From the Principal

Open Day

I was thrilled to see so many College families at Open Day and want to thank you all for making such an effort. Your attendance really added to the buzz and community atmosphere of the day. It was also a pleasure to meet new families enquiring about the College for their children.

A special thank you to all those parents who brought their children who were performing, helping in Hospitality or working as tour guides and volunteers. The students were the standout stars of the day and I was very proud of them all. They did the College and their parents proud with their maturity and servant attitude.

Although I was not able to leave the SUA to see the Music, Drama, Cheerleading and Dance presentations, I heard the students gave exceptional performances which were appreciated by all.

The P and F did a marvellous job of the sausage sizzle and the aroma drifting through the grounds was very enticing. It was also great to see the Funfest committee using the day to plan and coordinate the big event on 4 August.

Open Day would not have been the success it was without all of these wonderful volunteers. I would also like to mention Amber Davis who still has calloused fingers after tying off countless balloons from 7.30am on Saturday and Colleen Gray who designed beautiful flower arrangements for the enquiry tables.

Early Pick Up Procedures

Please remember this most important procedure as it is vital in ensuring the safety of your child and all the children at GCCC. If you need to pick up your children early, this is the procedure:

1. Report to Admin office and ask for your children to be released early.
2. Admin staff will organise for the student/s to be released from class while you wait in the office.
3. When your children arrive, then you can sign them out and leave the College campus.

These procedures must be strictly adhered to with no variation.

Swearing

Swearing in general seems to be on the rise, not only in our school but also in society and I think it is because we as a society are moving from a culture of mutual respect
and consideration to a culture of 'if it feels good, do it'. Left unchecked, swearing can become a lifelong bad habit that is not only difficult to break but can have a negative impact on a student’s future employment and relationship prospects.

I have been speaking to the students during their assembly about swearing, especially in the playground. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that swearing is not acceptable under any circumstances. Inappropriate language goes against every one of our G.R.E.A.T. core values – Godliness, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teachability. If you could reinforce this message at home, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Congratulations**

Please join with me in congratulating Matthew Beattie (HOD PE & Sports) and his wife, Valerie as they welcomed Noah Alexander Beattie (4lb 9oz) into their lives at 2pm on 21 May, 2012. Valerie and Noah are both doing well.

*Mike Curtis*

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**INVITATION TO PRACTICAL PARENTING SEMINAR - FREE**

*When:* Friday 15 June 9.30am – 10.30am

*Where:* GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY BAPTIST CHURCH

(Child minding and Morning Tea provided)

Shirley Caldwell – Dip of Teaching, Post Grad Dip. Early Education

Come along to a free one hour seminar to hear Shirley Caldwell speak on a practical approach to parenting that will assist you in learning the skills required to be the best parent you can be, unlocking both you and your child’s happiness.

Shirley is a teacher with a Post Grad Diploma in Early Childhood Education. Along with her formal qualifications, Shirley has shared with David in the parenting of their six children. Shirley has always had a passion for parent education which she believes contributes to more confident parenting and happier families.

Please contact Kirsty Newell on (07) 5494 8854 for further information.

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**WHAT A BUZZ ON OPEN DAY**

All of you who were here on Saturday at our 2012 Open Day would, I am sure, agree with me that it was an outstanding success.

Staff, the P and F and students all worked together to showcase the College and visitors to the College were very impressed.

I managed to make a flying visit to all classrooms just before the end of the day and was delighted with the children’s work on display.

I would particularly like to thank all the students who were involved in performances on the day and also the Tour Guides who did an incredible job taking new families around the College. Almost without exception, visitors on Open Day commented that the Tour Guides were wonderful. They really “sold” the school as they answered all the questions new parents asked them – even tricky ones like, “What are the teachers like?”

**PARENT POWER**

There was a great example of Parent Power recently when Debbie Goddard, her husband Brad and brother-in-law Ben, along with some other wonderful parents, offered to do an extensive Working Bee to remove the stained soft fall at the back of the Prep building. This was a major undertaking and could possibly have developed into something which was “bigger than Ben Hur”.

Then Kylie and Eric Logar (painters and decorators and parents in the College) offered to spend Saturday 12 May spraying, scrubbing and cleaning the soft fall to see if it was redeemable – which it was! All of you who have Prep children will, I am sure, have noticed the difference.
However, it gets even better! During the next holidays they have offered to seal and paint the surface of the soft fall with a special Dulux paint which can be used on this flexible surface. We are so grateful to Kylie and Eric for their kindness in volunteering to assist the College in this way.

We would also like to acknowledge Jason Osborn, the Dulux representative who came out to see if he could help in any way, for the considerable discount he has given us in his quote and for the supply of paint.

Eric and Kylie have offered to paint the soft fall over the June/July holidays so the paint has time to harden in between coats.

