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# Newsletter Term 2, 29 May 2014

## TERM 2
### JUNE
- **Tue 3**: Primary and Secondary Regional Cross Country
- **Tue 3**: P and F meeting 7pm Library
- **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
- **Fri 13**: Hairlarious Day for children's cancer
- **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
- **Tue 5**: Secondary Athletics Carnival 12 years to Open
- **Wed 6**: Primary Athletics Carnival
- **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
- **Wed 27**: Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 9

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**Cover photo:** Alisha Mens, David Heyworth and Annabelle Freeman stand ready to greet new visitors.

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**GCCC is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church**
Open Day

I was thrilled to see so many College families at Open Day and want to thank you all for making such an effort. Your attendance really added to the buzz and community atmosphere of the day. It was also a pleasure to meet many new families enquiring about the College.

A special thank you to all those parents who brought their children to the College so they could perform, help in Hospitality or work as a tour guide and volunteer. The students were once again the stand out stars of the day and I was very proud of them all. After every tour, visitors commented on how polite the students were and what a terrific job they did.

Although I had to stay in the SUA to greet visitors all day, I heard that the students gave exceptional performances which were appreciated by all. I was a little closer to the food action and saw how hard our wonderful Hospitality students worked presenting a delicious high tea. The Hospitality team led by Mrs Julie Peters, spent weeks preparing for the day and the whole department were run off their feet during the whole event.

The P and F did a marvellous job of the sausage sizzle and the aroma drifting through the grounds was very enticing. This year we also had the Fiyah Flayvas Wood Fired Pizza van to take the pressure off the P and F and Hospitality Department. This addition was a great success and I want to thank the James’ family for donating $1 from every $10 pizza sold.

Another difference this year was the petting zoo which highlighted our new Agriculture Studies program. The zoo was a hit with young and old and brought lots of questions to Jade King who ran the Ag Studies stand next door. The jumping castle also proved a popular draw card for visitors and a lot of fun for our current students.

In the Senior Undercover Area, Helping Hands, Coast and Country and Glasshouse Country Coaches ran stands to help with new enquiries and answer any questions current parents may have. All three organisations reported that they enjoyed the day and found it a worthwhile experience.

In the end, it is not the activities, stands and food that makes the day effective; it is the people. Without the people, i.e. our students and their families, the day would not have been the resounding success it was so thank you to everyone who attended on the day. If you would like to see photos from the day, please click here.

Saturday 2 August is our huge Funfest run by the P and F. This event is enormous in fun and fundraising for the College but it takes a lot of work to make it successful. The P and F are currently recruiting volunteers and there is an article in the P and F section of the newsletter. If you can help in anyway, please contact the P and F Funfest team.

Funfest is on the home page of our new-look website. If you scroll down the page and click on the Funfest button, this will take you to the latest newsletters and all the information you need to know about Funfest 2014. I know our students are already excited and looking forward to the event.

Family Portal

The Family Portal is up and running but there have been a few challenges. Please be patient as we work through some of the teething problems. The Family Portal is a valuable source of information for parents and we won’t rest until every last crinkle is ironed out.

Hair Larious Day

As parents, one of the things we dread is to hear that our child has cancer. One of our College families has recently been delivered this news and as a community we want to do something to help. The family is surrounded by love and support and coping very well so we thought the best way we could help would be to make a donation to the Childhood Cancer Association.

One of the ways the Childhood Cancer Association raises funds to support children going through cancer is by asking schools to participate in their Hair Larious Day and this term GCCC will be involved. This will be a whole of College event to be held on Friday 13 June.

All students can wear their hair in any crazy or hilarious way they choose (as long as dyes, etc. are out by the following Monday) and bring a gold coin donation to support children with cancer. This year the Childhood Cancer Association is hoping to raise $21,000 to support its Home Tutor Scheme.
for children who are missing school because of their cancer treatment.

Primary students are permitted to wear free dress but Middle and Senior students will need to come in their College uniform.

**Sunflower Success**

Congratulations to our Agricultural team who recently took out first, second and third in the University of Queensland’s Sunflower Competition for the heaviest sunflower. Our Agricultural students go from strength to strength and this great achievement was the result of intense study and 12 weeks meticulous care and attention.

Gatton is the sunflower centre of Queensland so our team was up against some heavy competition but they came up trumps. Well done to Jade King, Neri Allen and all our hard working Agricultural students.

