Business Manager’s Departure

Last term, we parted ways with Graham Fraser as Business Manager of the College. The reasons for this are really no one’s business except the parties involved. However, when the Business Manager leaves in circumstances like this it may be speculated that some impropriety or misappropriation of funds has occurred. This is not the case at all and let me stress this! Graham has been above reproach with the College finances. Despite the current circumstances, Graham has always been a great supporter of the College and was instrumental in its inception. He has only desired GCCC to be prosperous and a beacon of God’s grace in the community. I would like to thank him on behalf of the College community for his numerous and varied contributions to our College and his many years of service in various capacities.

Changes to Secondary in 2013

There are a couple of small changes next year which will improve the learning journey of our Secondary students. The first change is that periods will be 43 minutes long and the second change is that there will be no form class at the beginning of each day. This means that lessons will start promptly at 8.30am so please make an extra effort to be on time so as to not miss valuable learning in these vital years.

Changes to VET and Future Pathways

Next year the College will no longer run certificate courses as a subject. However, GCCC still will still have vibrant Future Pathways and Traineeship programs. The difference will be that these courses will be run through external providers such as TAFE, etc.

IPad Information

Please note that the iPad booklet and the PowerPoint that was presented at the iPad Information Night are on the GCCC website. www.gccc.qld.edu.au under Learning and then Technology Program. Thank you to those of you who attended. I would encourage all Year 7 to 9 families to thoroughly familiarise yourself with this information.

Book Lists

Book lists will be coming out very shortly and you should have them by the end of next week.

Sports Awards Night

Congratulations to all of our Sports’ students and particularly Harrison Still, Natasha Hoeksema, Mitchell Fraser and Andrea Little who were crowned our Primary and Secondary Sportsmen and Sportswomen of the Year. Each year our students continue to improve their personal best and are also making a bigger impact on the district and regional scene. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend this special night and share in our students’ sporting achievements. The event was made more memorable by five times Olympian Clint Robinson’s inspiring interview with Matt Beattie. We will have some photos of the night in the next newsletter.

End of Year Events

The Sports Awards Night is now behind us but I hope many of you will be able to celebrate the achievements of our Middle and Senior School students. The Senior School Awards Night is on Wednesday 7 November and the Middle School Awards Night is on Wednesday 21 November. See you there! We also have the colourful and entertaining Primary concerts to look forward to. The Lower Primary Concert is on Monday 26 November at 7pm and the Upper Primary Concert is on Wednesday 28 November at 7pm.

Mike Curtis
Praise God for Grandparents!

One of the wonderful things about being a part of GCCC for me personally is the sense of family and extended family support which is so evident in everything we do.

This is never more evident than on GRANDPARENTS’ DAY each year. Research clearly proves that connectedness of a student’s family and extended family to their school plays a big part in their emotional wellbeing, social and even academic success, and you had to be here on Friday and watch the faces of the children to realise just how obvious this was, when grandchildren and grandparents claimed one another to form family groups.

Except for exceptional circumstances where grandparents are the primary carers for students (and I would like to honour the grandmothers and grandfathers here who are in these situations) most school contact on a day to day basis is with parents.

These were the reasons we initiated Grandparents Day many years ago:
1. To honour grandparents for the important input they have in children’s lives.
2. To bless them with a special morning tea provided by our wonderful Hospitality Department (I am sure you have heard the wonderful comments about the standard of the food).
3. To showcase just some of the performance/musical groups which are being offered to students as extra-curricular activities and other class activities.
4. To provide an opportunity for students to show grandparents their school and individual classrooms so they can “connect” with their teachers, classmates and school life.

Thank you to the grandparents who expressed or emailed so many kind words about the day. We really appreciate your feedback – even if there are things we could do better.

The parking situation was much improved this year with all staff parking off site and using our College bus to shuttle us to and from school. I’m sure you would have found it much easier to find a space on Friday.

The change of format with having the morning tea first over at the Church was so much better but next year we will be more explicit on the invitation with the starting time of the concert. So many grandparents came early to reserve their seat for the concert, and then had a considerable wait until 11.30am when students were finished their lunch break and were ready for the concert.

We would love to extend Grandparents Day to include the Secondary College families also but we are “at capacity” even now in the church, but maybe we can think “outside the box” for 2013.