Cheryl Bryers

Buranga Camp

Buranga Camp is held every year for students that wish to excel in certain subjects. It was held this year at QCCC Mapleton and a group of students were chosen to represent the college in the subjects of English, Visual Arts, Music/Singing, Maths and Science.

When we arrived at the camp, we headed straight for the main hall to get some basic information and our room numbers. We went to our rooms to put our bags down and then we went to our subject co-ordinators to begin our first session.

Here is what some of our interviewees said....

**English:** Louis: We wrote great stories of mystery, comedy and fantasy. The food was 9/10.

**Maths:** William: We made our “Dream Garden” and the food was 9/10.

**Science:** Aaron: We made an awesome bridge out of spaghetti. It was fun. The food was 7/10.

**Singing:** Erin: We sang three very different songs at the concert including an African tribal (that one’s my favourite), a Negro spiritual and a one called “Osprey”. Behind the scenes we worked on a song called “Firework”. I made lots of friends! Buranga Camp is fantastic! The food was 6.5 /10.

**Art:** Brooke and Jazz: The teacher was very inspiring and we created great pictures! The food was 6/10.

We learnt a lot more than we knew about our subjects, and we all can agree that Buranga Camp was the best camp ever!

By Erin Holland and Louis Vobor.

Cheryl Bryers
Parliament House

On 20 March the Year 6 classes visited Parliament House in Brisbane, as part of our study unit, ‘Our Government’. It was fun going through the metal detectors and enjoying morning tea. The real highlight was looking through Parliament House; it was beautiful. We visited the upper house, which is not used in Queensland Parliament any more. In the Legislative Assembly, we sat in the same seats as the Members. David sat in the Premier’s seat! We all took photos of the mace and a class photo in the front of Parliament House. A great day out!

Lili Henderson and Alana Hall

Year 6 Leadership Activities

Year 6, as leaders of the Primary School, serve in a number of ways around the College.

Some children lead sport games with upper and lower students, others are library monitors, raising the flag daily and guiding prep students to class in the mornings.

When students have completed service to the school, they have an opportunity earn a leadership badge.

It is lovely to see the dedication Year 6 students display as they serve our College with commitment and enthusiasm.

Nicole Jen
Primary Industries Expo

The Year 6 classes once again wowed visitors to their Primary Industries Expo. The displays were as varied as they were tasty and fascinating. We are blessed to have as many yummy and valuable resources as we do in Queensland.

Each display had to be interactive with students answering questions about their chosen industry, showing their computer work, presenting flow charts, processes and products.

Many of the industries were mouth watering such as: sugar, pineapple, strawberry, lime, banana, lychee, beef, crayfish, chicken, raspberry, ginger, tomatoes, peanuts, macadamia nuts, fishing, potatoes and the dairy industry. The delicious samples were very popular.

Other primary industries focussed on cotton, wool, lucerne, gold, opals and gems, to name a few.

Parents were invited to the Expo and some of the senior students were also able to visit.

Well done Year 6.
First Performance for GCCC Dance Students

The GCCC dance students recently had their first performance opportunity at Open Day. For many of the dancers this was their first ever time dancing in front of an audience.

Throughout the day the dancers showcased their talents in a range of dances, from Musical Theatre, to Hip Hop, Stomp and even the Cha Cha.

All of the dancers did extremely well and should be very proud of the time and effort they put in to make the performances such a success.

Stacey Whyte

Eagle Hunt Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won the Eagle Hunt competition on Open Day:

First prize of four adult movie tickets goes to Olivia Ellis in 2G.

Second prize of a GCCC coffee mug filled with Fantales goes to Tahlia Kirk in 10M.

Third prize of a gift boxed GCCC LED torch keyring goes to Cara Bales in 2G.

OPEN DAY SUCCESS FOR DRAMA STUDENTS

In true Street Performance style, an art form as ancient as life itself, Year 11 Drama students blew the crowds away. This was the students first ever Street Theatre performance and they did a remarkable job in remaining focused and in character. Look out for them at future GCCC events.
A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence.
~ Leopold Stokowski

There has been plenty of ‘musical painting’ in the Music Department this term. Students involved in instrumental lessons have been working hard in band and ensembles. I would like to thank the students who performed at Open Day and the time they put in to rehearsals and home practice. The Secondary String Ensemble, Concert Band, Clarinet Ensemble and Primary Choir did a great job and although there were a few nerves, the students performed very well.

There is always a buzz about the music room with lessons happening throughout the week. We have a dedicated team of instrumental teachers who work hard with the students and I would like to thank them for their passion for music at GCCC. Students in the Year 5 Instrumental Program continue to learn a musical instrument in small lessons. Term 2 saw the introduction of band rehearsals, what a huge sound with 45 students all playing!

Last week Year 7 and 9 music students participated in a music technology workshop. Year 7 learnt how to compose music on the ipad’s and Year 9 learnt about sound desks and recording music into the ipad.

