Calamity Jane was a huge success!

I would like to start this week’s article by warmly congratulating the cast and crew of Calamity Jane, our Secondary School musical for this year. Everyone did an outstanding job and the many hours of rehearsal were seen very obviously in the final production.

I would like to thank all the cast involved for their wonderful performances and dedication to their rehearsals, the backstage crew for their attention to detail and getting the job done smoothly and well, the set designers for their wonderful efforts — the wild west was truly brought to life in our theatre, the makeup artists, ticket sellers and a host of others. Putting on a production like this, the largest production in our history, is definitely a team effort.

For the sake of space I cannot mention the 60 or so names of everyone who contributed to Calamity Jane’s success but I would like to acknowledge some people in particular; the lead actors of Morgan Winlaw, Nathan Jarvis, Jayden Newell and Ellen Paddick and Ashley Byrne did an outstanding job. Bailey Neumann nearly stole the show with his hilarious improvised banter with the audience during the awarding of the lucky door prize section.

Miss Devitt and the Hospitality team produced a wonderful array of sumptuous treats that were enjoyed by all during intermission. Their professional food and service added to the ‘class’ of every performance.

Mrs Winlaw as director and Mrs Newell as the stage manager have lived and breathed “Calamity Jane” over the past year. The students have thrived under their guidance, affection and dedication. The hours of rehearsal have been huge but the result has been a great reward and I am sure the glowing comments I have heard from audience members would be echoed by the 300 plus people who saw it over the five performances.
FOUND
• pink “Impulse” watch
• white container with no lid
• blue water bottle
• black hairband with black flower on it
• Gradplus Ramsay graduate program water bottle
• black and clear pen that lights up
• gold earring
• purple and pink Smash lunch box
• three pairs of black joggers
• pair of white joggers
• single black jogger
• blue Smash lunch box with two clear containers with blue clips
• small key with black top
• silver chain with pink girl’s head pendant
• Primary jacket with J Andrews name on it (sold on through uniform shop)

Please see Mrs Siggs at Student Reception if any of these items belong to you.

Withdrawal of Students

The Registrar would like to remind parents about the terms and conditions concerning the withdrawal of students from the College.

Parents are required to give a term’s written notice to the Principal. Unfortunately, failure to provide this notice may result in financial penalties.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the ladies who volunteered and helped reopen the Tuckshop. It is appreciated by all.

Cathy Boyer

40 Hour Famine and Mission Trip

This Friday, 109 students in the Middle and Senior school have committed to going without either food, sleep, technology, talking or furniture for 40 hours, all in the name of raising money for the 40-hour famine sponsored by World Vision. The money that is raised will be going to help one of our closest neighbours and yet one of the poorest nations on earth — East Timor. I am proud that we have so many of our students participating in this very worthy cause.

To celebrate the end of the famine, a sausage sizzle will be happening during Monday lunchtime for Secondary students at $2 a sausage.

Another example of students preparing to rise the challenge of making a difference is the Fiji Mission Trip team. As the September holidays draw closer our team are intensifying their preparations. I would also remind you that there are some delicious and very large punnets of strawberries on sale for $3 every Friday afternoon to raise money for the mission trip. I know the team would greatly value your prayers at this time.

Congratulations to the Primary Choir

On Wednesday our Primary choir along with Mrs Smith as conductor, Miss Hilton and Mrs Lindsay (who was the pianist) performed in the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod. They sang the College song and did so very well. The first placed school only beat our choir by six points out of a possible 100 so it was a wonderful effort. Our students also learned a great deal from the experience and we will be ready for another great showing next year. The students were nervous but they had a lot of fun. I would encourage all students in years 4-6 who like singing to get involved with the choir. It is on Wednesday mornings during first break in the music room.

Congratulations Emily Scott

Emily recently competed at the Australian Secondary School Diving Championships where she performed outstandingly well.

She won the Synchronised Dive competition with her fellow Sunshine Coast partner and placed third in the individual springboard competition beating many AIS trained divers. In the platform event she came 6th out of about 20 competitors.

This is an extraordinary achievement of which we can all be very proud. Well done Emily!

Mike Curtis
All primary students have been given an invitation for Grandparents Day (refer left) on Tuesday, 6 September. Attached to this was an envelope and a response slip to return to the College to allow us to have a fairly accurate idea of numbers for catering. It is imperative that every family sends this response back if grandparents will be attending.

This is very important because in previous years there has been a considerable difference between the RSVPs and the number of visitors who have actually attended on the day. We LOVE Grandparents Day and are thrilled to have so many of them who come every year to spend time with their grandchildren visiting their classrooms and allowing them to show other areas of the College. There’s a wonderful sense of family and the expressions on the children’s faces tell the story.

We are very grateful to the Hospitality Department (Colleen Devitt and students) who have offered to provide a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit for all grandparents, but it is imperative that we have fairly accurate numbers as we could possibly have 400 visitors on the day.

