From the Principal

Tuckshop

Thank you to those who have responded to our plea for more volunteers in the tuckshop. However, we are still requiring more people for the roster before it can reopen. If you can assist on a Tuesday or Thursday then please contact the College Admin or email Cathy, our Tuckshop Convenor at cathy.boyer@gccc.qld.edu.au

We have also recognized that the current tuckshop facility is being outgrown. The current location was only ever intended to be temporary. Recently we have acquired a new tuckshop facility, much larger and better equipped than our current one, that will be situated in the area between the Senior Undercover Area and G Block. The plan is to renovate this whole area into an attractive place for students to sit and eat. There are some council approvals still to meet but we are hoping the new tuckshop will be operational for next term.

So, far from giving up on the tuckshop service, we are endeavouring to make it better for our students and a more pleasant working environment for our volunteers. It is important to note that the tuckshop is run and priced accordingly to only break-even so we cannot afford extra staff without putting prices up significantly. This is why volunteers are so important.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop is also a valuable service offered to the College community by our P and F, but it is also in jeopardy. Leigh Holt has done a tremendous job in running the SH Uniforms over many years and we are greatly appreciative of her efforts. She is now in a position where she cannot do the job anymore and needs to hand it on to someone else.

If you can help with this, or would like to explore the job further, then please contact the College Admin or Bonnie Harding, our P and F President, at bonnie@completemetalroofing.com.au. I say “job” in the singular but if more people come forward the job can easily be split between two, three or more people.

Uniform Shop

New and second-hand uniforms.
Mon 8.00 - 9.00am
Fri 8.00 - 9.00am
2.30 - 3.30pm
Open for trade Open Day 10am-2pm

PLEASE NOTE: Uniform Shop will not be open on Wednesdays during Term 3.
LOST & FOUND

FOUND

- two pairs of black joggers (one with white socks in them)
- pink cow girl hat
- red “Qantas 90 Anniversary” cap
- Wave Zone size 12 black jacket with purple on the inside of the hood
- small purple lunch container “klipo” on it
- grey checked jacket “milkshake” brand size 7
- grey “bad boys” jacket size 10
- pink smash water bottle
- single black jogger
- primary jacket with J Andrews (sold on through Uniform Shop)

Please see Karen Siggs in Student Reception if any of these items belong to you.

Sayonara Japanese Tour Group

It has been a delight over the past two weeks to have students and teachers from Koshigaya Minami High School in Japan. The group has greatly enjoyed the friendliness of our students, the beauty of their surrounds (including the early morning kangaroos on the oval which have been a real treat) and the hospitality of their host families and “buddies”. They have enjoyed all manner of activities and have shared their culture with us as much as we have ours with them. It is these exchanges that help students broaden their perspectives and promote understanding as the global village continues to shrink. We said goodbye to each other in a Sayonara ceremony on Wednesday afternoon where our visitors honoured us by performing traditional Japanese songs, origami and calligraphy.

Open Day

Open day was once again a hugely successful day with many new families coming to see the College for the first time. It was also great to see the turnout of our current families. Thank you for your support and I am sure you had an enjoyable time on Saturday. For our mission trip this year over 1800 dollars were raised for the Fiji Bible College project through the “Trash and Treasure” and the car wash, so this was an excellent result. I would also like to thank all the College staff for their hard work in preparing for the day and for those students who served either as waiters, tour guides, cooks, performers and general helpers. Our wonderful P and F also did a great job in preparing over 550 sausages for our hungry visitors.

Welcome Sarannah Kate Leary

Last Sunday at 9:49am Mrs Sarah Leary (Year 2 teacher) and her husband Aram, welcomed Sarannah Kate Leary into the world, weighing 3910 grams (or 8lb 9 oz). She is absolutely beautiful.

I’m happy to say that mum and baby are healthy and doing very well. Thank you for your prayers and I am sure you would like to join with me in congratulating the Leary family.

Mike Curtis

Heather Hill
Students were the stars of Open Day

Visitors were delighted with the tastiness of the high tea, fascinated by the new classroom technology and blown away by the library but the thing that impressed them the most was the quality of GCCC students.

There were countless stated and overheard comments about how helpful, professional and friendly our students were on the day. One parent waited in line for ages just to pass on a compliment about a particular student.

