Welcome back to GCCC in 2014

I trust you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. There have been lots of exciting things happening at the College during the holiday break and I hope you enjoy reading about them.

A special welcome to all of our new families. I pray your time at GCCC will be long and enjoyable.

Parking

Thank you for your patience as we finalised the western car park ready for use. We were a day late and I was very impressed with how well everyone behaved themselves with such limited parking on the first day of school. The newly sealed car park not only creates more defined parking places, it also increases the safety of our students and families.

Although the newly sealed car park will help, the need for more parking bays is still our top priority. We hope to begin work on a brand new 95-bay car park later this year.

Sad beginning to a new year

This week we had some very sad news that one of our Year 12 students, Christien Festa, was involved in a life-threatening motocross accident last Sunday. Christien is in an induced coma and the next ten days will be critical for his recovery. Please join with us as a College in praying for Christien and the Festa family.

New Staff

Due to the continued growth of the College we have quite a few new staff members and they are introduced in this newsletter. I am excited by the quality of the new appointments and know they will complement our already excellent College faculty.

E Block is finished

I am pleased to report that the new E Block is finished and being fully utilised. Downstairs E1, E2 and E3 are being used for our three Year 3 classes and upstairs is being used as a Primary staff and work room (E4) while E5 and E6 are being used by our Year 4 classes. Landscaping is still being undertaken outside the classrooms but work is moving along nicely.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Parent Collection Details for Primary Students
(These details are also in Cheryl Bryer’s address)

Prep
- Students are delivered to Prep by either parent or sibling for those students who are arriving close to Prep opening time of 8.30am.
- Students who are arriving via bus or parent drop off earlier than 8.25 will need to report to the Senior Undercover Area (SUA) until they are collected by a Primary Staff member and taken to Prep.
- Students are collected from Prep by parents or siblings in high school.
- Students catching the bus are walked to the bus shelter by a Primary Staff member.
- All other students (not part of After School Care) are walked to the Junior Undercover Area. At 3.05pm they are walked to the SUA where they will meet their primary aged siblings and from there they will be collected.

Year 1-2
Students are either:
- Collected by parents from the Junior Undercover Area (JUA) for Year 1 or the Dance room/playground area for Year 2 or
- They are escorted over to the SUA to meet with their Primary aged siblings over there or
- If they are catching the bus…they are to wait at the Admin gate where they will be escorted to the bus by a staff member.

Year 3-6
- Students are escorted to the SUA at 2.55pm.
- Students are either collected from the SUA by parents or secondary school siblings or they make their way out of the school if they walk, ride or go to the Kiss and Go from that point
- If they have younger siblings they will be brought to them via the procedure outlined above
- Being neighbourly to our neighbours

Being neighbourly to our neighbours

The people living opposite the College in Roberts Road have been very good neighbours to us for many years. Before we could afford security, they would keep an eye on the place and let us know if there were any problems. They graciously put up with the traffic that goes past their place every morning and afternoon and are delightful neighbours. However, it seems that we have not been returning the favour lately. Some College families are parking in or too close to this driveway, blocking the access and mounting the kerbed nature strip to park their cars. Please treat our neighbours with respect. Respect is one of our five core values and is especially important for instances like this.

Parents and Friends (P and F) Association

Many of you are already familiar with the GCCC Parents and Friends Association. It is a group of parents (mostly) and volunteers who work closely with the College to achieve common goals, making things better for our children. All parents are guardians of students are warmly welcomed to join. Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the College library.

Every second year the P and F hold a Funfest which is like a huge fete. This is not only a fantastic day of fun but is the major fund raiser for the College and contributed many thousands of dollars towards improving the education journey of our students. Being such a big event, it does take a lot of people to make it work and volunteers are welcomed with open arms. The old adage, ‘many hands make light work’ has never been more true than when it comes to Funfest.

P and F Family Fun Day – Saturday 15 February 10.45am to 1.45pm

This is an annual event held at the beginning of the year so families can get to know each other and just have a really good time. It is held on the College grounds in (almost) all weather conditions and is a great fun day for all ages. Sizzling sausages, juicy watermelon, friendly games and the famous tug-of-war between parents and students are just some of the activities that make this a day not to miss. For catering purposes, can you please email pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au if you are coming and how many are in your family? Alternatively, you can ring them on 5439 0033 or register your attendance on our Facebook page.

GCCC Facebook Page

The GCCC Facebook Page is open to everyone interested in the College and I would encourage current and new families who are on Facebook to ‘like’ the page. There are a couple of ways to find it. Visit the home page of our website www.gccc.qld.edu.au and click on the link next to the Facebook icon or click on this link.

