From the Principal

Improved technology for students.

At the beginning of 2011 the Federal Government funding as part of the D.E.R. made it possible for us to supply all of our Year 10, 11 and 12 students with laptop computers. The decision was made to go with Apple Macbooks. The program has been highly successful. The 1:1 computing allows students to research, collaborate, access tools like Word and Powerpoint, access the College’s fledgling Learning Management System (Moodle) and organise their note taking and assignment work. Electronic texts also mean the weight in the school bag is reduced.

We decided that we would provide parents and students with an option where students could take the machines home (for a small fee) and an option where the machines would stay at school. However, this has been problematic. The distribution and retrieval system is clumsy and time consuming. During assessment times students are feeling the pinch of not having their computer at home to work on and for those who have a home computer there are issues of compatibility with the Apple specific programs.

For this reason, next year all Year 10 to 12 students will be provided a laptop and charger which will be theirs to take home. The fee will be a nominal charge of $150 which will cover the insurance costs. Students will be responsible for bringing a charged laptop to the College and adhering to the Acceptable Usage Technology Policy.

Due to the success of the Senior School program we have decided to adopt a 1:1 computing program in the Middle School. As of next year, each Middle School student will be issued an iPad in a protective case. IPads are being used increasingly in schools for good reasons. We believe they suit the needs of our Middle School particularly well due to their light weight, very quick boot up time and powerful computing capabilities.

There will be an information session about the iPad program on 11 October in the College theatrette at 6.30pm for all parents interested to find out more about the program. I am sure there will be many questions you may have and there will be more documentation to follow. Please hold your questions until the information evening.

To refine our processes for the eventual implementation of the program we are implementing a trial as of next term. All Year 7 students will receive an iPad and will be allowed to take the iPad home and for all intents and purposes it will be their machine. There will be standard applications that will come preloaded on each machine.
Fond farewell
We say goodbye to Chappy Col Coleman who has accepted a chaplaincy position at Talara Primary College in Currimunidi which is a stone’s throw from his home. All the best Chappy Col.

Sue Fraser long service leave
Sue Fraser is taking long service leave until the end of the year. If you have any matters that you would normally take up with Sue, please contact College Admin and the ladies will be able to direct your call to the right person.

10 years of extraordinary service
Last Thursday we celebrated 10 years of faithful service at the College by Cheryl Bryers, Sue Fraser and Tanya Lindsay. These three amazing ladies have contributed enormously to the quality and growth of the College and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

Holidays are here.
Term 3 has been full of activity and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our families who made it such a great term. We experienced our most successful Funfest yet and saw construction begin on our new F block. Term 4 is when we take the extra time to celebrate the achievements of our students and I look forward to seeing you at the various award ceremonies and end of year events.

Mike Curtis

Unidentified Deposits
We have received three direct credits into our bank account on 14 and 28 August and 11 September which have insufficient identification, but have come from Woolworths. If you believe these could be yours, please contact Heather Hill in the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP - 5% DISCOUNT
Discount Guidelines
A 5% discount is available for uniform orders over $100. Orders must be received by November 13 and must be collected by November 27. The discount applies to new uniforms only and not 2nd hand uniforms.

Lay-by and Eftpos options are available through the uniform shop. Uniforms can be returned and exchanged for different sizes in the new year as long as in new condition (not worn or washed and any tags etc still attached).

PDF Order forms are available from the School Website www.gccc.qld.edu.au - College Life - Uniform Shop. Order forms can also be collected from the Uniform Shop and the School Reception.

Please contact the school reception during Term 4 to book an appointment for fittings.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
If you are able to spare 1 hour once a week to assist me in the uniform shop on the busy days please contact me on kylie.woodhead@gccc.qld.edu.au.

Transport Assistance Scheme - Semester Two Applications
Online applications for the **Bus Fare Assistance Program and the Students with Disabilities Scheme** will be accepted from 1 October until 31 October.

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to: www.schooltransport.com.au. Further enquiries to: 3336 9192 or schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au.

Applications received after 31 October 2012 cannot be processed.
Jensen’s Story (for all those who have been asking)

It began with a phone call from Canada when Helen, my young friend (who is like another daughter) expressed her concerns about the surgery which Jensen, who had been adopted from China in May 2012 just a few months earlier, desperately needed to have as he had two significant holes in his heart. Helen and Paul were aware of this as Jensen was a “special medical needs adoption”.

