TERM 2
MAY
Sat 17  OPEN DAY 10am to 2pm
Mon 19  Primary District Cross Country
Mon 19-Fri 23  Year 9 Pindari Camp
Tue 20  ICAS Computer Skills
Fri 30  Maleny Show Holiday - public holiday

JUNE
Tue 3  Primary and Secondary Regional Cross Country
Wed 4  ICAS Science
Fri 6-Sat 7  Musical Fame

Mon 9  Queen’s Birthday - public holiday
Tue 10-Wed 11  Buranga Camp Year 6
Tue 17  ICAS Spelling
Thur 19  ICAS Writing
Thur 19-Tue 24  Year 11/12 Block Exams
Fri 20  Primary Disco 4pm to 8pm
Mon 23  Immunizations for all Year 8 and Year 10
Thur 26  Grandparents’ Day
Fri 27  Senior School donate a jumper day
Fri 27  Year 12 Sleep out
Fri 27  Last Day Term 2

TERM 3
JULY
Mon 14-Fri 18  Student Free Days
Mon 21  First day Term 3
Tue 22  Sunshine Coast Careers Expo Senior School
Tue 29  ICAS English
Thur 31  Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

AUGUST
Sat 2  FUNFEST
Wed 6  6pm  “Your Future Options” Info Night Years 10, 11, and 12.
Thur 7-Fri 8  QCS Practice Year 12
Mon 11-Fri 15  Year 10 SET Plan Interviews
Thur 14-Fri 15  Primary District Athletics Carnival
Fri 22  Junior Athletics Carnival Prep to 8 years old
Tue 26  Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 11
Wed 27  Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 9

* Athletic Carnival dates will be advised in the near future.

Cover photo: Ready, set, go for the prep to Year 2 Cross Country. Story and photos on page 13

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Open Day

As I write this the College students and staff are gearing up for what promises to be our biggest and best Open Day yet. This Saturday 17 May between 10am and 2pm we are expecting approximately 400 visitors and can’t wait to show them the quality of our students and our school facilities.

This year there is more student involvement than ever before. Students are not only volunteering as greeters, tour guides and in the Hospitality Kitchen, they are also running interactive demonstrations and activities in Science, Maths and English.

I am often impressed by the dedication, commitment and leadership of our students and Open Day is a time when these qualities really stand out. It is a big sacrifice for our students to give up a chunk of their weekend but it is this very sacrifice that makes GCCC Open Days one of the best on the Sunshine Coast.

I also appreciate the help of all the parents bringing their children to school on a Saturday so they can perform their various roles.

Something else that is new this year is a free jumping castle and animal nursery for children in Prep to Year 2. The animal nursery will be set up next to our Agricultural Science stand so visitors can learn more about this new subject for Year 10 students.

Once again our mighty P and F will be running a sausage sizzle with all proceeds going back to the College. The Hospitality students are offering a free high tea (small cost for specialty coffees) and Fiyah Flavayas will be selling wood-fired pizzas with $1 from every $10 pizza being donated to GCCC.

Open Day is not only for new families but it is an ideal time for current families to see their child(ren)’s classrooms, work displays and performances. We continue to hold Open Day on a Saturday so working families can visit their child(ren)’s school without having to take time off work.

For more details and to check out the program on the day, please click on this link. Open Day Program.

Prep to Year 2 Cross Country

This race may have the youngest students in the whole College but these little champions ran their hearts out to gain house points and feel the pride of competing well. It was especially exciting to see all the new sporting house shirts with the iconic logos created by Keaton Maksimous last year. You can read more about this event and see all the photos in the Sports’ section.

New look website

For anyone who has had the opportunity to visit our website during the last week you may have noticed a difference. The new colourful format brings our website up-to-date with modern trends and should make it easier for first time visitors to navigate around the site.

The website is now multi-device friendly so you will be able to easily access it from your smart phone, iPad, notebook, tablet, laptop or desktop computer.

The Home page has entry to Primary, Middle or Senior School sections and if you scroll down a little there is a section for new visitors (Enrolment), a welcome from the Principal (me) and a link to the most recent newsletter. Just below that you will see important calendar dates and the most recent news postings.

The links at the bottom of the page are new but the tabs at the top of the page are very similar to the old website.

The biggest change is the Family Portal under My GCCC. Current parents will be given a personal login and password which allows them to access exclusively their child(ren)’s behaviour reports, academic timetables, attendance and lateness records.

Non-Government Transport Assistance Scheme

Many of you may be eligible for the Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme. The link is on our website under College Life, Bus and Transport Services or you can click here to take you straight to the website. IMPORTANT: The deadline for the subsidy applications is 31 May so you will need to act quickly.
We are hoping to send out the personalised logins and passwords by the end of next week.

I believe the introduction of the Family Portal will be another important step in supporting the College’s mission statement: ‘The College seeks to work together with parents and will endeavour to provide the human and practical resources, the environment, the encouragement and opportunities to develop the gifts and talents God has given their children so that they may respond to and fulfil the call of God in their lives.’

