Absence Line

A reminder that if you are reporting the absence of your child from school then please use the absentee line which is 5436 5670 and just leave your message. This would be a great help to our office staff. The Absentee number is also at the top of every newsletter and on the GCCC website under Contact Us.

ANZAC Service and March

Every year I am increasingly proud of our involvement in the community commemoration of ANZAC Day. ANZAC Day for GCCC is about remembering the bravery and sacrifice of young men and women, laying down their lives for the protection of values and freedoms that we almost take for granted today. It is part of the greater story of our nation’s heritage. As a nation we should be grateful for what they did and as a school of young citizens we should demonstrate that gratitude and that respect.

Thank you to everyone who was able to march with us on Wednesday. It was a marvelous turn out. I would like to thank the Beerwah RSL Club for their generosity and hospitality shown to us on the day. Thanks also to one of our College parents, Colleen Gray, for generously donating her talent and time to put together three beautiful flower arrangements for the College Captains to lay at the memorial site during the service.

We also hold an ANZAC service at the College every year and this happened on Tuesday. We were visited on this occasion by Lance Corporal Ben Hopson and Private Kurt Peasley who jointly delivered the talk for this year and shared with the students about some of their experiences in recent missions such as East Timor and Afghanistan. Ben is the son of our Library Technician Kathy Hopson and Kathy is a very proud mum. The students did an excellent job reflecting on what ANZAC Day means to them and some enthusiastic performance poetry. The students laid wreaths that each class had made and the College Band played the hymn “Abide with Me”.

It was an occasion that the whole College could be proud of. Well done to all the Year 3-6 classes and particularly to Mrs Jen who coordinated the ceremony.
From the Principal continued

MESSAGES FROM THE REGISTRAR

If you haven’t returned your completed Family Database form yet, please do so within the next week.

This form is VERY IMPORTANT in order for GCCC to provide a high standard of care for your child.

Currently Enrolling for 2013

We are currently inviting applications for enrolment for 2013 across all year levels. Existing families of the College that have siblings that wish to enrol at the College for next year are encouraged to submit an Application for Enrolment (may be downloaded from the website) together with the following documents for the attention of the Registrar:

• a copy of the birth certificate
• last two years school reports (2010 and 2011) where applicable
• most recent NAPLAN results

Some years are quite full already so if you wish to avoid waiting lists we urge you to contact us immediately.

Please remember that simply having a student at GCCC does not automatically mean that the student’s siblings are registered for entry. Each student must be individually enrolled. If you are unsure if you have officially registered a sibling, please check with the Registrar.

Odette Perkins

Patience with the car park

As you are aware from previous newsletter articles we have purchased 13.5 acres on our eastern border. This land will have many uses as our campus expands. One of these uses is the provision of extra car parking.

However, even though we own the land it will still be a while until any changes to it will be permitted. As a school we must go through all the correct council and town-planning requirements and this will take time.

In the meantime I ask for your patience and cooperation with car parking. During the past week there have been some very strange car parking incidents including the main bitumen car park exit being partially blocked, parents randomly parking their cars and therefore causing all manner of traffic flow problems and markings such as the “No Parking” lines being consistently ignored. We have also had complaints from our neighbours about parents parking on their land and across their driveways etc. and reports of parents being rude to the home owners concerned when they have been asked to reasonably move.

We are blessed with the neighbours that we have at GCCC, they are cooperative and have reported out of hours trespassing on the school property on occasion. It is important that we respect them and are polite to them. I think this is an essential part of living in Christian community, living the golden rule that Jesus Christ himself set down, “treat others as you would like to be treated”.

Open Day - 19 May from 10am to 2pm

Our annual College Open Day is only a couple of short weeks away and will be held on Saturday 19 May. If you know of anyone who has expressed interest enrolling at the College this is a great opportunity for them to tour the campus, meet me and the staff and have their questions answered.

Of course Open Day is a day for all in the GCCC community to enjoy the displays and demonstrations, particularly for those who have not had a stroll around the campus for some time. It would be great to see you there.

If you would like a poster to put up in your place of business, would you please contact Sandy on sandy.johnson@gccc.qld.edu.au or ring her on 5439 0033.