Once you have ‘liked’ our Facebook page, you will receive regular updates on things that often don’t make it in the general newsletter. The news is immediate and gives followers a special insight into school and class activities. GCCC’s Facebook page does not mean that students can use Facebook on campus. It also doesn’t mean that we want students to have Facebook access at home unless their parents approve them as being mature enough. GCCC’s Facebook page is mainly for parents, friends and anyone interested in our school and older students are also welcome to follow the page.
New sports shirts

Last year Keaton Maksimous won the competition to design Sporting House logos for our new sports shirts. These are currently in development and will be available as soon as we can have them ready.

Mike Curtis, Principal

New Staff Members

Sonya Bowden

Hi my name is Sonya Bowden and I am the new Registrar at GCCC.

I come with more than 10 years’ experience in administration with 8 of those within the school arena. I am very excited to be taking on the role of Registrar and have a great passion for excellence in Christian education. My husband and two girls (Emily 17 and Georgina 15) have lived on the coast our entire lives. True locals in a sense. Pop in and say hi, I would love to meet you.

Colleen Crase

Hi, my name is Colleen Crase and I have spent the past 13 years as a Middle School specialist at Genesis Christian College. Although I spent my early years teaching in the Primary sector, it is the Middle and Senior phases of learning that I have discovered what it means to love your job. I have been made feel very welcome by my compadres in the English/Humanities department and look forward to teaching my Yr 8s, 9s, 11s and 12s.

I also have two gorgeous sons; one is studying Journalism at USC and my younger son is in Year 12. I’ve been fortunate enough to have shared a campus with them, though I’m sure they’d say they’ve been suitably mortified at times. All in all I look forward to all that 2014 has to offer here at GCCC.

Kerrianne Draper

My name is Kerrianne Draper. I have come for Woodford State School where I have worked for 13 years. I have a Bachelor of Science majoring in Biochemistry.

I am the Year 8 Level Coordinator, and will be teaching some Junior Science, Math and Biology. Apart from science, I am a musician, playing piano and singing in a harmony group.

I look forward to working with you all and teaching students about how exciting science can be.

Lee-anne Gordon

My name is Lee-anne Gordon and I am the new Secondary French Teacher. I am fairly new to Australia, having moved here a year ago from Scotland. I taught as a Languages Teacher in the UK and have lived in the South of France and Paris.

I look forward to working with the students and teaching them about the culture and language of France and other Francophone countries, developing positive attitudes and dispositions towards learning a language from a Christian World View perspective.

Sonya Kadel

As a new year begins I have joined the Middle Years Humanities and the Arts departments. I enjoy sport, drama and the movies. Call me crazy but I’m not fan of coffee and cannot eat chocolate, however I have a very big sweet tooth.

I look forward to teaching and influencing the next generation of young people to achieve their God given purpose.

Cassie McKenzie

Hi, my name is Cassie McKenzie. This is my 7th year of teaching.

I have a Degree in Biomedical Science and a Graduate Diploma in teaching. Last year, I was on maternity leave from my school in South Australia and my husband and I moved to the Sunshine Coast to be near my family (I grew up in Buderim). We had a little girl in February 2013 called Ella Grace—she is an absolute delight!

This year I am teaching 9-12 Maths and Year 9 P.C. I love creating a fun and supportive classroom environment where students feel confident to ask questions and expand on their understanding.
Beryl Morris

I am excited to be part of the GCCC Community, working at the College as the new Secondary Teacher Librarian. I am joining a wonderful team and look forward to being involved in supporting student learning, assisting with research and inspiring students to connect with a world of great stories.

Previously I have worked as a Speech Therapist, before training as a teacher and then specialising in Teacher Librarianship. I completed my Masters in this area of education whilst working as the K – 12 Teacher Librarian at Christian Outreach College, Toowoomba. I enjoy travel, music and the theatre, coffee out with friends, great stories and dreaming of going to Paris. Currently living at Maleny, I am keen to share the beautiful ‘Glasshouse Mountains’ area with my family.

This year, I will be working closely with the staff and students in the Secondary College. I will also be supporting the Year 5 and 6 classes with their research, reading and learning. I love learning and am passionate about helping others become successful learners and discovering all that God has for each of us. I look forward to getting to know our College families this year – do come and visit the library to say hello.

Paul Nash

Hi, my name is Paul Nash and I am Head of Future Pathways, replacing Mrs Joan Ferris in 2014. I have known Joan for many years and have been aware of the outstanding VET work she has done here at Glasshouse Country Christian College.