**Ensemble Rehearsals**

- **Primary Band Tuesday**
  8.00-8.40 (H1/H2 – music room)

- **Primary String ensemble Tuesday**
  10.45-11.20 (H3 – lecture theatre)

- **Secondary String Ensemble Tuesday**
  12.45-1.25 (H3 – lecture theatre)

- **Secondary Band Tuesday**
  3.15-4.30 (H1/H2 – music room)

If you have any questions about music, please email me ebony.hilton@gccc.qld.edu.au or pop in for a visit at the music room (H1).
Open Day

Mrs Costin, Mrs Freeman and I had lots of fun creating our VET and Future Pathways/construction site display at the College's Open Day on Saturday. This prompted me to document some of the fantastic things our students are achieving in the Senior School. Did you know that...:

- Almost all our senior students complete at least one of our own College certificate courses in Work Education, Business, IT and Hospitality which are nationally recognized qualifications.
- We now have 27 School based apprentices and trainees.
- More than 20 students are pursuing VET courses at TAFE including two students starting trade qualifications through Skills Tech.
- Three students are at the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre at Caloundra pursuing construction and electrical qualifications.
- Three students are at University of the Sunshine Coast and one at QUT at Caboolture making an early start on their university careers.
- Six students are studying courses with the Brisbane School of Distance Education.

We enjoyed talking to prospective students and their parents. Almost all the parents were sad that such terrific opportunities were not available when they were at school!

Our main problem for the day was keeping Mr Curtis away from the Fantales!

University of the Sunshine Coast Parent Information Evening.

This week Mrs Fraser, Mrs Costin and I attended a careers day at the University of the Sunshine Coast. We were shown through wonderful new facilities for Sports Science and Health and also Engineering and informed about all the courses on offer for next year. The university is keen to encourage students from all walks of life to join their teaching and learning. The University offers a range of scholarships so that any student capable of tertiary study has the chance to attend. They also offer a six month Tertiary Preparation Pathway (or an intensive six week course at Christmas time) to prepare school leavers or mature aged students to cope with university studies. In an effort to encourage all students to consider Tertiary study they are also offering assistance with transport for students at the southern end of the coast.

If you think University study might suit you or your child but want to know more about it you might like to attend the USC Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 30 May. Get all your questions about uni answered. There is an optional campus tour at 5.15pm followed by an Information Session from 6pm – 8pm. Go to Lecture Theatre 7, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs. To register your attendance or for more information, visit www.usc.edu.au/info or phone 5456 5000.

All our Year 10 students will be visiting the University for the day on 6 June. Students will participate in lectures and activities as well as experiencing normal uni daily life. Year 10 students will bring a letter home next week to explain about this special day coming up in the next fortnight.

JMC Academy Holiday Workshops.

JMC Academy in Brisbane offers degrees and diplomas in aspects of the Entertainment and Live Production industries.

The Academy is having its Open Day on 26 May 10.30am – 3.30pm. In addition, JMC Academy is offering holiday workshops in the first week of July in:

- Film and TV production
- Animation and Game Design
- Music and Entertainment
- An introduction to all their courses.

These holiday activities are very cheap at $15 for the whole day 9am – 3pm. Mrs Ferris has the registration forms or go to their website at www.jmcacademy.edu.au

Opportunities for School Leavers with the Australian Defence Force.

The Australian Defence Force Gap Year Program has ceased following the 2012-2013 Federal Budget announcement on Tuesday, 8th May. Current Gap Year Program applicants will be contacted by Defence Force Recruiting in the near future to discuss other available options. These include a number of jobs requiring only a one year commitment.

What other alternatives are there to Gap Year? The Army is currently offering the following jobs which have a one year initial minimum period of service:

- Administration Clerk
- Air Dispatcher
- Cargo Specialist
- Cook
- Dental Assistant
- Driver
- Finance Clerk
- Groundcrewman Mission Support
- Military Police
- Operator Movement
- Preventative Medicine
- Supply Coordinator

Other alternatives include the Royal Military College Duntroon, New Entry Naval Officers Course and the Australian Defence Force Academy. The Air Force Reserve Airfield Defence Guard role offers 11 months full time service followed by four years of part-time service commitment. The Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves are also an attractive alternative for part-time work, especially considering your salary is tax free. Note: Opportunities for Navy and Air Force Reserves are limited.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Careers Promotion Team by calling (07) 3016 2431 or via email at CPTQLD@dfr.com.au

Joan Ferris and Cheryl Costin
“ARE WE THERE YET?”
YEAR 2 EXCURSION

Recently the students in Year 2 were fortunate enough to go on an exciting excursion to the Cooroy Library and the Old Butter Factory, where we spent some time at the hands-on Alison Lester “Are We There Yet?” exhibition. The children were amazed by the illustrations and photos which were the originals from Alison Lester’s much loved favourite picture book “Are We There Yet?” which is based on a trip that Alison took with her family around Australia over twenty years ago.