It was a natural response to ask if they wanted me to come there to support them at this time and was actually possible as I had long service due this year. To be honest, Term 3 was perfect timing for me to be away from the College, so the plans were made and flights booked.

Jensen Wei Schirok was born in Kunming City in China and was found abandoned near the hospital (where he would be easily discovered) as he had pneumonia. We believe that his mother knew that he had two holes in his heart and needed extensive surgery. When Jensen was found, he was given medical care and placed in the orphanage which was well known for organising international adoptions. It would probably have been impossible for Jensen’s mother to afford the surgery he needed as it wasn’t available in Kunming province.

For the first nine months he spent most of his time in a cot and the staff referred to him as “little slow eater”. This was because his body only had enough energy to breathe and digest his bottle – nothing else. However, his fine motor coordination developed very well as I guess he spent many hours touching fingers and thumbs together to amuse himself.

The flight from China to Canada was difficult as Helen and Paul had to keep oxygen near Jensen’s nose to provide for adequate oxygen absorption. There was a serious risk that he may not have “made it” to North America without this. But after three months Jensen still wasn’t putting on weight. Bottles were very slow and he wouldn’t touch any solid food so the specialist decided the operation had to be moved forward to August. What a blessing for them that they live in Alberta Canada where Jensen has access to the very best medical care and his surgeon was not just one of the best, but THE BEST open heart surgeon in the world! So, on Wednesday 22 August, he finally went into theatre and four hours later Dr Rebekya gave us the report that it had all gone well. He was so matter-of-fact and at that moment they wheeled Jensen’s little body into intensive care. When you are the best open heart surgeon in the world, good bedside manner isn’t necessary.

Jensen was one of about 15 children in PICU (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit) – each with an individual nurse assigned to them 24 hours a day. Machines monitored every aspect of their progress and alarms and bells were constantly going off and doctors and nurses were reading and adjusting data and medications. Jensen was completely sedated and given morphine during these 10 days but, apart from having community acquired pneumonia, made great progress. Towards the end of his time in PICU, various lines and tubes were removed – one by one – and gradually the morphine and sedation were reduced until he was awake. Oxygen saturation was 100% where previously it had been about 70-80%. Finally he was air lifted to Calgary by ambulance then jet and ambulance again. He was almost at the end of his journey – only the NG tube for milk straight into the stomach remained. Then his first bottle! How good it was to see him drinking from a bottle. This went without a hitch, so the NG tube was removed. Jensen remained at 99-100% oxygen saturation – though he hated the monitor for this as he just couldn’t shake it off his big toe.

The final excitement came when we arrived the following morning armed with coffee “to go” and some breakfast for his dad Paul. Jensen saw the “Breakfast Quiche” from Phil & Sebastian’s (Helen’s favourite coffee shop) and immediately wanted some. So – forget the farex and the gradual introduction of texture and lumpy solid foods, Jensen went straight to -

- Quiche
- Spaghetti
- Pizza
- Mashed potato with cream & butter
- Blended Thai chicken soup

and most important of all

- VEGEMITE & CHEESE RUSKS – made by Grammie (that’s me)

As a little Canadian citizen, born in China with a Canadian father and Australian mother, and Canadian and Australian grandparents – Jensen needed to grow up with VEGEMITE!

I shared most of this in our Year 3 – 6 assembly last week and was amazed how intently the students listened.
Many have made a point of talking to me since then and expressing genuine concern and compassion for this little man – once abandoned but now safe and well in Canada. I know that so many families have been praying and keeping abreast of developments over the past few weeks. I have been very touched by the expressions of care and concern since being back at GCCC and have been humbled by your kind wishes for Jensen’s complete recovery.

I arrived in Canada to meet a happy little boy who only had enough energy to breathe and take a bottle and a month later left a vibrant little “man” with a wonderful sense of humour who giggled and chuckled constantly and had a sparkle in his eyes and just a touch of mischief in his heart.

Cheryl Bryers

Amazing Australian Animals.

This term Year 2 have been learning about Amazing Australian Animals. We have researched Australian animals and have written reports on our animal of choice. In Technology we designed, constructed and appraised our Possum Houses, which were incredibly practical, could stand by themselves and were complete with a hollow which could be easily accessed by the possums!

