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Cover photo: Chappy Mick Spann went for a swim on land at the Splat the Teacher stand at Funfest

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Funfest
As you are no doubt aware, last Saturday was our Funfest, the fourth in the history of the College.

Funfest was a wonderful day and another fantastic display of our community: staff, students, parents and grandparents all coming together to make a tremendous day.

Funfest provided entertainment and fun for everyone. We had all the old favourites like the show bags, Splat the Teacher, rides, car washing, all day entertainment, the auction, tasty strawberries and other market stalls. This year to add to the fun we also had an art exhibition, the Agricultural Extravaganza complete with petting zoo and demonstrations of martial arts and chainsaw art.

Once again our bellies were full thanks to all the delicious food and coffee. It was great to see so many smiling faces everywhere I looked.

For an event to run as wonderfully as our Funfest has taken a great deal of team effort and sadly there is not enough space in the newsletter to mention everyone who deserves our appreciation and gratitude so I am not even going to try. I would also hate to leave anyone out. Can I simply say on behalf of the whole College a very sincere and humble thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day in some way.

I cannot go however without thanking two very special ladies who once again have been the Co-chairs of the Funfest Committee: Nicole Bradley and Leisa MacKenzie. These women have again lived, thought and breathed Funfest for the past year. You are truly two incredibly giving individuals and the College is extremely blessed because of you. Thank you very much Nic, Leisa and the rest of your team.

To find out how profitable Funfest was, please refer to the P&F President’s report on page 13 of this newsletter.

What a tremendous blessing this money will be to all our students. Be sure to also look at the photo spread later on in this newsletter. Even I couldn’t escape being splatted!

Winner of the Funfest Car Park Space

I would like to congratulate the Banks-Van Straten family as the winner of the car space for a year as auctioned during Funfest. This is the carpark adjacent to the disability carpark in the front row of the church carpark facing the College. Soon there will be a sign erected to show that this carpark is reserved.

This car park came at a price and a generous donation to our College. It was also a competition that everyone had an opportunity to win. Please honour our arrangement with the Banks-Van Straten family and don’t park in this space.

Farewell and New Staff Arrivals

Sadly we have had to farewell one of our long serving Teaching Assistants, Tania Hill, from the College. Tania was with GCCC for almost 10 years with just a one year break a few years ago. The most recent years have been as a full time secondary learning support aide; although she is also well known among primary students as being on duty every morning in the covered area from 8am.

Tania has taken a position which is closer to home and we will miss her greatly.

Tania’s replacement is Tascia Mare. Tascia’s name may be familiar to some of you as she has been at the College before as a Year 4 teacher. It is our pleasure to welcome Tascia back. Tascia will be working in the Eagle Centre. See her introduction later in the newsletter.

Renee Bell is another new Teaching Assistant working in the Eagle Centre. Renee is currently studying to be a teacher and has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree.

We are also saying farewell to Lynette Putzier (Year 5 teacher) and Sarah Leary (Year 2 teacher part time) as they are preparing to have their babies (and in Mrs Leary’s case twins). Lynette will be replaced by Mrs Leath Ramsay and Sarah will be replaced by Mr Abe Andrews. Both of these teachers will be featured in the next newsletter.

Finally Chappy Michelle is taking leave to complete the last practical component of her university study. While she is absent Dan Bassett (Chappy Dani’s husband and a full time worker at the GCB Church) will be available to assume some of her responsibilities.

Channel 7 News Helicopter Visit

It really has been a fortnight of extraordinary events and our visit from Bill McDonald and his Channel 7 News team was one that won’t be forgotten in a hurry.

If you didn’t catch it on the news you may want to head to our Facebook page to see some photos of the visit.

Our Primary students did a wonderful job of forming the letters GCCC and FUNFEST on the oval with all the teachers huddled in the centre with colourful balloons. This made a great shot from the helicopter and was a super promo for Funfest.

Year 6 students were privileged to have a Question and Answer session in the library presenting Mr Bill McDonald with very well thought out questions.
Some of our Prep students were outstanding in their preparation and serving of morning tea to the news crew showcasing our wonderful Kitchen Garden and its produce. Our visitors were each given a copy of the GCCC cook book to take home as a memento. Mr Bill McDonald sung our praises and even said it was the best school visit ever.

Our special thanks to Mrs Michelle Thomas (mother of Luca) for her liaison with Channel 7 and her great idea.

Athletics Carnivals

Unfortunately, the results of the Primary (3-6) and Secondary Athletics Carnivals are not known by the time the deadline for this article has come around, but I had the pleasure of spending some time at both events. The records in the track and field tumbled and the competition was spirited. Thank you to all of the parents who came to cheer their children on and lend a hand where they could. The next newsletter will feature our Athletics Carnivals.

Volunteers' Lunch – Monday 8 September from 12:00-2:00pm

Funfest and our Athletics carnivals were obvious demonstrations of how important parent volunteers are to our College. Of course there are plenty of others, such as the Kitchen Garden, The Second-hand Uniform Shop, helping with literacy groups, tuckshop, covering books in the library etc. The list can go on and on.

