From the Principal

Funfest

As you are no doubt aware, last Saturday was our Funfest, the third in the history of the College. What a tremendous day it was. Between the mystery jars, the show bags, the rides, the onstage entertainment, the food, the book stalls, plant stalls, the mechanical bull, the auction, splatting the teacher and a variety of other activities and displays there was never a dull moment and there were plenty of happy faces. Cars lined both sides of Roberts Road as far as the eye could see from both directions and a steady stream of people came in all day to see what the fuss was about.

A successful fete like this is very much the result of a team effort but there is not enough room in this whole newsletter to mention everyone who deserves our appreciation and gratitude so I am not going to try. I would also hate to leave anyone out. Can I simply say on behalf of the whole College a very sincere and humble thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day in some way.

However, there are two people who I would like to single out for special acknowledgement and they are the Co-chairs of the Funfest Committee Nicole Bradley and Leisa MacKenzie. I know these ladies have lived, thought and breathed Funfest for the past year and their efforts have been incredible. Thank you very much Nic, Leisa and the rest of the team.

I am excited to announce that Funfest was a fundraising triumph as well. It looks as though over 30 000 dollars has been raised by the P and F for the College. What a tremendous blessing this money will be to all of our students. There are more photos later on in the newsletter with one full page devoted to splatted teachers!
Athletics Carnivals

In the hubbub of Funfest it is easy to forget that we have also had our 3-7 years and 8-12 years Athletics Carnivals last Thursday and Friday. Perhaps it was the inspiration of the pending Olympic games but the days were marked by some amazing athletic displays with records tumbling throughout. Not only were there outstanding individual performances but they were also days marked by a very high level of participation and great sportsmanship.

As yet we are still not in a position to announce the winning house as there are still some events to be completed in the Middle and Senior Schools. It is very close though with Ararat and Zion continuing to swap the lead between each other. Thank you to all of our Friends of Sport volunteers who serve so faithfully every carnival and to the P and F representatives for manning the barbecue. The day was flawlessly organized by the PE Department.

Kiss and Go

It has been reported to me that there are some people parking in the Kiss and Go area at the front of the school for more than two minutes. This is not permitted. The Kiss and Go is a drop off and pick up zone, engines should not be turned off and those cars towards the front should readily move forward to the front boundary of the area in order to accommodate traffic behind. Students must embark and disembark quickly.

If you have arrived and your child is not present at the pick up area and you have already been parked for more than two minutes, you will have to leave the area and do the loop again if the area is becoming congested. Teachers on duty do not like asking motorists to move on from the Kiss and Go as it is confronting for all concerned. Please just follow the instructions as they are signposted in this area so that we can have an effective Kiss and Go in the spirit of respect for all.

Detection of scoliosis in schoolgirls – an important preventative health measure

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem especially for adolescent girls and 2.5% are at risk of developing a significant curve. Recently we sent home an early detection information sheet to girls in this age category (i.e. 11 to 13 year olds). If your daughter is showing any of the signs mentioned in the brochure, please see your doctor as soon as possible as early detection and treatment result in better long-term outcomes. More information can be found at www.scoliosis-australia.org.

Please note that the Brisbane Exhibition holiday on Wednesday 15 August is a pupil free day.

Mike Curtis

CASUAL - SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Glasshouse Country Christian College. All positions will be required to work at all schools by providing relief when needed within your area. The School Crossing Supervisor is required to work up to five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are up to one and a half hours a day which comprises a morning and afternoon shift. Supervisor will work within a rostered environment.

The current rate of pay is $25.61 per hour. School Crossing Supervisors are employees of Queensland Transport.

Applications in writing must address the Selection Criteria as listed in the Position Description available from the school (and downloadable from the College website www.gccc.qld.edu.au).

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer.
- The applicant must submit an application for a Blue Card to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian done through Department Transport and Main Roads during training session. An applicant will not be employed by Queensland Transport unless they meet this criterion.

Completed application should be returned to:
Private and Confidential, Principal, Glasshouse Country Christian College,
58 Roberts Rd, Beerwah, Qld 4519
Applications close at 2:30pm on 17/08/2012.
For further information phone the school on 07 5439 0033.
Class Stalls - FUNFEST

Firstly, let me say how humbled I was on Saturday as I wandered around enjoying the buzz with the stalls and other activities at Funfest. My congratulations to everyone who contributed and worked so hard to make the day so successful. Everything worked like clockwork and the class stalls were fabulous.

Long Service Leave

On 14 August, I will be taking four weeks long service leave to travel to Canada to be with a friend whose little boy is having open heart surgery.

