Dear parents,

Security Cameras

On the exterior of the permanent buildings in the College we now have an extensive coverage of security cameras. The main purpose of these cameras are to ensure that the College grounds are monitored after school hours as there have been growing occurrences of mischief and vandalism. When the cameras are fully functional after the holidays they will be operating 24 hours a day.

In order to protect the privacy of students and staff, provided no incident has been reported in an area under video surveillance, all recordings will be deleted at the end of 14 days without being viewed. Any recordings will be password protected and can only be accessed by the Principal or the Head of School.

The purpose of these cameras is not to catch student minor indiscretions or to monitor the grounds by proxy in some impersonal way. However, from time to time, incidents do occur and it is often difficult to investigate incidents to a satisfactory and just completion. The security cameras will obviously assist in this.

ANZAC March and Service

We have a proud tradition at GCCC of supporting the local ANZAC march on ANZAC Day as a whole school and all students are expected to attend. This comes out of a deep respect and gratitude for our Australian soldiers and what they have done to protect our freedoms.

I am always proud of how our students conduct themselves on this day and look forward to sharing this special experience with them again this year. Please remember that students must wear their formal school uniform including formal hats for secondary students.

We will assemble at 9.10am at the corner of Mawhinney and Free Streets in Beerwah. The march will then begin at 9.30am ending at the cenotaph at the Beerwah RSL where the service will commence at about 10.00am. Please bring a bottle of water with you on the day.

Floral tributes will be laid by the Primary, Middle and Senior School Captains.
From the Principal continued

**LOST PROPERTY**
As it is the end of term, all lost property has now been donated to charity.
Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled over the holidays.

**MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR**

**DEADLINE 30 MARCH 2012!!**

It’s that VERY IMPORTANT time of the year again when family data needs to be checked and updated.

All families should now be in receipt of forms reflecting current family and student information. Families are urged to check and update these forms **immediately** and return them promptly - irrespective of changes.

This information is vital in order for the College to provide a high standard of duty of care for your children. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

If you have failed to receive this Family Database Form please advise Admin immediately. Thanking you.
Odette Perkins, College Registrar.

**Found**
A small amount of money (in notes) was found. If you think this is yours, please contact Admin on 5439 0033.

**Messages to students while in class**

Over the last few weeks there has been a significant increase in the amount of parent messages our administration staff have been asked to relay to students.

We understand, that due to unforeseen circumstances, it becomes necessary for the office staff to relay messages to your children while they are in class. These messages may be a change to travel home arrangements because of car trouble, flooding or stuck in a traffic jam (for example). In these urgent and unforeseeable situations we don’t wish for any child to be stranded due to a lack of information.

Every time a message needs to be telephoned through to a student however, it creates an interruption to classroom teaching and learning. As we know, some children cope with distraction better than others, but for those who don’t cope well this can be a trigger for further interruptions and misbehaviour.

So please ensure that when you ask the office ladies to deliver a message that it has come about because circumstances have been genuinely unavoidable. For instance if transport home arrangements can be planned in advance and communicated to children before school it would help tremendously as it reduces the urgent communications.

This also extends to students being collected from class early. Again, for the sake of the disruption it causes, please only reserve this action for unavoidable circumstances and not because of convenience. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Camps and end of term activities.**

It has been a breathtaking end to Term One with Year 7 on the Canberra trip last week and year 9 and 11 on their respective camps this week. Year 8 have had an alternative activities programme all week and the Year 12s have had a one day retreat. To cap it off, the Year 10 students have been on work experience and we have had the P-6 parent teacher interviews. You can read about the Canberra trip in this newsletter and we will cover each of the other activities in more detail over the coming newsletters.

Finally, I would like to once again thank you for your support. As a College we take very seriously the commitment to work in partnership with our parents as we strive to educate children in the best way possible. I hope you have a restful and relaxing holiday and that you make the time to reflect on Jesus Christ, his resurrection and ultimate triumph over sin and death. God bless.

Mike Curtis
Primary News

Eagle Centre
Andrea McDonald (Literacy / Numeracy Support)

People remember 95% of what they are able to teach to someone else. (Glasser, 1990).

People learn . . .
10% of what they read
20% of what they hear
30% of what they see
50 % of what they both see and hear
70% of what they say as they talk
90% of what they say as they do a thing (Ekwall & Shanker, 1988)

The Eagle Centre became a hive of activity at the start of this term, as the Literacy and Numeracy Support staff worked tirelessly to equip and resource the Primary and Secondary rooms with a range of materials for use in the Year 1 – 8 withdrawal program. Endless cutting, copying and laminating ensured that students would experience a variety of activities targeted at meeting their learning needs.

