Even though this is a very busy time of the year it is also a very rewarding one, seeing what our students have accomplished, learned and achieved through their hard work and dedication.

**Inaugural Arts Soiree**

For those of you who attended the GCCC inaugural Arts Soiree on 26 October you will know what a fantastic event it was. It was a night of very high quality that was wonderfully supported by the College community. For those of you who couldn’t attend, it was a wonderful demonstration of our students’ artistic talent. There were musical performances, art displays and Interior Fashion and Design displays along with dramas and dance performances.

I want to congratulate the Arts Department, French Department, Grounds Department, our very talented students and everyone who had a part to play in this inspiring event. I am immensely proud of what was achieved. Suzanne Power has more on the night later on in this newsletter.

**Acclaim Presentation**

A special assembly was held this Wednesday so that Acclaim Apprenticeships could make a award. During the assembly recognition was given to all of our Future Pathway students and the great achievements they have accomplished. Acclaim’s representative, Jessica Taylor announced Thomas Wright (Year 12) as the Acclaim Apprentice of the year for the whole area. You will be able to read more about this in Joan Ferris’ article in VET and Future Pathways.

**Senior Awards Night**

This week we were privileged to participate in the achievements of our older students at the Senior School Awards Night on Wednesday. I want to congratulate all the students on their hard work and strength of character demonstrated by these awards.

The Emily Lord Award winner this year was Rhiannon Lindsay. This award goes to a Year 12 student who, during their time at GCCC, has made the most positive overall contribution to the College. The other major award of the night was presented to Sarah Davis who received Dux. Sarah, along with Mitchell Fraser and Nathan Pain, have been at the College since Prep and are our first foundation students.
Ashley Byrne and Sarah Davis did a wonderful job hosting the night and it was an emotional time when Jacqueline Newell and Riley Williamson were announced as captains for 2013.

I would like to thank our special guests who made time to take part in the ceremonies. Thanks to Mr John Kemp who presented the Rotary All Rounder award to Emily Ellwood, Mrs Muriel Pickels who congratulated our foundation students, Mrs Del Davis who awarded the CWA Hospitality Encouragement award to Jamie-Lee Groer, Mrs Pam Newell, Miss Lauren Fishburn, Mr Erik Dodwell, and Rev Chris Johnson for helping the night to be so successful.

The night ended with a look at the lighter side of College. A short but hilarious video of our students and staff emulating the latest craze of ‘Gangnam Style’. It was a terrific and fun way to end a truly inspiring night.

Day for Daniel
Once again this day was a huge success in our Primary School. Some of the Primary teachers took Day for Daniel one step further and created ‘Donuts for Daniel’ by wearing their hair in a donut/bun. Thanks to all the parents who dressed their children in red and sent in donations for this worthy cause. Mrs Bryers will have more on this in her article.

Bandana Day
While our Primary students were dressing in red for Daniel, our Secondary students purchased bandanas to raise money for CanTeen. This charity supports young people aged between 12 and 24 who are living with cancer. I’d like to thank all the students for their fund raising efforts and to everyone who purchased a bandana.

Positions Vacant
Later on in the newsletter you will read about a couple of the positions we have vacant. One is for casual cleaners and the other is for a Traineeship in Cert III Administration. Please pass on this information to any friends you have that may be interested. For the cleaning positions, it is only necessary to submit a brief resume but the job application for the traineeship position must also include the Non-Teaching Staff form on our website (www.gccc.qld.edu.au) under Employment.

Mike Curtis

JENSEN UPDATE - CAN YOU HELP?

Jensen – now 10kg – arrives in Australia on 7 December for some time in the sun, on the beaches of the Sunshine Coast and to visit his grandparents (Helen’s mum and dad) in Launceston, Tasmania. Helen’s dad is 91 years old and not able to travel so it is very important for the family to spend some time in Tasmania with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

However, they will be staying with me (Grammie) for some time in December when they first arrive and again in January just before they return to Canada. The specialists in Calgary have approved Jensen’s travel plans as his progress has been steady and his health is very stable. They actually encouraged Helen and Paul to make the most of the opportunity to give him exposure to the beach and sun, so the tickets are all booked.