There are so many people who made this day such a great success –
• Those who organised the event and assisted with the concert
• Class teachers and non-teaching staff
• Office Admin Staff
• Volunteers
• Teacher aides who managed the tea/coffee, cold drinks
• Library staff
• Music teachers
• The students themselves

• Our Hospitality Department (Miss Devitt and her team of students) for the incredible Morning Tea. We are so grateful to them for the “class” they have brought to the morning tea on Grandparents Day

and last but not least –
• The grandparents themselves – who set aside this precious time to be with their grandchildren.

Bless you,
Cheryl Bryers
Cinquain Poetry and Grammar

Year 2M have been making cinquain poems to help them learn grammar. A cinquain poem uses a five line pattern and was originally inspired by Japanese haiku. Here are a few examples of Year 2 students’ work:  

Janice Van der Heijde

Cinquain Poems

Pause and Ponder

Have you ever noticed how a toaster can come with a 20 page manufacturer’s instruction manual but children don’t come with any? We come home from the hospital with our baby and are basically left to fend for ourselves. Despite all the best of intentions, somehow we don’t do as good a job as we hoped or planned. If only we could go and find the manufacturer’s instructions.

The Bible teaches that this is God’s instruction book for life. He is the manufacturer and we are His creation. As God’s instruction manual, the Bible has valuable insight into raising children. For example it teaches children to respect their parents. What parent wouldn’t want that? It also tells fathers that they shouldn’t exacerbate or frustrate their children; fathers need to work hard at being fair.

God gave us the best example of all in His parenting of us. He loves us unconditionally but he still disciplines us as a loving father should. So next time you are struggling in your parenting role, why not pick up the Bible and read the manufacturer’s instructions?
Wow, what a fortnight it has been in Kitchen Garden. We are continuing our term theme of ‘the Raw ingredient’. Year 1 and 3s made some lovely fluffy gnocchi with a broad bean pesto. We have some very talented gnocchi makers in our ranks and many first time gnocchi eaters were lined up for seconds, thirds and even fourths!

It was the Preppies and year 2’s turn this week who tried their hands at making scones, butter churning and homemade lemonade (thanks to Mrs Cruise who donated some of her families awesome bush lemons for us to use.) The result was delicious and even the Prep teachers and TAs gobbled up the scones warm from the oven (Mrs Letchford managed to find some strawberry jam lurking in the fridge for extra yum!) Recipes and photos of the mess we made can be found on the website http://www.gccckitchengarden.com.au

Classes have been tending to their adopt-a-garden beds planting new seedlings and watering them. We are hoping that they are tough little seedlings as life is tough for a plant in the beds at the moment given the dry conditions.

The last of our potatoes ‘the exotics’ were dug up; kipflers, strawberries and cream King Edwards will be on the menu next fortnight.

Our gorgeous truss cherry tomatoes are beginning to bare and our corn is growing very well. Year 2’s harvested the first of our purple climbing beans and planted more capsicums and lettuce.

I’m sure school was never this much fun when I was a girl…..but then, we never had Kitchen Garden!

Happy gardening and cooking,

Mandy Ward
Year 8 Readers’ Cup Team achieve 2nd place in the Interschool Regional Finals

Our inaugural Year 8 Readers’ Cup team competed in the Sunshine Coast Regional Finals at Immanuel Lutheran College on Friday 19 October. Our team, including Isabelle Westaway, Dakotah Davis, Bethany Walpole-Hutchings and Britney Ross, competed magnificently against 16 other schools and came second overall. They battled it out in the heats and were one of the top four schools to make it through to the finals, where they beat teams from Maroochydore State High School and Matthew Flinders Anglican College. Chancellor State College won the competition for the second year in a row.

To take part in the Readers’ Cup the girls won an in-house competition during Term 3. They then went on to read eight novels over nine weeks for the Interschool Regional Competition. Parents and teachers were not permitted to coach teams so it was up to individual team members to meet and prepare for the finals. Factual questions based on the novels were prepared by teacher librarians to test the students’ knowledge of the books. Teams answered six questions per book during the heats and four questions per book during the finals. The girls’ dedication and team spirit were a credit to the College and we were amazed at their detailed knowledge of the novels. They were even applauded for their honesty during the finals when they spoke up after being given more points than they should have for one of the questions. Their prizes included a medal, three novels of their choice from the prize table, a $25 voucher each and a bundle of books for our library. A fantastic achievement for our very first Readers’ Cup team. Congratulations ladies!

