**Effective communication**

An important part of our College mission statement reads, “The College seeks to **work together** with parents and will endeavour to provide the human and practical resources …” In a busy Prep to Year 12 school there is a lot we need to communicate with you about and likewise you have important information to communicate to us.

Email is the most effective form of communication we can use and it is our preferred method due to its immediacy, accuracy and efficiency. However, for email to work well, we rely on families supplying us with their correct email addresses. If you have not yet supplied us with your email address, please do so as a matter of urgency.

If you have supplied us with your email address but aren’t receiving correspondence that you know you should have (such as the fortnightly newsletter) then please check your spam folder and also ensure that your mailbox is not full. If you are still not receiving correspondence via email then please email admin@gccc.qld.edu.au with your correct email address and we will double check our records and follow up on the problem until it is corrected. We have encountered a few problems with the process this year so appreciate your cooperation and patience.

**Swimming Carnival**

In a world where everything seems to change, some things do stay the same. On this note, I’d like to congratulate Ararat students for their outstanding efforts in once again winning the annual Swimming Carnival.

Even though Ararat took the prize, Zion and Sinai students did brilliantly and 45 records were smashed this year. You can read more about the event and see photos in the Sports’ section of the newsletter.

**P and F Family Fun Day**

Hopefully you have now seen the colourful posters around the College advertising the P and F Family Fun Day on Saturday 23 February between 11am and 3pm.

The P and F do a wonderful job of this event and it is always an enjoyable, relaxed day for all ages. I encourage you to come and meet some new families or catch up with ones you have met in previous years. The children have a terrific time and there are lots of planned activities for them.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

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**Glasshouse Country Christian College**

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**‘Growing in faith and knowledge’**

**newsletter**

**Term 1, 15 February 2013**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**February 2013**

**Wed 20** 10am-6pm Secondary District Swim Trials
**Thur 21** Primary District Swimming Carnival
**Sat 23** 11am-3pm P&F Family Fun Day
**Wed 20** Secondary District Swimming Carnival Noosa
**Wed 27** Middle School Leaders’ Induction
**Thur 28** Sunshine Coast Regional Secondary Swim Trials

**March 2013**

**Fri 1** Primary Leader’s Induction
**Mon 4** Senior School Leaders’ Induction
**Tue 5** School Photos
**Tue 12** Sibling Photos
**Thur 14** School Photos catch up
**Thur 14-Tue 19** Yrs 11 & 12 Exam Block
**Sun 17-Fri 22** Yr 7 Canberra Trip
**Mon 18-Fri 22** Yr 9 Camp Helidon
**Mon 18-Fri 22** Yr 10 Work Experience
**Tue 26-Wed 27** Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
**Wed 20-Fri 22** Yr 11 Emu Gully Camp
**Thur 28** *Last Day Term 1*

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**Tuckshop**

Volunteers to help in the Tuckshop will be welcomed with open arms. If you can help or want to know more please email Cathy on cathy.boyer@gccc.qld.edu.au

Please remember to order online (details on www.gccc.qld.edu under College Life, Tuckshop) Tuckshop is closed Wednesdays.

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Absentee line: 5436 5670
Bus Rolls

To speed up the efficiency of the buses and further facilitate the smooth flow of traffic at peak times, we will no longer be marking bus rolls. Glasshouse Country Coaches keep their own roll so a lot of what we have been doing is duplicate paperwork. We are in close contact with Glasshouse Country Coaches and any challenges that may arise can easily dealt with and managed.

Kiss and Go

I’ve spent some time observing the Kiss and Go in action lately and have been very impressed with how efficient it is when used properly. The dropping off and picking up of students from this area works seamlessly until someone breaks the rules and parks in this section for longer than the two minutes or leaves their car unattended altogether. It only takes one person to do this and our Kiss and Go zone is reduced by one third, making things difficult for everyone and dangerous for our students.

In the photo below the red line designates the Kiss and Go zone which ends just before the crossing. There are also signs either end of the zone in Roberts Road. Please remember that there is a two minute time limit between 8am and 9am and then again between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. During this time, drivers must not leave the car. If the student has not turned up during the two minute time limit, then the driver will need to depart the Kiss and Go lane and then rejoin at the back of the queue. Turning around can be done safely at the roundabouts.

Mike Curtis, Principal

New Staff

Introducing Annaliese Bullock

Hello! Some of you may remember me as Miss Dart, as I was here last year doing my final prac and internship.