Numeracy students have used games, measurement equipment, graphics and manipulatives to help develop their understanding of key concepts. The aim of the program is for Students to fully understand Maths concepts to the point where they can explain them to others, rather than to just master mathematical processes and procedures.

The following are quotes from some of the Year 7 and 8 students following seven weeks of participation in the program:

“I think I learn better learning in a small group. I understand that it isn’t really as hard as I thought it was.”
“I have learnt more than I did before.”
“I learnt lots of things in this Maths group and you just don’t use pen and paper.”
“I like this Maths because it’s helped me get the ideas of Maths better.”
“It helps because I used blocks not writing.”

Literacy students have participated in a range of reading, writing and word study activities. Verbal interaction and participation is a major element of the program.

“Tell me, I forget.
Show me, I remember.
Involve me, I understand!”

A highlight for the Year One literacy groups has been participating in interactive story telling with Mrs Heming (who very graciously also answers to ‘Mrs Hairy’). This often involves dressing up, making sound effects and actions, riotous laughter and excited squeals of “Do it again!”

Humpty Dumpty’s Birthday Party

Last Thursday, each Prep class enjoyed celebrating Humpty’s birthday with a party, as he had been so disheartened after his fall. He certainly was cheered up by all we did!

Over the course of this week, the children planned and implemented all their ideas to get the party organised. This included the style of party, when it could be, preparing the invitations, the décor, games and the food.

In the process, they have been learning many things including the importance of time in our lives: o’clock, days, months and seasons.

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Parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 are invited to register their interest for free Parent Ready Reader training. Parent Reader training provides parents and carers with some key strategies to use at home to support their child’s reading. The training runs for approximately two hours and covers literacy and stages of reading. Participants receive a Parent Ready Reader booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources. Parents and carers may also be interested in registering to become a Queensland Ready Reader. (Just Google “Parent Ready Readers” for details.)

RESPONSIBLE THINKING PROGRAMME

Despite the limited attendance at the RTP Parent evening recently, feedback from the parents who were there was very encouraging. If a 3.00pm session would be more suitable for you, please let the office know and we may consider a second parent presentation in Term 2 at that time.

Intervention meetings with parents of students who have been in the RTC a number of times have been held in the last two weeks of term and other appointments will be made for early in Term 2. Please remember that the Responsible Thinking Process and Intervention meetings are about supporting students in their behaviour choices. Just as some children need support with their learning, others need support with their behaviour. We are seeing some good results throughout the Primary since the implementation of the programme and teaching and learning for teachers and students is not being interrupted.

BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITATIONS – Giving out Invitations at College

As you can imagine, children love giving out invitations for their birthday parties to their friends at school. In the older year levels, students are very aware that a party or a sleep over is often limited to a small number of friends. However, the younger children often watch invitations being given out, eagerly waiting for one to be given to them, only to be disappointed when it isn’t forthcoming.

As adults we are very aware that life often brings disappointments but young children (particularly Prep – Year 2) have tender hearts which can easily be crushed or broken. Maybe your own child has experienced this heartache in the past, and you have had to pick up the pieces when he/she has been hurt. So, if your child is having a birthday party/sleepover, would you please keep this in mind and try where possible to give out invitations to other parents or students as privately as you can to minimise the impact on other children.

Cheryl Bryers

From 2M, Cathy Richardson

Year 2 have been doing a Toys Unit and writing narratives about toys. We wrote this story together. It is called “The Scary Noise”.

Blahlahlahlah!! “What was that?” Noah woke up. It was dark and really scary. There were spooky shadows around the room. Noah screamed but no noise came out.

Slowly he got out of bed, picked up his baseball bat and crept out of his room. He snuck past the kitchen, through the lounge room and into Mum and Dad’s room. Suddenly he felt safe. He quietly walked to Mum’s side of the bed and climbed up….but….she wasn’t there! He scrambled across the bed to find dad but the bed was empty! “Oh no! Where are they?” thought Noah as he snuggled under the doona.

Blahlahlahlah!! There it was again. What could be making that noise?

Something was coming down the hall. Noah tucked himself further under the covers. The footsteps got louder and louder, until they stopped at the door of the bedroom. Noah shook like an earthquake under the covers. The footsteps walked towards the bed. Noah curled himself so tight he could hardly breathe.

The covers were pulled back, making Noah yell in fright. Mum yelled too. “What are you doing in here Noah?” “I was scared Mum and looking for you!”

Blahlahlahlah!! “Wwwhat was that?” said Noah, leaping into mum’s arms. “Let’s go and see”, said mum quietly.

They tip-toed out of the bedroom and followed the sound. Past the lounge room, past the kitchen, along the hallway to the back door they went.

There on the back step was Jadey the dog, chewing on Noah’s favourite toy, his Noggle. Noggle looked up at Noah with his big eyes as if to say “help me!” Blahlahlahlah!! he went.