In one previous year we had RSVPs for less than 200 but there were more than 300 on the day. It was a wonderfully successful event but I’m sure you would understand that catering for an additional 100 people on the day was somewhat daunting.

So – please return the RSVP for every family attending so we will be able to provide adequately for all our guests and honour them on the day.

CONCENTRATING ON COMMON COURTESIES

Good schools are always interested in more than just literacy and numeracy – important though they may be. Good schools are concerned with educating the WHOLE child to provide a “rounded” education to all students.

Over the last couple of months, Primary staff members at GCCC have been identifying some aspects of manners and common courtesies which we feel need to be addressed as a whole Prep – Year 6 school. The first of these was introduced in assembly last week and will be reinforced regularly in class over the next couple of weeks.

We will be concentrating on the courtesy of walking on the left hand side of the concrete paths and stairs to allow others the room to pass by easily. In addition we are asking students to move off the paths if they are just standing there talking and adults want to walk past them.

Students dramatised the correct behaviour in assemblies last week and staff members are watching to reward those who are developing these courteous habits; to encourage them with a “GOTCHA” (WOW AWARD).

We would appreciate it if you would support us at home by reinforcing this when you are in the supermarket and shopping centre or when you are walking down the street.

“Good manners are a light load to carry through life”.  

Cheryl Bryers
Don’t Try This at Home - Prep M

Pease porridge hot, pease porridge cold,
Pease porridge in the pot, nine days old;
Some like it hot, some like it cold,
Some like it in the pot, nine days old.

After the enquiring minds at Prep investigated this Nursery Rhyme phenomenon, we are more than certain that NO ONE would like our nine day old porridge! In the words of some, it was “disgusting!”, “YUK!!” and “it would choke you and you would need a doctor.”

In true scientific style, we took photos every day and observed the progress of the container of porridge under the plastic wrap as it slowly became curiously multi-coloured and fluffy! For the squeamish among you, don’t look too carefully at the photos. They are icky but interesting!

So in conclusion, (almost) all Preps agree that leaving porridge for nine days is not a wise thing to do. So please, in the interest of your health, don’t try this at home.

Heather Dodwell

And now for something completely different!

Nursery rhyme themed learning went from icky in Prep M to licky in Prep W and Prep G as they visited Hospitality and decorated cookies.

Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students helped the Preppies decorate their cookies with themes such as the Gingerbread Man and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Students drew pictures and named their paper bags and then moved onto the decorating tables to learn all about the intricacies of piping and lolly placement.

The Preppies eyes were as big as saucers as they saw the delicious assortment of lollies and sprinkles in front of them. Teachers cautioned them just to choose three lollies but this still resulted in two extremes. One Prep student carefully selected three grains of sprinkle while another chose three of each kind of lolly!
Guidance Officer
Mrs Toula Gordillo, a local guidance officer and clinical psychologist, is coming again for the day on Monday 22 August from 9am to 3pm to meet with students (and some parents). Mrs Gordillo will mainly be meeting with Year 12 students to ensure their QTAC applications are prepared for lodging and to talk over options for after graduation. However; there are a number of time slots still available for students in other year levels. If you wish to book a session, please contact Mrs Fraser on 5439 0033 to arrange an appointment time.

QTAC Applications - Year 12 students
QTAC is now ready for Year 12 students to pay for and lodge their applications for study in 2012. All students are encouraged to apply even if they are intending to have a gap year, as they may be able to accept an offer and defer. As we explained on our information evening a few weeks ago, we are happy to assist with this process but students need to register and pay prior to coming to us for discussion about their six choices. If you have any questions, please contact either Joan Ferris or Sue Fraser via College reception.

2011 QCS Tests – Year 12 students
On Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August, our Year 12 students will sit their Queensland Core Skills test. Individual student results will be used as part of the calculation for their OPs. Please pray for our Year 12 students on these dates.

Subject Selection Evening Cancelled for 2011
Due to the commencement of the National Curriculum in 2012 some changes have had to be made to subjects and elective choices for students in Years 7-10. For this reason, our subject selection evening was cancelled. Please ensure you carefully read the letter that has been sent home with your son/daughter on Thursday 18 August explaining these changes. If an elective change is to be made, please ensure you return and sign the form attached to the letter by Monday 29 August to student reception for Mrs Fraser.

NB: A copy of the letter will also be available on the College website if for some reason this letter did not make it home!

Term 3 Exam Block Timetable for Seniors
Exam block timetables for Years 10 to12 will be given to students next week. Exam block commences on Monday 12 September and goes to Friday 16 September. These timetables will also appear on the College website. Please ensure that your student is prepared for these assessment tasks and makes every effort to attend. A medical certificate is required should they miss any of their exams or assignment due dates.