I have previously been a Guidance Officer and VET Co-ordinator in other schools throughout Queensland. I look forward to meeting many of you during the year. I am working from Mondays through until Thursdays. Mrs McMinn will continue in her administrative capacity and support for Future Pathways, from Tuesday until Friday.

The Future Pathways Office has relocated within the Library to the suite, which was formerly known as the Green room. Entry to our new office area should be made through the main Library entrance. It has been an exciting and very busy start to the year, with the major priority being preparation for Work Experience which starts in the week of 31 March. Students who have yet to return their work experience forms to Mrs McMinn, should do so as soon as possible.

I will be conducting a sequence of work experience lessons for all Year 10 students so they are thoroughly prepared, before they enter the work place. The school has already signed up two students in 2014 in School-Based Traineeships in the areas of Information Technology Support and Warehousing in a plumbing business at Caboolture.

Kate Noke

My name is Kate Noke and I am 3W teacher and Primary Art teacher (every Wednesday). I have degrees in Arts and Education and love seeing students’ creativity unleashed!

I am looking forward to starting the Primary Art program up this year and getting to know the GCCC community. I have been married seven years and have two small children (ages two and four) and have resided on the Sunshine Coast for the last year, moving from Brisbane.

Julie Peters

I have always been a teacher in Textiles/Design and Hospitality. I started my career as a TAFE teacher in NSW, and then moved onto High School teaching. Since moving here I have worked at Maroochydore High School and Pacific Lutheran college, as Head Teacher. I have three children. My eldest daughter has graduated in Public Health and my son is studying to become a teacher. I love travel, textiles and food (of course) and quality time with my family.

God has blessed me to be part of an excellent school, in which I look forward to working with students, parents and teachers. I will lead under the guidance of God to uphold in a creditable faculty.

(Julie joins GCCC as the Head of Hospitality.)

Jarred Piennar

I have just embarked on my 6th year of teaching. After spending five years in the State Education Department. I am excited to be continuing my career with GCCC in the Mathematics department for 2014.

My passions include snowboarding, hiking, mountain biking, rugby union, music and food.

I was born in South Africa, but I am a proud Australian Citizen.
Lynette Putzier
My name is Lynette Putzier and I am a Primary school teacher from South Africa. I have been living in Australia for five and a half years and I have become an Aussie citizen! I have been teaching for 14 years (seven of those were in the UK). My husband and I moved to the Sunshine Coast from Brisbane at the end of last year and we have a three-year-old daughter called Abigail.

I am excited to be working at GCCC and look forward to getting to know you all.

Daniel Rizeman
My name is Daniel Rizeman. I will be teaching 4G this year at GCCC. I live in Caloundra with my wife and three month old son.

My wife and I moved to the Sunshine Coast in February 2013 after spending several years in Victoria. We are loving the Queensland climate and lifestyle. I graduated 2012, completing my Bachelor of Education and working last year in Queensland State Schools as a supply teacher.

I am looking forward to all that God has for me this year and believe that teaching is wonderful means for helping children to grow into the type of people God wants them to be.

Rick Rogers
Hi, my name is Rick Rogers and in 2014 I am the 6M teacher.

I am an eager new member of the teaching profession having recently made the career change from being a pharmacist for over 20 years.

Born a Queenslander, I mostly grew up at Terranora/Bilambil (just over the QLD/NSW border). Growing up on acreage I experienced a childhood full of trekking about with friends and dogs through scrub, creeks, or on bikes, motorbikes and eventually surfing. Of those childhood pastimes, bikes remain a big hobby (I have a mountain bike and a road bike).

My wife, two young children and I live at Buderim, having switched coasts from the Gold Coast about 4 years ago. We attend Goodlife Community Centre/Church at Buderim.

Although this is my first career change, I have a long history of pursuing learning, with degrees in Pharmacy, Theology, Nutrition and now Teaching. I am a keen traveller having (prior to becoming a dad) lived in three different countries, and travelled through over 30.

I am excited about becoming a member of the GCCC family, and I look forward to meeting you.

Rob Steffler
Hi, my name is Rob Steffler and I am the new Dean of Studies at GCCC. I will also be teaching some Senior Chemistry and Biology.

After my first two years of teaching in Canada (my country of origin), I moved to Australia in 2005 and have spent the last eight years teaching at Nambour Christian College on the Sunshine Coast.

I’m excited about my new role here at GCCC and look forward to building relationships and getting to know the community.

My wife, and three beautiful children (the third just born on 23 January, 2014) live in Buderim and love the coast lifestyle which is very different from living in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains!