“Stop Jadey!, you are breaking my Noggle, cried Noah. “Mum, can you fix him?” “Yes, Noah, I can fix him”, mum said. Jadey had chewed of one of the Noggle’s long floppy ears and some of his fur. They took the Noggle and put him carefully in the laundry, ready to be washed and mended the next day.

As mum tucked Noah back into bed, he said “thank you mum, I was scared when I heard that strange noise”. Next time I will put Noggle somewhere safe, so that Jadey can’t chew him.
Primary News

Sensational Fun!

“Sensational Day” was the culminating activity of learning about the senses for Prep. It ran from 10am until 1.15pm on Friday 16 March. The three classes were divided into six groups. Using the expertise of our wonderful teachers, teacher aides and parents, these groups rotated through six different ‘hands-on’ activities designed to highlight the use of each of the senses.

Collage techniques were used to create tactile pictures where we were more interested in how the picture felt than how it looked. We mixed, cooked, smelt and tasted colourful pikelets.

Music is a great part of Prep so we made and decorated our own instruments including shakers, didgeridoos and drums. With our feet we enjoyed the varied sensations of a ‘Tactile Walk’ where we stepped our way through things like smooth cool marbles, crunchy bird seed, soft slippery foam and sticky pasta. Then we pricked holes in card following letter templates to create raised letters we could determine by feel, and identified the mystery sandpaper letters in the same way. We then made sound effect recordings that were very entertaining and certainly added to the enjoyment of the crazy story of the Yuckadoos! Using a simple technique we created ‘coloured sand’ bottles that were stunning to look at.

We heartily thank the parents who gave their time to enable us to plan such a busy day for the children, and thanks to our delightful Prep children who were ‘simply sensational’. God is so amazing in the way He created us. He really blessed our day with great fun, friendship and stimulating experiences.

The Prep Team

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 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Halogen Foundation Young Leader’s Day

On Monday, 5 March, Aaron and I were lucky enough to be able to attend the Halogen Foundation Leaders Day in Brisbane.

The day started off extremely wet and Aaron and I didn’t even know if we could make it to Beerwah, but luckily we could make it. Excitedly, we jumped onto the train at Glasshouse and our adventure began.

We started the day at the Convention Centre listening to Mr Mike Martin who is a former officer in the Australian Army. Mr Martin spoke about leadership, different ways you can be a leader and about influence.

Our next speaker was Mr Giles Clark, who a few you might know as he is a local. Giles Clark works for Australia Zoo in animal husbandry, mainly with the tigers. Mr Clark spoke about working well with others and being part of a team, which is a very important quality in good leaders. He does so much work with the big cats at the Australia Zoo and is responsible for their wellbeing and inspiring others in conservation. The Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Mr Graham Quirk, spoke next. Mr Quirk told Aaron and I, how important it is to be a good role model and to make things better than they already are.

We had a short break and then back to it with our next speaker Beau Robinson. Now he was really cool and I reckon that our dads would have liked listening as he talked about his football career. Mr Robinson spoke about goal setting and how that leads you to be the best you can be. He spoke of setbacks and not to give up your dream.

The last speaker of the day was my favourite, Marayke Jonkers. She is a Paralympic swimmer and a founder of the charity called Sporting Dreams, which helps other athletes with their disabilities. Miss Jonkers was AMAZING! Swimming is such a hard sport and takes a lot of effort, let alone with a disability, but she has never given up and represented Australia. If she ever had a problem, she always found a way to overcome it and better herself. I loved listening to her swimming stories and she was an AWESOME speaker!

The day drew to a close; Aaron and I were tired, but inspired by such important and special people. Back on the train homeward bound and still raining!

We just wanted to say a BIG thankyou to Mrs Lerch (Aaron’s Mum) for taking us down. It was a BIG day and she still had to go home and do all her chores. It was such a GREAT day, I am sure Aaron and I can use those words of advice to be the best leaders we can be. Bring on the school year and LOOK OUT WORLD!

Stephanie Ferris and Aaron Lerch

Primary News

Preppies Pause and Ponder

Two weekends ago, our family were at a social engagement and I started talking to a lady who I had never met before who lives near GCCC. She mentioned that her little boy was feeling sad, as that day they had lost their pet budgerigar. The bird flew out of the cage door which had accidentally been left open.

The family distributed flyers asking for news of their lost bird and had been praying for its safe return.

I tried to give some comfort and encouraged them not to give up completely and told the story of a budgie my family had once owned. “Cheeky” had escaped his cage in a similar manner but, remarkably, returned to our backyard after a short time. I wondered afterwards if that had been a wise thing to say, given the likelihood of that scenario happening again was quite remote.

