From the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone and an especially warm welcome to our new families starting with us this term.

Bus Fare Assistance Program Applications Open for Semester 2

The BFAP is for those families who are outside the Brisbane City boundary and travel to school by buses provided by a bus company. Unfortunately, this does not include the College bus service. Under the scheme the government rebates the cost of bus travel to families that exceeds $20 per week per family.

For more information about the scheme please contact the College Admin or visit the website www.schooltransport.com.au/bfap

As this rebate is received as a lump sum it can be a burden for families to find the extra money per week and then wait for the rebate to top up the family bank balance again. For this reason we as a College assist in supplying the government subsidy to many of our families until the lump sum is received. The rebate is then used to reimburse the College.

It is very important then that the applications for the rebate are completed this occurs twice a year in May and October. The application form must be completed online by October 31. This is a very important deadline and must not be missed. The application form can be accessed from the website above. If you cannot complete the form online please contact the College Admin for further information.

The Fiji Mission Trip Team have returned

The group of 23 students, teachers and friends of the College arrived home last Saturday after spending 10 days in Fiji. The team were engaged in building projects, community service and visiting many schools sharing the Christian gospel through skits, song and testimonies. By all accounts the team had a wonderful time and are very keen to return to continue the good work they begun. I am looking forward to hear more about their experiences.

I would particularly like to thank Mr and Mrs Fraser, Mrs Woolston, Mr and Mrs Daniel and Mr and Mrs Newell (Ross and Donna) for their attendance and organisation of the trip. Hopefully this will be a regular event at the College for many years to come.

Important Updates

P and F Car Boot Sale is on 29/10/11. Email pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au now to have a stall!

Photo fundraiser is postponed until further notice.
From the Principal continued

Pupil Free Day Mon October 17

This day is called Verification Day as many teachers from private and public schools all over Queensland come together in order to verify levels of achievement for Year 12 work in all schools in order to verify final marks. Amongst other Christian schools, we take this opportunity to meet with Primary teachers and do a similar thing with Primary student samples of work to ensure that our assessment standards are comparable with other schools.

New Website for GCCC

Over the holidays our new, fresher looking and more functional website went live. You will find more information about the website inside this newsletter.

I would encourage you to visit the website regularly as here you will find important information about date claimers, assessment calendars and other breaking news.

Messy Games for the Middle School

On the last day of Term 3 there was an inter-house battle royale in the Middle School as students sloshed and slimed their way through a series of very messy challenges devised by the Year 9 leadership team helped by Mrs Newell and Mr Joseph. Lots of fun was had by all and congratulations to Sinai for taking the inaugural title. You can read more inside this newsletter.

Mike Curtis

Woolworths Earn & Learn Programme EXTENDED

This programme has been extended to 18 October so please keep those dockets coming in. Points will automatically appear on your shopping docket, which you simply bring to the College and place in the box on the Admin desk.

Year 6 have their new shirts for Term 4

Jesse Woods designed the stylish picture for the back of the Year 6 shirts which can be worn Term 4 this year.

Nicole Jen

Note for Primary Only:

Please wear a red shirt and bring a $2 donation on Friday 28 October to support this valuable safety awareness programme.
**General News**

**TERM 4 UNIFORM SALES**

You can get a 5% discount off all new uniforms purchased this term. Layby or pay when you collect them but they must be paid for and collected before the end of November. For fittings, please book a time through the College Admin. Uniforms can be taken when fitted or collected another time.

Price lists and order forms are available from the College website and orders can be emailed to Kylie, dropped into Admin, or brought in with you to your fitting. Payments can also be made over the phone to the Uniform Shop between 9am and 9.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please put your uniforms away ‘as new’ (unwashed, tags on etc) so they can be tried on and exchanged for larger or smaller sizes in the new year if your child grows over the holidays.

Volunteers are needed Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.15am and 9.15am and Fridays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm to help families with uniform fittings for next year. If you can help once a week or just occasionally, please phone Admin or email Kylie.

Volunteers are also needed for the back to College sales in January on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 17, 18 and 19 from 8.30am to 3.30pm. If you can please help just for two hours, all day or a few hours each day, please register through the College office or Kylie’s email.