‘Rubber hitting the road’ values

Hopefully most of you know that the GCCC values are G.R.E.A.T. and stand for Godliness, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teachability. These values encompass so much of everyday living but unless they are put in practice they become meaningless words.

Most of the time it is fairly easy to abide by these values but one area where the rubber really hits the road is respecting the parking rules and signage. Most schools have parking challenges however, unless we respect the rules and other drivers, we are at the very least causing unnecessary inconvenience to others and could be ultimately putting children’s lives in danger.

At the moment we have to ask a staff member to be at the Kiss and Go to ensure people are respecting the rules and asking drivers to move on when they exceed the maximum time limit. This is a costly exercise which could be avoided if everyone did the right thing. Another problem is parents parking in the section that is for staff only. We only reserve a small section of parking for staff who often have heavy bundles of books and resources to carry to and from their car but we do ask parents to respect this section.

For the one and two who cause problems, there are hundreds of you out there doing the right thing, respecting others, being patient and kind toward one another. Thank you for modelling such great values to your children and our students.

Recent damage to locker locks

Many of you may have heard of the break in at the College early Tuesday morning. Intruders climbed through the gates and broke the locks off many of the lockers. Although it is always disheartening to see the damage done, I am pleased to report that not much of value was taken. Better still, the culprits have been caught and all stolen goods recovered.

This is a good time to remind students to please take home their iPads, laptops and valuables each night.

Funfest 2 August 2014

Hot on the tails of Open Day we have our P and F Funfest on Saturday 2 August. This is our biggest fundraiser and only happens every second year so we want everyone to give it all that they have to make the event a success.

On Thursday 22 May Mandy Ward is holding the Biggest Cuppa for Cancer in the Junior Undercover area (more information is in the Kitchen Garden article). The P and F will be using this get together to collect crucial donations for Funfest. If you have something to donate, would you please bring it along on the morning. The Funfest committee are particularly interested in donations of:

- wrapped lollies, craft items, jewellery, toy cars, hair ties, bouncy balls and action figures
- books, magazines, games, puzzles, board games or DVDs
- Soft toys, teddies and pretty clear glass bottles/jars with lids
- Chocolate bars and blocks, glass jars with lids for jam
- All items in good repair for a trash and treasure stall

There will be the traditional Funfest auction and the team are after larger donations for this event. Business owners and tradespeople in particular are asked to consider what they could donate. Auction items could be anything from accommodation, meals, products or time. For example, a tradesperson may donate one or two hours electrical or plumbing work.

Talk to Nic or Leisa on the 22 May to find out more ways you can help Funfest 2014 to be a great success.

Mike Curtis, Principal.

School banking update

Here is an update on the school banking programme.

The total commissions earned during the 1st term of this year was $984.83, which is absolutely wonderful! I am really excited with our achievement.

We have a total of 192 students now participating in the school banking program.

Commonwealth Bank are running an exciting competition for the school bankers this term - I believe the flyers were sent out in the class bank bags while I was away, so I am sure each class teacher is aware of this by now.

Paton and I had the wonderful pleasure of visiting Isiseko Day Care Centre in South Africa and meeting Mama Zoliswe while we were there recently. Here are the photos we took during our visit.

Thanks again for allowing us the opportunity of running the school banking program at GCCC.

Amanda Turner

STOP PRESS: On Wednesday 15 May we banked our record deposit of $1382.15 and now have almost 200 students participating in the program!
Junior Cross Country

What a wonderful event the Junior Cross Country was last Friday. Every year, the profile of the Cross Country throughout the College has gained more and more momentum and the 2014 Cross Country was no exception.

Students had been practising their war cries over the past couple of weeks and they really “lifted the tents” with their enthusiasm. House tents were decorated with mascots and streamers and captains rallied the troops for action. Watching the students from the Preps to eight year olds running the course, assisted by our Year 6 leaders and House Captains, was such a joy. They all ran their little hearts out and gained points for their House. Every one of them had such a big heart and made the day so exciting for everyone.

However, it’s the attendance and participation of our wonderful College families which makes days like this such an incredible success. The staff and I are always so grateful for the support you always give your children when we hold College events, and also for the P and F participation in providing food for families on the day.

All primary students have enjoyed the lapathon leading up to their big events and Mrs Stott and primary staff were committed to helping students prepare for their long cross country races. Some students finished the course without any sign of breathlessness. Once again Mrs Stott organized a wonderful sports day and prizes not only for the winners but lucky place getters, just made the day!

To see all the photos, please click here.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Prep Mothers’ Night

What a fabulous evening the children of Glasshouse Country Christian College Prep had on Tuesday 6 May, playing, dancing, singing, crafting and enjoying supper with their awesome mums.

The evening began with games and activities and the making of a sparkly tiara or necklace for mum to wear. All tiaras were uniquely decorated to ensure the mums were suitably adorned for such a special occasion! We danced, sang some songs together and generally had lots of fun enjoying Prep activities with our favourite ladies.