Well, I am excited to say that I have returned this year as a teacher and as Mrs Bullock!

I got married last year in November. So I am beginning my first year of teaching and first year of marriage all at once! Exciting and busy times ahead! I am so incredibly blessed to be apart of such a wonderful, supportive and Christ centered community here at GCCC. To be beginning my teaching career with the guidance and support that surrounds me is just a huge blessing. God is good!

My husband and I share many hobbies together. We love wake boarding, camping, mountain climbing, surfing and just generally being active and adventurous! I am passionate about working alongside young people and seeing them reach their full potential. I look forward to meeting you and working with you this year.

Annaliese is teaching Maths and Science at GCCC.

Introducing Kimberly McLaren

I was born and raised on the Sunshine Coast and have being blessed to be able to teach on the coast for the past 5 years.

I am entering into my sixth year of teaching and during this time I have specialised in early years education.

I am married and I enjoy going to the beach, reading and spending time with my family and friends.

Kimberly teaches Year 2W at GCCC.
Introducing Ryan Fowler

Hi there. My name is Ryan Fowler and I am a passionate HPE teacher. I love all things health and sport, but especially tennis.

My background before teaching was in professional coaching (tennis), where I have been fortunate to coach in Australia, New Zealand, England and Europe. I am currently completing my Masters in Education (correspondence) through Deakin University to further my love of teaching.

I am recently married (5 months) to a beautiful lady named Karen who is a Psychologist working for Queensland Health. I am originally from beautiful NSW (Sydney), but before teaching at GCCC, I spent the last few years teaching in Victoria and this is where I met my wife.

I look forward to meeting anyone and everyone in efforts to foster a great working relationship and promote learning here at GCCC.

Introducing Danielle Macpherson

My name is Danielle Macpherson, soon to be married and become a Bassett. Your children probably just know me as Chappy Dani.

I have moved to the Sunshine Coast from Brisbane and hope to settle with my husband around Beerwah in March. I am attending Glasshouse Country Baptist Church, which I am thoroughly enjoying.

I will be working with the Primary School predominantly but will participate in the Middle and Senior Schools also. I am so excited for the year ahead and am so blessed by this opportunity. If you see me around feel free to come say hi or if you have any problems let me know.

I love swimming, reading and going to the beach.

Introducing Renee Newman

It is a pleasure to join the team at Glasshouse Country Christian College. I am recently married and have been teaching for 10 years on the Sunshine Coast.

I have taken many opportunities to travel the world which has enriched my understanding of people, culture and the amazing world we live in.

As often as possible, I love to get out and enjoy the sun. Boating, fishing or camping generally top my weekend ‘to do’ list. I am excited about 2013 and all the wonderful things that lay ahead.

Introducing Tanya Cullen

It is somewhat surreal for me to be introducing myself as a teacher at GCCC as I used to be a “Beer - war” (as the long-standing locals pronounce it) girl. I moved away for my first teaching position ten years ago but until then I was virtually born and bred here (and I’m thankful for the adventure-filled childhood it was!) I was even involved in the very early days of the College and I remember helping out one weekend to prepare the classroom for the very first day of school.

It’s a very strange feeling to return on a more permanent basis and recognise so many faces of people I either went to school with or served in the fruit shop where I worked while I was at school and uni. What’s even more bizarre is teaching the children of families that I have known for so long, yet the students don’t know me! Coming back to the area, now with my husband and two children, I have a new appreciation for the natural beauty of this area, it’s convenient location and general pace of life.

This year at GCCC I will be teaching Year 7 and 8 Business and ICT and after having some time off to look after my own small children, it’s nice to be back in the classroom engaging with students and encouraging them on their learning journey. Throughout the year I look forward to meeting many of you (specifically parents of middle schoolers) and joining with you in your child’s education.
Introducing Matthew Ware

Hi Everyone, My name is Matthew Ware. I have the pleasure of teaching Year 7/8 Maths/Science at GCCC and love it. I have been teaching for approximately 17 years. Some of the highlights of my career are;

• Taught out west for Education Queensland
• Been a teaching principal in a school of 9 students.
• Taught school over the radio at Longreach School of Distance Education
• Taught Primary PE
• Headed up Primary technology

I love music and play guitar and bass and am always up for a jam. I worship lead at Narangba Baptist Church and am currently playing in a Christian band called ‘3 Days Later’. I am married to my wife Nicole and have a beautiful little girl called Makayla.