**Pyjamas for children in care**

Member for Caloundra Mark McArdle has teamed up with charity group The Pyjama Foundation and offered his office as a collection point for their annual pyjama drive.

The drive, which starts in June, aims to provide a comfy pair of pyjamas for children who often go into foster care with next to nothing.

Sunshine Coast Co-Ordinator Kate Morris said all children’s gender and pyjama sizes were welcome but they were particularly after pyjamas for children aged 5-18. “Last financial year we saw more than 5000 pairs donated nationally and this year we would love to raise even more,” she said.

The Pyjama Foundation also aims to provide a reading and learning mentor for every Australian child in foster care, which it’s estimated are more than 39,000.

Mr McArdle’s office is open Monday-Friday 8am-4.30pm and is located at 1/118 Bulcock St, Caloundra.

**Mike Curtis, Principal**

**Introducing Emma Buchanan-Jeffs**

Greetings! My name is Emma Buchanan-Jeffs and I am originally from the North West of England. I have also lived in London and I began my teaching career in East Anglia.

My husband and I immigrated to Australia in 2010 having been married the previous year. I have spent the last four years living in Melbourne and working at Heatherton Christian College. It was towards the end of last year when we relocated to the beautiful Sunshine State.

As a teacher I love it when children are confident to try something challenging and along the way they make mistakes. It is exciting to watch as I drip feed clues or ideas about strategy, seeing their cogs working as they draw on experience and knowledge. Then finally seeing the light bulb of realisation and the beaming smile of understanding appear along with pride in their achievement.

I feel extremely blessed to be part of GCCC and I am excited about all the wonderful learning experiences I will share with the Year 4 students.

I have been made to feel extremely welcome by everyone I have had the pleasure of meeting so far and I am looking forward to being part of the College community as a whole.
TEKKIE BREKKIE – TEACHERS AS LIFE LONG LEARNERS

Last Thursday at 7.30am a number of teachers gathered in Mrs Beaden’s room for a quick breakfast and then a presentation of computer programmes which can be used in the classroom to enhance learning. Mrs Beaden who is our Primary Education Technology Support Teacher demonstrated ways these programmes could be used by teachers and students alike.

These Tekkie Brekkies will be regular events for our Primary Teachers who are always ready and willing to increase the use of technology and improve the delivery of curriculum using our IT devices. GCCC is on the cutting edge in terms of the number of iPads and Macbooks in the classrooms and our students are blessed to have such an advantage in having such access to IT on a daily basis for lessons. This experience with IT will open many doors for them not just in their secondary years, but as they seek employment opportunities as young men and women in the future.

PARENT PIPELINE – REQUESTS FOR SESSIONS ON SPELLING STRATEGIES AND WORDS THEIR WAY

We will be presenting two sessions on spelling strategies and Words Their Way to enable parents/caregivers to support what we are doing here at school and to assist children with their homework spelling each week. Have you ever wondered what CVC, CVCC or CCVC means? Come along to the next Parent Pipeline and you will find out about this and how knowing spelling strategies can help students to spell so many more words than simply those on the spelling list for that week. Details of these Parent Pipeline sessions will be emailed soon.

INVITATION TO GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

WHO: All grandparents
WHEN: Thursday 26 June
WHERE: Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
WHY: Your grandchildren want to honour you and show you what is happening in their class and their College.

The formal invitation and RSVP will come out soon.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Kitchen Garden News

“Say cheese!” Classes in the last fortnight have been treated to some cheese making demonstrations during lessons. The children eagerly looked on as Mrs Ward turned milk into mozzarella and ricotta. Not everything went to plan with Mrs West’s class witnessing a cheese making mess as the curds didn’t set so we ended up with mushy mozzarella instead of a nice firm ball! I am pleased to say that the other efforts were successful and the stretchy milky cheese was devoured with delight by classes.

This weekend is the Maleny Show and if you are attending be sure to keep your eyes open for our GCCC Kitchen Garden entries of mozzarella, ricotta, hummus and some fresh produce from our bountiful garden. For more photos, click here.

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone that baked and attended the Biggest Morning Tea held at school. Together we raised over $400 for cancer research. What an amazing effort. To see photos, please click here.