Message from the Registrar 8 August 2014

If you have siblings interested in enrolling at GCCC please note the following:

It is the parents’ responsibility that each new potential student (sibling) must complete and submit to the College. a separate Application for Enrolment form. This is the first step in the enrolment process and families are cautioned that whilst siblings are given priority enrolment consideration they are not guaranteed a place within the College. Please note that waiting lists are being experienced across many year levels and early submission of Application Forms is encouraged for consideration in future years.

Enrolment Procedure:

1. A completed Application for Enrolment Form (one per student) is to be returned to the Main Administration office together with a $50 application fee per student. This fee is not refundable. Please note that each application/fee does not guarantee a place at the College.
2. Application forms are to be supported with the following documentation:
   - Naplan results (where applicable)
   - Last two years’ school reports
   - Copy of birth certificate
3. Failure to provide supporting documentation delays the application for enrolment process unnecessarily.
4. As waiting lists are being experienced across many year levels, early submission is encouraged for current year level entry.
5. An enrolment interview may then be scheduled with either Mr Curtis (Secondary) or Mrs Bryers (Primary). You will be advised of the outcome of the interview by mail.
6. Should a placement with the College be offered, this will be deemed to be accepted once a signed acceptance and bond payment of $200 per family is received by the College.

If you have any doubt that you have followed this procedure, please contact Sonya Bowden to clarify.

Sonya Bowden, College Registrar

Introducing Tascia Mare

Hi, I’m Tascia. I’m a mother of 2 lovely children, a qualified primary teacher and have worked previously at GCCC. I live in Marcoola, about 200m from the beach so my favourite pastime is going for long walks on the beach, especially with my children. I enjoy reading, spending time with friends and family, as well as doing craft activities. I’ve lived on the Sunshine Coast for 3 years and love it! We have 2 family rats, called Patches and Pepper, who are loved and very well fed too.

I love travelling and recently spent some time in Koh Samui, Thailand, where I got to ride elephants, go zip lining above the trees and visit some of the islands. I also have a part-time business running retreats and courses for women and girls. I’m very happy to be working at GCCC again, have felt so welcome and look forward to meeting you all.

Welcome to the world – Adeline Jewel Hall

Congratulations to Cam and Crystelle Hall on the safe arrival of little Adeline Jewel born 27 July 2014. To quote Cam’s words on his description of Adeline, “Cutest little thing ever – praise God!”.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Shine – 22 August

Shine is our annual celebration of the Arts at GCCC to be held on August 22 starting from 5:00pm and you are most welcome to join us. The students are keen to demonstrate their art work from both Primary and Secondary. There will be drama and dance displays and plenty of music. It is always one of the highlights of the College calendar. Click here for more info.

Volunteers' Lunch is a way we can offer a small token of our appreciation. If you help out at our school we would love you to join us at the Glasshouse Country Baptist Church Hall on Monday 8 September from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Please feel very welcome to join us as we would like to honour your valuable contribution. If you could please RSVP to admin@gccc.qld.edu.au or phone 5439 0033 so we can ensure we have our catering numbers correct.

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CHANNEL 7 HELICOPTER VISITS GCCC

Did you all watch Channel 7 News on Wednesday night 30 July? After many practices since beginning of Term 3, the big day arrived on Wednesday and our students did an amazing job. The formation was GCCC FUNFEST in big letters with multi coloured helium balloons (held by staff and parents) in the centre.

The children sat in position for a considerable length of time waiting for the helicopter to arrive and showed such self control as they waited patiently in formation. When the aerial photos had been taken, students (on cue) moved to the eastern fence where they remained until the helicopter landed at the opposite side of the oval.

Again on cue, students came forward to sit in class groups in front of their teachers, waiting for Bill McDonald and his camera man “Johno” to come across for the Meet and Greet.

Bill and Johno commented that the formation was amazing, and that it looked like the GCCC FUNFEST was actually sprayed on the ground. We were so proud of the children – all in their maroon hats and maroon & bottle green sports uniforms!

After the greeting, one by one, classes were able to have a look at the helicopter up close – a rare treat.

The Q & A session with some Year 6 students, Mr Rogers and Bill McDonald was held in the library amphitheatre.

The students had prepared questions that they wanted to ask Bill in relation to journalism or being a newsreader at Channel 7. Bill and Johno both commented on the calibre of the questions students asked. They were thoughtful and insightful. It was interesting for the students to hear that a newsreader must work diligently at school and enjoy writing, as journalism is the basis of his work on TV.

The final part of Bill’s visit to GCCC was spending time in the Kitchen Garden. Students had prepared frittata and lime tart the previous day in their lessons and this was presented to them by some of the Prep – Year 2 students who were working in the garden, collecting produce and preparing fresh salad for the visitors. Bill, Johno and Dave (the pilot) all expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the delicious morning tea.

It was an amazing morning and reinforced once again the blessing it is to be part of this great school community.