I have enjoyed my time at Glasshouse Country Christian College and look forward to getting to know the staff, students and parents as the year progresses.

MESSAGES FROM THE REGISTRAR

PREP 2014

We will be commencing with the Prep 2014 enrolment process shortly. Therefore, I am asking all existing families of the College to ensure that an Application for Enrolment has been submitted to the Registrar for all siblings that are eligible for Prep next year (2014).

If you still need to register your interest, you may download an Application for Enrolment from the website www.gccc.qld.edu.au or alternatively you may collect one from our Admin department when you are next on campus. All Applications for Enrolment must be supported with a copy of the student’s birth certificate.

You may email the Registrar directly on odette.perkins@gccc.qld.edu.au should you wish to check if an application form has already been submitted.*

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS

The Registrar’s Office would like to remind all parents about the terms and conditions concerning the withdrawal of students. If students are leaving at the end of a school term, parents must give a term’s written notice to the Principal. Unfortunately, failure to provide this notice may result in financial penalties. If the student wishes to re-join GCCC in the future, please include in the letter of withdrawal, a request to place the student’s name back in the waiting pool.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 54390033.

Odette Perkins, Registrar

Special Note to Parents

Please remember that you are a role model for your children. Some parents are not crossing at the marked zebra crossings and others are not waiting for our Lollipop person to signal that it is safe to cross by blowing the whistle. Children are clever and they see everything you do. Please model safe crossing practices and help them to learn this life saving behaviour.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – YEARS 1 - 6
DATE 20 February 2013
TIME 5.30pm – 6.00pm (Session 1); 6.15pm – 6.45pm (Repeat of Session 1 so parents can attend two year level presentations)
WHERE Year level classrooms

Every year we invite parents to attend a Meet the Teacher Evening, which is held early in Term 1. For the first couple of weeks in the year teachers need to settle into their new classes and work with their previous teaching partner (or in some cases, new partners) to gain insight into their new students – their personalities, and educational needs.

A strong partnership between home and school can be developed through open conversations, mutual respect and an understanding of the teacher’s vision for the class and your vision as a parent. Our teachers spend an incredible number of hours devising programmes for your children and our “Meet the Teacher Evening” is an important opportunity to gain important information and further develop this partnership between home and school.

To allow parents to attend two year level sessions, teachers will do one session at 5.30pm – 6.00pm and make a second presentation from 6.15pm – 6.45pm which will allow 15 minutes to move from one class to another.

The preparatory classes have already met with their teachers in Week 1 so this evening on Wednesday 20 February is for Years 1 – 6 only.

We ask that you make baby sitting arrangements for your children. Usually only one parent attends as unfortunately there is no supervision for young children at these presentations.

Please make every effort to attend this evening as your children will benefit greatly by knowing that you are interested in their education. Research shows that children whose parents are involved in school activities have a sense of “belonging” and make better gains than those who feel disconnected from school.

The new Primary Homework Guidelines will be distributed in each year level on this evening and teachers will clarify any questions so everyone is “on the same page”.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

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Welcome to Prep Barbecue

What a lovely afternoon was had by all the new Preps and their families and College staff on Thursday 31 January at a BBQ just for them!

As part of our Prep transition week we also ‘transitioned’ our new families into the warm and friendly Glasshouse Country Christian College family with yummy hamburgers, sausages, watermelon and the ‘Pièce de résistance’ pink and blue cream sponge cake kindly donated by Beerwah Woolworths to celebrate and wish well our new families!

Families gathered and chatted on the lovely grassy Prep slope while the children had a great time meeting new friends and playing on the playground.

Thanks so much for joining us and letting us get to know you as we start on this amazing educational adventure together.

Lesley-ann Rosenberg, Prep to Year 2 Coordinator
Week 1 saw us welcome our new Preppies into Kitchen Garden where they had a tour of the garden and learnt where everything is. The rules of Kitchen Garden were established; rules such as ‘Don’t open the compost bins without an adult with you’ were quickly added to; ‘because there could be crocodiles in them!’

The Preppies finished their lesson with a nice cold piece of watermelon fresh from my farm.

Year 1s and 2s were put straight to work in the garden pulling weeds, composting, fertilizing and mulching the garden beds in readiness for new seedlings which we will begin planting next week. The cooks made a delicious chicken and corn noodle soup (from the cookbook) using corn that was harvested last year from the garden and frozen. Cobs of corn were simply stripped and placed straight into freezer bags for use then defrosted as required.

