From the Principal

Year 12 Graduating Class of 2012

Last week we were privileged to participate in the celebration and graduation of our Year 12 students.

First we had a glimpse of our students becoming young men and women when they dressed up for the formal showcase on Thursday. All the students looked stunning and behaved themselves like the responsible young adults they are. It was a moving occasion as the students gave thank you letters to their parents, a rose to their mums and a little bag of personalised candy to their dads. Morgan Stevenson and Jaiden Kerp bravely read out their very touching letters and soon there wasn’t a dry eye in the place. There are more photos on the next page of the newsletter.

Graduation is a joyous occasion but it can also be a sad one as students say goodbye to teachers, other students and a way of life they have known for most of their lives. This year the box of tissues on the lectern received a particularly hefty work out as it was passed around from student to student during the speeches and farewells. Our captains, Sarah Davis and Ashley Byrne did a terrific job of holding it all together under difficult emotional circumstances and the service was a special time of celebration.

Even though it was a hot day, the whole of College had turned out with streamers, signs, lots of hugs and even more high fives to say goodbye to the Year 12s.

On behalf of everyone at the College I would like to wish the Year 12 graduating class of 2012 all the very best and look forward to learning of their accomplishments in the future. May God bless you all.

Middle School Awards Night

Wednesday was our Middle School Awards Night which was wonderfully hosted by Kate Fraser and Christopher Gibson. It was a delightful night and a great tribute to those students who worked so hard to earn their medals and certificates.

The most prestigious award for the evening was the ‘All-rounder Award’ which is presented to the Middle School student who has made the strongest contribution to all facets of Middle School life. This year, the well deserved winner was Vanita Mens. Well done Vanita. The evening was crowned by the announcement of the new Middle School captains for 2013. Congratulations to Isabelle Westaway and Tyler Dickens who were chosen for this special honour.

Mike Curtis
Year 12 Showcase Arrival 15 November 2012

and clap out 16 November 2012
Primary News

Kitchen Garden Programme

What a blessing this programme has been for our staff and students over the past years.

To see the students tending the gardens (the vegetable and also the flower gardens) week after week, lovingly caring for the plants and of course enjoying eating the produce is a delight.

Kitchen Garden has become such an integral part of the junior school (Prep – Year 2) and for the past years we have been able to extend it to Year 3 as well, though it was a real challenge this year to deliver the programme to 10 classes.

However, the constraints of having 9 classes in Prep – Year 2 from 2013 has meant that we will have to restrict Kitchen Garden from next year to the junior school only.

We are forever juggling the demands of the National Curriculum, expanded subject areas and all other aspects of education in a changing world environment and the constraints which teachers face with these additional demands on time. Unfortunately this sometimes means that hard decisions have to be made. So from next year KGP will be Prep – Year 2, but Mandy Ward and I have discussed the possibility of Year 3 students having a session at the end of each term to give them the opportunity to experience the value of growing and cooking fresh fruit and vegetables. I am confident that Year 3 classes will look forward to these mini-units with great anticipation.

Of course, the Kitchen Garden Programme can only succeed if we have volunteers to come on Tuesdays to assist Mandy Ward our KGP Coordinator. We have been so blessed over the years with the incredible band of parents, grandparents and friends who have been involved in this programme. I sincerely hope all of you will be attending our Volunteers’ Lunch on 23 November so we can thank you in a tangible way.

NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS AGAIN TO ASSIST WITH THE KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAMME. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS IT IS A GREAT TIME FOR EVERYONE AND YOU WILL LEARN A LOT ABOUT GARDENING AND COOKING IN THE PROCESS!

Christmas Concerts/Presentation of Awards

Just a reminder that our Christmas Concerts/Presentation of Awards will be coming up soon –

PREP – YEAR 2 CONCERT:
VENUE: Caloundra City Life Baptist
ADDRESS: 7 Gregson Place, Caloundra
DAY/DATE: Monday 26 November
TIME: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
(Children need to be dropped at the grassed area beside the church at 6.00pm)

YEAR 3 – 6 CONCERT:
VENUE: Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
WHEN: Wednesday 28 November
TIME: Year 3/4 at 6.30pm (Students need to be at classrooms by 6.00pm)
      Year 5/6 at 7.30pm (Students need to be at classrooms by 7.00pm)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Cheryl Bryers
Families of Year 4 and 5 students are invited to the
Year 5 Music Showcase

On Tuesday, 27 November in the Theatrette at 2.15. Year 5 students will perform on their instruments demonstrating what they have been learning this year. Year 4 families - this is a great opportunity to see what your child will be participating in 2013.