Our garden beds are certainly enjoying this lovely warm autumn weather. We have harvested lots of tomatoes, snake beans, passionfruit and the first of our mandarins which are very tasty.

Our green thumbs have been kept busy planting out lots of marigolds in the adopt-a-garden beds and more cabbage, radish and snow peas in the vegetable beds.

Until next fortnight, happy gardening and cheese making!

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator
Friday Fun Day in Prep

We have Friday Fun Day EVERY week in Prep, (although every day certainly has a fun component in our Prep classes!) Last Friday certainly crammed lots of fun into one happy day.

We had learnt about letters W and V last week, so we used procedural text to follow how to paint watermelon watercolour paintings, act out our story of the week, Mrs Wishy Washy, and make a volcano that really erupted! See the delighted faces of our little children having fun learning. What a joy to teach these little people!

For more photos, please click here.

Mrs Lin Smith

Pause and Ponder

This week in Primary School Chapel we have been learning about Isaiah. Isaiah was a man who lived in a very unstable time over 2,000 years ago. He followed and loved God and sought to live for Him.

Isaiah was a prophet (a messenger from God). The hard thing was that Isaiah didn’t have a nice message from God, his message was that everyone needed to turn from their sinful ways and follow God. This made Isaiah very unpopular with the Israelites and they didn’t like him at all. However, in this tough time Isaiah chose to still speak God’s word regardless of the cost.

What an incredible challenge for us, are we willing to stand by what we believe in no matter the cost? Even if standing by what we believe might mean that we are hated by others. Isaiah recognised what was important, it wasn’t popularity it wasn’t riches.

What is important is having a personal relationship with God. Having this relationship can help you get through anything that is thrown your way. What an awesome reminder of what is important!

Chappy Danielle Bassett

French Competition

GCCC is currently 9th for French in QLD out of 123 schools competing in French for the Language Perfect Championships. This is an outstanding achievement for our students who have been given opportunity during French class time and some have also accessed the championships from home to achieve some great learning.

There is still time to win prizes and awards and all French students are encouraged to continue in the spirit of the championships. Go GCCC French Go!

Last Wednesday morning 6G celebrated the start of their Language Perfect Championship week and had a lot of fun in the process.

STOP PRESS: Since this article was written, two students have won GOLD awards. Please click here for more photos and stay up to date with the latest on our Facebook page.

PRIMARY DRAMA CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are looking at building up our costumes for Primary students. If you have any smaller clothing for Year 3-6 students e.g. shirts, t-shirts, jackets, skirts, necklaces, bangles, hats etc that you think would be suitable for general use for our performances and Primary Drama.

Please send these as soon as possible to your child’s class room and I will collect the items from class teachers. We would be very grateful for these items.

Rochelle Thomas
Year 9 camp adventures

Emu gully is a great camp
You don’t always have to be the main champ
Doing activities that will help us work together
And creating bonds that will last forever
In teams with people that we don’t usually see
But we learn to be who we were born to be
We learn being individuals and accepting each other
That there is no need to put down one another
Although we miss out on our normal leisures
We’re being adventurous and discovering new pleasures
Our team wasn’t working in the beginning
But with our new bonds it doesn’t matter if we are winning
So thank you guys for all that you have done for us
But soon we have to get back on the bus
So alpha is the best and we will tell you why…

ALPHA’S FIRE WILL NEVER DIE!

For all the photos from Year 9 Camp, please click here.

Open Day, Funfest, Shine on the Arts
Did you come to Open Day? If not, you missed out on many great displays, demonstrations and presentations of students’ work. However, it is not too late to put the up and coming Funfest and the Arts Evening in your diaries. The dates for these can be found on the school website – school calendar.

Assessment Task Sheets
Please check the school Connect web page to keep abreast of your child’s assessment calendar and specific assessment task sheets, revision work and homework.

Homework Expectations
Middle School Students should be spending at least one hour/night on school-related tasks such as homework, assessments and revision and up to 2 or sometimes 3 for Year 9. Please contact your child’s teachers if you wish to touch base about more specific expectations. The email addresses for all GCCC teachers can also be found on our school website under Contact, Contact Teachers.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School
VIVE LA FRANCE

Year 7 and 8 French Students enjoyed the production of Vive La France performance on Monday 19 May.

Vive La France took a humorous look at some of the events and people that have come to typify France’s great culture and what a lot we learnt.