Reminder about Students Driving to School
Any P plate licensed student wishing to drive to school must see Mrs Fraser for our College contract and parking regulations before driving to school.

Reminder about Students Departing During College hours
Applications to leave school before the regular time of 3.00pm will need to be received in writing by the Head of Secondary before Form. Leave Early permission needs to be approved by the Head of Secondary. Students will need to wait at the College Admin where they will be collected by their parent(s), or other parent nominated adult (unless otherwise stated in writing). Upon collection or leaving, the Leave Early register must be signed.

Year 8/9 Art - Interiors
Last term the year 8/9 art students used Matisse style interiors as their inspiration. We studied perspective and painted a corner with bright, flat colours, decorative patterns and black outlines. Very Fauvist! 

Patrice Cutlack

Caitlyn Ratcliffe

Courtney Sinclair

Taylor Ellis

Carysse Newell

More amazing paintings on next page.

More
ELEVATE LIFE Course for all Year 9 and 10 Students

As part of their LIFE program, the Year 9 and 10 students will participate in an ‘Elevate Life’ course. The course runs for four weeks and is being conducted by six young people from Calvary Training College. This course is similar to the ‘Shine’ and ‘Strength’ courses that we have run in previous years. I have briefly described what the course entails for our students:

Our young ladies are taken through this course which is designed to address the many issues of identity and personal esteem and to place value on womanhood. It covers positive pathways and focuses on self worth, strength and purpose. The course provides students with the opportunity to discover their true value as a one-of-a-kind creation and how they have choice over their decisions in life and hopefully realise that they are significant and have much to offer.

The young men’s course is designed to assist teenage boys to better navigate adolescence by providing positive role models who discuss peer pressure, relationships, anger and identity. The aim is to provide opportunity for participants to build resilience and strength in order to deal with life’s challenges that they may face. The course focuses on significance, strength and purpose.

Uniform Infringements

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents and students who continue to support our uniform policy. Unfortunately there are a number of students who continue to push boundaries and make the decision not to abide by our rules for uniform expectations. The main concerns are:

• incorrect shoes
• incorrect hairstyles and colours
• wearing jewellery and makeup

We are serious about maintaining our uniform standards and the consequences for choosing not to meet these expectations. Students have been reminded about expectations on several occasions during Assembly, in Form and also individually during interaction during the day. For some students, it is apparent that verbal reminders and detentions are not working. We have also invested in having several clean spare uniform items for students to borrow and wear for the day to assist with genuine cases, however; some students are also abusing this system.

Therefore, for repeat offenders parent/guardians of students who are not correctly attired, will be contacted to come and collect their son/daughter so that they can go home and change into the correct uniform. If collection is not possible, students will be internally suspended for the day.

We are urging parents to assist us with this. Please take the time to read page 24 of the Parent Handbook that is on the GCCC website as it outlines specific uniform regulations. I am happy to discuss any concerns you have with regard to this matter. Thanks for partnering with us.

Sue Fraser

The Sound of Science

Year 7 science have been studying ‘sound’ in their Science classes.

Part of this has been an exercise in making their own musical instruments.

The Year 7 ‘Science Orchestra’ can been seen here.

Rob Hill
There have been plenty of ‘happenings’ in the music department and a couple of important dates coming up on the calendar. Last Wednesday, the GCCC choir entered the Sunshine Coast Music Eisteddfod for the first time. Three students from Year 6 who are part of the choir, share their experiences of the eisteddfod below:

On Wednesday the 10th of August the primary choir performed in the small choirs group at the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod. We sung the College Song. We didn’t win any prizes or awards but we still did very well. After the performance we enjoyed an ice cream sundae each from McDonalds across the road. We all had a great day out and we are glad to get out of doing our class work. ~ by Jordan Bull (6M).

On Wednesday last week, GCCC’s Junior Choir performed in the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod. We sang the College Song in front of the judges and a large audience at the Nambour Civic Centre. Although we were nervous, it was a lot of fun. We were not place-getters this year, but we did have a wonderful day and will be ready to perform again next year. ~ by Rory Tait and Britney Dale (6G).

Andie Little (Year 8 student) also did extremely well at the music eisteddfod and placed first in woodwind under 12s section.

Coming up on the school calendar on the 7 September at 9.30am is Australia’s biggest school music initiative. With support from the Australian Government, it has run since 2007 and is all about celebrating the value of music education to students’ development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involves about half a million students, teachers (and often parents) from schools all over Australia signing up to learn, rehearse then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time. All the students in Prep to Year 6 have been learning the song and sign language actions to accompany the words. The students love singing the song and every time we go to sing it, they have huge smiles on their faces. If your child would like to practice singing this song at home, I have organised that the audio track and lyrics be placed on the school website under breaking news (home page). Parents are more than welcome to join us on the day to celebrate the benefits of music education in schools.