Mother’s Night was a really great opportunity for mums to have special one-on-one time with their Prep child, participating in some of the activities that make up a typical Prep day. Thank you to all who could attend. We had such a great time, and a delicious supper! God bless mums!

Lin Smith

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.

How to wash Primary hats

DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH SWEAT STAINS ON PRIMARY HATS?

Washing instructions from Supplier:

If your child perspires heavily you will notice a white substance form on the bottom of the crown and where the brim meets the crown. This substance is a build up of salt from the perspiration.

In this event you can rinse the hat out in cold water ONLY on a weekly/fortnightly basis to remove the salt build up from the fabric.

If left unattended, this salt stain will fade the fabric.

Do not soak in Nappy San or other soaks or scrub with detergents as this will fade / mark the fabric.
Mothers Day Chapel

Last Wednesday at 12.15pm, nine confident Year 2 students waited at the shimmering church doorway to greet all the lovely mums and special visitors to our P-2 Mother’s Day Chapel. All of the Preps, Year 1 and Year 2 students had handmade a beautiful feather and satin ribbon decoration to bless the mums as they arrived (or take home if their mum’s couldn’t make it.).

Each visitor got a raffle ticket and, instead of in true Chassembly style - the children sitting on the edge of their seats hoping they would be pulled out of the draw, it was the visitors! Hope you enjoyed the prizes!

The children presented a medley of singing, artwork and reading their own thoughts on how special their mums and grandmas are to them. They were encouraged by Chappy Danni to listen to the special people that God gives all of us to take care of us and to let the ones who love and care for us know how much we love them.

It is such a blessing to be able to help families in the huge task of raising their children and a privilege to be there as the little ones so freely and without any inhibitions let their love ones know what they mean to them. We are truly thankful for all your efforts with your beautiful children and really want to encourage you and say ‘you are doing a great job ladies!’

Lesley-ann Rosenberg

Kitchen Garden News

What busy bees we have been in the garden in the last two weeks. Classes have mulched garden beds, planted LOTS of marigold seedlings into the adopt a garden beds and planted out vegetable beds with beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, onions and snow peas. We are hoping that we have some produce to enter into the Maleny show this year to showcase our KG program and GCCC.

The cooks made a super healthy tomato and vegetable soup using lots of greens from the garden and some of our tomatoes. The soup had the enticing addition of teddy bear pasta and crusty bread which proved irresistible to most of our hungry tummies.

Next Thursday (22 May) please join us in the Junior Undercover Area for the Biggest Morning Tea; proudly hosted by the KG team. We will kick off at 8.30 am and be there until 10.30ish. If you are able to bake a cake or a batch of biscuits/slice for the event please let me know.

Until next fortnight,

Happy cooking and gardening.

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Please label uniforms

There have been a number of lost items handed into Admin. Unfortunately it has been impossible to track down the owners because the items were not labelled.

Some parents write the name on the clothing’s white label but it is too difficult to read.

Please use a purpose built label and attach it to your child’s uniform or write directly on the item (in the case of hats, lunch boxes, etc.) itself.

Replacing lost item an expensive business so please do what you can to prevent it.

Please label all of your child’s uniforms, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

The past meets the present

GCCC 2009 graduate Job Cran is excited to be back at the College teaching guitar to our current private guitar students.

Since graduating Job has played in numerous projects and bands of all different styles and taught at three music schools, privately and a primary school. Job has also studied grade 5 AMEB music theory as well as classical, blues and rock guitar.

The Music Department is confident that Job’s passion for the guitar will inspire his students with the same passion and commitment.

If your child is interested in guitar lessons at school, please contact music@gccc.qld.edu.au for Job’s details and enrolment forms.

Penny White
This week our Year 7 and 9 students have sat their NAPLAN tests. These tests are intense and hard work for our students. They also give valuable data that helps our school evaluate our programs, curriculum approaches and individual student data that helps us to moderate our internal grading. If you know of a student who did NAPLAN this week – encourage them for their hard efforts.

**Camps**

Next week is the Year 9 camp. While most go with a great sense of excitement, a few don’t. However, all ask the questions: What do we do on this camp? How is it related to school? Will it matter if someone doesn’t go? The answers to all these questions are in the results we witness after a camp in our students such as: an improved attitude, improved comradeship amongst the cohort and greater confidence in the weeks that follow a camp like this.

When I taught indigenous students in the Northern Territory, teaching 101 was that they first needed to get to know you (the teacher) – the first lesson was spent telling them about your family, where you have lived, showing them pictures of this and basically just listening and talking with them. REALLY though – this is teaching 101 full stop! When we realise we are valued, important and respected by others, the reality is that the other things fall in to place. Obviously in the case of education, the teacher needs to teach in such a way that students learn and student needs to apply themselves. However, camps achieve that very important connection amongst the students and with their teachers – as well as being a whole lot of fun!

**Assessment Calendars**

Assessment Calendars are on the Connect site. Your child will have saved their assessment dates in their own calendars on the iPad as the teachers have told them the specific dates. The Year Level Assessment calendar on Connect only states the week that a task is due. Please check with your child to see if this is organised and consider having your child share their calendar with you – if you have a device where this is possible.