**Kylie Woodhead**
kylie.woodhead@gccc.qld.edu.au

**Second Hand Uniform Sales**

If you have second hand uniforms of saleable quality to donate or sell on commission, download a copy of the “Second Hand Uniform Form” located on the College site www.gccc.qld.edu.au under College Life, Uniform Shop tab. The completed double-sided form and items to be sold may be left at GCCC Reception for processing. Thanking you in advance for following this procedure.

**P and F Second Hand Uniform Coordinator**

**New website for GCCC**

The website address is the same but the look is fresher and items have been grouped a little differently to make it easier to navigate around. Here is a brief overview of what you will find:

**Home:** This is the front page to GCCC and has College dates at the bottom of the page. A ‘ticker’ towards the top of the page lets you know breaking news and important dates and information.

**About GCCC:** This is the basic introduction to GCCC for visitors to the website. It includes: Principal’s welcome; a detailed College Overview on Prep, Primary, Middle School and Senior School; GCCC History, College Map and the Annual Report.

**Enrolment:** This section is for new families wanting to enrol their children and includes the Current Prospectus, Schedule of Fees, Philosophy and Aims and Guiding Principles.

**College Life:** This section is for new and current families with lots of helpful pages such as: Uniform Shop, Bus Services; Newsletters, Tuckshop, Dental Van, etc. A new addition is the P and F page.

**Learning:** This section is very detailed and important for students and their families. Here you will find information on: Term Planners, Career Pathways, Music Program, Technology Program, Physical Education, Prep, Kitchen Garden, Subject Selection Handbooks, Sport, Primary, Middle School and Senior School.

**Employment Opportunities** is self explanatory.

**Contact Us** has the College address, phone and fax numbers, email address and map. This is also where you will find the all important absentee telephone number.

**Links:** The Links page is identical to the one on the old website.

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**Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea**

There is a very true saying that volunteers don’t get paid because the work they do is priceless!

If you are one of our fabulous volunteers we would like to thank you and celebrate your gift of time and talents at a special afternoon tea.

The event is being held in the Library Board Room at 2pm on Friday 11 November 2011 and we would love all our volunteers to be there.

Please RSVP to Admin on 5439 0033 or admin@gccc.qld.edu.au by November 1 for catering purposes.
Primary News

Better than the Ekka!

Last term (19/8/11) Year 6 students put on a Primary Industries Expo to rival the best stands at the Ekka.

The students have been learning about Queensland primary industries in particular and their studies have covered such topics such as what conditions and infrastructure are needed, elevation, rainfall, climate and processes required before the end product.

Each student had to choose a Queensland industry and build a flow chart showing the product from its source to its final end product. Students also looked at how the industry processes and products had changed over time. The assignment was extensive, involving PowerPoints, Publisher programs, flow charts and oral presentations but the students rose to the challenge to present a truly wonderful expo.

Parents were invited to the Expo and the Prep classes were also able to visit. The most popular stand with the little ones was the minerals and resources. The Year 6 students who put this together were very clever and made their stall interactive by holding a guessing competition that invited questions and explanations. The queue was full of Preppies eager to have a turn.

Other popular displays were the sugar resources which had lollies, toffee and all things sticky and bad for your teeth. The pineapple stand had a real plant plus lots of pineapple products. Ginger beer, steel, gold, wood, coffee, wool, natural gas, mango, lychees, strawberries, zucchini (with chocolate zucchini cake), sunflower seeds, bananas, and many more industries were included in the expo.

Well done Year 6!
Camp Observations:
“Girls take far too long to get ready for activities. Boys are really quick, but they leave half their gear behind and wear mismatched socks and even odd shoes.”

“When it’s time to pack up, girls are so conscientious, that they pack other girls’ things in their bags by mistake. Boys don’t even pack all their own things and then when you try to return their unpacked items, they don’t recognise them.
PS The child who has been sleeping without a pillow since camp needs to come and claim their pillow,”

“I’ve got a headache and a sore throat.”
Mrs McDonald: “You’d better not go swimming then.”
“I’m OK.”

“Why are you crying?”
Because Amy is crying.”

“I want to live here.”
“I want a horse.”
“I don’t want to go home.”
“Is it true that in Year Five we go on camp to New Zealand?”

Brianna: “I feel sick.”
Camp Leader: “Who wants seconds?”
Brianna: “Me.”