Two days later, when I was in Prep, Mrs Ward came into the classroom from the Kitchen Garden with something in her hands. It was... you guessed it... a little budgie! It was very frightened as it had been chased by bigger birds. We found a shoebox, made some air holes and popped the little bird into the box. I told the children the story of the lost little bird and how we may have found its home.

I remembered where lady worked and rang her. After she described the bird, I knew we had the right one. The lady picked the bird up that afternoon and told the wide-eyed Preppies about how her family had been praying for the bird’s safe return and how her son would be so thrilled.

It was such a beautiful lesson in answered prayer for the Preps. They learned how God can use other people to help bring about answers to our prayers. He’s a mighty, big God, but He listens to us when we pray. God cares for all aspects of our lives - even our little, lost budgies.

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And yet not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Luke 12: 6-7)

And... It just goes to show... You never know what Mrs Ward will find in the Kitchen Garden!

Heather Dodwell
Students of the Week for Term 1

Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful work and behaviour in Term 1.

**PREP GREEN**  
(Mrs Rosenberg)  
Truth Wiggins  
Dylan Bradley  
Abigail Pearce  
Ella Coops  
Natasha Larard  
Cameron Willett  
Tyler Short  

**PREP MAROON**  
(Mrs Dodwell/Mrs Lindsay)  
Buster Smith  
Claire George  
Claudia Goddard  
Danielle Urbahn  
Dylan Bales  
Dylan Gillam  
Lachlan Weatherburn  
Lila Demerutis  

**PREP WHITE**  
(Mrs Smith)  
Zara Wilkes  
Zayd Robinson  
Max Cashin  
Tiahna Davies  
Kaitlin Morris  
Cooper Morgan  
Brock Morgan  
Jack Simpkins  
Oscar Hinds  

**1G**  
(Mrs Hay)  
Dominic Blinston  
Amo Mens  
Bryce Sambrook  
Jesse Seletto  
Macauley King  
Michael Newell  
Jasper Tait  
Abigail Elliott  

**1M**  
(Mrs West)  
Brianna McInnes  
Lachlan Klien  
Eleanor Robertson  
Mitchell Broderick  
Nicole Morris  
Lilli-Jean Cruise  
Nicholas Swanson  
Oliver Robertson  

**1W**  
(Miss Pollard)  
Beau Banks  
Mitchell Blue  
Ellie Cantwell  
Isabella Bullock  
Noah Clegg  
Angus Forbes  
Olivia Gregson  
Thomas Rauter  

**2G**  
(Mrs Robinson)  
Zara Wilkes  
Zayd Robinson  
Max Cashin  
Tiahna Davies  
Kaitlin Morris  
Cooper Morgan  
Brock Morgan  
Jack Simpkins  
Oscar Hinds  

**2M**  
(Mrs Richardson)  
Hamish Woodman  
Cassidy Ferris  
Jarrod Post  
Grace Garcha  
Ebyon King  
Shelby Daunt  
Lillian Evans  

**2W**  
(Miss Parker)  
Hunter Bradley  
Breanna Bullock  
Thomas De Luca  
Willow Hildreth  
Maddie Roulston  
Damien Tomokino  
Mackenzie Still  

**3G**  
(Miss Parton)  
Zara Wilkes  
Zayd Robinson  
Max Cashin  
Tiahna Davies  
Kaitlin Morris  
Cooper Morgan  
Brock Morgan  
Jack Simpkins  
Oscar Hinds  

**3M**  
(Mr Parker)  
Hamish Woodman  
Cassidy Ferris  
Jarrod Post  
Grace Garcha  
Ebyon King  
Shelby Daunt  
Lillian Evans  

**3W**  
(Miss Parton)  
Hunter Bradley  
Breanna Bullock  
Thomas De Luca  
Willow Hildreth  
Maddie Roulston  
Damien Tomokino  
Mackenzie Still  

**4G**  
(Mr Bowman)  
Zara Wilkes  
Zayd Robinson  
Max Cashin  
Tiahna Davies  
Kaitlin Morris  
Cooper Morgan  
Brock Morgan  
Jack Simpkins  
Oscar Hinds  

**4M**  
(Miss Parker)  
Hunter Bradley  
Breanna Bullock  
Thomas De Luca  
Willow Hildreth  
Maddie Roulston  
Damien Tomokino  
Mackenzie Still  

**5G**  
(Mrs O'Donnell)  
Sarah Mens  
Mikayla Heileg  
Leyton Schifferke  
Beau Howard  
Kirra Dodwell  
Casey Woods  
Connor Smith  
Tess Hagan  

**5W**  
(Mrs O'Donnell)  
Sarah Mens  
Mikayla Heileg  
Leyton Schifferke  
Beau Howard  
Kirra Dodwell  
Casey Woods  
Connor Smith  
Tess Hagan  