If you check SCHOOL OF THE WEEK on the Channel 7 website this week, you should be able to view the segment shown. Channel 7 will be presenting the College with the full footage which they filmed on the day.

Finally I would like to express our appreciation to the following people for the success of the Channel 7 visit – Brad Hampson, Tim Siggs, Mark Becker (for the lettering on the oval), FUNFEST committee and Fay Needham (for the helium balloons) and the Prep – Year 6 staff and students (for such an amazing effort at all the practices).

Special thanks to Michelle Thomas, Leisa McKenzie and Nicole Bradley, as the original idea to ask Channel 7 to come to GCCC came from the FUNFEST Committee.

For more photos see the GCCC Website.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

We Survived the Stampede

Some brave GCCC students and parents took part in The Stampede held at Woodford. The Stampede is Australia’s leading obstacle course event.

We have been given a few photos of some of the GCCC mud splattered contestants who took part in the 5 km and 2 km obstacle challenges.

Our Hardest Workers

After looking after everything for:

• The Channel 7 Helicopter Visit
• Funfest
• Athletics Sports Carnivals
• the Future Options evening

Our boys are done in!

Lost and Found

Found:

• Single car key on oval at Funfest
• Set of house keys with First National Bank Beerwah tag attached
• Silver pocket watch
• Secondary sports jacket
• Formal hat
• Lots of unnamed Primary jumpers and hats
Last week a delightful bunch of students had the pleasure of serving morning tea to Bill McDonald, the camera man and chopper pilot from Channel 7 news after they had landed on the oval. Year two classes had made pumpkin and silverbeet frittata and a lime and coconut syrup cake for the crew to enjoy. Mr McDonald was very impressed at the calibre of the food and commented that this is one of the few schools where they had ever been offered home made cooking! They had a tour of the garden and met some of the students who were hard at work planting and harvesting. The kitchen crew was impeccable with their manners and the service they provided to the news team was fit for royalty! Well done kids!

We have been harvesting lots of crunchy lettuce, which was utilised this week in the kitchen. Cooks made chicken kofta’s with sweet chilli dipping sauce wrapped in the harvested lettuce leaves. Lots of super healthy kale was sprayed lightly with oil then cooked in the oven until crisp to make kale ‘chips’.

Our ‘seed’ theme continues with classes planting their now germinated broad bean seeds into the garden beds where over the coming weeks they will observe the complete cycle of a seed.

We have sown the following seeds for future planting into the beds: sweet corn, sugar snap peas, beans and beetroot and we continue to harvest limes, eggplant, tomatoes and lots of greens.

Until next fortnight, Happy gardening!

For more photos see the GCCC Website.

Mandy Ward

The Nudge

The Middle school years are an intense time of growth as a child transforms into the man or woman they are becoming. To be given the title of man or woman several characteristics and obvious changes must occur. Besides the obvious one of physical change, confidence, maturity and wisdom to make good decisions are vital. It takes courage not only for the child but also the parents and carers to allow a child to become an adult. And, as parents and carers, putting the right learning opportunities in place is important for a person to become a man or woman of character.

Several years ago, my kitchen window framed a living example of this notion with an adult bird pushing it’s offspring out of the nest so that it could learn to fly. My heart was in my mouth as I watched, holding my breath to see if it would be able to flap enough to not fall like a rock to the ground. Thankfully it didn’t – it didn’t fly gracefully though on that maiden voyage – but it wasn’t many days before it was flying gracefully (or raucously) around our back yard.

As Middle School teachers, we see year 7 students begin their year nervously and anxiously – and equally their parents. Yet, here we are halfway through the year... and they are confidently ‘flying’ around the school off to classes, engaged in various activities, (still working on making wise decisions and learning to understand the adult world) but having made significant growth on this journey already!

Our Year 9 students head off to an overnight retreat in the next few weeks to explore. ‘What does it mean to be a man or woman?’

Knowing and learning about this next stage in their life as well as growing in confidence in their ability to be what God has designed for them as well as proud of who they are is our objective. Wisdom is preceded by knowledge (and experience) so along with an understanding – sometimes all it takes is that one moment of trust from the adult in their child (adult bird knowing their chick is ready), plus the innate capabilities God has placed within them at this age and stage of life and finally AND MOST IMPORTANTLY the nudge to become all that they are meant to be!

Our Year 9’s are also in the process of making subject choices for senior school and beyond in these last few weeks. While they may not know what is ‘beyond that nest’ … the choices need to be made. Considerable plans have been put in place to assist our students to make these choices and to give them the best options.

Another area ‘beyond the nest’ is in the area of technology. We are revisiting our stand on technology use in relation to iPads, specifically games. We are considering – do we allow games on these primarily educational devices with families monitoring the decisions at home? With the basis for this approach being that we want to raise responsible young men and women who learn self-restraint as well as discernment in what is acceptable and what is not.

I would be interested in your thoughts and as a part of this will be sending out a survey to gauge this and how you have found iPad usage with your child while at GCCC.