She and her husband have been waiting many years to adopt a Chinese baby or toddler. Finally, in May this year, they were able to travel to China and take home Jensen aged 14 months. They had decided to adopt a child with special (medical) needs to expedite the process and now three months later, Jensen's open heart surgery has been brought forward from October to August because he is struggling to put on any weight. So, I have decided to travel to Canada to support them and to be with my friend when her husband has to return to work after Jensen comes home from hospital.

In my absence, Miss Suzanne Power will be Acting Head of Primary and the Coordinators Mrs Rosenberg (Prep – Year 2) and Mrs Lowther (Year 3 – 6) will keep the Primary running smoothly.

Mr Curtis will be supporting Miss Power and the Coordinators when required.

Please remember that after class teachers, the Coordinators are the next step whenever you have a concern. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has taken on additional responsibilities in my absence.

Pathways to Resilience Bulletin

These articles contain valuable information which could assist in building emotional resilience in your children. Resilience is very important for students to be able to cope with stress and adversity. (This coping may result in the individual "bouncing back" to a previous state of normal functioning or simply not showing negative effects.)

A few copies of this article are available at reception for those who are not able to access it on the website. Please follow this link: http://www.aisq.qld.edu.au/files/files/EdServices/HealthWellbeing/Pathways%20to%20Resilience%20Bulletin%20July2012.pdf

2012 Primary Concerts – Date Claimers

Because of College growth, we decided to leave the dates for the Primary concerts off the 2012 calendar until discussions were held to address some of the issues we have been trying to resolve, such as increased numbers and the size of the venue.

We have decided this year to continue with a Prep-Year 2 and a Year 3-6 concert but there may be a slight change to the format to accommodate constraints with the venue. This information will be forthcoming early in Term 4.

However, we understand that November and December are very busy months for families and there is the potential for double bookings as other date claimers may already be on the calendar for 2012 (ballet/dance concerts and other functions involving a number of students).

Concert items take a great deal of time and effort on the part of teachers, parents and students and we have chosen dates which will work with everything that teachers have to do in terms of delivery of curriculum, testing, marking, reporting and proofing reports at this time of year.

If however, the date for the concerts for your children conflict with a ballet/dance concert etc, please respond by completing the slip that was sent home and return to the office. We will make every effort to give students the opportunity to attend all functions if possible.

The proposed dates are: Prep to Year 2 - Monday 26 November. Years 3-6 - Wednesday 28 November.

Responses must be received in Admin by Monday 13 August.

Cherly Bryers
Prep Olympics

If you had the opportunity to be around last Thursday or Friday, you would have seen that some of the Olympic events were going on right here at GCCC. The Prep classes were doing a Maths investigation called “Oz Animal Olympics” where they had to plan teams, make banners, write cheers, carry the torch, and compete in fun events to gather info for some very strategic Maths’ activities later in the day. To form teams, the children looked at ordinal numbers and the importance of them in our real world. From the events, the children had to record gold medal wins and then graph their information. From the graphs produced, the children had to explain who the winning team was and how they could tell that from the graph. The children enthusiastically got involved in all stages of their Olympics, which also made the real Olympics more real to them. Our Maths’ Investigations are specifically designed to bring Maths into the real world and give meaning to what the children are learning.

Dylan from Prep M practising to keep up with Sally Pearson, our Australian hurdler.

Brianna from Prep W pips Max to the top in Possum Climb.

Courtney, Prep M, will be a great contender for the high jump in years to come.

The race is on in the Jumping Jo Throw race. Go teams!

Above: Kaitlin from Prep W - Cockatoos flew across those hurdles for her team.

Below: Prep G shows us their form in the sack race relays leading up to being champion triple jump performers in the 2024 Olympics in Beerwah Qld.

Frogs really can leap far as Caitlin showed in the Kangaroo Jump event for Prep W.

...and gold goes to...

Triple P Parenting Course for parents of children 11 years and over age group.

Small group sessions commencing 23 August 2012 for five weeks then three weekly follow up telephone contacts after the school holidays. Sessions are from 7pm to 9pm at Bribie Wholeness Centre, 197 First Avenue, Bribie Island. Registrations close 16 August, 2012.

Full cost is $60 per person or $75 per couple.

