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Tue 17 ICAS Spelling
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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.
Thu 7-Fri 8 QCS Practice Year 12
Mon 11-Fri 15 Year 10 SET Plan Interviews
Thu 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

SEPTEMBER
Tue 2 6.30pm Prep Fathers' Night
Tue 2-Wed 3 QCS Exams Year 12
Thu 4-Fri 5 Year 9 Boys' Retreat/Camp
Mon 8 Volunteers' Lunch
Tue 9-Fri 12 Year 9 Girls' Retreat/Camp
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Cover photo: “Fame Junior - The Musical”

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Maleny Show achievements

It’s been a very exciting time hearing about our achievements in the recent Maleny Show. Mandy Ward entered our produce on behalf of our fabulous Kitchen Garden students and won a slew of prizes including: first prize for traditional hummus; first prize for flavoured hummus (roasted beetroot); first prize for ricotta cheese; and two third places for tomatoes and parsley. The students received certificates of achievements and won a cookbook and cheese board for their cheese. Congratulations to Mandy and all the students. I’m sure that they are very proud of their achievements.

At the other end of the school, Jade King entered produce on behalf of our Agricultural students and did exceptionally well. The school won: first place for cabbage; first place for passionfruit; second place for English Potatoes; second place for tomatoes; third place for mixed root vegetables; and third place for tropical fruit. The cash prizes are fairly small but the reward of a job well done is huge!

Language Perfect French Competition

Recently our French students participated in the online Language Perfect competition and did themselves proud. At one point the College was coming 4th in Queensland for French and it was a nail biting few days as the competition continued. This was an online competition where more than 1000 schools registered their students. Overall GCCC came 9th for French in Queensland, which is a great achievement. Well done students and their teachers, Nadine Hammill and Lee-anne Gordon. More details including the gold, silver and bronze winners are included in Lee-anne’s article later on in the newsletter.

Fame Junior – The Musical

I hope most of you had the pleasure of enjoying our younger students in ‘Fame Junior – The Musical’ over the weekend. It was my very great pleasure to be in the audience on the Saturday matinee session and I thought it was fantastic! It was full of great acting and great music. I may be a biased critic but I was thoroughly entertained by our students’ performances. I was particularly delighted by the fact that there were some unexpected performers (perhaps seen even as shy in their usual contexts) who were amazing.

Full credit goes to Stacey as the Director but there is a wonderful team of volunteers who have supported her through this journey. Naturally, all of our Art staff put in many extra hours long after the practices were finished. Along with Stacey Whyte, I’d like to thank James Follett, Sam Law, Ebony Hilton, Patrice Cutlack, Susan Marquet, Penny White and Jackie Cornel. Kris Freeman has been working backstage on hair and makeup. Kathy Hopson has been helping with voice coaching and Rachel Bull has been coordinating all the ticket sales.

My heartfelt congratulations for putting on such a brilliant show! Those hours and hours of rehearsal were worth it in the finished product. The students and staff did a remarkable job and I’m sure others enjoyed the performance as much as I did.

Good students are the result of great teachers

During the last month I have been able to walk around the College, visiting all the classrooms several times and each time I am impressed by what I see. Our teaching staff are truly great at what they do and it is the students who benefit from their skill, dedication and faithfulness.

We see some of the results in big achievements like I’ve previously mentioned but there are also the quiet achievers who are creative in their lesson plans, care deeply for their students and continually go above and beyond what is required to give the children the best education possible.

For the last 20 years the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards has given schools and families the opportunity to formally thank their hard-working and inspirational teachers. This is an annual event and nominations are open until 31 July so if you wanted to nominate a special teacher, please visit this page: http://neita.e-award.com.au/nominator/
School Crossing Supervisor Anniversary

It’s been 30 years since the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme (SCSS) was first launched in Queensland in 1984. At that time, 255 schools adopted the scheme and 353 school crossings were opened across the state.

Fast forward to 2014 and 652 schools have adopted the scheme, with more than 1200 school crossings across the state.

A school crossing supervisor’s role is to assist children in safely crossing roads on their way to and from school and GCCC’s two supervisors, Tony Vobr and Darren Firth, excel in this job. Next time you are crossing the road, take a few seconds to thank them.

Parenting in the playground

I know it is difficult not to intervene when you see someone else’s child misbehaving at school but please remember that it is not your place to discipline another person’s child at school. It is the job of the staff member in charge to supervise students’ behaviour at school. If it is after hours and a staff member is not present, please report the behaviour to Admin and we will be happy to send a staff member to deal with the situation.

