## From the Principal

### Dress up day for Book Week

Last Friday the celebrations of Book Week reached its crescendo with a dress up day and parade. The students (and teachers) were to come as a favourite book character or a person from another country. The amount of participation was excellent with nearly all students choosing to take the “dress up” challenge. Parents, you can also give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back for the various Cats in Hats, nursery rhyme characters, adventure heroes and various others that were on display.

The children also loved seeing the teachers dressed up. Mrs O’Donnell was right at home as a Jamaican Rasta-man, Mr Hampshire donned some very elaborate Maori face-paint, Mrs Richardson seemed to be ‘wearing’ an inquisitive emu and Mrs Murray and Mrs Hopson completed the “Little Red Riding Hood” duet. The students had a truly marvelous day. I would like to congratulate all of the staff involved, but especially Mrs McKellar and the wonderful library team for all of their hard work in making this event so memorable.

### Grandparents’ Day

Tuesday next week (Sep 6) is GCCC Grandparents’ Day. The students love showing their Grandma and Granddad all of the wonderful things they are doing at school and introducing them to their friends and teachers. It promises to be a great day.

If you have not returned your RSVP yet please do so as it will greatly assist our catering.

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### September 2011
- Mon 5-Thur 8 Book Fair
- Tue 6  Grandparents’ Day (Primary)
- Tue 6  8am Sec Reg Athletics 2 (Uni)
- Mon 12-Fri 16 Senior Exam Block
- Tue 13-Wed 14 Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 16  Term 3 ends

#### October 2011
- Mon 3 Term 4 begins
- Mon 17 Pupil Free Day
- Mon 24 6.30pm Lower Primary Concert
- Thur 27 6.30pm Senior Awards’ night
- Sat 29 P and F Car Boot Sale

#### November 2011
- Tue 1 6.30pm Upper Primary Concert
- Thur 10 Immunisations
- Thur 10-Tue 15 Senior Exam Block
- Fri 11 2pm Volunteer Afternoon Tea
- Thur 17 Year 12 Formal
- Fri 18 Year 12 Graduation
- Thur 6.30pm Middle School Awards night
- Fri 25 Year 10 Dinner Dance
- Mon 28 Orientation Day Prep - Year 8
- Tue 29 Awards Ceremony:
  - 9am Lower Primary Prep - Year 1
  - 11.30am Middle Primary Years 2-4
  - 2pm Upper Primary Years 5-6

### Uniform Shop

- New and second-hand uniforms.
- Mon 8.00 - 9.00am
- Fri 8.00 - 9.00am
- 2.30 - 3.30pm

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

LOST
Named lunch box - Savannah Malan

FOUND
• “The Great Green Mouse Disaster” book
• blue “Smash” lunch box with containers in it
• pink material lunch box
• metal blue water bottle “Hoya” brand
• three pairs of black joggers
• one pair of white joggers
• large clear lunch box with blue clips named “Hollie”
• “Pumped” brand water bottle - clear with blue handle
• small white glove
• small white cardigan “Target” size 6 with “Sista” embroidered on front
• pink watch “Impulse” brand
Please see Student Reception if any of these items belong to you.

QCS Test
Last Tuesday and Wednesday our Year 12 students sat the Queensland Core Skills Test or more commonly called QCS. The QCS test is an evaluation of how well students have learned, over the course of 12 years of schooling, the 49 Common Curriculum Elements. These are skills that extend across every subject such as “analyzing graphical data”. The QCS test comprises of two multiple choice papers, one writing task and one short response item test. The students have been well-prepared for this test thanks to Mrs Winlaw handling the English side of things and Dr Flegg handling the Maths and Science side. The test does have a significant influence on the eventual OPs of our Year 12 students. The Year 12s were also treated to a delicious continental breakfast before the tests got underway, organised by Mr and Mrs Fraser. Now the students will have to be patient to find out their results which are released in early December along with their OP results. I am proud of the effort and tenacity that our students demonstrated.