Aside from the sciences, I love technology (anything Apple), music and sport. I’m an avid runner and cyclist, but am willing to give anything a go! Ice Hockey is my sport of choice but with ice being somewhat unavailable in Queensland, I’ve come to love Rugby League and Cricket (although I’m still learning the rules of both).

I am excited to be at GCCC in 2014 and beyond, and look forward to meeting you!

Rochelle Thomas
Hi, my name is Rochelle Thomas. I am originally from South Australia where I taught for a number of years.

More recently I had the opportunity to tour Australia as a singer/songwriter with IRON+CLAY for three years. I am very passionate about my faith and the creative arts and looking forward to teaching Prep – Year 6 students ‘Performing Arts’ with a focus in Music, Dance and Drama.
WELCOME TO TERM ONE, CHANGES TO THE PRIMARY COLLEGE 2014 AND OTHER NEWS

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone for 2014! It has started well with both students and new staff settling in quickly. New staff will write a “thumbnail sketch” about themselves in the Newsletter over this term so you can know a little about them personally.

Although it was a tight finish, we were able to occupy E block a few days before school started and the Year 3 and Year 4 classes are enjoying their new classrooms with the exciting new furniture to support new learning initiatives we are implementing this year. Teachers worked tirelessly before the first day of school unpacking boxes and setting up classrooms as all the Year 3 – 6 classes had been relocated to new classrooms for 2014.

SOME PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

JUNIOR PLAY GYM – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Students on the Junior play gym must be supervised by parents before and after school as staff are on duty only in the Senior Undercover Area.

After school, Years 1 and 2 come to the Junior areas first where parents can collect children. Then Teachers take all students who are left to the SUA by 3.10pm where they are supervised. Please make every effort to collect your children soon after 3.00pm each day as teachers often have meetings after school. Wednesday is our Staff Meeting afternoon.

BUS STUDENTS PREP – YEAR 2

We have a staff member who brings the Prep Students to the bus area each afternoon at 2.50pm to ensure they come to the buses safely. We are considering including Year 1 and 2 in this process, so please make sure your child’s teacher is aware if your son or daughter catches a bus in the afternoon.

LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA

This year we have extended the classroom practice where children eat their lunch and afternoon tea with the classroom teacher. This will now happen in both the Junior School and in Year 3 – 6 also. We believe that this will allow students to eat with closer supervision and reduce any lunch box issues as these will simply be placed back in students’ bags before moving to play areas. IF THE 10 MINUTE EATING TIME IS NOT ENOUGH FOR SOME CHILDREN, TEACHERS WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO TAKE SOME ADDITIONAL FOOD TO THE NORMAL EATING AREAS TO FINISH BEFORE PLAY. If you feel your child may need extra time please wrap food in plastic wrap etc. so he/she is able to take it down with them and then they can leave the lunch box in their bag. I am sure parents and teachers alike will appreciate not having to chase lost lunch boxes this year.

SHOES

Just a reminder that students need to keep their shoes on while at school (unless teachers ask them to be removed for a specific lesson). After school if parents are supervising their children playing on the play gym this still applies for safety reasons.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Please check the College Calendar on our website regularly for updates on school events. Our website contains our Newsletters and is updated regularly, so please check this from time to time.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Our “Meet the Teacher Evening” will be held on 19 February and will be in the form of 2 sessions (5.30 – 6.00 pm and again 6.15 – 6.45 pm). This will allow you to visit 2 teachers on the evening. We consider this to be a very important event in our College Calendar and your attendance reinforces with your children that you are genuinely interested in their education and that home and school will be working closely together. Please mark this date in your calendar.

CHAPPIES’ PANCAKE BREAKFAST -18 FEBRUARY

An invitation will be coming out soon for all primary students to attend if they wish! This is a big undertaking so we are asking parents for your help once again as last year your assistance made this a wonderful success. Please fill in the response slip on the invitation when it comes and return it to class teachers or the College Office to assist with the organization.
TIM TAMS AND TISSUES

Last week on the first day of school, Prep mums were invited to have Tim Tams and coffee/tea as they dropped their little ones off at school for the first time. I am pleased to report that all are doing well and we had no real need for the tissues. Thank you to Mrs Rosenberg for the little gift of tissues for each Mum.

We didn’t take a lot of photos as it didn’t seem fair to those mums with tears in their eyes and it could be a little scary for the wide-eyed little Preppies on their first day but here are a few photos from the day.

