From the Principal

Next Friday is October 28, an important date for two reasons.

Firstly it is Day for Daniel. Day for Daniel is about promoting the message of “child safety without the fear factor” amongst our students. Approximately 500,000 other school children across Australia, will also engage with this message.

We are asking every student in the Primary school to don the colour red for the day along with free dress.

I am aware that there has been a spate of fundraising requests lately. We are attempting to raise funds for the important work of the Daniel Morcombe foundation so donations on the day will be gladly received. I understand however, that this may not be possible in all cases so please do not feel pressured to donate. This will be a free-will offering.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established in 2005 by Denise and Bruce Morcombe following their 13 year old son Daniel’s disappearance in December 2003. It has been a tragedy that has touched all of Australia but it is particularly close to our immediate community as Daniel’s final resting place was no more than a few kilometres from GCCC.

Secondly, it is Queensland Teacher Appreciation Day. At GCCC we have renamed this School Staff Appreciation Day to include all of our non teaching staff as well in recognition that the College staff need to operate as a team in order to provide the best education for your children. If a staff member of the College has had a positive impact on your child’s life why not take this opportunity to show your appreciation with a card or an encouraging note. If you have appreciated the efforts of the office staff, grounds, careers and VET, IT, Chaplains or administrators then why not let them know. We are indeed blessed to have a wonderfully dedicated, talented and hard working staff.

The Sports Awards Evening was held on Thursday night but unfortunately the deadline for the newsletter arrived before I had a chance to comment. I will do so in the next newsletter.
FOUNDED PROPERTY

• silver cross
• small padlock with key
• badge with “I climbed the buttress”
• blue Specsavers glasses case
• clear “Pumped” water bottle
• small cream cardigan with “Sista” Target brand size 8
• unnamed boys formal hat
• red stainless steel water bottle
• square green container “Sistema” brand
• grey cardigan “Jay Jays” brand XS
• unnamed Secondary sports jacket

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

Please note that all unclaimed property will be donated to charity or the Uniform Shop at the end of this term.

YEAR 12 FORMAL
RED CARPET ARRIVAL
SHOWCASE

There are also a few important up and coming events I would like to particularly draw your attention to;

The P-2 Concert is Monday, 24 October at the Church at 6.30pm. Please note that seating at the church will be limited. As much as you are able, could you limit the number of attendees from your family. We don’t want anyone to miss out on the performance but it is just logistically difficult.

The Senior School Awards Night is on Thursday, 27 October at 6.30pm in the Church.

The Years 3-7 Concert is Tuesday, 1 November at the Church at 6.30pm.

Also, there are some great events planned by the P and F in the near future, starting with the Car Boot Sale on Saturday, 29 October and Family Photo Day on Saturday, 12 November. There is more information about each of these events inside this newsletter.

I would like to commend to you the stunning work that our P and F do. This year alone, through quite herculean fundraising efforts, the P and F have donated 15,000 dollars to the College. Without their help we would not have the Upper Primary and Lower Middle school playground, which our kids love, or the new basketball hoops in the Senior Undercover Area. They have also contributed more than $2000 dollars to the Lower Primary Kitchen Garden Programme. There have also been many other purchases ranging from jerseys for sporting teams, equipment for the cheerleading teams, banners for the College band, contributions to equipping the library, rugs for the equestrian team and improved seating.

The Second Hand Uniform service is a vital provision to the College community that the P and F provide.

Of course, belonging to the P and F is not just about fundraising. This year they have provided care packages to families in times of crisis and have facilitated an opportunity for parents to meet other College parents through the Family Picnic earlier in the year. Our students always appreciate the thoughtful gifts of a cool drink or an ice block at the end of a long hard day at the Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics’ Carnivals.

The numbers on the P and F Committee are very small. At our last meeting the attendance was only five people including me and this has been about the average throughout the year. As a school of nearly 700 students we need to do better in this regard. I know that Bonnie and the current committee are ready to take a well-deserved break from major positions next year. I fear that the P and F, the vital services they provide and the good they do for our College community, may be in crisis if it is not better supported.

There are many ways you can contribute to your P and F and ultimately the College. Our next meeting is Monday 7 November at 7.00pm in the library. It would be great to see some new faces there.

Mike Curtis
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.

Orders can be:
- emailed to Kylie Woodhead at kylie.woodhead@gccc.qld.edu.au
- dropped into Admin
- brought in with you to your fitting.

Please ensure your uniforms are kept ‘as new’ (unwashed, tags on etc) if they need to be exchanged for larger or smaller sizes in the new year if your child grows over the holidays.