New Tuckshop Update
During the last issue of the newsletter I mentioned that we were expanding our tuckshop facilities. The new facility will be situated in the area between the Senior Undercover Area and H and G blocks. This whole area will be developed to create an attractive eating area for students. Due to some unavoidable delays this will be ready for the start of school next year rather than next term as I stated in the last newsletter.

Mike Curtis
BOOK WEEK GRAND PARADE

Last Friday, students from Prep – Year 6 participated in Book Week activities, which included a Grand Parade in year levels to show their costumes to parents, staff and other students. Following this, classes participated in a Treasure Hunt which was related to Book Week activities.

Book Week was such a wonderful event and I was delighted with the way everyone entered into the spirit of the activities. This day would not have been such a success without hours of work behind the scenes by:

• Parents who were so creative with the students’ costumes
• Teachers and non-teaching staff who supported all the activities
• Miss Kuhn who organised the Treasure Hunt for Prep-Year 2
• Mrs McKellar, our Teacher Librarian, who did so much to spearhead every aspect of this special day - along with her assistants in the library.

Thank you all for such a wonderful Book Week Celebration.

RSVP’s – GRANDPARENTS’ DAY 6 September 11.30am

We have received about 150-200 replies for grandparents who will be attending our Grandparents’ Day on Tuesday 6 September. However, we need to be certain of the numbers for catering, so we ask that you return the RSVP as soon as possible as the deadline was Wednesday 31 August.

This is one of the highlights of the Primary School Year so please make every effort to encourage your children’s grandparents to attend, if at all possible.

A display of books will be available in the library for our 2011 Book Fair. Once again this year, grandparents will be able to purchase books, etc from students’ wish lists if they would like to do so. The wish lists will be filled out earlier in the week.

Cheryl Bryers

Un Défilé de mode en français à GCCC

Year 7 have been learning about clothes in French. Last week some of the students in 7W and 7G dressed up for the occasion and described in French what they were wearing during our class fashion show. Some were quite surprised at how easy it was, particularly if wearing a T-shirt and shorts as the words are exactly the same in French......just need a French accent!

Nadine Hammill
Australia Zoo Trip by Kiana Reeves from 2M

On Tuesday my class and I went to Australia Zoo. The other Grade 2 class went too. It was raining which was the worst part.

First we saw the Komoda dragon and then we saw the otters and stayed for feeding time. They can grab it politely. Then we saw a snake called Diago and he lives in the garbage bin. A man called Nick was giving us a tour around the zoo. Then we saw a snake called Lily and she can eat people.

Next we had lunch at the Crocoseum. When I was feeding a red kangaroo, it grabbed me by the hand as if I didn’t give it the food it would scratch me. We also saw a grumpy woman walking a cute wombat on a leash. I got to pat it. My mum was helping my group. My favourite animal I saw was the tiger. I got to try some of my mum’s hot chocolate that Mrs Richardson brought her. The echidna we saw was called Fatty. Then we went back to school.

Excerpts from 2G students about their Australia Zoo visit

On Tuesday 2G and 2M went to Australia Zoo. I was excited! We got to see koalas, elephants and grey kangaroos. We got to feed elephants. I got to feel a blue tongue lizard’s back. The Komodo Dragon was really big. Our group fed kangaroos. I said, “It tickles.” There were a lot of them.

We went to the Crocoseum where we got to see a bird show and a croc show. Then we went to see Nick the Ranger. He took us into the Ocean Room. He took a snake out of a bin. It was very smooth. He let us feel an echidna. He also let us feed red kangaroos, and then we saw otters.

I learnt it is safe to pat animals on the back. I had an excellent time at the zoo!!

Ellie Thompson

2M and 2G went to Australia Zoo. First of all we saw alligators. Then we got a photo with a really big crocodile! After that we went into a scary cave with a really scary dinosaur that had red eyes.