The two actors kept the audience engaged throughout. We learnt about the 100 years war and Monsieur Guillotine, who attempts to persuade the world of the effectiveness of his new punishment device. We journeyed through the French Revolution, met historical icons like Marie-Antoinette, Joan of Arc, Louis XVI and even delved into the heart of Napoleon’s short-man syndrome. The actors used current songs to retell the story of these famous characters in history and even introduced us to the World of French Art. The grand finale was set in the Moulin Rouge where several students assisted the actors in performing the Can Can. A hilarious ending to a very enjoyable and educational experience!

For more photos, please click here.

Lee-anne Gordon

Whole of School News

Wristbands for Christien Festa

On 2 February 2014 one of our Year 12 classmates Christien Festa was involved in a horrific motor cycle accident. From that time we have been sending our love and prayers and have been grateful to watch him progress. Christien has proven to be an inspiration and a fighter and although he has made incredible progress from a bleak initial outlook being in a coma for weeks and battling a virus, to now being able to talk and shoot hoops, he still has a long way to go. This weekend he was able to stand unsupported and watch his friends race.

The student representatives at GCCC and the Year 12 cohort, wanted to help and support Christien and his family by doing a fundraiser. The student council proposed to purchase and sell wristbands in support. The wristbands featured Christien’s surname and his motorcycle racing number 187 in glow green which was his racing colour. This idea was endorsed by the school wherein they financed the purchase. A total of 350 wristbands were purchased and we are pleased to say that within a few days all wristbands were sold, raising approximately $550.00 for the Festa family.

A group photo of most of the people that purchased the bands was taken for Christien showing the great love and support the College family has for him.

We understand that Christien will make an appearance at the school in the next month wherein he can catch up with his classmates and friends and be presented with the proceeds of the fundraiser which we understand will go towards the costs of petrol, parking and other incidents that his family has occurred during their hospital vigils and visits.

Sending much love.

Middle and Senior GCCC Student Council
Are you connected to your child’s teachers?

http://connect.gccc.qld.edu.au/

Our College mission statement is:

The College seeks to work together with parents and will endeavour to provide the human and practical resources, the environment, the encouragement and the 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.

We want to work together with you so it is vital we are connected and that there is a high degree of communication between us. Working together also acknowledges that we both need to do the hard yards!

Parenting and teaching are not simple tasks but both are so much simpler when we work together. Working together is not just talking either but requires us staying connected in many different ways. I want to remind you of two of the many ways we can stay connected.

The school has a number of online tools that you can take advantage of. Try going to the schools Learning Management System, Connect. The link is above or you can access it from our website at My GCCC. You can view any Senior School subject without any passwords. Just log in as a guest when requested to.

On the GCCC Connect website you will find assessment planners on the front page along with links to classes and handbooks. This is a relatively new and dynamic technology for our staff and so please be patient if you find links that don’t work. Staff are constantly working on the virtual classrooms and adding links for students to access resources to enhance their learning. If you find a link that isn’t working then please let either myself or the teacher concerned know so we can correct this.

Another useful way to stay connected is to use the student and parent portals into our College Student Management Database. At the moment the student portal is open and active and the parent portal will be released very shortly. The link to the family portal can also be accessed through our College website at My GCCC. Once connected, you will have access to personal details as well as academic reports, absence reports, merit and demerit reports, timetables and lots more.

All students have been shown how to gain access to this information and should be able to show you too. Simply go to the site http://ilearn.gccc.qld.edu.au/

Coming up in the next couple of weeks:

1. 3 June: Year 10 “Shape your Destiny” Workshop. Darren Pereira from Success Integrated, a Melbourne based speaker will be talking to Year 10s about choosing a career pathway that matches their God given talents. To find out more about Darren see http://www.successintegrated.com/about/our-speakers/darren-pereira

2. 3 June: Year 11/12 Study Skills presentation. Darren will follow on from the Year 10 presentation and work with the Year 11/12 students to assist them with tools and strategies to make them better learners.

3. 6,7 June – Fame the musical. Have you booked your tickets yet?

4. 13 June: Year 12 Identifying a defective motor vehicle workshop. This workshop is being put on by the RACQ.

Uniform

We need your help to ensure students are wearing the correct uniform. Please make sure that when your child leaves home they are dressed according to our uniform policy.