The students were also encouraged to annotate a huge floor map of Australia with their own experiences travelling in this huge, beautiful country. The students also enjoyed a tour of the Cooroy Library where they learnt about many different systems within the library. They were astonished to discover grass growing on the roof as a means of insulating the building and a café and shop inside the Library.

Here’s what some of the children thought of the excursion:
Abby Meyers 2G: “I liked going in the library and learning about scanning the books.”
Kiri-Anna James 2G: “I liked the real grass on the roof of the library and the stuck on stones.”
Joshua Collins 2G: “I liked the exhibition because we got to search for the pictures among all of the photos and illustrations.”
Madison Hurst 2M: “I thought the library was great, so many books! The eye spy game at the exhibition was fun too!”
Lily Rogers 2M: “My favourite part was the Butter Factory because the illustrations were fun and interesting.”
Julian Steyn 2M: “We went to see Alison Lester’s work at the art gallery that used to be a butter factory. I thought it was heaps of fun!”

All of the children were very well behaved throughout the whole excursion and the staff at the Library and Old Butter Factory both commented on the “respect” shown by our Year 2 students. Well done Year 2!

LEXILE (YEAR 4-6)
From this Term, students in Year 4 - 6 who are reading at PM level 25 and above will complete a comprehension test for the Lexile Program. Students who achieve a Lexile of 500 or more will move onto the Lexile Program as their home reading program. The Lexile Program an innovative web-based program that personalises reading practice to each student’s current reading and comprehension level. Once a Lexile level is attained students are encouraged to choose books within a range of 100 points below and 50 points above their Lexile. Reading within this target range offers sufficient challenge without frustration. There are a large number of Lexile titles available in the library that range from 500-1000 Lexiles. Once students have read a title, a comprehension quiz is completed and Lexile points are awarded.

Students will complete Lexile tests each Term to monitor progress and to ensure they are reading at their personal level.
• Benefits of the Lexile Program:
• Builds a lifelong love of reading and learning.
• Helps teachers set measurable goals, monitor and evaluate reading programs, and track progress.
• Uses real books from major children’s publishers—both Australian and international.
• Includes popular and classic titles.
• Grounded in over twenty years of research and has been developed in consultation with the Australian Centre for Educational Research (ACER)

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (PREP – YEAR 7)
The 2012 Premier’s Reading Challenge commenced this week. During the Challenge the Premier is encouraging every state and non-state school student from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books between 22 May and 7 September 2012. The Challenge aims at improving children’s literacy and recognises the range of student abilities in Queensland classrooms. All students are encouraged to participate because the Challenge is not a competition, but a way to provide greater involvement and to encourage a passion for reading.

Students who meet the Challenge and read the required number of books will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Students interested in participating must register through the school by returning the PRC permission slip to the library. Once registered students will receive a Reading Record and a list of recommended books. Students can read books from home or any library as long as they suitable for their age group and reading ability to ensure they are a challenge. We are still accepting registrations for the Challenge. Please send them to the library.

LIBRARY BAG REMINDER
Students in Prep-Year 2 are expected to bring the GCCC velcro library bag to school each week to borrow books. Having a bag to borrow encourages responsible work habits and ensures the children are reading at home for pleasure. It is understandable from time to time students will forget to bring their bag. If it is noted that students have not brought their bag for a number of weeks, a letter will be sent home to parents/caregivers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MONITORS ASSIST AT OPEN DAY
Special thanks to the following Library Monitors who assisted at Open Day: Katie Todd, Hannah McCredie, Chelsea Laws and Jesse Woods. The students assisted with a range of tasks and were an asset to our library team as new and existing families enjoyed the library.

Vanessa McKellar
Sports Reports Wednesday 9 May 2012 V Caloundra Christian College.

Girls Softball
We had a very friendly match against CCC. Thanks to some brilliant team work in the field we came home with a win! The score was 5-0 after the first innings. Special mention to Elizabeth Gregory for some great work at backstop even with an injured finger and also Ebony Nielson for some fantastic pitching. The girls dominated in both batting and fielding. They also showed good sportsmanship by having a friendly attitude towards the opposing team.

Girls Netball B:
The girls all played extremely well, with a solid win over Caloundra Christian College. GCCC won the game 18 to 4, with Cadi Cavanagh as the most valuable player.

Girls Netball A:
With beautiful sunshine we finally had our first game against CCC. Erin Hughes kindly offered to umpire the game as she was unable to play, which looking at final score was a blessing for CCC, thanks Erin. We finished each quarter with a big lead and the final score was 21 - 4. Our blitz of goals was a team effort in both attack and defense. Well done again team, two games and two wins.

Boys Basketball
GCC were soundly beaten 41 - 14. Players that impressed and kept playing their best till the end were Cynan Lindsay and Chris Gibson.

Ultimate Frizbee
Played: Caloundra Christian College
Girls: GCCC 10: CCC 0
All the girls played passionately and found their rhythm as a team. It was over by 1/2 time and the girl’s sealed it in the second 1/2. Did GCCC proud.