At 5 pm (to Mrs McDonald): “Is it 9 o’clock yet?”
Mrs McDonald: “We haven’t even had dinner yet.”

Mrs McDonald: “Bedtime will be at 9 o’clock.”
“What if we want to go to bed early?”
“You can’t.”
“My Mum won’t let me stay up that late.”
“Don’t tell her.”
A crafty bunch of artisans

The children in 2G love their art and craft and have created some wonderful pieces with an Australiana theme during Term 3. We constructed and painted native birds. We used different paint application methods to make pictures of native flora. We drew cute echidnas with crayon and created Eric Carle-style pictures from papers we painted to create different textures.

Year 2M Grace Garcha Holiday Happenings

On my holidays I planted some herbs. I planted rosemary, parsley, mint, chocolate mint, sage, oregano, lemon balm and something else. Me and my mum had old pots and we put some flowers that were called Wilma’s Choice. Then we put two lights on the table outside and we also bought twelve lights in a box to put around the pool. Me and my brothers took my dog Buddy for a walk to the shops and we bought ice-creams but one of my brothers bought an ice block. Then we walked back home. When we got back home we watched The Three Musketeers. Yesterday we went to the movies. My mum and I watched Monte Carlo and my brother watched Spy Kids 2 in 4D. We got popcorn and some drinks. After that we went shoe-looking for my brother. Then we went home and had dinner, cleaned our teeth and went to bed.

Dear children and parents,

This is just a quick reminder about our National Shoe Box Collection “Operation Christmas Child” organised by Year 3. We only have a few weeks to go! We have had a wonderful response so far and would like to thank all the children and parents for their support.

We have run out of shoe boxes but most shoe shops are happy to give you spare ones to such a worthy cause. Just make sure that they have a lid and are not too large.

Year 3 have forms with more information on what things to include and exclude from the box as well as the preferred box size.

Please add $9.00 postage and handling in an envelope and place in the Christmas Box. You can bring your Shoeboxes to the either 3M or 3G by Monday 25th October.

Thank you from Year 3

Saturday 22 October is International Stuttering Awareness Day. Enjoy an evening view of The King’s Speech plus guest speakers, live bands, activities for the kids, information trade stalls and a BBQ. The event is being held at Sunshine Coast Grammar School in Forest Glen from 3pm to 7pm. Entry is by a gold coin donation. For more information contact: speakeasy@sunshinecoast@gmail.com for more information.
Nude Food Day

Nude Food Day is a fantastic opportunity to teach children about how their actions can impact the environment and their health. Focussing on the positive message of 'nude food = a healthy body + a healthy planet', we want students to be empowered to choose healthy, rubbish free food for their lunches and snacks.

The aim is to bring a healthy lunch and snacks to school without using disposable packaging such as cling wrap, paper bags, food wrappers, etc.

Nude Food Day is Wednesday 19 October.

The Year 8 and 9 Hospitality students will spend the next few weeks investigating the impact of excess packaging on our environment.

Colleen Devitt

RYDA Course

On Tuesday 4 October, our Year 11 students attended RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) in Caloundra. Students enjoyed their day learning about driver awareness. The course covered six aspects including hazard perceptions, stopping distances, safe celebrating, financial information, police perspectives and crash survivors. The highlight was the stopping distances where students were given the opportunity to be passengers in vehicles (driven by licensed driving instructors) where they experienced how far it took to brake when traveling at 40km/hr, 60km/hr and 80 km/hr. Hopefully the students will put into practice all that they have learnt.

Subject Selections and Equipment Requirements for 2012

Subject confirmation notes for students who chose subjects for study in 2012 will be distributed with the equipment and stationery requirements within the next week or two. Please read these carefully as this will ensure that you only purchase equipment for the subjects that you are enrolled in.

The majority of students have had all their subject requests accommodated and subject lines for 2012 are established. HOWEVER, if your child wishes to make amendments to their subject selection, a signed letter from a parent/guardian is required that clearly states what subject they no longer want and what subject they wish to change into. This must be addressed to Mrs Fraser by the end of October. If classes are full, as is the case in some year levels and the move is not possible, we will contact you to discuss options.

Assessment Planners for Term 4

Assessment Planners for Term 4 will be distributed early in Week 3 and will also appear on the College website by Wednesday 19 October. As it is a short term and filled with many functions, please encourage your student/s to get into good habits for homework and study as soon as possible to avoid last minute stress and work overload.