**Kylie Woodhead**

Chappy Chatter

**Howzit! (South African way of saying: How are you!?)**

Well, we’re nearly at the end of another very busy year. These last few months will even get busier in the lead up to Christmas, so we’d like to encourage you “fasten your seatbelts” and enjoy the ride! Brian Klemmer, one of my favourite authors/coaches says in one of his books, “How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time!” It may sound silly, however that’s probably the best advice to meet all deadlines and get all your planning and organisation done in these last few months before the holidays. Take it step by step, one day at a time!

As chaplains, Michelle and I have been involved in many activities this year and are planning for next year, especially our Chapel program. A lot of activities and campaigns completed this year are worth mentioning, however I would like to congratulate and thank the many students who participated in World Vision’s 40hr Famine this year. We are very privileged in Australia and it’s great to see that so many students wanted to help make a difference in the lives of those who are not as fortunate. At the time of writing this, we’ve raised over $6000, exceeding the target we set. What a difference this will make because every $40 can feed a family of five for a month in East-Timor! Thank you also to all the parents, family and friends who supported our students, financially and morally, to be part of this campaign. We’ll update you on the final results in our next newsletter.

This term there are a lot of events on the school calendar, e.g. the Year 10 Dinner Dance, Awards Ceremonies, Concerts and the Year 12 Graduation. We are thinking and praying for the Year 12s, who are nearly at the end of their school careers. All the best with your finals guys and stay safe when you celebrate the end of your school era later this year.

Ongoing activities this term include prayer group, Resourceful Adolescent Program with some Year 9s, Chapel band, devotion pieces for Form classes, sport activities during breaks and in-class help with some students.

As far as pastoral support is concerned, we have a number of students seeing us to talk about challenges and struggles in their lives. Remember that we are here to support you in every possible way, to lend a helping hand to those in need and listen to your concerns. The rest of the time we’re here to HAVE FUN and enjoy life with all our students!

Chappy Michelle and/or Chappy Col are at College every day, except Wednesdays. Please feel free to pop in and say “hello”. There may even be “something sweet” on offer while you’re there! (Please don’t talk to Chappy Col about Springbok rugby though for the next few weeks…he’s still getting over their loss at the Rugby World Cup!)

Til next time, God bless.

**Colan Coleman & Michelle Britton**
Primary News

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
Presented by GCCC P-2
Time: 6.30pm -7.30pm Monday 24 October 2011
Venue: Glasshouse Country Baptist Church

We are very excited about this year’s concert starring your amazing children - all 190 of them!

As the College has grown we now realise that the church is not big enough for parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents and other special people to fit as our audience even though we have created extra seating. We are looking at alternative options/venues for 2012.

This year, however, each family is being allocated two very special tickets for inside the church which you must bring with you on the night (this does not necessarily mean you will get a seat). Additional seating will be provided on the verandahs for those without tickets. There is no space in the church for prams, and all toddlers (if coming into the church) must stay with you. Aisles must be clear at all times for safety reasons.

Children participating in the concert need to be dropped off to their teachers at the back of the church at 6.00pm where they can also be collected at the end of the concert. All year levels are involved in the finale item.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful night!

Lesley-Anne Rosenberg

Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea

Calling all GCCC volunteers! Please let us know if you are coming to this afternoon tea that we are holding in your honour to thank you for your valuable contribution to the College.

It is vital that we know numbers for catering purposes and purposes so please contact College Admin on admin@gccc.qld.edu.au or ring 5439 0033 now to let us know if you can attend. The final cut off date for registering your attendance is 1 November but we would love to hear from you before then if possible.

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.

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.

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

Song by Lacey Hall, Year 3

Running in the meadow
with the sun on my face
running in the meadow
just you and me
can’t you see.... how
fun it will be.... to be
running in the meadow
just you and me

2012 Book & Stationery Lists

2012 book and stationery lists have been sent out this week to all current students. Primary lists were mailed, and Secondary lists (including current Year 6s) have been handed to the students.

SEQUEL BOOKS is our preferred supplier, but if you choose to purchase elsewhere, please ensure the correct workbooks are bought by using the ISBN number provided.

Please note the final date for ordering is 28 October for orders returned to the College, or 31 October for online ordering, to ensure delivery from 2 to 18 December. Orders received after these dates will still be processed, but delivery dates cannot be guaranteed.

Heather Hill
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.

**Nude Food Day, Wednesday 19 October**

Nude Food Day was a great success with lots of students bringing in healthy snacks and lunches in reusable containers. Thanks to all the parents who embraced this idea and went to the extra effort.