We saw lots of animals. We saw elephants, koalas, kangaroos, echidnas and lizards. When I patted the koala it was amazing. I had never patted a koala before.

Before we left we went to the Crocoseum. We saw a crocodile and we saw lots of birds. It started to rain. The birds were supposed to land on your arm but I didn’t get chosen. Then we got back on the bus so we could go back to school. I had a fantastic day!

Cassidy Ferris

Yesterday we went to Australia Zoo. We saw many animals. It was so amazing because of how the elephants grabbed the food in their trunk and then put it in their mouth. The elephants’ names were Sami, Bimbo and Sabo. We fed Bimbo. There were free rides and I went on it two times and it was fun. Then we went to the Croc Show in the Crocoseum and a bird show and it was exciting.

Then we went to the Kids’ Zoo. And then we went to see the kangaroos but we didn’t get to feed them. We kept on getting pats and I got to pat a joey and it was so cute and soft.

Cassidy Pennycuick
Year One Safety Excursion

As a part of their current unit on Safety the Year 1 classes went on a visit to the Fire and Police stations. They walked down to the stations and this gave them the opportunity to practise what they had learnt about road safety.

At the Fire Station the students were shown through the station and fire truck and even got to fight a fire, just like Fire Fighter Fred from Letterland! The fire was pretend of course! They then walked to the Police Station where they sat in a police car, visited the cells and learnt about how the police help us.

After these visits the students got to practise what they had learnt about train safety when they travelled by train to Mooloolah where they had lunch. We also got to practise being safe on a bus on the way back to school.

Thank you to all of our fantastic parent volunteers who helped make the day the success that it was!

Wendy Hay and Rachel West

Ticket Information Summary

Preview: Friday 30 September 6.30pm
Tickets $10

Friday 7 October 6.30pm Tickets $12

Saturday 1 and 8 October 2pm and 6.30pm Tickets $12

Singalong Fundraiser Sunday 2 October 2pm $15 Funds raised for the Beerwah Christmas Carols and Maroochy Baptist Christmas Lights Spectacular.

Book tickets at www.trybooking.com
email: artsheart@gmail.com or call Louise on 0405 525 624

Want to be part of the show? Ticket holders who come dressed for the ball, the wedding and the concert will be included as part of the crowd scenes.

BOOK FAIR 2011

When: Monday Sep 5 – Thursday Sep 8
Where: GCCC Library
Time: 8:15am – 3:45pm
For: Prep – Year 6

Slice of Life Theatre Arts
Presents
THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSELL CROUSE
Suggested by “the Story of the Trapp Family Singers”

The sound of music was written by towle and the music was arranged by alfred neumeister.

Dressed in costumes and set to the music of the famous show, the cast will take you back to the past.

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Year 4G Visit the Science Lab.

As a part of Science Week, Year 4G spent an afternoon in the Science Lab with Dr Flegg and Mrs Ritson.

The students observed and investigated chemical reactions that produce heat or combustion.

They also got to use some very cool equipment and wear some fashionable aprons and safety glasses.

Mark Bowman

Tournament of Minds - The Thinkaroo's First Foray

Last week Glasshouse Country Christian College entered its first ever team into the Sunshine Coast Regional Finals, held at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The ‘Thinkaroos’, comprising seven students from a combination of Years 6 and 7, spent the last six weeks preparing and organising, mostly in after school sessions and through online linkups via their school emails.

The Tournament of Minds is a problem-solving, challenge-based competition which results in a ten minute dramatic performance to present a solution of the challenge to a panel of judges. As the title implies, there is an expectation that original and profound thinking will occur and, for this to be judged fairly, teachers, parents and friends must not be relied upon for any of the ideas or preparation necessary. Students all sign an agreement that their presentation was unassisted. Fortunately, this was not an issue as most parents found the activity somewhat baffling anyway!

