Term 1, 2 February 2012

From the Principal

Kiss and Go

The grand opening of our new “Kiss and Go” system will be commencing on Monday, 6 February. Please consult the College website for more details but in brief;

The K and G lane will be on the GCCC side of Roberts Road extending between the College entrance and exit excluding the yellow line marked area. The rules of the K and G need to be strictly adhered to if it is going to be successful.

For parents (motorists)
- No one is allowed to park in the K and G lane for more than 2 minutes.
- Parents are not permitted to leave their car for whatever reason.
- Parents cannot double park.
- Parents are not to leave any gaps in front of them in the K and G lane.

For students
- Students are to report to the “student area” near the Roberts Road footpath as quickly as possible.
- Students are responsible to identify their parent’s car and embark quickly.

The K and G will be supervised during 3.00-3.15pm

These rules exist to provide a fair, safe and fast way to collect your child(ren). It will be for the benefit of all parents if this system works. Therefore, these rules must be followed and will be enforced. As we all get used to the system there will no doubt be glitches and required refinements so please be patient and courteous.

Buses and Bus subsidies

There is an extensive network of buses that service the College and cover all over the Glasshouse region as well as Caboolture, Mooloolah and as far as Wamuran. There are generous government payments that mean no family is out of pocket more than 30 dollars per week at a maximum regardless of the amount of children in any one family. These rebates are only given twice per year so to help with the family budget the College spreads the rebate over the normal school semester in the form of a weekly subsidy. Parents then apply through the process and credit the rebate back to us. When the costs of petrol and the inconvenience of having to battle school traffic are considered, the bus is a cost effective and reliable option.

Due to another government incentive scheme, in most cases, secondary students actually travel free of charge.

For more information about the bus service please contact the office or go to this web address http://gccc.qld.edu.au/college-life/bus-services/ for more information.
Any named lost property will be returned to students via their classroom/form teacher. Un-named items will be held in the Lost Property cupboard at the back of the Admin building until the end of each term, when they will be disposed of or given to the P and F to sell as second-hand uniforms.

Please ensure all items sent to school (especially lunchboxes/containers) are clearly named. It is very difficult to return un-named items to students.

Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair and scalp for head lice as there has been a recent outbreak. Head lice must be treated before students are allowed to return to school.

Please pray

It is with much sadness today that I inform you of a car accident involving one of our parents, Amanda Lecky mother of Thomas (Year 4) and Jack (Year 1) that occurred on Tuesday afternoon along Steve Irwin Way at Beerburrum. Amanda was airlifted to Royal Brisbane Hospital in a critical condition. At the time of writing Amanda’s condition is serious but stable.

We would like to offer all the assistance we can to the family but I want to protect them from being inundated with calls. We are in close contact with the family offering any practical support we can in a regular way and I will inform you of ways in which you may be able to assist through the website. In the meantime however the family have asked us to pray so please do.

Farewell Mrs Heinrich

It is with sadness that I need to inform you that Mrs Louise Heinrich is leaving us mid February to pursue a Masters degree full time. Louise has been a wonderful contributor to the College and has poured her heart and soul into the Drama department particularly over the nearly nine years she has been at the College. Louise has always sought to teach students the value of creative expression and how this can be used to the glory of God. She has also run the after school Drama school “Slice of Life Theatre Company” where she has continued to develop student talents in many excellent performances. We would like to thank her and wish for her God’s richest blessings in her new endeavours.

Parents and Friends Association

The Glasshouse Country Christian College Parents and Friends (P and F) Association is a group of parents (mostly) and interested others who work closely with the College to achieve common goals, making things better for our children. All parents and guardians of students are welcome to attend.

The more people involved in fundraising and other activities, the greater the resources and opportunities that can be provided for our children. I, as College Principal also attend as I believe that these meetings are an important way of communicating with the College community. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings, hear what is happening at the College, contribute ideas and provide feedback. Attending meetings and helping with fundraising also provides the opportunity to meet other likeminded parents/guardians while working to benefit the College.

Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm in the College library.

Our P and F AGM will be held at the unusual time of 7.00pm on Wednesday, 15 February. It would be great to see as many people there as possible. Also we have the College family picnic coming up very soon.