Library Returns

During Term 4 we will be focusing on book returns and any outstanding overdue items. Please help us with this process by ensuring that students borrow and return on time. Any texts that Middle and Secondary students no longer require should be returned to the library. We will continue to generate overdue slips and letters for outstanding overdues. Books that are lost or damaged will need to be replaced as many are required for reading programs and text books for 2013. Please come and see Vanessa McKellar in the library or via email vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au if you need to check or discuss any items.

Please note the following dates below when texts need to be returned. These dates ensure that books are returned prior to students finishing for the year, allowing library staff to complete a stock take and prepare text books required at the start of 2013.

End of Year Book Return Dates

PLEASE NOTE: This year Report cards will be withheld for individual students across Prep – Year 12 until all texts are returned and lost items are paid for. We will inform students of outstanding items and send letters home if items are not received by the return dates below. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

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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
By the time you read this, Christmas boxes will have been collected, Year 7s will have had their ‘Survivor’ Day, Bandanna Day will be just about over and the Arts Soiree about to begin. As well as that, our Year 7s will be well underway to mastering their iPads.

Last week we discussed service and ‘how much more blessed it is to give than to receive’ Acts 20:35. We were reminded about this when the AFLQ came to speak about umpiring and a student received an award from the Defence Force for service at home while their dad was serving overseas in Iraq. While both are quite different examples of service, both exemplify what a blessing it is to serve in these capacities. Without a defence force we may not be able to retain our freedom and without umpires fair sportsmanship and even the activity of sports would not work. GCCC is about opening the eyes of our students to how to live their life well and for others.

A hearty congratulations to four Middle School students who entered the Reader’s Cup competition and came second amongst several other schools! An outstanding win for Isabelle Westaway, Dakotah Davis, Bethany Walpole-Hutchings and Britney Ross.

Some Reminders:
- **Middle School Awards Night** - make a note in your diaries - Wednesday 21 November at 6.30pm.
- **Signing your child’s diary** - weekly - remember to partner with us in helping your child stay on top of their school work by signing their diaries each week and communicating with teachers via email or a phone call if there is anything you need to discuss.
- **Year 9 Work Experience Info night** - Tuesday, 30 October - all must attend
- **Year 9 Uni Experience Day** - Wednesday 31st October.

Jacqualina Vreeling

**YEAR 9’S IN THE TRENCHES!**

The landing at Gallipoli cost Australia, New Zealand and Turkey approximately 4000 troops. During the trench warfare campaign that followed Australia lost a further 6141 Australian lives. By the end of the campaign 20 000+ ANZAC troops had landed on the Gallipoli peninsular. It is because of this that the Gallipoli campaign is recorded as one of the most significant moments in Australia’s history.

As the years pass and the next generation of Australians seek to understand what the men experienced at Gallipoli it requires a different approach to teaching; an approach that no textbook can provide.

Consequently, in the study of Australia’s experiences during World War I and subsequently, trench warfare at Gallipoli, Year 9 classrooms were devolved into a chaotic, dark and noisy battlefront. Under the sound of machine guns, hiding behind trenches (desks) and under constant fire (paper bullets) our Year 9’s rolled, dove and commando-crawled their way through an understanding of how soldiers survived trench foot, rats and lice whilst fighting for their homelands.

It is after experiences like this that at best distantly mirror the horrors of trench warfare, that all involved remember why we teach each generation to say, “Lest We Forget!”

Amanda Gook

**Release of 2012 Senior Students Results and OPs: A memo from Queensland Studies Authority**

**Online**

All results contributing to the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and OLps and FPs will be available in students’ learning accounts on the Student Connect website https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au from **9am on Saturday 15 December 2012**.

Students must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in and check their results. Students will be able to access their results more quickly if they have previously activated their learning account.