An information brochure is available in Admin or please ring Margaret Miller on 0431 167 879.
What a tremendous turn out we had for Funfest last weekend in the Kitchen Garden! It was a glorious day for all our visitors in the garden who were able to browse our lovely surrounds, purchase delicious, fresh local produce and view the class scarecrows that our students have been working so hard on for weeks. We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Buster’s mum and dad (Prep Maroon) and Gowinta Farms for so generously donating all the lovely strawberries, raspberries and pineapples for us to sell at the Farmers Market. Many thanks also to Natures Fruit Company and to Mrs Noble for donating the avocados and to everyone else who made donations for the day which made it such a success for our Kitchen Garden. We are so blessed to have so many people willing to help this wonderful College program in so many ways, and we appreciate every one of you – even though this column isn’t large enough to name you all!

There was a real buzz of excitement at the scarecrow judging during Funfest, as families carefully considered their choices and voted for their favourite. And the overall winner is... Mrs West’s class scarecrow, Violet, winning the People’s Choice Award, with a very close second with best personality going to Miss Parton’s Year 3 class scarecrow, Keith Urban, whilst Rosie Rosenberg (Prep Green) was clearly the best dressed on the day! Well done to all the classes and many thanks to all the wonderful families that have adopted them and taken them home. May your vegetable patches be free of birds eating your crops from now on.

In Kitchen Garden classes this fortnight our young cooks enjoyed making a vegetable frittata (from the KGP cookbook). A simple and delicious recipe for getting lots of vegetables into a meal the kids finished off in record time with just a few crumbs to spare.

Classes continued learning about seeds with a fun and unusual experiment this fortnight. Classes walked around in old socks to see how many seeds they could collect from the grass schoolyard, then planted their socks with collected seeds attached! We will see how many different types of plants grow from them in the coming weeks.

Lots of seeds were planted for future crops, including pumpkins, cucumbers and tomatoes. We must also extend a big thank you to another helper in the garden we are blessed to have - Mr Lindsay, who has lovingly tended our banana’s by chopping, pruning and tidying them for us, so we will now get nice, fat bananas from our plants.

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

Kitchen Garden cookbooks are still only $20. Pop into College Administration now to purchase your copy.
Last week, Year 9 Maths students hit the undercover area to test out their maths equations on a larger scale. Thanks Mr Havenga - hopefully year 9s got the bigger picture! Photos are at the end of this article.

Did you see the performances at the main stage at Funfest? Congratulations to those students who were able to present their gifts and talents in well practiced and thoughtfully interpreted dances and music items!

This week all students in years 7 - 12 have had heard from a speaker on the subject of ‘Straight Talk about Sex’. They were challenged to consider many aspects regarding their sexuality for example, ‘What do they watch on television or at the movies?’ What are they filling their minds with? As we work together to grow up our young men and women, at school, we will be having conversations with them over the next few weeks on the particular topics covered in these sessions. I encourage you to discuss the important issues and decisions made around relationships and their sexuality.

Jacqualina Vreeling

**ICAS Maths’ Competition**

The ICAS Math test will be held on Tuesday 14 August at 1.30pm. If your son/daughter registered for this, please ensure that they bring the necessary equipment (pens, pencils).

**DATE CLAIMER:** Subject Information Event for current Year 8 and Year 10 students

We have reached that time of year where students need to select subject electives for study in 2013. All students in Year 8 need to select for Year 9 and all Year 10 students need to select for Year 11. Parents are invited to talk to staff about the subjects on offer to determine what subjects students would like to select. Subject booklets will be sent home next week for 2013 Year 9 students. Senior subject booklets were already distributed to students last week. All information is on the College website.

**When:** Wednesday 29 August

**Time:** 4.30pm-6.30pm

**Where:** GCCC Library

**Why:** To talk to subject teachers about subject selections for 2013

Teachers will be available any time between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Feel free to come anytime within these two hours to talk to staff. Hope to see you then!

Sue Fraser

**Sunshine Coast Junior Speech and Drama Eisteddfod**

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the Sunshine Coast Junior Speech and Drama Eisteddfod. It was an amazing week and students did a great job. Many of the students were participating for the first time.

A special mention should go to Erin Holland who was awarded second in the Speech and Drama section Humorous Verse 11-13 years in the Eisteddfod. There were 18 competitors and we were particularly proud as she was one of the youngest in the section. She still has two more years to compete in this age group. Students in the improvisation session were the youngest competing. Second place was awarded to Grace Davis and Elizabeth Gregory for the 11-13 Dialogue on Friday morning. Great work girls!

Courtney Devitt
ENGLISH AND HUMANITIES MATTERS!

English and Humanities teachers frequently are asked why their subjects ‘matter’. This week I would like to focus upon why the study of language and literature ‘matters’ and what we are doing here at GCCC in Years 7 – 12 to endorse this.