Road safety in College grounds

Finally I would like to remind everyone of the importance of modeling the correct procedures to our children by ensuring you always cross the ring road via the crossings. Never cross between the buses. The speed hump near the entrance to the car park is not a crossing even though it looks similar but with yellow visibility markings. Remember the speed limit in College grounds is only 10 km/h.

We have had some occasions where motorists who do not have a disabled sticker displayed on their car have occupied the disabled car parks. The reason I know this is because of complaints from people who require these car parks. In the interests of decency please refrain from this practice no matter how tempting such parks may be.

There are so many good things to read about inside like the Year 6 Leadership day and Year 9 Launchpad plus other events and activities.

Mike Curtis
From the Principal continued

Host a French Student in 2012

There are a couple of opportunities for families who would like to host a French student. Unlike the Japanese students, there is no financial compensation but it is a terrific opportunity for a cross cultural experience and to get a head start on the French language. GCCC is happy to waive the normal tuition fees for these students in order to encourage the experience.

One student that needs placing is Oceane (DOB 11 April 1996) who will arrive in Brisbane on 14 April and stay until 7 July. Oceane would pay for her own uniform, school excursion, text books etc.

Other students arrive into Sydney for a two night stopover before coming to Brisbane on 9 July and departing on 3 August. Some of these students take part in a Moreton Island experience for the last week of their home stay.

Altogether, there are 6 boys and 19 girls and their ages are between 14 and 17 years.

All host families must have a current ‘Working with children’ Blue Card but these can be organised through Patricia Clunes who is the coordinator for the program. If you are interested, please email Patricia on streetons@iprimus.com.au or ring her on 0410 617 825 as soon as possible to allow her time to organise the paperwork.

COLLEGE CLOSURE DUE TO FLOODING 27 JANUARY 2012

Once again we apologise for any inconvenience caused by the College being closed on Friday 27 January due to the flooding situation for many families and staff.

Glasshouse Country Coaches’ decision not to run any of their services was the final decisive factor in this consideration. It is the first time in our history that we have had to close the College.

Everyone should have received a text notification that went out from the College at 8.00am. If you did not receive that message, it may mean we do not have your most current phone number. As this is our main communication regarding cancellations and urgent matters, can I please urge you to contact Admin immediately with the correct mobile number.

I apologise for my tardiness in not putting this on the website. This was my oversight but I would encourage everyone to get into the habit of checking the website for College notifications on a regular basis.

Mike Curtis

Message from Glasshouse Country Coaches regarding Friday 27 January flooding and bus cancellations.

Due to flooding and safety concerns all school services have been cancelled for today 27 January 2012.

This directive was given by our workplace health and safety officer. His decision was taken from the Queensland Government campaign that “if it is flooded forget it” as well as the safety concerns of buses going down roads and discovering that they have water over the road then not being able to turn around.

I do appreciate that this is something that has not stopped services in the past however, with new WH&S laws that have changed all staff are responsible for their actions.

Your time and effort with this is appreciated and I do apologise for the inconvenience the above has caused.

Regards

Will Astorino, Depot Manager
Glasshouse Country Coaches
New GCCC Staff

Due to the growth of the College and some staff leaving to have babies or moving interstate, we have the pleasure of introducing some new staff in this newsletter and a couple more in the following newsletter.

Introducing.....

Jacqualina Vreeling - Head of Middle School

I have just recently moved back to Queensland from Darwin. I say ‘back’ because I grew up on the outskirts of Toowoomba, but have since lived for several years in NSW, quite a few years in Darwin and one in Amsterdam!

I love bushwalking and have walked the Larapinta Trail in the Western McDonald Ranges and the Jatbula Trail in the NT and have my eyes on the walks around here. My most favourite place on earth is Corroboree Billabong near Kakadu, however, the Glasshouse Mountains make me smile every time I see them!

The motto of a girls club I belonged to as a child was the verse: Micah 6:8 – it encapsulates perfectly and simply how I would like to live my life: “What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”

Fenton Doolan, Head of Department - Science

I grew up on a farm at Narangba in a family of eight children. My high school years were spent at St Columbans College at Albion. I completed a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Queensland. In 1993 I completed a Graduate Diploma of Education at QUT in secondary science teaching.