Everywhere you looked, you could see GCCC students hard at work. Students began volunteering before 8am that morning helping set up the Trash and Treasure, cooking and creating a restaurant, risking painful finger injuries tying up hundreds of balloons and going without a break so that families wanting a tour didn’t have to wait too long. Best of all, the students did all this with a lovely warm smile.

There were also students participating in the cheerleading performances, greeting visitors at the front entrance, helping teachers with demonstrations in the classrooms and helping the P and F with the barbeque.

There is no way we could thank all the students in this newsletter but we will be issuing certificates of commendation to each of the students who gave up their Saturday to make the 2011 GCCC Open Day such a terrific success.
Primary News

Prep Explosive Science!
Albert Einstein once said, “I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.”

If you had any doubts about Prep not being the most fun place in the school, doubt no longer! On the week when “Vicky Violet” was the Letterland character of the week, the Prep children were pondering all things “v.” This culminated in the creation of their very own volcanos. In groups of five or six, the children sculpted the shape of their volcano with playdough around a plastic drink bottle and then put a mixture of water, bicarbonate of soda and food colouring into the bottle.

When everyone was set and the cameras were poised, the children added the final ingredient – vinegar. Wow! Stand back!

Curiosity is a magical thing and is the cornerstone of scientific endeavour. I wonder what Albert Einstein would think of our latest scientific enterprise?

The Preps are currently investigating a new science question which ties into our Nursery Rhyme theme, “What DOES porridge look like when it is NINE DAYS OLD?!” Hmmm...Stay tuned.

Heather Dodwell

Year 6 visit to the Beerwah Library
Last Wednesday 27 July, Year 6 students went to the Beerwah Library to learn what the Sunshine Coast Libraries have to offer. We learnt there is no end to the activities and items available! We met the library staff and went behind the scenes to see how the library is managed. We were able to see how books are returned and could even borrow some books to help us with our current project about primary industries. We had a fantastic time at the library.

By Rory Tait and Flynn Harding
Fiji Mission Fundraising

On behalf of the staff and students, I wish to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Trash and Treasure stall and our Car Wash on the weekend. We managed to raise an astonishing $1821. We are looking forward to blessing the community we will serve in. In Fiji we will be working in schools, youth groups, ladies’ craft groups and the local churches. Our big project is to assist with building some new offices for the Bible College where we will be staying.

Strawberries...... we are continuing our fundraising efforts by selling strawberries each Friday afternoon for the month of August. They will be $3.00 for 500g and available from 2.45pm near the Administration block of the College.

Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews

When:  Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 August, 2011
Times:  From 3.30pm-7.30pm
Where:  In GCCC Library
How:  By making appointments on PT Online

Each family should have received a letter outlining how to make appointments for these important interviews with your log in number. Please make every effort to speak to your child’s teachers about how to best support them in their learning.

SET Plan Appointments

Parents of Year 10 students need to phone the College office (54390033) to make an appointment time for their SET Plan meeting. We will be conducting the meetings in the College library.

Guidance Officer Day

Toula Gordillo will again be at GCCC on Monday 8 August and Monday 22 August from 9.00am – 3.00pm. If you would like to make an appointment please phone the College on 5439 0033.

Sue Fraser

Light in Science

This term Year 7 are studying light in Science. In these photos the students are looking at the scientific (and beautiful) effects that can be produced by shining rays of light through various shapes and filters.

The students finished off by reproducing Newton’s famous experiment to show that white light is made up of all the colours of the rainbow.

Rob Hill
GCCC’s ‘Calamity’ a triumph!

The first weekend of this term saw the staging of our production of ‘Calamity Jane’. The performances were the result of many months of rehearsal and planning. Cast auditioned for major roles at the end of last year and the whole cast and crew had been hard at work since early February in afternoon, weekend and holiday rehearsals.

The major ‘Dress Rehearsal’ performance on Thursday July 21 for special guests from both Glasshouse Country Care and Embracia nursing homes was very well received. Their glowing feedback for both the quality of the production and the professional level of catering provided an adrenalin boost for all involved as the matinee and evening performances rolled on. A huge thank-you to Miss Devitt and our Hospitality students for their amazing work!