William J Long in his great work on English literature stated, ‘It is a curious and prevalent opinion that literature, like all art, is a mere play of imagination, pleasing enough, like a new novel, but without any serious or practical importance. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Literature preserves the ideals of a people; and ideals--love, faith, duty, friendship, freedom, reverence--are the part of human life most worthy of preservation.’

So how are we doing our ‘bit’ to help preserve these ideals? Here’s a snapshot of some of what’s happening in our English and Humanities classrooms this term:

• Year 7 – Exploring the use of visual language, focusing on the importance of symbol and positioning to make meaning in visual texts.
• Year 8 – Delving into the world of Shakespeare’s ‘Merchant of Venice’ considering the issues of race, gender and the worldviews of the Renaissance.
• Year 9 – Investigating into the historical issues of indigenous Australians through the lens of the autobiographical text ‘Is That You Ruthie?’
• Year 10 – Examining the significance of the Civil Rights movement through the framework of ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’.
• Year 11 – Considering the issues of young people today and the concept of ‘rites of passage’ via the dialogue of the play text ‘Juice’.
• Year 12 – Unpacking the events of the Holocaust through the creative non-fiction text ‘Schindler’s List’ and discovering that ‘whoever saves one life saves the world entire’ [from the Talmud].

Not only are our students learning the fundamentals of their language and how to wield them for a variety of purposes, but they too are becoming part of the process of preserving those ideals of love, faith, duty, friendship, freedom and reverence. Ask them what they are reading, writing, viewing or discussing in their English and Humanities classrooms – in creating the dialogue, you too are part of the ‘preservation’!

GRAMMAR GRIPE:
It seems to me that people seem to be rather confused over the use of the apostrophe when a word ends in ‘s’. The rule is:
• If the word is singular i.e. James then it follows the normal positioning for an apostrophe and becomes for example, James’s book.
• If the word is plural i.e. cats then the additional ‘s’ may be omitted and it becomes for example, cats’ toys.

Jo Winlaw

Music News

Last term students in Year 9 studied how music is used in film to create themes, evoke a time and place, convey characters, create a mood or atmosphere and express emotions. Last Friday evening the students involved in Year 9 Music and High School instrumental lessons attended a gala performance from the Queensland Symphony Orchestra playing the music from Lord of the Rings at QPAC (Queensland Performing Arts Complex). It was a unique experience for the students to see how an orchestra provides the soundtrack to a film. ‘The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings’ was shown on a large screen while the orchestra performed the soundtrack to the film. For many of the students, it was the first time hearing a live orchestra and experiencing a show at QPAC. Students had a wonderful time, dressing smartly to attend a night at the theatre in the city.

“I enjoyed watching the movie and hearing the music performed live. I was really impressed to hear how the choir blended so well with the movie.” - Isaac Cornel

A big congratulations to Andrea Little (pictured right) who recently participated in the Sunshine Coast Music Eisteddfod on flute. Andrea earned a third in the Woodwind section and highly commended in the Woodwind and Brass 14 and Under Championships.

Ebony Hilton

Don’t forget Science Week - slime, sodium and sensation!

Science Week is from August 11-19 this year. Various lunchtime Science activities will be happening throughout Science Week. Students will see various demonstrations with dry ice, liquid nitrogen, hydrogen gas and sodium metal. The students will also be able to make their own slime, honeycomb, bouncy putty and various other products. Numerous prizes such as T-shirts and caps will be on offer. I encourage all students to “Get into Science” during Science Week.

Ebony Hilton
Did you know?
According to the Federal Government one in four Australians will need at least a Bachelor Degree qualification by 2025. Senator Chris Evans said to achieve this the government is aiming at 40% of all 25 to 34 year olds holding a Bachelor level degree or above by 2025!

Congratulations....

To Mitchell Fraser (Year 12) who was selected as a finalist at the Regional Queensland Training Awards ceremony held at Caloundra on Saturday 4 August. These are highly competitive and prestigious awards and it is a great achievement for Mitchell to be selected as one of three finalists. During Year 11 and 12 Mitch has completed a Certificate III in Fitness, a Certificate IV in Fitness and a Certificate III in Sport and Recreation.

Well done Mitch. In the photo Mitchell is receiving his certificate from Mr Mark McArdle, Minister for Energy and Water Supply along with a representative of Busy at Work Apprenticeship Centre.

To Rianna Humphreys and Laura Simpson in Year 12 who have successfully completed a traineeship in Administration with Old Health at Caboolture Hospital. In advising the school of this achievement Old Health staff mentioned what a great pleasure it had been to have the girls working at the Hospital and wished them all the very best – as do we! Thank you girls for being great ambassadors for our College.