In the junior science course at QUT, I was fortunate to sit next to a very young student named Mike Curtis. It’s amazing that 19 years later that very young student would be my boss!

I have taught overseas in London and Dublin. For the past 14 years I have taught in various high schools for Education Queensland. As HOD of Science I plan to motivate my students to have a passion for science and the ability to problem solve. I’m planning to run a “Magic of Science” demonstration from Prep to Year 10 this year.

I am married to an amazing woman and we have two beautiful girls who are ten and five years old.

Matt Beattie, Head of Physical Education and Sport

I’ve had eight years teaching experience within schools spanning from Tasmania to the Gold Coast, London UK and now here on the Sunshine Coast.

I have played a range of sports throughout my life and am excited about the opportunity to promote Health, Physical Education and Sport at GCCC.

I am determined to see a greater enthusiasm and participation in sport from my students and plan to continue to build a greater sporting culture at the school.

Last year I was married in Hawaii to my Canadian wife who I met in Malawi, Africa. We are looking forward to the birth of our first child in July this year. My hobbies are scuba diving, surfing, wake boarding and playing Aussie Rules football.

Introducing Gary Havenga, Secondary Teacher

I have been married as long as I’ve been teaching, which is about 21 years. I have been in Australia for 14 years, having emigrated from South Africa with my wife and our two children.

We love living on the Sunshine Coast and enjoy munching fish and chips at Mooloolaba beach at sunset. I enjoy long walks, playing golf and table tennis.

It’s great to be a part of the team at GCCC and I look forward to getting to know families, helping students achieve their learning goals and fulfilling God’s purposes in this place of work.
**Introducing.....**

**Courtney Devitt - Secondary Teacher**

Hi, I am Courtney Devitt, the new Drama Teacher at GCCC. I enjoy watching, acting, directing and producing performances.

This year I hope to work with the students to create amazing performances that build their confidence, stage presence and ensemble skills.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year and hope to see you all at our first student performance evening.

**Stacey Whyte - Secondary Teacher**

I am very excited about the year ahead and so thankful for the opportunity to teach Dance at GCCC.

I have trained in all styles of dance since I was a very little girl, and have a passion and admiration of what the Arts subjects can bring to the education of young people.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of the aspiring dancers at GCCC and their families.

**Kate Pollard - Primary Teacher**

Hi, my name’s Kate Pollard and I am excited to introduce myself as the Year One teacher for 1W!

This is my first year at Glasshouse Country Christian College, however I am looking forward to being a part of this beautiful College and the interactions I will encounter with children, parents and fellow staff. I have already found this school to be extremely welcoming and embracing of new staff - encouraging such a supportive and positive environment to all; I feel very blessed to be a part of it!

I am looking forward to the amazing experiences ahead of me working at GCCC, as I witness and encourage the growth and development of every child academically, spiritually, emotionally and physically!

**Russell Modlin - Secondary Teacher**

I am married and have three sons. Previously I have worked in Mackay, Brisbane and the last four years at an Aboriginal boarding school in Alice Springs teaching HPE and English.

I love all sports, but specifically Australian Rules, Basketball, Soccer and Surfing. We have moved back to the Sunshine Coast to be closer to family.

**Amanda Gook - Secondary Teacher**

It’s a great pleasure to have the opportunity to work with Glasshouse Country Christian College’s Middle School students this year.

It is quite a change from last year’s adventure to Nepal to volunteer at a Missionary School in Kathmandu.

I will be teaching English, Humanities and Business IT. I particularly love teaching these subjects and enjoy the energy Middle Schoolers bring to their classrooms and discussions about issues of the past and today.

I love travel and my favourite trip was to beautiful nation of Ireland with my family.
Leonie Stolz - Teacher Aide, Learning Support

I am so thrilled to be working at GCCC and feel very blessed to have the opportunity to work in a Christian school and speak into the lives of young children and teach them about the love of Jesus whilst educating them. I previously worked at Somerville House in the city and absolutely loved being a Teacher Aide there working with such beautiful girls.