Boys: GCCC 14: CCC 3
Luke Koschell did a great job on defence. Lucas Tidy captained the team to victory. Josiah Plummer Beattie - Massive throw in the last few minutes and 2 scores. Lots of scores from the team.

Oztag
Boys Oztag - This was a tough contest between the two schools and it showed in the scoreline, with GCCC going down 5-4. GCCC’s best player was Jake Hoeksema.

Girls Oztag - The two girls teams came out victorious, downing CCC 6-4 and 11-4. The standout players from each team were Andrea Little and Rebecca Groer.

Matthew Beattie

Young and Tricky
Two speedy, swift and tricky players, Ryan Einsporn and Harrison Newell, were chosen to represent the Glasshouse District in AFL recently. These boys can dodge and weave their way through the opposition and proved hard to catch by the opposition. Ryan played exceptionally well and has been selected in the Sunshine Coast 12 years AFL Team to play at the State Titles. Ryan and Harry enjoyed a full day of competition against other Sunshine Coast schools and made many new friends. Unfortunately, the Glasshouse team lost all their games but the boys gained valuable experience.
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Bill Turner Cup
A team of boys, fifteen years old or younger headed up to Noosaville to play the first game of the Bill Turner Cup knockout competition against St Teresa’s Catholic College.

Our boys were physically bigger than the opposition but St Teresa’s team were skilful and played well as a team to beat us 7 - 0.

Adrian White made some awesome saves in goal palming several balls around the uprights. The boys had several scoring opportunities but unfortunately the shots just missed the goal.

The midfield worked hard to gain possession and the strikers looked for every chance to score but St Teresa’s defence held strong.

The team represented GCCC well displaying great sportsmanship and determination and the boys enjoyed the challenge.

Secondary District Cross Country
We had a team of 42 Secondary students travel to the Maroochydore Cricket Grounds last Friday to run the 3, 4 or 6km cross country course. This is our first year in the Independent Schools District Trial and the competition was tough. Ten independent schools such as St Andrews, Matthew Flinders, Sunshine Coast Grammar, etc met to compete in the Secondary District Cross Country. The finishing times were fast, the races were started five minutes apart and some of the boys and girls from the next race were beating home runners in earlier events.

We were very proud of our team for their effort whilst running, their behaviour and the team mateship. Our tent was positioned approx. 75m from the finish line and everyone in the tent cheered home our GCCC runners. It was a beautiful sight to see! Well done team.

We started the event with the 14 years boys and girls and finished with the 6km 16-19 years boys. One student commented that he didn’t like the cheer squad because it motivated him to put in more effort because “he didn’t want to disappoint them”. The cheering worked and he finished just outside of the top three. I did leave with a smile on my face after that comment! My job was done!

Our top finishers were Jared Moore 4th, Abbey Bates and Ryan Harrison both 5th, Talia Rosa-Denham 11th, Kyle Harrison and Nicola Bates 16th James Beutel and Hannah Scott finished just outside of the top 20. Well done to all of our team in warm conditions against tough competition.

Boys Selected to Represent Sunshine Coast in Rugby League
Ryan Sauer and Jack Fissenden have been selected to represent the Sunshine Coast in the 12 year Boy’s Rugby League team at the State Champs to be held in Ipswich in June.

The boys were members of the Glasshouse District League team which won one game and lost a few at the recent Sunshine Coast Regional Championships. Both Ryan and Jack played outstanding games and were inspirational team members.

They are both passionate about rugby league and have promising futures in the sport.
Ready to Race!

Bright sunshine and clear skies welcomed the Prep - Year 3 students as they smarmed onto the oval ready to run their cross country races. Earlier, many enthusiastic and excited students and parents spent time decorating their house tents with all sorts of creative accessories. Mrs Childs led this army for Ararat and motivated the other houses to keep up with the standard set by Ararat! The house tents have never looked so great! This set the scene for the war battle between the houses and continual cheer support for team members as they raced. The atmosphere was fantastic throughout the morning and students rose to the occasion in their races.

Fitness levels were at an all time high due to the Lapathon Challenge and everyone was ready to race. The secondary students showing the way had trouble staying in front of the speedy junior students who sped around the 750m and 1km courses with ease. There were several close races and several races where the winners were well clear of the field. Everyone competed with a smile on their face and did their very best earning a souveneir place card and a much needed frozen juice. Lucky spot prizes were also awarded to three students in each race in random finishing places.

The race points were very close with only 6 points separating all the houses. Ararat were victorious with 137 points closely followed by Zion with 134 points and Sinai with 131 points. The House Spirit points finished with Sinai the winning team after much enthusiastic and loud cheering throughout the morning. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents supporting their children and joining the fun. Placegetters are listed below.

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Sports News

Cross Country Runners Taste Success!