Many schools participating in this program find that there is hardly any litter as a result of this initiative - another great benefit from embracing Nude Food Day.

The Year 8/9 Hospitality Class had a wonderful time making fruit skewers, healthy sandwiches and salads. Students in hospitality embraced the idea so much that they even bought new lunch boxes for this occasion.

*Colleen Devitt*

**Beerwah to Bangladesh with IFD**

The Interior and Fashion Design class have become partners with a company in Bangladesh called Akorshon.

During their unit on fashion, they learnt about the many sweatshops in the fashion industry.

The students were horrified at the inadequate incomes, meagre food supplies, unsanitary living conditions and long unendurable hours these girls are expected to work. The students decided that they wanted to help in some way.

Akorshon trains destitute and adolescent girls in embroidery, knitting and handicrafts. This helps the Bangladeshi girls earn a small amount, supplement their family income and keeps them out of the Mirpur slums and factories. We are selling beautiful handmade cards to raise some money to help supply sewing kits for these young Bangladeshi women, and hopefully keep some of them out of the factories.

*Please support the IFD class and purchase some of the cards they have made. Cards can be bought at College Admin. Only $1.50 for one, or four for $5.00!*

*Patrice Cutlack*

**Free Breast Cancer Screening**

In the mobile van, Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, 21 November – 5 December 2011

Women aged 50 to 69 are strongly encouraged to attend.

All women aged 40 and over are welcome.

No doctor’s referral is needed

PHONE 13 20 50

Breast cancer affects one in nine Queensland women in their lifetime.

A breastscreen every two years is the most effective way to detect breast cancer in its very early stages, well before you or your doctor can feel anything.

For bookings or further information on BreastScreen locations please phone 13 20 50.
2012 Brisbane Tertiary Student Accommodation

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane within a supportive Christian environment.

The College is located 4km from the heart of Brisbane and in close proximity to the UQ and QUT and other places of study close to the city. All public transport is within easy access to the College.

Raymont Lodge provides modern and comfortable single room accommodation for up to 120 students in a safe and friendly atmosphere. All meals are provided as well as a number of other services that include internet access, individual telephones, common room and swimming pool.

More information is available online at www.raymont.com.au or by ringing 07 3377 9903. Tours can be arranged by appointment.

Raymont Lodge is a ministry of the Uniting Church.

Exciting opportunity for current Year 10 students

GCCC is asking for expressions of interest from any current Year 10 student who would like to complete a Certificate III in Media Studies as a school-based traineeship.

This is a paid position here at our College at award traineeship rates for 7.6 hours per week. The successful applicant should have good English skills and an interest in photography, media, creative writing, and graphic design.

For more information, please see Mrs Ferris or email her on joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au

Congratulations Jayden Newell

Jayden Newell (Year 10) competed in the College name in the Queensland School Kayaking Sprints in only four races and came home with these:

- GOLD in 200m - K1 (Under 15s)
- SILVER in 500m - K1 (Under 15s)
- GOLD in 200m - K2 (Open/Under 17s)
- BRONZE in 200m - K2 (Open/Under 17s)

Jayden is tremendously encouraged by these results.

Well done Jayden!

Coniferous gumboots needed

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 pink 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.
Book Fair Rewards
We have now received our Book Fair commission as part of our reward for holding our Book Fair last term. Many thanks again to the families who bought books and donated books to classroom teachers. We were able to purchase a wide range of titles for students across P-12 and to build up our Primary Lexile collection and quizzes. Holding a Book Fair truly is a wonderful way to promote reading and build our collection.

Book Club
Book Club is now being distributed to the youngest in the family for Prep – Year 7 students. Extra copies of the brochures for each issue will be available in the library.

Library Monitors
Library monitors are a wonderful asset to the library and work hard before school and at lunch breaks with a range of library tasks. This term we have welcomed Chelsea Laws from Year 7 to our team. Chelsea came with wonderful recommendations from teachers and has already been a blessing to teacher aides, by helping with readers in the library during her lunch breaks. Keep up the great work Chelsea! Any other students (from Year 7-12) interested in assisting as library monitors are encouraged to see Mrs McKellar in the library for an application.

Ken Davis will be performing at Beerwah State High School on Tuesday 29 November at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Tickets cost $16 and can be purchased online at: www.koorong.com/tickets/ or phone 02 9857 4477.

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

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

See you in the library,
Vanessa McKellar
Year 9 Information Session for Parents about Work Experience.

