SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2012
Tue 28  6.30pm Prep Fathers Night
Thu 30 Fathers’ Day Stall
Fri 31  P-3 Athletics Carnival

September 2012
Tue 4    7pm P and F Meeting
Tue 4-Wed 5  QCS Test Yr 12
Thur 13-Fri 14  Yr 3 Camp
Tue 18-Fri 21  Yrs 11, 12 Exam Block
Tue 18-Wed 19  3pm Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 21 Last Day Term 3

October 2012
Mon 8 First Day Term 4
Tue 9    7pm P and F Meeting
Fri 19  Grandparents Day
Fri 19  Secondary Arts Celebration
Mon 22 Verification - Student free day
Wed 24 Sports Awards Night
Wed 31 QUT Day for all Year 9s

Uniform Shop
New and second-hand uniforms.
Mon 8.00 - 9.00am
Wed 8.00 - 9.00am
Fri 8.00 - 9.00am & 2.30 - 3.30pm

From the Principal

New Construction
Work began last week on our two latest building projects, F Block and the new Industrial Technology and Sport building.

F Block is a two story replica of G Block and will be located adjacent to it. This building will house a staff room on the top level and two classrooms on the bottom. These will eventually become art rooms. The other smaller scale building will also be a double story building with the top housing equipment to enhance the current Industrial Technology course with a focus on auto mechanics. The bottom will be a Sports storeroom, change room and showers. This building will be located adjacent to the current Industrial Technology block.

Chloe Tsangaris - Pride of Australia Finalist!
Congratulations to our very own Chloe Tsangaris Year 4G, who is now a finalist in the 2012 Pride of Australia awards. Chloe’s sparkling face, together with her pet llama, recently appeared as the centrepiece in the Courier Mail’s list of Queensland finalists. The awards’ categories include Young Leader, Courage, Heroism, Community Spirit, Child of Courage, Outstanding Bravery, Care and Compassion, Inspiration, Environment and Fair Go. Chloe is a finalist in the Environment section for her four years of fund raising for wildlife with Australia Zoo. Chloe has raised more than $20,000 so far and shows no signs of slowing down.

International Exchange Students
Please note that if you are thinking about hosting an international exchange student and would like them to attend the College it is important you come and discuss the possibility of this with me first. As the College grows it will become increasingly difficult to agree to these requests in some year levels.

Family Holidays During Term Time
We are having increasing occasions of parents withdrawing students during term time for extended holidays. In these circumstances it is very important that you inform your Head of School in writing at least three weeks before the expected absence as there are many adjustments that need to be made to your child’s academic program.
Within the terms of trade that every family at the college agrees to upon enrolment, is the understanding that, “in the case of term time vacations the College will charge a holding fee of 50% of the term’s fees in lieu of full school fees if the absence is for one full school term”. If a child is present for any part of the term the usual school fees apply.

In the past we have been in a position where we have waived term’s fees when an absence has been for a full term. However, as the College grows and certain enrolment circumstances become more complex, we will need to enforce this condition as of the beginning of the 2013 school year.

**Book Week**

This week has been Book Week, a week of promoting and celebrating the joy of reading. There have been activities all week such as book readings, the book fair and the pinnacle was the Book Week Parade on Wednesday morning. The costumes become more inventive every year and the care that went into their design and construction was obvious. The participation rates too were very high. There are more photos to look at later on in the newsletter.

Thank you for your help in making Book Week a highlight on the College Calendar.

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**Primary Concert Dates**

As we only received a minimal response to our question about the Primary concerts, the dates have now been set and they are:

- Prep to Year 2 - Monday 26 November.
- Years 3-6 - Wednesday 28 November.

We will have more details on times and venue for you a little later on.