May God continue to guide and bless you as you raise your children into young men and women.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School
Savannah Malan – Third in Sunshine Coast Junior Eistedford

Congratulations to Savannah in Year 8 who entered the Sunshine Coast Junior Eistedford and came third in a duologue with a friend from drama classes.

Year 7 Geography Excursion

This term, Year 7 Geography is learning about the ‘liveability’ of different places in the world. In week three Year 7 Geography students went on an excursion in Beerwah. In this fieldwork-based excursion the students were involved in assessing the quality of the constructed or built environment of Beerwah. The excursion was mainly based on surveying the buildings, streetscapes and infrastructure of Nichols Avenue, Peachester Road and Simpson Street.

The students had fun while walking around in these areas, taking photos and recording their observations. Half way through their excursion, students had a well-deserved break in a local park.

After this, everyone continued on their journey, lastly going to Simpson Street before heading back to school.

Students had to also assess Beerwah in terms of the town’s public spaces, education, healthcare, cultural experiences and businesses. The excursion gave students a new awareness and appreciation of the communities in which we all live.

Miss Nadine Fleming

For more photos see the GCCC Website.

Sacrifice Leads to GREAT Results

This week I have been reminded of the sacrifices that so many people have made resulting in wonderful outcomes. On Monday it was my pleasure to hand out certificates to those students who sacrificed time and energy to produce outstanding results on their End Semester 1 reports. At GCCC we hand out certificates to those students who attain an A grade on at least half their subjects. Of more value though, are the certificates I hand out for effort. These are given to those students who gain Very Good for Effort in all but possibly one of their subjects. To gain a certificate of this type requires a great deal of sacrifice. The wonderful thing is, the gain from this sacrifice will last a lifetime as they have begun to train their minds to become independent learners.

We also recognised lots of other sacrifices this week. The athletics carnival was a huge success on Tuesday with the final result yet to be announced as a few events are scheduled over the next couple of days. It was fantastic to see students achieve PB’s (Personal Bests) in their events. A Personal Best is only possible after great sacrifice in training for the event.

At the Fiji Mission Team Parent evening on Monday, we saw the culmination of great sacrifice from both students and parents of the team. Many of these students worked extremely hard to find the funds to get to Fiji. They sacrificed their time every Friday to train for the trip. The result was that they went to a different country to bless people over there but instead they came back truly blessed by those they went to serve.

Finally, this week we acknowledged the centenary of the beginning of World War 1. For Australia, the First World War remains the most costly conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. From a population of fewer than five million, 416,809 men enlisted, of which over 60,000 were killed and 156,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner. The sacrifice by so many will not be forgotten. It is argued that their sacrifice resulted in the true birth of our nation.

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus presented a revolutionary teaching about sacrifice. “If you want to be great, here is how to achieve it: sacrifice and give of yourself to others.” Matthew 23:11

Christ is teaching that sacrifice is the gateway to greatness. This concept is quite foreign to our western mindset, but this doesn’t change the fact that it is true. Our students who went to Fiji learned so much about how giving sacrificially to others reaps such GREAT rewards. Ultimately, not only did Jesus teach this concept of sacrifice but he lived it! He laid down his very life on the cross for us (Matthew 20:28). Jesus has set a true example of sacrifice that has changed the world. He demonstrated to us that sacrifice is the gateway to GREATness. As believers, we have been called to follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School
Get Your “SHINE” On!

This term I am hoping to start a program for **Year 11 girls**. The program is called ‘SHINE’ and it is based on a curriculum written by Hillsong. I am passionate about seeing young women understand and realise their worth, value and purpose in a world with so many pressures and unrealistic expectations.

Shine is a collection of personal development mentoring tools for girls, designed to develop an understanding of personal worth, strength and purpose and to help girls realise their full potential. The Shine program provides unique personal development and group mentoring tools that use an inspirational, practical and experiential approach to learning. The program is founded upon the premise that every life counts and has intrinsic value and fosters an awareness of this belief.

Since its conception in 1997, Shine has been used in over 30 countries and over 1000 organisations, with an estimated reach of over 20,000 girls and women. Sessions aim to develop a strong sense of personal identity, confidence and hope. These program objectives are achieved through 3 foundational concepts: worth, strength and purpose.

The program will be presented in between 6 to 9 sessions, running from mid-way term three until mid-way through term 4. The program will be run on a Friday during lunchtime and will be made up of a maximum of 15 participants. The girls will have the opportunity to self nominate into the program through filling out a form and signing up to commit to the full duration of the program.

Two very passionate women will be facilitating the Shine program, alongside myself. One of these ladies is my lovely Mum, Kristina Dart. Our other facilitator is Ellen Turnbull, who has a passion and gift when it comes to working with young women. I’m so excited to have these awesome ladies on the team and I’m blessed to have these ladies as mentors in my own life.

Please pray for this exciting new endeavour for our Year 11 girls.