Below are common issues and students who infringe these rules will be issued demerits:

1. All students need a College hat. Demerits are issued for those who do not wear one at school during breaks.

2. Sports uniform is only to be worn when students have sport on that day. No Senior students should be wearing their sport uniform more than two days a week.

3. This term and next term, as part of their formal uniform, boys must tuck in their shirts and wear a tie and a black leather belt.

4. For girls, plain gold or silver sleepers or studs are permitted, one per ear in the lower earlobe.

5. No necklaces, bracelets or anklets are permitted.

6. – Make up is NOT permitted at the College. Nail polish, false nails and French manicures are also NOT permitted.
Agricultural Science News

The “Agventure” continued this week for our Ag. Science students. On 20 May they started their school day at 7:00am by boarding a bus for a trip to UQ Ag. Science campus at Gatton Agricultural College. The students had precious cargo travelling on the bus with them – their tall, vigorous heavy-headed sunflower plants. They entered five sunflower plants in the U.Q. Sunflower Competition. Students doing Ag. Science in many schools across Queensland were competing in this annual event.

After being welcomed to the campus, the students participated in a series of science activities ranging from electrical conductivity in water collected from different sources, water retention properties of different soil types, to mathematical formulae relating to patterns of seeds in the sunflower heads, and genetic probability of different traits in sunflowers. These activities were followed by inspiring talks from three guest speakers with careers in Agricultural Science. These speakers were passionate about their careers in plant breeding and plant pathology.

The highlight of the day for the Glasshouse Country Christian College Ag. Science students was the presentation of first, second, and third prizes for their year level in the heaviest sunflower head category. This was such an encouragement for them in only the first six months of the Ag. Science programme being offered at GCCC.

For more photos, please click here.

Neri Allen

Hospitality on Open Day

What a successful day Open Day was. Thank you to all Year 11 and 12 students for helping with the High Tea.

We catered for 400 people and we still ran out of food. Students were kept busy making and serving food, as well as making endless amounts of coffee. This function was a really good learning experience for these students and a great response was received by guests.

Julie Peters, Head of Hospitality

New voice tutors in the Music Department

Christopher Terry

Hi my name is Chris, I am a 24-year-old music undergraduate, voice/instrumental teacher and the co-founder of My Music School. I have been singing and performing my whole life. I remember the very first time a friend taught me the piano chords to my favourite song. From that moment on, I developed a love for music that has seen me lead worship at church and perform on stage in front of thousands. I am so excited to come alongside my wife Anna, and start teaching vocal lessons at GCCC. It is our passion to help others find their own ‘moment’ with music and to hopefully help your child find theirs.

Anna Terry

Hi my name is Anna and I am pleased to introduce myself as one of the new vocal teachers at GCCC. Formerly known as Anna Parton, I have been singing since I was five years old, and performing/recording my own original music for the past six years. I specialise in teaching the female voice, in all matters of correct vocal technique, songwriting and performing techniques. If your child has shown an interest in singing or performing, I would love to help them progress along their musical journey and I encourage you to contact the college to start singing lessons with either Chris or myself today! Ph. 5441 1786 or gccc@mymusicschool.net.au
Sports News

Emily into Regional Team after Two Huge Days of Football

GCCC was well represented at the Sunshine Coast Regional Football Championships with five students playing six games of football during the two-day carnival as members of the Glasshouse District teams. There were some blisters and sore legs after the competition but these students played really well and were important players in their teams.

The highlight of the carnival was that Emily Roach was selected into the Sunshine Coast Girls’ team. She will train with the team over the coming months and then travel to Mt Isa to play in the Queensland State Championships in Term 3. This is a great achievement for Emily as she is still only 11 years old and is eligible again next year also.

Sophie Trevan played an important defensive role in the team and Maya Amendolia was tenacious all over the field. Bakani Kombanie was a dynamo on the wing in the boys, team, often dribbling through the opposition. Declan Martin also played strongly as an attacking midfielder and put some great balls through to strikers and also had some shots himself.

All five students really enjoyed being part of these teams, learned lots and showed great sportsmanship on and off the field. For more photos, click here.