**GREAT Merit awards**

We are giving out a record number of merit awards this week. I am not really sure why there are more than normal. Our students truly are GREAT and our teachers set a good tone and consistently ensure that Glasshouse Country Christian College is a great school.

See you all at our Open Day this Saturday!

**Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School**

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**The Science Spot Year 7 “Thinking Science” Program**

Our Year 7 students have been enjoying our “Thinking Science” program run by Mrs Horrigan this year. The complete program consisting of 30 lessons is specifically designed to get students to focus on looking at controlling and/or manipulating variables in various types of experimental contexts to ensure fair testing.

The students are encouraged to think about how fair testing procedures impact on the reliability and validity of their collected experimental data. The program encourages students to design and experiment using their own ideas and knowledge rather than just following a ‘recipe’ type experimental procedure.

The students will complete 10 lessons each year from Year 7-Year 9.

The “Thinking Science” program originates from England and has been very successful in helping students improve their overall academic results in Science in the senior years. The data clearly shows that students who have completed this program out-perform students in Science in the senior years who have not been exposed to the program. The feedback from Mrs Horrigan and the students has been very supportive of the program. If anyone would like more information about this program please do not hesitate to contact me at school either by email or phone.

**Fenton Doolan, Head of Science**

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**GCCC Dance**

**QLD Ballet**

On Tuesday 29 April the Year 9 and 10 Dance students attended a performance of ‘Coppelia’ by the Queensland Ballet. This excursion not only enabled the students to view a world premiere classical ballet, but also gain an insight into the creative process with a question and answer session following the show. Many students were star-struck at when the Queensland Ballets Artistic Director Li Cunxin took to the stage to lead the question and answer session with the Choreographer and some of the lead dancers.

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**GCCC Dance**

**Aqua Aerobics**

The year 10 Dance class braved the cooler weather last Wednesday 30 April, and spent their class time participating in an Aqua Aerobics lesson at the Beerwah pool. The students are currently learning about the different forms of fitness that can be related to dance and had a great time putting this knowledge into practice at the pool.

**Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod**

On Friday 2 May the Middle and Senior School Dance Troupes participated in the schools section of the Sunshine Coast Dance
Eisteddfod. With 39 schools competing in this eisteddfod, the competition was tough and unfortunately neither of our troupes placed. However they both performed exceptionally well and should be so proud of their efforts. I for one am so proud of all of the GCCC dance students for their commitment to dance and their conduct on the night. It was lovely to hear feedback from teachers at other schools commenting on our student’s politeness and encouragement of other teams. Well done secondary dancers!

Stacey Whyte, Head of Performing Arts

New Caloundra Bus Run

The new Caloundra Bus Run has got off to a flying start but there is still room for more students. If you have friends living in Caloundra who have shown an interest in GCCC but transport has been a problem, would you please share this information with them.

The current Caloundra bus run travels through Sippy Downs, Kawana Island, Bokarina, Birtinya, Caloundra GCC Bus Run map v 140511 (1).Page_1Wurtulla, Currimundi, Caloundra and Meridan Plains.

If there are any parents currently using our Mooloolah Service for whom a Pignata Drive pickup would be more suitable (i.e. on the Eastern side of the Highway opposite Ettamogah Pub), please contact the office as it may open up transport to students interested in using our Mooloolah service but being currently unable to due to the fact that it is oversubscribed.

Please contact Admin on 5439 0033 if you or your friends would be interested in using this service or if you know anyone else who would be.
Ecclesiastes 12:13 Here is the conclusion of the matter:

_Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man._

As a young and inexperienced teacher I would often be frustrated by the silly mistakes that students made on their Maths’ exams. I had taught the concept and observed them solving the problem in class but now, when it counted, they did something that defied imagination and got the wrong result. Is it a silly mistake or was there some other reason?

My Head of Mathematics at that time told me, in his opinion, there are no silly mistakes! Imagine an airplane pilot forgetting to put his wheels down before he landed – a silly mistake? I don’t think the Civil Aviation Safety Authority would accept that as an excuse. A silly mistake really meant that they had just not practised enough!

Every Friday afternoon, the musical cast practise and practise. They are going over their lines and rehearsing their roles. When the musical “Fame” opens on the 6 June all the hours and hours that each person has put into rehearsals will pay off. Isn’t this always the case! The work put in to lay a strong foundation pays huge dividends in the end.

In our Sports programs I see keen sportsmen and sportswomen training hard to perfect their skills. At the recent Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod, I saw the result of hard work and diligence on the stage with students who have trained hard for this event. Perfection is never achieved by doing something once.

This same principle of laying strong foundations must be applied to the academic field as well. Mathematics is a subject that, over time, builds upon previous skills developed throughout the child’s education. Those students who, for one reason or another, missed out on certain foundational concepts in earlier years soon start to crumble in Senior. They have been trying to build onto a poor foundation.