If there has been an incident with your child and another during school time and the school is dealing with it, then it is never appropriate to discuss it with the other child. It will only jeopardise the good work that has already been done and it is overstepping your boundaries as a parent of the College.

Parenting is tricky at the best of times and no mother or father likes their parenting skills called into question. It is a very sensitive area. We all have differing parenting styles so please let us be respectful of one another.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Message from the Registrar

Year 7 for 2015

Enrolment interviews for Year 7 in 2015 have almost concluded with only limited places now available. If you have a child who is ready for Year 7 in 2015 please contact me at your earliest convenience in order to step you through the enrolment process as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment.

Withdrawal of students

The Registrar’s Office would like to remind all parents/caregivers about the terms and conditions concerning the withdrawal of students.

If students are leaving at the end of a school term, parents/caregivers must give a term’s written notice to the Principal. Unfortunately, failure to provide this notice may result in financial penalties.

If the student wishes to re-join GCCC in the future, please include in the letter of withdrawal, a request to place the student on the waiting list.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 5439 0033

Sonya Bowden, College Registrar

Fame Junior a sell-out success!

Last weekend saw the culmination of many months of rehearsals and preparations for 39 secondary students and The Arts staff with the performance of this year’s College musical Fame Junior.

Sell-out audiences on Friday and Saturday were entertained by the stories within New York’s High School of the Performing Arts in the early 1980’s. The cast was inspiringly costumed and hair-styled to reflect the era, and many audience members probably had their own teenage flashbacks.

Highlights of the show included the confident tones of Carmen (Andrea Little), the smooth sounds and moves of Joe (Troy Fullerton), the rap dancing of Tyrone (Jake Hoeksema), and the blossoming romance between Nick and Selena (Jordan Bull and Caitlin Lewis).

The Arts’ staff would like to acknowledge the commitment shown by the students and their families over the last two terms in order to produce such a quality show. The efforts of the backstage and front-of-house crew are also greatly appreciated as the show would not have been such a success without them.

Penny White

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.
STUDENT PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Last Wednesday Tyler Atherton in Year 6 spent the day shadowing me as part of the “Student Principal for a Day” programme which is an initiative of “Principals Australia Institute”.

Mr Atherton, as he was addressed by students throughout the day, visited classrooms, attended enrolment interviews, handed out citations at assembly, participated in playground duty, gave out stickers to students who had done good work and assisted me during my Maths class at the beginning of the day.

Year 6 students who wished to be considered for this opportunity wrote a short persuasive text on “Why I should be Student Principal for a Day” and these were short listed. Finally two students’ letters were selected – Tyler Atherton (Student Principal for a Day) and Jaimee-Lee Goudie (Student Assistant Principal for a Day).

Normally both students would have participated in this programme on the same day when all the Australian schools involved do this but Year 6 had a long standing excursion booked to visit Caboolture QUT on that day. Jaimee-Lee will be shadowing Mrs Mitchell for her special day (Student Assistant Principal for a Day) very soon and both Tyler and Jaimee-Lee will write an article on their reflections in the next newsletter.

Tyler did a sterling job last Wednesday and maybe he will even consider a career in teaching as a result of this experience. I believe he enjoyed the day – I certainly did!

PARENT PIPELINE – WORDS THEIR WAY AND SPELLING STRATEGIES

Mrs Putzier in Year 5 presented some great ideas this week at our Parent Pipeline which has been organized to help families to support children with their learning – particularly in areas which may be different from years previously when they were at school.

If you were not able to attend but would appreciate the handouts, please email admin@gccc.qld.edu.au and we will email you the information, including a video clip.

The next Parent Pipeline is on Friday 20 June 2 – 3pm in the library. This session will be on Lexile Reading for parents of students in Year 4 – Year 6 and the presentation will be made by Mrs McKellar our teacher librarian. We have made these sessions at the beginning and end of the day to assist parents to attend as they drop children at school or pick them up in the afternoon.

FRUIT SNACK ATTACK FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

Please remember to send a healthy fruit/vegetable snack attack for each morning – Monday to Friday.

The first session of the day is a long one and we believe it improves learning if students are able to have a short fruit snack attack between 8.30am and 10.50am.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Kitchen Garden News

What an exciting fortnight we have had in Kitchen Garden.

We submitted some of our KG produce along with hummus, soft cheese, mozzarella, ricotta and pot set yoghurt that classes made during their lesson time.

I am very excited and proud to announce that GCCC Kitchen Garden won 1st prize for our traditional hummus, a special award for our roasted beetroot hummus, third prize for our tomatoes and the GOLD MEDAL AWARD for our ricotta in the soft cheese section!