My husband, Marthinus, and I fell in love with this area of the country many years ago and so when the opportunity came along for us to move here, we were both very excited. We also wanted to give our girls Abigail (7) and Caitlin (5) a chance to grow up in the country just like we did! We haven’t looked back since! I am also a keen photographer and enjoy kayaking with my family whenever we get the chance.

Susan Marquet - Secondary Teacher Aide

I am delighted to have joined the staff of Glasshouse Country Christian College as Performing Arts Teacher Aide.

I am originally from Sydney but am now a happy Queenslander. I am graphic design/art teacher trained, and have been involved community theatre as a performer and behind the scenes for many years. Until last June, I worked for 11 years at St Peters Lutheran College as the PA and Art Assistant for 11 years.

I am married and have two lovely daughters. One is in travel and one is an actor. My interests are music, theatre, bush walking, art, travel and keeping fit. Oh, and we have a Bengal cat.

Jane Parton - Primary School Teacher

Hello families and friends. My name is Miss Jane Parton and I’m delighted to be a new Primary School teacher at GCCC (Year 3G).

For the past eight years I’ve been involved in music and education and am passionate about the way music can make learning fun and also make it stick!

In my spare time I enjoy playing piano/keys and singing harmonies with my sister (and local artist) Anna Parton, as well as swimming at beautiful Sunshine Coast beaches and climbing the Glasshouse Mountains. I’m looking forward to becoming a part of such a wonderful school community, so please introduce yourself when you see me.

Pam Gosbell-Smith - Secondary Teacher Aide

I am a mother of three children; Zander (10), Indiana (7) and Hunter (4). I am studying a Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Education full time at the University of Sunshine Coast in order to become a High School Sports Teacher.

I enjoy going to the gym, movies, and the beach. I am looking forward to having a little impact on the lives of many bright students.
INVITATION - MEET THE TEACHER EVENING
PREP – YEAR 6

WHERE: Your Child’s Classroom
WHEN: Two Sessions:
5.30pm and 6.15pm
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 7 February 2012
WHY: We invite you to come and meet your children’s teachers and hear their vision for this year with their class.

There will be two sessions for each class. The first will be 5.30pm and will be repeated at 6.15pm for parents with more than one child.

This will be a valuable time to strengthen home/school relationships to support your children.

RESPONSIBLE THINKING PROCESS INFORMATION EVENING

Primary teachers are now using the Responsible Thinking Process in their classes this year.

An information evening will be held on a date soon to be advised at 5.30pm. As this is now an integral part of our Behaviour Management Programme, it is important that parents understand the process. Mrs Jennifer Moore, our RTP Coordinator, will also be present at this information evening.

If a student is referred a number of times to the RTC (Responsible Thinking Classroom) on a number of occasions for disturbing class teaching or causing danger to themselves or others, parents will be called in for a student support meeting.

Please make every effort to attend this information evening.

Cheryl Bryers

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES - PREPPIES AND LOWER PRIMARY STUDENTS.

Yesterday when I was with “Mrs Bundaberg” (Mrs Rosenberg) from Prep Green we visited “Mrs Sicks” (Mrs Siggs) at sickbay (how appropriate!) and I started thinking about some name variations I have heard from the kids.

All of them of them will like having “Mrs Dot” (Mrs Stott) for PE and I know that “Mrs New Cannon” (Mrs Buchanan) is a nice teacher aide in Year One. I just hope that “Mrs Dogwell” (Mrs Dodwell) doesn’t resurface this year!

This article was submitted by Belinda McWilliam but she neglected to include what one of the children thought her name was: “Mack”.

Advertisement:

Are you looking for childcare or after school care?

A diploma qualified educator in Glasshouse Mountains has spaces on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Affordable fees and CCB available.

Tel 5438 7978 or 0421 021 315

Messages from the Science Department

1. Science Club starts this week in G4 at big lunch for students wishing to get help with the science classwork or homework. Science Club is held on Fridays from 12.45 to 1.15pm for Middle School students i.e. Years 7-9.