The chosen Long Term Challenge dealt with the issue of faked photos and the team produced a performance combining the issues of misappropriation of relief agency funds, international politics and espionage, all due to photo tampering. It was a topic well beyond the range of Primary age children, yet they acquitted themselves well.

Following the prepared challenge, students had to respond to a Spontaneous Challenge. This is used to test the cooperation and original thinking skills of each team, with students required to agree on a solution within 5 minutes in a closed room under the eyes of the judges. Our team faced the challenge of explaining why ‘The Shoe Fitted’ for an image of an unusually decorated shoe presented to them with no explanation.

While the Thinkaroos did not come home with a trophy this time, the students all agreed that it was a great experience and that they would be serious contenders in the 2012 competition. Most importantly, they proved that teamwork, persistence and great thinking are their own reward.

Jon Brown

GCCC visit GCC

GCCC students recently visited Glasshouse Country Care to perform some items. We felt privileged to bless and entertain the residents for the afternoon. It was great to see so many happy faces of the residents who seemed to really enjoy the items students performed. We felt very welcomed and proud to showcase the many talents of our students. We would love to return in the future to entertain the residents again.

Ebony Hilton
Recipe of the fortnight.

**Pancakes**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 cup SR flour
- 2 tablespoons castor sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup milk

**Method:**
Sift dry ingredients then add wet ingredients and mix to a smooth batter. Rest for ten minutes. Bring a non stick pan to low to medium heat and pour in a large spoonful of batter. When bubbles appear, turn pancake over and cook other side until golden brown. Serve with cream and maple syrup.

**Tip:** Cut pancakes into decorative shapes for presentation pizzazz.

*Colleen Devitt*

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**RYDA for Year 11 Students**

Students in Year 11 have been given a letter about the upcoming Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program on Tuesday 4 October in Caloundra. The cost is $15 per student and we strongly encourage all students to attend. Students will be transported to and from the event by GCCC bus.

The RYDA Program is a road safety education program aimed at reducing death and injury amongst young people on Australian roads. The program targets 16 to 17 year olds who are at the stage of their lives where they start to drive or ride in a vehicle driven by their peers. RYDA is a community-based initiative of Rotary Clubs.

**Term 3 Exam block timetables for Seniors**

Exam block timetables for Years 10 -12 have been given to students. They 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.

**Reminder about 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.

**Year 11 & 12 Students L.A.W. Opportunity**

Our seniors had a frank and open discussion with local police and a traffic accident victim as part of their Life Awareness Workshops (L.A.W) on Friday afternoon, 19 August. Sergeant Dave Nelson and Darren Belling encouraged students to ask questions in the hope of educating them about changing their attitudes to reduce road fatalities. They promoted the idea that having a driver’s licence is a privilege and not a right, and comes with a lot of responsibility. We hope and pray our young people take heed to this message and don’t become road victim statistics.

**Mckenzie Comer performance**

On Friday 2 September we have a special guest artist, Mckenzie Comer, performing for us from 1.30pm in the Church. She is a young lady who has an inspirational story to share. Mckenzie was discovered last year as a 14 year old when she performed a song on YouTube called ‘The Last Goodbye’ and shortly afterwards was signed by an American management company, Stokes Tunes and...
sponsored by clothing company Forever New. Since her discovery, Mckenzie has toured in the US and Australia performing her positive and inspiring music. She wants to encourage others to believe in themselves, chase their dream and work hard. We really appreciate Mckenzie donating her time and talents for us at GCCC. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

**Wedding Bells**

Our own Miss Ellis is getting married very soon. Please pray for Miss Ellis as she embarks on this new chapter in her life.

**Antibullying Course**

On Monday 15 August, each year level of our secondary school was taken through a session that encouraged them to be positive role models and how to deal with bullying behaviours. The main message was about having respect for themselves and respect for others. The format of DVD segments and led discussions alternating throughout the 45min presentation kept our students engaged. It also helped having young people, including an Australian Idol contestant and a professional football player, share their thoughts and experiences with bullying. Thanks to the team from Calvary Christian Church for sharing this program with us.