To Dylan Costin and Adrian White who completed a traineeship in Media with Valhalla Lightmare Studios in Brendale. Dylan and Adrian have learnt many new skills in fields such as IT, communication, filming and digital animation. Well done Dylan and Adrian.

To MacKinley Brisbane and Jaiden Kerp who have completed a Certificate III in Media at Brisbane North Institute of TAFE over the last 18 months. This is a great achievement. Well done! MacKinley is moving on now to University study with a Headstart subject this semester at the USC. All the best with that MacKinley.

To Katie Dern-Williams and Rebekah White who have completed one semester of study in Indonesian at the University of the Sunshine Coast and are embarking on their second semester. They will be joined at the University this semester by MacKinley Brisbane and also Jordan Bennet. We wish you all the very best with your studies.

To our Distance Education students who all passed their subjects in first semester and generally with excellent results. Distance Education is very demanding without a teacher or tutor close by to help and these students are to be congratulated on their wonderful work.

Thank you....

To all the Senior students and their parents who came along to the College last Wednesday evening to learn about future pathways. It was a great night all round. We were fortunate to have a number of very informative guests from Universities, TAFE, Apprenticeship organizations and the Defence Force to give great advice to our students.

Students who were not in attendance have been given their information packs this week. If you have any questions about the contents of the packs please make a time to catch up with Mrs Ferris. Year 10 students and parents will have an opportunity to discuss future options in their SET Plan meetings.

SET Plan meetings for Year 10s
These have been conducted this week and will be completed by next Friday 17 August. This is to ensure that students have the opportunity to apply for openings in 2013 some of which will be closing soon. If you haven’t yet arranged your SET Plan meeting please contact the College to make a time for next week.

QTAC applications for Year 12s are now open.
Ms Dianne Read from QTAC gave an informative presentation about the QTAC process at our Information Evening. The QTAC website provides excellent resources for students making an application. Go to the Courses tab to search for comprehensive lists and links to the courses you are interested in. Go to the Schools and Institutions tab for excellent fact sheets and videos to help you through the application process step by step.

Students who need help with this process or advice on future directions should see Mrs Fraser or Mrs Ferris to organize assistance for them.

Don’t forget that many Universities and training organizations are having Open Days this month. Some coming up include:

- 11/8/12 JMC Academy in Brisbane which specialises in the production side of film and television plus the business side of entertainment. Register for this event at their website www.jmacademy.edu.au
- 12/8/12 Uni of Sunshine Coast
- 12/8/12 Griffith Uni
- 19/8/12 QUT Caboolture
- 25/8/12 Aviation Australia. Free admission. Boronia Road at the International Airport
- 25/8/12 Australian Catholic University
- 25/8/12 Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre, Caloundra
- 12/9/12 James Cook University Open Day, Bardon in Brisbane

Signwriting Apprenticeship at Warana
Students intending to leave school this year can apply for this interesting apprenticeship at Warana. It would be a school based apprenticeship starting soon converting to full-time next year. Please see Mrs Ferris if you would like to apply for this opportunity.

Sunskills at TAFE
On Thursday 2 August 13 Year 10 and 11 students visited TAFE to find out what is on offer. Some students went to Mooloolaba TAFE with Mrs Costin to investigate courses in Health, Fitness and Beauty. I (Mrs Ferris) had a most interesting afternoon with some Year 10 students at Nambour TAFE where we met TAFE staff and were shown through workshops for Sheet Metalwork, Boilermaking, Electrical, Mechanical and Airconditioning and Refrigeration. The staff were very knowledgeable and the facilities very impressive. Students also heard from Group Training Companies Migas and the Housing Industry Association who will hopefully visit our school soon to meet with students interested in a trade career.

Stage for Life
Two lucky students from Queensland will have the opportunity in September to go to Sydney with all flights and accommodation paid, for a week with the Bell Theatre Company working on a production. The week will culminate in the opening night at the Sydney Opera House. If you are interested in this fabulous chance to be part of a successful theatre company for a week see Mrs Ferris for details.

Joan Ferris
Cheryl Costin
Tools for School (Year 7-12)
The Sunshine Coast Libraries are offering afternoon “Tools for School” sessions for students in Year 7 and up. Students will be assisted with research skills and homework. Sessions are being run after school across the Sunshine Coast from mid to late August. A session will be held at the Beerwah Library on Monday, August 13 at 3:30pm. Bookings are essential. More information can be found at the Sunshine Coast Library website.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The reading period for PRC finishes on Friday September 7. Please ensure all Reading Record Forms are signed by class teachers and then returned to the library. It is wonderful to see the forms continue to flow in. Extra Reading Records are available in the library if the original has been misplaced.