Year 9 students and their parents are invited to an information session next Tuesday 25 October to talk about work experience in 2012. There will be two sessions:

**DATE:** 25/10/11  
**TIME:** 8am – 8.30am **OR** 6pm – 6.30pm.  
**WHERE:** In the library.

Students have been given a note to bring home about this. See you on Tuesday!

YEAR 8 and 9 QUT University Experience Day

Last Friday all Year 8 and 9 students went off to Caboolture to the Queensland University of Technology to see what it is like to be a uni student for a day. The students are to be congratulated on their behaviour and mature attitude to the activities. QUT provided a day of entertainment, fun, information and good food and many students came back to school with new ideas about tertiary study. Mr Joseph joined in festivities and is seen here in the background being outfitted for a performance with a group of Year 9s.

Traineeship

This is a busy time in VET with many students applying for school-based traineeships and apprenticeships for 2012. One lucky student who is commencing a Hospitality traineeship is Juanita Greasley who has started working at the Terrace Restaurant Maleny.

The Terrace Restaurant supports a charity called “Plant it Forward”, Cambodian Kid’s Café. They are holding a Big Night Out at The Maleny Manor on Wednesday, 26 October to raise funds for their charity. For more information and tickets please contact The Terrace Restaurant on 5494 3700.

For School Leavers

East Coast Apprentices have employers looking for apprentices for 2012. They are holding a Career Night called The Path Beyond on 31 October at their offices at Kingsford Smith Parade Maroochydore 6.30 – 8.30pm. Please register with Franca from East Coast Apprentices.

Getting a job can be a difficult task if you don’t have formal qualifications but Sunshine Coast Council will be offering 33 traineeships, thanks to funding from the First Start Program. The traineeships will provide 12 months full-time employment in 2012 and will be offered in administration, horticulture, libraries, engineering and conservation & land management, across various departments of council. Trainees will attend TAFE one day per fortnight to secure a formal qualification at the end of their term. Traineeships will be advertised on the council website from 24 October to 14 November. Recruitment will begin in early December with work commencing in late January or early February 2012.

Joan Ferris joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au  
Cheryl Costin cheryl.costin@gccc.qld.edu.au
Don’t forget to check out the FABULOUS Kitchen Garden Program on this website.

If you haven’t yet ordered your cookbooks, don’t worry - it’s not too late! Every home should have a copy of this beautiful, professionally printed book of over 120 full colour, glossy pages. This book is sure to become favoured in the kitchen with more than 220 recipes, lots of pictures of the kids in the garden, samples of the kid’s artwork, handy tips, planting guide, nutritional information and a special section with tips for parents of fussy eaters. Also, to complete this must-have guide for kitchen and garden, we have included lots of gluten free and dairy free recipes, and many more that are easily converted. All this encased in a professionally produced and published full colour, glossy book, just like you would buy in the book stores. These gorgeous books are available on a very limited print run, so if you haven’t pre-ordered your copies, you may miss out! Please return your completed order forms and payment to the College administration office. Remember, they make an ideal Christmas present for friends or relatives and are easy to post in the mail. All money raised from the sales of the cookbook will go directly towards building a more user friendly kitchen area for Kitchen Garden lessons. We would like to thank Allianz insurance for sponsoring the cookbook.

Zucchinis are in abundance in the kitchen garden at the moment, so many of the recipes the children have been making in class have involved this delectable ingredient. This week it was the Prep and Year 1 classes making zucchini slice and everyone loved it. It is good for parents on lunchbox duty to note this, as zucchini slice is a great way to get some vegetables into the kid’s lunchboxes (and not have them return home with them again in the afternoon!).

The Prep classes enjoyed visiting the garden on Friday morning last week as they were on excursion for their usual lesson times. They had lots of fun cooking and enjoyed a game of ‘I spy a vegetable’. There was plenty of weeding to be done and the wheelbarrows were full to overflowing in no time with Mrs Childs leading the weeding team. Lots of yummy beans and strawberries were harvested and devoured straight away and classes learned the difference between a male and female zucchini flower and that the flowers are edible too.

The Year 2 and 3 classes made delicious zucchini fritters with spinach dip with all fresh ingredients from the garden, we even used some of our own freshly grown garlic…yum.

The Year 1 students replenished their Adopt-A-Garden flower beds to redeem them to their former glory and the Year 2 and 3 students planted flower seeds which were growing great guns until the storm damaged them and snapped them all off at the roots and washed them out of their punnets. These things sometimes happen in the garden, as the children are getting to see often with the crazy weather patterns we have been having, but it’s a good lesson that things don’t always go as planned and we can plan around them or start again.