Also, the Instrumental and Vocal Gala Concert is happening on the 31st August. This is an afternoon concert celebrating the wonderful success of music and vocal talents in the school.

We also have Grandparents Day where our concert band and choir will perform and also a visit to Glasshouse Country Care nursing home visit on the 24 August to entertain the residents with some musical and vocal performances.

How do I get my child learning an instrument or singing?
We have some amazing instrumental and vocal teachers tutoring at the school who are very well trained and experienced. If you have a child who is interested in learning an instrument or having some singing lessons, please contact me and I will provide you with the contact details of the suitable tutor. We have instruments available to hire if you would like to trial your child on a particular instrument before spending the money on purchasing a new instrument.

Ebony Hilton
The Glasshouse Mountains are alive with The Sound of Music

Hidden away behind the cloisters of GCCC theatre, rehearsals are frantically underway for Slice of Life Theatre Arts students and their families. Artistic director Louise Heinrich is bringing to life the story of the Von Trapp family singers in the upcoming production of the well-known and much loved Rogers and Hammerstein musical, The Sound of Music. The production is scheduled for the last weekend of September and first week of October 2011. Students and the adult cast have been meeting weekly and will also participate in a school holiday intensive programme in the second week of the September school holidays.

The characters of the Von Trapp family singers were cast from students who attended the Slice of Life Theatre Arts programme. There are two children’s casts; The Vienna and the Salzburg, and in keeping with the Trapp Family storyline, talented and experienced family and tutors connected with the Slice of Life Theatre and the College will be making up adult cast. Ian Rix, the College vocal tutor will play the role of Captain Von Trapp. The talented and gifted Carly Hampson will play Maria. Carly has completed a year long internship with Harvest Rain Theatre Company. Her father, Brad, has been a manual arts teacher at the College for the past eight years. Keeping it in the family seems to be the thrust of this production with Debbie Holland, Beerwah High Drama teacher, who will depart from her usual role as director of school musicals and will return to the stage in the roles of Mother Abbess and Elsa Von Schraeder. Playing alongside her will be husband Bill Holland in the role of Max Detwelier.

Bill is a teacher at Maleny High and, to keep the family connection going, 10 year old daughter Erin Holland will play the role of Marta. Sisters, Holly and Kirra Dodwell will play Gretl and Brigitta respectively whilst mother Heather will play the Sister Bertha. Teacher Aide, Kris Freeman and her daughters are involved. Annabelle is helping backstage and Stephanie is playing the role of Grett. Some parents of the child performers will don nun’s habits becoming part of the choir of nuns that feature in the stage production. While Louise Heinrich is busy with directing and producing, her husband Mark will play the role of Franz and Herr Zeller whilst son’s Elliot and Tim will be behind the scenes looking after the technical side of the production.

Slice of Life classes have been running as part of the extra curricular programme offered by college Drama teacher, Louise Heinrich since 2005. It was a great joy for her last year to work collaboratively with the Slice of Life Theatre arts students and their families to stage the play The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe winning accolades of being the first Queenslanders to enter and be awarded a Distinction for their Certificate 3 ‘Plays in Production’ category through Trinity Guild Hall in London. In a new development in her role at the College as a leading teacher, Louise Heinrich is offering middle and senior students at the College to sit for their exams as part of a Drama extension programme. As part of their preparation for their exams students competed in 15 events at the regional Sunshine Coast Speech and Drama Eisteddfod. Whilst juggling their preparation for the eisteddfod, students were hard at work preparing their roles for The Sound of Music.

For more details about Slice of Life Theatre Arts and/or Glasshouse Country Christian College Trinity London training and Sound of Music production dates call Louise on 0405525624 or email louise.heinrich@gccc.qld.edu.au. Tickets can be booked using the www. www.trybooking.com tickets Dates: 30 September, 1-2 October, 7-9 October.
SET Plans
Really valuable discussions have been taking place over the last fortnight with Year 10 students and their parents to develop a plan for Year 11 and 12. Please contact the College office as soon as possible if you have not yet had your SET Plan meeting.

Defence Force Careers
Students who are interested in careers in the Defence Forces will find information about work experience programs in South East Queensland on the following website: http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience. It is worth watching this site as new activities are added from time to time.

Applications are now open for all Year 11 students who are considering applying for the 2013 uptake for ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy). It is important to apply early in order to prepare for the selection process. The ADFA Open Day in Canberra is being held on Saturday, 27 August. More information can be found at www.openday.adfa.edu.au.

The Royal Military College Duntroon is holding an information session on Monday, 22 August at 6pm, Level 11 of the DFG Office, 410 Ann St, Brisbane.

QUT Open Days
QUT Caboolture Campus Open Day is being held on Sunday, 21 August from 9.00am to 2.00pm. QUT Caboolture is also holding an Early Childhood Information evening on Wednesday, 24 August for students interested in undertaking the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). A Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, 13 September to assist parents in guiding their children to make decisions about future study.