Book Week Dress Up Day (Prep – Year 6)
During Week 6, from August 20-24, the College will be celebrating Book Week. The theme for Book Week 2012 is Champions Read. To celebrate this theme students from Prep – Year 6 are invited to take part in a Book Week Dress Up Day, on Wednesday 22 August. Students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character or champion. A parade will take place at 8:50am in the under covered area on Wednesday 22 August and parents and extended family are very welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to bring the book that inspired their costume (fiction, non-fiction or magazine) and there will be prizes for the best-dressed Prep-2 and Year 3-6 classes, as well as the best-dressed teacher. Following the Parade parents are invited to visit our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library.

Book Fair (Prep – Year 12)
This year we are holding our Book Fair during Book Week. Book Fair will be held from Tuesday 21 August – Thursday 23 August at the Primary end of the library. During Book Fair we will have a large range of Scholastic books and posters available for purchase from 8:15am-3:30pm daily. Parents and Grandparents are very welcome to attend with or without children at a convenient time. The school benefits from a commission on books sold at Book Fair so all families across the College are encouraged to attend to help promote reading and to support the library. Keep an eye out for our special guest this year, Clifford the big red dog. See you in the library.
The Athletic Carnivals at the Beerwah Sports Field were a tremendous success this term, largely due to the high level of student participation and the determination to be involved in all events.

Thursday kicked off with enthusiastic war cries from our Secondary students. Then throughout a perfect day, sunshine and 24 degrees the competition was fierce. The point’s margin between houses was extremely tight and it really came down to participation points to determine the difference.

Some outstanding efforts from several students who managed to break multiple records… Andrea Litte, Adrian White, Rebekah White and Nathan Whysall. Also an honourable mention must be made for the high jumping skills of Glen Morris who managed to tie with the 15yrs Boys record on 1.55m.

At this point in time final points and age champions are still yet to be decided.

The point’s tally at the moment is at…1614 Ararat, 1410 Sinai and 1634 Zion, stay tuned for the final tally to be printed in the next newsletter. It may be the hurdles, 1500mtrs and triple jump that make the difference.

On Friday the Primary Athletics carnival continued in the same vein. The enthusiastic cheering turned into a deafening roar at times as those students watching on cheered their athlete’s home. Again some outstanding record breaking efforts must be recognized… William Cupitt, Mackenzie Stokes, Bradyn Bell, Willow Hildreth, Sophie Trevan, Tomas Lunt, Nicholas Koschel, Julian Munyard, Codie Rechberger, Patrick McKenzie, Ryan Sauer and Natasha Hoeksema.

The Sports Department reviews all of the results manually after each carnival, unfortunately a glitch detected in the computer system meant the age champion and champion house details announced at the commencement of the carnival were incorrect. The correct house points are as follows; 1352 Ararat, 1160 Sinai and 1339 Zion. Congratulations Ararat you were the winning House for Primary. The correct age champions are as follows (awards are handed out at the Sports Awards Evening, 24 October).

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A selection of athletes are still to look forward to the district carnivals to be held Thursday 9 and Friday 10 for Primary and Thursday 16 and Friday 17 for Secondary. We wish the best to these participants as they take the next step representing our College at these events.

As we continue to grow as a College family, we are thrilled to see the level of competition continually rising and we will endeavour to modify our carnival processes to maximize time and allow the students to give their best efforts at every event.

A huge thank you to the parents who helped at the events, we would not be able to run carnivals without your assistance. Thank you to the P and F for running the canteen and friends and family who supported the students as they competed for their houses.
Sports News continued

More photos from Primary Athletics Carnival

Photos from Secondary Athletics Carnival
Sports News continued

AFL

The first game against City Private the boys were a little rusty on the skills and rules of the game but they made up for that with fierce tackling and courage around the ball. Coen Oosen made so many legal tackles in play he was rewarded the best player closely followed by Jesse Snelling who worked hard in the ruck and around the ground. Goal kickers were Joel Scerri and Corby Davis. Final scores were Caloundra Christian 4.3.27 def Glasshouse 2.2.14.

The second game was very close. Glasshouse were dominant around the ground however didn’t make the most of their many scoring opportunities. We had multiple goal scorers in D’Jay King, Jake Hoeksema and Jesse Snelling and the best players were Zac Cathcart, D’Jay King and Coen Oosen. The game was decided by only five points. City Private 4.4.28 def Glasshouse 3.4.23.