Don’t forget to check out our fantastic Kitchen Garden website which is updated weekly with tips, nutritional information and photos of our gorgeous gardeners and budding chef’s: http://www.gcckitchengarden.com.au

Kitchen garden relies on volunteer help each week for the classes to run smoothly and so the children get the full benefit of the program. If you are able to help out in your child’s class we would love to see you there. It is a great way to meet new people and become a part of your child’s education experience and above everything else it’s FUN!!! Please email me if you are able to help or want to know more about the program.

Yours in gardening and cooking,

Mandy Ward (Kitchen Garden Coordinator), Mandy.ward@gcc.qld.edu.au

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**LEARNING ENHANCEMENT**

One of the ways in which the College supports students is through our Literacy and Numeracy Withdrawal Program. The program supports those students who have been identified as achieving below expected benchmark levels according to a variety of different assessments. The Learning Enhancement staff have been busy preparing for our students to begin their support lessons this week.

**Primary Support**

Students from Year 1 to 6 who are identified as requiring support in literacy attend small group lessons for one hour per week during the timetabled class French time. The lessons focus on phonics/spelling, sight words (Year 1 and 2), reading strategies, fluency and comprehension; and writing structures and processes. The aim of the program is to increase reading and spelling age and independent writing competency. A multisensory approach is used, with modelling, group practice and construction.

Students from Year 1 to 6 who are identified as requiring support in numeracy attend small group lessons during their two timetabled French lessons each week. The aim of the program is to diagnose the gaps in student understanding of number concepts and to target instruction to increase the student’s skill level. Additional core concepts and topics in the areas of measurement and geometry, statistics and probability will also be a focus, aligned where possible and appropriate with those being covered in the classroom. Concrete materials and a hands-on approach are used.

**Secondary Support**

Students from Year 7 and 8 who have been identified as requiring support in literacy and/or numeracy attend small group lessons during their two timetabled French lessons each week. Literacy lessons focus on the use of reading and comprehension strategies, independently structuring writing, the use of grammar, spelling skills and developing oral confidence in participation and leadership.

The numeracy program is based on diagnostic testing in number, decimals and fractions. Modelling with concrete materials and a problem solving, cooperative approach is used. Additional core concepts and topics in the areas of measurement and geometry, statistics and probability are also a focus, aligned where possible and appropriate with those being covered in the classroom.

The Learning Enhancement staff are looking forward to getting to know our new students and to an exciting year of progress for all of the students we support.

Andrea McDonald, HOD Learning Enhancement
Train up a child in the way he should go and ... he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Sometimes though – we think we’re training them – but our words don’t match our actions. In fact the reality is that our actions will speak more boldly then our words. Across our school we are considering what does GREAT mean in all aspects of our school. This term we are intentionally focusing on the Respect component. Are we as teachers Respectful? In considering that – we recognise it is vital we are considerate, consistent and compassionate – so that we can train our students by our actions.

This week in Middle school the following has occurred:
• Students have received their iPads
• Students have been involved in the Launchpad program.
• We held a Parent Information Night for you to meet us and hear first hand from us about our programs, curriculum, camps and standards.

I am sure you will all be well aware that your child now has an iPad. And, like all digital immigrants – ie those of us who did not grow up with this sort of technology - you will be working through at home how to help your child use this to assist them in their lives not control their lives. Our approach at GCCC is to encourage responsible use of this and all other devices.

The following Mobile Phone Use Guidelines were developed for our GCCC students so that we could train them to use these devices – RESPONSIBLY.

1. In public - put your phone away, turn it off, silence it.
2. Don’t be a rude person, or allow devices to give that perception.
3. When you can - have a conversation with people in person, only text if you absolutely have to.
4. Don’t use this technology to lie, trick or hurt another person. Be a good friend. Stay out of negative conversations. (If you have nothing nice to say, don’t say anything)
5. Do not use this device to say anything you wouldn’t say or show in person or say out loud with your parents or teachers present in the room - censor yourself. Be prepared to show your phone activity if asked.
6. Search the web only for info you would openly share with your parents and teachers. No offensive images/language.
7. Don’t send or receive pictures of your private parts or anyone else’s private parts. Cyberspace is vast and powerful. It is hard to make this disappear - including a bad reputation.