This was a fantastic achievement, especially given that these were entered into the grown up classes and not the junior classes. Congratulations to all involved and a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped out in the lead up to the show.

As a special celebration treat our cooking groups made a tasty lime and marscapone tart using a recipe from our new cheese cook book which we also won.

Gardeners have been busy harvesting tomatoes, snow peas and lots of citrus. Broad beans and peas have been planted into punnets ready for next term and sunflower seeds should germinate in the next week also. I’m sure you have all noticed the adopt a garden beds around the Prep car park; they are looking fabulous thanks to the special attention the kids have been giving them.

Until next time

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Convenor

For more photos, see the GCCC Website
Primary News

Year 3 History Excursion – Bankfoot House and Teamsters’ Hall of Fame

Have you heard of the Gympie Gold Rush? Did you know Old Gympie Road was built to take travellers there in the late 1800s? The Year 3s know all about it.

Mrs O’Donnell’s 3M, Mrs Noke’s 3W and Mrs Beaden’s 3G recently visited the oldest house in Glasshouse – Bankfoot House, which was built as a stopover for Cobb & Co coaches. We were given a special tour of the house and learnt about its residents and many of its old household items.

We then crossed the road to Teamsters’ Hall of Fame where we ate damper, learnt about Cobb and Co and even sat in one of the original coaches.

The highlight of the day was being rocked from side to side while we sat on the old leather seats of the coach.

We could easily imagine the rough ride the passengers would have had on the bumpy roads and hard wooden wheels.

Jane Beadon

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.

Year 4 Abstract Mixed Media Work

Year 4 has been investigating abstract artworks, particularly looking at the works of Paul Klee. During our art intensive, we focused on the history and aesthetics of abstract art, looking at geometric shapes, line work and colour mixing.

Researching Paul Klee and his works, students identified various abstract elements in his works which they then incorporated into their own artwork with their final piece drawing inspiration from Klee’s 1928 Castle and Sun.

We have had lots of fun experimenting with different compositions and media from oil and soft pastels to acrylic paint and pen work. The Year 4s excelled during this unit with some outstanding creative artworks being produced. Well done Year 4!

Kate Noke

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.

DR LEW STERRETT
Life Lessons from a Horse Whisperer
LANDSBOROUGH on the SUNSHINE COAST
12th & 13th July

Three Shows Only!
Saturday 12th July at 9.45am
Saturday 12th July at 2.45pm
Sunday 13th July at 12.00pm
(gates open 45 minutes prior)

Cost: $10 p/p
$5 Child under 12
Free under 5
$25 Family of 4

For all Primary students.
Prep-Year 2 is from 4.30pm-6pm
Year 3-Year 6 is from 6.30pm-8pm

$5 entry per child includes
Two slices of pizza and one popper

Lots of glow products available on the night to purchase as well as some snacks.
(Gluten free option also available. A coffee van will be there for purchase of tea, coffee and hot chocolate)

For more information 5494 8657
PayPal available
(Group discounts available)

Book on website, or call for more information
Limited tickets per show.

For Children
Pony Rides, Balloons & Face Painting
Food, Snacks and Drinks available
(no alcohol please) No Eftpos!

NOTE: Grass seating in a natural amphitheatre bring a blanket to sit on.
Perseverance and persistence are not good friends with mediocrity. One of our GREAT school values is Excellence. As assessments roll in and tests are administered over the next few weeks, teachers will be expecting our Middle School students to complete the work to a high standard. This is why students will be required to finish any incomplete work during lunchtimes to the standard we are expecting of them. Any students who do not meet their deadlines will be served with an After School Detention.

For assessments that are to be handed in, the deadline is midnight on the due date. However, if the assignment is a presentation or speech it must be completed during class time on or before the due day. If your child is away the deadline still needs to be met for work that can be emailed or dropped in. For presentations, the due date will be the next day the student is at school, in their own time and when the teacher is available.

**Calendar Dates**

**Week 10**

- Monday – Year 8 Immunisations – all students to wear their sports uniform.
- Tuesday – Year 8 – All Day Geography Excursion to King’s Beach
- Thursday – Year 9 – All day History Excursion to Brisbane
- Friday – Year 7 – Afternoon PC Excursion to Kawana Sport’s Centre

*Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School*

**Year 7 Biology Excursion**

Year 7 went out to the King farm (where Ag Science students spend their Wednesdays) to discover what lives in leaf litter, bushes, tree trunks and shallow water.

This is part of their Biology unit this term - studying Food Webs.