For more photos, see the GCCC Website

GENERAL

If there are any concerns regarding your children in class or at play, please address these to the class teacher first and they will be investigated as soon as possible. Sometimes these problems are passed on by the teacher to Mrs Mitchell (Assistant Head of Primary) or myself if they are of a more serious nature and we will follow these up.

Finally we sincerely trust that your family will have a wonderful year at Glasshouse Country Christian College as we have some exciting learning initiatives underway for our students. If we can help you in any way, please don’t hesitate to speak to Bronwyn at reception and she will pass on your requests. Remember to always share any family information which could impact your children. We make every effort to support our students in our pastoral care programme, particularly if their family is affected by health issues or other significant changes. We need to be aware of these as they can impact children greatly both in their learning and behaviour and our aim is to support them as best we can.

Cheryl Bryers, HEAD OF PRIMARY

Kitchen Garden News

We welcomed our new preppies in Week 2 in Kitchen Garden and began with a tour of the garden and kitchen area. Our new preppies learnt the rules of Kitchen Garden and held their noses as they entered the “stinky” garden shed.

We were very blessed to have so many parent helpers join us this week. The children really love having their Mum or Dad in the garden. We finished the lesson by learning our Kitchen Garden Grace and then we got to pull some serious weeds in the pineapple patch.

Year 2s were put straight to work in the garden. The pineapple patch was weeded and many of the old plants removed, garden beds were weeded and 2M and 2G planted out two adopt-a-garden beds; one by the car park and our flag pole garden which should burst into bloom in the coming weeks.

Year 2 Masterchef’s whipped up a delicious sweet potato, bean and soft cheese salad which looked and tasted amazing! The chef’s looked very professional in their brand new aprons which were made during the holidays.

Don’t forget to check out our Kitchen Garden website

www.gccckitchengarden.com.au

Until next fortnight, happy gardening!

Mandy Ward (Kitchen Garden Coordinator)
mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au

For more photos, see GCCC Website
Here is a table of the school’s guidelines for homework.

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For all core subjects (English, SOSE, Maths, Science, Language) around 40 minutes of work per week for Year 7 is expected with increased time for Year 8 and 9. While the other subjects, do not as a rule set homework, there may be class work or assessments that need to be polished or finished at home. If there is no set homework they should be revising work learnt and covered in class. As well, a high predictor of solid academic scores is directly correlated to how much a person reads. Encourage your child to read AND to make it a regular habit.

Extracurricular

Glasshouse offers a myriad of extracurricular opportunities for our students. Many of them are at no extra cost and staff offer them voluntarily giving of their own time. Here is an overview, please note PE also has other activities on offer.

Looking forward to a productive and wonderful year.

Jaq Vreeling, Head of Middle School
New Beginnings or a New Ending

It was wonderful to welcome the new students to the College last week, as well as those who were here last year. As I spoke to each Year Level we celebrated the fact that each person starts afresh in their educational journey. There is that wonderful feeling when you open your notebook and for the first time, put pen to paper and set the tone for the year ahead.

But should the focus be on the beginning? I recently read this quote “No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending” (Unknown).

It reminded me that what we do now shapes the future. Its not really about a new beginning but more about shaping the ending. Last year we celebrated the graduation of our 2013 Seniors and saw how well they ended the year. Now we look forward to the end of 2014 and this final year for our Year 12s. This is the last cohort with two classes. From next year onwards we will have 3 classes of Year 12s and we want this year to be very special one for these students.

Last week we took the College student leaders away for an overnight camp to plan the goals and vision the students want. We did not focus on a new beginning but rather the ending and we discussed the type of legacy they will leave behind for other students to follow.

They had some great ideas and the camp was a wonderful time for the student leaders to bond together and talk about what they want to achieve this year.

Our theme for 2013 was our GREAT values. This year we are focussing on “How GREAT is our God!” We want to continue promoting our core values of Godliness, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teachability, but we also want to focus on how epic our God is. (Epic was the word the students came up with!)

Communication: Please contact the College anytime should you have any queries or wish further clarification on any matter. Staff emails are available on our website under the “Contact Us” menu.

Happenings in Senior School:

Swimming Carnival: Friday, 7 February. Please ensure your child attends and competes to the best of their ability. There will be fierce house battle this year and as much student participation as possible is necessary to be the winning house. Parents are welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to support their house and dress in their house colours. Go Ararat!!

Senior School Leaders Induction: Tuesday, 11 February, 8:30am. Join us to celebrate the induction of our Student Leaders.