Please remember that if you wish to contact us regarding any issues about your child the Pastoral Care teacher is who you should email. Their emails are

7G  cathy.horigan@gccc.qld.edu.au   8M  ryan.fowler@gccc.qld.edu.au
7M  cameron.hall@gccc.qld.edu.au   8W  primrose.kombanie@gccc.qld.edu.au
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Cybersafety - Respecting Privacy

There is no doubt that our concept of privacy is continually evolving and it may seem as though much of what we used to call private, is acted out in public. We still, however, make the decision about what personal information we share about ourselves and others, and with whom we share it. It is more difficult to control what personal information others share about us, but there are a few steps we can take to protect ourselves:

Read the privacy policy – every website, program, app and subscription you use will have a privacy policy outlining what information will be collected, how it will be stored, what it will be used for and if it will be shared. These policies will also indicate the privacy options you have at your disposal and it is important to use these privacy settings. If you aren’t happy with the privacy policy, you can lobby for change or take your business elsewhere.

Think carefully about whom you provide access to – only people you know and trust should be given access to your personal information. This means only adding as friends, contacts or buddies, people that you believe will respect your privacy.

Search yourself online – if you want to see how much personal information is available online about you, search your name in search engines such as Bing, Google and Pipl.
**Chappy Chatter**

On Tuesday morning the 12 February the combined Sunshine Coast Christian School Ecumenical Service was held. We had the privilege of sending our Primary, Middle School and Senior School captains along with our chappy team of Michelle, Mick and Dani.

The service this year was held at St Andrews Anglican College and 16 different Christian schools were in attendance.

It was a wonderful time of prayer and worshiping God together, focusing on those things that unify us. Namely our mutual faith in Jesus Christ and commitment to His Kingdom.

After the service morning tea was held which gave our school captains a great opportunity to meet with other schools and start building networks.

We were also able to discuss with our captains some aspects of the College and the greater world which they believe we can work together to improve. So look out! Our school leaders are fired up and excited about their roles in 2013.

Every year this service is held it becomes bigger and better. We look forward with expectation to next year.

**Mick Spann**

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**Senior School News**

This last fortnight has been very interesting as I continue to learn more about the College and to meet and get to know the students. You'll be pleased to read that I still believe this is a GREAT school and I'm excited about the opportunities that are available for students to take advantage of.

The swimming Carnival I observed last week was wonderful and it was fantastic to see that house Spirit is alive and well. The participation was excellent and I congratulate Ararat for their win.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this term we are focussing on the “R” in our GREAT set of values - Respect. Unfortunately the media often portrays our young people as lacking respect but this is not really the truth. I find it frustrating when we hear generalised statements of our youth. Very few students are disrespectful and those that are really don’t understand what it means to show proper respect.

This past fortnight I’ve been focussing on “Demanded Respect”. This is generally respect of authority. We must teach students to respect parents, teachers, adults and community leaders such as the police. We must show them that a person in a position of authority demands to be treated with respect.

This next fortnight we will look at the topic of “Earned Respect”. It is my goal for students to respect me, not because I demand it but because I have earned it. This is not easily achieved and takes time and a commitment to listen to them, treat them justly and always be fair.

Please take time to discuss the true meaning of Respect with your children.

**David Heyworth, Head of Senior School**

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**Do you want to host a French student?**

In July, approximately 20 students will arrive from 7 July to 4 August. Some students choose to be with their family for all of their stay and others are doing the Moreton Bay Excursion during the last week of their stay in Queensland.

As a general rule there are four to six and approximately 16 females aged between 13 and 17. Also, one student is allergic to nuts, mustard, beans and dust and a placement for this student needs to be found within the next four weeks or she is unable to be part of this program. Other French students are coming from 16 June to 24 August if you or the host family prefer.

If you are interested in hosting a French student please contact Patricia Clunes, Queensland Coordinator for Nacel Australia on 07 5498 6066 or 0410 617 825 as soon as possible as she needs to begin working out the details and fill in the necessary paperwork including Blue Card Applications..
Work Experience Year 10  18 – 22 March

As I write we are putting the finishing touches to placements for our Year 10 work experience. Thanks so much to students, parents and most of all our wonderful and supportive workplaces for making this all possible. Thanks most particularly to Mrs Simo McMinn, our VET Administration Officer, who continues to be tireless in the process of getting the best possible arrangements for students.

This week students will be given a letter and insurance form to take home to parents. This needs to be signed and returned to school within a week so we can then send it on to employers. In March we will also ask parents to please take their student to the workplace to meet the supervisor and other staff, to find out important facts such as start and finish times, what to wear, lunch arrangements. This ensures the workplace is expecting the student on the first day and that the student is comfortable and confident in starting out at the beginning of the week. It also allows the student to impress before even starting work experience.