Mike Curtis

New Days for Tuckshop

Tuckshop is now open four days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Tuckshop will continue to be closed on Wednesdays. Please check the website under College Life, Tuckshop, for the current menu. All volunteers welcome.

Please email Cathy Boyer at cathy.boyer@gccc.qld.edu.au if you can help.
The Prep to Year 2 students whose names were picked out of the WOW Award box for Term 1 were as follows:
Zara Cody, Julian Steyn, Thomas Quinn, Iamo James, and Annabelle Clarke.

Other students whose WOW Award is selected from all those given out in class and in the playground chose gifts from the special WOW Award Box.

Thank you to all students who marched on ANZAC Day.

Connectedness to family, school and the wider community is crucial for young people. It helps them to develop a sense of belonging and self-worth and helps them to become good citizens.

In the primary years particularly, we rely on parents to support our GCCC ANZAC Day March and bring the children to be a part of honouring those who have protected our shores and our freedom.

Thank you for your wonderful support.

Cheryl Bryers
What does ANZAC Day mean to me? by Kathy Hopson

Many people today do not know that the word ANZAC means the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, and for others ANZAC Day is simply a day off work.

To me and my family we get to say a simple “Thank you” for the young men and women of the past, who went to war and paid the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives to keep our country safe from those who wished to take it by force. I reflect on the fact that the ones who came home, and carry with them the memories of the events they witnessed in war, and of the ones they have lost and left behind, have to live with these memories every day.

They are the heroes of yesterday and need to be honoured and remembered today.

For me personally, I get to say “Thank you” to the many young men and women (including my own son Lance Corporal Ben Hopson) who have joined the armed forces full time or in the Reserves who serve their country so valiently in the Armed forces. We as family members are so proud of their achievements.

They are the heroes of today and this needs to be remembered today.

I would just like to add: John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Lest we forget.

4G Remembers

During GCCC’s ANZAC Day service on Tuesday, some of the students from 4G took time to remember members of their families who have served our country in times of conflict.

“On Anzac Day I want to remember my relatives who served in the Army as ‘Light Horsemen’ during World War 1. They are my great grandfather William Hill, William Davis and Robert Davies. William died at the battle of Beersheba but Robert survived that battle and many others to come safely back home.” Chloe.

“On Anzac Day I want to remember my grandfather who served in the Army as a ‘Tunnel Rat’ during the Vietnam War.” Emma

“On Anzac Day I want to remember my great grandfather William Henry Nathan Healy, known by all who loved him as ‘Snowy’. Grandad was on a Navy ship and witnessed the bombing of Japan. He also played in the Navy band.” Charlie.

On Anzac Day I want to remember my great grandfather who served in the Air Force during World War 2. Don Grant was 32 years of age when he went to war. His job was to work on the instruments used in planes. He came home safely. Jayde.

On Anzac Day I want to remember my ‘Great Poppy’ who served in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War 2. Rhys Owen was a galley gunner in an aeroplane called the Sunderland. While out on submarine patrol it was attacked by 8 enemy fighter planes in the bay of Biscay. Rhys was shot in the leg but the plane returned home safely. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for bravery in this action. Amelia.

On Anzac Day I want to remember my Pop who served in the Navy during World War 2. I guess he did it to protect us and my family. I wish I had been able to meet and get to know my Pop. Brianna.

Finally, I would like us to remember some of my Mum’s uncles and Godparents who served during World War 2. Chloe.

Mark Bowman

Leadership Visit to Immanuel College

Late last term, Year 6 Leaders (Primary and Sport Captains with Student Council Representatives) went to Immanuel Lutheran College for a Leadership Day. We participated in a variety of activities to build on our leadership skills, such as teamwork, communication and co-operation with other people. We also saw two guest speakers. Their theme was ‘never give up! You can do all things no matter how different you are’. One of the guest speakers was born blind, but now he has the most important job at the surf lifesaving club training people with radio communication. We all had an enjoyable day where we made new friends and we learnt more about the qualities of a good leader.

By Stephanie Freeman, Rebekah Woodhead, David Cantwell, Jasmine Bond.

Nicole Jen
Primary News


A morning with parents - A limit of 70 places for this workshop

When: Wednesday, 30 May 2012 - 8.30 to 11.00 am

Where: Queen Alexandra Room (Top Floor), Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo


Cost: $50 Speld Members; $70 Non Members

This will be a two hour workshop for parents and children.

