Year 8 Newsletter

How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.
Psalm 133:1

Dates to Remember...

20/2 Secondary School Photos

21/2 P & F Family Fun Day

24/2 Middle School Leaders Induction

2/3 Immunisations Year 8-10 Boys and Girls.

Welcome Back to Middle School

Welcome to all our old and new Middle School students and families to 2015. The start of a new year is a fresh page. It's always good to make plans about how you would like this year to turn out. (If you fail to plan you plan to fail). At the same time, having said that, life has its up and downs, we all have them. At GCCC relationship and communication is important. So, come and see us, talk to us, email us and we will journey with you.

Communication

Please make your first call/email to your child's teacher, PC (Pastoral Care) teacher or Year Level Coordinator.
The Year 8 Pastoral Care Team

The Year 8 Coordinator and Pastoral Care teacher for 8M Mrs Kerrianne Draper

I have the privilege of being the Year 8 Coordinator for a second year at GCCC. I have been teaching for almost 15 years and still have the same belief I held my first day of teaching; that each child is worth our best efforts.

I am a Science Teacher who loves to inspire students to investigate and use science to help make sense of the world around them. On top of all that, I am a Mum of three busy boys, a Truck Drivers wife, and a musician at heart.

I look forward to getting to know each and every one of your children this year as we help them to grow and mature through Year 8.

The Pastoral Care teacher for 8G is Mr James Follett

This is my second year as a Pastoral Care Teacher for Year 8. I have been a Teacher for three years and have moved up to the Glasshouse area from the Gold Coast. I am a graduate of Christian Heritage College majoring in English and Drama. This year I am working mostly in the Drama department, and I love to see students learning to express themselves and develop their communication skills as they work through our Drama program.

The Pastoral Care teacher for 8W Mrs Cassie McKenzie

This is my second year at GCCC and my 8th year of teaching. My husband and I moved up from Adelaide at the end of 2012. This year I am teaching Math in both middle and senior schools. I am working part time, taking Wednesday’s off to be a Mum to my 2 year old daughter Ella. Besides loving Math’s, I also love the beach, camping, travelling, and animals! I attend church at Immanuel in Buderim, which is also where I went to school. I look forward to working with our lovely Year 8’s this year.
This is an exciting year in a child's journey as they move towards being leaders of the middle school next year. This year it will be important to encourage students to take responsibility for their choices and actions, organisation and classwork.

You will also notice that relationships and friendships will develop and change throughout the year. Students mature at a variety of rates in Year 8 and this means social changes within each group. We are constantly working to help students grow and develop resilience during this stage of life as they start to become young adults and take their place in society.

**Year 8 Camp**
One of the big things on the radar this year is our camp from Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 April 2015.
It is an expectation that all Year 8 students will attend this camp. We will be travelling to Higher Ground near Boonah again this year.

**Reminders** is an application on their computers that your child should be using to make note of all their homework. They have been taught how to use this in their Pastoral Care Class
**Connect** is an online portal where you should find your child's subject material, homework and assessments. web address: connect@gccqld.edu.au
You can access assessment Calendars as a guest, but for subject related info – you will need your child's login and password

**iLearn**
This is a secure online site where you can access your child's timetable as well as academic and behaviour reports.

**Homework/Assessments**
It is expected that Year 8's complete around 80 minutes of homework each night. This should include the work they do on assignments.
If at any stage your student is struggling with meeting deadlines or completing work please email the Pastoral Care Teacher or Year Level Coordinator.