From the Principal

Open Day

Open Day is happening next Saturday 19 May from 10am to 2pm. It promises to be a great day with demonstrations, performances, interactive subject displays and student work examples. There will be lovely food like freshly made scones (free) and a cafe run by our Hospitality Department. Our mighty P and F will also be there selling sausages and drinks. If it has been a while since your last stroll around the campus this day is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Experience tells us that there is every chance that you know of, or have been talking to families who are considering enrolling at GCCC because the vast majority of new students come about through referrals from our existing families. Open Day is tailor made for prospective families as they can have a chat to staff and students alike and have their questions answered.

There will also be a Trash and Treasure and a car wash operating as students raise money for the Fiji Mission Trip.

It is a day where the whole College community is invited. I look forward to seeing you there.

A plea for help

We would like to display our College on Open Day in the best possible light. Our groundsman Mark and Tim do an excellent job in maintaining the campus grounds but there are some jobs which we would like to get done before the big day like weeding, blower vac and sweeping, pressure water cleaning and scrubbing walls. These are the sort of jobs that are difficult to find time for in the normal scheme of day to day maintenance. If you could spare a few hours between now and Open Day we could really use your help to get on top of these jobs in our limited timeframe.

Just call the College Admin and speak to Graham Fraser our Business Manager.
Bus Rebate - Apply Now

Please do not forget to go online to www.schooltransport.com.au/ to claim your bus fares rebate. This must be done in the month of May. No late applications will be accepted.

Bronwyn Harrison

Changes to the P and F

I am delighted to announce that many of the P and F executive positions for this year have now been filled. I would like to welcome to the team Alaina Westaway as President, Julie Grange as Treasurer and Emma Chapman as Secretary. On behalf of the whole GCCC community I would like to welcome these people to these important positions and thank them for serving and leading our parent body in this way. Even though I have said it before I would again like to thank our outgoing President/Secretary Bonnie Harding and Treasurer Kerri Knapp. These ladies have been outstanding leaders of our P and F over the past two years and I have appreciated very much their dedication, energy and flexibility as we have worked together to make the College a better place.

Cross Country

Last Friday we had our Cross Country Carnival for year 4 to 12 and Open. The competition was hard fought and there was a great house spirit. The participation levels were very pleasing and some individual performances were simply incredible. The overall winning house will be a sum of the house points in all three carnivals and that will be decided by this Wednesday with the P-3 carnival (which has not occurred by the time of writing this article). More photos and articles are in the Sports section of the newsletter.

Mothers’ Day

Finally, I would like to wish all Mothers a wonderful Mothers’ Day and I hope you are suitably spoiled by your families this weekend. Elizabeth Stone once said, “Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.”

Mike Curtis

NAPLAN 15-17 May

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in years 3, 5, 6 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

It is important that your students attend on these days. If for any reason they will be absent, please let the College know as some make up sessions are available.

Suzanne Power

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 who 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:

• a copy of the birth certificate
• last two years school reports (2010 and 2011) where applicable
• most recent NAPLAN results and mark it for the attention of The Registrar.

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
**Primary News**

**Year 6 Group Activities**

We all learn in different ways. Year 6 students enjoy a lot of hands-on and group activities.

*Nicole Jen*

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**Year 3 Time Travellers**

Year 3 recently travelled back in time for an excursion to Teamsters Hall of Fame and the oldest house in Glasshouse: Bankfoot house. This is part of our SOSE, History and English integrated unit focusing on why people settled at Glasshouse and the fascinating impact that transport has had on local history.

Led by some friendly and wonderfully informative Bankfoot House guides, we wandered through the house as it would have been hundreds of years ago. We were fascinated by old typewriters, lanterns, irons and tools. We played honky-tonk music on the pianola, were surprised by tiny bedrooms with four posted beds and listened to stories about those who have lived there.

However, it was unanimously decided that the highlight of the excursion was eating the homecooked damper at Teamsters Hall of Fame and climbing on one of the actual Cobb and Co coaches.

*Jane Parton*

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**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.

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**Found Property**

- Pink watch
- ‘Cube’ watch keyring
- gold necklace with stone pendant
- blue agate stone
- chocolate Easter bunny

If any of these items belong to you, please see Student Reception.