2. Next week Prep class will begin watching “The Magic of Science” show. 30 mins of amazing science demonstrations.

Fenton Doolan (HOD Science)
Primary News

Year 6 Leadership Day

On Tuesday 31 January the Stanley River Environmental Education Centre took Year 6 students through a range of activities that focused on the qualities of a leader and teamwork. Activities included Tanks, Human Knot, Parachute, Code Breaker and Traffic Jam. Students then reflected on the activities and leadership qualities displayed while participating in them.

The advantage of a day like this is that students are able to participate in an action/reflection model. Students can immediately see when activities are not working and when group work is positive or detrimental to achieving the group’s goals. Because the qualities of a good leader had been identified in earlier sessions, the students often returned to these attributes in refocusing to find positive solutions to the problems they were encountering.

The shared leadership attributes and language developed out of the day provides a common frame of reference for both staff and students in establishing a positive classroom environment and for future activities.

Glenn Eggleston

PUBLIC LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION (FREE) AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, a not-for-profit organisation registered with all state and territory departments of education, is pleased to extend an invitation for Glasshouse Country Christian College students to attend our next LIVE Online information session being held on Thursday 16 February. The session starts at 6:30pm (AEST).

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.

SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER - DEADLINE 31 MARCH

Each year we also offer 12 scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $10,800. Students don’t need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn’t necessarily win.

Your career advisor and/or language teachers may be interested to promote our 5 x Language, 2 x International Affairs and 2 x Indigenous scholarship opportunities valued from $2,500 up to $10,800 each.

Creative Arts teachers may like to be aware of our 3 Creative Arts Scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $3,500 each.

The deadline for scholarship submissions for all programs departing between October 2012 - March 2013 is Saturday 31st March, 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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Each Wednesday we have been holding ‘Launchpad’ for Secondary students. Year 9s took the first turn on Wednesday, 25 January.

The activities were interactive and team building, emphasising communication and overcoming challenges. Students learned how to approach challenges in a different way and how to deal with them.

Building and forming relationships and working in groups was an integral part of the activity but the most noticeable outcome was how much fun the students were having in the process.

**Chappy Michelle and Chappy Col**
A warm welcome to all the new staff, students and families we have met so far this year. We look forward to getting to know you and assisting you in the library.

Library Top 5

Students are reminded of the following library expectations as we start a new year.
1. Use a quiet voice at all times.
2. Be responsible and respectful of others.
3. Walk in the library.
4. Handle books, equipment and furniture with care.
5. Always leave library spaces neat and tidy.

Text Books

We have been busy loaning Middle and Secondary texts in the past week and have loaned out hundreds of new items that support the Australian Curriculum. Students have been reminded of their responsibility for looking after resources. Text books are borrowed on an annual or semester basis as required according to subjects. Students write their name on an insert located inside the front cover of all text books at the time of borrowing. Please encourage your child to regularly check they are using the copy they borrowed. It is recommended that books borrowed by students are not left in classrooms even when used regularly. All books remain the responsibility of the student who borrowed them. They are to be cared for respectfully and kept in good condition. Students are not to write in the texts or fold pages over. Text books are to be returned directly to the library by the student not via staff or other students. A replacement cost will be required for unreturned books or books damaged beyond repair. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

All Middle and Secondary students can borrow up to 10 text books and two library books. General library items can be borrowed for two weeks and can be renewed if more time is required. It has been wonderful to see many new students enjoying our amazing facilities and eagerly borrowing this week. Students are welcome borrow before, during and after school.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES?

Before School: We open from 8:15am everyday and encourage reading, reflection and research before school. We have quiet music playing for a peaceful start to the day. It’s a great chance for Middle and Senior students to prepare for the day, seek help with assessments or research and to print work. For Primary students it’s a popular time to visit with parents and enjoy reading a book together.

During the day: Library spaces are used for quiet reading, lessons, small group tasks, book exchanges, research and study. The Media Suites and Mac Circle are a very popular destination for students, offering the perfect opportunity to use Macs and work in small groups. The Green Room is also another popular space used for filming and editing.
During Lunch: During lunch all students have access to the library and our student library monitors assist with library tasks. Primary lunchtime activities include games, drawing, reading, Primary Craft Club and puppets. Middle and Secondary students have access to games and the green amphitheatre for quite reading, as well as the Mac Circle for study and research. A Book Buzz club is held on Wednesdays for Middle School students.