All the hard training has paid off for our Primary District Cross Country team. On Monday GCCC became the District Cross Country Champions for 2012 retaining the trophy we won last year. Every member of the team ran their heart out and gave everything to help the team gain points towards the final tally.

Star of the day was Natasha Hoeksema who ran an intelligent race opening up a comfortable lead in the last 600m to win the 12 year girls race. Tash beat her rival from previous years and showed that her superior fitness and will to win is a recipe for success.

The 12 year boys also excelled as a team with our 5 boys getting a great start and being in the leading pack throughout the first lap. Jack Fissenden battled it out with his old rival and mate from Beerwah State School holding on to him well and finishing in second place. Harrison Newell and Ryan Einsporn ran strongly and comfortably in third and forth place throughout the race with Ryan winning the battle for the medal, passing Harry with 400m to run to finish in third with Harry in fourth.

Ten year old Nicholas Dwan was happy to be finally running in the District Cross Country and was up against strong opposition. He ran through the pack into third place during the first lap and ran strongly throughout the race to come home in third place and gain a medal. Tomas Lunt ran superbly just behind Nick proving early morning training improves fitness and finished very well in fourth place.

Mackenzie Stokes and Jasmine Small started strongly and ran consistently to finish in fourth and fifth places respectively and were excited to qualify for the Regional Cross Country.

Harrison Still and Dylan Meyers got themselves in good positions early and held these places throughout the 11 year boys’ race. Harrison showed his determination in the last kilometre and held off several challenges from the runner behind him and won the dual beating him in the race to win the bronze medal. Dylan created a good distance between him and the next runner to finish in a fifth, achieving his goal to run at Regionals.

The ten students mentioned above all qualified for the Sunshine Coast Regional Cross Country making this the most successful District Cross Country team for GCCC. Thanks to all the parents who came along and cheered the whole team on.

Wendy Stott

Year 5G Lapathon Champions 2012!

Wow! Can GCCC students run? They sure can and they are fit! The Lapathon Challenge was completed with a very tight finish between several primary classes on Friday at the Lapathon Relay. Only 24 laps separated the Year 5G and 5M going into the relay so every lap run was important to the class tally.

The students were amazing, running as many laps in teams as they could in the allotted forty minutes. Students could rest whenever they wanted and could run as long as they wanted to add laps to their team and class tally. During the morning the Year 3 – 6 students ran 2580 laps of the oval which is 774km! Amazing!

Year 6M ran the most laps during the relay closely followed by 5G but with the lead that 5G had from class laps Year 5G became the Champions for 2012! They have won the Lapathon Trophy and a day out having fun as a class. Mrs Jen’s 6G class creatively named their teams, including the Superheros, Nerds Rule, Super Girls and SpongeBob’s and they impressed us all with their outfits.

Prep Green and their ever enthusiastic coach Mrs Letchford became Junior Champions by running the highest number of laps during the Class Lapathon. They surprised everyone by running more laps than any other primary class on a handicap basis, (their legs are shorter than year 6 legs!). Prep Green also earned a morning of fun with Mrs Stott.

A huge thanks goes to the class teachers who took 15 minutes out of their busy days to run twice a week with their classes. We now have fit students – let’s keep them active!

Results:

Overall Senior 1st - 5G, 2nd - 5M, 3rd - 6M
Junior 1st - Prep Green, 2nd - Prep White, 3rd - Prep Maroon

Lapathon Relay Winning teams:

Year 3 - 3G Team 1, 56 Laps – Braydyn Bell, Declan Martin, Cooper Ward.
Yr 4 - 4G Team 3, 62 laps - Aiden McKellar, Julian Munyard, Dominic Ruhle.
Yr 5 - 5G Team 6, 66 laps - Tess Hagan, Chelsea McLeary, Shaelee Burton.
Yr 6 - 6G Team 1, 64 laps - Nicholas Fairclough, Matthew Fisher, Mitchell Siebenhausen.
This fortnight in Kitchen Garden classes we continued with more scarecrow building, stuffing and assembling, with some classes even getting theirs dressed. We have a great assortment of characters, even a high heeled lass!

Classes enjoyed harvesting our lovely crop of corn, which was enjoyed warm on a fresh autumn day. We were even able to sample some delicious, home-grown mandarins bought in from my overloaded tree which were lovely and sweet. Lots of seeds were planted for upcoming plantings in future classes and Lebanese eggplant and mini Roma tomatoes are currently in abundance.

Kitchen Garden will be holding a Farmers’ Market stall at Funfest this year, so if you are a farming family and have some produce to spare on the day we would love to hear from you. Our idea is to showcase our wonderful local produce and support our local farmers while helping the environment by sourcing our produce locally and saving on carbon emissions.

It was great to see lots of families from the community exploring the garden during the College Open Day last Saturday. As always, the garden was given many positive comments and families were excited at the prospect of getting back to nature in our beautiful outdoor classroom.