Year 12 students should have lodged their QTAC applications for 2012 by now. Please speak with Mrs Fraser if you need assistance with this.

Our Year 12 students had a visit this week by the Electoral Office where they learnt about the importance of voting and how to enrol.

Date Claimers that are Secondary specific:

• 14 October: All Year 8 and 9 students are heading to QUT for a university experience day. A letter about this was sent home this week.
• 27 October: Starting at 6.30pm, we have our Senior Awards Evening that is a compulsory night for our Year 10-12 students and their parents. We expect student attendance as it is a time to applaud the achievements of many students.
• 24 November: Middle School Awards Evening starts at 6.30pm and all students in Years 7-9 are required to attend.

* Please mark these dates in your calendar.
FIJI MISSION 2011

From the moment we arrived we felt the warmth and friendship of Fiji. On our first night at Chapel the students from the Bible College sang a Fijian prayer to us in welcome. We were all so blessed and moved by the harmony, power and true worship of their singing. This set the tone for our awesome experience. The Fijian people have so little but are so happy. They work hard and give freely. Their selfless attitude, thankful hearts, kind hospitality and lovely manners were inspiring. They had such a desire to do God’s will and we truly pray for these, our new friends. There is so much to share about what we did and learnt. Please enjoy some of the photos and highlights of our trip.

Work that we did:
• ran sessions several mornings at a local primary school (dramas, songs, dances, scripture lessons)
• visited and conducted sessions at two local high schools (dramas, songs, dances, scripture lessons)
• ran two kids’ clubs after school (games, craft, stories, songs)
• ran youth group (games, skits and message)
• attended church, home groups, chapel and a village mission (presented skits, items and our personal stories)
• general maintenance work (building repairs) and block and framework for the extension of the office block

Highlights included:
• swimming in a local stream
• playing football with the College boys
• sharing a lovo dinner and island night entertainment
• trapping and eating mongoose
• going to the markets and eating heaps of bananas and pineapple
• Mula Mula Island day (including snorkeling and even seeing sharks)
• shopping in Lautoka and Port Denarau
• making friends and memories that will last a lifetime

Many students are already planning their return next year. As leaders, we were so impressed with the young people from GCCC and we can’t thank them enough for the way that they conducted themselves and their willingness to work hard and contribute in any way that was needed. The feedback we received about our group was so positive and we were very proud.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank you, the College community, for your support of our fundraising ventures. Due to your generosity and the wonderful donation of strawberries from Oaklands Farms, we managed to gift $10,000 Fijian dollars to the Fijian Bible College in Bua Bua Road, Lautoka. This was an incredible blessing to these people and we still can’t believe how much we were able to give. God had His hand in all that we did and we want to give Him the glory and honour.

Sue Fraser
Middle School gets MESSY!

The last day of Term 3 saw the first inaugural Messy Games event in GCCC history! A great day was had by all as water, Gelli Baff, sponges, water bombs and flour, covered students of all shapes, sizes and house allegiances!

Small teams of Zion, Ararat and Sinai competitors waged ‘war’ against each other in slippery and slimy conditions. The valiant victors of the day wore red – making Zion rather green and Ararat somewhat blue…well done Sinai! A big thanks to Mr Joseph for his leadership of the Sinai team – fortunately both he and Sinai are gracious winners and haven’t rubbed it in…NOT!

The Messy Games day was an initiative of the Year 9 leaders and they did a fantastic job preparing and planning the event for weeks. Congratulations go to this amazing team of students who sacrificed after school hours and lunch times to make this day the success it was. Middle School is indeed lucky to have such dedicated leaders but it was also good to see a number of other Year 9 students step up and help them as well. Thank you all.

The day was also about raising money for the Guide Dogs Queensland and I’m sure that they will be grateful for all proceeds raised to support their cause.

Anita Newell

BANDANA DAY 28 October

This year it’s going to be BIG!

Once again we are preparing to launch into Bandana Day activities with efforts to sell as many bandanas as possible in support of Canteen. However, this year as a school we are doing things a little differently in the hope of putting together the biggest bandana ever! (or at the very least in the state or country!)

**QUESTION:** How can you help?

**ANSWER:** Simple. Either donate bandanas from previous years or buy one this year and donate it towards our BIG BANDANA – or do both!