Headstart Information Evening
USC Headstart Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, 7 September from 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Lecture Theatre 7, Building C at the University of the Sunshine Coast. A campus tour is also running on the evening at 5:15pm departing from Building C. This information evening would be very beneficial to any Year 10s considering a Headstart subject next year.

Try-a-Trade
Try-a-Trade is a great opportunity for students to give a trade a go before selecting a future career. Students work one day a week for five weeks in the council workshops at either Caboolture or Pine Rivers. There are vacancies in the program in Term 4. See Mrs Ferris if you are interested.

Working with Animals Career Day – Currumbin Sanctuary
For all students interested in establishing a career working with animals, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary will be holding an information day on Wednesday, 31 August. The cost is only $8.00 if you take the flyer which is available from Mrs Ferris. This also includes entry to the Sanctuary.

Sunshine Coast Private Hospital Tour
Last Wednesday Mrs Ferris and aspiring nurse Emily McNulty spent the afternoon at Sunshine Coast Private Hospital finding out about careers in the health industry. They were able to visit the Intensive Care Ward, Rehabilitation, an operating theatre and hear from experienced staff and student nurses what life in a hospital is like. Here are Mrs Ferris and Emily tending to a very lifelike patient on the operating table!

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Nude Food Excursions
Hospitality students from Years 8, 9 and 10 went to Oaklands Farms during Week 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The purpose of the excursion was to discover conventional farming techniques and compare them to the organic methods previously explored. These trips give a head start for Nude Food Day in Term 4. This is when students are encouraged to bring lunch with no wrappers to create a more environmentally sustainable society.

Colleen Devitt
Parent Borrowing Invitation

Parents are invited to borrow from the library collection and our parent library. We have a range of informative and engaging books available on topics including parenting, adolescence, discipline and learning. Browsing is always encouraged and library staff are happy to organise library memberships on our database.

Friendly Library Reminders:

Primary Readers: To assist with readers being changed efficiently, please ensure that titles students have read are clearly highlighted. This small but important task saves time and energy for our wonderful teacher aides who issue hundreds of readers each week.

Library Bag Reminder for Prep – Year 3: Students in Prep-Year 3 are expected to bring a library bag to school each week to borrow books. Children can use the GCCC velcro bag (available from the Office) or a drawstring bag, preferably one that’s waterproof. Having a bag to borrow with each week encourages responsible work habits and ensures the children are reading at home for pleasure. There are currently a number of children who are not regularly bringing bags and therefore are not regularly borrowing. It is optional for students in Year 4 – 6 to bring a library bag.

In the table on the left, you will find the list of when weekly borrowing is scheduled.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The reading period finishes next Friday 26 August. Please ensure all Reading Record Forms are signed by class teachers and then returned to the library. It is so wonderful to see the forms flowing in. A big thank you to everyone who has participated.

Ms Readathon
The reading period for students in Years 3-9 completing the MS Readathon has now finished. For details on how to complete the Ms Readathon go to www.msreadathon.org.au

Book Week
Next week, from August 20-26, the College will be celebrating Book Week. Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia, celebrating its 66th birthday in 2011. The festival is organised by the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) and promotes Australian literature for children and young adults. The CBCA annually chooses the six best books produced in Australia in the following categories; Older Readers, Younger Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Books and the Eve Pownall Award for Information Books. The College has purchased a number of the shortlisted titles and they are on display in the library.

The theme for 2011 is One World, Many Stories. To celebrate this theme students from Prep – Year 6 are invited to take part in a Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday August 26. Students are encouraged to dress up as one of the following:

A) a favourite nursery rhyme character (this will be mainly Prep students)
B) a favourite book character
C) someone from another country

The Dress Up parade will take place at 8:50am in the under covered area on Friday August 26 and parents are welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to bring the book that inspired their costume (fiction, non-fiction or magazine). Other Book Week activities include a colouring competition, an interactive world map activity in the library, the launch of a Middle/Senior School Book Buzz Club and a mystery Australian illustrator visit. More information about Book Week and this year’s shortlisted books can be found at http://cbca.org.au/Shortlist_2011.htm

Book Fair is coming soon…stay tuned for more details!

See you in the library,

Vanessa McKellar
Energetic Juniors Enjoy Athletics Fun

Two hundred enthusiastic and excited Junior school students flooded onto the oval brightly dressed in house colours ready for a morning of fun at the Prep – Year 3 Athletics Carnival. Tents were decorated beautifully and war cries resounded signalling the start of the day’s competitions. Students competed in two sprint races and participated in long jump and tug-of-war events before moving into teams for a variety of Tabloid activities.