**Annaliese Bullock**

**Year 12 Biology – Rats!**

Yr 12 Biology have been studying reproduction, so they had a first hand look at the inside of a pregnant rat. It was really interesting. There were varying degrees of pregnancy, and a couple of rats had 13 pups inside! Looking at the tiny little head, arms, legs and tail of each developing foetus was amazing.

**Jenny Ritson, Lab Assistant**

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

**Longman Youth Leadership Forum**

Over the weekend (July 26-17th) I have had the privilege to participate in the Longman’s Youth Leadership Forum. I was blessed with the opportunity to learn from Bernie Kelly, Global Immersion’s leader. He inspired a courage in all of us to ‘Run to the Roar,’ to push yourself past your comfort zone and to lead a passionate life.

I was also able to chat with local MP member, Wyatt Roy, wherein I was able to develop a deeper understanding of politics and understand his passion for people and making a difference in our local community. Over the weekend I discovered myself and where my passions truly lie and was able to mingle and share my life with 20 other encouraging and embracive teens.

I want to thank Mr Heyworth for nominating me in this event and enabling me to participate in this awesome opportunity. I highly encourage other senior students who live in the Longman electorate to mark this event on their calendar for next year!

**Courtney Sinclair, College Captain**

**Great Day in Hospitality Kitchen**

During Funfest students in Year 10 and 12 were busy making coffee, tea, milkshakes and serving yummy sausage rolls, scones etc. It was a very busy place but worth all the effort on the day. We even got asked for our special recipe on sausage rolls (Thanks to Fiona).

Thank you also to the parent helpers that gave up their time to support us. GREAT EFFORT everyone.

**Julie Peters, Head of Hospitality**

**Shine on the Arts – Friday 22 August – 5pm to 8pm**

Mark your calendars for a wonderful evening of entertainment and displays showcasing the creative talents of our GCCC students from Prep to Year 12.

Awesome entertainment, great food and drink, fantastic atmosphere! Don’t miss this very special evening.

Click [here](#) for more info.
Future Options Expo

Future Pathways held a very successful Career Expo Exhibitors/Information Evening for our Senior School students on Wednesday. We had a record number of exhibitors and many thanks to those involved, in particular Mel Parker, Administration Officer for the Future Pathways Department, Tim and Mark in setting up the rooms for the exhibitors, and Mr Heyworth and Mr Steffler for their presentations to Year 10 students.

Congratulations to TAFE Students

A number of students have recently successfully completed their TAFE certificates. Congratulations go to the following students who have completed TAFE qualifications:

- Brianna Williams, and Aisha Smith, who both completed a Cert III in Tourism and a Cert III in Events
- Arnaya McMinn, Kirsten Tregea, Megan James, Cert III in Media
- Patrick Randell, a Certificate III in Media from Lightmare Studios.

Upcoming Events

- 9 August – Central Queensland University, Noosa – OPEN DAY – 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 10 August - University of the Sunshine Coast – OPEN DAY – Sunday 11:00am to 2:00pm Sippy Downs campus
- 17 August – QUT Caboolture Campus OPEN DAY
- 23 August – Christian Heritage College OPEN DAY - 10.00am to 2:00pm
- 27 August -Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre – 6:30pm, Information Night for those interested in enrolling for 2015.
- 30 August- Adult Tertiary Entry Expo (ATEE) at Brisbane Convention Centre. Entry is free.
- 25 to 31 August – National Skills Week – Although National Skills Week is later in August, there are numerous VET events that take place earlier in the month. Check out events at: http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/get-involved/events/

Application Forms for the Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre and Headstart programs 2015 are currently available from the Future Pathways Office.

Headstart Scholarships

A number of Headstart Scholarships are available to domestic Headstart students i.e. Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens, Australian permanent residents and Permanent Humanitarian visa holders.

Headstart Scholarships assist students from low-income families, or students who identify with other recognised equity groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, or students with a disability. See me or contact the Headstart Department of the University of The Sunshine Coast on www.usc.edu.au/headstart or on 07 54301226, if you are unsure whether you qualify.

These scholarships are for one semester of study, and cover the $400 Headstart course tuition fee.

QTAC Applications and Information

Year12 students should regularly check the QTAC website, www.qtac.edu.au, as some courses are withdrawn and new ones added, since the book was published.

Appointments can be made directly with Mr Nash or through Mrs Parker. Closing date for QTAC Applications is 30 September 2014, 4.30pm.

Year 9 – Work Experience in 2015 Information Evening - October

In October the current Year 9s and their parents will be required to attend a Work Experience Information Night. It will be coordinated by Lea Shea and Ashton Kelly from ‘Sustainable Partnerships’, in contrast to previous years, where the school has organised work experience placements.

Sustainable Partnerships have been involved with Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) on the Sunshine Coast, successfully for many years. I have had the privilege of working successfully with Sustainable Partnerships in the past. They will be organising the student work placements for 2015.

School staff will still be visiting students at their work sites and I will still be responsible for the school-based preparation of the Year10 students in 2015.