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**Science Museum Excursion with 4M**

Year 4M have been learning about forces this term and what better way to end our study than with a trip to the Science Museum. We all had a great time. Highlights include swirling Olivia Logar’s mum around and around on the swinging chair, flying a jet plane in a simulator, working out how to reduce friction to make the bumper cars go faster, watching Nick and Grace get squirted by a mixture of yeast and vinegar, and working out what makes the water in a tornado spin. It was such an exciting and eventful day that some of us fell asleep on the bus ride home (including some parents). Thank you parents and students for a great day!
There has been some exciting progress in the Kitchen Garden this fortnight with the addition of a new stainless steel workbench in the gazebo. This means we can fit more budding cooks around it and it’s much more user friendly during classes! Our future master chef’s this week made some lovely roasted fresh root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, beetroot and swede) from the garden. The delicious vegetables were roasted with crushed up fennel seeds and olive oil... Yum.

We are continuing the seeds theme this term and classes have planted seeds into cups at different depths to gain an understanding of the energy required for a seed to germinate, make it to the surface and grow. With the dry weather, lots of watering needs to be done. Pineapples and strawberries were fed with Kaytec and received a good layer of lucern mulch to keep the moisture in the soil. The brassica bed was pulled up and a cover crop of lablab (a legume) was sown to provide green manure, which will be sown back into the soil.

Our volunteer numbers have been down in the last few weeks, mainly due to our regulars either being sick themselves or having to look after sick children. If you are able to come along and help out, we would love to see you and remember to ward off the winter colds and flu’s by eating LOTS of fresh fruit and vegetables and loads of garlic and ginger!

Mandy Ward

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.

Urgent need for second hand uniforms

If you have any uniforms that your children have grown out of and don’t need anymore, would you please bring them into Admin. Just download the Second Hand uniform selling/donating form from the website, www.gccc.qld.edu.au under College Life, Uniform Shop, fill it in and bring it with your uniforms.

There are many families who really appreciate having the option of purchasing second hand uniforms for their children. Please help if you can.

LOST PROPERTY

Jordan Turner from Year 8 has lost his jumper. If you have accidentally taken home the wrong jumper, would you please return it to Student Reception as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help with this.
We have just enjoyed a few weeks of Olympic time again with the Paralympics still to go. I always look forward to seeing the performances of the athletes and the opportunity to watch a huge range of sports. It is a time when we see the best in human physical endeavour as athletes who have worked their whole life towards this moment strive to achieve their goal.

I have also been disappointed at the Australian commentary around the Australian athletes’ performances. The clear disappointment that is often expressed when our “gold medal hopefuls” place second implies these athletes have somehow “failed” by being the second fastest people on the planet. I believe that sport shouldn't be like that. These attitudes and abuses tarnish sport and provide evidence along with drug use and cheating to the way sin also affects sport.

In Middle school for the past few weeks we have used Olympic Gold, Silver and Bronze medal stickers to recognise ‘above and beyond’ behaviour from our students. Many of the students who receive these have not necessarily ‘placed’ first second or third in their classes activities academically, however, teachers have recognised their exceptional efforts either in their class work or their care and actions towards others. As they come home to show you their ‘awards’ please know we are proud and thankful of the exemplary behaviour they have shown when they were acknowledged.

And, those students who have gone through some discomfort during the 40 hour famine, to raise much needed funds for people in developing countries, also deserve a medal. Well done good and faithful young people.

Some Reminders:
- New to year 7 in 2013 - Parent info night 29 August, 6.30 - 7.00pm in library - top floor
- Casual Day and Messy Games Friday 21 September. Gold coin donation
- Year 9 Community Service Project Wednesday 19 September after lunch until end of day

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.
- When: Wednesday 29 August
- Time: 4.30pm-6.30pm
- Where: GCCC Library
- Why: To talk to subject teachers about subject selections for 2013
Hope to see you then!

QCS TESTS - YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Many of our Year 12 students will be sitting their QCS tests on 4 and 5 September. We would appreciate you joining with us in praying for our students leading up to and during this time.

SENIOR EXAM BLOCK TIMETABLES

Students in Years 10-12 will be given their Term 3 exam timetables early next week. Timetables will also be available on the website. Please make note of the conditions that are outlined in the letter accompanying the timetables and start to assist your child/ren in preparing for this important time.