Treasure was found in the Big Dig, chickens were slung, balls were kicked, water was relayed, moon hoppers bounced, tunnels were slithered through and an obstacle course was navigated. Children were ready for lunch after all this action but were still bubbling with stories of the day. Points were scored for sportsmanship, enthusiasm and team cheering and support. The result was very close at the drinks break, but Zion pulled away during the second half of the morning and was victorious at the end of the day.

The support of parents was fantastic with many leading teams and encouraging students enthusiastically. The tug-of-war was a favourite with the parents as they had opportunity to pull with and against the children. The P and F provided a fantastic barbeque and helped to create a gala atmosphere and feed hungry children. Thanks to everyone who helped make this day so much fun.

Wendy Stott

Cricket Sign on Day
Glasshouse Districts Cricket Club is holding its sign-on for Junior and Senior players on 28 August, 2011 at Glasshouse Mountains Sports Club from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon
For any enquiries please contact:- Juniors:- (U10 – U17) Jill Forster on 5493 0663 or 0418 946 252
Seniors:- (Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4) Murray Elks on 5494 1865 or 0407 766 842.
If you are unable to attend sign-on, but wish to play please contact the relevant people on the above numbers.
Secondary District Athletics Carnival 2011.

On Friday 5 August and Monday 8 of August the GCCC Secondary Athletics Squad competed at the Central Districts Secondary Athletics Carnival, which was held at the Sunshine Coast University.

This year GCCC was able to field a strong team which numbered about forty students for both days of the carnival. Friday began with very wet weather, which resulted in the high jump event being delayed. As the carnival progressed the GCCC students began to record some pleasing results in track and field events. Highlights on Day One included: Jesse Snelling winning the 13 year boys’ discus and javelin, Rebekah White winning the 16 year girls’ long jump and triple jump and Andrea Little winning the 13 year girls’ discus and triple jump. Day 2 of the District Athletics Carnival was much better in terms of weather. The day was very busy with the all high jump events needing to be completed. Jayme –Lee Groer won the 15 year girls’ high jump and Rebekah White won the 100m and 200m track events. GCCC teams also competed well in the relays, demonstrating good baton-change technique. When the final results were tallied, Rebekah White was declared the 16 Year Girls Age Champion and GCCC was again awarded the Percentage Trophy, which is a fantastic achievement. The College is also delighted to welcome back Jared Moore who was declared the 16 Year Boys Age Champion competing for Chancellor State College. Jared will represent GCCC at the Regional Athletics Carnival.

Thanks to all parents and friends who came to support the College. The Regional Championships will occur on Friday 2 September and Tuesday 6 September at the Sunshine Coast University.

Glasshouse Country Christian College Regional Athletics Qualifiers
1. Jayme-Lee Groer 15 year girls’ high jump.
2. Andrea Little 13 year girls’ discus and triple jump.
3. Jesse Snelling 13 year boys’ javelin and discus.
4. Rebekah White 16 year girls’ 100m and 200m dash, long jump, triple jump, 100m hurdles.
5. Jared Moore 16 year boys’ 400m and 1500m run, long jump and triple jump.

Stever Couper
Coles Sports for Schools

Just a reminder that for every 10 dollars purchased at Coles, the shopper will receive one voucher. These vouchers go towards sports equipment for the College. A box is outside Admin and we would love it if you could place your vouchers in it to help GCCC with its sports programme.

Mike Curtis

National Champion

Congratulations Emily Scott (Year 9) for her recent successes at the School Sport Australia Swimming and Diving Championship in Melbourne. Emily came home with a gold medal, a bronze medal and a fifth place.

The best divers from all over Australia (and New Zealand) came together to compete in the National event. Emily was in the 13/14 year age group and the competition was strong. The toughest competitors were from the NSW and Victorian Institute of Sport. The Institute of Sport divers train in the best facilities for up to 25 hours per week. The results of the Sunshine Coast divers were extraordinary given our limited facilities.

With up to seven dives in each event, consistency is the key. The individual events are scored by five judges who score out of 10. The top and bottom scores are not counted which leaves the middle three scores; this minor score is then multiplied by the difficulty of the dive to give a final score for each dive. At this level positions can changes with each dive. The competition was so tight there were only a couple of points separating the top ten divers. The synchronized diving event of the competition is judged by the seven judges with two judges scoring each diver and three judges scoring their synchronization. The aim is to execute the dive well but also appear as one diver with great synchronization.

Emily’s first event was the 5m and 7m platform. The divers from the NSWIS and VICIS were faultless and kept Emily just out of the top three, only 11 points short of a medal. Beating numerous institute divers gave Emily confidence and she refocused for her springboard event two days later when she somersaulted and twisted her way into the bronze position.

Emily and her fellow Sunshine Coast diving partner tumbled and ‘ripped’ (no splash on entry) their dives to score many 9s and 9.5s for their synchronization and 8.5s and 9s for their individual execution of the dives. It is very nerve wracking to watch each pair of divers perform flawlessly around you and know that the smallest mistakes will cost a podium position. However, the girls’ near perfect dives kept them in the gold medal position. Well done!