Now comes the request for help. My youngest grandchild is in Year 9, so I am well past the stage of having baby furniture stored away in the garage. The two pieces of baby furniture I would love to be able to borrow are (a) a large cot and (b) a high chair. If there is a family who has either of these items which I could borrow for about five weeks, from 6 December till 15 January, I would be very grateful. I could purchase these from Lifeline, etc but will wait to see if there is any response first. If you can assist, would you please email me on cheryl.bryers@gccc.qld.edu.au or phone Admin on 5439 0033.

Thank you for all the kindness you have shown to Jensen in your support, good wishes and prayers since his open heart surgery in August. His progress have been truly amazing and he is now “up and running” on life’s great journey.

GREAT SUPPORT FOR DAY FOR DANIEL

A great effort by all parents and students resulted in raising $525.15 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. I am hoping to ask Denise and Bruce Morcombe if they could come to GCCC some time next year to speak to our students about safety. I have included just one of the many articles from the Morcombe Foundation website which could be used in family discussions about “Child Safety”. Our children are so precious and need to be aware of how to stay safe.
No matter how old we are we all have the right to feel safe no matter where we are. To help us feel safe we need to be aware of what is happening around us because young Australians are a significant group at risk of going missing. Out of the 35,000 missing persons' reports received each year, young people under the age of 18 account for 20,000. By reviewing the safety messages below on a regular basis with your children you can help to keep them thinking ‘safety’ when they go out.

When you go out, some of the things you need to tell someone are:

- Where you are going
- Who you are going with
- What time you will be home

And importantly let some one know if you change your plans. If you are going to a public venue always try to go with an adult or with a group of friends. Children should be encouraged not to walk to or from school alone. Walk in groups – don’t walk alone.

When you are out with your children, remind them to stay close by and explain the risks of running off or hiding from parents/carers. While you are out you may be approached by someone or a group of people you may or may not know. If that person/group makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, don’t stay near them, move to a place where you can feel safe and find or contact someone you trust and tell them why you feel that way and that you need help. If you feel you are in danger ring 000 immediately.

Establish a network of people that your child trusts and feels safe to approach for help, i.e. family, teacher, friends “Safety House” etc, and educate them to seek assistance from agencies such as Fire, Ambulance and Police when they are feeling unsafe. Develop a relationship with your child that promotes discussion regarding issues and events that concern them.

Let your child know that the most important thing is for them to tell you when something has happened that concerns them. That they will not get into trouble for telling you anything which concerns them even if it resulted from them not following rules.

A good tip that came from one parent was to buy a necklace with a disc on it and engrave both parents' mobile phone numbers on the disc. If the child gets lost and is unable to remember the numbers, they only have to show whoever is helping them the disc and they can contact the parents.

**Remember:** if you are in trouble and you don’t know who to turn to, try to find someone in uniform. People that wear uniforms, like Police, Nurses, Bank Tellers and even people that work in a Chemist, wear a uniform because of the job they are in and more often than not they are there to help. Most of the professions that wear a uniform are community workers, have special job requirements or know how to help you. If you don’t know who to turn to, find a uniform!

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**Pause and Ponder - What’s on the inside?**

We spend all of our time worrying about what people think of us and put our energy, time and money into creating an image that we hope people will like. This obsession with impressing others shows up in everything we do.

Sometimes we’re so busy changing profile pictures, and fixing our hair that we ignore God and we miss the fact that our lives are hollow. There’s a lot happening on the outside but not much is going on inside.

God doesn’t care what your profile pic looks like... He cares about what’s going on in your heart.

*“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart”*

- 1 Samuel 16:7

**Mick Spann**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**
**BACK TO SCHOOL SALES**

**5% Discount – term 4 only!**

**DISCOUNT GUIDELINES**
- Uniform orders over $100.
- Must be finalised by end November
- Discount applies to New Uniforms only (not 2nd Hand Uniforms).
- Lay-by available
- Bookings for fitting essential – phone college office for bookings.
- Uniform sizes can be swapped for different sizes in the new year as long as in new condition (not worn, washed, or labeled and any tags etc still attached).

PDF Order forms are available from the School Website [www.gccc.qld.edu.au](http://www.gccc.qld.edu.au) menu ‘Services’ then ‘Uniform Shop’. Order forms can also be collected from the Uniform Shop and the School Reception.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are able to spare 1 hour once a week to assist me in the uniform shop please contact Kylie on 0429 200 400 or kylie.woodhead@gccc.qld.edu.au.