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” —Genesis 8:22
**Art News**

Showcasing the Arts 7-12  
GCCC Arts Soiree

*Follow the Light*

Date Claimer for our Secondary Arts Department premier Arts event for the year. Please come and enjoy as we celebrate all areas of the Arts and see just how talented our students are!

**Hospitality News**

**Arriba Arriba Hospitality Students**

On 7 August the GCCC Hospitality students treated staff and students to a Mexican lunch so tasty, you immediately wanted to dance around a giant sombrero.

As well as the traditional nachos and tachos, there were churros with chocolate dipping sauce and fizzy ice cream sodas.

Service came with a smile and a moustache!
VET and Future Pathways

News from the Defence Force.

Highlights from the Defence Force this month include:

• Visit and tour of Air Force Defence Force Ground Electronics Units, 5 September 2012. 8am Departure from Brisbane CBD. Contact Careers Promotion Team at CPTQLD@drf.com.au

• All Navy, Army and Air Force Careers Information Session in Brisbane Saturdays 22 September and 6 October 10 – 11.30am. Technical Trades Information Session 19 September 6.30 – 8pm. Please register your interest by calling (07) 3016 2431 or via email at CPTQLD@drf.com.au.

• Online Live Interactive Broadcast about Medical and Health Careers in the Defence Force, Thursday 30 August at 6.30pm. To register visit http://broadcasts.defencejobs.gov.au

• Exercise Triton Storm is an annual Australian and New Zealand naval exercise. This month a new interactive program has been released on the Defencejobs website that allows visitors to experience this exercise. Visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/navy/training/tritonstorm

• Information about one year defence opportunities and priority jobs in the ADF.

If you would like the complete current newsletter from Defence Force Recruiting please contact Mrs Ferris or email CPTQLD@drf.com.au and ask to be included on the mailing list.

Aviation Careers

• Aviation Australia at Brisbane Airport is having an Open Day this Saturday 25 August 10am – 4pm. For information www.aviationcareersexpo.aero

• Discover Careers in Aviation and Aerospace (Civil and Military) Friday 12 October (first week, term 4) at Palmer Coolum Resort. Organised school groups only. Please see Mrs Ferris this coming week if you would like to go.

Xstrata Apprenticeships

Xstrata (formerly Mt Isa Mines) is currently recruiting for their 2013 apprentice intake. Roles include electrical, boilermaking, diesel fitting, radio technical, auto electrical and fitting and turning. Visit www.xstrata.com/careers. Applications close 2 September.

Scholarships for Women in Technical Roles.

You may have heard about an exciting new opportunity for Queensland women, the Queensland Government’s Supporting Women Scholarships Program. This program will provide financial support to assist women to take up study and employment in male-dominated fields in skill shortage areas such as architecture, building services, engineering, agricultural science and geology. The program will benefit women at all stages of their careers including young women starting their career, women re-entering the workforce and women changing careers.

Scholarships are open to women who are applying to study in one of the designated fields at a Queensland University or registered training organisation. Scholarships are available from Certificate IV through to graduate level. For more information about the program, including how to apply and fields and level of study in which scholarships are available, please visit the Skills Queensland website (www.skills.qld.gov.au/supportingwomen).

USC Headstart Information Evening - Wednesday 5 September

Can’t wait to start uni? As a Year 11 or 12 student you can study USC courses while still completing high school. Find out more by speaking with USC staff and current Headstart students at the Headstart Information Evening at the University of the Sunshine Coast on Wednesday 5 September. At 5:15pm, students and parents can take a tour of the campus with a current USC student and get an insight into university life. At 6pm, attend the information session to learn more about Headstart and hear Headstart students share their study experience. To register your attendance, visit www.usc.edu.au/info or phone 5456 5000.

Applications for Semester 1 study (starting in February) close on Friday 26 October.
Considering a gap year?
Access career and study information and speak to representatives from Sunshine Coast TAFE, Lattitude Global Volunteering, University of the Sunshine Coast Career Connection, Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership and Volunteering Sunshine Coast about your gap year options. Thursday 13 September 5 – 7pm TAFE Maroochydore (170 Horton Parade).