**Sue Fraser**

**IN SECONDARY News!**

The Year 9 Leaders have decided to create MESSY GAMES day, to help support the wider community by fundraising for the Guide Dogs Queensland. We have been discussing ways to involve the whole of secondary, in a house based competition that will go towards the Legacy Cup. We have many exciting games that will be played during the last hour and a half of the last day of school. Celebrations will also include a sausage sizzle - $2 each! If you have any old blow up pools, pool noodles or tarps that you would like to donate to the cause, they would be greatly appreciated.

Further donations on the day are welcome! 😊
Library News

Homework Help (Year 4-12)
Homework Help is available at the Beerwah Library next Monday September 5 at 4pm. The session is presented by pre-service teachers currently studying at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The session will inform and educate parents, students (Grade 4+) and teachers on all the resources and databases available through Sunshine Coast Libraries. Bookings are essential. For more information call 5439 2500.

Book Fair is next week
Book Fair is about to blast off in the library next week and will run from Monday September 5 to Thursday September 9. Book Fair is a Prep-Year 6 event and parents and grandparents are warmly invited to the library to view and purchase from a wide selection of Scholastic titles. The Book Fair will be open from 8:15am – 3:45pm daily.

Science Week
Science week was recently celebrated at the College. The students enjoyed an experiment by Mr Hill in the library and the amphitheatre was overflowing with excited students at the Primary and Secondary lunch breaks.

Book Week Dress Up Day
Book Week was celebrated last week and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Students voted for the winning titles and completed Book Week activities in the library. They completed a treasure hunt to find books from around Australia and the world, celebrating the “One World, Many Stories” theme. Students also enjoyed a special visit from our very own Australian illustrator, Mr. Hampshire from Year 4. Mr. Hampshire spoke to both Primary and Secondary students of his love for drawing and a number of illustrations he’s had published. He inspired the students with his God-given talent and encouraged them to pursue their passions.

A very special thank you to students (and their parents of course!) and staff for participating in the Book Week Dress Up Day. It was a fantastic event and the following classes and teachers (after much deliberation by our judges) were awarded for their efforts:

Prep – Year 2
Best dressed class: Prep Green (Mrs Rosenberg)
Best dressed teacher: Mrs Lindsay
Best behaved class: Prep White (Miss Kuhn)

Year 3 – Year 6
Best dressed class: Year 5M (Mrs Lowther)
Best dressed teacher: Mrs O’Donnell
Best behaved class: 6M (Mrs Jen)

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The reading period for the Premier’s Reading Challenge has now finished. Please ensure all Reading Record Forms are signed by class teachers and then returned to the library. Thank you to those who have participated in the Challenge.

Ms Readathon
The reading period for students in Years 3-9 completing the MS Readathon has now finished. There is still one outstanding registration that needs to be finalised. For details on how to complete the Ms Readathon go to www.msreadathon.org.au

See you in the library,

Vanessa McKellar
Vocational Education and Training (VET) News

Year 10 Study Opportunities for 2012
Thanks to parents and students for their co-operation in sorting out Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans for 2012. Now is the time to make some decisions and get those applications in for courses outside of the College including the following:

• Skills Tech - Skills Tech is the trade arm of TAFE in Brisbane. Students thinking of a trade via a course or an apprenticeship should consider putting in an application to Skills Tech to start their technical studies one day a week in Year 11 and 12 as part of their senior schooling. For the Skills Tech Schools Program go to the following link: http://www.skilletech.tafe.qld.gov.au/resources/schools/vet-in-schools-program-guide-2012.pdf. Students who wish to be considered for one of these courses need to let Mrs Ferris know next week (by Friday 9 September) as the school’s nominations must be in this term.