**BACK TO SCHOOL – UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**

Dates: January Tues 22 9am – 3pm
       Wed 23 9am – 3pm

Volunteers Needed for these Open Days.
Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have been packed and posted!

After weeks of promotion and packing, the Year 3s sent off all the packed shoeboxes, ready for their journey across the ocean to the arms of a child in a developing south-east Asian country. Year Three will be tracking their boxes on their long journey to find out exactly where they end up and the places they need to go to get there!

Through Operation Christmas Child, Year 3 have had the opportunity to learn about the true meaning of Christmas, promotion and marketing, and even Australia’s global connections. “Do for others what you want them to do for you” became very real as they explored how other children live in these developing countries and ways that they can help.

Thanks so much to everyone in GCCC who has packed a shoebox and contributed to such a wonderful cause! The response was wonderful and many children will be blessed with toothbrushes, soap, clothing, toys, pencils, personal letters and much more this Christmas!

Jane Parton

Boys will be boys!

Movember is the month where awareness is being built about male health issues and in Prep Green we love our boys!

So just for a ‘mo’ment we donned our ‘mows’ to show all the males in our lives (classmates, brothers, dads, husbands, grandads, cousins, uncles, friends) that we think you are AWESOME!

Happy Movember!

Lesley-ann Rosenberg

Kitchen Garden News

Preppies and Year 2s were treated to a very special visitor this fortnight in Kitchen Garden. I bought along my mummy hen and her three chicks for the children to admire and pat. She is a Sussex hen and buff in colour, so hence her name; Buffy. The children learnt that Buffy had to sit on her eggs for 21 days before they hatched, she would turn the eggs every day and only leave the nest for a few moments to drink. The children were enthralled watching how Buffy teaches her chicks to scratch and peck for food and drink water. Alex caught a grasshopper which he promptly fed to the chickens who were very excited to be getting such a tasty treat!

Many of the children had not seen a chick close up or touched one so it was such a thrill for them to be able to pat the chicks and feel how soft they are.

Cooks made some fruit and vegetable 'spaghetti' using our new slicing machine. Long curly strands of beetroot, zucchini, apple and carrot were mixed together in an explosion of colour and texture. Much fun was had examining who had the longest 'spaghetti'.

Lots of cherry tomatoes were harvested and more seedlings were planted out in the adopt a garden beds which would certainly benefit from a good down pour of rain. The strawberries and pineapples were weeded in readiness for more mulch next week.
The holidays are fast approaching and we will start our garden bed wind down very soon and plant sweet potato runners in the beds to grow over the break. Our volunteer numbers have dropped dramatically this term; some classes have had no parent helpers at all. It would be great to improve on this as Kitchen Garden can only be successful if and survive if we have parent helpers to supervise each activity. If you are able to help we would love to see you there.

We still have limited numbers of cookbooks for sale. I will send a note and order form home in the next few weeks. They make a great inexpensive Christmas gift or why not put one away for your child’s glory box.

Mandy Ward

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**Thank you for supporting Book Club in 2012**

The last Scholastic Book Club (Issue 8) will be handed out today and will be due on Friday November 16. Thank you to the many families who have supported Book Club throughout the year. Your support has enabled us to purchase more resources and has encouraged reading at the College. Special thanks go to Kym Hind and Jo Wolfe who have volunteered many hours to co-ordinate Book Club. Britt Holley has also been a great support, stepping in to help whenever needed. I am very pleased to announce that we have found more willing parents to help Jo with Book Club in 2013. I look forward to introducing them early next year.

**Primary and Secondary Homework Club**

The Homework Clubs will finish in Week 7 with the final sessions on Wednesday November 21 (Primary) and Thursday November 22 (Middle/Secondary). Many thanks to the teachers who have assisted with the clubs over the year and the students who have attended.

**Library Returns**

Please note the dates below for book returns. These dates ensure that books are returned prior to students finishing for the year, allowing library staff to complete a stocktake and prepare text books required for the start of 2013. Primary borrowing will finish in Week 6 with all books due back by the end of week 7. The last home readers will be distributed on Monday November 19.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This year Report cards will be withheld for individual students across Prep – Year 12 until all books are returned and lost items are paid for. We will continue to generate overdue notices for outstanding items. 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.