Senior School Information Night: Tuesday, 11 February, 6:30pm. Attending will be Mr Rob Steffler, our new Dean of Studies, Mr Paul Nash, our new Future Pathways Coordinator and myself. We will take you through some of the changes in 2014 and try to answer any queries you may have.

P and F Family Fun Day: Join our community on Saturday, 15 February from 10:45 to 1:45pm. This will be a really fun time.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

New Agricultural Program at GCCC

It has started! The Agricultural Science program has now been launched and is offering some very enthusiastic Year 11 students the opportunity of a lifetime! Not only is the College’s holistic agricultural science subject taught at a real working farm in an idyllic location, it is rich in authentic science content for students working towards gaining an OP score.

The first day has already seen students hitting the books hard learning about plant anatomy and physiology. A break in the intense learning has provided opportunities for students to take leaf tissue samples of ginger for nutrient analyses and some more practical farming duties such as fencing and feeding stock.

To ensure that the Agricultural Science course truly reflects the local rural industry, it is also aiming to involve local community experts from various industries to be apart of the program. This truly is a most exciting new venture, and it is hoped that it provides the next generation with authentic practical and academic knowledge of the agricultural industry.

Jade King

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.
Message from Chris Warren – Year 10 Coordinator

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 2014. My name is Mr Chris Warren and I am the 2014 Year 10 Coordinator. I look forward to working collaboratively with your both yourselves and your children. I hope that all of the students in Year 10 have a happy and successful year. The staff at year 10 are working together to create an atmosphere where your child will be able to experience academic, spiritual and personal growth.

The Pastoral Care teachers for year 10 2014 are;
Ebony Hilton 10M
Julie Peters 10W
Chris Warren 10G

The Pastoral Care teacher is the first point of reference, in relation to the pastoral, educational and welfare issues that may arise for your son/daughter. Please feel free to contact the Pastoral Care teacher by phone if you have any queries or concerns.

Pastoral Care teachers make every effort to get to know your children well and develop a comfortable relationship with your child.

The role of the Pastoral Care teacher also includes monitoring of the school diary, wearing of the correct uniform and following up absences.

GCCC is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. We believe we have the best chance of being able to do this where the parents and the teachers are working as a team. To that end we ask all parents to re-acquaint themselves with the College’s Well Being/Discipline and Uniform Policies.

Of course, for issues that require further attention and time, please feel free to contact me on chris.warren@gccc.qld.edu.au or on the college phone. I will do my best to return an email or call before the end of the day.

Chris Warren

All things weird and wonderful, large and interesting

Our Art Department is in search of interesting large items for our still life drawing exercises.

Examples could include large cow skulls, super sized sea shells, old musical instruments (specifically an old trumpet) but any would be great.

We would love anything unusual, textural or interestingly shaped and would greatly appreciate your help in sourcing these.

Patrice Cutlack

Opening Hours

Prep – Year 6 Students: 8:00am – 3:15pm

Year 7-12: 8:00am – 4pm

Homework Club (Commences Week 2, Thursday 6 Feb)

Every Thursday (Year 7-12) From 3pm – 4pm

A warm welcome to new staff, students and families that have joined the GCCC community this year. We look forward to meeting you and supporting your teaching and learning needs at the College.

New Secondary Teacher Librarian

This year we are very excited to welcome Mrs. Beryl Morris to the library team. Beryl will be working with staff and students across Years 5 -12 on Wednesdays to Fridays. She brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise and will be a wonderful asset at GCCC. Please join us in making her feel welcome.

Homework Club

Homework Club starts this week and will be run every Thursday afternoon in the library for Year 7-12 students. It is a great opportunity for students to seek 1-1 support from teachers and library staff.
Text Books

Middle and Secondary texts have been loaned out to students. Texts have included a range of print and digital titles that can be used at home and school. This year many subjects across Year 7-10 are using eBooks via ipads and Macs. The library keeps hard copy versions of many of the titles and students are welcome to come and borrow a copy whenever they need.

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 child/children to regularly check they are using the copy they borrowed. It’s 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. 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.

Book Club

The Koorong Kids and Scholastic Book Clubs have commenced this week, providing families in Prep to Year 12 with access to a range of affordable quality books, music and gifts. Across the year there will be 7 Scholastic Book Club issues and 4 Koorong Kids issues. Brochures have been handed out to the youngest in the family. Prep – Year 7 students receive the Scholastic and Koorong Kids brochures. Students in Year 8 – 12 receive the Koorong Kids brochures. The Book Clubs are run voluntarily by our amazing Book Club Coordinators: Kelly Yeo, Kristina Bullard and Debra James. The College receives free books and teaching resources from your purchases that allow us to regularly update our library collection with well-known titles and recently published books.