If you’re looking for something to do with the family on Sunday, be sure to visit the Sustainability and Garden expo at Turner Park in Beerwah. The GCCC Kitchen Garden Programme will have a stall there selling copies of our cookbook, which are still available for purchase.

Mandy Ward
mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au

KIDS HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

‘Follow the clues to solve the mystery’

Age: Grade 1 to grade 7.
Date: June 26 & 27
Time: 9am to 12 noon
Where: Church on the Rise, 68 Peacheater Rd, Beerwah
Cost per day: $7.50 for first child, $5 per child for extra siblings
Email: therise@people.net.au to enquire or register.

Limited places so register early.

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
The countdown is on to Funfest! You may have noticed that Funfest Ride Pass tickets have already gone on sale online. If you were wondering what rides we will have, here they are: Mega Jumping Castle, High Flyer (chair swing), Giant Slide, Cup and Saucer Ride, Dodgem Cars, Laser Tag, Mechanical Bull.

As you can see, we will have something for everyone in the family and at just $25 for UNLIMITED RIDES all day, the Ride Pass is amazing value. Our online ticket sales will be available until the 2nd of August but if you purchase your pass online before the 30th of June, you can go into the draw to win $100 Auction dollars (redeemable at the Funfest Auction). We have made it super simple to book, just go to the school’s website www.gccc.qld.edu.au and the link is right there on the front page. Alternatively, you can “like” Funfest 2012 on Facebook and we have a link up there as well. If not pre-purchased, Ride Passes will be $32 on the day. Single ride tickets will also be available for just $4 a ride. Ride Pass Order Forms will also be coming home soon with your child if you do not wish to order online.

Funfest is shaping up to be an awesome day, but we are in some need of serious help to make it so! You will have all received letters from your Parent Reps asking you for help for your child’s class stall. They are doing a fantastic job trying to organise some great stalls, but they really need to hear from you so we can get the stalls ready in time. We love seeing the community spirit so alive in our school, and this is a great way to get involved and get to know some of your children’s friends and family. There are a lot of stalls now who are looking for items, donations or offers of help. Even if it isn’t your child’s class, if there is a stall you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Here are some messages from some of the organisers who are looking for assistance:

**AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!**
With Funfest fast approaching we are busy organizing the Auction. We are asking if there are any families with local businesses who would like to donate goods, services or even gift vouchers to be auctioned off on the day at Funfest. There are also sponsorship opportunities for those businesses who may like to get involved in that capacity. This is a great chance to get your name out there amongst the GCCC and local community. We will be recognising all businesses who donate in the local paper, on our College website, on our Funfest Facebook page and by other means on the day itself.

So if this sounds like something you would like to do please contact:
Michelle Boroughs on 0418882114 or ryanboroughs@bigpond.com or
Michaela Weatherburn on 0408771692 or amb_lach@live.com.au

**WE’RE IN A JAM!**
We need a fabulous jam recipe and volunteer strawberry jam maker for our Prep Smashin’ Strawberries Stall. You will receive an assistant and all of the ingredients and jars required. All we need of you is your time and expertise. We are aiming to make 100 jars of strawberry jam. If you are able to help, could you please contact Michelle Thomas, Parent Rep, Prep Green on 0459 069 098 or email thomas.shelly@gmail.com

Also, if you have any spare jars, can you please drop these into the Prep buildings.

**FUN CRAFT DAY THIS SATURDAY!**
Please feel free to join us in an afternoon of craft, tea and coffee, some yummy treats and a chat on Saturday 26 May from 2 pm until 5 pm. We are making a variety of craft items for the Prep Funfest stall and would love for you to join us. One of the many reasons our school is great is the community spirit we have and its opportunities like these that make it so. If you have some scrapbooking or craft supplies or even ready-made craft items, please bring them along. In particular we are after old photo frames, crafting ribbon and pool salt! Afternoon tea will be supplied. We have some great mums coming along, and a lot of lovely teachers and staff.

Please RSVP to Michaela Weatherburn on 0408 711 692 or amb_lach@live.com so we can get an idea of numbers. You are welcome to bring along some friends. Children welcome to come along. Hope to see you there!

Thanks from your parent reps in Prep. (We will take turns supervising children in the playground but while on school grounds out of school hours, children are the sole responsibility of their parent/caregiver)

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!**
The parent reps for the Year 1 Cake Stall have already sent home information to the Year 1 families about donating baked items for the cake stall, but if there are any keen bakers out there who would like to bake some items for the cake stall we would like to hear from you. We understand you may already be donating to your own class stall, but would appreciate any offers of help. We need to know this early, before the end of term 2, so we can arrange the packaging required for the items. If you can help, please contact Kerri Knapp on knappshack01@yahoo.com.au or 0410 039 673 and I will send you some information.
KITCHEN GARDEN FARMERS MARKET

KG will be holding a Farmers Market at Funfest showcasing our best locally grown produce. If you are a grower we would love to hear from you….donations of seasonal produce which we can sell on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Let me know if you are able to help out. We know we have lots of farming families at GCCC...don’t be shy! Please contact Mandy Ward on 0427 650 262 or at brandyward@bigpond.com if you can help.