Year 6 Science

In Science, Year 6’s were learning about states of matter and types of change. We did a lot of experiments to show physical and chemical change. For example, we dissolved salt into water and saw the physical change as the salt particles became so small that we couldn't see them with them until the water reached saturation point and the salt sat on the bottom of the jar. In another experiment showing chemical change, we mixed vinegar and bi-carb soda in a bottle and saw the gas it produced blow up a balloon. Science is fun!

By Anastasia Nano, Rebekah Atkins, Cara Cavanagh.

Bankfoot House Open Day

100 year celebration

Sunday 27 May 2012. 9am to 4pm at 1998 Old Gympie Road, Glass House Mountains.

Contact friends@bankfoothouse.org or ring the President Ron Gillinder on 0407 760 989 for more information.

GCCC Cross Country 2012

Prep – Year 3 Wednesday 9 May

Wednesday 9 May is Cross Country day. The students have been training hard and are ready to race! Please come and support your child as they participate in this event.

This event is a house competition with every runner earning at least 1 point for their house and an iceblock for finishing the race. Please encourage your child to wear their house shirt and sensible running shoes. There will be ribbons for placegetters and some lucky spot prizes for each race.

Race times: Prep – Yr 3 9.00am – 10.45am
School Oval (Preps run first)

Please contact Mrs Stott or the office if you are able to help on the day on 5439 0033.

Discount Coupons

There are some complementary student discount cards for theme parks on the Gold Coast available from Admin for a limited time. These discounts are for up to 50% off Movie World, Sea World, Wet ‘n’ Wild, Australian Outback Spectacular 2 and Paradise Country Aussie Farm.
**Still Life in Year 9**

Year 9 art students studied still life objects in art last term. They experimented with many different techniques and media and then produced a mixed media drawing. I was very happy with the results!

- Patrice Cutlack
- Chris Stefanac
- Billy Banks
- Louise Munyard
- Kalisa Balazs
- Rhianna Denett
- Paige Erskine
- Monique Newell
- Keaton Maximous

**Student ID cards and Photos**

All students should have been given their ID cards for 2012. Those who ordered class photos should have been given these as well.

**Trash and Treasure Stall and Car Wash**

As a fundraiser for the Fiji Mission trip we are holding a trash and treasure stall on Saturday 19 May (GCCC Open Day) from 8am until midday. Your trash could be someone else’s treasure so we welcome any donations. Donated goods can be brought to the College on Friday 18 May from 8.00am – 5.00pm. We encourage you to de-clutter your home and give to this worthy cause. Funds raised will bless the work and people of the Fiji bible college where we are staying.

On Saturday 19 May at Open Day you can also get your car washed for $7 while you look around the College or browse at the trash and treasure stall. Funds raised will also go towards the Fiji Mission trip.

**Fiji Fundraising Continued…**

Each Friday afternoon from 4 May until 22 May, we will have a variety of goods for people to purchase ranging from $3 to $10. I have included some photos of what will be available from next week until sold out (see picture). All monies raised will be donated to the Lautoka Bible College which is where we stay during our Fiji visit. Later on in the term we will be selling strawberries so keep an eye out for our stall each Friday afternoon near the bus shelter until 4.00pm.

**Assessment Planners for Term 2**

Assessment Planners for Term 2 will be distributed next week and will also appear on the College website before Friday 4 May. As it is a term that is interrupted by several public holidays and other excursions, please encourage your child/ren to get into good habits for homework and study as soon as possible to avoid last minute stress and work overload.

**Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews on 1st and 2nd May**

These will be held downstairs in the library. Please make every effort to be prompt for your interview times as any delay will have a knock on effect. It is important that times are strictly adhered to. If you do not feel that you have had sufficient time to adequately discuss your child’s progress, please feel free to make a follow up appointment with individual teachers at a later date.