Diving takes a lot of time, dedication, fearlessness and hard work. The sky is the limit for Emily as her natural gifting was showcased and further training will only enhance what she has been given.

We as a College (especially her mum) are very proud of Emily’s wonderful achievements and look forward to further success in the future.

Christine Scott

College Athletics and Swimming Program

There will be no more early morning training sessions until Term 3 when general conditioning and swimming training will resume.

Thanks to all parents who have committed to bring students to College early to participate in this training.

We have seen the benefits of this program this year in some the fantastic sporting results achieved throughout the year.

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Sports News

Pause and Ponder

Tough and Tender

“Any fool can start a quarrel” (Proverbs 20:3); “The name of the wicked will rot” (Proverbs 10:7); “He who hates correction is stupid” (Proverbs 12:1).

Is it right for God’s Word to call people fools, wicked, and stupid? Isn’t God all about love and kindness?

Indeed, God is love. God is kindness. He created a world with great possibilities for joy and contentment.

Yet God reminds us that in His love He does not overlook the foolishness of our hearts and actions. Those verses from Proverbs can remind us that while God is love, He has great expectations for us. Life is tougher than it needs to be for those who bring self-imposed trouble upon themselves.

Each negative word in those proverbs has a counterpart; an alternative that gives God’s preferred way to live. A fool quarrels, but the honorable man avoids strife (20:3). The name of the wicked rots, but the memory of the righteous is blessed (10:7). The stupid reject correction, but those who love instruction also love knowledge (12:1).

There’s always a choice in this life. Live God’s way and enjoy Him or live as a fool and find destruction. That’s the tough and tender truth about living in God’s world. Which do you choose?

Deceptions, twists, and outright lies Define the words of fools; But those who follow God’s Word show A life where wisdom rules.

Taken from Our Daily Bread. By Dave Branon

Year 6 and 7 Interschool Sports Results

Well done to all students who competed with pride and enthusiasm in soccer and netball over the past few weeks.

Winners! The Year 6 Boys’ Soccer Team won the B Division competition. Well done boys. They won all but one game and only had four goals scored against them whilst they scored 37 goals. Their ball skills and teamwork were fantastic.

The Year 6 Girls’ Netball also played fantastically and won all but one game to finish second in their competition. They scored a huge total of 116 goals in just eight games which well surpassed any other team. They only had 11 goals scored against them!

Year 7 Girls’ Netball competed well with great attitudes and won two games, drew one and lost five against some strong opposition. The girls finished in 6th position.

Year 7 Soccer A Division played well as a team and had very close games. They won two games, drew three and lost three. Unfortunately sickness depleted the team for the final week and the team played with eight players instead of nine but they continued to be tough competitors.

Year 7 Soccer B Division developed a great team spirit and enjoyed every game. They improved over the weeks and finished the competition well with two wins in the last week. They achieved two wins, two draws and five losses.

Ryan 4th in State Champs!

Ryan Sauer once again showed his versatility and talent in sport when he competed at the Primary School Sport State Championships in Brisbane recently. Competing in only his second Multi Event, Ryan put in outstanding performances in each discipline to place 4th in Queensland in the 11 year boys competition. The multi event (tetraathlon) requires competitors to compete in the 100m, long jump, shot put and 800m events with points allocated for each performance and then totalled. Ryan was in 7th place after the first day of competition and then gained high points in his favoured shot put event to be sitting in third place with one event remaining. He ran a very creditable 2.49 minutes for the 800m which only dropped him one place, to see him finish in fourth overall. We congratulate Ryan on his fantastic achievement and look forward to his continued success in sport.

Coen Oosen also competed at the Championships in the 12 year boys’ shot put. He finished outside the podium places but enjoyed the fantastic opportunity to compete at this level and he hopes to use the experience he has gained this year in next year’s competition.
Science Week in the Kitchen Garden
The skills learned and knowledge students acquire in garden classes are more diverse than just gardening and cooking, as demonstrated by the topics covered in classes this fortnight. This week the Year 2 and 3 classes learned about and explored garden/food science to tie in with Science Week. Students were enthusiastic to test the pH levels of the soil in our garden beds and take action to adjust the pH levels to the ideal range of 6 to 7 for ideal vegetable growing conditions. Classes also learned about the antioxidants in our foods and how powerful they can be at protecting our bodies from damage and disease. In a simple experiment, apples were chopped in half, one half brushed with lemon juice (which contains Vitamin C) and the other half was left raw. Students saw that the lemon juice protected the apple from damage, whereas the other half went brown and started deteriorating. We learned that these same benefits can be reciprocated in our own bodies, demonstrating the benefits again of eating a rainbow!