See you in the Library,

Vanessa McKellar

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**Library Opening Hours**

- Prep – Year 9 Students: 8:15am – 3:15pm
- Year 10-12 Students: 8:15am – 4:00pm

**Please note:** The Library will be closed in Week 8 and 9 for stocktake.

**Homework Club:**

Every Thursday for Years 7-12 from 3.05pm to 4.05pm
Marooned - 87 Year 7s, stranded at Ewen Maddock Dam

To many it seemed like an ordinary Wednesday, but all was about to change when the bus to our team building day ‘conveniently’ broke down. This forced the students to work together to carry equipment and supplies to our ‘Survivor’ themed day. To their credit, the Year 7s handled the faux break down with both positivity and teamwork!

The day’s exciting activities saw students building rafts, solving puzzles, and generally building their teamwork skills. Teachers and staff were deeply encouraged to see such natural leadership coming from some unexpected sources!

A BBQ lunch was greatly appreciated by all, and the Year 9 leaders did an excellent job of cooking up a storm! The year 9s continued to lead by example when they organised a mini-messy-games in the afternoon. Great fun was had by all and I am happy to report that that we all ‘Survived!’

A HUGE thank you to all the teachers and staff that were involved, but a special thanks goes to Mr Hall and Mr Modlin for their hard work organising the team building activities. It seems all those hours watching ‘Survivor’ on TV have finally paid off! Thanks also to our Middle School Coordinator Jacqualina Vreeling for your hard work getting the day off the ground!

Suzanne Power

Arts Soiree

I think all who shared in the Arts Soiree would agree that it was a delightful evening!

Guests were led along a lantern-lined pathway past realistic sculptures of people in interesting poses, to the art gallery, design space, French café, wandering performers, and theatre.

At the café, students provided the background music entertainment whilst guests enjoyed French salami or macarons.

The Interior and Fashion Design class unveiled their bespoke sofa which they had totally reupholstered. This was set amongst hand-crafted chandeliers made from up-cycled materials. Other fabric items made by the students were hung from a line to define the space.

Inside the theatre the Drama and Dance students displayed a high degree of talent and provided very entertaining and polished performances.

The atmosphere of the evening was set off by golden lights and the warm breeze turned a sophisticated event into a pleasant evening.

A very special thank you goes out to all the Arts teachers and teacher aides who put such heart into their learning programs and the event itself. The aim was to connect the students with an audience, to showcase their talents and to bless the school community.

Brad Evans

Suzanne Power
We have several non teaching positions vacant at the moment that may suit you or someone you know.

**Administration Assistant Traineeship – Certificate III in Business Administration**

This traineeship position is full time for term time only and the successful applicant must be willing to undertake a Certificate III in Business Administration. Applicants should be well presented, enthusiastic, friendly, willing to perform a variety of tasks and hold a current driver’s licence. Computer skills are essential.

Please be advised that if you hold a similar or higher qualification than a Certificate III in Administration, you will not be eligible for this position.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. Applications close Friday 23 November 2012 and only those accompanied by the Non Teaching Application Form will be considered. This form can be downloaded from our website www.gccc.qld.edu.au under Employment.

**Casual part time cleaners – 20 hours per week, three positions available**

We need three part time casual cleaners to work as part of a dynamic team beginning 2 January 2013. Applicants should be hard working with good attention to detail. An awareness of Workplace Health and Safety Regulations would be an advantage.

The positions are for four hours per day Monday to Friday between 3.00pm to 7.00pm all year (i.e. not just during school terms). Duties will include carrying out routine cleaning to an agreed standard and frequency. Applications close Friday 23 November and interviews will be held on the morning of Thursday 29 November. You do not need to fill out the Non Teaching Application form for these positions.

To apply for the above positions, please email you application to employment@gccc.qld.edu.au or post your resume to:

Principal’s Personal Assistant
Glasshouse Country Christian College,
58 Roberts Road,
Beerwah Qld 4519

Please note that only shortlisted applications will be contacted.
Future Pathways Celebration

Last Tuesday a special assembly was held to celebrate the fantastic achievements of all our Future Pathways students including students involved in the Brisbane School of Distance Education, Headstart at the University of the Sunshine Coast, TAFE, Skills Tech, The Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre not, for one moment, forgetting all our fabulous trainees and apprentices. Mrs Fraser and I are very proud of all these wonderful young people. Over fifty of our senior students have been working independently towards a range of qualifications and academic subjects with terrific success. Twenty-six students have come to the end of their endeavours and were recognised at our Senior Awards Night. A further five students will be finished in coming weeks. This is a massive achievement for our relatively small senior school.