After School: Parents are welcome to visit after school with their children to return books and to see what’s happening in the library. We are open daily until 3:15pm for Prep – Year 9 students and until 4pm for students in Year 10-12. A Homework Club for students in Year 7-12 is on every Thursday afternoon in the library from 3:15pm – 4:15pm where a teacher is available to assist students with work. If your child requires assistance with homework or assessment tasks, please make use of this free facility.

Library orientation for new students

New students were invited to the library for a tour of our amazing facilities this week. We had a number of students join the tour, which included a “behind the scenes” look at the library and our workroom, counter area and compactor room (where our Teacher Resources are kept). Students were rewarded with a special treat for coming along.

See you in the library,

Vanessa McKellar
TEACHER LIBRARIAN

Music

Although Claude Debussy said, “Music is the silence between the notes”, there is plenty of musical noise happening in the music department. Music lessons have commenced for the year. If you would like to enrol your child in lessons a new enrolment form for 2012 must be filled out. This form can be accessed from the College website, Administration Office or by visiting the music room and asking for a form from Miss Hilton. This needs to be returned to the office or to Miss Hilton. Many of the instrumental tutors timetables are filling quickly. We offer lessons in drums, singing, guitar, violin/cello, woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone), brass (trumpet, trombone) and piano. Our tutors come with many years experience and can prepare students for music exams. Lesson timetables will be placed on the College website for parents to access.

Ensemble Rehearsals

Band and ensemble rehearsals commence next week (Week 3):
• Primary Band Tuesday 10.45-11.20 (H1/H2 – music room)
• Primary String ensemble Tuesday 10.45-11.20 (H3 – lecture theatre)
• Middle School Vocal Group Tuesday 12.45-1.15 (H1/H2 – music room)
• Secondary String Ensemble Tuesday 12.45-1.25 (H3 – lecture theatre)
• Secondary Band Tuesday 3.15-4.30 (H1/H2 – music room)

Please note Secondary Band rehearsal times have changed.

Year 5 students have commenced their instrumental program. All Year 5 students have been given a musical instrument to learn for the year. The program allows students to learn from specialist music teachers and also participate in band rehearsals from Term 2.

I would like to welcome to the College Music Department Gavin Hamburger. He has extensive experience in the music industry. He will be taking students for woodwind and brass.

I am very excited about music this year and there seems to be a buzz about the Music Department. If you have any questions about music, please email me ebony.hilton@gccc.qld.edu.au or pop in for a visit at the music room (H1).

Ebony Hilton
Register now - visit aflauskick.com.au  
Cost is $60.00.  
For more information contact AFL Queensland on 07 5451 0233  

4TH Sunshine Coast Girls’ Brigade Company

Girls' Brigade is part of an international Christian youth organisation and meets at the Caloundra Uniting Church hall on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.15pm (6pm to 7.30pm for Cadets) for a nightly program of singing, games and activities. The girls work towards awards (badges) including craft, camping, bush walking, canoeing, health, community service, cooking, swimming & lots more … all presented in an enjoyable hands-on learning environment suited to their age group: 
CADETS - JUNIORS - SENIORS- PIONEERS
Grades Prep – 2 Grades 3 - 6 Grades 7 & 8 Grades 9 – 12
Enrolment enquires phone Helen Hilton (Captain) on 5492 7179.

Congratulations!

Brad and Lacey Evans welcomed Madison Grace Evans into the world on 26 November 2011. Madison weighed in at 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 51cm long. Mum and dad are very proud and a little tired.

College Swimming and Athletics Program

The Program is in place to enable students who are interested in swimming and athletics, to have the opportunity to further their natural abilities with specific training, coaching, mentoring and technical feedback. The Term 1, 2012 program will run from Week 4 (7 February 2012) to Week 10 (29 March 2012). In the event of a wet day, training will not be cancelled.

The Program operates before school from 7.30am to 8.15am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, using the Beerwah Pool and the College oval. Students are required to be at the pool or College by 7.25am with appropriate modest swimwear/training attire.