ACCLAIM has a new venue:

Acclaim has moved they are now located at 100 Sportsmans Pde, Bokarina 4575 Ph 1300 222 5240, PO Box 631 Buddina QLD 4575

Occupational Videos

Often it is good to take a look at a job from the perspective of someone else currently in the job, to clarify written job descriptions.

Check out occupational videos at:-
http://myfuture.edu.au/explore-careers/browse-occupations/browseoccupationvideoalphabetically

Mr Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator
QUT Open Day – 17 August 2014

The Queensland University of Technology Caboolture Campus Open Day is being held on Sunday 17 August from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Caboolture Open Day Program 2014

QUT Caboolture Campus Open Day provides students and parents with a chance to go behind the scenes, access all areas and talk to real people who can give them the facts:

• Attend information seminars and meet lecturers
• Talk to current QUT staff and students
• Explore the different courses and career outcomes
• Check out the campus facilities

Scholarship Information – Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust

AVCAT’s aim is to help the children and grandchildren of ex-servicemen and women to a better future through higher education. Through the help of our generous donors, AVCAT administers scholarships to the children of those who have served our country in peace and war in the Australian Army, Navy and Airforce. Our recipients come from all over Australia and study an enormous variety of courses.

At present AVCAT is helping around 180 children with the costs of study. We administer about 70 scholarships a year for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs as well as various ex-service organisations (including RSL and Legacy).

Scholarship selection is open to children and in some cases grandchildren of a veteran and is based on need and merit. Applicants can be high-school leavers starting university or current university students and eligible for Youth Allowance hence studying full time.

Scholarships are generally paid for three years and are between $3,000 and $4,000 per year.

Our application form will be available shortly on our website at www.avcat.org.au and students will only need to complete the one form for all of our scholarships.

Child Healthy Lifestyle Program

If your child is overweight, you may be at a loss as to how to help. Talking to children about weight can be a sensitive topic, no matter what their age. As parents, we don’t want to say the wrong thing and so often avoid the discussion altogether, even though we may worry about their physical and emotional well being.

QLD Health runs a free child healthy lifestyle program for families who have children aged 2-12 years. The program addresses all these areas of concern and will assist you to tackle the challenges of achieving a happier, healthier child.

Stepping Stones Triple P Program

Stepping Stones Triple P Program – 12 free parenting sessions available – click here for more information.
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

Year 7-12 Homework Club – Research and Discovery Sessions
During Homework Club over the coming weeks, Beryl Morris our Secondary Teacher Librarian, will be hosting Research and Discovery sessions in the Library. The sessions will run on Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm and will focus on showing students how to access resources and databases for their research, assignments and study needs. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Week 3 – Introductory Session: GCCC Library and database research tools including: vLibrary resources, Britannica Online, Image Quest and Library Webs.

Week 4 – Additional session to assist with particular assessment tasks, resource tools and tips for referencing and writing bibliographies.

Week 5 – Special session with Patricia Stahl from the Beerwah Library focusing on research and accessing resources from Sunshine Coast Libraries.

Week 7 – A follow-up session by Patricia Stahl and Beryl Morris for individual research inquiries.

Please note that all GCCC databases can be accessed via Connect at home or school. Go to Connect (http://connect.gccc.qld.edu.au) and click on the Students & Families tab and then the Library tab. In the Library Course you’ll find a list of items to choose from to explore. The section called iResearch – Get Connected at the Library contains links to the following databases:

Britannica Digital Learning (Prep – Year 12)
• Britannica Image Quest (Prep – Year 12)
• Library Webs (Years 6 -12)
• Twig World (Years 6 – 12)
• Australian History Mysteries (Years 6-12)
• The Source (Years 4-12)
• SLASLA Online Reference Generator (Years 3 – 12)

Book Week Competitions (Prep – Year 6)
All Book Week competition entries are due in the Library next Monday 11 August. Go to http://gccclibrary.weebly.com/book-week.html for more information. Students have been busy taking part in the competitions in the lead up to Book Week and we look forward to seeing their entries. The Connect 4 Challenge has also been popular with Year 3-6 students as they guess our mystery readers in the Primary end of the Library. There has been a buzz of excitement about the Connect to Lego challenge where students have been asked to create their favourite scene, character or book cover in Lego. Entries can be brought in to the Library next Monday or a photo can be sent to library@gccc.qld.edu.au. Entries will be displayed in the Library during Week 4. Winning entries will be kept in the Library in Week 5 and displayed during Book Week.

Book Fair – Helpers Needed
Our Book Fair Garden will take place during Book Week in Week 5 and will run from Tuesday 19 August to Thursday 21 August. Book Fair is a whole school reading event where students, parents and Grandparents are invited to the library to view and purchase a wide selection of Scholastic titles.

We are looking for parent helpers to assist from Monday 18 August – Wednesday 20 August and Friday 22 August. Please contact Vanessa McKellar at library@gccc.qld.edu.au if you are able to assist and we will contact you with further details.