Congratulations to these students who have recently completed their music exams this term.

Isaac Cornel  Grade 1 Theory  Distinction
Victoria Thomas  Grade 1 Theory  Distinction
Andrea Little  Grade 1 Clarinet

There were no Kitchen Garden classes this week for Preppies and year 2s as the classes had concert practice in Caloundra. Last week the Year 1 and 3s had such fun making fruit and vegetable spaghetti. Long strands of beetroot, carrot, cucumber, zucchini and apple were mixed together for our spaghetti. The spaghetti was made using our new slicer/shredder which was purchased from Cedar House in Beerwah. I have had many parents asking how we made the spaghetti and telling me that their child loved it so much that they have bought a slicer for home. Sometimes it just takes a little bit of imagination and fun to get the kids to eat their vegetables!

Finally, after much anticipation, our huge bunch of bananas is ready. Strong muscles were needed to cut the bunch down. Thanks to Mr Evans for taking on this challenge.

Year 3G played host to an afternoon tea on Tuesday for Miss Parton. What was the occasion? Why, our lovely Miss Parton is getting married during the holidays and will return to school as Mrs Beaden. The class and parents wish Miss Parton all the very best for her upcoming nuptials to Andrew.

The holidays are fast approaching. If anyone is able to pop by during the holiday and do some watering please let me know and I can put your name on a roster.

There is only one KG lesson left for each class so if you haven’t been able to make it all year time is running out. The last two weeks in KG are dedicated to fun, party games and, of course, party food!
Library News

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 and readers have now finished with all books due back by today, Friday Nov 23.

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 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.

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Library Stocktake

The library will be closed in the last two weeks of school so that library staff can complete a stocktake and prepare resources for 2013. Classes will still be able to use the library during this time and students are welcome to come and return items.

Thank you in advance for your help with ensuring that all books are returned promptly. It is greatly appreciated.

Vanessa McKellar

Middle and Secondary School News

What's Happening around Middle School

Year 9s Leadership Day at Currumundi

While it may appear that Year 9s have learnt to surf, rendon in kayaks and learn to stand up paddle board...No! ... in reality... they are learning that if they want to have success in life.. they need to DO IT. In two Fridays time they will have opportunity to reflect on their schooling and life thus far and set goals for their future, while climbing Mt Coolum. Please be in prayer for these young people and ... watch this space.
VET and Future Pathways

The past two weeks have whirled by with a number of very significant events and celebrations to mark the end of the year and the graduation of our Year 12 students. I would like to take this opportunity to say what a privilege it is for me to work alongside our Year 10, 11 and 12 students who are undertaking Vocational Education and also Pathways outside our College. The end of the year reminds us of the fabulous achievements of all our VET and Future Pathways students. Mrs Fraser, Head of the VET Department currently on long service leave, Mrs Costin who runs our Registered Training Organisation and I want to say congratulations to you all. To our retiring Year 12 students, bless you all, and all good wishes for a wonderful future and don’t forget to come back and tell us what you are doing! We will miss you! For our new Year 12s and 11s in 2013, have a well earned break and see you again next year!
Year 9 Work Experience Update

At the time of writing this article I am finding Work Experience placement forms rolling in from Year 9 students. Thank you so much to the more than 20 families who have already returned their forms and are ready to go for next year. Thank you also to the students who are wrestling with what to do for work experience and who have made the time to come and talk to me about it. I appreciate the time and thought many students and their families are giving to this task. None of this effort will be wasted. It is a great way to start the conversations in your home about future career directions. I am hoping to have most forms into me this week but if you haven’t sorted this out yet and you need some help, now is the time to let me know.