Students will donate bandanas through their house groups and the tally will contribute towards the house competition for the ‘Legacy Cup’. All donations gratefully received!

We are also in need of volunteers to help put it all together so if you can sew and would like to volunteer – see Mrs Newell or contact the school. It’s going to be big!

Anita Newell
Human Powered Vehicle challenge

Year 12 Manufacturing engineers visited the Beerwah Community Recycling Centre at 85 Roberts Road. They investigated metal waste minimisation processes and viewed the very creative, inspiring metal art garden features produced from recycled materials.

Students also sourced old bicycles and metal material for the construction of their human powered vehicle challenge. This challenge will involve using sections of bicycle frames, modifying them and recreating a human powered vehicle which can transverse the college terrain. Students will work in teams and use their skills in oxy/acetylene and metal arc welding to fabricate a working vehicle.

Year 12 Manufacturing would like to thank Trish Cassin and Terry Purdy from the Recycling centre for giving their time to share their knowledge and for the fabulous support of their vehicle project.

Watch this space for further updates.

Brad Hampson

Flat Pack Miniatures… 2D to 3D

Year 10 Manufacturing engineers explored the process of flat pack design and CNC prototyping. Students used CAD software to create a graphic model chair in a flat pack form. These graphic designs were cut out in sections from plastic sheet using a CNC routing machine. The 2D sections were then assembled to produce miniature chair models. IKEA would be proud!

Brad Hampson
Year 8 and 9 go to Uni for a Day!
Next Friday 14 October all the Year 8 and 9 students will be off to QUT at Caboolture to have a taste of uni life. This is to encourage all students to consider the possibility of tertiary study in the future. A letter will be coming home this week about the excursion. Students will need to be at school by 8.15am to catch the bus down to Caboolture and will be back at school by 2.45pm. Students should wear their sports uniform (sports hat is a must) and bring morning tea and a drink bottle. For further information please contact Mrs Ferris.

Traineeships for 2012
It’s that time of the year again when our students are being offered wonderful workplace opportunities in Year 11 and 12.

Australia Zoo is calling for applications for school-based traineeships in Business, Retail or Tourism. Here is the chance to work for an internationally recognized tourist attraction and get great training as well. Please see Mrs Ferris as soon as possible for more information about how to apply.

Many students are interested in the Health Industry. Embracia is local employer which is looking for students to undertake a traineeship in Aged Care. This is a great way to learn skills which will start you off in a health career while also providing paid employment. For more information about these traineeships at Embracia see Mrs Ferris.


School Leavers
For students worried about getting the right OP or rank, QUT has entry schemes to assist students to get into uni and a $1000 bursary to get started. The Q-Step Scheme provides eligible students in financial hardship with a 3 OP (or 6 rank) boost and $1000. Apply through QTAC’s Education Access Scheme. Visit www.qut.edu.au/q-step or www.qtac.edu.au. Students from low-income backgrounds can also apply for QUT’s Equity Scholarships. Visit www.qut.edu.au/equity-scholarships for information and application forms.

Did you know that students receiving Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY are now also eligible to receive Commonwealth Scholarships through the Centrelink process? Contact Centrelink on 132490 to find out about eligibility.

Aspiring Air Stewards might be interested to visit the recruiting session for Emirates Airline being held this Saturday 8 October at Aviation Australia at the Brisbane Airport. For further information visit emiratesgroupscareers.com.

East Coast Apprentices are having a Careers Night on the 31 October for school leavers looking for an apprenticeship in 2012. Please submit a registration form for this event before 21 October (extended from 7th October). Registration forms are available from Mrs Ferris.

Cooloolah Sunshine Institute of TAFE runs prevocational courses to assist school leavers into trades. They are holding an information evening for Construction and Engineering pre-vocational courses on Monday 24 October at the Nambour Campus (E Block and F Block) from 6pm. Featured courses include Construction, Engineering, Plumbing, Automotive Mechanical and Electro technology.