The weather was threatening, but the rain held off and we enjoyed our time out in the fresh air. Some baby yabbies and a couple of guppies made it back to school, so they are now in our new Science lab fish tank. Other critters were released after being studied with magnifying glasses and microscopes.

*Jenny Ritson*

**Lost and Found**

**Lost**

One school jacket named ‘POLLOCK’ size 6

Could you please check that it hasn’t been accidentally taken home by your child. Thanks.

**Found**

Middle School sports uniform and shoes (found last term)

If you can help with either of these items please contact Karen Siggs in Admin.

**Tuckshop News**

We would like to welcome any new families that have started this term.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers.

Tuckshop is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday but not on Wednesdays.

Thank you to everyone who has used Flexischools online service. To register go to www.flexischools.com.au and click register. If you have any problems Flexischools provide a help desk on 1300361769 or contact them via the website. Tuckshop online needs to be done by 9.00am on Tuckshop days.

Year 7-12 can purchase food over the counter, except pre ordered food from the menu. Prep to Year 6 are not allowed to purchase food from the counter. The students must order with a paper bag or online.

Tuckshop has scones and strawberry jam for $1.50 each.

Our direct Tuckshop line for any inquiries is 5436 5654.

*Cathy Boyer (Tuckshop Convenor)*

*Lauren Bottrill*
Happenings in Assembly

We have had some really interesting guest speakers at school lately. A couple of weeks ago we had Kerry De Jager from the Australian Drug Detection Agency (ADDA). She started her address by asking the assembly if anyone had ever taken drugs. There was quiet all around the assembly until she explained that we had all taken some form of drug, whether it was prescribed medication or just caffeine in a cup of coffee. She then explained the role of the ADDA in private industries and how they are often called in to do drug and alcohol testing of employees on the work floor and the consequence of having drugs in your system while you try and do a job.

The following week we had our local Adopt-a-cop, Constable Susan Lowndes from Beerwah Police and she continued this theme of the dangers of various types of drugs. It was interesting to note that students aged 17 and over are treated as an adult when drug related crimes are involved.

Then last week we had Darren Pereira from Success Integrated in Melbourne take the seniors for a full day of workshops. Half the day was spent with the Year 10s doing the program “Shape your Destiny”. In this workshop they were challenged to identify their passions and their ideals. These, together with their God given talents, would help them to realise a career path where they could succeed and contribute to society in a positive way. This program was perfect for the Year 10s as they consider their subject choices for Year 11 and 12 and their future career pathway.

Following on from the Year 10 workshop, the Year 11 and 12s spent the afternoon with Darren investigating a variety of study skills as well as exam techniques. With the exam block only two weeks away and the QCS exam coming up soon, this was very timely.

This week in Assembly we had Challenge of the Minds, a fun inter-house competition that pitched House against House to find which has the greatest minds! Points achieved in this competition will go towards the end of year Legacy Cup. I’m pleased to announce that Ararat was the outright winner followed by Zion and then Sinai.

INVITE: Come to our Assembly on 17 June at 8:30am to hear Sonya Ryan talk about Cyber Safety

Next week (17 June) we have another speaker from Melbourne coming to address the students. Sonya Ryan was a national finalist for Australian of the Year in 2013. For the past five years, Sonya Ryan has dedicated herself to the promotion of internet safety through the Carly Ryan Foundation established in memory of her daughter Carly. Befriended by an internet predator posing as a teenage boy, Carly was groomed by the middle-aged man who convinced her to meet him. Tragically that meeting in February 2007 resulted in her brutal murder. Filled with grief and despair, Sonya did not turn inwards. Instead she reached out to others to ensure that similar tragedies could be avoided. Carly’s story warns of the potential dangers inherent through internet interaction. She alerts children and parents to the multiple identities used by cyber paedophiles to groom children and win their confidence and trust. Through the Carly Ryan Foundation, Sonya also provides counselling for victims of internet crime and provides police with information to help prevent crimes against children. Sonya is being sponsored by the Business and Professional Women group (BPW Caboolture)

If you’d like to hear more from Sonya and the Carly Ryan Foundation then you are invited to attend a fundraiser being held in Caboolture. See the links below:

BOOK YOUR TABLE / TICKETS HERE: https://bpw-carlyryanfundraiser.eventbrite.com.au

The Effect of Technology on Teenagers

Year 12s will be bringing information home in the next week or so about a survey a local psychologist is doing for her PhD studies at the Sunshine Coast University. GCCC has been invited as part of her pilot study, to look at the effect technology is having on teenagers and their families. More information about this study will be sent home and I will also email families the information too. Children in Year 12 will not be able to participate in the study unless permission is granted.