On Friday the 7 September we were blessed to spend the day at Australia Zoo. Here we were able to observe and discuss the conventions of various animal enclosures. Over the past week we have been busy designing our own animal enclosures and have just started constructing them in class. What an exciting learning journey we are on in Year 2!

Ainslee Robinson, 2G

Tuckshop Online Ordering is Here!

Our school has now introduced a great new online ordering system for the tuckshop called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also done online, so you no longer need to send cash or a paper order to school. As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for the tuckshop to process - so it makes everyone’s life a little easier. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia.

Getting online is easy and only takes a second to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit) and Bank Transfer. The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you don’t need to scrounge for coins in the morning and can easily budget for your canteen spending throughout the term.

The system is now available, so we look forward to seeing your next order online!

If you have any questions, please ask the tuckshop for more information.
Sandcastles at Beerwah Beach? No wonder we can’t find Crabby!

Last week the Prep children donned their swimwear and hit the beach-yes in Beerwah! Each year the Prep children do a Mathematics Investigation where they use all their knowledge about 2D and 3D shapes, Measurement and Position to design, build and decorate a sandcastle to hide their little orange crabs.

With the sounds of ‘I do love to live beside the seaside’ floating through the air the Preps got to work! Check out our creations!

Come on down… it’s a new, old car!

D and F Auto Care in Landsborough have donated a Ford Capri convertible to Glasshouse Country Christian College. This car will be used by Year 11 and 12 Industrial Technology students for their automotive studies in their new engineering workshop. Students will learn about small engine operations, car engine systems and basic car maintenance and servicing. GCCC has experienced incredible growth and as a result its Industrial Technology students will be moving into the engineering workshop which is currently under construction and due to be completed by January 2013. In this engineering workshop students will also develop their skills in sheet metal craft and steel fabrication as well as use the latest in CNC routing, laser and plasma cutting technologies.

The students of GCCC are pictured receiving a car from D and F Auto Care in front of the construction site. They would like to thank Barry and Leanne for their generosity and valuable support of the college.

They would also like to thank Andrew Lamb from “International Training 4 Mechanics” in Glasshouse Mountains for the valuable contribution of automotive training resources to the college.

Brad Hampson
Wow, it’s amazing how fast a term flies by when you’re having fun in the garden! Students wrapped up their Term 3 theme on seeds this week and can look forward to more fun in the garden for Term 4. Many thanks to all our KGP volunteers who have helped in many ways to make the program a success. We couldn’t do it without all the team’s continued support. Please call or email me if you would like a role with the team, either small or large - there are many jobs involved, even if you can’t make classes on Tuesdays.

Our kids cooking in the great outdoors this fortnight made tasty ricotta and silverbeet triangles using the fresh green silverbeet from the garden. To accompany this, our little cooks prepared a crunchy pea and red cabbage salad which couldn’t have been any fresher if we tried.

The never-ending list of jobs to do in the garden attended to by the kids during classes this fortnight included planting cucumber seedlings, watermelon seedlings and lettuce to ensure continued supply. Lots of watering needed to be done as our poor Adopt-A-Garden beds struggled in the dry conditions. The rain we have now received has been very welcome. Harvesting is always a popular job and the kids enjoyed picking sugar snap peas by the bucket load and strawberries by the truckload! Also harvested were silverbeet, zucchinis, red cabbage, broad beans (which we have frozen for next term), lettuce and lots and lots of dirty fun was had digging up our potato crop.

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

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$15.

Pop into College Administration now to purchase your copy.

Get a jump on Christmas presents!
Middle School News

Last Week of Term Activities

Last Wednesday the Year 9 students performed community service and helped someone in need. More information and photos will come next term.

‘Rize of the Morning Star’: A visiting Melanesian band who are actively involved in raising awareness of human right issues, lack of democracy and freedoms in West Papua came to visit and speak with our Year 7 and 8 students this week. Hearing first hand the stories and plight of one of our closest neighbouring countries was a rare and insightful experience for our Middle School students.

Year 8 students went on the Mapleton Falls Walk. Students also had the opportunity to fund raise for the Open Doors - Walk to Water to raise awareness for the needs of others in our world that do not have ready access to fresh, clean water - not only for drinking but also for washing, swimming etc. Year 8s have been challenged to make this walk count for the needs of people in Nigeria in 2012.

Messy Games and Casual Dress was exchanged for a gold coin donation for the Murava Foundation. Photos to come next term.