Touch Football

The first game was between the Glasshouse A team, captained by Andrea Little, and Caloundra Christian College, who had the edge initially, as Glasshouse girls became accustomed to the pace and got to know each others moves. The speedy Caloundra players ran in four tries but, as the game progressed, our girls started to turn the game and, through stronger running and better ball play, scored two tries in response. A bit more time might have seen a different result. A good learning experience. The final score was 2/4.

The second game featured the equally determined Glasshouse Zs against Caloundra City. Having the benefit of being able to view the first game and learn from some of the mistakes, Glasshouse Zs steamed to victory through good teamwork, running together with the ball and lining up in defence, scoring three unanswered tries. Maddi Larfield and Rhianna Dennett were awesome in their commitment, backing up as subs for the second game after playing a significant amount of the first as well. Newcomer Laura Davis ran well and Carysse Newell made an impression on the try line. 3/0 First victory!

Futsal

The Futsal boys need to be commended for combining really well and showing great skill, leadership and sportsmanship despite narrowly going down to Caloundra Christian College 3-1 and to City Private 3-1. Jake Williamson, the captain, scored both goals and Ollie Knott and Jacob Wrigley did a fantastic job at keeping goal. The girls beat CCC 1-0 and drew with CCP 1-1.

Volleyball

Both the boys and girls volleyball teams played a fast paced modified version of volleyball against Caloundra Christian College and Caloundra City school. The GCCC boys came out on top, defeating both of the other schools, with Jaimen Boulbee as most valuable player. Our girls finished in third place, with Ebony Neilson taking out most valuable player.

Cricket

The boys and girls got together for their first competitive game of cricket of the term. For some of these students it was their first ever game of cricket! It didn’t take long to get used to the rules of the game, and the students all played well. Only having just 12 overs to bowl in a revised version of the game, GCCC restricted City Private to minus 14 runs (-5 per wicket taken). Next week is GCCC’s turn to bat and are keen to make it into the positives. Standout bowlers were Max Williamson and Jordan Wright, with Thomas Dwan very solid at wicket-keeper.

Matthew Beattie

World Cup Cheer and Dance State Cheerleading Championships

On Sunday 5 August the GCCC Cheerleading teams descended on the Logan Metro Sports Complex to compete in the State Cheerleading Championships. We had seven cheerleading teams entered throughout the day in the primary and secondary sections. We came home after a very, very long day with two 3rds, one 2nd, a few 4th places and some 5th placings. There were up to eight teams in each section so the girls did well. The competition was tough with some of the squads training for hours and hours each week.

The girls smiled throughout each routine and the stunts were ‘clean’ and well performed and our timing was fantastic. I was really proud of their performances. The routines were all executed with precision, enthusiasm and skill. I think we were the only club to have performed all of the routines without any falls or fumbles. I am very thrilled by that and the girls should be very proud of themselves. Mackenzee Stokes, Annabelle Freeman, Olivia Logar and Julie Coogan (and I'm sure many others) battled through their sickness to compete with their teams. What troopers! There was a power outage at 4pm which meant the program ran one hour late, making the day even longer. All of the girls and parents patiently sat waiting for the performances and results before making the long journey home late that night. This was on top of performing and enjoying a full day at Funfest the day before so there were quite a few sleepy heads on the way home.

Thank you to Emily Scott and Mackenzee Stokes who learnt the senior level 2 stunt routine last Thursday morning. And another thank you to Emily who was thrown in the deep end and learnt the secondary routine ½ hour before the performance when one of our team phoned through sick. Both routines were really well performed and no-one would have known they had only just learnt the routines. Well done girls.

Christine Scott
Hi everyone!

Wow! What an amazing day we had on Saturday! Thank you so much for coming out and supporting your school – and bringing your friends too! It's probably already been said, but a HUGE thank you to Nicole Bradley and Leisa McKenzie and Tina Greive for the amazing work they put into the day and for the hours upon hours of organisation that was required. Their to-do lists were scary! A BIG thank you as well to Jules Grange, the Funfest Treasurer, who spent the entire day locked in the office counting the money and making sure we had enough change. Thank you to all the parent and staff volunteers who have put so much time into their stalls and just making sure the day ran smoothly. Without all of you, the day would not have been the phenomenal success it was. I would also like to personally thank the Lions Club for manning the BBQ for the day. They certainly made my job much easier! I hope you have recovered during over the week and I look forward to doing it all again with you in 2014!