Jesus told a parable about two men who went out and built their houses. One built on a firm foundation whilst the other built on shifting sands. Of course, when the pressures of storms hit, the house built on the rock stood firm while the other simply crumbled. Jesus said that the person who hears His words but doesn’t put them into practice is like the man who builds without a proper foundation. As parents and teachers we want our children to build on a firm foundation. Otherwise all the knowledge in the world will be meaningless to them in the end.

We are almost halfway into this term and very soon students will commence their end semester examinations and so we need to uphold them in prayer during this stressful time. Their knowledge and skills will be tested. Those who have laid a firm foundation and practised diligent study should find that they do well. Those who have cut-corners in their study may find that their efforts are in vain.

Of far more importance though is how our young people handle the stresses of life. It is our hope that students will have discovered that, by building their lives on Christ and his teachings, they are able to handle the difficult storms that come their way.

God Bless

_David Heyworth, Head of Senior School_

_Agricultural Science News_

Ag. Science, as usual, has been full of interesting happenings. Last week the students were able to participate in the post-harvest preparation of ginger for market. The washed ginger had to be assessed and cut so that any poor quality or diseased pieces were rejected, with the top quality ginger packed in boxes ready for transport and sale. Students learned about biosecurity protocols such as quarantine requirements. There were also thoughtful discussions about the ethical considerations involved in producing healthy food.

The livestock at the “Green Valley” farm has recently increased in both number and diversity, with the arrival of five Wiltipoll sheep. The Wiltipoll breed is a robust, easy-care breed that was developed in Australia, using predominantly the Wiltshire breed and a mix of others. It is an excellent breed for the Ag. Science program because it is polled (no horn) and a highly productive meat variety – frequently giving birth to twins and triplets! The ewes are pregnant . . . so there could be quite nursery of lambs soon!

Also on the livestock side of things, those who follow the GCCC Facebook page will already be aware that a gorgeous calf has been born this week! A big healthy boy arrived early in the week and the Facebook post is being inundated with some very creative names being suggested! So ‘stay tuned’ to our ‘Agventure’ articles – as there will soon be lambs and more calves appearing on the horizon.

_Jade King_
MAY IS NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH

May is National Family Reading Month and we are encouraging students and families to take part in the following reading activities. While families are encouraged to take part, entry in each event is optional.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (For Prep – Year 7 Students) Premier reading challenge

Many thanks to the families who have returned their P.R.C. slips already. Reading Records will be sent home to students in the coming weeks. It is definitely not too late to register! The Challenge is an initiative for all Queensland students from Prep – Year 7 and we hope to see as many GCCC students participating as possible. The Premier is challenging every student from Prep to Year 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books, between 20 May and 5 September 2013. Students who complete the Challenge receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Last year participants also received discounted theme park tickets. Students interested in participating need to register through the school by returning a P.R.C return slip to the library. These were emailed home to parents and are available in the library. Prizes will be awarded for classes with the most participants.

SCHOLASTIC READ MORE IN MAY COMPETITION (Prep – Year 12)

Scholastic is running the annual Read More in May competition this month. Last year 500 schools participated in the competition and 8000 children took part. Our very own Kaylee Utting in Year 11 came 7th place in the National competition. To get involved students simply record the total number of minutes they read each day on the Read More in May Calendar available at www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay. We also have copies available in the library. The total reading minutes are then submitted online on 1 June. Students are also encouraged to submit their Reading Calendar at the end of the month at the library and we will reward individuals and the classes with the highest number of reading minutes and participants. The child in each State and Territory that records the highest amount of reading minutes will win a trophy and $250 worth of vouchers for their family to spend on Book Clubs and Book Fairs. The winning child’s teacher will receive a class set of books worth $400.

GERONIMO STILTON BIRTHDAY CARD COMPETITION (Open to all interested students)

Scholastic is running a competition to celebrate Geronimo Stilton’s 10th birthday! The challenge for students is to create a birthday card of any design or shape for him. All entries need to be emailed to competitions@scholastic.com.au by 31 May. We have recently updated our Geronimo and Thea Stilton collection and have plenty of books for borrowing if students need inspiration. Scholastic will be choosing the top 5 entries to receive a Book Prize Pack valued at $100. We would love to have entries brought in to the library to display and will be choosing our very own top 5 GCCC winners. Look out for the Geronimo display in the library foyer!

As you can see there are loads of events to keep us busy and promote a love of reading during May. We are also looking forward to celebrating Library and Information Week in Week 5 with an author visit by Narelle Oliver for Prep – Year 2 on Monday 19 May and National Simultaneous Storytime with Primary students on Wednesday 21 May. Thank you in advance for partnering with us to encourage a passion for reading. For more details on any of the events mentioned please come in and speak to library staff or email Vanessa McKellar at vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au. For more information about the value of reading for parents go to http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au/ParentsTeachers. Students can access loads of great activities to promote reading at http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au/Kids.

Make sure you read more in May!