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**Dr Seuss and Cathy Richardson**

Some of you may know that our Year 2M teacher Cathy Richardson’s son has been diagnosed and is receiving treatment for a serious medical condition in his knee. Year 2 are studying Dr Seuss and writing rhyming couplets so Cathy wrote to the students and asked, “What would Dr Seuss write if he was in the classroom with you today?”

Ella Childs (with a good dose of help from mum, Vicky) came up with this heart warming response.

**CHRISTOPHER by Ella and Vicky Childs**

*Oh Christopher we whisper, may you go to bed with a better leg so you can rest your head!*

*In the morning when you are yawning eating your toast so you can boast... How you feel so unreal... You’re on your way up...up...up and up Nothing will get you down so don’t frown. Get out of bed and get those teeth clean. After all this will only be a dream.. Get your books, pack your bag, there is another day to be had.. Remember to smile and it will travel a mile.. Love is a gift so take that lift and you will succeed OH YES INDEED!!! As Dr Seuss would say “Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So....get on your way”!*
Uniform Shop

We have not increased the price of jackets and jumpers since 2005/06 but sadly, the time has come.

Jackets and jumpers are both now $65. They are great quality and last really well if you buy a bigger size so they fit for longer.

The new Primary and Secondary price lists order forms are now on the GCCC website www.gccc.qld.edu.au.

On Open Day there will be a stall selling hair accessories in the College colours so this is another great reason to attend Open Day.

Kylie Woodhead

Open Day 2012 - it’s nearly here!

This year’s Open Day promises to be bigger and better than ever. What makes this day really special are the GCCC students and families.

Students are invaluable on the day with leaders and volunteers taking visitors on tours, greeting people at the entry and helping with the multitude of tasks that make this day so great. Other students are involved in Hospitality duties, performances and helping out in the Secondary classrooms. It is hard work for them and they do the College and their parents credit with how well they perform these tasks.

GCCC families add a great buzz to the atmosphere and we really appreciate their interaction with first time visitors to the College. The P and F do a wonderful job of the sausage sizzle and everyone’s input is valued and appreciated.

If you haven’t had a chance to check out your child’s classroom this year, then Open Day is the time to do it. You will also be able to see the latest developments and additions to the College campus.

As well as the timed events below there will be student work displays in all the Primary classrooms and many of the Secondary classrooms will have activities such as watching the syringe robots do their tricks in the Industrial Design and Manufacturing workshop. Students can enter the Eagle Hunt competition to win prizes such as four adult movie passes, a GCCC mug filled with Fantales or a GCCC LED torch. There is also the new lollipop fishing game where children can learn about the College’s core values and have a chat to the chappies.

The Sports Department will have games of tennis, mini soccer, moon hopper races, frisbee throwing and golf putting in the Primary area outside the gym and there is a special stand for VET and Future Pathways where you can find out the terrific opportunities open to GCCC students.

See you there!

Open Day Timed Events

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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

See you there!
Secondary News

**Literacy Workshops for Year 11 Students**

GCCC is offering Year 11 students workshops in gendered groups focussing on the literacy areas of grammar, spelling, punctuation and building vocabulary. Details are as follows:

**What:** Mrs Winlaw’s Workshops for Word Domination.
**When:** Thursdays 3.15pm-4.30pm
**Boys:** 17 & 31 May, 26 July, 9 & 23 August.
**Girls:** 24 May, 7 June, 2, 16 & 30 August.

**How:** Enrol your student by contacting College admin or email jo.winlaw@gccc.qld.edu.au by 14 May.

**Note:** These workshops are not a tutorial time for assistance with completing assessment tasks.

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**STUDENT TEACHERS**

Just so that you are aware, we have welcomed a number of student teachers from QUT, James Cook University and the University of the Sunshine Coast to work in the secondary area of the College. They will be honing their skills as future teachers and assisting in the classrooms. We wish them all the best.

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**NAPLAN TESTS**

From 15 May - 17 May, our Year 7 and 9 students will be doing their NAPLAN tests. Please ensure that your student is at school by 8.30am as we will commence these tests at 8.45am sharp. Students have been preparing for these tests in their English Humanities and Math classes. Please remember that these tests are only one representation of results at this point in time.

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**MOTHER’S DAY**

We hope and pray that all Mums feel loved and appreciated this Mother’s Day.