**5M**  
(Mrs Lowther)  
Hamish Woodman  
Cassidy Ferris  
Jarrod Post  
Grace Garcha  
Ebyon King  
Shelby Daunt  
Lillian Evans  

**6G**  
(Mrs Jen)  
Mitchie Siebenhausen  
Daniel Greasley  
Nick Fairclough  
Eloise Grigor  
Catherine Manthey  
Jack Robertson  
David Cantwell  
Jasmine Bond  

**6M**  
(Mr Eggleston)  
Hamish Woodman  
Cassidy Ferris  
Jarrod Post  
Grace Garcha  
Ebyon King  
Shelby Daunt  
Lillian Evans  

**Robot Home Helpers**

Move over WALL-E, C-3PO and Number 5. Year 3M students have just designed and built their very own Robot Home Helpers.

Students were given the task of designing and creating robots that can do daily chores around the house and the results were creative, imaginative and innovative. The children made robots that could vacuum, wash dishes, microwave, plant vegetables, make toast, do homework, walk the dog, clean the toilet (now there’s a job that nobody likes), and much, much more.

It was evident that all the robots shared one common trait and that was the sense of fun and adventure that went into their creation.

The project didn’t stop at the robot’s creation. Students had to make speeches to an audience persuading them to purchase their robot.

Even though the project was good fun, the task was designed the task to help students improve their understanding of measurement, increase their confidence and build their speaking skills.

Looking at the designs below, it is obvious that there will be some very good inventors, designers and potential entrepreneurs of the future in Year 3M.

*Tony Parker*
Year 7 Canberra Trip

Year 7s embarked on an exciting expedition to Canberra last week. Travelling through the night and arriving first in Sydney to cuddle the koalas, eyeball the gorillas, look loftily at the giraffes and amble past the turtles. After enjoying the scenic Sydney harbour and Opera House they headed off to Canberra. After only a few more: ‘Are we there yet?’ we arrived at our cabin destination.

The next morning we began our whistle stop tour of the sights. The capital of Australia unfolded its story to our year 7s and they grew in their understanding of government, history of federation, the arts, the sporting giants of our country and contemplated the courage and tenacity of our armed forces - especially those who have sacrificed their lives for our continued freedom.

I think as you see our year 7s walk around the school you may notice they seem to have grown up a little in those few short days away.

Most important of all though - the grub was good... and second to that, the company was not too bad. What a great job our tour company/bus drivers did! And, a big thank you to Mr Brad Evans, Mr Russell Modlin, Mr Cameron Hall and Chappy Michelle for their commitment and work for this camp to be what it was.

Mrs Jacqualina Vreeling
Year 10 Work Experience

This week all our Year 10s are out on work experience. Thank you to the students and their parents for making this possible and allowing everyone to have a great opportunity to try out different occupations. Some parents have taken considerable trouble to make this possible for their children and we appreciate parent support with this program.

As this newsletter goes to print the week has just started but already I can report that a small army of College staff are out in the community visiting our students in their workplaces. Today I have been doing hospital visits to our budding nurses. In this line of business it helps if your name is Emily! Today I saw Emily McNulty (Year 11 trainee) and Emily Hammill (Year 10 work experience) helping with equipment and stores at Kilcoy Hospital. Down the road at Caboolture Hospital Emily Ellwood (Year 11) has also just commenced a nursing traineeship.

Local hospitals have been very generous to our students this week. Caboolture Private Hospital is hosting Libby Carver this week and Arnya McMinn after Easter.

This week Mrs Ferris also caught up with Megan James at Force 8 Media Strategies in Caloundra and Karleigh Martin at Greencross Vets.

Our program of work experience would not be possible without very generous employers who agree to take care of our students for a week. We acknowledge this is very kind of them and we thank them sincerely. The workplaces who have hosted our students this year are listed below. Please support the businesses which support our College!

I hope all our students have had a great week of work experience and can now have a well deserved holiday. See you all next term!

Joan Ferris Future Pathways Coordinator
Joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au