Term 1 focus is swimming and cross country. Please see the PE staff for an information letter.

Cheersport Australia’s next clinic Sunday Feb 5th 2012

Time: 8:45 registration with a 9am go (program runs from 9am to 5pm).  
Location: Mitchelton Youth Club, Tel-el-kebir St Mitchelton.

Fee: $55 at the door

Program: Cleaning up of basics in stunting, tumbling and jumps. There will also specific training of skills athletes want to cover, all followed at the end with group performance at 4:45 for parents, friends and coaches.

What to bring: Water bottle, towel, change of shirt, energy snack, lunch or money for Red Rooter (which is a four minute walk away from gym)
Sanford McMurray  
Founder& Head Coach for Cheersport
Primary District Sport Trials and Interschool Sports
10yrs (by invitation), 11yrs and 12yrs – See Mrs Stott

Term 1

Swimming:
Feb 1 GCCC Swimming Carnival Trials 11.30 – 1.15pm
Feb 2 GCCC Swimming Carnival 9 – 2.45pm
Feb 14 Glasshouse District Swimming Carnival – Beerwah Community Pool
Mar 8 Regional Swimming Carnival

District Trials
Feb 13 & 16 Softball Girls
Feb 29 12yrs Netball
Mar 7 11yrs Netball
Mar 15 AFL
Mar 20 Rugby League
Mar 26 Basketball

Rugby League Development Cup – March 28

Term 2

Cross Country:
April 27 GCCC Cross Country – Beerwah Sports Grounds
May 18 Glasshouse District Cross Country – St Michaels College
June 6 Regional Cross Country Carnival – Buderim

District Trials
April 24 Soccer – Boys
April 26 Soccer - Girls
April 30 Touch Football
May 22 Tennis - Landsborough
May 23 Softball Boys
June 14 Rugby Union – Maleny

Interschool Sport Yr 6/7- Friday
Softball : Feb 24, Mar 2, Mar 16, (if wet Mar 28)

Interschool Sport Yr 6/7- Friday
Soccer/ Netball: June 8, June 15, June 22

Term 3

Athletics:
July 26/27 GCCC Athletics – Beerwah Sports Grounds
Aug 9/10 Glasshouse District Athletic Carnival– Beegees Sports Ground
Sept 4 Regional Athletics Carnival – Sunshine Coast University

Interschool Sport Yr 6/7 – Friday
Touch Football: Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21

Term 4

Rugby League Tag Gala Day – Nov 6

Interschool Sport Yr 6/7 – Friday
AFL: Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 2

Pause and Ponder
Truths that Hold us Steady

Pilots flying in a storm quickly become disoriented and deceived by their senses. Pilots say that when they are without visibility, they can be flying in a tight circle while their senses assure them that they are flying straight ahead. When a pilot becomes disoriented in this way, his body is telling him one thing and his instruments are telling him something completely different. To keep flying safely, he must rely on the instruments in his plane. Those instruments will tell him what is actually and absolutely true.

People who are hurting have often said, “I know what’s true from the neck up, but somehow it doesn’t make sense in my heart.” We assume that if it only makes sense in our heads, it’s not helpful. But it is.

Part of the process of working through pain is learning to hang onto what we have from the neck up. When our hearts are broken and hurt, there won’t seem to be a pipeline from the brain to the emotions. That’s okay. Just don’t let go of what you know. That’s the key to making it in the midst of difficulty. That’s exactly when God’s Word says in James 1:2-4, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

What can we know in the midst of trials? What are the reliable instruments that track us successfully in the midst of difficulty?

In James 1:3-4 the stabilising truth is that we can know that the testing of our faith produces endurance and that we should let endurance have its perfect result so that we may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James is saying that we can know that pain is a process with a purpose. That specific piece of knowledge will enable us to implement the joy response.

So the next time we go through difficult times, turn to God’s word for the answers and strength to persevere through them.