Sunshine Coast Private Hospital Tour
Sarah Davis (Year 12) and Emily Hammill (Year 10) were fortunate to visit SC Private Hospital and view hospital facilities and staff in action. They were also given advice about career pathways. Here Sarah and Emily spend some time in the operating theatre along with a fairly waxen looking patient (past all help I think!)

Library News

Special Thanks
Special thanks to everyone who supported the Book Week and Book Fair celebrations. Both events are always a highlight in the calendar and we appreciate the time and effort parents put into them. I hope you enjoy the photos. The students will be able to see more photos like this on the Library window TV.
Sports News from 8 August 2012.

**Volleyball**

Volleyball boys had outstanding games against both of the opposing schools. Glasshouse defeated Caloundra Christian College 20 to 16, and also defeated Caloundra City Private School 36 to 17. Both girls teams played well, but unfortunately could not come up with wins this week.

**Futsal - Boys**

An excellent turnaround by the Futsal boys in the second round. The boys regrouped and came out of the blocks with a solid game plan and won a close fought battle with Caloundra Christian College 3 goals to 2. They then stepped it up a gear and beat Caloundra City Private 5 goals to 1. Sean McKeown and Jacob Wrigley had a good stint at goal keeping and goal scorers for the day were Luke Hesse, Flynn Mitchell, Jacob Wrigley, Jake Williamson, Josh Elias. Overall, a great team effort from all the boys! Well done!

**AFL**

With the absence of several key players the AFL boys fought hard against quality opposition. The defenders stood tall and were our better players on the day with Jordan Shuttleworth showing plenty of courage and toughness around the packs. He was not alone with Lucas Tidy also taking plenty of marks across half back, and kicking the ball long to the mid fielders. The team continues to show improvement each week.

**Oztag**

The Glasshouse Girls A-team (the Peanuts!) took the field against Caloundra City Girls in round 2 of the competition last Wednesday. Andie Little showed real pace around the wings, eventually scoring four tries, with Maddi Larfield and Felicity Tasker also adding one each to the tally. Although the City girls managed to come back with two tries, our ‘Peanuts’ ran well together and backed each other up, helping to keep a healthy lead in the game by the end of time. 6/2

In the second game, the Glasshouse Z team, began with few ‘z’s themselves as the Caloundra Christian College girls zipped by to take an early lead. With the score mounting against us, Carysse Newell led a more spirited defence, moving up swiftly to tag the enemy and inspire some more confidence. Several times our girls came within a whisker of making a try and were eventually awarded a penalty try when the defending Caloundra players did not move off their try line in defence. Although Caloundra triumphed 3/1, the Z team were able to draw confidence from their improved performance in the second half, showing that they have what it takes. Taylah Andrews, Maddi Larfield, Andie Little and Rhianna Dennett also deserve commendation for backing up from the first game as subs.

**Cricket**

The GCCC team was full of enthusiasm as they out scored their opponents in their first competitive game of continuous cricket. The standout performers were Jordan Wright and Jordan Vallely

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge (Prep – Year 7)**

The reading period for PRC finishes on Friday 7 September. Please ensure all Reading Record Forms are signed by class teachers and then returned to the library. Extra Reading Records are available in the library if the original has been misplaced.

**MS Readathon (Prep – Year 12)**

The MS Readathon is still running and is open to students across the College. The MS Readathon is a reading-based fundraiser run by Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MSA). Students read as many books as possible during 1-31 August. Friends and family sponsor them by either pledging an amount per book read or by the time they spend reading or by giving a donation. This money goes to support people living with MS. The students receive a certificate of appreciation and reward as a thank you for their efforts. Books used for the Premier’s Reading Challenge can also be used for the MS Readathon. To be part of the MS Readathon students can pick up a registration form from the library or register online at http://www.msreadathon.org.au

See you in the library, Vanessa McKellar

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**Glasshouse Districts Cricket Club Sign-on**

Junior team nomination is scheduled for 11 September for anyone who missed the sign-on that took place on 19 August.
Primary District Carnival

GCCC was represented proudly by students competing at the District Athletics Carnival held at BeeGee’s sports ground over two competitive days earlier this month. The students, aged between 9-12 years, contested a variety of athletic disciplines with amazing effort and agility. The school came in fourth place overall - a tremendous effort, and not too far away from the eventual winners, Elimbah State School.