| Northside Diesel                           | Maleny Dairies                      |
| Beerwah Active Physio                      | Maleny Vet                          |
| Embracia                                  | Maleny Hospital                      |
| Beerwah IGA                               | 1300 Locate                         |
| Beerwah Vet                               | The IT3                              |
| Caboolture Private Hospital               | Fitness Plus                         |
| Brisbane Isuzu                            | Kilcoy Hospital                      |
| Concept IT Systems                        |                                      |
| Suncoast Aero Engines                     |                                      |
| Hookies Kitchens and Cabinets             |                                      |
| Creative Sheet Metal                      |                                      |
| Whisper Images                            |                                      |
| Hanson Construction Materials Easter      |                                      |
| Valhalla Studios Bifrost                  |                                      |
| Parteck Consulting Services               |                                      |
| Fitness Matters Beerwah                   |                                      |
| Morayfield Road Super Cycles              |                                      |
| Scott Damien’s on the Lake                |                                      |
| D & F Autocare Landsborough              |                                      |
| Glasshouse Country Christian College      |                                      |
| Beerwah Computer Services                 |                                      |
| Force 8 Strategies                        |                                      |
| Caboolture Hospital                       |                                      |
| Information Services Griffith University   |                                      |
| First Class Weddings & Events             |                                      |
| Sunshine Media Centre                     |                                      |
| Greencross Vet Caloundra                  |                                      |
| Department of Primary Industries NSW      |                                      |
| Sunshine Coast Radiology                  |                                      |
| Katrina’s School Of Hair & Beauty         |                                      |
| Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE, Mooloolaba |                                  |
| Graeme Lean & Associate Veterinary Surgery|                                      |
| Spec Savers, Beerwah                     |                                      |
| Glasshouse Country News                   |                                      |
| Berrells Electrical Services              |                                      |
| Ace Cabinet Materials                     |                                      |
| Valhalla Studios Lightmare                |                                      |
Best Dewey movie winners

Congratulations to the following Year Five students who were voted by their classmates for producing the best Dewey Movie at the recent Year 5 Dewey Movie Premiere.

5M - Paige Martin, Bridie Pratt, Lauren Brockhurst
5G – Christian Jensen, Oliver Smith

Middle School Library Monitors

Special thanks to a number of Middle School students who have volunteered as library monitors and have been interviewed this week. To apply to be a library monitor, students must complete an application form and collect two written references from teachers. It is always a pleasure reading the references students collect and to have the opportunity to work alongside such responsible and courteous students. We are looking forward to having more helpers involved in our library team in Term 2.

Holiday Reading Fun

From this term all students are able to borrow library books over the holidays. What a great opportunity to encourage reading and to enjoy a book with loved ones over the Easter break. The holidays are also a great time to visit your local library. There are plenty of activities planned at the Sunshine Coast Libraries. For details go to http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=school-hols

Have a wonderful Easter,

VANESSA MCKELLAR

P-2 Library Fun

The library has been a hive of activity and excitement in the past two weeks with a range of exciting events celebrating the end of term. The Preps brought their teddies for a visit to the library and the Year 2 classes had a toy sleepover. The Year One classes finished colouring their rainbow fish for our underwater display. Special thanks to our Year 6 craft club members who helped create the colourful sea creatures for the display.

Some of the toys (above) spent the night reading to each other during the toy sleepover but others (below) got up to all kinds of mischief!

Prep Maroon (below) enjoyed their Teddy Bears’ Picnic in the Library - especially all those furry, cuddly, fuzzy hugs.
Bek White hurdles triumph.

Bek White did exceptionally well in the 100m hurdle final on 16 March at the Australia Junior Championships in Sydney. Bek only just missed out on a bronze medal, coming 4th.

She got a very impressive Personal Best of 13.95 and just missed out on the World Junior Qualifier to be held in Barcelona in July. WJ qualifier was 13.92 so it was very close. Bek is really really pleased with her efforts as is her whole family.

Well done Bek!

Equestrian Excellence.

Sarah has had a very busy month! She started with the Caloundra Hack Day, followed by the National Junior Judging Competition in Melbourne then the Queensland Judging Competition and the State Welsh Show.

Sarah has been training with her pony for the last 18 months and has spent every day since Christmas perfecting and grooming her pony for the Caloundra Hack Day. The training paid off for Sarah when she won the ‘Supreme Hack’ title. Fantastic job Sarah!

As the reigning Queensland Judging champion, Sarah jetted off to Melbourne the following weekend for the National Judging Competition. Sarah was up against the best in Australia and proved Glasshouse girls can match it with the best by winning 2nd place.

Last weekend was still busy for Sarah when she competed in the State Welsh Show where she placed 2nd in the Novice Dressage event and she also retained her state judging title by winning the Queensland Judging competition qualifying her for the 2013 National Judging Competition.

Laura Davis and Kayla Moore also competed in the State Welsh Show placing well in their events, both girls came home with placings and ribbons.

Well done Sarah, Laura and Kayla.

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JMC Academy’s 2012 Open Day

Interested in a creative future? Head along to JMC Academy’s Campus Open Day!

This is your chance to partake in a campus tour, participate in an overview of a course of your interest and interact with current students and Heads of JMC Academy’s Music, Audio, Animation, Game Design, Film & TV and Entertainment Business Management departments.