Finally I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in the musical. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and was greatly impressed by the talent and dedication shown by all cast and crew.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

The luncheon was very successful with very satisfied guests!

Julie Peters, Head of Hospitality

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.
Whole of School News

LANGUAGE PERFECT 2014

WOW! What an amazing event! Congratulations to all the students for their achievements during the Language Perfect World Championships 2014.

Our students did so well that the Language Perfect organisation has organised a fully funded pizza party as a reward for them.

The total questions answered globally: 187,170,294

Total questions answered at Glasshouse Country Christian College: 203,957

School Achievements: top 10% for French in Queensland and Australia!

9th for French in QLD (out of 131 schools)

66th for French in Australia (out of 649 schools)

Student Achievements: total of 36 certificates!

Gold Awards: 4 (3000+ points)

Silver Awards: 2 (2000+ points)

Bronze Awards: 7 (1,000+ points)

Credit Awards: 23 (500+ points)

Top 4 French Gold award winners:

1st Rebecca Bradney-Wareing

2nd Emily Logar

3rd Hamish White

4th Joshua Coumi

Silver awards

Shaeelee Burton & Casey Woods

Bronze Awards:

Dylan Myers

Thomas Holley

Sarah Mens

Daniel Greasley

Credit Awards:

Larissa Stead

Olivia Logar

Isabel Holley

Beau Howard

Emily Ikin

Madeline Chidgey

Ebony King

Brooke White

Rebekah Atkins

Rebekah Woodhead

Josiah Raffaut

Mark Kennedy

Reuben Tidy

Allie Denning

MJ Van Der Palen

Casey Rowe

Jasmine Small

Kyara S

Daniel O’Farrell

Kirra Dodwell

Jayde Curtis

Rory Tait

Charity White

Gabrielle Anderson

Caitlin Westaway

Erin Holland

“Newsflash – there are one or two places available on the French Trip for September – first in best dressed – anyone interested please contact Mrs Vreeling urgently.”

Lee-anne Gordon

Christien Festa’s visit to GCCC

Christien Festa has been a true inspiration to us all. His ongoing recovery from his motocross accident in February has been fraught with many obstacles but he has shown true strength, courage and determination as he continues on his road to recovery. On Tuesday 3 June, Christien, together with his parents, attended our assembly. Mr and Mrs Festa shared with us some of Christien’s journey. They spoke of the highs and the lows but most importantly of their unwavering hope and faith.

The Year 12 cohort was then given the opportunity to have a very heartwarming reunion with Christien.

We shared much laughter, tears, high-fives and hugs. Christien talked and shared jokes and even discussed his future plans and dreams. The whole experience was very uplifting and emotional.

During the visit we were able to present the moneys raised from the wristband sales and donations received.

Courtney Sinclair, College Captain
Our Year 10 students attended The USC experience Day, which was held on Wednesday 11 June. The nature of this program was that students completed two workshops with a very ‘hands-on’ approach. These workshops included: Sport and Exercise Science – ‘Being Bolt – the fastest legs in the world’ Nutrition and Dietetics – ‘Are you going to eat that?’ Paramedics – ‘A day in the life of a paramedic’ Creative Writing – ‘From idea to page’. The interactional nature of these workshops with lecturers, and the Q & A environment, certainly allowed students to sample a variety of course content from a range of the university faculties.

The Tertiary Studies Expo 2014 will be held on 19 and 20 July at the RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane from 10.00am-4.00pm. This is open to anybody, but it is particularly relevant for Year 12 students who are examining tertiary courses and their preferences for 2015. Year 12s contemplating TAFE – TERTIARY study are advised to attend, or to attend the relevant Institution OPEN DAY. The QTAC Tertiary Application Guides for Year 12 students are expected to arrive before the end of term.

The Sunshine Coast University Open Day is on Sunday 10 August 2014 from 10am – 2pm at Sippy Downs campus. Queensland University of Technology is on Sunday 17 August 2014 from 9am – 3pm, Caboolture campus. Christian Heritage College is on Saturday 23 August 2014 from 10am – 2pm. A full list of OPEN DAYS can be found on the QTAC website http://www.qtac.edu.au/Schools/OpenDays.htm

Applications for The Australian Defence Force GAP Year, for 2015 have opened. Any Year 12 considering a year off not only gains additional skills but is paid $44,000 for that year. So if you are deferring a course until 2016, you are already on your way to saving for University HECS fees and accommodation costs.

Our students continue to take up TAFE Certificates at a Certificate III level i.e. Certificate III in Health Administration. In this case it is offered on line by TAFE East Coast, formerly known as Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE.