The three official performances were well supported by the College community with over 300 tickets sold. Mr. Curtis, who gamely filled a cameo role himself, stated that it was wonderful to see the varied talents of the young people of the College appreciated by so many. The cast and crew certainly gave it their all with a polished and energetic final performance on the Saturday evening that had the capacity audience laughing along and tapping their feet.

Thank you to all of the cast, crew and staff who turned the dream of this musical into the dazzling reality of performance. You are all too amazing for words!

Mrs. Jo Winlaw
Director
Hospitality students kept busy

The year 8, 9 and 10 Hospitality students were spoilt for opportunity in the past few weeks.

They have been on an excursion to Pim’s Organic Farm and catered for Calamity Jane and Open Day.

Students enjoyed the chance to get their hands dirty and look forward to their next excursion to Oakland Farms.

Colleen Devitt

Special Reminder

We know you are proud of your children and love to show them off to friends but please remember to be careful using group photos on social media sites such as Facebook. If the photo has other children in it, please do not post it without the express permission of the other parents.

Library Opening Hours

Prep – Year 9 Students: 8:15am – 3:15pm
Year 10-12 Students: 8:15am – 4.00pm

Homework Club:
Every Thursday for Years 7-12 from 3.00pm to 4.30pm

Open Day Science

Our Hospitality students would have been horrified to have some of these little critters in their kitchen but our Science lab saw them as the star of the show. Visitors to the lab on Open Day could see slides of the Azolla Fern from Biology camp with a weevil on its leaflets.

This fellow was introduced as a biological control agent to help combat the Salvinia problems in our waterways. Saturday was the first time we’ve seen evidence of the existence of this weevil since Anita’s brother-in-law released some into his dam. I must say, we were highly excited scientists - just ask Anita.

Jenny Ritson
Vocational Education and Training (VET) News

Year 10 and 12 Information Evening.
Thanks to the parents and students who came along on Wednesday night 27 July to hear about all the wonderful pathways available. Speakers from TAFE, USC and QUT provided lots of helpful advice followed by information from Mrs Fraser and Mrs Ferris. All students received a pack of important resources to take away. Students who were not able to attend have been given their packs this week. If you have any questions about the Parent Evening please contact Mrs Ferris.

Year 10 SET Plans
Schools/learning providers are required to develop Senior Education and Training (SET) plans, together with students and their parents/carers. These plans are usually developed and agreed to during Year 10. The development of SET Plans for all students is a key component of success. These plans help students map out individualised learning pathways that build on their strengths and result in a valued qualification in the Senior Phase of Learning. To follow up our Information Evening, SET Plan meetings are now underway. All Year 10 students and their parents will be meeting with school staff in the next week or so to complete their SET Plan. Appointment times are available during the day, after school and some also in the evening to ensure all parents can come along and be part of this very important process for each student. Please call the office and make a suitable time for your SET Plan meeting.

BNIT TAFE Schools Program for 2012
Nine of our senior students are currently studying courses at Brisbane North Institute of TAFE. The Schools Program is available now for 2012. New students will not be selected for inclusion in these programs unless they have attended the BNIT Information Evenings in the week starting 22nd August. All Year 10s have received the flyers about the Information Evenings and the full program of available courses. If you have any questions about studying with BNIT please contact Mrs Ferris as soon as possible.

Tertiary Open Days and Aviation Expo coming up this month.

JMC Academy which offers courses in the Creative Arts including Audio Engineering and Sound Production, Film and Television Production, Digital Media and 3D Animation, Popular Music and Performance, Entertainment Business Management.
JMC Open Day Saturday at Grey Street South Brisbane 13 August 2011 sessions at 11am and 2pm. Bookings essential on 3846 5166.

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) 14/8/11
Griffith University 14/8/11 for all 3 campuses. www.griffith.edu.au/open-day
To view the activities please go to the website and follow the links.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Caboolture 21/8/11 9am – 2pm
University of Queensland (UQ) St Lucia 7/8/11 9 – 3pm; Gatton 21/8/11 9.30 – 3pm; Ipswich 24/8/11 2.30 – 6pm;
Go to website www.uq.edu.au/openday

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE (BNIT) Compulsory Information Evenings for Schools program in 2012 in the week starting 22/8/11

Aviation Careers Expo 27/8/11 at Brisbane International Airport Precinct (See last newsletter for details)

School Based Traineeships
Year 10 and 11. Applications are being requested for a horticultural traineeship at a local farm. If you think you might be interested please see Mrs Ferris.

