students are going to experience first-hand the spirit of the Anzacs as they embark on their Emu Gully Camp on the 6 April.

Our Year 8 & 12 students are not going to camp this year, but staff have arranged to have alternative activities for students during this week. Stay posted as you will be going somewhere special during this time (it is a surprise).

CROSS COUNTRY REMINDER

for Wednesday 30 March.
Year 11 & 12 students will run first up at approx. 8.45am.
Year 7 students will run in the middle session and Year 8 – 10 students will run during timetabled sport time in the afternoon.
Don’t forget to bring a water bottle, a hat & your team spirit.
You are to wear your house shirts with your sports shorts/skirt.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR UMAT TESTS 2011

Any student who is considering applying for medicine, dentistry or health science degree programs for 2012 must sit the UMAT test in July this year. Registrations open on 1 April.

If you wish to sit this test, you must make an appointment to see me.

SECONDARY REPORTS

An interim report will be posted during the school holidays. There is also the opportunity to meet with teachers at a parent/teacher interview on Wednesday 4 May starting at 3.30pm. A booking schedule, called PT Online, will be available for parents to use. Information and a unique log on code will be sent during the holidays. We encourage parents to take the time to find out about how their student/s are progressing.

Please be aware that you can always check on student progress at any time and do not need to wait until these formal arrangements if you have any concerns.

GUIDANCE OFFICER NEXT VISIT

Mrs Toula Gordillo will be in again on 6 May. If any student or parents wish to make an appointment, please phone me at the College.
Primary Regional Swimming Results

Well done to Jasmine Bond, Sarah-Jane Smith and Emma Hagan who represented the Glasshouse District at the recent Regional Swimming Carnival. Jasmine came 17th in the 10yr girls 50m backstroke; Sarah came 19th in the 11yr girls 50m freestyle; and Emma came 16th in the 12yr girls 50m freestyle, 13th in the 100m freestyle, 17th in the 50m backstroke and 21st in the 50m breaststroke. The record for the 12yr girls 50m breaststroke is held by Tessa Wallace who represented Australia at last year’s Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India. We are in a very tough swimming region with swimmers progressing to great heights and our girls swam very well. Sensational effort girls!

A Champion in our Midst!

Congratulations to Rebekah White (Yr 10) who competed in the National Athletics Championships in Sydney recently. Bek’s speciality is hurdles. She has just moved up an age division to compete in the Under 17’s. This also means extending the race distance to 100m. Is this a deterrent? Not to Bek, who turns 16 in November! She placed first in her heat with a personal best of 14.60 and then won a bronze medal in the 100m hurdles final with new personal best time of 14.36. Bek’s improvement is outstanding as only one month ago at the State Championships in Brisbane she won a silver medal with a time of 14.86. We are very proud of Bek’s achievements and know her training ethic and commitment will lead to a promising future in athletics.

Congratulations Futsal Team

The GCCC Primary Boys Futsal team competed in the Vikings Futsal School Tournament on Tuesday 22 March.

They played five fast and hard fought games against teams from all over South East Queensland. We were very competitive and improved a lot during the tournament.

Stand-out players of the team were Cameron Shervey and Tim White. Our highest scorers of the day were Tim White and Jack Boroughs who scored two goals each. Goal keeping duties were divided between Alex Harwood and Oskar Burkhardt. Both boys played well defending our goal line.

Thanks to Mrs Shervey who helped out on the day with travel and co-coaching. The team included Sean Dern-Williams, Jordan Bull, Cameron Shervey, Ryan Einsporn, Oskar Burkhardt, Cameron Kennedy, Tim White, Alex Harwood and Jack Boroughs. We all had great fun and the boys proudly represented our College.

Christine Scott
Hospitality News - Project Pancake

Anyone going near the Hospitality room last week would have smelt the warm butteriness of freshly cooked pancakes wafting out the door. One glance in the room showed egg flips flying over hot skillets, carefully poured batter mostly landing in the right places, eager smiling faces of Year 5 students and the look of careful concentration on the Year 10 students.

Year 10s were teaching the Year 5s how to make pancakes as an exercise in teamwork, collaboration, Maths and plain good fun.

Weighing out the ingredients, waiting for the pan to come to the correct temperature and accurately judging when to turn the pancake were all part of the class but the most popular activities were cracking the eggs and tasting the end product.

The Year 10s enjoyed the engagement with the younger students and the opportunity to inspire them to cook while the Year 5s were excited and thrilled to be in Miss Devitt’s class with the ‘big kids’.