Homework Club - is now running from 3.05pm - 4.05pm Thursdays. One student was overheard to say, “This Homework club is GREAT! I get so much done when I come here!” We have staff on duty that will help students with outstanding assessments or class work that are giving of their own release time to help students and a few Year 9 students have been volunteering to help out in this capacity also.

Middle School Award Night is Wednesday 21 November - make a note of this date in your diaries.

Year 7 Orientation Day - 3 December 9.00am - 12.45pm. For Year 6 to year 7 in 2013.

Year 9 Council Beerwah Plus Place Project: “We went to Beerwah High School, the City Council was there, mixing with the other students. We wrote on paper some improvements and what we like about Beerwah. It was a fun time and getting involved in the community is a great opportunity to put in our ideas and make Beerwah a better place to live.” Savannah Dawson, Year 9

Year 8 Christian Education Tasks: Students wrote a journal from the perspective of an eyewitness to the events of Jesus crucifixion. Here is a snippet from one student’s assignment. ‘I stood there thinking what could I do to help him, but there was nothing. When Jesus got to the top of the hill they laid Him down on the cross. BANG! BANG! They nailed His hands and feet to the cross. Jesus would have been in so much pain. The cross was then pulled up into a standing position and Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”. Marshall Currie, Year 8.

French Dining: The Year 8s, as a culmination of their food unit, visited a French Restaurant. They enjoyed a menu of: Profiteroles à l’escargot, Tarte provençal and Brioche Flambée and followed this sumptuous feast with Mousse au Chocolat and Tarte du Tatin for dessert. They practiced their restaurant French using ipads to film their descriptions of the food they were eating and their preferred dishes.

Jacq Vreeling
YEAR 11 – LEADING A LEGACY

Recently our Year 11 students participated in an all-day event focusing on ‘Leading a Legacy’ run by three engaging ‘adolescentologists’ from ‘Peer Power’. They discovered that valuing their peer relationships meant more than ‘liking’ them on Facebook – that in valuing the strengths and understanding the challenges that their peers face, the result is a more cohesive and productive leadership team. The feedback from the students was encouraging with 91% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ that the seminar was a positive experience. This was also reflected in their written feedback to the question that asked what they had learned. Below is a small selection indicative of the majority response.

‘That I can do a lot more if I give myself the opportunity and that I need to have positive relationships with everyone. Each person works in a different way.’

‘That we all want to be remembered for all the good things that we’ve done.’

‘I have the potential to do great things.’

As our Year 11s move into that part of the year when consideration is given to their part in leading the College in 2013, their participation in this seminar allowed them to more clearly articulate what they hoped their legacy would be and how they might work together to achieve it.

Jo Winlaw

COME ALONG TO OUR ARTS SOIREE!
WHAT’S AN ARTS SOIREE?

Soiree, (pronounced swar – ray), is a French-based word used in English to mean a reception held in the evening. To celebrate and showcase the achievements of our Arts students, we are holding an exhibition event at twilight in Week 3 of Term 4, so an Arts Soiree describes our event perfectly!

This event will be held annually and will feature the work the students in Yrs 9-12 (mostly) have been studying over the course of the year.

This year the theme is Follow the Light and you will see light used in a variety of different ways and used to mean different things by the different subjects.

The Arts Department at the College is made up of 3 sections: Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Music), Visual Arts and Design (Visual Art, Interior and Fashion Design), and Language Arts (French). This event is compulsory for all students in Yrs 9-12 enrolled in these subjects unless specifically identified.

Please note that a gold coin donation will be asked for at the French café to offset costs.

Please come along and enjoy the evening, the students have worked hard and have produced some fine results. I am sure you will be proud of them.

Looking forward to enjoying your company at the Arts Soiree!

Friday 26 October
5.30pm – 7.00pm
GCCC Theatre and Surrounds
QTAC Application
Students wanting to apply to QTAC for entry into uni and TAFE courses in 2013 can submit applications until 30th September. These applications cost $34. Applications after 30 September attract a fee of $84. Save yourself $50 by getting your application in by the end of September. If you need help with your application please see Mrs Ferris.

Headstart Applications
Headstart applications for 2013 are due on 26 October. You will need to include your selection of preferred lecture and tutorial times. The timetables for Semester 1 2013 will be up on the University of the Sunshine Coast website by the 3 October. Completed applications including timetable information can be returned to Mrs Ferris next term for submission to the University.