JMC is one of Australia’s leading private education and training providers for the creative industries, and they strive to provide all their graduates with a degree, a professional folio and industry contacts through a combination of theoretical learning and practical experience in their chosen field.

The Brisbane Open Day will be held from 10.30am until 3.30pm on the 26th of May.

Register your attendance on JMC Academy’s webpage www.jmacademy.edu.au or call 1300 410 311.

Well, it has been wet and hot, but wonderful in Kitchen Garden classes this term! The children have learned so many new things in our beautiful outdoor classroom and have enjoyed every minute of it.

This fortnight classes made certain we will be harvesting a bumper strawberry crop this season by cutting back the strawberry plants, planting new strawberry runners and fertilising and mulching the strawberry beds. Mmm mmm… not long before we will be enjoying those juicy, sweet strawberries!

Lots of other jobs performed during lessons included staking the tomatoes, planting lots of seeds (including lettuce, broccoli and coriander) and weeding, weeding and more weeding with Zara from Grade 1 proving to be the weeding champion! Each class lovingly tended their Adopt-A-Garden bed, though no watering was required thanks to the abundance of rain we have received.

Some more of our delicious pineapples ripened and were picked this fortnight. Our cooks made and devoured a delectable citrus and coconut slice from the KGP cookbook.

It really has been a fantastic term in the garden though we will be praying for a little more sunshine next term. It’s all about scarecrows next term with a competition being held for the best class scarecrow. Please bring in your old straw hats or holey boots you no longer have any use for to dress up your children’s class scarecrows.

Mandy Ward
GCCC Kitchen Garden Coordinator
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Don’t forget to check out the FABULOUS Kitchen Garden Program on this website.
http://www.gccckitchengarden.com.au

Kitchen Garden cookbooks are still only $20. These full colour hard cover books make ideal Mothers’ Day gifts. Pop into College Administration now to purchase your copy.
Funfest fever is in full swing at GCCC! Our fantastic new committee had its first meeting last Thursday, which was very well attended despite the torrential rain. A big thank you to Leisa for the pizza which fuelled some amazing discussions and ideas to make this year’s Funfest bigger and better than ever before! All of the key positions in the Committee have now been filled and we would like to send out a huge thank you to you all for offering your services.

One order of business for the new committee was to revamp Funfest from the ground up, including a brand new, fresh look logo. It was unveiled last week on our Facebook page, “Funfest 2012”. This page contains the latest information about plans for Funfest, so be sure to go on and “like” it to keep updated. You are also welcome to join our email list by registering at funfest@gccc.qld.edu.au.

Listed on our Facebook page are some of the great things we already have planned for this year, like Dodgem cars and Laser Tag! We have also locked in some amazing entertainment on the day, including our very own “homegrown” GCCC talent. Our market area this year is also going to be bigger and better than ever and we are asking for expressions of interest from businesses who would like the opportunity to showcase their products with a market stall. Please register your interest at funfest@gccc.qld.edu.au or on our Facebook page and we will be in touch with details of how to secure your stall at Funfest.

We are working hard to make Funfest 2012 a roaring success for the P and F but to do that we still need your help and LOTS of it. There are a few classes who do not yet have Parent Reps. There are some amazing ideas for class stalls being finalised and this is a great opportunity to really get involved and help make your child’s stall a success. The job includes working with the other Parent Reps from your year level to organise your year level’s stall and coordinating the parent volunteers. If you would like to be the Parent Rep for your child’s class, please let your child’s teacher know or contact Kristi James, our Parent Rep coordinator at john_kristi06@hotmail.com or on 0451 669 131.

If you would like to help out in a different capacity, keep an eye out after the Easter break for other ways in which you may be able to do this. We will be holding craft making and cooking sessions closer to the event and of course we will need lots of behind the scenes help leading up to and on the day.

Thank you again to our very committed committee and don’t forget to mark 4 August in your diaries!

Tina Grieve

This year’s Funfest committee is as follows:

- Funfest Coordinators – Nicole Bradley & Leisa McKenzie
- Parent Rep Coordinators – Kristi James & Priscilla Jeffreys
- Sponsorship Seeker – Bonnie Harding
- Auction Organiser – Michelle Boroughs
- Marketing – Tina Grieve
- Volunteer Coordinator – Alison Souter
- Treasurer – Julie Grange
- Ride Pass Convenors – Mel Parker & Janelle Goddard
- BBQ Convenor – Alaina Westaway
- Maintenance Officer – Mark Becker
- Cultural Director – Kelly Yeo

The committee can all be contacted via email at funfest@gccc.qld.edu.au

For additional information please contact Debbie Gibson on 0438 150 702.

Firstly, I would like to thank Mr Mike Curtis for his wonderful account in the last newsletter of what our school P and F can contribute to all of our students and to the individuals who take on a committee position.