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**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Thanks to all those parents who invested time to come to our recent parent/teacher interviews. We hope that the night was beneficial for you and that we can continue to partner in educating your child/ren.

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**FIJI MISSION FUNDRAISING**

We have a number of fundraising events coming up as we count down to our Fiji mission in July.

A trash and treasure stall will be held on Saturday 19 May (GCCC Open Day) from 8am until midday. Your trash could be some 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.

Car Wash - 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.

Goods for sale - Each Friday afternoon of Term 2, we will have a variety of goods for people to purchase ranging from $3 to $10. 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.

All funds raised will be donated to the Lautoka Bible College where we will be staying.

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**Free Breast Cancer Screening in Maleny**

Maleny Hospital 17 Bean St.
30 May to 21 June 2012

Women aged 50 - 69 are particularly encouraged to attend, but this free service is available to all women over 40. No doctor’s referral is needed. Phone 13 20 50 for an appointment or more information.

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Sue Fraser
**Secondary News**

**SPELLING BEE HOTLY CONTESTED**

Over the last three weeks House teams in each year level from 7 - 9 fought it out to see which House had the best ‘spellers’ in our first ever ‘Spelling Bee’.

Teams battled with each other to see who would add the most points to their House’s challenge for the ultimate prize of the Legacy Cup.

The first round for Year 7 students was taken out by ARARAT, the second round for Year 8 students by SINAI and the final round for Year 9 students by ZION.

Congratulations to all participating students for giving up their lunch time to bravely represent their Houses and to all the Middle School students who came along to support their teams!

Jo Winlaw

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**Getting acrylic paint out of uniforms**

One helpful GCCC parent wanted to pass on this information on how to get acrylic paint out of clothes.

1. Rinse the affected area the clothes as soon as possible in cold water. Do not use hot or warm water.

2. When home put the clothing item in a small amount of water - just enough to cover it and dollop with a generous amount (quarter to half a cup) of good quality dishwashing liquid.

3. Soak overnight, rinse and then put through the normal wash (cold water only).

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**What is happening in the Drama and Dance Department?**

At the end of this term we have Drama and Dance performances occurring. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn the craft of performing and experience the thrill of performing for an audience. Both performances require costumes and at this time we would love to invite all parents, guardians and community members who can lend a hand in sewing, cutting, pinning or measuring to come forward. All help in this area would be greatly appreciated! The costume goes a long way in helping students to take on a role. We will be having a working bee 23 May and Friday 25 May.

Please email courtney.devitt@gccc.edu.au (Drama) or stacey.whyte@gccc.edu.au (DANCE) if you have any queries or can lend a hand. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Courtney Devitt

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**Yr 9W and 10G in the Science Lab**

Year 9W and 10G recently learned about chemical properties and how they affect flame colour.

- Chemical: flame colour
- Barium chloride: apple green
- Calcium chloride: dark orange
- Copper chloride: green
- Potassium chloride: lilac
- Sodium chloride: orange
- Strontium chloride: red

Jenny Ritson

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**Some more work experience photos from VET section**

Left & far left: Another nurse Emily (this makes number four of our nurses called Emily!) at Embracia Nursing Home along with Nikayla also at Embracia.

Glen at Creative Sheet Metal in Beerwah.
Did you know?
The VET sector is a popular choice for young people (aged 15 to 19 years), with 30% of all young people living in Australia undertaking some form of VET!

Improve your chances of an apprenticeship!
Sunshine Coast TAFE is holding an Information Evening for Pre-Vocational courses starting in Semester 2 this year. Information provided, though aimed at young adults who have already left school, will be very useful for any of our senior students who may be considering leaving school at the end of this year, and who might benefit next year from a helping hand into an apprenticeship by way of a short TAFE course to get them started. This will be held next Tuesday evening 15 May at Sunshine Coast TAFE at Nambour. For Electrical, Metal Fabrication and Automotive Trades go to the Engineering Block F Block 1st floor. For Construction and Carpentry go to E Block 2nd floor. Ring for further information on 5457 1000.

Defence Force Update.
I (Mrs Ferris) have a current newsletter from the Defence Force Recruiting Team. If you would like all the up-to-date news please contact me so I can forward the email to you. However, in brief, here are some points of interest regarding Defence Force careers and activities:

• We have been advised that students being awarded Defence Technical Scholarships should be receiving information about this very soon. Letters are going out in the next few weeks.
• There are still opportunities for Gap Year places for next year with the Defence Force however applications must be in straight away.
• The newsletter also outlines the requirements for ADF Pilot applicants.
• The newsletter outlines the whole recruitment process from application to enlistment.
• The Emu Gully Land and Air Spectacular is to be held on the weekend of 19/20 May at Helidon Spa near Toowoomba.