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services
Term 1 Sports' Report

9/10 Caloundra District Sport: Term 1

**Rugby**

Team Spirit - Lucas Tidy  
MVP – Zac Cathcart  

There was a large mass of young gentlemen eager to learn the tactics and contact that goes into the game of Rugby Union. However, that list whittled down to just a group of dedicated warriors – think Leonidas and his small army of 300. We were privileged to have Hayden Hirsimaki, a future Reds’ player help out with the knowledge and skills necessary as part of the game. He showed some great training drills and the boys got a lot out of his no nonsense approach. The boys are all eager to play as a team in the Rugby 7s tournament later this year.

**Mr Cameron Hall**

**Basketball**

Team Spirit: Joseph Oxenham  
MVP: Alex Harwood  

The boys won more than 50% of their games over the season. They started slow in the first couple of weeks and couldn’t get a win or buy a basket, but with patience, great passing skills and defensive pressure, they went on a 6 game (over 3 weeks) winning streak. This winning streak was highlighted by a Daniel Lewis “showtime” game where he scored 10 points (5 baskets in a row without missing). The last week they were able to play a full 4-quarter game against Caloundra Christian College and came out convincing winners.

**Mr Russell Modlin**

**Indoor Cricket**

Team spirit – Anika Randell  
MVP – Max Williamson.

The indoor cricketers had a great time competing against CCP and CCC during Term 1. Whilst there were some excellent individual players, the concept of ‘Team Sport’ was quickly valued and relied upon. There were generally three teams that competed in two matches per day. Our teams were formidable opponents to the other two schools.

Skill development was excellent to see. Many students developed the ability to bowl using the proper technique and learned the important fine motor skills to catch, hit and field the ball competently.

The added bonus for all the cricketers was being inside during the hottest time of the year. Well done cricketers!

**Mr Chris Warren**

**Netball**

B team MVP to Maddison Larfield and the Team Spirit to Rose Stokes  
A Team MVP to Natasha Hoeksema and the Team Spirit to Billie Sandes  

It’s fair to say that the netball girls all tried their hardest in their matches. The A team displayed impressive skills of agility, accuracy, speed and teamwork and were no doubt the strongest team in the competition. The games were fast paced and the scores represented the skills of the players – Congratulations girls.

The B team started out with some discouraging losses, but soon turned it around to come out evenly in the competition. For some of the players, they had to do some fast learning of the rules and skills of netball and were able to feel success at shooting goals and winning games. The girls enjoyed themselves and were supportive of each other – even from the sidelines. Well done girls, you should be proud of your determination and achievements!

**Mrs Tanya Cullen**

**Volleyball**

MVP: Rebekah Groer  
Team Spirit: Elizabeth Gregory  

The SCISSA volleyball girls used this time to train and prepare for their after school games. The girls did exceptionally well in the SCISSA competition, coming so close in many games and managing a convincing win over Nambour Christian College. We were up against experienced teams that have played together for many years, so we did really well for our first comp. A fantastic effort to all involved.

**Mrs Annaliese Bullock**

**Futsal**

Team spirit – Cameron Kennedy  
MVP – Ryan Brewer  

Students entered the competition with great enthusiasm and great GCCC spirit. We found tough competition from both Caloundra Christian College and Caloundra City Private. Stand out players included Cameron Shervey, Tim White, Ryan Brewer, Cameron Kennedy, Lachlan Kelly. A great effort from the year 10 girls also deserves a mention. We won about as many games as we lost but played in the spirit of the game, ably representing GCCC.

**Mrs Cathy Argent**
Dragonboat Racing
Team Spirit – Jordan Turner
MVP – Toby Glover

During Term 1 a group of Year 9 and 10 students joined teams from two other local schools to experience what it is like to be involved in Dragon Boat Racing. A Dragon Boat is a long, wide-bodied canoe-like boat powered by two rows of nine paddlers along each side of the boat all working together (hopefully) to drive the boat through the water.

After a rather messy, uncoordinated session (fair enough for novices), our band of noble paddlers slowly came together into a well-oiled synchronized machine powering their boat through the water to come second to a team that was trained by a professional Dragon Boat paddler. It was a sight to see – well done GCCC!

Dodging the Raindrops at the Lapathon Relay Challenge!

As part of the Lapathon Challenge the Year 3 – 6 classes took on each other head to head in a relay race. Each class formed as many teams of three people as possible and ran around the oval for 30 minutes accumulating as many laps as possible for their team and their class. The rain mostly held off but kept the runners cool and feeling refreshed throughout – although they still managed to work up a sweat!

Tactics were very interesting as some teams choose to have one runner run at a time sprinting each lap while other teams all ran until a rest was needed. Most teams seemed to opt for two members running while one team member rested. The number of laps run by all teams in each class was totalled and this score was added to the Lapathon total score.

Going into the Lapathon Relay Mr Rogers’ Year 6M class held a lead on the other classes and the challenge was to beat them! Mrs Jen’s class took this as a very serious challenge and rose to the occasion during the relay. Her class not only had the highest scoring team of three in the Year 5 and 6 division, but also pipped 6M by 4 laps in total, running a massive 277 laps in just 30 minutes. That is equivalent to 83km run by 6G!