- Sue Fraser

**IGA Tokens**

Please don’t forget to ask for your tokens at IGA when you shop. Tokens are no longer handed out automatically and customers have to remember to ask for them. GCCC recently received $541 from IGA through these tokens. Thank you to IGA and everyone who helped contribute to this significant donation.
Two delightfully delicious and delectable opportunities from Colleen Devitt, Hospitality Teacher:

Learn to cook like a chef:

Unexpected guests? Limited time in the afternoon to spend on preparing the evening meal? Come learn to cook a gourmet meal quickly with every day ingredients at…

Adore Cooking Classes
with Marc Devitt

Friday 11th May
3.30-5.30pm

Quiche Lorraine
Quiche Florentine
Smoked Salmon and Red Onion Quiche
Choc. Orange Mousse.

$40 per person, pay at the door and you get to take home a meal for your family!

RSVP by 9 May:
comoredevitt@gccc.qld.edu.au

Special treat for parents and staff:

TAKE-AWAY COFFEE

Teachers and Parents Welcome
8:00 - 8:43
Friday Mornings
Weeks 3 & 4

Come in and enjoy café style coffee and delicious muffins outside the Hospitality Room.

Coffee $3
Muffins $1.20

Secondary News

Coco, Curie et Jeanne d’Arc

In a combination of drama, live music and documentary style, this presentation weaves together the lives of three famous and extraordinary French women and outlines their different contributions to the fashion world, scientific achievement and history of La France.

This Presentation is coming to Glasshouse on Friday the 4 May, 9.30 -10.30 for all Year 7 and 8 French Students.

Jacqualina Vreeling

What is happening in Drama this term?

Sunshine Coast Junior Speech and Drama Eisteddfod.

Students in Drama have the opportunity to be apart of the Speech and Drama Eisteddfods at the beginning of next term.

A letter will be sent home for all students who are interested and the entry form needs to be returned as soon as possible. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to participate with other Drama and Performing Arts students around the Sunshine Coast.

Courtney Devitt

Year 11 and 12 Science students solve murder mystery.

The church was turned into a CSI crime laboratory recently when a visiting program showed Year 11 and 12 Science students how murders were solved using forensic science clues.
On 28 March, Year 11 set off to a camp at Helidon. After the 2.5-hour drive, our first official camp activities were to make our way across a swinging log, crawl through underground tunnels and get thrown over walls. The night activities were turned over to us as we realised just how hard it is for the teachers to get and hold our attention.

The next day we woke early, ready for another tough day, ANZAC style. We crossed grasslands on planks, transported supplies by boat, balanced across a seesaw bridge and became tunnel rats. These activities tested our trust, courage, sacrifice, and attitude individually and as a team. Next we put the ‘injured’ on a stretcher and pushed our way through a pool of mud that literally sucks you in. After dinner we split into our companies and carried another ‘injured’ person, running through a landing strip, down a giant slide, up and down steep hills, over obstacles, through mazes and as an added bonus we did some things in silence! The activities were physically and emotional challenging, and both teams came back closer than ever.

On the last day the whole group had a discussion about what we have learnt, become and what we want to take back to school. It was a great experience that taught us a lot about sacrifice, attitude and created new friendships.

Thank you to our teachers Mrs Winlaw, Mr Maguire and Mr Capps, for putting up with us, getting stuck in mud with us, getting us duct tape and waking up the campsite with singing.

Jacqueline Newell
After the Year 9 Camp at Pindari was over, students took time to reflect on some of their experiences, memories, and favourite times.

Buggy rides were a firm favourite with all the students:

“Funniest moment was when Laura popped the buggy tyre and nearly ran me into a tree.” “It was all really good, especially climbing the buttress and driving the biggies with Jess screaming the whole time.” “Nearly crashing the buggies with Courtney.” “When Rico nearly flipped the buggy.” “When I climbed the buttress and drove the buggies. I have learnt to conquer my fears.” “Jean nearly crashing the buggy and dum dum on the buttress.” “The buggies were fun.” “In the buggy with Joe.” “I was excited when I was driving the buggy.” “Going on the buggies with Bree when she was driving right on the edge of the road making it scary and fun at the same time.” “Going on the buggies with Ebony and on the boats.” “I remember when I was on the buggies with Kyle and he kept hitting the potholes.” “Going in the buggies with Anna was exciting and scary.”

Scary experiences including: climbing the buttress, getting lost on the mountain top, travelling on boats and looking down the toilets.