For more information on these topics go to the website http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/

Learning Accounts – Queensland Certificate of Education
All Year 10, 11 and 12 students have Learning Accounts where credits are accumulated towards the Queensland Certificate of Education. Students are encouraged to check their learning accounts well before the completion of Year 12. This will reduce the number of errors in Senior Education Profiles as well as the number of appeals resulting from student lack of understanding regarding the information in their learning accounts. Please note that students need to contact non-school RTOs directly if information is not in their learning accounts. QSA is unable to contact these RTOs on a student’s or school’s behalf. To check your account go to Student Connect and then log in. You will need your Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) number and a password to log in. Students can see Mrs Ferris if they need some help to access their accounts.

JMC Academy Open Day
JMC Academy in Brisbane offers courses in Music, Audio Engineering, Entertainment Business, Animation, Game Design, Film and Television. The Academy is having its Open Day on 26 May from 10.30 – 3.30pm. To register go to www.jmcacademy.edu.au

Council Careers Forum
Did you know that our Sunshine Coast Council is the biggest employer on the Coast and the 4th biggest local government authority in Australia? Fortunately for us our Council is also committed to assisting young people into the work place. Our Council supports work experience programs and employs 30+ trainees (mostly school leavers) each year.

On Tuesday 24 April a group of our Year 12 students went along to a Sunshine Coast Council careers forum where they were told about careers in the Council, how to apply for jobs and Council selection procedures.

Of particular interest were the traineeships which Year 12s can apply for at the end of the year which provides students with a year of experience in the Council including a Certificate III qualification in their chosen field. Students were very surprised at the huge range of careers available within the Council from looking after turtles to theatre management, Engineering, Conservation and many more. Here Chloe and Rhiannon are learning about some of the careers in Engineering and Design in the Council.

Do you want to be a pilot?
Pilot Aptitude Training (PATS) are experts in aptitude test preparation and providing advice to young people who want to join the Australian Defence Force and airline pilot cadetship programs. In their current newsletter is information about the Jetstar cadetship program and also some advice about steering through the Defence Force selection process. For more information go to their website http://www.pilotaptitude.com/ and subscribe to the newsletter.

Date Claimer - USC Information Evening
There is a USC Info Evening on 30 May. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Joan Ferris
Cheryl Costin
Primary Students - Fit and Fast!

The Beerwah Sports Ground was filled with keen and nervous Primary students all ready to compete in their annual Cross Country. The students have been getting fit while running in the Lapathon Challenge and were looking forward to a great morning of racing.

The 9 year students ran first and waisted no time racing around their 2km course. Declan Martin who has been training hard for this event went straight to the front and ran a beautiful race to win ahead of Julian Munyard and Brayden Bell who battled it out for second and third. Amity Roser was also a clear winner showing a clean pair of heels to Emily Roach and Isabell Holley who ran great races to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The 10 year boys’ race was a well fought contest with only 25 seconds separating the first five finishers. Nick Dwan, Beau Howard and Tomas Lunt battled it out and the lead changed several times but with a well timed kick of speed about 250m from home Nick Dwan opened up a gap and ran very strongly to the finish line. Beau and Tom battled it out in a sprint finish with Tom just pipping Beau at the finish line. Lachlan McWilliam and Patrick McKenzie also ran fast to finish under 9 minutes. McKenzie Stokes looked relaxed and in total control of her race as she lead the 10 year old girls home, winning by almost a minute. Tess Hagan and Tara Fissenden had a sprint finish with Tess just beating Tara in the last few strides of the race.

Tough competition and close finishes seemed to dominate the boys’ races and the 11 and 12 yr boys continued this trend. Eleven year old Harrison Still was too strong for Matthew Fisher who tried his hardest to beat him and Dylan Meyers and Christian Holley also had a great battle for 3rd and 4th spots. The lead changed several times in the 11 year girls’ 3km race but Jasmine Small was too strong and fit and ran on to win ahead of Codie Rechberger and Jasmine Bond.