Apprenticeships for 2013
Two opportunities are coming up next term for students looking for apprenticeships.

On Tuesday 9 October (first Tuesday in Term 4) at 10am Danielle Cragg from MiGas is coming to the school to talk to our students. MiGas look after apprentices in Manufacturing (boiler making, sheetmetal,) plus light and heavy vehicles, Air Con and Electrical. As a Group Employer MiGas take care of all the employment side of the apprenticeship and place apprentices with a host workplace. In the event the host workplace cannot provide all the training required, or the business fails, MiGas will place the apprentice with another of their host work places. Students looking for a school-based or full time apprenticeship in the fields mentioned above should come along to this session. Please let Mrs Ferris know you would like to be included.

On the evening of Monday 29 October East Coast Apprentices at Maroochydore will be holding an Information Session called The Path Beyond. East Coast Apprentices is another Group Employer like Migas though covering some different industries and generally do not employ school based apprentices. They currently have full time positions available in various industries on the Sunshine Coast and Employers are looking to hire apprentices and trainees now and in 2013. To be part of this event please register with East Coast Apprentices before 1 October. Contact Frank Agostino on 5479 4711.

Time is running out now to have something in place for next year so aspiring apprentices need to take advantage of these opportunities to talk to the people who are looking now to employ apprentices in 2013.

Defence Force News
In the Defence Force Recruiting Newsletter this month the following information:

• 6th October, Defence Force Recruiting Info Session in Brisbane 10 – 11.30am Please register your interest by calling (07) 3016 2431 or via email at CPTQLD@dfr.com.au

• iPad App Navy SINK’EM is a turn-based naval game that’s easy to play and addictive with friends. Connect to Facebook and challenge multiple friends to a quick game anywhere. Simply choose your level, place your ships, then take turns trying to destroy your enemy’s fleet.

• Air Force Reserve. As a member of the Reserve, opportunities exist to enlist on a fulltime contract of 11 months, and are required to serve the following four years part-time. For more information, visit the ADG webpage.

• Mobile Medic Defence Force Recruiting has released a new app for the iPhone to promote careers in the ADF as a Medical Officer. Download the free MOBILE MEDIC app to scan, diagnose and treat medical emergencies on screen or printed out.

• Priority Jobs. There is an immediate need for individuals keen to pursue a career in the following fields:
  • Navy: Various Submariner roles, Hydrographic Surveyor, Communications and Info Systems.
  • Army: Electronic Warfare Information Systems, Communication Systems Administration Clerk, Qualified Metalsmith, Vehicle Mechanic, Finance Clerk Supply Coordinator, Qualified Vehicle Mechanic, Military Police Telecommunications Technician
  • Airforce: Communications Electronic Technician.

Happy and safe holidays everyone. See you next term.

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Library Opening Hours
Prep – Year 9 Students: 8:15am – 3:15pm
Year 10-12 Students: 8:15am – 4.00pm

Homework Club:
Every Thursday for Years 7-12 from 3.05pm to 4.05pm
Year 8 Readers Cup

This term we held our first Year 8 Readers Cup Competition at the College. Entry was optional for Year 8 students and teams read sections from selected Morris Gleitzman titles. Teams competed against each other and answered questions from the Gleitzman titles. The winning team; “The Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia’s” included Isabelle Westaway, Dakotah Davis, Bethany Walpole-Hutchings and Britney Ross. The girls are now reading eight novels and will represent our College in the Interschool Readers Cup, which will be held on Friday October 19, at Immanuel Lutheran College. Seventeen Secondary Schools from across the coast will be competing for the perpetual Sunshine Coast Interschool Readers Cup trophy.

Book Fair Orders

Orders taken at Book Fair have been distributed to students. Please contact library staff at library@gccc.qld.edu.au if you there are any outstanding orders.

AUTHOR VISITS PREP – YEAR 7

Over the last two weeks, as part of our National Year of Reading celebrations, we had two authors visit the College. Justin Da’th, a well-known author from Victoria spoke to the Year 3 – 7 students. Peter Carnavas, a talented author/illustrator from the Sunshine Coast spoke to the Prep – Year 2 students. Staff and students were amazed at the tales Justin and Peter shared and the tips they gave on writing and illustrating stories. A range of signed titles by both authors are available for borrowing at the library.