In coming weeks students will be given information and advice on survival skills in the workplace including how to present themselves, workplace communication and occupational health and safety all of which will be useful to them in future years of engaging in the adult workforce.

Headstart at USC

Congratulations to nine senior students who have successfully applied to enrol in Headstart units at the University of the Sunshine Coast. As students prepare to go to their first lectures and tutorials we wish them all the best with their studies.

For anyone considering a Headstart subject in Semester 2 you may wish to attend the Headstart Information session at the University of March 13. At 5:15pm, students and parents can take a tour of the campus with a current student and get insight into university life. At 6pm, they can attend the information session to learn more about Headstart and hear Headstart students share their study experience. Register online at www.usc.edu.au/info.

Chopperline Open Day

Chopperline Flight School at Caloundra Airport is having an Open Day on 23 February 9 – 4. Highlights include sitting in on a lesson, simulator demonstrations, speaking to industry professionals, finding out about their courses, introductory and scenic flights at special prices (have to be prebooked) and a sausage sizzle. For further information Contact: Tara James; 07 5491 8588; tara@chopperline.com.

UMAT Preparation

The UMAT test is a prerequisite for entry into most health science courses such as medicine. UMAT this year is on 31 July. MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. If you would like more information about UMAT preparation provided by MedEntry go to www.MedEntry.edu.au.

Projects Abroad Overseas Volunteer Programs

Projects Abroad Overseas Volunteer Programs run short chaperoned overseas trips for Year 10 and 11 students but they also offer summer holiday and gap year programs for students who have just completed Year 12. They have arranged an online information session which covers a lot of ground and is very interactive. The next one is on Tuesday 5th March. Reservations can be made here: http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/meet-u
A huge welcome to the new staff, students and families that have joined the GCCC community this year. We have extended our opening hours to assist with the growing numbers across the College and encourage students to consider visiting before and after school (please note hours below). Middle and Secondary students are encouraged to use library facilities after school until 4pm where library staff will be available to assist with research and assessment needs. Our popular Homework Club is running again every Thursday for Year 7-12 students. It is a great opportunity for students to seek 1-1 support from teachers.

**Extended library hours for 2013**
Prep – Year 6 Students:  8:00am – 3:15pm  
Year 7-12:            8:00am – 4pm

**Homework Club:**  
Every Thursday (Year 7-12) from 3pm – 4pm

**Text Books**
Middle and Secondary texts have been loaned out to students over the last few weeks. This year students have access to a range of print and digital texts that can be used at home and school, that support a range of learning needs and styles.

Students have been reminded of their responsibility for looking after resources. Text books are borrowed on an annual or semester basis as required according to subjects. Students write their name on the insert located inside the front cover of all text books at the time of borrowing. Please encourage your children to regularly check they are using the copy they borrowed. It is recommended that books borrowed by students are not left in classrooms even when used regularly. All books remain the responsibility of the student who borrowed them. They are to be cared for respectfully and kept in good condition. Students are not to write in the texts or fold pages over. Text books are to be returned directly to the library by the student not via staff or other students. A replacement cost will be required for unreturned books or books damaged beyond repair. This will be finalised at the end of each year to minimise the disruption to borrowing it causes at the commencement of a new year. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

**Book Club Certificate of Achievement**
We recently had a visit from our Scholastic Book Club rep who hand delivered a Book Club Certificate of Achievement to our College. In 2012 we were one of the top 25 selling schools from Brisbane North to Gympie, achieving high sales and 262,035 in reading minutes. The reading minutes are based on a reading minute formula and the number of books purchased throughout the year. From our sales we were able to earn $2085 worth of Scholastic Rewards to purchase items for the College. Many thanks to the families and volunteers that helped make this possible. We are looking forward to another great year of Book Club and promoting a love of reading at GCCC.

**See you in the library, Vanessa McKellar**

**Pause and Ponder First Impressions**
On 1 February 1960, four students from an all-black college sat down at a ‘whites only’ lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina. One of them, Franklin McCain, noticed an older white woman seated nearby looking at them. He was sure that her thoughts were unkind toward them and their protest against segregation. A few minutes later she walked over to them, put her hands on their shoulders and said, “Boys, I am so proud of you.”