Mapping a future in the Arts. This one day workshop and information exchange is for senior high school students who are thinking of further education and training within the Arts. Students will have the opportunity to talk and connect with other young artists from Youth Art Queensland about their creative journey. Staff from the University and TAFE will also be on hand to provide assistance and advice on mapping a pathway within the arts. Tuesday, October 11, 9.30 – 2.30pm at Noosa Regional Gallery. To book, email gallery.noosa@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

The Pines Training Centre in Buderim Pines Drive is a ministry of the Southern Cross Institute. Students who have shown interest in Christian vocation or those who would benefit from more personal spiritual transformation may be interested in the Info Expo on Sunday 30 October 2pm - 4pm.

Courses for 2012
Katrina’s School of Hair and Beauty is enrolling now for its VET in Schools program for 2012 so if you are interested in a career in Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy or Nails you might like to have a tour of their facilities in Caboolture. See Mrs Ferris if you are interested to see over the school and this comes with a complimentary manicure, pedicure or eyebrow wax!

Joan Ferris VET Officer joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au
Cheryl Costin VET Co-ordinator cheryl.costin@gccc.qld.edu.au
The Year 6 and 7 students have once again proved they are enthusiastic about sport during the Interschool Touch Football Competition. GCCC had five teams competing in A and B divisions held over three weeks against other Glasshouse district primary Schools.

The Year 7 teams were up against strong competition but still scored a couple of good wins. Some great teamwork was shown and several games were very close.

The Year 6 girls’ team played well beyond their experience and won six games, drew one and lost one. They scored some fantastic tries and worked well as a team. The team finished a very creditable third place overall.

The Year 6 boys’ team played extremely well throughout the competition and proved very difficult to beat. They scored six wins and two draws which put them in equal first place on points. After a countback the boys finished in third place overall which was still a great result in this very close competition.

“Let us tackle” was the request from the Year 5 students so tackle it was! As part of the PE program the Rugby Union Development Officer Mr Doug Toms came to the College and taught the basics of Rugby Union to all the Year 5 students.

A team was selected and they competed in a warm up competition before competing in the End of Season Muster held after school in Caloundra.

GCCC turned many heads as the new team to the Rugby competition when they won three games convincingly and drew the fourth game against teams who have been competing all term. The boys were tenacious and tackled extremely well and also made some brilliant evasive runs through the opposition. Many impressive tries were scored from a team who did not look like they were playing their first few games of rugby.

Thanks must go to all the parents who were fantastic support to the team.

The team was Remi Bryant, Caleb Couper, Nicholas Dwan, Nicholas Fairclough, Jack Forbes, Emmerson Grange, Cruz Hildreth, Thomas Holley, Matthew Koschel, Jarred Lear, Hayden McKinnie, Henry Montgomery, Dylan Myers, and Harrison Still.

**New Rugby Union Stars**

**Touch Football Fever**

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Our Year 2 and 3 classes were eager to be back to Kitchen Garden lessons after the holidays and got straight back into cooking in the sunshine amongst our beautiful garden. Zucchini slice was on the menu and as usual, the students did a wonderful job of preparing the dish with a side salad of tasty fresh herbs and vegetables from the garden. Kids always enjoy their veges better when they put them into a dish they have made themselves and this week was testament to that.

The students planted some globe artichokes during lessons and are keen to see how they grow and taste once mature. They also planted spring onions, lettuce and watermelons, which the kids are looking forward to eating in the warmer months ahead!

We would like to thank all the families that have passed on their favourite recipes for inclusion in our first ever Kitchen Garden Cookbook. We are so excited about how the book is looking in the planning stages and are looking forward to being able to share with you in your kitchen at home some of the same recipes your children have already been preparing at school! If you get in quick and pre-order your copy of the full colour, professionally printed cookbook you can save on the cost of purchase. They are only $18 each when pre-ordered using the order form and handed into the College administration office, or $25 if not pre-ordered. Order forms were sent home with the children this week, otherwise use the form in the newsletter or email me for another copy. Why not order a few extra copies as Christmas presents; the grandparents are sure to enjoy them too!

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

Bootiful Boots

Chloe Tsangaris (Year 3) is collecting old gum boots and work boots to turn into ‘bootiful’ planters to raise money for Australia Zoo’s wildlife hospital. The boots will be turned into bootilicious gifts and sold at the P and F car boot sale on Saturday 29 October. If you can help, please put your old boots in the container outside College Admin.