• BNT TAFE - Students interested in doing a Certificate course with Brisbane North TAFE should now have attended an Information Evening at TAFE. Completed enrolment forms need to come into the College to Mrs Ferris next week (by Friday 9 September) please as the College must ensure they are lodged this term.

• Technical Trade Training Centre Caloundra - The College needs to submit completed applications to the TTTC by 15 September so these applications need to be in to the College next week (Friday 9 September).

• Headstart University of the Sunshine Coast - These applications are due in October. Students must choose lecture and tutorial times from the University timetable which will be available online as from Monday 3 October. To give our students the best chance of a place we would like to submit completed Headstart applications (including timetable preferences) early in Term 4.

Year 10 & 11 Study Opportunities for 2012 – University of Sunshine Coast Headstart Information Session
Find out all about Headstart at USC at an Information Session on Wednesday 7 September from 6.00pm at Lecture Theatre 7. An optional campus tour will commence at 5.15pm. Register at schools@usc.edu.au Applications for Headstart close on 28 October, 2011.

QUT – Upcoming Events
QUT has lots of exciting programs coming up for secondary students including school leavers. They include:

• During school holidays Discover QUT programs at Gardens Point campus on Tuesday 27 September 9.00am -3.00pm for students interested in Environment and Engineering, Business, Law and Justice, Science and Technology and also Discover QUT at Caboolture campus Thursday 29 September 10.00am – 1.00pm for students interested in Business, Creative Industries, Primary Education and Nursing. It is never too early or too late to start investigating tertiary institutions and their courses!

• Year 11 High Achievers Evening - Tuesday 27 September from 5.00pm – 7.30pm Gardens Point campus for high-achieving Year 11 students and their parents to provide practical skills for Year 12.

• Academic Scholarship Preparation - Seminar to hear about the range of academic scholarships offered by QUT and how to prepare a successful application. Wednesday 28 September 5pm – 7pm at Kelvin Grove campus.

• Parent Evening - at QUT Caboolture on Tuesday 13 September from 6.00pm-7.00pm.

• Start QUT - applications for Year 12 students in 2012 are now open and will close on 31 October.

Can’t get into the course you want? Missing Prerequisites? Not the right OP?
University of the Sunshine Coast, Cooloolah Sunshine Institute of TAFE and QUT all run Tertiary Preparation bridging courses over the summer semester starting in November. You can also do these courses during 2012. Students interested in the summer semester courses should contact the institutions as soon as possible. Successful completion of these studies may enable consideration for the limited second round QTAC offers in February 2012. If you think you might be interested in this pathway into university or TAFE please see Mrs Ferris soon to get the application process started.

Apprenticeship Opportunity
One of our school families has a vacancy in their business for a school-based roofing apprentice. The student would start their apprenticeship on Wednesdays until the end of Year 12 and then complete their training full-time. If you are interested in this fantastic opportunity please see Mrs Ferris.

Want to be an actor? NIDA workshops on the Sunshine Coast
The National Institute of Dramatic Art in Sydney provides world-class practical education and training to future leaders in the arts and entertainment industries. Many famous Australian actors have started out at NIDA. We are very lucky that NIDA is coming to the Sunshine Coast to run short courses over the school holidays for aspiring actors. Please see Mrs Ferris for more details and an application form.

Calling girls for Construction and Engineering
There is a big push on at the moment to entice young women into the engineering and construction industries. Any girls in Year 8–12 who might be interested in these occupations please see Mrs Ferris as there are various activities coming up in the next few weeks for you to find out about this exciting pathway.

1st Job Survival Guide, Young Adults 14–18 years old
Sunshine Coast Council is organising some sessions to help young people with their first job.

Job Sense: This session covers how to find the jobs and how to apply, how to ace the interview and what to do with that first pay cheque. Held at Beerwah Library on Wednesday 14 September from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. Bookings are essential - Phone 5439 2500.