Plumbing Supplies company Reece has School Based Traineeship open for application at Strathpine including a Certificate II in Transport and Logistics (Warehousing and Storage). Please be aware that all information on the program is on the website www.reece.com.au/asba. Please see Mrs Ferris if you are interested.

Adult Tertiary Preparation Summer School
For students looking for a second chance at tertiary entry after high school.

The Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation ATP is a well-recognised course in Queensland. It offers an alternative pathway to tertiary education for learners who have not gained a senior certificate or who wish to improve year 11 and 12 results. Upon completion of the course students receive a Certificate IV from Sunshine Coast TAFE and a rank score from QTAC. Students who have completed the full certificate can then apply to the University of their choice.

ATP Summer School commences November 2011 and is full time for 5 weeks. It is held at the Maroochydore campus of Sunshine Coast TAFE.

Joan Ferris – joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au
Cheryl Costin – cheryl.costin@gccc.qld.edu.au
Ryan Sauer and Coen Oosen Selected for State Athletics Championships

Ryan Sauer was once again the star of the day at the Sunshine Coast Regional Athletics Carnival. Ryan won the 11 year boys multi event qualifying him to compete at the Queensland State Championships in Brisbane. Finishing almost 100 points in front of the second place-getter Ryan blitzed the opposition. It was a gruelling day for him as he had to compete in the 100m, long jump, shotput and 800m events in the multi event and also in the discus and 200m which he was selected to compete in for the Glasshouse District. Ryan excelled in the discus competition finishing in fourth place and qualified for the finals in both the 100m and 200m events.

Coen Oosen was also selected to compete at the State Championships after finishing fifth in the 12 year boys’ shotput competition. When two boys pulled out Coen was given the opportunity to compete, which he grabbed. Coen threw a personal best distance and is looking forward to improving further as he prepares for the State Championships.

Our 800m runners can be very proud of their efforts in their races with Cameron Shervey, Natasha Hoeksema and Ryan Einsporn all running personal best times against highly talented state and national competitors, several of whom set new records. All three athletes run well-judged races and finished in the middle of the field.

Nichola Bates also competed in the 12 year girls multi event, competing in events that were not really her speciality, but she never gave up and competed well in each event.

Sarah Smith, Joshua Pederson, Zac Cathcart and Amalee McClellan all competed well and proudly represented our College and District giving their best in the stiff competition.

It was fantastic to see so many of our talented athletes representing the Glasshouse District and we look forward to continued success next year.

Soccer at Lunchtime – What a success!

During Term 2 as part of the Year 6 Leadership Program, a group of students started a Lunchtime Soccer Competition. They planned, organised and refereed the competition which was a huge success. Eighteen teams of five players took part from Year 3 to Year 6. The students played in qualifying rounds in three divisions, Year 3/4, Year 5/6 and a girls’ division. The divisions were narrowed down until the two top teams from each division played off in the finals last week to find the winners.

In the Year 3/4 competition The M & Ms played The Thrashers with The Thrashers winning 3:1.

The girls competed well and the final was between The Mixes and the Year 5 Girls. The Year 5 Girls were victorious but only after a very close game resulting in a penalty shootout.

Year 5/6 Boys were very competitive with the Soccer Stars playing The Teletubbies in the final. The Teletubbies won the game 2:1.

Congratulations must go to Jesse Woods, Sean Dern-Williams, Alex Harwood and Kyle Bullard for organising such a great competition. Their leadership skills developed considerably during the competition and their refereeing was always fair and clear. Well done boys.

Wendy Stott
Don’t forget to check out the FABULOUS Kitchen Garden Program on this website.

Coles Sports for Schools
The Coles Sports for Schools promotion has begun. For every 10 dollars purchased at Coles, the shopper will receive 1 voucher. These vouchers can go towards sports equipment purchases for the school. A box has been placed outside Admin and we would love it if you could place your vouchers in the box to help GCCC with its sports programme.

Mike Curtis

A Note Regarding Supermarket Promotions
The College continues to support IGA Beerwah and is also participating in the Coles and Woolworths schools promotions because it recognises the fact that different people have different shop preferences.