Natasha Hoeksema blitzed the opposition showing her class and fitness to win the 12 year girls’ 3km race by more than two minutes. Claire Cornel and Rani Weir ran well to finish 2nd and 3rd. The boys’ race was hotly contested with Jack Fissenden, Roarke Carter, Percy Morris and Cameron Kennedy tracking each other for the entire race. Jack put the pressure on and established a lead to finish 30 seconds ahead of Roarke. Percy and Cameron sprinted home to use every bit of energy they had with Percy finishing 3rd.

Participation on the day was fantastic with all students keen to do their best and earn points for their house. Lucky spot prizes and team race winners were presented as were ribbons for placegetters. The Cross Country House trophy was won by Ararat in a very close competition, Ararat 125, Zion 123, Sinai 113,( Primary points only) and presented to the house captain Harrison Still.

Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the students as they ran. We really appreciate your support and also your invaluable help on the day.

Congratulations to the first three placegetters in the 10 – 12 year age groups who will go on to represent GCCC at the Glasshouse District Cross Country at St Micheal’s College.

Wendy Stott

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This year’s Secondary cross-country carnival was certainly a very exciting spectacle. The level of participation from students was at an all time high ensuring an enjoyable event that exhibited some gritty performances from some of our exceptional school athletes as well as some commendable efforts from all others who managed to finish the race.

Amongst participants this year we have a group of talented athletes that through discipline, training and determination managed to eclipse the field to finish first second or third to secure a spot in the GCCC Cross Country team that will compete at the District Cross Country Event to be held at the Maroochydore Cricket Grounds on Friday the 11th of May.

The first three placings for each race are listed in the table below.

**Matt Beattie**

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**Sports News**
Sports News

Emily Qualifies for Nationals

Emily Scott showed her dominance in Queensland by beating all the other competitors to qualify for the 2012 School Sport Australia Diving Championships. Emily performed conservative dives to protect her healing shoulder but scored highly and still managed to win the Qld School Sport Diving Qualifying Competition by 100 points. Emily is a member of the Queensland School Sport Diving team and will compete at the National Championships held in Sydney in July/August and we wish her all the best in this competition.

Matthew Flinders Interschool Showjumping

The Mathew Flinders Interschool Showjumping Carnival is being held on Saturday 23 June. This is a great event for students who are involved in showjumping and it is the only opportunity throughout the year to compete for GCCC in showjumping. Interested students need to see Mrs Stott or the College office to receive further information.

Landsborough Community Kindergartens Annual Cent Auction

When: Saturday 26th May, 2012.

Where: Landsborough Memorial Hall

Doors open at 6pm.

Heaps of draws and great prizes!

Entry - Adults $2.00/Children .50c (includes ticket in lucky door prize, and a light supper).

A great night out with all proceeds going directly to Landsborough Community Kindergarten!

For any further information, please contact Cherie on 0418 663 988.

Mrs Scott’s U.S. Adventure

Firstly, a big thank you to World Cup Cheer and Dance for giving me the opportunity to watch the best cheerleaders in the world. What amazing talent!

The World Titles held in Orlando, Florida had teams in Level 5 and 6 only competing. We are Level 1 so the stunts the teams were doing were mind blowing! The tumbling is near Olympic standard, the tumble lines were a front layout followed by a double twist and another double twist.

The cheerleading movies are right! There were cheerleaders everywhere with big hair bows and big smiles. There were teams from most countries around the world, cheerleaders from Finland to Peru, Japan, China, Germany, all over really. Australia and New Zealand both had teams entered.

Cheerleading is a sport for all body types and they were needed in the stunts. Girls and sometimes boys were being thrown not just metres but stories in the air. They would stand on someone’s hand in the pyramid three people high in the air, throw a backsault and land back on that hand, just amazing and effortless.

The stadiums were full each day; they had different venues for the different levels. The Cheerleading was held in two of the stadiums at Disney’s Wide World of Sport and the Dance section was held at the Epcot themepark.

The competition went over three days starting with preliminaries then semi-finals then finals. The US teams were competing against themselves for the first two days then against the ‘world’ teams. They really are a class above; they were fast, energetic and dynamic. The ‘world’ teams were still very good too! I think I was too awestruck to take too many notes so I have purchased some of the DVDs.