In the last week of term I will be helping some students to do the White Card course for those who are likely to be working on construction sites. Again, now is the time to get this done as 2013 is already promising to be very busy. This is a course which covers basic Workplace Health and Safety information and which is required for anyone entering a construction site (including work experience students). We can do the course here at school on-line with Blue Dog Training and once complete parents can then pay to have the card issued. This costs approximately $40. Students who may need a White Card should see Mrs Ferris immediately, so they can participate in the training here at school before the end of the year.

CQ work experience for paramedics

www.cqu.edu.au 13CQUni 13 27 86 Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and considering a career in paramedic science? This is your chance to experience what it is like to work as a paramedic in the CQ University Paramedic Science Work Experience Program.

- Discover our new paramedic science degree
- Meet the staff and students
- Experience hands-on activities in the state-of-the-art paramedic training facilities
- Participate in an interactive tour of the Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service

When: Monday, 3 December to Wednesday, 5 December 2012, 9 am to 3 pm
Where: CQUniversity Rockhampton

Places are strictly limited so register your interest today!

To register your interest in attending, tell us in 100 words or less why you want to participate in the CQUniversity Paramedic Science Work Experience Program. Email your response to schools@cqu.edu.au or call Grier Williamson on 07 4940 7809. Applications close Tuesday 27 November 2012.

Cosmetics Plus School Based Traineeship in Caloundra

Best People. Best Practice. Best Choice. ® www. barringtongroup.com.au Cosmetics Plus in Caloundra currently has vacancies available for local QLD School Based Trainees. This opportunity would be suitable for a student who is working towards achieving a Nationally Recognised Qualification - Cert III in Business. This can contribute towards your QLD Certificate of Education. If you are interested in this opportunity please forward your resume, school’s name, year currently in, to: Barringtons Representative: Liisa Hewson Need more information? Call: (07) 5562 5700 or 0439 464 439 E: liisa.hewson@barringtongroup.com.au Interviews held soon!

One Year of Adventure

The Army is now offering a range of jobs with only one year of commitment required. Enlistees could be doing anything from organising Army hardware, like Abrams Tanks and parachutes, to driving some of the most advanced transport vehicles in the world. There are a range of diverse and challenging roles available, so whatever direction one might want to take, they will find a one-year role that is right for them. Over 12 months they will be paid to work in their chosen role. First they will complete basic training, including physical training, weapon handling, first aid and field craft. They will then continue to learn on the job as they are immersed in the active Army lifestyle. Working on challenging projects with a close team, they will make friends that they will keep for life. What’s more, they will be getting a competitive wage and great benefits like full medical cover and they may be eligible for rental assistance. After completing the year, they can choose to continue their career in the Army or use the skills they have learnt during their training to secure a civilian job. Their role may accredit them with a recognised certificate so they will never feel locked into their Army position. Roles include:

- Air Dispatcher Administration Clerk
- Cargo Specialist Clerk Finance
- Cook Dental Assistant
- Driver Ground Crewman Mission Support
- Military Police Operator Movement
- Preventative Medicine Supply Coordinator

Do they really want to be doctors?

Deciding to study medicine is obviously a big commitment both for students and their families, and making this decision is even more difficult if the family has no background in medicine. Gap Medics in the UK offer students (aged 16 and over) the opportunity to see what the world of medicine is really like. They travel to Tanzania, Zanzibar, Thailand and to the Czech Republic to shadow experienced doctors and healthcare professionals. This hospital work experience is ideal for those students who are interested in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery. In terms of the practicalities, students are met at the airport by one of the specialist staff team members and are looked after by an extensive staff team throughout their stay. Go to www.gapmedics.co.uk or email info@gapmedics.com

Media Potential

Media Potential are offering school holiday media workshops in December holidays. Attached is a flyer which you may wish to display or draw to the attention of interested students. All queries and for further information contact Media Potential on 3511 3455.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful year in Future Pathways in 2012. Thank you most particularly to our VET and Future Pathways staff:

- Mrs Fraser (our fearless leader)
- Mrs Costin who runs our RTO so efficiently
- Mrs McMinn Admin Officer Extraordinaire
- and Mrs Peel who watches over our students in the study room.