Interestingly, a recent Ministerial Industry Commission Report on ‘Annual Skills Priorities’ from Deloittes Access Economics, (March 2014) has projected the growth of VET Certificates to increase by 4.2% annually, up until 2018-19.

The final Year 10 lessons on the ‘MY FUTURE’ website have dovetailed with the Christian perspective on passion and calling emphasised in motivational speaker Darren Perreira’s presentation to our Year 10 students. I found Darren’s presenting both refreshing and personally challenging.

Students are now exploring the necessary courses and qualifications for the jobs they have identified as part of their CAREER PROFILE on the My Future website. We continue to encourage the students to work in partnership with you, as their parents, with the MY FUTURE website.

Year 10 students have also been given a list of qualifications by the State Government to be funded under the VET in Schools Programs (VETiS) for 2015. The courses selected have been directly linked to the likelihood of positive employment outcomes. These are at Certificate I and II levels.

Certificate III courses will not be funded by the government unless they are done within the framework of a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship. Students will still be able to do a Certificate III in their program but on a ‘user pays’ basis with a refund to the family based upon our current financial assistance policy. This policy will be reviewed in the context of future course costs for TAFE.

The Sunshine Coast Careers Expo will be held on the 22 July. A feature of this event is the range of University, TAFE exhibitors and the number of private providers present. All Year 10 and Year 12 students will be attending. The students will have a preparation program delivered by me prior to this event.

Commencement of Year 11 SET PLAN REVIEWS has started. They are brief interviews to ensure SET PLAN information given in 2013, is up to date, and to note and record any changes in subjects or career pathways.

Mid-year holidays are approaching and a one-day holiday program on the 8 July for students aged 13-17 interested in the television industry has been offered by MEDIA POTENTIAL. The venue will be Channel 7, Mt Cootha. Anyone interested should Ring Media Potential on 3511 3455 and go to their website www.mediapotential.com.au

It is with sadness that I announce that Mrs Simmonette McMinn, my Administrative Assistant, will be finishing up at the end of this semester. Referred to affectionately by staff and students alike, as ‘Simmo’, she has been a very valued assistant, particularly in my transitioning to the role and to my predecessor Mrs Joan Ferris. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator

USC Parent Information Evening
Library News

Library Hours
The library is open Monday-Friday during term time.
Prep – Year 6 Students: 8:00am – 3:15pm
Year 7 – 12 Students: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Homework Club:
Every Thursday (Year 7-12) From 3:00pm – 4:00pm

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK

Library and Information Week is held annually across Australia and ran from 19-25 May in 2014. We celebrated it in the library with a number of special events for students to participate in. Prep – Year 2 students were inspired by an author visit with well-known author/illustrator Narelle Oliver. Narelle spoke to Prep – Year 2 classes who were captivated by her love of nature and her passion for writing. Staff and students were in awe of her exquisite linoprint and collage illustrations and were keen to read her many of her award winning books. It was a fantastic opportunity to promote reading and for students to get a behind the scenes view of how a book is created and produced. The highlight of the day for many students was touching a real fox fur that Narelle used for her book “Fox and Fine Feathers.” Many students also purchased signed copies of Narelle’s books. We have a wide range of Narelle’s titles available for borrowing in the library.

Many Primary students across Prep – Year 6 took part in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 21 May at 11am, by reading Too Many Elephants in this House by Ursula Dubosarsky. We joined with over 3261 locations across Australia that ran NSS. The highlight this year was hearing the story read in English and French. Year 2G joined in the fun by arriving at the library with elephant masks on!

NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH WINNERS

Many thanks to everyone for helping promote our Read More in May celebrations and for putting entries into the Scholastic and GCCC competitions. Here are the GCCC competition winners who will receive prizes at upcoming Assemblies:

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| Kahlia Burton 2W                        | Kahlia Burton 2W                        |
| Jemma Ritson 4M                         | Jemma Ritson 4M                         |
| Aden Draper 4M                          | Aden Draper 4M                          |
| Maddy Chidgey 5G                        | Maddy Chidgey 5G                        |
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE REMINDER

We have extended the Premier’s Reading Challenge registration date until Friday 20 June. Please consider getting involved and fill out the registration available at the library.

Reader’s Cup

A team of Year 9 students recently represented GCCC in the Regional Readers’ Cup competition held at Maroochydore State High School on 10 June. Our team – Jesse Woods, Jake Cameron, Billie Sandes, Aaron Schafer and Hannah Knapp (Reserve) prepared well and competed enthusiastically as one of the 16 teams in this year’s competition.