Chloe is also holding a Community Camp out on 5 and 6 November to raise funds for the Wildlife Zoo. Channel 9 is planning to do the weather from Chloe’s house Sunday morning and they are expecting a visit from the Muffin Man. The Irwins could also drop in to say hello to the children. If your children are interested in joining in, please email Kylie on kylie@pawsluvwalks.com.au for more information.
General News

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

Glasshouse Districts Cricket Club is running the Milo in2CRICKET program again this season. It’s a fun way of introducing cricket to both boys and girls aged 5-8 years. The registration fee is $60.00. Each participant receives a plastic bat, soft ball, t-shirt, bucket hat and backpack.

The sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 4-5pm. The first session will commence on Thursday, 27 October and finish on Thursday, 1st December.

Please contact Jill Forster on 54930663 or 0418 946 252 or via email on forstergb@hotmail.com for all enquiries.

P and F News

The next P and F Meeting will be held on 10 October at 7pm in the Library boardroom. All are welcome.

As we are nearing the end of the school year and the AGM fast approaching we are looking for some new school faces on the committee. Please understand that its not a one person show and we value and want any input parents and friends can give.

The photo fundraiser is being postponed, date to advised. We thank those parents who have shown support.

The Car Boot Sale is going ahead on its scheduled date of Saturday the 29 October at 6am. We need more stallholders please. We are looking for any trash and treasure and also any home made goodies etc. There will be a jumping castle and a BBQ so bring the family for a fun filled day.

Bonnie Harding
pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

Counterfeits of the Heart

True stories about deception can sound stranger than fiction. An American woman was arrested after trying to pay for $1500 in purchases with a million-dollar counterfeit bill. when questioned, the woman said that she thought it was real because her ex-husband, who was a coin collector, had given it to her.

Before we laugh at the stupidity of this deception, we should remember that the Bible reminds us we all deceive ourselves. Jeremiah 17:9 says “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” The bible is not saying that some of us have a problem being honest with ourselves; it says that everyone does.

Thankfully, God searches our hearts and understands what we cannot see. He gives us every reason to ask Him for help.

“The only way to survive in a world of deception is by trusting the One who will never deceive us.”

Adapted from Mart De Haan, Our Daily Bread.

Vocal Tuition - Ian Rix

Lessons cover topics such as: breathing techniques, ear training and pitch correction, how to read music, music theory, individual voice development, performance techniques and how to prepare for auditions and more. There are a few lesson times available for next term. If you are interested, please contact Ian Rix on 5492 7740, 0438 136 833 or email ian.rix@bigpond.com
A mum approached me after a recent seminar with an interesting question about her son’s behaviour amongst his peers.

She said her son is lovely but loud. He was a little too enthusiastic with his friends. So much so, that his buddies felt downright uncomfortable around him and sometimes gave him the cold shoulder. He also liked to be the boss, and didn’t like being a follower in social situations.

Here was a perfect opportunity for this mum to do some coaching to help her son negotiate social situations.

Sure, it’s great to get excited but kids from 2 to twenty-two need to learn that they have to tone their enthusiasm down around certain people and in certain situations. That’s what the socialization process requires. Besides, popular children generally know when to follow the lead of others, how to share their possessions and that they won’t always have their own way. This ability to share comes with maturity, but sometimes children need some gentle parental help in this area.

Here are three techniques to use to help your child to behave well around others, and maintain friendships as well.

✔ Remind: Be pre-emptive with your teaching. Before they visit their friends give them a couple of pointers that are relevant to them about their behaviour. “Remember, to say hello quietly and ask them if they’d like to play with you.”

✔ Rehearse: It’s useful to practise with kids how they should act in social situations. “Okay, Jeremy tell me what you will say when you go to Grandma’s. Let’s practice saying hello.”

✔ Revisit: Give kids feedback after the event but keep it positive and upbeat. “That was great the way you let the other kids lead the way. Your friends love it when you let them be boss.” Kids benefit from being told what works well in terms of their social behaviours, even if their attempts at being good only approximate what you are after. It takes a little time for some kids to get things right!

Effective parents are teaching parents. A lot of the lessons kids pick up from their parents are through mimicry. That’s why modeling is one of your greatest allies. They need to spend some time with you so they can pick up good manners, the importance of sharing and other social niceties. Boys, in particular, need a little help and prompting about how to act appropriately around other kids.

There are times when parents need to make sure their lessons hit home and that includes when you coach kids how to be social and consider the needs of others.

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