There was no doubt about the project’s success with mounds of almost perfectly formed pancakes piled on a plate at every table. The beaming proud faces of Year 5s were a lovely contrast to the tired but satisfied looks on the Year 10 students.

Art Projects for Year 7

Year 7 Textiles students have become shoe designers this term.

This has included creating a new brand name and logo, deciding on their brand culture and collection name and also the designing of an actual shoe, (via the converse website).

Students then created a new textile pattern and even designed the sole to not only look cool but have maximum grip.

They have then pitched their ideas in the form of a story board.

This project has given the Year 7s an excellent understanding of the design process from the initial idea to the finished product.

Patrice Cutlack
Band program

We have vacancies for students to learn the flute or percussion in the band program. We are very excited to have found a keyboard player, a tenor saxophone player and a bass clarinet player, which will give our band some bass!

If there is anyone learning drums who would like to join the band, please speak with Mrs Bodkin-Hunt as soon as possible. We are in real need of some drums and percussion.

Rehearsals

Parents, please remember that all students enrolled in the band program are required to attend band rehearsals. For woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, that is on Monday from 3.00-4.00pm.

For string instruments, rehearsal is on Thursday at lunchtime.

Classroom music

We have been working hard to provide our secondary music students with tools for composing and recording music. In the past week, we have received the computer composition program Sibelius, so students can practise composing written music. Together with Garage Band, where we can record and manipulate music, students will have a well-rounded music composition experience in class.

Library News - Library Monitors and Library Volunteers

Library Monitors are a wonderful way for students to help in the library. This term we have a number of students from 6G assisting in the library with craft preparation and the Prep – Year 2 library lunch break. The monitors have been doing an exceptional job and our younger students are always keen to please them and ask for assistance. The Year 6 students have willingly given up their own time to assist and are a wonderful example of leadership in action.

We are presently looking for Secondary students who are interested in being Library Monitors who could assist with the following library activities:

- Assisting with lunchtime activities.
- Assisting with the design and creation of library displays.
- Assisting with library tours and special events.
- Tidying shelves and putting books away.
- Working at the borrowing desk helping with loans and returns.

Please see Mrs McKellar in the library if you are interested in joining our library team.

Applications are available in the library.

A Special Thank You

We have had an overwhelming response to our call for parent helpers in the library. Thank you to everyone who has come forward. We now have enough parents to organise a roster and will be in touch with those parents shortly who are able to assist. A very special thank you also to our former Year 12 graduate Renee Spencer who has offered to help in the library every Monday and Tuesday.
Year 10 Work Experience.
Thanks to Year 10 students and parents and a lot of very generous employers, Work Experience from 4th – 8th April is ready to roll. I know our students will be wonderful ambassadors for the College out in our local community. Our VET teachers Mrs Fraser, Mrs Woolston, Miss Devitt, Mr Evans and myself will be out during the week contacting students. Good luck to all our students!

Are you interested in a career in Health?
Two great opportunities are coming up during the school holidays:

• RCNA Nursing and Health Expo. 10.00am – 3.00pm, Sunday 10 April 2011, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre at South Bank. This is the only expo in Australia to profile all nursing options under the one roof and provides direct access to leading universities, hospitals and specialty nursing groups. Also see Michelle Bridges, Trainer from “The Biggest Loser”.

• Redcliffe Hospital Careers in Health Expo. Monday 18 April, Redcliffe Hospital Education Centre, 9.00am – 1.30pm. For information about the roles in Queensland Health, also see a simulated Emergency Scenario at 10.00am and 12.00 noon, or book a hospital tour by contacting Glenys on 3883 7627. For more information on this expo contact Kylie on 3883 7177. Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospitals have been great supporters of our College regarding work experience and traineeships. This is a local opportunity to start making contacts in this industry and students in middle or senior school interested in this pathway are encouraged to attend.

Reinvent your career – The Careers Event for Adults
This information is for the mums and dads and older siblings in our school family. If you are stuck in a job you hate, are bored, your career is going nowhere and you don’t know what to do, go along to the Reinvent Your Career Expo at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, March 26 and 27, 10am – 4pm. Admission $10 a day or $15 for two days. www.reinventyourcareer.com.au

Ever Wanted to be a Fashion Designer?
Students and adults interested in learning fashion design, or how to sew, can learn at the F.rock Fashion Sewing Studio Shop 1, 31 Bulcock St Caloundra. Classes are held after school and evenings. Call Helen Sattler on 0428632273 or see me for course details.