The main motivation behind the State Readers’ Cup is to encourage students in their reading and to let enthusiastic readers in schools have an opportunity to shine. After convincingly winning their heat the team contested the finals against teams from Immanuel Lutheran College, St John’s Catholic College and Mountain Creek State High School in what turned out to be a ‘nail biting’, tense finish with only one point separating each of the finalists.

Congratulations to the members of our Year 9 team for their brilliant teamwork, positive attitude and for their great effort in placing third in the overall competition. This year’s competition was the most closely contested final in the history of the Sunshine Coast Regional Readers’ Cup and has certainly set a benchmark for future competitions.

The State Finals for the Readers’ Cup will be held during the Brisbane Writers Festival and we wish the winning team well when they represent the Sunshine Coast in early September. The Year 8 Inter School Competition will be held early in Term 4 and the enthusiasm from the Year 8s is already building!

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services
Beryl Morris, Secondary Teacher Librarian

“Life-transforming ideas have always come to me through books.”
- Bell Hooks

“The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
- Dr. Seuss, “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!”

For more photos, see the GCCC Website.

Sports News

Great Start to Community Cup Soccer

Our Year 6 and 7 Community Cup Soccer team is off to a great start in this new after school competition for Independent Schools. We have played three games and have won all three very convincingly.

The team consists of our best Year 6 football players and the team is also allowed two Year 7 players one of which must play in goal. Students have been really committed to training twice a week and are playing some great positional football.

Everyone was a bit nervous before the first game but after a few goals were scored the team settled into a great game. This game was against Noosa Pendari Steiner School who were playing together for the first time also. The end score was 10 – 1 with Dylan Myers scoring five goals but the team really were very unselfish in front of goal with five other players also scoring.

The second game was against Suncoast Christian College where we were once again dominant winning 10 – 0. Suncoast were a much younger team but also played great football. The players really enjoyed the opportunity to play on Beegees No. 1 field which is one of the biggest on the Sunshine Coast!

St Joseph’s Catholic College from Nambour were our next opposition and they were much stronger than the two previous teams. St Joseph’s scored first and Bakani showed his skill scoring a fantastic individual goal shortly after. St Joseph’s established a 3-1 lead with just 15 minutes remaining but Dylan Myers, who was being rested due to an injury, insisted on taking the field. He burst into attack and, with the help of Declan Martin and Ryan Kossen, they controlled the ball well, resulting in Dylan scoring three fantastic goals securing the victory 5-3. The midfield and defenders did a great job shutting down the St Josephs’ attack allowing only one opportunistic goal in the second half. They also played some great balls forward sending the attackers towards goal.

Parents are required to get students to all these games straight after school so we are very grateful for their support. We have one more round game against Good Shepherd Lutheran College (Noosa) and then the team will be playing in semi finals. The two winners of the semi-finals will progress to the final which is to be held at Stockland Stadium as part of the Charity Day for Daniel Morecombe.

Wendy Stott
**Jacqui Selected in Sunshine Coast Cross Country Team**

The Sunshine Coast Regional Cross Country was held as a combined Primary and Secondary event this year with all competitors qualifying through the Districts. We had eight primary students and three secondary students who have all been training hard for this event, competing at the Regional Championships held in Buderim. Competition is always fierce at this event as there are many State and National place getters also competing.

Jacqui Roach was the outstanding athlete on the day running a fantastic race finishing 4th in the 15 year girls’ competition. She ran just over four minutes per kilometre which is very fast when you are competing over 4000m. Her triathlon training has really improved Jacqui’s fitness and speed and she also ran a very well judged race. Jacqui will now go on to compete in the Queensland State Championships being held in Brisbane in mid-July.

Cameron Shervey also ran fast with sub four minute kilometre times and placed 20th in the very competitive 15 year boys’ race. Tash Hoeksema was pleased with her race finishing 12th in the 14 year girls’ race beating a fellow Independent District athlete she had not beaten before.

In the Primary races Bakani Kombanie led his 12 year boys’ field for the first 500m but was passed by some very talented young athletes many of whom have placed at State and National Championships in past years. Running at a fast pace throughout the race, Bakani ran a personal best time of 12 minutes and 12 sec finishing in 13th place. Patrick McKenzie and Lachlan McWilliam ran side by side most of the race with Patrick finishing 27th and Lachlan 28th.

The ten year old girls were the first to run and the nerves were certainly showing in these young ladies. Cassidy Ferris and Molly McCaughey found the start pace very fast and settled into the race well. Cassidy held her place in the middle of the field finishing in a very creditable 15th place and Molly finished 30th.