Writing yourself up and presenting yourself: This session covers résumé tips and tricks for the absolute beginner. Held at Caloundra Library on Monday 26 September from 2.00pm - 3.30pm. Bookings are essential - Phone: 5499 5444.

Cheryl Costin and Joan Ferris
Free Junior Golf Clinic

Every Saturday morning at the Beerwah Golf Club commencing 9am.

Please phone 5494 6611 for further information.

Lunchtime Legends – Oztag

Round 1 of the Lunchtime Legends program organised by OZtag Queensland was held on the oval on Monday. Eight teams from Years 7 – 9 will play a round robin series once a week for the next three weeks. The energy was high as the players tried to avoid the defence and there was some amazingly athletic and spectacular ‘tags’. The students were enjoying themselves so much they were disappointed when the bell rang to return to class. It was great to watch the students playing as a team and with very evenly matched teams the competition is close.

Game 1 - 9B defeated 9A 2-1
Game 2 - 8A defeated 8B 3-2
Game 3 - 7B defeated 7A 2-1
Game 4 - 7C defeated 7D 3-2

For weekly results check the website – www.caloundraoztag.com

GCCC Movie Event

GCCC Cheerleaders are running a fundraising event at Birch Carroll and Coyle Maroochydore Cinemas.

Movie: Zookeeper (PG)

Date: Saturday 17 September

Time: TBA - early afternoon

Price: $18.50 (includes entry, popcorn and drink)

Tickets go on sale Monday 5 September at the office.

Upcoming Cheerleading Events

• 17 September - Movie fundraising event – Birch Carroll & Coyle @ Maroochydore. See advertisement adjacent for more details
• 17 & 18 September - WCC Asia Pacific Grand Finals in Brisbane. Watch the live broadcast on www.worldcupcheer.com.au
• 19, 20 & 21 September – Sunshine Coast Gymnastics Cheer Camp. Visit www.sunshinecoast.gymnastics.org.au or phone (07)5442 2600 for more details

Holiday programs – Cheersport Australia
Visit www.cheersportaustralia.net for more details
Welcome Rain

The rain may have flushed us out of the garden for lessons last fortnight, but it didn’t dampen the fun to be had. The Prep and Year 1 classes were forced inside because of the heavy, but lovely rain and enjoyed completing an activity sheet where they had to finish the sentence “I like Kitchen Garden because.....” and draw a picture of their favourite thing in garden classes. All things to do with food and eating proved to be among the most popular aspects of garden classes, along with digging and getting dirty. The students were a captive audience for the reading of the popular picture book, Uno’s Garden, to tie in with Book Week.

The garden enjoyed the welcome and much needed rain, but unfortunately, so did the weeds! The Year 2 and 3 classes were more than happy to help out after the rain subsided and got straight to work pulling out the pesky weeds to tidy our beloved garden back up again. Other jobs tackled this fortnight were planting various seeds and more strawberry plants to give us more tasty and popular berries. Spinach, eggplant, red cabbage, beans, snow peas and strawberries were harvested. An abundance of good produce is ensured after the planting of seedlings of beans, spring onions, beetroot and zucchini.

‘Bruffins’ were made by the cooking groups in classes and were thoroughly enjoyed. Check out our website at www.gccckitchengarden.com.au for the tasty recipe as they are easy to make and great for school lunches or breakfast on the go.

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.

Mandy Ward mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au

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GCCC Results from The University of NSW Educational Assessment Australia 2011

October “Free Foot Assessments for Kids”

Stepping Out Podiatry is welcoming Children for a Free 10 minute Foot Assessment at their Landsborough Clinic during the month of October. Podiatrists commonly see children for footwear problems, heel pain, re-occurring ankle injuries, ingrown toenails and ‘toe walking’. If your child suffers from a foot ailment, please call our friendly staff at Stepping Out Podiatry to make an appointment. Ph: 1300 881082

* Please note: Appointments times are limited and subject to availability for specified dates only.
Catching up with Emily Siggs

Emily has been busy since leaving GCCC. She worked for almost two years at Officeworks in Maroochydore mainly in the printing section. “I really enjoyed working for Officeworks,” Emily said. “It was a good company to work for and the people were really nice.”