Holiday Reading

All students have been encouraged to read over the holidays. Holidays are also a fantastic time to visit the local library. There are a wide range of holiday activities planned across Sunshine Coast Libraries including Wii play (8+yrs), Xbox Kinect free-for-all (all ages), free board games, graphic novel workshops, storytelling and craft (under 5yrs), beading workshops, snow globe mini-worlds (6-12yrs), Spring Artscool (8-12yrs), library Lego and the 1st job survival guide: your rights in the workplace workshop (13-18yrs) to name just a few. Check out the calendar of events under “Kids” at http://www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for more details.

LEXILE (YEAR 4-6)

Congratulations to many Year 4-6 students who have been working hard on the Lexile program. The Lexile program personalises reading to suit each student’s current reading and comprehension level. Students move on to the program once they have reached level 25 of the PM benchmark and have achieved a Lexile of 500 on the Lexile SRI test. Students on the program are expected to borrow Lexile titles within a range of 100 points below and 50 points above their Lexile and to complete comprehension quizzes or diaries regularly. Students will attain certificates once they have completed 5 (BRONZE), 10 (SILVER) and 15 (GOLD) books. Their names will also be added to the Lexile Leader Board in the library. Please note: Students have been able to borrow two Lexile titles this week to promote reading over the holidays. Students can access the Lexile website at home or school at http://www.mylexile.com.au/

Congratulations to Matthew Fisher who has already completed 21 quizzes, the highest number across Year 4-6. Keep up the brilliant effort Matthew!

Vanessa McKellar
Secondary School Sport Regional Athletics

We had two students represent the District at the Regional Track and Field Carnival last week, Andrea Little (Year 9) and Mitchell Fraser (Year 12). They both performed well and were great representatives of the College and community. Mitchell enjoyed the Regional’s experience in his last year of school with a 3rd in the Open Boys discus event. Andie had a busy day competing in the 90m hurdles finishing in 3rd place, discus where she finished in 2nd just missing out on the qualifying distance and shotput where she put a personal best of 9.53m placing her in 5th. Andie has also qualified for the Queensland Secondary Schools Track and Field State Championships in Brisbane on 25-28 October for 200m hurdles.

Emily Scott’s selection into State Team

Congratulations to Emily Scott who won the 14/15 year Queensland Diver of the Year award at the recent Queensland Diving Presentations. Emily has also been selected for the 2012/2013 State Development Squad, only the top performing Queenslanders are selected for this team. Emily will attend workshops and clinics with the Queensland Academy of Sport coaches.

Mitchell Fraser

Cricketers from Narangba Valley to Gympie face two trials for their chance to be selected in the Sunshine Coast Regional Cricket team. The first was in February where 50 players batted, bowled and fielded to their best; only 20 players were selected at this trial. The second trial was last Friday, players were again expected to perform well. Mitchell had great games at both trials dominating with the bat and playing well in the outfield. Mitchell’s performance caught the eye of the selectors who have named him as a batsman in the 12 man squad to represent has Sunshine Coast Regional at the State Queensland Titles in Brisbane in October.

Tough Competition at Touch Football

Touch Football is the Year 6/7 Interschool Sport for Term 3 with the competition being played at Beegees Sportsgrounds on Friday afternoons. With the recent hot weather the students have been stretched playing three games each week, enjoying every moment of the games. After two weeks of competition our teams have competed strongly and showed some slick moves scoring some fantastic tries. The Year 7 teams are competing in the A division and the Year 6 teams are in the B Division.

The A division is very competitive and the boys have had two great wins, one draw and two loses. The girls have found the opposition very tough with three tight games ending in three draws and three losses against more experienced teams.

In the B Division the Year 6 girl’s team is excelling using the Dump Split move they learned to surprise the opposition and score about four tries. They have had two draws and four wins to be the best placed GCCC team at this stage of the competition. The boys’ team have also had three great wins, running in 10 tries in one game and have also had one draw and one loss. The final week of competition will determine the final placings so all teams need to finish strongly.

Wendy Stott

Sapphires Sparkle in Caloundra

Tibros’ Sapphires under 11 came first runner up in their competition at Caloundra Sports stadium on Saturday 15th. The girls played a tough game and didn’t give up until the end. Mrs Stott came to cheer the girls on, as the GCCC girls in the team will be representing the school in October at the Mission Netball competition in Toowoomba.