Recalling the event years later on radio, McCain said he learned from this never to stereotype anyone. Instead he should pause to consider others and seek an opportunity to talk with them.

Our churches, families and social groups are often fractured by divisions but Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:16, ‘From now on, we regard no one according to the flesh’. May we all look closely to see the person inside, for everyone is made in the image of God and can become a new creation in Christ.

*First impressions can mislead us  
For we do not know the heart;  
We can often be mistaken  
Since we only know in part. - Fitzhugh*

*Taken from Our Daily Bread, by David McCasland*
This year’s Swimming Carnival, held at the Beerwah pool was indeed a record breaker. Never before throughout the history of sporting events held by Glasshouse Country Christian College, had 45 records been broken and never before has the level of competition been so hotly contested.

The level of participation from all students this year was at an all time high. Keen to get wet, the students arrived for the long distance events at 8am and from there the action in the pool did not cease until the last relay event at 2pm.

The length of the pool was decorated like a sea of green, red and blue and there was no shortage of motivation for competitors, as each race was accompanied by the loud enthusiastic cheering for the Sinai, Zion and Ararat houses.

Congratulations to all record breakers and age champions and an extra special mention should go out to the 10 year old Amity Roser and 11 year old Beau Howard both of the Zion house. They managed to win every A race for their age group throughout the day. It should also be mentioned that Amity and Beau as well as 16 years Joshua Topfer of Sinai managed to break five individual, long standing records. We can certainly expect to see big things in the pool from these three swimmers in the future. A special mention should also go out to Stephanie Ferris, Shannon Howard, Jack Fissenden and Emily Ellwood who all came close to emulating Amity’s achievements.

Although the lead on points changed several times early in the day it was once again Ararat that finished on top with a total of 1804 points. They were followed by Zion on 1309 points and Sinai finished in 3rd place with a total of 1103 points.

Congratulations Ararat!

Secondary Swimming Age Champions 2013 and records broken are listed in the table on the next page.

Other record breakers not listed in the table include –


All students should be congratulated for their involvement and participation in what was a successful day all round.

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Fantastic Participation by Primary Students at Swimming Carnival

Primary students excelled in the pool in participation and quality swimming. There were some outstanding individual efforts and also great excitement about having a go and maybe winning a ribbon for the first time.

The Beerwah Pool was flooded with colour as the houses battled it out for the Champion’s shield. Loud and enthusiastic cheering filled the community as house members encouraged their teammates to swim faster! New Junior House Captains did a great job of decorating tents and encouraging team mates to cheer and swim hard. Ararat gained an early lead and could not be caught by Zion or Sinai who fought it out for 2nd and 3rd with Zion finishing second over Sinai.

Students swam in divisions as predetermined at the trials which enabled students to compete against others of similar ability. “A” division races swam 50m races and other divisions swam 25m. There were some very close races with students showing fantastic determination and ability. Forty-eight records were broken throughout the day, reflecting the continuing improvement in the standard of swimming at GCCC. Thirty-four students were also selected to represent GCCC at the Glasshouse District Primary Swimming Carnival to be held on Thursday 21 February at the Beerwah Pool.

The trials and Swimming Carnival Day ran very smoothly thanks to the continual help from a group of dedicated and very willing parents and of course teachers.

Outstanding swimmers, 10 year old Amity Roser and 11 year Beau Howard had a perfect day winning all six events and breaking records in every event. Amity was often ten seconds clear of her opposition. Beau had to fight for his victories against Patrick McKenzie who also swam well. Sophie Trevan and Tara Fissenden battled it out in the 11 year girls’ races with Sophie winning four races and breaking four records as well.
Swimming Training for District Team Members

Students who have been selected in the Primary and Secondary District swimming teams are encouraged to come to training sessions prior to the District competitions. Training is held at 7.30am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Beerwah Pool. Any other students are most welcome to come along too.

Triathlon Training for Kids

Pete Thorpe has a growing number of students who are keen to learn about triathlons and train to prepare for some exciting locals kids events.

Training is held at the Beerwah Community Pool at the following times:

- Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm for the younger kids (usually those primary school aged)
- Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30am for the 12+ age group at Skippy Park (ride/run)
- Thursday 6.30 - 7.30 for the same age group combination of swimming/running

Youngguns Triathlon

Held at the Beerwah Community Pool, Saturdays once a month, 6.45am $5 entry. The event is open to all aged children, and parents are welcome to swim/ride/run with children. Race lengths are varied to suit age and ability of children. For further details contact Peter 0423 702 677 or email peterthurpe1997@hotmail.com

Time to Join a Sports Club

Do you remember the fun you had playing in your favourite sports team? Your children would love to have a go too.