We are very grateful to all College families who go out of their way to pass on the benefits of the various promotions to the College.

Please keep those IGA coupons, Coles vouchers and Woolworths dockets coming in!

It’s been busy, busy, busy in the garden keeping up with harvesting, planting and cooking up a rainbow now we are in full swing of our new theme this term.

During classes, students planted celery, spinach, lettuce and more delicious peas. Many cute little fingers have carefully planted seeds to produce future crops of beetroot, parsnips, tomatoes and capsicums. Eager little helpers were in strong supply when it came to taking command of the mini wheelbarrows full of mulch, as it was laid at the base of our fruit trees and passionfruit vine.

The Preppies are really building their knowledge of all things green and this week they planted a green manure crop in one of the garden beds, which they learned will improve the soil condition as the crop grows, and is chopped up and dug back into the garden bed again.

Harvesting is always a popular task in the garden and this fortnight was no different as the children reaped the fruits (or should I say vegetables) of their labour as they picked some lovely broccoli, an enormous snow white cauliflower, ever popular peas, eggplant and yummy strawberries.

Caterpillars were aplenty in our garden and on the hunt for tasty greens. Broccoli and cabbage seedlings appear to be their favourite, so a mass caterpillar removal was required and the many hands of our helpful students made short work of our unwelcome visitors.

All classes continued to learn about the importance of ‘eating a rainbow’ and are adding information to their dinner plate posters. They have coloured dinner plates in rainbow colours and are adding the names of fruits and vegetables of each colour and listing information about the nutrients and benefits each contains.

The Year 2 and 3 classes enjoyed making ‘rainbow salad’ using fresh produce from the garden, including broccoli, cauliflower, snow peas, cherry tomatoes, carrot and sunflower seeds teamed with a lovely apple juice and Dijon dressing. Maybe you could try this easy recipe as a lunchbox snack, as it is quick, easy, healthy and the children loved it! Getting them to eat their veges will never be easier, especially if they make it themselves.

All the watering of the Adopt-A-Garden beds has paid off as the first flowers bloom and add colour to the gardens around our beautiful school.

We continue to collect barcodes from McCains frozen vegetables and Purely Potato packets. The collection box is located in the College Administration office and the more barcodes we collect, the more garden equipment we can claim. Thank you to all those who have already handed in their barcodes.

Mandy Ward
mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au
A big thank you to all the P and F volunteers who manned the sausage sizzle on Open Day. They were kept very busy with all the visitors and did an amazing job.

The P & F would also like to thank all the parents and friends who placed their name on the sausage sizzle help list for last Thursday’s Junior Athletics Carnival. The sheet was completely filled.

The Fathers Day Stall is growing near and if anyone has any ideas or craft items they think would be of benefit to the stall please email. We would love to hear from you bonnie@completemetalroofing.com.au.

Bonnie Harding

Pause and Ponder

Recipe for Success

I’m no Masterchef so when I try to add my own twist on a recipe, it nearly always fails. My family screw up their noses and my husband tries to side step an insult by saying, “It’s not my favourite.”

Many things in life are better with recipes, whether it be the correct mix for good concrete; sponge cake or even the ingredients that go into having a happy family life.

In the book of Joshua (chapter 1, verses 1 to 9), it talks about God’s recipe for success. Without God’s instructions, Joshua would have failed at leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. The first step was to be strong and of good courage. Next, Joshua was to continually think about what God had said. As long as Joshua followed the directions, God promised him ‘good success’ (v8).

God’s recipe for success can work for us to but it has little to do with money, popularity, or even good health.

In the original Hebrew, “then you will have good success: means “then you will act wisely.” Just as God called Joshua to walk in wisdom, He wants us to also. Ephesians 5:15.

As we take courage in the Lord, think on His word and obey Him, we have a recipe for godly success that’s better than anything we could cook up on our own.

Adapted from Our Daily Bread

Collect Earn & Learn Points when you shop.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Programme

From 18 July to 18 September 2011, Woolworths will give the College one Earn & Learn point for every $10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Woolworths online or at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets).

Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets, which you simply bring to the College and place in the box on the Admin desk.

When the 9-week program ends, schools redeem points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more.

This will be a terrific bonus for the College so thank you for your participation.