The weather was beautiful and I did manage to see a little of the Disney World theme parks, enjoy the fireworks and the wonder of Disney.

Thank-you also to Mrs Freeman who coached the cheerleading teams while I was away.

Christine Scott
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.

Scarecrow Business

This fortnight in the garden it’s been all about scarecrows, scarecrows, then some more scarecrows! The kids and parent helpers have all had lots of fun as classes started making their class scarecrows, which will be judged and auctioned off at Funfest.

Classes worked on the scarecrow heads and organized their outfits. There are definitely lots of different personalities evolving from the hessian! Many thanks to Sam Porfiri’s mum, Nadia, for donating the hessian to make our scarecrows. Thanks also to Daemon and Lily-Jean’s Nanna, Mandy, for volunteering to sew the hessian bodies for us… what a job. We’ve had a great influx of donated items, thank you to all the families for the donations of broom sticks, clothes, hats and other great items to decorate the scarecrows and make them stand out from the rest.

Classes kept up their jobs in the garden, planting more seed potatoes and mulching the spud bed. More beans and pea seeds were planted and eggplants were harvested. The cucumber vine was removed after a bumper crop and the Adopt-A-Garden beds are being maintained and continue to grow and are looking beautiful and colourful.

Our late harvest of corn was picked, sampled and given the thumbs up, as it was so sweet and delicious. Lots of green tomatoes were harvested, which Mr Evans made into his famous pickles for us to sample.

The caterpillars are chomping away our broccoli seedlings, despite constant spraying with Dipel to eradicate the hungry little critters! Let’s pray for more sunshine so our Dipel doesn’t continue to be washed away, as it has been previously.

The Year 1 and 3 classes made a lovely crunchy wombok salad, fresh from the garden and devoured it in no time.

Sustainability Expo

The annual Glasshouse Country Sustainability & Garden Expo hits Turner Park, Beerwah again from 9am on Sunday 27 May 2012.

With kids’ activities and jumping castle, gardening and technology workshops, plenty of great food and a keynote presentation from radio personality Annette McFarlane, it’s a family fun day not to be missed.

This year’s event has a joint focus on health and wellbeing, gardening, sustainability and the environment, with over 60 local organisations exhibiting their goods and services.

For more information check out the website at www.s-g-expo.com.au

GCCC’s wonderful Kitchen Garden Coordinator extraordinaire will have a store there to sell KG’s Cooking Creations cookbook.

Mandy Ward
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The community spirit is thriving at GCCC. August the 4th is fast approaching and the amount of people who have put their hands up to help organise Funfest this year is awe-inspiring! So far we have 56 people volunteering for different roles for Funfest and we would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge thank you to those people who have volunteered so readily. It is a huge job and there is an enormous amount of preparation that goes into Funfest, so it is amazing to see so many people so keen to help. THIS is what is going to make this year’s Funfest such a roaring success. We do still need plenty of volunteers to help out on the day, so if you are keen to jump onboard, please forward your details to funfest@gccc.qld.edu.au

The primary stalls have all been allocated and Parent Reps found for each class. Some of the initial Parent Rep letters have already started going home and the rest will be sent home in the next week or two. These will give you an idea of how much help will be required to organise your class stall.

Here is the list of Primary Stalls and Parent Reps:

**PREP - Craft & Strawberries:** Robyn Long, Michelle Thomas, Michaela Weatherburn, Janelle Cameron.

**Year 1 – Cakes:** Kerri Knapp, Kirsty Blinston, Kim Hamon.

**Year 2 – Toys:** Lisa Ellis, Annoeska Korczynski.

**Year 3 – Books:** Allison Roser, Alison Souter.

**Year 4 – Mystery Jars:** Denise Giles, Claudine Daunt.

**Year 5 – Fairy Floss:** Michelle Martin, Tammy-Lyne Roche.

**Year 6 – Showbags:** Heidi Archibald, Suzanne Denning.

**Kitchen Garden – Produce:** Mandy Ward

If you can offer assistance on your child’s stall, please let your Parent Rep know. Even if you can’t help on the day, there are other ways to help out. At this stage, we have a number of classes who require glass bottles (with lids) to use for their stall. If you have any that you can spare and that you would like to see recycled, could you please remove the labels and drop them into the Prep classrooms. Various sizes are required, so anything you have will be a great help. We understand that you may also be asked to donate to your own class stalls, but we would greatly appreciate any additional items such as these that you may wish to see put to good use. I, for one, will be glad to finally find a use for my collection of empty coffee jars!