Uni Showcase for Year 12s
For Year 12s and their families, that time of year is coming up when decisions and choices will be made about future directions. For those heading to tertiary study in the future, it is never too early to start thinking about possible career directions and the courses of study to achieve their goals.

Our College was fortunate to be invited to Beerwah State High School where a Uni Showcase was staged on Friday 11 March. All the Year 12s walked across to the High School to hear about life at uni and be given information about tertiary study. As well as our local university, University of the Sunshine Coast, other institutions represented at the Showcase included QUT, UQ, James Cook University, Central Qld University, TAFE and the Defence Forces.

There were brief presentations about such issues as QTAC application procedures, financing of tertiary studies and accommodation for students and then the students were able to speak personally with staff from all the institutions and organisations.

QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) applications for 2012 will be open from July and the closing date is the end of September. Students are asked to nominate six courses they would like to study. Students are advised to put their two preferred courses at the top of the list, followed by two other courses which may allow them to move into their preferred course later on, followed by two courses they would not choose to do but which may allow them a different pathway into their study of choice. Going along to such events as the Uni Showcase and Careers and Study Expos this year will help students work out which way to go in their QTAC application. Students not studying this year towards an OP are also eligible to apply to QTAC both this year and into the future using their Rank Order from Year 12.

Students and parents will all be provided with lots of information about this process during the year. QTAC guides will be given to the Year 12s as soon as we receive them. For more information see the website http://www.qtac.edu.au/.

Have a happy holiday everyone!

Joan Ferris VET Officer joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au
This past fortnight saw the Year 2 classes go on the very first Kitchen Garden Farmer Friend Program excursion to Farmer Fullerton’s pineapple farm. This was a great morning where the students and many parents got a firsthand look at a real working pineapple farm on a massive scale. Included was a unique lesson on how work still carries on despite the dramatic weather conditions! The children got to see pineapple planting, harvesting and packing, as well as learn about the best ways to grow them at home. The multitude of machinery saw many students in awe!

The highlight of the morning however, was getting a taste of the juicy sweet pineapples. YUM! We are so grateful to Ken Fullerton and his family for making this opportunity available to the children of GCCC. We truly value this connection to our local farmers, so a BIG ‘thank you’ to the Fullertons!

A MASSIVE thank you also to the very generous volunteer roofers and helpers: Micheal Bowcock, Justin Badham and Shane Ryall. I think everyone will agree that they have done an absolutely amazing job on the roof and we are all very grateful to see this wonderful building project complete. There are just a few details to finalise, including the retaining wall garden area, downpipe and constant prayers that we get a tank one day.

Finally a ‘thank you’ also goes to those who attended the working bee to lift the grass, level the surface and lay crusher dust surrounding the gazebo. The Kitchen Garden Project is blessed to have these selfless volunteers who continue to turn up time and time again with no reward other than to benefit our children with this wonderful outdoor learning area.

Over the past weeks, our budding chefs have sailed into the kitchen making pasta boats (a massive pasta shell with eggplant and tomato paste and a basil leaf sail) during lessons. There were some reluctant sailors when it came to eating, but once they took their first bite many came sailing back for more! Students have also made some sumptuous pineapple muffins from the pineapples given to us from our Farmer Friend, Farmer Fullerton!

To get the garden into production mode for future delicious recipes, the children eagerly planted cauliflower, Roma tomatoes, capsicum and lettuce seedlings, just to name a few. They also enjoyed making sailor hats to shade our baby seedlings from a few very hot days!

It’s hard to say that it’s not all fun and games when it comes to learning in the garden. Firstly students got to get their hands dirty looking at ‘Dirty Colour’, investigating different colour soils and making dirt pictures! The following week saw students thoroughly enjoy an investigation into soil texture that had them seeing which soil out of clay, compost and sand could build the highest tower. After many squeals of delight the children came to the conclusion that clay is the best tower building material! Finally, children have investigated life in the soil, finding lots of exciting critters.

That sums up the last few weeks in the garden for now. Cheers from the 2011 Kitchen Garden Team!

For further information please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mandy Ward.

Jade King, Kitchen Garden Coordinator
jade.king@gccc.qld.edu.au or jademiaking@hotmail.com, mobile: 0405 125 791

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Assistant
mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au or brandyward@bigpond.com
With Love to our Tuckshop Ladies

After enduring a very tough couple of weeks the Tuckshop ladies were thrilled to bits to receive this lovely card from Mrs West’s Year 1 class. Not only did the ladies receive the beautifully illustrated card, they were also given chocolates and flowers. Tuckshop Convenor, Cathy Boyer said some of the ladies were moved to tears by such lovely and thoughtful gifts.