All students gave their very best in their events and it was a pleasure to hear all the encouragement booming from the tent as students raced past on the track. There were some standout performers, with William Cupitt (12yrs) and Ryan Sauer (12 years) placing in many events to both achieve runner-up for age champion. Thomas Lundt (11 years) also attained this high honour and will go on to represent GCCC at the regional carnival.

Thank you to all the willing parents who cheered and assisted on the day, making it a great success and a memorable experience for our students.

Secondary District Carnival

Well done to all members of the GCCC Athletics Team that competed last Thursday and Friday at the District Athletics Carnival. Our school was very well represented and it was pleasing to see our team compete with enthusiasm and determination on both days. We finished only 27 points behind Immanuel Lutheran College.

Congratulations to Rebekah White who set a new district record with a jump of 10.78m in the open girls triple jump. Rebekah also placed 2nd in the Long Jump, 3rd in the 100m and 2nd in the 200m.

Other athletes that represented with distinction and placed throughout the carnivals events are as follows...

- Jared Moore - 3rd Triple Jump / 3rd 800m / 2nd High Jump
- Jesse Snelling - 3rd Triple Jump
- Andrea Little - 3rd Triple Jump / 3rd Discus / 1st Shot Put / 4th 100m
- Mitchell Fraser - 2nd Discus / 3rd Javelin
- Maddison Larfield - 3rd Discus
- Jayme-Lee Groer - 3rd High Jump
- Ryan Harrison - 3rd 1500m
- Abbey Bates - 3rd 1500m
- Glen Morris - 3rd 200m

An excellent effort by all athletes, you have made your school very proud.
Hi everyone! I don’t know about you, but I am still basking in the glory of a Fabulous Funfest! A fantastic amount of money was raised for the school, and know the Pand F have the difficult (but fun!) task of deciding how to best spend it! We have a few plans, but would love to hear from you, our school community, about how you think we could best utilise the funds. Whether it be something for the whole school to enjoy, or something for individual classrooms, we would love to hear your ideas. Please put them in writing and forward them to pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au and we will discuss them at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 September.

Please note that next Thursday 30 August, we will be holding the Fathers Day stall in the Undercover area. This will be available for all grades, with goodies available for purchase before school, at lunch time and after school. Bonnie has been having lots of fun purchasing goodies for your children to bless their dads with!

Have a great fortnight! Cheers

Alaina Westaway

September at the Beerwah Library

**Saturday 8 September** 1.00-2.30pm Dad’s Read: Lego in the Library on Saturday. September is Dads Read month across the Queensland. This is a walk-in event and the age is open. The only constraint is that it is for Dads to share with their kids!

**Wednesday 26th September** 3.00-4.30pm 1st job survival guide. 1st job: getting yourself across the line. Applying for a position, acing the interview and how to deal with the stress and keep your confidence high when job searching. Session presented by Deborah Moseley, Queensland Youth Industry Links and Rick Colclough, Workplace Support.

And our regular sessions.

- Baby Rhyme Time is held every Monday at 10.30 am for Infants aged 0-1 year.
- Story Time for Toddlers is held every Tuesday at 10.30 am for children aged 1-5 years.
- Computer Help on a variety of topics, such as Introduction to Internet, Gmail and Skype, Computer Basics, How to download eBooks, What is an iPad, Facebook and Buy and sell online? Bookings are essential.

Contact your library on 1300 542727 or visit us at 25 Peachester Road. Find us on Facebook, Flickr and Twitter!

Dell, Amanda and Staff at Beerwah Library
Graduation and Dinner Dances

Hinterland Body and Soul invites you to come in and trial a new concept of eyelash extensions. It’s just like applying mascara only better. You can lengthen your lashes by 300% instantly.