**Mailout**

Students will receive their Senior Education profile in the mail from Monday 17 December 20-12. Profile contents depend on student participation and results, and will be made up of one or more of the following documents: QCE, Tertiary Entrance Statement, Senior Statement, Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.
Year 9 Information Evening about Work Experience in 2013

We look forward to seeing all Year 9 students and their parents on Tuesday 30 October in the Church at 6.30pm for an Information Evening about Career Planning in Year 10, in particular work experience. Work experience for Year 10 will be held in the second last week of first term. As this only allows about six weeks next year to have placements ready to go for all the students we are starting now! On Tuesday we will cover everything you need to know about work experience. After Tuesday evening students and their families will be asked to identify a workplace they can go to for a week and to provide that information to the College before the end of this school year. Come along on Tuesday evening 30 October and find out more.

Australia Zoo Traineeships

The zoo is seeking eager and enthusiastic students who are interested in commencing a School Based Traineeship at Australia Zoo. If you are about to finish Year 10 and would like to obtain a Certificate III in either Business, Retail or Tourism whilst you are completing Year’s 11 & 12, then this is the opportunity for you! Applications close on 9 November. Go to the Zoo website for details about this wonderful opportunity.


Traineeship at CJ’s Pastries in Glasshouse

CJ’s Pastries in Glasshouse is offering a traineeship with a Certificate III in Hospitality. Interested students should talk to Mrs Ferris.

Defence Force News

Hot off the press is this month’s Defence Force Recruiting Newsletter. The newsletter covers:

• Calls for Year 11 students interested in either ADFA or the Royal Military College Duntroon in 2014 to get their application process started
• A visit and tour of an Army Communications Exercise in November
• Live Facebook chats with Army personnel
• Priority jobs for recruitment this month
• And lots of other interesting information.

If you are thinking of the Defence Force for your career you should be reading these newsletters. We have loaded the current newsletter onto Moodle, which students can access from home. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the newsletter team at Defence Force Recruiting in Brisbane at email CPTQLD@dfr.com.au and ask to be put on their mailing list. You can also contact Mrs Ferris at the College and she will forward on the current information. joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au

Queensland Police Recruiting

Next Tuesday 30 October the Queensland Police are holding a recruiting seminar at Maroochydore. If you are interested in joining the Police Force in the future you might wish to attend this session. Go to www.policerecruit.com.au to register to attend this session.

USC Scholarships Due Now!

Applications close for University of the Sunshine Coast scholarships on Wednesday 31 October. If you have students thinking about studying at USC in semester one 2013, encourage them to apply for a scholarship now! Scholarships aren’t awarded on academic achievement alone; scholarships are for everyone and can also be awarded for community participation, sporting achievement or financial need. At USC we have a single application form for all of our scholarships. You can download the application on our website at www.usc.edu.au/study/scholarships/commencing-undergraduate-students/.

Scholarships staff are on hand to assist with applications. Please call us on 5430 2890, or email us at scholarships@usc.edu.au.

Disability and Lifestyle Expo

This expo will be held at the Mooloolaba TAFE campus on Thursday 1 November from 10am. This event will include exhibitors, music, breakout sessions and entertainment. For more information on the Disability and Lifestyle Expo – Connections to Life please contact Paula Ingles on 0457 833 348 or Lyn Ward on 5457 1315.

Aviation Expo

Last Friday Mrs Ferris and four Senior boys headed off to Coolum and Maroochy Airport to find out about all things aviation. We had a great morning hearing from inspirational speakers on a range of subjects including an air combat over Afghanistan, designing and producing jet packs, the world wide aerospace and rocket industry, piloting and maintaining air craft and much more. Then we had a guided tour around the hangars at Maroochy Airport. It was a great day!

Joan Ferris
Cheryl Costin
Netballers Ready to Go!

The GCCC Primary Netball teams are ready and keen to compete in the Mission Foods Queensland Primary Schools Cup being held in Toowoomba this weekend. Girls from Year 5 to Year 7 have been training hard, twice a week, since August in preparation for this competition. Sixty teams from all around Queensland will compete in eight pools to find the champion team.

The senior team (The Eagles) will be very competitive this year as the girls have developed their game play and skills over the past three years and bring this experience to this years’ competition. Teagan Gisler, Shannon Howard, Tenaia Owen, Caitlyn Smith and Hannah Johnson all train with Caloundra Rep squads so they bring this invaluable experience to the team.