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday, and celebrate a special Christmas with family and friends. See you next year!

Joan Ferris  joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au
Fun at League Tag

There were many weary bodies seen as Year four and five students returned from a day of League Tag competition at the Beerwah Sports Grounds. The day was organised by Rugby League Development Officers with each team playing five games against other local schools to put into practise the skills students had learned during PE lessons. Moves such as dummies, side steps and shimmy side steps were put into practise to beat the opposition. There were some great tries scored and many try saving tags made just on the line. The mixed age and gender teams worked really well together encouraging each other throughout the day.

The day was non-competitive for the Yr 4/5 divisions but 2012 Broncos Medals were presented to one member of each team who showed great skill, sportsmanship and commitment to the game. The winners of these medals were: GCCC Sharks: Josh Bull, GCCC Maroons: Travis Kuijper-Weeks, GCCC Tigers: Ronan Martin, GCCC Cowboys: Chelsea McCleary and GCCC Raiders: Millar Raatz. Congratulations to these students for their fantastic effort.

The day would not have been possible without the help of our ever willing parents who managed teams throughout the day. Staff and students are very grateful for your help.

Sports Gear Amnesty

As the end of the year approaches we are checking all our sports uniforms and realise that we are missing some items from GCCC strips. If you have any items of sports uniforms at home that have been worn home by accident could you please return them to the office or PE office – no questions asked! We would be most grateful of your help.

8/9 Inter-school SPORT

Dance
So far this term the Dance students have explored the Dance styles of Hip Hop and Contemporary. They have learnt some short dance sequences along with some breakdancing tricks. All of the dancers are now prepared to begin battling it out in their ‘So you think you can dance’ style competition.

Badminton
The badminton squad met our competition schools at Caloundra Indoor Stadium. Max Williamson, Hayden Watson and Josh Neumann won their year 8 doubles matches 21-10 and 21-2-0. Savannah Dawson and Joel Scerri won their two games while Patrick and Hayden won a game and lost a game. Overall, there was a marked improvement in skills. Well done.

Tennis
The students have taken to Tennis this term very enthusiastically. For a few students this is the first time they have played the sport. The students have played a best to six points rotate in and out. Competition with two other Christian schools. Keaton Maksimous has been a stand-out with losing the most tennis balls over the fence a total of 6 so far. Jesse Carthcart and Jayden Hills are still undefeated after round 4.

Beach Games
The three schools have participated at Beach Games throughout the term. Over the past few weeks we have played many different games and activities including, tug-a-war, touch football, capture the flag, softball, relays, beach volleyball and even sand sculpting. All in the name of having a go, getting sand between the toes, meeting new friends and enjoying Gods awesome creation.

Surf Lifesaving
GCCC had a great time at the beach this week. We challenged our opposing schools in beach sprints and flags and effectively managed the rough conditions to practice rescuing swimmers from “drowning”. Our super-star Nicky helped out playing life-saver and a few of our crew enjoyed a quick dip in the Kings Beach pool.
Cheerleading
The students from GCCC, CCC and CCPS are having a lot of fun learning stunts and a mini routine. All of the students are really well behaved and very attentive. They are excited to have a choreographed routine to perform in front of their peers at their respective schools. The GCCC girls are understandably more advanced than the other schools and are using great initiative and leadership skills as they help the other teams.

Kayaking/Sailing
For the kayakers weather has been a problem. Last week we used our time paddling the kayaks. It was decided it would be better to sail next week. Most of the students have been happy to pair or go single in kayaks and are improving in their control of the vessels. The main goal for them is to travel as a flotilla to the same location, practice embarking or disembarking, capsize and get back in the kayak as well as assist others who may need help. We recently cut across the current to the sand bank in the middle of the passage and then we went across to the island and did a quick cross country walk to see the surf on the other side. A great experience. Everyone has been having a fun time.