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“One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.” Psalm 62:11-12a (NIV)

Pause and Ponder

We parents should never build the stability of our identity on the fragility of our kid’s choices.

Have you ever felt like a failure as a parent because you got a not so great call from the principal’s office? Me too. On the flip side, have you ever felt like the greatest parent ever because your child got some special recognition? Me too. So, let me say it again just so this crucial truth can sink in a little deeper. I’m repeating it for no other reason, than the fact I need this message. So, forgive me if this devotion preaches a message only to myself.

We parents should never build the stability of our identity on the fragility of our kid’s choices.

I’ve got five amazing kids. I really do. They are wildly funny, imaginative, moody, opinionated, strong, weak, happy, sad, good and sometimes not so good. In other words they’re pretty normal. And while I’ve done everything in my power to raise them to turn out amazingly awesome - and they very well might turn out amazingly awesome - there aren’t any guarantees.

Sometimes bad parents raise terrific kids. And sometimes terrific parents raise kids that chase bad things their whole life.

So, what’s a parent to do? Embrace the process. Learn from the process. Let God speak to us during the process. And see the process of raising kids as an ongoing opportunity to invest beyond ourselves. We get to love our kids like crazy. Pray for them faithfully. Talk to them regularly. Listen to them tenderly. Model honesty and integrity. And point them to Jesus at every turn. We get to do all that.

And tucked within these privileges is the reward. As long as I look for the reward within the process, I won’t misplace my expectations. I have to rest in the assurance that God sees everything I invest in these kids. And He will use every step of this process for good. The process will be good for me. And this process will good for my kids. It will be good. But this process won’t always make me feel good or look good.

If I always expect my kids to make me feel good or look good, I am setting us all up for failure. My kids were never meant to carry the weight of a parent’s need for validation. I can’t let their failures send me to bed. And I can’t wear their successes like parenting medals of honor.

Parenting is tough. Here is a prayer that I find helpful:

Dear Lord, help me to embrace the privilege and process of parenthood. I see parenting as an opportunity to invest beyond myself. But I also admit that I really need Your help. Please guide me so that I can model You every day in every way. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Excerpt from Proverbs 31 Ministries by Lysa TerKeurst.
Kiah Park will be running three seven day camps in the upcoming holidays. The camps offer a fantastic opportunity for children to gain their independence in a safe Christian environment.

Camps cater for children ages 6 years to teens, offering full accommodation and adult supervision. The camp is situated close to Gympie and there is a bus available from Brisbane.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP DATES
2 – 9 April
9 – 16 April
16 – 23 April

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Hello, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bonnie Harding and I am the new P & F President for 2011.

Most of the parents probably have seen me around the school and if you have something that you think the P & F could help with or any suggestions then please feel free to contact me at anytime.

We have a great committee this year with some very dedicated parents but we still have some positions available that need to be filled i.e. Second hand uniforms and Funfest coordinator. These positions are not stand alone positions and there are always many hands to help.

Chocolate money is due on Friday the 25 of March. All students who received a box of chocolates need to hand in their envelope containing the total chocolate sold amount.

We need some parent volunteers to help count all of these lovely funds, so if you can lend a hand for an hour or so after 9.30am Friday the 25 March morning then please give me a call on 0407 670 776.

Bonnie Harding
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Camp activities include horseriding, canoeing, craft, archery, sport, swimming, theme nights and lots of fun.

Camps for June/July holidays:
26/6/11 to 1/7/11 Ages 10 to 12 years
3/7/11 to 8/7/11 Ages 12 to 15 years

Camps for September holidays:
18/9/11 to 23/9/11 Ages 10 to 12 years
25/9/11 to 30/9/11 Ages 12 to 15 years

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Australia Zoo’s holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day is for children aged between seven and twelve. Join the Zoo Crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of the animals. It’s a day you won’t forget! Places are limited so call 07 5436 2025 to make a booking.

Ages: 7 - 12 years Price: $85 includes: Zoo entry, Australia Zoo cap, lunch, photo with one of our animals. Duration: 5 hours Location: Australia Zoo, Steve Irwin Way, Beerwah. Dates: 16 April 2011 – 27 April 2011.

Further details are available on our website http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

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