Supermarket ‘surfing’ was also on the agenda this fortnight, which saw students filling in work sheets, identifying how numerous fruits and vegetables can be bought in the supermarket. We identified creative ways to eat a rainbow from items that can be bought in the store, such as tomato sauce, frozen peas, sultanas, etc.

This week’s recipe had all the classes enjoying their fruit in a delicious apricot, pear and passionfruit slice, made with passionfruit picked from our vine. The slice was made with a small amount of unrefined sugar, which we learned is better for us. The slice also uses wholemeal flour, is egg free and can be made gluten free. If you would like a copy of the recipe, please email me at the address listed below. Alternatively, check out our website www.gccckitchengarden.com.au The Year 2 and 3 classes made a colourful and healthy red coleslaw using our beautiful red cabbages and crunchy carrots. The children concluded that the red cabbage has a sweeter taste than normal cabbage and teachers were happy to learn it doesn’t cause the associated side effects either!

As always, there are plenty of things to be done in the garden and the children are always keen to get in and help. Strawberry plants were harvested and enjoyed immediately, with the old leaves removed, promoting healthy re-growth. Watering is always a popular job, and necessary with the lack of rain. Many eager volunteers were keen to grab a watering can and hydrate our thirsty fruit trees, vegetables plants and flowers. Capsicums and tomatoes were planted in upside down growing bags and we are all keen to see how they go! The lovely chook poo smell around the school last week was thanks to our helpful Year 1s who spread organic chook poo based pellets ‘Kaytek’ and some Blood and Bone on the garden beds to fertilise and ensure plenty of healthy vegies in the near future.

We are still collecting 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 those who continue to hand in their barcodes.

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**General News**

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Catching up with Ben Makinson.**

Ben has been busy since leaving GCCC. He completed the Certificate III in Tourism that he began in Year 11 working at Australia Zoo. Although Ben is still employed by Australia Zoo his hours have decreased so he is looking to develop his piano teaching business more.

Ben really enjoyed working at Australia Zoo. “It is a really cool place to work because you are surrounded by animals,” he said. During his time there Ben operated the main gate, gave commentaries, worked in the information centre and retail shops.

Last year Ben completed a Diploma in Theology. “I love studying, reading and sharing what God is doing in my life,” he said.

Ben is hoping that the future holds opportunities to preach and share God’s word but is willing to go wherever God will take him.

Ben has fond memories of his time at GCCC. “It was such a really nice safe place with good friends and great teachers. You couldn’t ask for a better school,” he said.

**CHARITY SPORTS & SPRING CARNIVAL**

This Charity Sports & Spring Carnival is in aid of Cancer Council Queensland will be held on Saturday 27 August 2011 at the Beerwah Sports Ground. Time: all day from 8.30am. Admission: adults $2, children 50c. Come along and enjoy a family day out, and help raise funds for cancer research. Contributions of home cooking, plants or produce for the stalls are always welcome. If you would you like to help on the day, or have a stall or display of your own, please contact Bruce Page on 5494 9557 for more information.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Programme**

This program will only run until 18 September 2011, so please remember to bring your dockets to Admin. 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).

When the program ends, the College redeems points against a choice of more than 7000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art and craft materials and much, much more.

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

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**P and F News**

Thank you to all parents helpers on the Prep to Year 3 Athletics Carnival. Your help was very much appreciated.

We have a few fundraising ideas for the end of the year. Our first will hopefully be a Family Portrait Fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to get a current beautiful portrait of your family as our wonderful children grow so fast and a photo lasts forever. They can also make a fantastic Christmas gifts for relatives. Our scheduled date for family portraits is the 8 October. We will be advertising in the local paper for this also, so if you would like a time slot, they will be available last week of Term 3.

Our second fundraiser for the end of year will be a car boot sale to be tentatively held on the 29 October. Parents and friends of GCCC can come with their trash and treasure and hire a spot (exact size to be determined shortly) Arrive in the morning and set up your goodies for display and sale. The cost per position is $20. There will be a jumping castle, coffee van and bacon and egg rolls for sale on the day. This fundraiser will also be advertised and positions can be booked as of the last week of Term 3.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Leigh Holt for her and her helpers’ tireless efforts in looking after and cataloguing the 2nd hand uniform sales. This has been a very hard and at times extremely lengthy process and we wish her well as she heads back to paid employment.

We have a new 2nd hand uniform co-ordinator to thank - Ramona Woods. We thank her for stepping up to this position. As we redevelop the system, we hope parents can be patient in receiving their payments for bought goods.

We have a new email address. Please feel free to contact us regarding any issues or suggestions you may have at pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au and we will be happy to place it on next meeting’s agenda.

We are also in the process of developing a P and F website so please be patient and it will be up and running shortly.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 8 September in the College library. We hope you can come and join us.

*Bonnie Harding*

*P & F President 2011*