Here is an easy to read, updated list of all of the class stalls, Parent Reps and items they may need donated. Please contact the listed Parent Reps if you can help out:

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| PREP – CRAFT & STRAWBERRIES | Craft Day helpers & crafting supplies. Strawberry Jam Maker/recipe. Clean empty Jars with lids on and labels removed. | Robyn Long – long95@bigpond.com.au  
Michelle Thomas – 0459 069 098 thomas.shelly@gmail.com  
Michaela Weatherburn – 0408 711 692 amb_lach@live.com  
Janelle Cameron – brushwood@bigpond.com |
| YEAR 1 – CAKES & BAKED GOODS | Offers of help and details of baked goods before end of term. | Kerri Knapp – 0410 039 673 knappshack01@yahoo.com.au  
Kirsty Blinston – 0403 041 745 kirstyblinston@gmail.com  
Kim Hamon – 0419 829 088 kim.hamon@gmail.com |
| YEAR 2 – TOYS         | Donations of good quality toys to sell. | Lisa Ellis – 0401 016 014 lisamellis@bigpond.com  
Annoeska Korcynski – 0448 217 119 pete.anna@bigpond.com |
| YEAR 3 – BOOKS       | Donations of good quality books for sale, in keeping with college ethos. | Allison Roser – 0434 468 637 norbetqld@bigpond.com  
Alison Souter – 0400 796 455 alilibbe@hotmail.com |
| YEAR 4 – MYSTERY JARS | Clean jars with lids on and labels removed in all sizes Small items for inside jars | Denise Giles – denisegiles71@gmail.com  
Claudine Daunt – 0412 472 388 trentdaunt@bigpond.com |
| YEAR 5 – FAIRY FLOSS  | See Parent Reps                                                                 | Michelle Martin – 0417 079 399 michelleemrt0@gmail.com  
Tammy-Lynne Roche - 0403 699 069 tamsroche@hotmail.com |
| YEAR 6 – SHOW BAGS    | Little Prizes for showbags and items for lucky dips | Heidi Archibald – 0400 755 361 heidi@thezulu.com.au  
Suzanne Denning – suedenning@bigpond.com |
| YEAR 7 – CHOCOLATE TOSS | See Parent Reps                                                              | Dena Rogers – denas@bigpond.com.au  
Rob Harwood – the _harwoods@inet.net.au |
| YEAR 8 – PLANT STALL  | Cuttings, seedlings or packets of seeds                                        | Sue Shafer – Russue@westnet.com.au  
Kristi James – john_krist06@hotmail.com |
| YEAR 9 – FACE PAINTING | See Parent Rep                                                              | Cynthia Rule – 0417 998 757 hockitbt@bigpond.net.au |
| YEAR 10 – SPLAT THE TEACHER | See Parent Rep                                                             | Simo & Brendan McGinn – 0423 502 708 bsmcminn@tpg.com.au |
| YEAR 11 – SLUSH PUPPIES | See Parent Rep                                                               | Leigh Holt – 0419784662 Darryl.help@bigpond.com |
| YEAR 12 – HOT CHIPS   | See Parent Rep                                                               | Chris & Sean Williams – 0427 512 612 chrisder@westnet.com.au |
| KITCHEN GARDEN – PRODUCE | Fresh produce for sale                                                      | Mandy Ward – 0427 650 262 bradyward@bigpond.com |

These are just some of the ways you can get involved and help out with making Funfest fantastic! We are also taking names of people who can help out on the day. Please contact Alison Souter on 0400 796 455 if you can help in this way.

Remember, all of the money raised from Funfest goes to help the P&F make OUR school a better place. Even if you are not particularly crafty, not great in the kitchen, or don’t have a business, there are still plenty of ways to help out. A simple way is to just purchase and donate some of the items that we will be selling on the day. At the moment we are looking at purchasing soft drinks, so even just a donation of cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Solo or Kirks lemonade would go a long way in helping out.

Thank you GCCC family! Don’t forget to “Like” us on Facebook for more updates.

Tina Grieve
Hi Everyone!

The Pand F have had a busy month so far, with the Mothers' Day Stall and Open Day. Thank you so much to all the volunteers that made these events possible!

The Mothers' Day stall was a huge success and I personally am loving drinking my tea out of my "I am a proud GCCC Mum' cup!

It was fantastic meeting so many new families and current families at the Open Day. What a fantastic Day it was, with the P and F sausage sizzle stall selling out of absolutely everything an hour before it finished!

Our next meeting is in two weeks, on 5 June, and if you haven’t booked your table for the Trivia Night, get in fast as there are only a few tables left now. Have a great fortnight!

Blessings, Alaina Westaway