Our assembly on Tuesday finished up with a presentation from Acclaim Apprentices. Acclaim officer Jessica Taylor announced that Thomas Wright in Year 12 was the Acclaim Trainee of the Year in our area. Thomas has completed a Certificate II in Aeroskills at the Queensland Institute of Aviation Engineering. Here we see Thomas and his parents with Jessica Taylor from Acclaim. Congratulations to Thomas and very best wishes to all our Future Pathways students particularly those who are leaving us this year. I know the skills and knowledge they have gained will be useful to them all their lives.

Work Experience in 2013

Thanks to all the Year 9 parents and students who came along last week to our Information Session about work experience happening in first term next year. Students who were not able to attend have been given an envelope to bring home containing the Industry Placement form and a summary of what was covered on the night. Thank you also for filling out the evaluation forms after our session. There were some great ideas for our next presentation. Some parents were keen to have an official letter from school to give to employers. This has now been drafted and signed by Mr Curtis and is available from Mrs Ferris or Mrs McMinn. Please ask them for a copy or multiple copies if you wish. I know many parents and students are very busy getting this organised because I have already received a number of forms. Please keep them coming in. I am looking forward to receiving Placement forms by 23 November. Contact Mrs Ferris if you have any questions or concerns. Please note that all the places at Underwater World have now been taken.

Assistance for Year 12s planning University Studies

Information has been received this week form QUT and USC offering assistance over the holidays with issues to do with OPs, QTAC applications and ordering of preferences, Scholarship information and much more. Many universities run sessions very close to Christmas to assist students after the OPs are released. They also have staff to help with career decisions and other aspects of preparing for 2013.

- The USC Options Evening is on 17 December from 4 – 6pm. Bookings are preferred. Register at usc.edu.au/options or phone 5456 5000.
- QUT Gardens Point Real Decisions seminar will be on Tuesday 18th December 10am – 2pm.

Career advice for 2013/2014

Year 12 students who miss out on receiving an offer for study in 2013 or need advice about a pathway to university in 2014 are invited to attend a group session with QUT career counsellors to provide advice about their study options. Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, and Thursday 24 January 2013. 10am – 2pm daily at Moreton Bay Regional Library at Caboolture.

Projects Abroad

Projects Abroad organise volunteering in many countries overseas. For anyone interested in this for 2013 the following information arrived this week.

I am writing with some details of an information evening we are running in November. I hoped you might be able to mention it to any students interested in our overseas volunteer and work experience programmes. The details are:

- Projects Abroad Information Evening – Volunteer Overseas
  - Monday 26 November from 6.30 to 7.30pm
  - Bleeding Heart Gallery, 166 Ann St, Brisbane
  - Projects Abroad organises volunteer and work experience programmes in 30 developing countries. These projects are in areas such as teaching, childcare, conservation, human rights, healthcare, and community work in countries such as Kenya, Nepal, Cambodia and Peru. The evening will feature presentations from staff and past volunteers, along with lots of opportunity to chat and ask questions.

For people who can’t make this event, we are running online information session on Tuesday 13 November, more details here http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/meet-us/#online-information-sessions

Energy Skills Queensland

The latest edition of Skills Connection, the newsletter for the Electrical and Energy Industry is available now. The full newsletter is on our College Moodle Future Pathways page that students should be able to access from home. Otherwise click on this link http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=dd36b3c36a1943048a06104e4&id=18933c3988&ea=d8b581269f.

Read about schemes to kick start apprentices and the new Apprenticeship Advisory Service to assist school leavers to enter the industry. For students and parents interested in following developments in the Energy and Electrical fields it would be worth subscribing to this on-line service.

Joan Ferris  Future Pathways Coordinator
joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au
AFL Wraps up Interschool Sport Year

There were mixed emotions as the Year 6 and 7 students returned to College after the final day of Interschool sport for 2012. The AFL competition was run by AFL Development Officers with an emphasis on learning the game and having fun. Although scores were not kept in these games, of course at the end of each game the students were quick to ask “did we win?”. The students were proud of their wins and performances throughout the AFL competition and it was a great way to finish the year.