As per our last P and F AGM held earlier this month, all positions were declared vacant and we have been very fortunate to have two new committee members raise their hand for a position. I would like to thank Alaina Westaway our new Secretary and Jules Grange our new Treasurer and Funfest Treasurer. We are however, still searching for a willing helpful person to put their hand up for the President’s position. I have been on the P and F for the past two years and, due to extended family medical issues, can no longer serve as President this year, so I thought I would tell you a little about the job to get you enticed:

**The President’s Role**

- To liaise with College staff and Principals.
- To coordinate (with the help of your entire committee) sausage sizzles and other fundraising ventures.
- To liaise with our wonderful Funfest committee (who will have a representative at every monthly meeting).
- To chair the monthly P and F meetings (we do not conduct a meeting in December, January or school holidays). We usually meet on a Tuesday evening in the school Library meeting room. The dates are not set in stone. Should a committee member have a family date conflict then the day can be changed to suit Mr Curtis and all other members.
- To attend the Family Picnic Day that is held every year in February.
- To make a fortnightly submission to the College newsletter.
- Last but not least - HAVE FUN!!!!!!!

It is truly a role that helps you meet new and different school families regularly and get varied opinions of where our hard earned P and F budget will be spent on what facilities etc. that would benefit the students best. I joined as I was reasonably new to the school and wanted to meet other parents and make some school friends.

So please, if you think this position could suit you, send an email to the P and F and support your school pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au.

**Mothers Day Stall**

As you know our P and F Mothers Day Stall is coming up on the 10 May. We will be opening the stall up for the entire student body - Prep to Year 12. We are looking for some College families that do a craft etc or have a home business that would like to participate by making some goodies for the stall. We already have a candle maker booked (thanks Hinterland Candles and Mrs Hind) but we were hoping for some wheat bags, key rings etc. If your home made craft fits this criteria please email me at pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au.

**Happy Easter**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish every GCCC Family including staff and students a very happy and safe Easter.
Enjoy being a parent
Bringing up children is hard work. Here’s how to enjoy the journey.

Raising kids is supposed to enrich our lives, yet parents are frequently outscored by singles and childless couples on many well-being and happiness scales. Perhaps it’s a case of the rewards of parenting being long-term, rather than in the present.

Those bundles of joy that you bring into the world come with some significant challenges as well. Genetic lottery plays a part. Some kids are easier to like and get along with than others. Most kids will push their parents’ buttons to some degree. However, some kids delight in annoying their parents more than others.

Most parents have terrific long-term goals for kids, such as making a contribution to the community and being successful in future work and relationships. We also want our kids to like us when they grow up.

But we want peace at home, which means we want our kids to get on with each other more and argue less. We also want our kids to do as we say the first time and to help around the house without accompanying sulks or tantrums that so often greet a reasonable request. This type of cooperation makes parenting enjoyable rather than just tolerable.

Here are some tips for achieving harmony and enjoying your role as a parent:

1. Improve your parenting skills
   Getting cooperation from kids isn’t as hard as most parents think. Firmness, good communication techniques and a determination not to be a martyr are the keys. Consider attending a parenting course, reading some books or working alongside a trusted friend to improve your child-managementskills.

2. Check your expectations
   Most parents are focused on raising happy kids and will do so at the expense of themselves. I support this view in the short-term, but putting kids first at your own expense is not a great long-term strategy for raising kids. If you want your kids to be happy and to thrive then you come first. You need to get some joy, if for no other reason than that your state of mind rubs off on your kids.

3. Maintain your own interests
   Most parents will agree that time away from kids helps them enjoy being with their kids. However, parents are hardwired to put kid’s interests before their own. There’s nothing wrong with that, but we do need to maintain some interests or hobbies of our own. It’s amazing how you can put up with more mundane parenting moments when you have something to look forward to!

4. Build regular down-time into family life
   When I ask parents how they are faring, I usually get one response. “I’m busy.” It seems we try to fit so much into our days that there isn’t a lot of fun to be had in parenting. Fun, rest, relaxation and flow have been squeezed out of our lives in the pursuit of more. When you strip fun and enjoyment from any activity then anxiety always increases.

Don’t be a family that’s always on the go. Make sure you have some down-time so family members can relax and have the chance to connect. And don’t be afraid that your kids may become bored. Boredom gives kids opportunities to keep themselves occupied.

5. Have some fun with your kids
   One way to increase parental enjoyment is to inject a little fun and levity into your parenting. If that means more time playing with your kids, just for fun, then so be it. Spend time doing more of what you enjoy with your kids and parenting satisfaction levels will improve.

Okay, so the house may end up messier than you’d like, and the garden unkempt but you may just end up with a smile of your face, and happier kids as well.