In the Year 3 and 4 division of the Lapathon Relay Challenge it was Year 3M who clocked up the greatest number of laps of the day, running a massive 303 laps or 91km! The most amazing performance of the morning was the outstanding effort of three young Year 3boys. Jack Lecky, Macauley King and Michael Newell ran more laps that any team of long legged Year 6 students. These three boys ran 53 laps (or 16 km) in 30 minutes which was an outstanding effort by their team.

In total, in 30 minutes the Year 3-6 students ran a combined total of 2320 laps of the oval which is a combined total of 696km! Wow can these students run! How fit we have become!

We now look forward to finding out which Junior and Senior classes have become the 2014 Lapathon Challenge winners. This will revealed in an upcoming assembly.

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Enthusiasm Abounds at Junior Cross Country

House Tents were buzzing with activity as keen house captains and friends transformed plain tents into colourful and exciting dens for their team mates. The sharks swarmed, the crocs ruled and the tigers roared in anticipation of a day of racing and point collecting! Impressive War cries rang through Beerwah as teams endeavoured to outcry the opposition.

Children demonstrated the fitness they had gained from participating in the Lapathon Challenge over the past six weeks. Students ran for ten minutes each day in an effort to run more laps than any other class. Everyone at the Cross Country was impressed by the ability of the children to keep running and complete the courses comfortably. Year 6 students did a great job encouraging runners during the race as they acted as guides around the course.

The races began with the Prep boys and cheering from parents and team mates was fantastic. The Prep boys and girls sped around their 750m course with such determination and finished strongly. The Prep boys race was won by Owen Heathwood who led for most of the race and the girls’ race was won by Hannah Gassner.

The Year 1 students were next, also running 750m around the College Oval and over obstacles along the way. The boys’ race was won by Nicholas James but Jake McGilvray and Dylan Bradley battled it out for second and third with Jake just beating Dylan in the last 100m. Jorja Palmer won the girls race with Saige Wilson in second and Chloe Turnbull in third.

The most competitive races of the day were in the Year 2 age group. Islah Dwyer and Courtney Bond ran together for most of their race with Islah making a break on Courtney in the park section of the race. Islah ran in to become the winner, with Courtney close behind in second and Gracee Ashdown finishing well in third place. The boys race was always going to be exciting with several boys showing fantastic fitness and running ability during the Lapathon Challenge. Max Cashin, Matthew Fielding and Jake O’Grady battled it out around the 1200m course with Max proving to be too strong over the final 200m of their race, beating Daniel and Jake although both boys finished strongly not far behind Max. Every Year Two boy competed which was an awesome effort by the boys.

The Year 3 boys were also very close at the front with many boys looking fit and keen to be amongst the top ten finishers. Even with a broken arm James Roser ran a decisive race leading for most of the way. Joshua Moore, Lachlan McIlvray, Thomas Rauter and Kieran Robertson all ran fantastic races battling it out for second and third. Joshua and Lachlan raced each other right to the finish line with Joshua holding off Lachlan to claim second place.

In the Year 3 girls’ race the lead changed several times as the girls jostled for positions. Meg Jarvis gained a lead in the second half of the race with Laura Coumi and Olivia McKenzie testing each other out right to the finish line. Laura ran strongly edging ahead of Olivia who finished third.

Points from the Junior Carnival were totalled and were once again amazingly close. When the running points were added only 2 points separated Ararat and Sinai! These points and the war cry points were added to the Primary, Middle and Senior totals where Ararat and Zion houses were also only separated by 2 points after their competitions. After totalling all points Ararat was declared Cross Country Champions for 2014 with Zion 20 points behind in second and Sinai finishing in third place.

Ribbons were presented to the first three placegetters by Mrs Bryers and three children from each race received a Lucky Spot Prize for their efforts in running the Cross Country. The Cross Country House Shield was presented to the very proud Ararat Junior House Captains. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents supporting their children and also cheering others on.

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Wendy Stott

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Tara and Damian selected in Sunshine Coast Teams

Several students have been very busy this term training in Glasshouse District Teams preparing for the Sunshine Coast Regional Competitions in their chosen sports.

Tara Fissenden, Sophie Trevan, Jaylah Daunt, Shelby Daunt and Chelsea-Ann Johnson all competed in the 12 year and 11 year Glasshouse District Netball teams at the Regional Carnival held in Caloundra.

Both teams won a couple of games but found the opposition very strong.

Tara was selected in the Sunshine Coast 12 year girls’ team to compete at the QLD State Champs at Emerald in June.
Nick Dwan, Beau Howard, Millar Wilson-Raatz, Damian Tomokino and Ethan Sauer also trained weekly in preparation for the Regional Rugby League Trials held last week. Nick and Damian were selected for the Possibles vs Probables game and Damian showed his skill and determination and was selected in the 11 year old Sunshine Coast Team. The 11 year old team won one game, drew one and lost to Caboolture who were the eventual winners.

Congratulations to Tara and Damian and we wish them well as they train for, and compete at the State Championships.