Pictured from GCCC are Bek Atkins, Eloise Grigor and Stephanie Freeman. Their coach, Jodie was very impressed with their efforts and attitude on the day. Congratulations girls.

Kris Freeman

Congratulations Courtney

Well done to Courtney Sinclair who became the Champion Rider 15/16 years old at the recent Beerwah Charity Sports Day.

What a multi-talented young woman!
Local Sport Success

Many of our students have played in finals of their chosen club sports teams over the past few weeks so we offer our congratulations to each of them. There are great benefits for children who are part of teams playing sport as many life lessons are learned through team sport. As a College we encourage as many students as possible to be playing sport in local clubs.

Congratulations to Rugby League players Ryan Sauer and Jack Fissenden as members of their Beerwah Bulldogs team who became the 12 year Sunshine Coast Champions after convincingly beating Maroochydore 38 – 0 in the final last week.

Danielle McClure was a star in her Tibros netball team shooting superbly to take her team to victory in their 15 girls final. Tibros Saphires 11 year netball team consisting of Stephanie Freeman, Eloise Grigor and Bek Aitkens played a tough final in their club competition and finished as runners up. Tara Fissenden’s 10 year team also became Runners Up after a very close game and were defeated by one goal after extra time.

Beegees Football players, Jamie Lee Groer and Elena Martin also celebrated victory when they played a fantastic game of soccer and beat Kawana in the Premier Women’s Reserves Final to become Sunshine Coast Champions. After winning the Minor Premiership Abby Bates’ 15 yr Girls team were Runners Up in the Grand Final as were the 13 yr boys Div 1 team consisting of Sean Dern-Williams and Cameron Shervey. These results were well earned after a great season of football.

Summer sports clubs are currently taking registrations so we encourage as many students as possible to join one of these local clubs.

• Glasshouse District Little Athletics Club: Troy Delacey 0410 897 704
• Glasshouse Districts Cricket Club: Jill Forster 0418 946 258
• Tennis Clubs: Landsborough and Mooloolah
• Futsal (Summer Comp): www.sunnycoastfutsal.com.au
• Glasshouse Mountains Touch Football: Desley 0458 228 550 Sign on Monday 24 September
• Triathlon Training (at Beerwah Pool): inquire Beerwah Pool

Wendy Stott

Sports Tuition’s School Holiday Activities

2-4 October – Survivor Camp (8-13 year olds)
5 October – Abseiling & Rock Climbing at Kangaroo Point

All details at www.sportstuition.com.au or phone 0403 154 510

Glass House Mountains Touch Football Association 2012 TOUCH FOOTBALL SIGN ON

SIGN-ON is on Monday 24th September 2012, 4.30pm. Touch is played EVERY Monday afternoon at Glasshouse Sports Club, Steve Irwin Way. Age groups Girls and Boys Under 8’s, under 10’s, under 12’s under 14’s (under 16’s & under 18’s depending on participant numbers in these 2 age groups). Quality Representative Players/Coaches. Come and be part of a team and have some fun!

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Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc. Introduction to Sailing

Learn the Basics of Sailing.
When: Friday and Saturday, 28th and 29th September, 2012. 9.30am - 4.00pm each day
Where: Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, Boreen Parade, Boreen Point.
Bring: Lunch, (or lunch money) sunscreen, hat, towel, old shoes, swimwear, change of clothes, and if you have them- buoyancy vest, wetsuit, sunglasses.
Cost: $80 - This gives you junior m’ship for 12 months and entitles you to join in the ‘Learn to Sail’ sessions on Sunday morning free of charge. Cost for those already Junior or Family members: $10. For further information or to book a place phone Charlie Hacker on 54852789 or 0427548527 or Email: gailrobinson@aapt.net.au
Happy Holidays!!!!! I don’t know about you but I am ready for a break in the normal school routine and a try to sneak in the occasional sleep in over the next couple of weeks! The P and F have been having lots of fun trying to decide what to spend the Funfest and fundraiser money on. Thanks to those of you who sent through ideas. Watch this space for some announcements soon!

Ladies (and men if you are game) book in Saturday 3 November for our first Brissy Shopping trip. Price will be $30 per seat and will include the bus to and from Brisbane, and morning and afternoon tea. We are hoping to leave around 8am and return between 5 – 6pm. We will be visiting shops for goodies such as toys, clothes, kitchenware, haberdashery and much more. Please get in quick as places are limited. Flyers will be sent home with all the details in the first week of term 4 and you can book in and pay at reception. I am looking forward to sharing an awesome day with many of you!!