Wendy Stott

Future Pathways

Open Day was a very successful one for the Future Pathways Department in terms of exposure to the career pathways Glasshouse Country Christian College students are currently involved in, and also what potential career pathways are possible whilst studying at school. The display included a film produced by Mrs McMinn on the recently completed Year 10 work experience program.

There were many positive outcomes from the Open Day for the Future Pathways Department. We had one parent offer to put on a school based trainee in a Certificate II Horticulture, which is still available for any interested Year 10 or 11 student. There are currently school-based traineeships available in Hairdressing and Vet Nursing (Certificate II in Animal Studies).

Year 12 students recently were given a handout on dates and deadlines for Tertiary/ TAFE applications and admissions through The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). It should be noted, that there are always early closing dates for the performing and creative arts areas due to auditions and portfolio requirements.

The online application is due by 30 September 2014. Late fees do apply. Year 12s have been encouraged to make appointments with me concerning their future directions and parents are most welcome to attend those interviews.

TAFE QLD has been undergoing significant restructuring in recent times. The Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE and Wide Bay TAFE have merged, to become known now as Tafe Qld East Coast http://tafeeastcoast.edu.au/. Brisbane North Institute of Tafe, The Southbank Institute of Tafe and Caboolture Tafe have merged to become Tafe Qld, Brisbane http://tafeqld.edu.au/. It is not clear in many cases as to where some courses will be offered in 2015 as course delivery will be dependent upon the notion of “demand drivenness”. Courses in certain areas will be offered according to the demand from the public.

The Australian Defence Forces (ADF) GAP YR provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished year 12 and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle, whilst gaining new skills.

The pay over their gap year is $45 000 and for any Year12 who wants to defer University study for 12 months. This is an excellent option. The GAP year not only gives you additional skills but positions you to save for tertiary study.

On 20 May we conducted a Year 10 SET Plan (an introduction to the Student Education Training Plan) information night. This was an extremely well attended night. I want to thank all the parents and students for coming and also the support from Mrs McMinn, Mr Heyworth and Mr Steffler. The feedback from the night was very favourable.

The next night will be on 6 August 6 for students in Years 10-12, which will include exhibitions from universities and training providers in the Library, as well as a focus for Year 12s and their parents on QTAC, Tertiary and TAFE admissions.

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator
Netball Competition

On Thursday 8 and Friday 9 May the Indoor Netball Federation Queensland annual Indoor Competition was held in Caboolture.

GCCC took our two elite Netball teams, the under 15 ladies and the open ladies to compete in this competition. We were up against 49 different schools, one of the largest indoor competitions held in Queensland. We set off on the bus with a healthy mixture of excitement and nerves!

The under 15 ladies were on fire as they blitzed every one of their games on the Thursday. They left their opposition for dead in Thursday’s games! The girls were playing so well. Very proud coaches, Deb Gisler and myself went home pumped and excited for what was to come on Friday! Their scores for the first day of competition were:

- GCCC vs. Bribie Island State High 30/3
- GCCC vs. Caboolture State High 29/12
- GCCC vs. Sandgate State High 27/5

The open ladies, unlike the under 15s, haven’t had a lot of experience playing together and had an exceptional two days of competition! The girl’s won 50% of their games on Thursday, gelling really nicely as a team during the first day. Fantastic effort ladies! Their scores for the first day of competition were:

- GCCC vs. Grace Lutheran College 8/17
- GCCC vs. Caboolture State High 17/5

As Friday morning rolled around, so too did our under 15 netballers as they rolled out of bed early to make their first game! The girls again, managed to win both their games, making them undefeated as they entered the Semi Finals! Their scores were:

- GCCC vs. Clontarf 42/1
- GCCC vs. Toowong 36/2

As for the open ladies, they won two of the three games on the Friday, just missing out on making the semi-finals by just one point! Superb effort girls! Well done! Their scores for Friday were:

- GCCC vs. Sandgate State High 15/14
- GCCC vs. Clontarf State High 12/11
- GCCC vs. Grace Lutheran College 6 – 17

The under 15 girls successfully made it into the Semi finals (remember we were up against 49 schools) and were ready to dominate. So too, were the coaches and parents. Little did we know, that we’d be fortunate to walk away from the semi finals without having a heart attack from the nail biting game that it was! Some of the parents could barely watch certain moments of the game, it was that close. Oh the adrenaline!

Unfortunately, the girls couldn’t quite keep their nerves under wraps and walked away losing by just two points (in the last 30 seconds!).