The girls’ teams had a good mixture of wins and losses with a majority of wins. Many girls had not played AFL before and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The Year 7 boys showed their skills and experience led by Ryan Einsporn, Harrison Newell and Daniel Bullard to beat several teams by a large margin. They did meet some strong teams and some great battles were fought with both wins and losses resulting. The Year 6 boys played well with some great goals being kicked.

It is with sadness that we farewell Ryan Einsporn as he has played keys roles in all Year 7 sport this year, showing skill, determination and tricky evasive running. Ryan is moving to Melbourne to attend an AFL School of Excellence so we look forward to watching his progress in AFL.

The teams we have taken to compete each week to compete against other Glasshouse District schools have shown great sportsmanship and have been great ambassadors for our College. We are proud of the three trophies won and look forward to more great sport and success next year.

Wendy Stott

Record Breaking Weekend at Netball

The GCCC Netball teams took on 60 teams from around Queensland last weekend at the Mission Foods Primary Schools Cup held in Toowoomba. The A team raised the bar for GCCC Netball by placing second in their pool and progressing into the finals rounds for the first time ever. The GCCC Eagles team of Year 6 and 7 girls played exceptionally well and won four games and lost only two in pool play. In the finals round their game was against Matthew Flinders Anglican College who beat the girls convincingly although we did score twice against them!! Matthew Flinders were the eventual winners of the Queensland competition so the girls certainly met the toughest possible team! These girls have come a long way since their first competition three years ago when they outclassed and outsized by the opposition and struggled to win a game. The girls combined well as a team and put some beautiful sequences of passes together resulting in many goals.

The B Team also played really well but as a Year 5/6 team they were a lot smaller and younger than most of their opposition. They got off to a flying start winning their first game against Stretton College decisively (9 – 3), but then met older opposition and goals were harder to score. They did not lose heart but continued to play some great netball scoring several goals each game. This team has two or three more years in this competition so we will watch their progress eagerly.

The girls and their families stayed together for the weekend and had a fantastic time away. A huge thankyou must be offered to Mrs Deb Gisler and Mrs Lisa Grigor who headed up this project ensuring the girls were fit,
practised and organised for the trip. We are also very grateful to Mrs Kerry Fissenden and Mrs Susan Ellwood also helped coach the teams. The parents were also great team supporters and were continually checking that the girls were drinking and eating between games.

**GCCC Eagles:**
Elise Ellwood, Tegan Gisler, Emily Grigor, Natasha Hoeksema, Shannon Howard, Hannah Johnson, Megan Kennedy, Tenaia Owens, Makenna Ritchie, Caitlyn Smith

**GCCC Hawks:**
Caitlyn Smith, Rebekah Aitkens, Shaelee Burton, Cara Cavanagh, Tara Fissenden, Stephanie Freeman, Eloise Grigor, Tess Hagan, Brooke Hughes, Ella Mitchell, Amber Weatherburn

**Secondary Oztag**

Our Under 15s girl’s team and Open boy’s team battled the heat and dusty wind gusts last Friday at the Maroochydore Rugby League grounds for the Queensland Schools Oztag competition. Teams from around the region competed at the event. Our teams were up against very strong opposition. Many of the teams play in weekly competitions and had numerous State players but we held our own! I would like to applaud all of the boys and girls; they each made an impact and were valuable members of the team.

The girl’s team were amazing; they played with no substitutes for all but one game when only 8 of the 13 girls selected in the team arrived on Friday morning to play. The team played well scoring some spectacular tries and diving for try stopping tags. They were unfortunate to miss out on the Grand Final by one game/win.

The boys showed speed and agility when they out-stepped their opponents and skilfulness as they ripped off the tags of the other teams. There were some outstanding plays. Nathan Whysall displayed great leadership when he directed his team and helped coach the girl’s team to one of their wins. His ‘hero’ status was applauded by the other teams when he carried Andie Little off the field after a head clash with another player.