To order simply select any books your child/children would like and return the Book Club order forms to the library, with correct payment (cash, credit card or cheque). Orders need to be made separately for each Book Club and be placed in the Scholastic or Koorong Kids boxes in the library foyer. Cheques need to made payable to Scholastic Australia for the Scholastic Book Club or to Glasshouse Country Christian College for Koorong Kids orders. Please ensure orders are in by the closing date. No late orders will be accepted.

See you in the library,

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Pause and Ponder

It’s easy to sit down and tell God about all the things we are stressing about. We pray that God would give us strength today to deal with ‘so and so’ or that he would give us wisdom as we plan ‘such and such’.

Often it’s those things first on our minds, which end up first on our prayer list.

There is nothing wrong with bringing God our requests, fears and desires. But I wonder if sometimes these things get too much attention.

Often we overlook the fact that first and foremost God deserves honor, gratitude, and praise. We should always thank God for who He is and what he has done before handing him our ‘Christmas list’ style prayers.

Mick Spann, GCBC Youth Pastor

Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him.
For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains.
The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too.
Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.
If only you would listen to his voice today! – Psalm 95:2-3
**Sports News**

**District Sports Team Opportunities**

Glasshouse District Teams are selected in a variety of sports each year and we are very proud of all our students selected in these teams.

Trials for Primary teams are held for 10 – 12-year-olds who are competent in the chosen sport and District teams are selected. These Glasshouse Teams then compete in the Sunshine Coast Regional Championships. There are details on the college website of sports that are played and trial dates. Trials and training are all after school and it is parent’s responsibility to get students there. Regional trials are held during a day of school.

Secondary students also have the opportunity to trial for Regional teams through Trial days each term. Find details of these sports and dates on the College website or at the PE office.

Being part of these teams gives students the opportunity to compete with other skilled players and make new friends from other schools. It is also the pathway to Queensland and National Championships for talented athletes.

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**Bronze Medal Success for Laura and Jaylah.**

Just before Christmas five young athletes from GCCC competed in the Queensland Little Athletics Relay Championships held in Brisbane. They had all qualified through their regions so were excited about competing at State level.

Laura Vobr and Jaylah Daunt teamed up to compete in the discus event which requires two club representatives to throw three times and then their best two throws are totalled to find the winners. Laura and Jaylah were up amongst the best in the state and were very proud to win the bronze medal. Both girls threw very close to 20m which is fantastic for 10 and 11 year olds!!

Jaylah was also selected in the medley relay but had to pull out due to an ankle injury but young Cassidy Ferris was brought in to replace her. Nine-year-old Cassidy ran the 400m in the medley relay for the Glasshouse District clubs 11 year girls team. What an effort Cassidy!

Tom and Nick Dwan also competed at the championships and represented their club really well. Tom threw in the U16 shotput placing 9th and also competed in the long jump and discus event. Nick ran in the U12 4 x100m and medley relay event where his Glasshouse team placed 6th.

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**Get Involved in Sport – Sign On now!**

It may not feel like winter yet but Winter Sport sign ons are happening now for many local sporting clubs. The College does not organise sports teams for local weekend competitions but we do encourage students to get involved with local sports clubs. It is fun to be a part of a team, children will learn new skills and keep fit as well.

In our local and surrounding area we have a wide variety of sporting clubs offering netball, soccer, rugby league, rugby union, BMX, futsal, Oz tag,

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**Suncoast Hinterland BMX Club Come and Try/Sign on Day**

Annual sign on day is to be held on Saturday 22 February 2014 at Connection Rd, Mooloolah.

Two Free Come and Try BMX Clinics will also be held on this day.

Where: Suncoast Hinterland BMX Club, Mooloolah Connection Rd, Mooloolah

When: Saturday 22 February 2014

Clinic Times: 10-11:30am or 12:30-2pm

What to Bring: Bike, helmet, long sleeved pants and shirt. If possible bring a full faced helmet and gloves.

Cost: Free includes a sausage sizzle for participants

More info: Ph 0408 888 709 or visit our facebook page: Hinterland Bmx Club

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**The Beerwah Glasshouse United Soccer Club**

Registrations for the 2014 season open 6th January 2014.

For more information please contact our Registrar Paula at registrar@beerwahglasshouseunited.com.au


Caloundra Oz Tag Autumn – Juniors 2014

Junior Competition Monday Afternoons

For info and enquiries please contact Leigh on 0408700154 or email to caloundra@oztag.com\
Welcome back everyone and a big welcome to our new families! I hope you had a fabulous Christmas break and all your tribe are happy to be back at school!