Mountain Bike Riding
Mountain bike riders have been having an awesome time riding the rough tracks of the Glasshouse bushland throughout the term. Professional bike riding instructor Craig has been leading the boys over some very rough terrain and over some challenging hills. Last week Tom Thow managed to pop his tyre on the tracks south side of the Ewan Maddock Dam. The confident riding group has all had their fair share of difficulties with problematic gear changes and sticks getting caught in wheel spokes. Each week the tracks are becoming increasingly challenging as the ability of the riders increases. We are looking forward to more rides around Ewan Maddock dam, Mount Beerwah and Caves Road before the end of term.

Qld School Sport Triathlon Trials
Four GCCC students competed in the Qld All Schools Triathlon and Aquathon on Sunday 11 November; Jack and Tara Fissenden, Tomas Lunt and Henry Montgomery. They all did extremely well under very challenging conditions, particularly the swim leg which saw Lake Kawana with half a metre waves and children being towed back in on boogie boards. Athletes from around Qld came to compete and the competition is very tough.

Tara, Tom and Henry competed in the 11 & 12 years Aquathon event comprising of a 1km run/200m swim/1km run. The students did very well and all finished the race with very respectable times. Tara finished the event 11th out of the Sunshine Coast competitors narrowly missing the Regional team by 1 position and only 1 second (4th out of the 11 year olds). Tom ran a great run leg to finish 14th out of the Sunshine Coast entrants (7th out of the 11 year olds) and Henry finished in a respectable 19th out of the Sunshine Coast competitors (9th out of the 12 year olds).

Jack competed in the Triathlon event (400m swim/ 12km bike/ 3km run). The weather was wet and windy, and he did well to stay on his bike with the wind gusts and slippery roads. Jack swam, rode and ran his way onto the Regional team finishing in 4th place with a great overall time of 48.19mins. We wish Jack all the very best as he represents the Sunshine Coast in February 2013 at the Qld School Sport Triathlon State Championships.

If you would like to get involved in the sport of triathlon there is a kid’s triathlon program running from Beerwah pool on the 24 November 2012 starting 6.30am. It is open to all Primary and Secondary children and is a good chance for kids to “tri” triathlon for the first time. Cost is the pool entry fee! It will be well supervised for more information contact Peter Thorpe 0423702677 for more information.
Hi Everyone! What an exciting time of year! So many school functions and excited children! I hope you are managing to keep your head above water! The P&F have been busy trying to determine the best way to spend the money raised through Funfest and other fundraisers. So far, we have allocated:

- $10000 to new sporting equipment across all grades from Prep to Yr 12
- Approximately $25000 for shade for the middle school playground
- New seating around the multipurpose area (quotes are being sourced)

We will wait until the new year to determine where there may be gaps in resources once school has returned and will then direct funds towards those areas in need! As always, all ideas are welcome!

Blessings, Alaina Westaway

Pause and Ponder

The One Direction song “That’s What Makes You Beautiful” makes me laugh. In one part of the song they sing: “Don’t need make-up to cover up” but then shortly after they sing: “The way that you flip your hair gets me overwhelmed.” I’m getting mixed messages. They seem to get that beauty doesn’t come from makeup... But what happens if you lose your hair? Are you still beautiful?

God put a lot more thought into this question than One Direction did. Here is His answer: “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewellery and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful.” - 1 Peter 3:3-5

Beauty comes from the inside. Beauty comes from putting your hope in God and having him in your life. He takes away those parts of you that are damaged by sin and replaces it with the things which will make you truly, and incomparably beautiful.

Mick Spann

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**Tunnel Ridge Ranch**

Have you ever wanted to visit Israel?

In January 2014 (during the school holidays) Glasshouse Country Baptist Church is planning a study tour of Israel. The purpose of this tour is to help people understand the Bible better. The cost will be about $3000 (includes tours, most meals, accommodation) plus airfares. It will be about two weeks plus travel time. We are going to all the major places as well as into Jordan. The purpose of this tour is not a tourist trip or a pilgrimage rather it is to help those who participate understand the Bible in more detail.

For any more information please contact the Pastor Chris Johnson on 0400175601 or email him on revchrisj@gmail.com

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Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
Playgroup

Reunion

1991 2012

Where: Pioneer Park Landsborough
When: Wednesday 12/12/2012
At: 9am-11am
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