From Anchors in the Storm by Joe Stowell
The KGP team would like to welcome back to the Kitchen Garden all of our students, parents and helpers. An especially big welcome goes to our new Preppies who had their first ever Kitchen Garden lessons this week! Our newest little gardeners enjoyed a warm morning in the sunshine as they toured the garden area as an introduction to the Kitchen Garden Program and learned about some of our rules. Our cute new Prep children were excited to learn the difference between the vegetable garden beds and the herb bed, they saw where fruit trees are espaliered onto trellises, found the strawberry and pineapple patch and investigated the garden shed, which they all decided was very smelly thanks to the storage of fertiliser combined with the dampness after the rain.

Week 1’s garden lessons were rained out, but that didn’t dampen our fun – all classes were moved indoors and they each cooked a lovely Country Corn Bake (from page 25 of the KGP Cookbook).

The Year 2 classes were keen to lend a hand to get all the jobs done in the garden after the long break and were busy mulching and adding manure and compost to the garden beds in preparation for new plantings. Lots of weeds were also pulled out and after all their hard work they were rewarded with some of the delicious Country Corn Bake.

If you haven’t already collected your pre-ordered copies of the GCCC Kitchen Garden Cookbook from the College administration office, please do so immediately. If you missed the cookbook pre-order deadline and have already heard about how great this cookbook is from your fellow College friends, don’t be disheartened as copies are still available from the office of from me directly for $20.

For all our new parents to the College this year, we want to personally invite you to come and be a part of your child’s Kitchen Garden lesson. The kids love to see their mum or dad there (or even a grandparent, aunt, uncle or family friend!) and it’s a great way to participate in your children’s learning adventure. We always have lots of fun, it’s a great way to meet new people from the College community and you don’t have to have a green thumb either.

You are always welcome in our garden and we have listed the class lesson times in the table below so you can take note of your children’s class times.

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Nurture your child’s thinking skills

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How can you nurture your child’s thinking life in the pre-primary and primary years? The purpose is not so much for your child to excel at school, but to instil a desire to learn and the ability to think for themselves and be resilient enough to resist following the crowd in thoughts as well as actions.

Children spend more time at home than at school yet parents often feel most children’s learning occurs behind the classroom door. Learning is natural and has no boundaries and can happen anywhere.

Parents teach their children both implicitly and explicitly. Take advantage of your role modelling position and take an active interest in your child’s learning and in the activities, such as reading and questioning, that foster learning. If your child sees you reading and taking an interest in a myriad of subjects he or she will be more interested in reading and more than likely develop a sense of curiosity as well.

Curiosity may be the most important learning behaviour that your child develops. Bake a cake with your child and see it rise. Make a model plane and see it fly. Help your child dismantle a broken clock. Ask questions of yourself and of your child. Curiosity needs to be fed by experiences and they don’t have to be expensive or externally provided. They can be provided at home by parents.

It is worth considering how your home environment fosters a sense of curiosity and enquiry in children. Consider the following:

- **Spaces for doing and thinking:** Look at your home through the eyes of a child and his or her learning needs. Do you have spaces that invite your child to explore, create and think? Do you have a quiet place for reading and drawing? Do you have a space for kids to be creative and messy? Do you have a place for noise and music? Do you have a space for kids to be tactile with plenty of textures (this can be outside or inside)?

- **Materials:** Look at the materials available that can stimulate the senses of a child. These include art materials, books, costumes and masks, sketch pads, construction materials, puzzles and games. Take a minimalist approach. That is, the more bells and whistles that a toy has the less opportunity a child has to be creative with it. Kids don’t need much to be creative.

- **The role of television:** Some specifically designed children’s programs such as Playschool are great but much of television promotes a spectator mode of consciousness and suppresses active thinking. Don’t let the TV dominate your child’s free time.

- **Teachable moments:** Be on the lookout for teachable moments. These are the opportunities to explain, question and prompt exploration with your child. Looking at insect wings, ants walking in a line or moths flying around the lights can provide teachable moments as long as you are lead by your child and don’t get too heavy handed with the ‘lessons’ learned. Sometimes the experience is enough.

Nurturing in children the ability to think openly about their world starts with their own environment. It involves a mixture of free, open exploration on their own and interactions with adults that stimulate discussions and prompt them to explore new ideas and think. It is these types of experiences that can foster in kids a love of learning and thinking that can help them succeed at school and beyond.

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