We all came home a darker shade of dirty brown thanks to the wind and dirt but the kids had a great day and all played well as a team. The mateship and team play was excellent and the students were great representatives of the College. We all had alot of fun throughout the day and look forward to more competitions next year.
Cheerleading Interest for 2013

There will be 2 options for cheerleading next year, a lunchtime option at no cost and an afterschool competitive option with an outside coach.

If you are interested in the Cheerleading program for 2013 please see Mrs Scott for an information letter.

Sports Award Evening

Five times Olympian champion Clint Robinson was the special guest at our College's Sports Awards' Night. Mr Robinson grew up on the Sunshine Coast and had a love of sports from a very young age. "I remember my grade eight teacher we dubbed as 'Mr Cool' telling me that whatever I did, to make sure I gave it everything I had," Mr Robinson said.

Mr Robinson presented medals and trophies to GCCC young sportsmen and women and then spent some time telling the students about some of his experiences as an Olympian and athlete while Mr Matthew Beattie interviewed him. When asked what his biggest challenge was, Mr Robinson was torn between two major experiences. "Hurting my shoulder very badly and then having to spend hours in rehab each day was very difficult but my biggest challenge was performing my first drug test," Mr Robinson said. "The only person available to supervise was a female and I've always been very shy so I'm not sure which one of us went the brightest red when it was time to provide the sample," he said.

Clint Robinson won a complete set of medals at the Summer Olympics in Barcelona 1992 and became the first Australian canoe/kayak gold medallist. Mr Robinson also enjoys a rich history of achievements in the Surf Life Saving and was awarded an OAM for the finest national championship record of any surf lifesaver when he reached 30 gold medals. Mr Robinson showed the video of his Barcelona race and as the lead changed frequently throughout the race the tension rose and we were questioning which video he was showing. Applaud rang out around the Church when Clint crossed the line in first place, the students were enthralled.

Approximately 300 people attended the evening which began with hair raising demonstrations by GCCC’s prize winning cheerleading teams. The girls somersaulted, danced and launched themselves in the air with amazing agility and grace.

The evening saw Age Champions for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics receive a trophy for their efforts. Ararat was the winning house of the evening claiming the trophies for Champion House in Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics and Overall House Champion. Sinai was awarded with the House Spirit Award thanks to the great leadership of the Sinai House leaders, lead by Kyle Burrows.

Students receive points throughout the year for Age Champion and when they represent the College at Inter-school sport. Points increase in value for District, Regional, State and National school sport events. When enough points are scored students are awarded with a Bronze, Silver or Gold medal. These medals are hard to attain and athletes need to represent the College in numerous sports, with most of the Gold recipients attending State or National events. The following students received a Gold or Silver medal:

**Primary Silver:** Nicholas Dwan, Beau Howard, Tomas Lunt, Stephanie Ferris, Ryan Einsporn, Jack Fissenden, Tara Fissenden

**Primary Gold:** Natasha Hoeksema, Harrison Still, Ryan Sauer.

**Secondary Silver:** Abbey Bates, Jayme-Lee Groer.

**Secondary Gold:** Andrea Little, Emily Scott, Rebekah White, Mitchell Fraser.

The ‘sports people’ of the year calculations were very close in both Primary and Secondary, with the top three Primary boys and Secondary girls only separated by 3 points. Runners up for this year were Ryan Einsporn and Ryan Sauer for Primary Sportsman and Emily Scott and Rebekah White for Secondary Sportswoman.

After many checks and calculations the Primary Sportsman of the Year was awarded to Harrison Still and for the second time running Natasha Hoeksema won Primary Sportswoman of the year. The title of Secondary Sportsman of the year went to Mitchell Fraser and the Secondary Sportswoman of the year was awarded to Andrea Little.
Every Day with ADHD November Workshops

Buderim Wed 28 Nov 6:00pm-8:30pm. These two and a half hour workshops have been designed to examine areas of behaviour in greater depth. Topics include: Frustration/Anger and Aggression and Preparing Ahead.

Venue: Goodlife Community Centre, 100 Buderim Pines Drive, Buderim.

Cost $44 per person; $66 per couple; $33 per concession.

Please Note: Couples price is for life partners, parents or 2 family members.

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Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
Playgroup

Reunion

1991 2012

Where: Pioneer Park Landsborough
When: Wednesday 12/12/2012
At: 9am-11am
Bring a small plate to share for morning tea (at 10am)

‘Come and celebrate’