It was a fantastic couple of days, full of many laughs, a couple of ice packs, a few sore muscles, a whole heap of competition and lots of outstanding teamwork!

Throughout the competition, the coaches were looking for the ‘Player of the Competition.’ We will continue to nominate a player of the competition for each competition that we enter this year. We will also be awarding ‘Players Player’, which will involve the teams voting for their choice of player for each Comp. These players will be awarded on Sports Awards night later on in the year. So make sure you’re there!

A huge thanks to Deb Gisler for helping with the organisation and coaching of our Netball teams.

Annaliese Bullock

District Cross Country Champions Again!

Our Primary District Cross Country team were absolutely fabulous running their hearts out to narrowly win the Glasshouse District Cross Country title for the fourth year in a row.

We all knew the competition was particularly close this year as Elimbah and GCCC took turns winning placings in each race. The final score saw the two schools separated by only three points after six hard fought races. Many of our students ran faster times than they had run at our College Cross Country.
GCCC clinched the title in the last race of the day, the 12 boys event. Bakani Kombanie led from the gun and showed everyone his class as he looked effortless running the 3km course in just 12 minutes. Behind him Patrick McKenzie and Lachlan McWilliam were doing battle with the Elimbah runners and dug deep and ran fantastic races finishing 3rd and 5th respectively.

Earlier in the morning Cassidy Ferris showed great determination when she took a wrong turn near the beginning of her race. She retraced her steps back onto the course but had lost many places. Cassidy did not let this put her off and she surged back into the lead over the next 200m. She was challenged for most of the race with a runner just five metres behind her, but her determination earnt her the win in a well judged race. Molly McCaughey also excelled, running very strongly over the final 500m to secure fifth position.

Amity Roser ran a solo race at the front of the 11 year girls’ field. She also led from the gun closely followed by Emily Roach and Isobel Holley. These girls demonstrated absolute courage as they fought off attacking runners throughout the race. Emily held on strongly to finish in 3rd place and Isobel was pipped for 5th place on the finish line after an intense sprint finish, just missing a spot on the District team.

Jacob Broderick led our team of 11 year old boys with Sam Townson and Declan Martin all pushing hard to place in the top five positions. Jacob finished in 4th place and qualified to compete in the Regional Cross Country Champs with Declan and Sam in 6th and 7th places respectively.

The 10 year boys and the 12 year girls ran well but found the pace rather quick with Chloe Dunford and Daemon Cruise finishing 7th and the others finishing in the middle of the pack.

This team of athletes have trained hard over the past two months and fully deserved the results they achieved. We look forward to eight of them competing in the Sunshine Coast Regional Cross Country Championships.

Glasshouse District Cross Country Results – First five finishers selected into Glasshouse District Team. There were about 30 runners in each race.

For more photos, please click here.

**Wendy Stott**

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**Fame – The Musical**

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Come and support our performing arts students and while you’re at it reminisce about the 80’s – the music, the fashion, the hair…….

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**On Becoming Childwise Parenting Course**

A free 10 week course is running every Wednesday morning (not school holidays) from 8:45am to about 10.30/11am in the Glasshouse Country Baptist Church.

The course has already started for this round; however, you can still be a part of it and do the catch-ups later.

RSVP Tanya Lindsay 0407 16 14 12 or tanya.lindsay@gccc.qld.edu.au.

**P and F News**

Hi Everyone

Well we are full swing into Funfest now and its great to see all the plans taking shape. Be on the look out for how you can help. It’s such a great event for College families and the community to enjoy.

A big thank you to Kerry Knapp for organising the P and F sausage sizzle for Open Day and also to all volunteers who helped.

Don’t forget the primary disco coming up on Friday 20 June 20. Prep to year 2 are from 4.30pm to 6.00pm and Year 3 to Year 6 are from 6.30pm to 8.00 pm.

There will be more information coming out in the next week.

The next P and F meeting is next Tuesday 3 June in the library. Everyone is welcome so please come along.

*Lynelle Sim, P and F President*

pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

**To Volunteer**

Looking for VOLUNTEERS for Funfest SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST 2014

Volunteers make Funfest a success

More details to come soon or please contact…..

Alison Prentice: 0400 796 455 or alibilbe@hotmail.com
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