Bonding experiences included: singing lullabies at night, sitting around the campfire and making new friends.
Did you know?
In Australia there are around 1.7 million students enrolled in the public VET system, compared with over 1.1 million in university. (National Centre for Vocational Education Research).

UMAT exam for Year 12 students interested in Medicine and Health Science.
The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is a 3 hour multiple-choice test developed and used specifically to assist with the selection of students into medicine and health science degree programs at undergraduate level. UMAT is divided into 3 sections and is designed to assess general attributes and abilities gained through prior experience and learning. The Test is held on Wednesday 25th July and registration closes on 1 June. Please see Mrs Ferris or Mrs Fraser for more information.

Tour of Sunshine Coast Private Hospital in August.
In August students interested in the Health Industry may have the opportunity of a half day tour of Sunshine Coast Private Hospital at Buderim. Places are limited and highly competitive. Applications need to be in early next week. Please see Mrs Ferris on Monday if you would like to apply.

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE Short Courses being offered now!
Brisbane North TAFE has a wide range of accredited short courses available now or coming up soon. These are available to anyone in the community including our parents and students. They include Child Care courses, Caring for animals, First Aide, Responsible Service of Alcohol, Word Up! which is an introduction to Word, Excel and Windows 7 for home or work, a Fast track Certificate III in Business Administration, MYOB, Horticulture, Floristry to name a few. These courses are very cheap and are either complete in themselves or contribute units to an accredited certificate course. Really worth a look! Call BNIT on 131 248 or go to this page http://www.bn.tafe.qld.gov.au/courses/domestic-students/short-courses/index.html

Charlton Brown Open Day
Charlton Brown is a Registered Training Organization specialising in courses for nannies, early childhood, aged care, disability care, community services and welfare. They are having an Open Day in Brisbane this Saturday 28th April 10am – 2pm for anyone who is interested. For more information go to info@charltonbrown.com.au

Work Experience.
Thanks to our Year 10 students who, overall, did a fantastic job on work experience and represented the College well out in the community in the last week of Term 1. Log Books have now been collected and will be assessed. Any outstanding log books need to be submitted immediately otherwise students are at risk of not completing this unit and the overall Certificate in Work Education.

Here are some future teachers amongst our students and also some young people who may end as animal carers or vets!
CAN YOU HELP WITH BOOK CLUB?

The Scholastic and Koorong Book Clubs are run voluntarily by our Book Club Coordinators, Kym Hind and Jo Wolfe, who prepare and collate brochures and orders. We are currently looking for another parent to assist with sorting and delivering orders. Please contact Kym or Jo via library@gccc.qld.edu.au if you are able to assist, or pop in and see Vanessa McKellar in the library. Full training will be provided.

Library Top 5

Students are reminded of the following library expectations.

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

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 the insert located inside the front cover of all text books at the time of borrowing. Please encourage your child/ren 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. This will be finalised at the end of each year to minimise the disruption to borrowing it causes at the commencement of a new year. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Vanessa McKellar

LOST

Last week a white DSI was lost before school in the under covered area. It had an Indiana Jones game on it. If found, please return it to the office.
Aqua Aerobics

On Monday 23 April the year 10 dance students took part in an Aqua Aerobics class at the Beerwah pool. The students are currently studying different forms of fitness and how these can incorporate and be of benefit to dance. The year 10 students, although a little exhausted afterwards, all had a great time participating in the class.
Sports News

GCCC Athletes feature at Little A's
Many GCCC athletes featured at the Glasshouse District Little Athletics end of year presentations recently. Our students received many age champion and most improved trophies for their fantastic season of competition and efforts improving their own performances. The big highlight of the day was when the Most Improved boy and girl out of all the age groups over the year was announced. The awards went to:
Overall Most Improved Boy : Rick Graham
Overall Most Improved Girl : Shelby Daunt.