To start the year off, the P and F will be hosting the annual family Fund day on Saturday 15 February. This runs from 11am to 2pm and is a lot of fun! There are games for the children and a free sausage sizzle for all. There will be drinks to purchase but feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Please let us know if you are coming by emailing us at pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au This is a great way to meet new families and to meet some more parents!

We have lots of fun activities planned throughout the year and hope you will be able to get involved in some way. Watch out for discos, trivia night and a walk-a-thon!

This is Funfest year too, so look out for lots of information about how you can help this fabulous event.

We will be holding out AGM on 4 March in the Library. All positions will be open for new nominations. If you would like more information, or would just like to come along, you are very welcome to email any questions you may have. Have an awesome couple of weeks and I look forward to catching up with you at the Fun day!

Blessings, Alaina Westaway

Sunshine Coast Futsal Association
Winter Season Sign on soon – Team or individuals  Phone number :07 5443 1100
Email Address:info@sunnycoastfutsal.com.au  Website: http://sunnycoastfutsal.com.au
Maleny Bushrangers Rugby Union
Contact Club at http://www.malenybushrangersrugbyunion.com/

Brothers Rugby Sunshine Coast Sign On Day
Brothers Rugby Sunshine Coast will be conducting our Sign On day this Saturday February 8 at our Clubhouse at Stocklands Park, Kawana from 9 am to 12 midday.

We have vacancies for players from U 6 to U 18 for which there are motivated and qualified Coaches and staff ready to help new and old players alike. Attached is a letter requesting your support from our Club President to assist our community club with promoting the sign on in either the newsletter, parade announcement, staff notices or by distributing the letter and flyer.

Thanks in advance and we welcome any of your keen Rugby Union players who may be interested in joining or coming along to our sign on day.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Eric Kerr
Junior Development Officer
Brothers Rugby Sunshine Coast

For flyer details, see GCCC Website

Guiding Gifted Children: Workshops for Parents
Michele Juratowitch and Rosalind Walsh from Clearing Skies are holding two separate workshops in February at Stuartholme, Toowong, for parents of gifted children covering topics are broad range of areas as follows:

PRIMARY SCHOOL DAY on Saturday 22 February – 9.30am – 4.30pm
SECONDARY SCHOOL DAY on Sunday 23 February – 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

For Bookings please visit http://www.trybooking.com/DZDV. For further information please email michele@clearingskies.com.au or phone: 0438 744 994 or 07 3378 0888. ISQ has a flyer for this workshop so please contactdcree@isq.qld.edu.au if you would like a copy of the flyer.
Machaneh Dance School

It is with regret we inform you that Machaneh is unable to provide dance classes for the beginning of 2014. Unfortunately we do not have a teacher available to proceed at this time.

We are seeking out the best possible teacher that we can find to be able to add value to your children’s lives and help them excel in their giftings.

As soon as a suitable dance teacher becomes available, we will be in contact with the school and advise you when classes are available. If anyone would like to come and join us in Nambour or Woombye, we would love to have you.

God is doing amazing things and we are looking forward to a wonderful future.

Feel free to contact Suzanne on: Ph: 0421 717 418 if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your understanding,

Blessings, Suzanne Sherwell
Acting Director

2014 Sensory Movie Days

“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists.

This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience. Free membership cards are required to purchase tickets, which can be handed out on the day of the screening. Children 2years and under are free and companion I.D. cards are accepted. “Regarding Movies, changes are possible due to unforeseen circumstances.” Tickets $8 each

Sensory Movie Day Morayfield (North Brisbane) Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/#!/SensoryMovieDay
Sensorymovieday@hotmail.com or phone 0422 416 509. Chanelle Avison.
“Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2” - 2pm Sunday 23 February
“Frozen”- 2pm Sunday 16 March
“Walking With Dinosaurs” - 2pm Sunday 27 April

Mr. Peabody & Sherman - 2pm Sunday 25 May

“Sensory EXPO” - Starts at noon in the foyer of the cinema, We invite lots of Service providers who come and let you know what help and support is available, heaps of resources
• “The Lego Movie” - 2pm Sunday 22 June
• “Rio 2” - 2pm Sunday 27 July
• “The Muppets Most Wanted” - 2pm Sunday 17 August
• “How To Train Your Dragon 2” - 2pm Sunday 14 September
• “Tinkerbell The Pirate fairy” - 2pm Sunday 26 October
• “Planes Fire & Rescue” - 2pm Sunday 16 November