Alaina Westaway
FUNFEST

Splat goes the Teacher!
Beerwah and District Kindergarten
OPEN DAY
Thursday 16 August 2012
from 9.30 am – 11.00 am
Everyone welcome. Come and see our centre in action. Please bring your child’s morning tea. Children may be enrolled for the Year 2013 or for future years at our Open Day. Please Note:
There is a cost of $10.00 to put your child’s name on our waiting list.
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Supermarket School Promotions
Don’t forget that the Woolworths’ and Coles’ school promotions finish on 12 August. Please place your coupons or stickers in the boxes outside Admin as soon as possible.
Thanks to everyone who is helping our College and students in this way.
How to know you are doing a good job

We all want to know we are doing a good job as a parent. Here’s a guide to help you assess if you’re on track as a parent.

At the end of a parenting evening a mother asked a question I’d never been asked before – ‘How do I know I’m doing a good job as a parent?’

Top question, that gets to the heart of parenting. You don’t get a lot of feedback as a mum or a dad to know if you are on track.

Without becoming too technical here’s a rough guide to help you assess if you are doing a good job as a parent. Ask yourself these questions (by the way, I’m assuming you are meeting kids’ physical needs of food, sleep and the like):

1. Are your kids, by and large, happy and content (even your grumpy child)? The notion of happiness & contentment is an indicator of a child’s well-being. It indicates that there is some stability and predictability at home, which kids need to thrive.

2. Is family-life relatively predictable & stable? Most kids like routine and order as it enables them to focus on what they are meant to be doing – which is growing, learning and developing. When there is order and routine kids can focus their energies on these things, rather than try to work out what may be happening next.

3. Is the environment you provide psychologically and physically safe? Some kids grow up in toxic environments where criticism and bullying is rife, and kids can do as they wish, which puts their safety at risk. Encouragement, praise, positive feedback, catching kids doing the right thing or being brave all make up a psychologically safe environment.

4. Are kids learning and developing? This is an indicator that things are going well for kids. I know some kids experience difficulty, but effective parenting involves clearing the path to learning for all children.

5. Do you feel like you are in charge, or do children rule the roost? Someone needs to be the leader of the family, and it’s best if it’s an adult. Okay, all kids push the boundaries. It’s their job. But parents, by large and small, need to direct the daily action and make wise decisions for kids. Kids should make some decisions, but only according to their age and stage of development.

6. Do you give kids opportunities to socialise with other kids and adults? As a parent you have some say in directing the socialisation process for kids. They need to learn to get along with others and move from ‘me’ to ‘we’. You help this process by providing opportunities to socialise, teaching manners and reminding them (all the time) about ‘getting on’ with others.

7. Are you developing the skills of independent living? The job of every parent is to work toward redundancy so effective parents do more with kids, and less for them.

8. Is love and affection in the air (balanced by firmness)? Kids need to feel loved and that they are loveable. You let kids know they are loved through your actions and words. Being told ‘I love you’ by an adult you respect and admire is an incredibly reassuring, empowering thing.

9. Is family-life fun............at least some of the times? Humour and fun are the building blocks for mental health (& relationships too). They relieve tension and stress. That’s why dads who tell jokes (even if they’re really bad!) are welcome in families.

10. Do other people think you’re doing a good job? How would most people assess your parenting? There will always be some people who think you are doing a poor job of it (sometimes they are related to you), but what would the majority of people say? Would they give you a thumbs up or a thumbs down?

11. Are you happy in your role? This is tricky. We all get down on ourselves and our kids from time to time. But hopefully you are getting some joy from your parenting. If so, this will show through to your kids in lots of ways. If not, then perhaps you need to work out what’s stopping you, and then make plans to change the situation. That could be working on your parenting skills (lack of skills prevents many parents from enjoying their parenting), or even getting some professional assistance if you feel that you are stuck in a parenting or personal rut.

Hopefully, you read this little list and nodded your head far more than you shook it. It’s not meant to be an objective, comprehensive list. It’s more of a subjective, common sense checklist to help you work out that in fact, YOU ARE DOING A GOOD JOB AS A PARENT!

We all try our best, and sometimes we mess up. But, by and large, kids forgive you your transgressions. But there is one thing that they all want. That is, they expect and rely on your fair dinkum, loved through your actions and words. Being told ‘I love you’ by an adult you respect and admire is an incredibly reassuring, empowering thing.

Want to know if your parenting style is suitable for raising today’s kids?

Take my FREE Which Parenting Style Are You? Parenting quiz at Parentingideas.com.au and discover your parenting style. There are also some practical implementation ideas to help you adopt a parenting style suitable for your kids today.