It is sign up time once again for a variety of sports in and around the Beerwah area. How about joining one of these clubs to help your children keep fit, have fun with friends and learn or perfect a sport.

Soccer: Beerwah Glasshouse United Football Club – Paula Groer - 0409342079
Rugby League: Beerwah Bulldogs - Kay Jones - 0406003000
Netball: Tibros Netball Club – Mary Lou Oliver – 54399523
Softball and Teeball: Hinterland Softball Club – Charles Walker - 041535683
Triathlon: Ngungun Tri Club – Beerwah Pool – Pete Thorpe – 0423702677
Swim Squad: Beerwah Community Pool – Brendan Roser – 54940022
OZ Tag: Caloundra Lighthouse Park - Leigh de Jersey – 0408700154
Futsal: Sunshine Coast Futsal - Caloundra – Trevor Edwards – 54431100

These clubs can all be found easily on the internet where more info is available.

PLAY AFL WITH THE GLASSHOUSE HINTERLAND LIONS IN 2013!

Sign on for the 2013 AFL Sunshine Coast Juniors season will be held on Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 of February from 10am-2pm at the Glasshouse Hinterland Australian Football Club - Landsborough Sport & Recreation Club on Tunnel Ridge Road, Landsborough. Free Sausage sizzle! Drinks for sale! Come and have a kick on the oval!

For further information please contact Craig Bales on craig.bales@quantum.com or 0414 225 329.

Glasshouse Hinterland Lions
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Tunnel Ridge Road, Landsborough www.
afsunshinecoast.com.au

CABOOLTURE COUGARS
www.caboolturehockey.org.au

Sign-on Dates
Saturday 16th February
Saturday 23rd February
4pm – 6pm at Lindsay Road, Morayfield

Players, Coaches & Managers
Wanted for all divisions U7’s – Division 1

Contact
Marcella Evetts 0430 292 747
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Hi Everyone!

I hope you and your children have settled well into the new year and you are back into the swing of things. Let me take this opportunity to say welcome to all our new families. I hope you too will soon love this school! I can’t wait to meet many of you at our annual Family Fun Day coming up on 23 February. Its loads of fun, with lots of games and activities, free sausage sizzle and watermelon. There will be drinks available for sale and its a great way to meet new people! Please make sure you RSVP on the website or by calling me. Check out the flyer for the details.

We held our first P and F meeting last week and it was fantastic to have so many newcomers there. We have begun planning our events for the year and I am really excited about some of what we have in store. Can’t wait to share some of our ideas soon! Our next meeting will include our Annual General Meeting so feel free to come along and check us out! The AGM will commence at 6.30pm, Tuesday 5 March, in the school library. Our normal meeting will commence at 7pm.

A heads up - on Friday night, 22 March we will be holding a disco for our primary school children. Watch this space for more information!!

Blessings, Alaina Westaway
Focus on the Family - Special Guest Speaker

Focus on the Family Australia have partnered with Guilty Pleasure who are bringing a neuroscientist to Australia this coming March to speak on the effects of sexuality and pornography on the brain. The Neuroscientist’s name is Dr. William Struthers and he is the author of a recent book “Wired for Intimacy - How pornography hijacks the brain.”

He’ll be in Australia from 8 March - 19 March is speaking at Kenmore Baptist Church in Brisbane on 11 March.

Bill (Dr. Struthers) gives a compelling message about the Neuroscience behind porn and has done extensive research on the topic. Dr Struthers will talk at the breakfast event along with Jason Huxley, the founder of Guilty Pleasure. After they have both spoken they’ll be doing an SMS based Q & A session that will allow people at the breakfast to ask questions anonymously. This is a rare opportunity to speak directly with a world renowned professional on the topic of pornography. The breakfast will be open to both males & females.

There will be a minimal cost of $10.00 to cover the breakfast.

We are very excited to partner with Guilty Pleasure to bring Dr Struthers to Australia and know that his message is going to really help people understand some of the problems of pornography and the way that it affects our brains.

You can find out more about Dr. Struthers on Guilty Pleasure’s website www.guiltypleasure.tv/media-news

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Camp F 12 to 15 yrs 29-04 Oct

Dance for Daniel 2013

Saturday 23rd March 2013
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