Under 6s:
- Boys - Age Champion - Bryce Sambrook
- Most Improved - Michael Newell

Under 7s
- Boys - Most Improved - Tyler Reeves
- Girls - Most Improved - Jordan Delacy

Under 8s
- Boys - Age Champion - Ben Blue
- Most Improved - Rick Graham
- Girls - Most Improved - Shelby Daunt
- Girls - Attendance Trophy winner - Cassidy Ferris

Under 9s
- Girls - Age Champion - Jaylah Daunt
- Girls - Attendance Trophy winner - Tiana Sambrook

Under 10s
- Boys - Age Champion - Nic Dwan
- Most Improved - Harry Brisbane
- Girls - Most Improved - Codie Rechberger
- Girls - Attendance Trophy winner - Lillian Evans

Under 13s
- Boys - Age Champion - Tom Dwan
Two encouragement awards for a boy and a girl were presented to
- Everett Evans Under 10 and Georgia Childs Under 11

Netball Victory
Congratulations to five of our College girls who played netball at Sunshine Coast Netball Association at Maroochydore, representing Tibro's Netball Club. They came first in their age group and division, winning five games, drawing one and took out first after a tight finish with having to count goals scored to determine the winner - they were ahead by just two goals. Well done Emily and Eloise Grigor, Stephanie Freeman, Rebekah Atkins and Jasmine Bond.
Welcome back to the garden for another term of exciting learning in the great outdoors! This term is all about bugs and diseases in the garden and we will be hearing about various things that destroy our harvest and how to control the common pests and diseases in Kitchen Garden over the coming weeks. Already classes have examined firsthand some of our damaged broccoli leaves which have been eaten by cabbage moth caterpillars. We eradicated the problem critters that were visible and learned about biological control agents that are available. One of these products which is very effective against caterpillars is Dipel, which paralyses caterpillar’s mouths so that they are unable to eat the tasty green leaves.

Harvesting was done in abundance after the holiday break and we had loads of cucumbers, eggplant, beans, bok choy and yummy beetroot. Lots of brassicas were planted for upcoming harvests of broccoli, cabbage and cauliflowers. The Year 3 classes replanted their Adopt-A-Garden beds out after their gardens drowned and all the seeds washed away in the recent heavy rain.

Our young cooks made a delicious tzatziki dip served with corn chips, using our own lovely, fresh cucumbers from the garden. The Year 1 and 3 classes made a roast beetroot, spinach and feta salad with a balsamic dressing.

The highlight of this term will be the Kitchen Garden Scarecrow Competition, which ties in with our theme of pest control. Each class will be designing and building their very own scarecrow. Many ideas have flowed and designs were penned in the first KGP lessons of the term. Classes demonstrated great team building skills, cooperation and democratic decision making abilities as they decided how their scarecrow will look (boy/girl, happy/scary, big/small, clothes, etc). Competition is fierce with all scarecrows being on display at Funfest when the public will vote for their favourite and the winning class will receive a special prize! Scarecrows will then be auctioned off on the day, so you may be able to win one for your own garden at home. One wonderful Prep Maroon mum (Sam’s mum) was so excited about the challenge that she arrived in the afternoon with the scarecrow body all made – talk about enthusiasm!

Claudia’s dad (Prep maroon also) proved to be a wonderful scarecrow designer, so I think the other classes have a bit of catching up to do! Donations of clothes are being sought, if you are able to help out, please ask your child what their class scarecrow needs or just email me. Some suggestion of things we might need are hair or wigs, hats, clothes, shoes or boots, etc. If you have an item that you think will really make your class scarecrow stand out from the rest – we’d love to add it.

Mandy Ward
mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au
Second Hand Uniforms Required

There are College families seeking second hand uniforms.

Formal uniforms for Primary, Middle and Senior, Primary jackets and Secondary jumpers are required.

If you have clean, stain and tear free second hand uniforms that have retained good colour please download a Second Hand Uniform Form from the GCCC website (College Life>Uniform Shop tab) and drop off uniforms items (with the form) to College Admin.

Any queries about second hand uniforms can be emailed to secondhanduniform@gmail.com

Romona Woods

Funfest

Funfest preparations are now in full swing at GCCC. August 4 is coming up fast and the committee is in a flurry of activity planning the biggest and best Funfest EVER! Not only do we have more rides (Dodgem...WOW!), but this year there will be entertainment running throughout the whole day.

There is bound to be something for every member of the family to enjoy, from the teacup ride for the littlies, Laser Tag and giant slide for the bigger kids, mechanical bull and auctions for Dad and market stalls for Mum, just to mention a few. On the main stage, our very own Machaneh dancers, cheerleaders, dance students and choir will be showcasing their talents throughout the day as well as some exciting new entertainment.