Emily Roach also ran a great race beating her personal best time by 20 seconds and finishing in 20th position. Amity Roser and Emily have been battling each other in every cross country race they have competed in this year and Emily regained the GCCC finishing order only just beating Amity who finished in 21st position just 2 seconds behind Emily! In the eleven year boys race Jacob Broderick gave it his all in the hot conditions and finished in 20th position.

Every athlete ran their absolute best and we were proud to have them representing GCCC and the Glasshouse and Independent Districts. We look forward to hearing of Jacqui’s achievements at the State Championships.

**Wendy Stott**

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

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**Free School Holiday Tennis Clinic**

When: Monday July 7th
Junior Clinic: 9am-10am 5-7 years
Intermediate Clinic: 10:30am-12pm 8-14 years
Where: Landsborough Tennis Club
For more information please contact Jani Kroyherr on 0466-687-373
AFL Camp

Anyone interested in AFL?

There will be a three-day camp at Matthew Flinders Anglican College from June 7-9. There are some exciting things planned that will make a difference with students' development.

If parents click on the link below they will get a 20% discount. australiansportscamps.com.au/qld20

P and F News

Hi Everyone

Well end of Term 2 is fast approaching which means Funfest is not far away.

There are still lots if ways for GCCC families to help out. Whether it be a donation to our class stalls, or your time, everything helps. We want this to be a wonderful fun day for our GCCC families and the community.

Visit the Funfest page by going to the home page of the GCCC website (www.gccc.qld.edu.au) then scroll down until you see the big Funfest button. Click on the button and it will take you to all the information on Funfest.

Pizza, Popper Dance Party

Our Primary disco is on Friday June 20 in the Senior Undercover Area. Prep to Year 2 is from 4.30 pm – 6 pm and Year 3 to Year 6 is from 6.30 pm – 8 pm. Entry is $5 per child which also includes two slices of pizza and a popper. (Gluten free option available)

Come dressed in your dance/party clothes and have lots of fun.

There will also be snacks and glowsticks for sale as well as a coffee van (for the parents).

We are looking for helpers on the night, so if you are available please email pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President

Basketball Camp

Basketball Camp at USC.

Date: Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July

Time: 8am to 5pm

Venue: University of the Sunshine Coast.

More more details, click on the flyer here.
GET ONLINE TO WIN $100 AUCTION DOLLARS

All day Ride Passes are on sale online at www.trybooking.com or by clicking the link on the front page of the GCCC website (just scroll down to find it). Make sure you get yours before the 13th of June for your chance to win $100 to spend in the Funfest Auction. The Funfest Auction always has some awesome items to bid on and $100 will go a long way to securing yourself a bargain.

Remember, pre-paid ticket sales end on the 30th of July. A pre-purchased ticket of $27 (or $32 on the day) will get you unlimited rides all day on our awesome rides which include: Dodgems, Giant Slide, Chair Swing, Mechanical Surfboard, Lasseter's Lost Gold Mine, Tea Cup Ride, Jungle Safari Castle and Laser Tag. A great day out and fantastic value for money!

PREMIUM CAR PARKING RELEASED

Premium car parks for the day of Funfest have just been released for sale online. These car parks will be on the oval so you will be nice and close to the action. Each space is just $12 and can be purchased online with your Ride Passes. This price also includes a complimentary car wash. Spaces are strictly limited, so get in quick!

WIN A RIDE PASS COLOURING COMPETITION

The colouring competition that went home with the last newsletter is open to all Primary students to enter. Entries are to be filled out and handed in to the Administration Office by Friday the 13th of June. Entries will be displayed in the Junior Undercover area and the winners will be announced on Friday the 20th of June. The prizes are a Ride Pass valued at $27 and will be awarded to one entry from lower Primary (Prep-2) and one entry from Upper Primary (Years 3-6). If you have misplaced your entry and need a new one, there are extras in the Administration Office. So get colouring!

DROP IN A BOX DAY

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in the first of our "Drop-in-a-Funfest-box day". It was a fantastic start to our Class Stalls. It was so successful that we are going to be holding another one on Friday the 13th of June. Look out for more details closer to the date.

In the meantime, our Parent Reps are still looking for any donations that you may have for any Class Stall. To the right is the list of items needed again. If you have items you would like to drop in, we now have an area just inside the Library doors for you to place your donations. If you have any bulky items or large quantities please contact the appropriate Parent Rep or leave a message on our Facebook page so that we can help you out with a convenient drop off point. Thank you!

To see all the Funfest news, visit GCCC’s home page and then scroll down until you find the Funfest button.
Congratulations to the GCCC Agricultural class for winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd heaviest sunflower at the Gatton Agricultural Sunflower Competition.

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