The second team (The Hawks) are younger and more inexperienced players but are quickly becoming great netballers. These girls are the up and coming senior players and we look forward to their progress.

We wish the girls all the best at this competition and thank coaches and parents for their continued support of all these girls.

Awesome Weekend for Ryan

Ryan Sauer proudly represented the Sunshine Coast at the Queensland State Primary Schools Track and Field Championships in Cairns last weekend. He was competing in the 12 year boys Shot Put event and the Tetrathlon which includes the Shot Put, 100m, Longjump and 800m events. Points are gained for the performance at each event over the two days and are totalled to find the winner.

After a steady start to the tetrathlon event, Ryan excelled in the shot put winning this part of the competition and throwing a personal best throw of 10.90m to put him in third position with only one event to compete in. He decided to go out hard and see what he could achieve to gain as many points as possible in the 800m which is not his favourite event! He ran fantastically and finished second in that race to record a 15sec personal best time!! This gave him enough points to finish in 5th place in the state which he could be very proud of.

Competition was fierce in the 12 Boys Shot Put event and Ryan finished in the middle of the field but this event served as a great warm up to the multi event shot put the following day. After breaking his arm midyear Ryan was not sure if he would be able to compete this year but has overcome the injury and competed strongly. Ryan trained hard for this event, made some great friends and has proved he can excel against the best competition in the state. Congratulations Ryan.
Junior Swimming Carnival – Change of Date

The Junior Swimming Fun Day will now be held on Thursday 29 November not Wednesday 28 November due to a clash of events. Students in Year 1 to Year 3 will be participating in this event at the Beerwah Pool from 9 am – 11am. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Triathlon Training and Trials

Triathlon training is available at the Beerwah Pool for students who are interested in participating in triathlons. This is run by Peter Thorpe who is a qualified Triathlon coach on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The Regional School trials are also coming up on the 11 November at Lake Kawana. Primary students compete in an Aquathon and Secondary compete in a Triathlon. Students who would like to compete in this competition need to get information from the College Office or Sports Office and enter on line at Triathlon Queensland.

P and F News

Hello everyone!

Are you as stunned as I am that we are nearly at the end of the year? I haven’t even started to get my head around Christmas yet! Speaking of Christmas, I can’t think of a better way to get a head start on the presents than by spending the day on our shopping trip. There will be loads of gift opportunities, not to mention loads of fun! We still have plenty of spaces available, but you need to have booked your spot by Tuesday afternoon. If you haven’t popped your name on the list, please contact the office, or call me on 047783257 to reserve your seat. At only $25 for the day, this is an absolute must!

Our last P and F meeting for the year is on Tuesday night 6 November. We will be planning our fundraising and community events for 2013 on this night. If you want to come along and offer some suggestions you would be most welcome. We are your school representatives, and would love to have more parents become involved in building a strong sense of school community. It’s important that we offer times when the school can come together as a family and give people an opportunity feel as though they are a part of this great school. This is especially important for new families. I encourage you to be involved and support these events, as well as support the P and F in their efforts to plan fun activities for our school. If you can’t make it to the meeting but would like to offer some input, please either call me or contact us via our website. Have a great fortnight and see you on the Shopping trip!

Blessings
Alaina Westaway

HOLIDAY CAMPS AT COOLUM

CAMP NAME: Summer Camp: EXPLODE
AGE GROUP: Grades 7 – 9, Co-ed
DATES: Monday 10 December to Friday 14 December, 2012
PLACE: Luther Heights Youth Camp, Coolum Beach
COST: $437 per person. $407 per subsequent child from same family
REGISTER: online – www.lyq.org.au/explode by Friday 30 November
INCLUDES: 4 nights’ accommodation, all meals - Monday lunch to Friday lunch, all activity costs, all transport to and from activities

CAMP NAME: Summer Camp: ESCAPE
AGE GROUP: Grades 10 – 12, Co-ed
DATES: Monday 17 December to Friday 21 December, 2012
PLACE: Luther Heights Youth Camp, Coolum Beach
COST: $437 per person. $407 per subsequent child from same family
REGISTER: online – www.lyq.org.au/escape by Friday 30th November
INCLUDES: 4 nights’ accommodation, all meals - Monday lunch to Friday lunch, all activity costs, all transport to and from activities