For regular updates of what you can expect to see at Funfest, make sure you “Like” us on Facebook. You can also register via Facebook if you are interested in setting up a market stall on the day. We already have a few stalls registered, so get in now before the spaces fill. If you don’t have Facebook, please feel free to email us at funfest@gccc.qld.edu.au

We’d also like to take this opportunity to send out a HUGE thank you to all of the people who have volunteered to help out. All of the Primary Class Parent Rep positions have been filled, which is fantastic! We will soon be sending notes home with your children with further information, so keep an eye out for those.

However, we still need Parent Reps for many of the classes in the Secondary levels. If you are a Secondary parent, PLEASE let us know if you are able to help out with your child’s class to make their stall a success. Remember, everything made from Funfest for the P and F helps the entire College.

There are many other ways that you are able to lend a hand to make this Funfest amazing. We will need plenty of volunteers on the day to help out with everything from setting up, parking, security and packing up. We are starting to put together a list of names for helpers on the day, so if you are able to help out, please let us know via Facebook or email us at funfest@gccc.qld.edu.au.

Let’s all work together and make Funfest a roaring success. I know I can’t wait until 4 August!

Tina Grieve

Open Day Sausage Sizzle

The P and F will be running a sausage sizzle and soft drink sale at the GCCC Open Day on Saturday 19 May from 10am to 2pm. Everything will be organised but they need volunteers to help run it during the day. If you can help please email me on knappshack01@yahoo.com.au or ring Kerri Knapp on 0410 039 673.

Pause and Ponder

We just celebrated ANZAC Day – probably the saddest day in the Australian calendar – and remembered the sacrifice that many made so that we could enjoy the freedoms we have today. This day touches us deeply and gives us a little more insight into the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us when he died on the cross to give us freedom from sin and death. However, unlike the Great War which was to end all wars and sadly didn’t, when Jesus rose from the grave three days after His death He showed us that the war against sin and death is won for all time.
"Ask WHAT when kids act up"

"Asking WHY when kids misbehave generally closes down a conversation and puts them on the defensive. There’s a better question to ask when kids behave poorly. Ask a question beginning with ‘WHAT’?"

WHY............?'

'Why on earth did you do that?'

Most of us have said this to our kids at some stage.

They hurt a sibling and we say, 'Why?'

They argue and fight at the meal table and we say, 'Why?'

They deliberately come home from an outing later than agreed and we say, 'Why?'

This is a natural reaction. But often kids can’t articulate why they have done the wrong thing. Boys, in particular, will usually reply 'I dunno.' They know something isn’t right, but articulating it is another matter.

Besides, asking WHY is pointless.

Even if they give you a reason for their poor behaviour ('cos sha hit me first', 'I’m not hungry anyway', 'I was late because I lost track of time') where do you go from there?

Asking WHY when kids misbehave generally closes down a conversation and puts them on the defensive.

There’s a better question to ask when kids behave poorly. Ask a question beginning with ‘WHAT’?

Okay, your first reaction to misbehaviour maybe 'What the...?' but hold that thought in. Bitter to ask questions such as:

- **WHAT** were you thinking when you hurt your sister?
- **WHAT** were you thinking when you decided to stay out late?
- **WHAT** was happening when you argued with your friend?
- **WHAT** afraid you have done when you didn’t want to and decided to annoy your sister?
- **WHAT** will you do next time when your feel like acting like that?
- **WHAT** do you think your brother would have said that you were.....?
- **WHAT** will you do next time to make it up to your brother?

These types of questions are reflective and restorative. They require children to reflect on their thinking, their behaviour and the situation at hand. This opens up conversations that lead to learning.

Effective discipline helps children learn better ways of behaving. Some of the questions lead children to the important aspect of repairing or restoring relationships they may have damaged through their behaviour and so take some responsibility for the way they acted. Taking responsibility and making amends is another vital aspect of discipline.

Importantly, asking WHAT when kids’ misbehaviour impacts on others leads them further down the road from entitlement to responsibility, something that other’s need to consider the well-being of others. It’s also in line with the types of questions teachers are asking your children when their behaviour adversely affects others.