Mandy Ward, mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au
“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples!”
Psalm 96:3

My name is Ashley Elias, my son Joshua is a Year 7 middle school student at the College. This year God has made it clear to us that he wants us to go to Thailand for 12 months as volunteers with Mercy International. Mercy International has helped re-build the lives of children and young people in crisis situations in Thailand for the past 26 years. We want to offer our gifts and talents and love to these children who have been orphaned and abandoned.

We will be involved with the day to day care of the children and will assist in the school, with visitors, with building projects and wherever else we are needed. Joshua will be able to be part of the teenage boys’ youth group, help on the farm as well as doing his schooling by distant Education with his mother as his tutor.

The cost for myself and Joshua to live each month in Thailand will be about $700. We also need to do a visa run every 90 days which incurs a cost. We are in the process of raising our support at the moment. We are asking that you consider partnering with us in this venture that God has called us to do. Not only do we need financial assistance, we need your prayers. They are what will sustain us and get us through the challenges we will face along the way. Anything you can do is very much appreciated.

If you have any further questions or wish to support us either financially or by receiving our prayer letter and news, please Contact me on Mobile 0400 286 606 or Email ashleye@live.com.au

Please visit Mercy International’s website; www.mercy-international.com

Thankyou for making a difference in the life of a child.

Ashley Elias

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**Pause and Ponder**

Here are a few parenting quotes for you to pause and ponder over:

“We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching.” Roy L. Smith.

“Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you.” H. Jackson Brown.

“My father didn’t tell me how to live, he lived, and let me watch him to it.” Clarence Budinton Kelland.

“Don’t worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.” Robert Fulghum.

“To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while.”

“To be in your children’s memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today.” Anonymous.

“The best inheritance parents can give their children is a few minutes of their time each day.” O.A. Battista

“If you want your children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.” Abigail Van Buren.

“A child, like your stomach, doesn’t need all you can afford to give it.” Frank A. Clark.

“The trouble with learning to parent on the job is that your child is the teacher.” Robert Brault.
Having a supportive group of friends is important for an adolescent. Peer groups help teenagers learn to negotiate relationships and make the journey from childhood, where they are reliant on parents, to adulthood, where they need to stand on their own two feet.

Peers give young people a sense of belonging, and an increased sense of self-confidence. They also provide young people with testing grounds for attitudes and values outside their family at a time when young people are trying to define their identity. Most modern teenagers are incredibly supportive of each other; however they can be judgemental and the cause of heartache when conflict or alienation occurs.

Resisting peer pressure

Teenagers need to learn to deal with peer pressure. We all experience some degree of pressure to conform to the behaviours and norms of our social groups, yet this pressure is heightened in adolescence, when wanting to fit in and belong is paramount. Ostracism is unthinkable, which makes teenagers susceptible to being overly influenced by their peers, who don’t always make wise choices.

Parents can help young people deal with peer pressure by being open and frank about the subject. Let them know that while much of the influence of their friends is positive, some of it is not in their best interests.

Help young people resist peer pressure by giving them strategies to say no, while saving face. For instance, saying ‘No, not now’ is a simple face-saving strategy that all young people can learn when they are pressured by peers to engage in behaviours that aren’t in their best interests.

Young people who are heavily reliant on the approval of others are particularly susceptible to peer pressure. In adolescence, adult approval is often replaced by peer approval. Help young people become self-sufficient and not dependent on others for their self-esteem.

Where do parents fit in?

Get to know your children’s friends and take an interest in their lives. Make them welcome in your home. Enquire about their well-being, their learning and their relationships without being too nosy. Provide space and privacy for your teenager and friends in your home. Set some house rules regarding what’s acceptable in your house, but don’t be too heavy-handed as you want your home to be a welcoming place for young people.

Keep some food available and encourage them to make their own snacks and clean up their own mess. Be firm about your views about acceptable videos, alcohol use and sexual activities at home.

Negative Influences

It is common for parents to disapprove of their young person’s choice of friends, because of behaviour, poor reputation or the adverse influence they have on their teenager. Young people take criticism of their friends personally so you need to be careful how you handle these issues. If you have worries about your child’s choice of friends, check that your concerns are real. Try to get to know the friends you’re worried about. Discuss your concerns with your young person, but talk about the behaviours that worry you, rather than the character of their friends. Discuss the immediate and long-term consequences of their behaviours that may concern you. It also helps to promote diversity of friendships as kids do best when they belong to more than one friendship group.

It is important for parents to understand the value of peer groups for young people and also remember that peers can be positive influences.