Unfortunately, we do still need Parent Reps for some of the Secondary classes, so please, if your children are in Secondary or you know someone with children in Secondary who could possibly help out, contact our Secondary Parent Rep coordinator, Kristi James at funfest@gccc.qld.edu.au or on 0451669131.

Our auction and market stall area is shaping up to be bigger than ever this year. We still have spots available in our Market Stall area, so if you are interested in securing a spot, please let us know via email at funfest@gccc.qld.edu.au or on our Facebook page. We are also starting to ask for businesses to start sending through details of any auction items you might have, so please feel free to contact us via email or Facebook as well.

Please don’t forget to “Like” us on Facebook and share our page on your wall to keep updated with the latest on Funfest. Coming soon will be details on how to buy your ride passes online this year!! Stay tuned for more info on how to do this.

**Happy Funfesting!!
Tina Grieve**

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**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

The program is here again except this time Woolworths is making us work just that little bit harder to get our hands on those valuable fund raising points. However, it is still pretty simple. Just collect a sticker card from Woolworths or GCCC Admin and when you shop at Woolworths collect your stickers from the checkout operator. There will be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once the sticker card is completed, it can be placed in the collection box at GCCC or at Woolworths. There is no need to keep your docket for entry.

This program closes on the 1 July so if you normally shop at Woolworths, we would appreciate your participation. The points and stickers translate to much needed resources so support the College in this way.
Mother of all jobs
As an ex-house dad, I take my hat off to mothers.

When I was busy at work I would often think about what my wife must be doing. I used to conjure up an image of her playing happily with my three-year-old son in the sandpit at the local playgroup while the other two children slept peacefully nearby. With these images at the front of my mind I thought motherhood sure beat working for a living.

Many years ago I discovered how far from the truth my notion of motherhood really was when my wife and I swapped roles. I must confess that two of the children were at school so I had it easier than my partner but it was as close as I could get.

The first thing I learned was that while I may be the primary carer I could never be a substitute mother to my children. Take sickness or illness for example. When one of the kids was off-colour, had a cut or bruise or just needed some tender loving care they headed straight for their mother. Dad may do in the meantime, but I was a pale imitation of the real thing, their mum, when it comes to dispensing comfort. I could give them just as good a hug as any female. It is just that their mum was well ... their mum. It is as simple as that.

I also learned there are some things that fathers can’t do as well as mothers. In my case it was fixing my daughters’ hair. The first time I put my youngest daughter’s hair in a plait she cried. Not from pain, just the embarrassment of being seen in public with a hair-do that looked like a piece of knotty, old rope. It became accepted in my house that ‘dads don’t do hair’.

I soon appreciated the unique skills that mothers develop if they are to survive the rigours of parenting on a daily basis. In particular, mothers seem to have the uncanny knack of doing three jobs at once while dealing with noisy or whingeing children.

Multi-task masters
Anyone who can cut a round of sandwiches, prepare breakfast for a family, find a missing pair of socks for tiny feet while making sure everyone is on track, has my vote. I have trouble getting myself dressed in the morning, let alone worrying about anyone else.

There is no place in a mother’s repertoire for tunnel-vision or focussing on one task at a time. These are luxuries reserved for the workplace, not the family home. The fact that kids are noisy, demanding and often unpredictable means anyone who spends a fair time in their vicinity must be flexible, patient and able to keep cool under extraordinary pressure. Qualities I still don’t possess.

Take cooking for example. The job of preparing a decent meal wasn’t too hard. I could – and still can – usually produce something quite edible with a minimum of fuss. However, rarely did I have the chance to cook in isolation. There was always a child interrupting, asking for help or just wanting to chat. Not to mention fitting cooking around bathing, hearing kids read or picking them up from sports practice.

An increasing number of mothers do full-time paid work then come home for their second shift of parenting. Any mention to these mothers of my trials with the juggling act, simply evokes a shoulder shrug and a ‘welcome to the real world’ look.

If anyone says that motherhood is not like real work, send them my way. After many years of being the primary parent to my children – usually the preserve of women – I can really set them straight. It’s hard yakka that largely goes unrewarded.

Happy Mother’s Day