**District Cross Country**

After the rescheduling of the District Cross Country was moved from a blustery, cold and wet Friday, to a beautiful sunny Tuesday, the 29 Cross Country runners from GCCC were brimming with anticipation ahead of the daylong competition. The venue where the students would be competing for the day was Elizabeth Daniels Park, Buderim. Here, depending on their age group, they would be taking part in a series of distances, utilising most of the complex, consisting of cricket ovals, netball courts and surrounding bush tracks.

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The staff who attended the day were very proud of the organisation and diligence shown by the students in preparation for their individual races. All of the students competed with great perseverance and determination, refusing to give up and carried on despite fatigue, thirst, injury or stitch.

There were some standout performances on the day. These students excelled and have now earned a place at the upcoming Regional Cross Country Event which will take place on 3 June.

- Natasha Hoeksema, 14 Girls, 5th Place
- Cameron Shervey, 14 Boys, 5th Place
- Jacqueline Roach, 15 Girls, 3rd Place

GCCC would like to wish all the students the best in their future sporting endeavors.

**Cameron Hall**

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

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**P and F News**

Hi Everyone

Our Mothers’ Day stall was a huge success. There were lots of lovely gifts for students to purchase, and seeing the excitement on some of their faces when choosing a gift was priceless. We hope all the Mums/Grandmas/ Nanny’s had a great Mothers Day and loved the gifts your children chose.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to Jodi House for all her efforts in organising the gifts and doing the setting up and running the stall on the day. Also thank you to the wonderful helpers on the day who volunteered their time. We certainly could not have done it without any of them.

As you would be aware, we are having our College Open Day this Saturday 17 May. The P and F are running a sausage sizzle and we are looking for helpers. If you can spare any time from 9am – 2pm please contact Kerrie Knapp on 0410 039 673.

Exciting news for the Primary students. We are having a Disco on Friday the 20 June. It will be from 4.30pm – 8pm. Usually the Prep to Year 2 are 4.30pm – 6pm and Year 3 to year 6 are from 6.30pm- 8pm. Look out for more information on this closer to the date.

Funfest Funfest Funfest Funfest……how exciting, 2 August. I am sure by now you would have this marked on your calendars. Be sure to look out for all the information coming through on various ways you can help. Don’t forget to “like” the Funfest Facebook page which will keep you up to date.

Our next P and F meeting is Tuesday 3 June at 7pm and we meet in the library. Everyone is welcome, so please come along.

**Lynelle Sim, P and F President**

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Funfest tickets are on sale! Tickets are $27 if pre-booked or $32 if you wait to purchase on the day.
To secure your tickets at the presale price simply click this link.  All your favourite rides will be there; the dodgems, chair swing, giant slide, jumping castles and teacups plus some exciting new ones. Make sure you get your tickets now and mark your calendars for the 2 of August. It is going to be Fun-tastic!!

Chappy Chatter

2 Kings 4 The Widow and the Oil.

All through history bad things have happened to good people. It is nothing new. Back around 850BC in the northern kingdom of Israel things were in a bad way. The land was being ruled by a king who ignored God and all the people were suffering. The king and country were trusting in their own strength and resources and not trusting in God. The people and land suffered on a large scale but the suffering was also on an individual and family level.

In 2 Kings 4 the passage tells of a woman whose husband was a decent and godly prophet but he died leaving her with huge debts. She was on the brink of disaster and the debt collectors were threatening to take her children into slavery to pay the bills. This would not only be a huge emotional loss but would ultimately mean the widow would could die of starvation because her children would not be there to look after her as she grew older. There was no Centrelink back in the day and it was the children’s job to take care of their elderly parents.

The widow cried out for help to Elisha who was a well-known prophet of God. Elisha heard her plea - how she had lost her husband and was now about to lose her children and asked her what she did have left. The widow replied that she had nothing in the house except a little bit of oil in a jar. Elisha told the widow to go and borrow as many empty jars as she could from her neighbours. He said that she would need lots and lots – not just a few. The widow must have felt strange doing this but she did what she was told and trusted that God was helping her through His man, Elisha.

Elisha instructed the widow to begin pouring out oil from her jar into all the vessels she had collected and not to stop until every single one was full. The widow did what she was told and the oil did not run out until every single jar was full. There was enough oil for the widow to pay her debt collectors and still have enough to live on.

Although the main point of this story is that God cares for the widows and orphans like the one in 2 Kings 4, there is also a bigger picture at work. The nation of Northern Israel was ignoring God and trusting in its own resources and wisdom, and it was a disaster; the nation was a mess. This poor widow on the brink of losing everything trusted God and God answered her needs.

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Everyone is welcome.
Bring your friends and explore GCCC to your heart’s content

- Student led Prep to Year 12 campus tours
- **Free** animal petting zoo for Prep to Year 2 children
- **Free** jumping castle for Prep to Year 2 children
- Drama, Dance, and Music performances for all ages
- Using technology in education demonstrations
- Learn about our Kitchen Garden and Agriculture Studies
- Ask about our 1:1 computer program
- P and F sausage sizzle ($1 per sausage)
- **Free** high tea from the Hospitality Department

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