Family Fun Event

Family Tickets 50% OFF the normal entry price to Aussie World.

Limited tickets so please book and pay online now at www.actionrescue.com.au or Ph. 07-5458 8700.

Saturday 15 September 5.30pm-10.00pm
Enjoy the Carnivale atmosphere of Aussie World and support your rescue helicopter!
Tickets include unlimited rides at Aussie World as well as:
* Scooby Doo Show
* Stilt Walkers * Jugglers
* Acrobats * Roving Magicians * Face Painters
* Balloon Sculpturist * Roving Characters * Fire Performers
* Balloon Monsters * Roving Ring Master MC and more!

Family News continued

Singing and Music Lessons

Hello. My name is Ian Rix, and I am the vocal tutor at GCCC. I have tuition time-slots available for Term 4 and the start of 2013. I have many years’ experience as a performer - musician, singer, songwriter, actor and as a teacher. I have been teaching at GCCC since 2010. In 2011, several of my students were members of the cast in “The Sound of Music” presented at GCCC theatre as part of the ‘Slice of Life’ drama production.

I can teach your child how to:
• Sing, play guitar, mandolin, piano/keyboard, and to learn musical theory.
• Develop correct breathing techniques and vocal tone.
• Find their natural voice.
• Prepare for an audition.
• Develop their musicianship.

We also offer lessons on violin, brass – trombone and trumpet, woodwind – flute, clarinet, alto and tenor saxophone, piano and guitar. Please contact or email Miss Hilton for an enrolment form and information booklet or see the College website for more information. Places are limited, don’t wait till it’s too late.

Ian Rix
Do you ever compare your child’s behaviour or progress with other children of the same age? If so, you are causing stress for yourself and your child. Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity.

BUT it’s hard to resist as we tend to assess our progress in any area of life by checking out how we compare with our peers. When you were a child in school you probably compared yourself to your schoolmates. Your teachers may not have graded you, but you knew who the smart kids were and where you ranked in the pecking order.

Now that you have kids of your own do you still keep an eye on your peers? Do you use the progress and behaviour of their kids as benchmarks to help you assess your own performance as well as your child’s progress? This is okay, as long as we don’t lose sight of three important aspects:

1. **Kids develop at different rates.**
   
   There are early developers, slow bloomers and steady-as-you-go kids in every group so comparing your child’s results or performance can be completely unrealistic.
   
   **What this means for you:** Focus on your child’s improvement and effort and use your child’s results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development. “Your spelling is better today than it was a month ago.”

2. **Kids have different talents, interests and strengths.**
   
   Okay, your eight-year-old may not be able to hit a tennis ball like Raphael Nadal, even though your neighbour’s child can. Avoid comparing the two as your child may not care about tennis anyway.
   
   **What this means for you:** Help your child identify his or her own talents and interests. Recognise that strengths and interests may be completely different than those of his or her peers and siblings.

3. **Parents can have unrealistic expectations for their kids.**
   
   We all have hopes and dreams for our kids but they may not be in line with their interests and talents.
   
   **What this means for you:** Keep your expectations for success in line with their abilities and interests. If expectations are too high kids will lose self-esteem and may not perform up to their potential. If they are too low, they will usually meet them!

Parents rightfully should take pride in their children’s performance at school, in sport or their leisure activities. You should also celebrate their achievements and milestones such as, taking their first steps, getting their first goal in a game or getting great marks at school. However, you shouldn’t have too much personal stake in your children’s success or in their milestones, as this close association makes it hard to separate yourself from your kids. It also causes you to play the “compare & compete game” – i.e. by comparing kids you can put pressure on yourself and them to perform for the wrong reasons.

And certainly, your self-esteem as a parent should not be explicitly linked to your children’s behaviour or developmental levels.

“We are not your child” is a challenging but essential parental concept to live by. Doing so takes real maturity and altruism, but it is the absolute foundation of that powerful thing known as ‘unconditional love’.

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