Have a great holiday and may you get time to really enjoy your cherubs!

Blessings, Alaina Westaway

Shelley Boxsell says thanks.

At the Debunte Ball Saturday 8 September Shelley said that the GCCC students were wonderfully behaved and a credit to the school. The students went out of their way to include younger children in the events and were the only ones to do so. Shelley would like to say a special thank to the following students: Jared Moore, Emily McNulty, Louise Kerr and past student Bailey Neumann.

Tonnes of titles at Lifeline Caboolture Bookfest these school holidays

The Lifeline Caboolture Bookfest is open from Saturday September 22 until Monday September 24 from 8.30am to 4pm daily over the September school holidays. The event will see around 130 tables stocked to the brim with over 40 tonnes of hardcovers and paperbacks of all genres, styles and authors for sale from as little as $2 each.

The Lifeline Caboolture Bookfest is being held at the Caboolture Centenary Lakes Indoor Basketball Courts, Morayfield Rd, Caboolture.

All the funds raised at the Bookfest help support Lifeline and other UnitingCare Community services. For more information on our services, please visit www.uccommunity.org.au. For more information about the Caboolture Bookfest please phone Debbie on 0438 150 702 or visit www.facebook.com.au/LifelineBookfest or www.lifelinebookfest.com

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4 members of the Pocket Book team have children attending the College
What bullying isn’t, and what to do when it happens

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Bullying is a word that’s wrapped in emotion. For many people bullying is associated with bad childhood memories. It’s been estimated that around 40% of people have experienced some type of bullying in the past.

Bullying is an insidious behaviour that transgresses children’s natural right to feel safe and secure. It can adversely affect their learning, emotional well-being, further peer relations and their sense of self.

Bullying takes many forms and guises including, physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion.

It now has a well-publicised cyber-dimension which has moved the goalposts for many kids. In the past children could escape bullying behaviours they may have experienced by being at home. Cyberbullying now means that kids can’t escape the bully like they once could.

Bullying is not the domain of one gender. Girls bully just as much as boys but they do it in less physical ways. While boys use physical intimidation or verbal abuse to wield power, girls are more likely to use exclusion or verbal sarcasm to assert themselves.

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**Bullying is about lack of power** as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse. Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person by another person or group.

If you think your child is being bullied then handle with care as children often don’t want to admit that they are on the receiving end of bullying.

Some kids keep it close to their chests so it helps to be on the lookout for warning signs such as: items being stolen, changing the route to school and withdrawal from usual activities.

**If your child is being bullied:**

1. **Listen to their story:** Children who are bullied need someone to believe their story. Take them seriously and avoid dismissing complaints as tell-tale. Use common sense to differentiate between bullying and more random, non-selective antisocial acts. Kids can be nasty to each other, yet this doesn’t constitute bullying.

2. **Deal with their feelings:** A child who is bullied probably feels scared, angry and sad. Boys are more likely to display anger and girls claim they feel sad. The degree of emotional intensity is an indicator of the amount of bullying. Recognise and validate their emotions. Let them talk about how they think (remember boys respond better to ‘think’ language) and feel. It’s normal to feel sad, scared or just plain confused.

3. **Get the facts:** Get a clear picture of what happens, including who is involved, the frequency and what happens prior to any bullying. Get your child to be as specific as possible by asking good questions. An accurate picture will help you determine your next course of action.

4. **Give them coping skills:** With a clear picture you can start giving your child some help about how he or she may deal with bullying including using avoidance strategies, being more assertive and changing poor body language.

5. **Get the school involved:** Bullying is best handled when parents and teachers are involved. Approach your school through the appropriate channels, make yourself aware of your schools’ anti-bullying procedures and programs, and be willing to work within these guidelines.

6. **Help build your child’s support networks:** Kids need a group of friends to support them when they experience bullying so look for practical ways to broaden friendship groups.

7. **Build their self-confidence:** Provide children with systematic encouragement. Let them know through your words and treatment of them that they will get through this period.

It’s worth remembering that children who experience some form of bullying often come out stronger and more resourceful because they have experienced difficulties and they know they can defeat them.