Reading Hour
The National Reading Hour is happening again on Tuesday 19 August from 6-7pm and GCCC families are encouraged to participate. The event celebrates the importance of reading and reminds parents and caregivers that reading together doesn’t have to be a massive undertaking in their busy lives, and that sharing a book with a child for 10 minutes a day – or just over an hour a week – will still give that child the best chance of becoming a good reader later in life. Go to http://www.love2read.org.au/love-reading.cfm for more details and to access a huge range of reading resources.

MS Readathon
Thank you to those who have signed up for the MS Readathon. It’s not too late to get involved and is simple to register.

How to take part in the MS Readathon
1. Register – Participants register online at http://www.msreadathon.org.au
2. Read throughout August – Children can read any literature as long as it is at their own reading level. The reading period runs from 1 August to 31 August. Children can include all books used for the Premier’s Reading Challenge for the MS Readathon.
3. Fundraise from family and friends – All students who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and Reading Rewards to recognise their dedication to helping others.

See you in the library,

Vanessa McKellar - Head of Library Services
Community Cup Team Just Beaten in the Final

Throughout the term a team of committed year 6 and 7 football players have been competing after school in the Community Cup Football Competition for Independent Schools. GCCC was unbeaten going into the finals where the team met Good Shepard Lutheran College.

Students were very excited as the game was played at Stockland Park as part of the United For Daniel Community Football Event held once a year. The opportunity to play in this stadium was awesome for the students and the atmosphere was electric.

Our team scored in the first couple of minutes and were encouraged by the fantastic start in a very windy game. At the end of the first half three more goals had been scored and the score was 2-2!! The second half was a real battle and Mark Kennedy made some amazing saves to keep GCCC in the game. Unfortunately Good Shepard managed to score twice to our once so became the champions with the final score at 4 – 3. Our team fought well in difficult, windy conditions but were proud to become Runners Up.

The team was presented with a medal each and will receive a new strip for GCCC Primary Sport.

Mrs Stott was very disappointed to miss this game as she had a prior engagement in New Zealand, but thanks go to Mr Modlin and Mr and Mrs Trevan for running the team in the final.

We are very proud of the team and are grateful to all the parents who transported their own child and often others to each game.

Wendy Stott

Students Busy at Regional Sports Carnivals

It has been a busy few weeks for several Primary students who have been proudly representing the Glasshouse District at Sunshine Coast Regional Carnivals.

During the holidays Rowan Gough and Connor Anderson were members of the 12 Year Boys' Softball team who played at Redcliffe against other Sunshine Coast softball teams. The boys played five games with some wins and losses. After a close battle with Coastal the Glasshouse team’s results qualified them for the third and forth playoffs. In this game they played their best game of the carnival having a very close battle with Caboolture eventually beating them to finish in third place overall which was a great result. Connor and Rowan were very useful on the team playing on bases, outfield and occasionally at short stop. Both boys play club softball and really enjoyed this competition against other school boys.

Nick Dwan, Beau Howard and Jake Jeffrey tried their hands at Rugby Union as a variation to their preferred Rugby League and were selected in the Glasshouse District team to play in Caloundra at the Primary Schools Regional Carnival. The boys played 3 games and unfortunately they were beaten in their first game by a very well drilled Independent Team. The other 2 games, the boys did an awesome job keeping the score down but were unable to come up with a win. All the boys in the team played well and had an absolute ball. Nick was captain on Day 2 for their third game and also picked up Man of the Match in that game. Both Nick and Beau were all over the field defending their hearts out. Nick thinks Union is great because “I don’t have to stop tackling”. They were both able to turn the ball over to give Glasshouse some ball which allowed the boys to show their skills. Beau made some very impressive runs and Nick’s defence was absolutely outstanding. Jake enjoyed himself having given it a go. The best thing was all the boys got to try something new and to meet new and old friends. It was a couple of fantastic days.

All five boys really enjoyed their experience in these teams and look forward to more opportunities to play in similar competitions.

Wendy Stott

For more photos see the GCCC Website.

District Athletics 14 and 15 August

Students have been selected for the teams from results at our College carnival. Congratulations to these students. See Mrs Stott or Mr Beattie if unsure of selection.

Glasshouse District Primary District Athletics Carnival will be held on 14 and 15 August at Glasshouse District Sports Grounds (Beegees). This carnival is for 9 years to 12 years.

Independent District Secondary Athletics Carnival will be held on 14 and 15 August at the Sunshine Coast University Athletics Track. This carnival is for 13 years to Open.

Please make an effort to come to training at 7:30am on Tuesday 12 August on the College oval if you are selected in the team.
Emily Scores Cracking Goal at State Carnival

Emily Roach showed her talent when she played in the Sunshine Coast 12 Year Girls’ Football team at the Queensland Primary Schools’ Championships at Mount Isa last week. Emily was one of 167 other girls who were trying to impress the selectors and win their team the title of State Champions. Although Emily only turned eleven this year, she was one of the outstanding players in her team. Playing in the midfield, Emily was always composed on the ball, tackled hard and put beautiful balls through to the strikers. Emily also took all the corner kicks from which many goals were scored.