Recently Emily began full time work with Australian Christian Channel, a Christian Pay TV station. Emily is responsible for the play lists, organising the fills and items around the scheduled shows. “I love the relaxed atmosphere and working in a Christian environment,” she said. “The people are amazing!.”

When asked what she misses most about leaving GCCC, Emily said that she missed seeing some of her friends and the whole social side of school. However, there were some things Emily was happy to leave behind. “I don’t miss all that Year 12 homework,” she said. “When Amy (my sister) comes home from GCCC loaded down with lots of homework, I can say ‘haha’ and go and hang out with friends or watch a movie.”

Even though Emily is happy to have a break from study for now, she plans to go to uni in the future with the possibility of studying finance and getting into brokerage.

Congratulations Andie Little

Year 8 student, Andie Little, competed in the Suncoast Junior Eisteddfod this month for the 4th successive year.

Andie is a flautist and won gold in the woodwind section against 29 other competitors. In the vocal section Andie won gold in music theatre and also in contemporary.

Andie settled for a silver medal in the age set piece. All the other singers rendered the English ballad but Andie sang The Schumann “Der Abendstern” in German. Well done Andie.

Pause and Ponder

Where’s Johnny’s Cap?

A story is told about a family that went on a picnic by a lake. Their 5-year-old son waded into the lake, stepped into deep water and sank out of sight.

None of the family knew how to swim so they ran up and down the shore in panic. Just then, a man happened by who sized up the situation, leaped into the lake, and rescued the boy. He climbed out on the bank with the child, who was frightened but unharmed, only to hear the mother ask with irritation, “Where’s Johnny’s cap?”

So often we focus on small disappointments that cause us to grumble and complain rather than focusing on the wonderful things God has brought into our lives, not the least of which is His everlasting love and eternal salvation.

When we complain about the small dissatisfactions of life, we’re asking, in effect, “Where’s Johnny’s cap?”

The Bible says, “In everything give thanks.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18. We may not be thankful for everything that comes our way, but we can give thanks in everything.

It may be difficult to be grateful when we lose our job or our health fails, but we can be thankful for the good that God has brought to us in this life and grateful for the life to come.

Excerpt from Our Daily Bread by David Roper
**General News**

Woolworths Earn & Learn Programme

There are only a couple of weeks left in this program so please bring your Woolworths docket into Admin. 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).

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

**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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**P and F News**

I would like to begin this fortnight by thanking Kym Hind, Ramona Woods and Lauren Bottrill who were such wonderful help on the Fathers’ Day Stall on Tuesday. Also, a huge thanks to Leanne Garther who sacrificed potential profits and used her giant purchasing power to provide so many excellent gifts for the stall.

There were all sorts of gadgets and one of the firm favourites was the “I’m a proud GCCC Dad” mug. The students were very courteous and polite as they selected and paid for their gifts.

The car boot sale is coming up on Saturday 29 October and registration sign on sheets will be on the GCCC website and in Admin from Friday onwards. This is an excellent opportunity to clear out the clutter, bring in a few dollars for Christmas shopping (to replace the clutter) and support the GCCC P and F all at the same time. Bargain!

The next P and F meeting is Thursday 8 September in the Library at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome. See you there.

Bonnie Harding
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**Thank-you to the P&F**

The students are enjoying the addition of the portable basketball hoops. We now have hoops at both ends of the basketball court. The courts are being well used every lunch time by the Primary and Secondary students. It is wonderful to see the interaction across all of the grades.

Thank you to the P and F for your donation. The students are getting fitter, more accurate with their skills and enjoying the social aspect of a team sport.

Christine Scott

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