In the second last game in the carnival with at least a draw needed to keep the teams winning hopes alive, Sunshine Coast were trailing 1 – 0 with only one minute to play. A free kick was given and Emily stepped up to take it. From at least 20m out from goal, she lined up the ball and sent it like a rocket into the top right hand corner to score the equaliser! Cheers erupted from the team.

Emily was awarded the Coach’s Player award for her game play and her attitude and diligence in both training and game situations. Emily is looking forward to playing in this team again next year and enjoyed getting to know teammates from all over the Sunshine Coast.

Wendy Stott

P and F News

Hi Everyone

Funfest

Well of course I must say what an awesome day our Funfest was last Saturday. How enjoyable it was to see the smiles on the kids’ faces whether they were on the rides, eating a dagwood dog, splatting a teacher or just making the most of whatever their favourite thing was to do.

It was such a successful day and that only happened because of all the wonderful GCCC families that contributed. So a big thank you to you all for helping in the lead up, on the day or just being there to spend your money.

Our volunteers are invaluable to us, we are so very appreciative of your help.

The final tally of the day is not yet finalised, but we are looking at upwards of $28,000. What a fantastic result. How wonderful this will be to use on things for the College that will benefit our children.

Of course the day would not have even happened if it wasn’t for Nicole Bradley and Leisa McKenzie. You two ladies are the most committed, passionate people I have ever come across in my lifetime. You love what you do and do what you love and that is everything that makes your children and our children’s school experience something that they will remember and treasure.

So a huge ‘Thank You’ to you both.

For more Funfest photos see the GCCC Website and page 15.

Fathers Day Stall

Our annual Father’s Day stall will be Thursday 4 September. We will have some wonderful gifts for the students to purchase at various prices, just like our Mother’s Day stall. We will send out more information closer to the day on how the day will run.

Disco

Our next Prep to Year 6 Disco will be Friday 12 September. We are having a themed one this time, so look out for that information coming out soon.

With the upcoming events we have, we will be looking for volunteers. If you can spare any time to help with P and F run events, please email pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au.

It doesn’t have to be a lot of your time and there will be no pressure or expectations put on you to help, it is just to have a list of names on record to help when you can.

The next P and F meeting is Tuesday 12 August, 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President
Beerwah Charity Sports and Spring Carnival

The Beerwah Charity Sports & Spring Carnival in aid of Cancer Council Queensland will be held on Saturday 23rd August 2014 from 8.30am at the Beerwah Sports Ground, admission $2.00.

The Charity Sports offers entertainment, displays and activities for all ages. The 2014 colouring competition entry form is available from Beerwah Library or the Glasshouse Country news website, and completed forms should be returned to the library or GCN office by Tuesday 19 August. Winners will be announced on the day.

Cancer Council mascot Sid the Seagull will be there as usual, arriving about 10.00am with 100 free sample bags. The horse events include a junior ring program, special classes for under-8s, and the popular fancy dress class for children under 14 and their horses. Also on the program: Australia Zoo Croc Cruiser, novelty athletics, pet parade, animal nursery, rides, and a special kids’ entertainment tent including face painting.

Other highlights: Scarecrows on display, Strong Man and Strong Woman competitions, Light Horse, Show & Shine, alpacas, dog ute jumping, vintage vehicles, photography and live music.

Contributions of home cooking, plants or produce for the stalls are always welcome. If you would like to help on the day, or have a stall or display of your own, please contact Bruce Page (54949557). Come along for a great family day out, and help raise funds for cancer research.

Bravehearts White Gala – Saturday 13 September

For an evening of fun and entertainment in support of Bravehearts, helping to protect Australian kids and stop child sexual assault.

All enquiries please phone Louise – (07) 5552 3025 or email lbarke@bravehearts.org.au
**Trial Night**  
Friday 22 August  
Starts 5pm  
‘Skippy Park’  
Old Landsborough Rd, Landsborough

If you have never done Little Athletics before and would like to have a go come down on our trial nights and check out the fun. Cost $3 per child.

**Sign on Nights**  
Friday 29th August  
Friday 5th September  
4.30pm – 6.30pm  
‘Skippy Park’  
Old Landsborough Rd, Landsborough

Age groups from U6 to U17 and Tiny Tots*  
*Tiny Tots program available if they have an older sibling.

Come along and join in the family, fun & fitness  
We look forward to seeing you there!  
All new registrations please bring birth certificate to be sighted, thank you!

For more info please go to our website  
www.glasshousetittleathletics.com.au  
Or email: info@glasshousetittleathletics.com.au

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**Win**  
Register and pay in full on sign-on night  
For your chance to win your registration fees back  
Conditions apply

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**ON THE ARTS**  
FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2014  
Senior Undercover Area  
5.00pm - 8.00 pm  
Drama Dance Music Visual Art

Showcasing the Arts P - 12
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