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#### AUGUST

- **Tue 26**: Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 11
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#### SEPTEMBER

- **Tue 2**: 6.30pm Prep Fathers’ Night
- **Tue 2**: 7pm P and F Meeting
- **Tue 2-Wed 3**: QCS Exams Year 12
- **Wed 3**: Prep Fathers’ Day Chapel
- **Thur 4-Fri 5**: Year 9 Boys/Girls Retreat/Camp
- **Mon 8**: Volunteers’ Lunch
- **Wed 10-Fri 12**: Year 3 Camp at Tunnel Ridge: Boys Wed-Thurs and Girls Thurs-Fri
- **Fri 12**: Prep to Year 6 Disco
- **Fri 12-Tue 16**: Years 11 and 12 Block Exams
- **Tue 16-Wed 17**: Year 11 Biology Camp
- **Thur 18-Mon 29**: French Trip
- **Fri 19**: Last Day of Term 3

### TERM 4

#### OCTOBER

- **Mon 8**: Labour Day public holiday
- **Tue 7**: TERM 4 begins
- **Wed 8**: Middle School Messy Games
- **Tue 14**: Year 9 Work Experience in 2015 Info Night
- **Fri 17**: Year 6 Middle School Experience Morning
- **Mon 20**: Verification Day - Pupil Free Day
- **Wed 22**: 6.30pm Sports Awards Night

#### NOVEMBER

- **Tue 4**: 6.30 Middle & Senior School Awards Night
- **Mon 10-Wed 12**: Year 5 Currimundali Camp
- **Thur 13-Tue 18**: Year 12 Exam Block
- **Tue 18**: Immunisations for all Year 8 and 10 males

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**Cover photo:** Congratulations to Lani Kombanie and Michaela Lal for their win in the EKKA State Junior Culinary Challenge.

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**GCCC is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church**
There is never a dull moment at GCCC and this last fortnight is no exception. When I hear of all the outstanding achievements of our students I feel very proud of our GCCC community. Amongst the celebrations of a growing school and district and state championships it seems that many of our year levels have had excursions and incursions of all sorts expanding their life experiences, knowledge and imagination.

Be sure to have a look at the different photos later in the newsletter.

Building Opening

On Monday 11 August we held the official opening ceremony of our E Block, F Block and Engineering building. As E Block consists of the Year 3 and 4 classes these students were part of the ceremony held in the church. We had several special guests also attend including Mrs Judy McArdle, Mr Peter Bickerton (architect), Mr Tim Brown (builder), representatives from our local churches, GCCC Board members and GCCC staff.

Guests were treated to a song from our Senior Chapel Band and a prayer led by our school captains followed by the unveiling of the plaque. We then took our visitors on a short tour of the new buildings. This was followed by a very tasty afternoon tea served by Mrs Julie Peters and some of our Year 12 Hospitality students. Thank you to all the students and staff who represented GCCC superbly on the day.

These buildings are a tremendous asset to our College, in particular for our Visual Art, Interior Design and Fashion and Engineering students.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Brad Hampson (Head of Engineering) and Mrs Patrice Cutlack (Head of Arts) for all their input into the planning of these new buildings.

Our guests were most impressed with the facilities and all they offer to our students.

Primary District Athletics Champions

Last Friday we were declared Primary District Champions for Athletics. Our team performed incredibly well. I would like to especially acknowledge Lainey Grieve, Cassidy Ferris who achieved Age Champions and Laura Vobr who was a close runner up.

Congratulations to all of the students involved and particularly Mrs Wendy Stott and the PE team for their leadership, after hours training and enthusiasm that help these students do so well.

See our Sports News for more information and photos.

Secondary District Athletics Achievements

We should be extremely proud of the efforts of our athletes at this week’s district athletics. GCCC continues to increase its competitiveness each year with our larger neighbouring schools and we are closing the gap fast. We came 11th in 2012, 9th in 2013 and 7th in 2014. We had some fantastic individual and relay team efforts as well as possible age champions that are as yet unannounced.

We were also awarded the District Athletics Team Spirit trophy. Teachers and coaches from all schools present at district athletics nominate the recipient of this award based on enthusiasm, determination, improvement, encouragement of team mates and willingness to help out on the day.

Queensland Junior Culinary Challenge Champions

Following on from their success at the regionals a few weeks ago our Year 10 students, Lani Kombanie and Michaela Lal, went on to compete in the state competition of the Junior Culinary Challenge which was held at the EKKA on Saturday 16 August. Competing against 12 other regional champion school teams our girls finished third in the competition. Both Lani and Michaela received 175 dollars each and a further 150 dollars was won for GCCC.

Congratulations Lani and Michaela on your magnificent effort and also to Mrs Julie Peters for your help and support to the students. I would also like to especially thank our wonderful mentor chef and GCCC parent Scott Coulson who works at The Long Apron Restaurant in Maleny as a Commis Chef.

Bookweek

Reading is integral to your child’s academic success at school and the more your child reads the more automatic their reading skills become. It is difficult for a student to understand the meaning of the text when he/she is struggling to recognise the individual words in a textbook. To put it simply, children must learn to read before they can read to learn.

Some of the benefits of becoming good readers include improved spelling and writing ability, gaining knowledge, opening up our imagination and broadening our minds.

This week was Book Week where our attention turns to everything literary. There have been lunchtime activities, riddle challenges, quizzes on assembly and the Book Fair. As I write this article the Dress Up Parade, which is one of the great events of the year, has not yet occurred so we will have to wait for next newsletter to see the great creations our students and staff came up with this year.

Senior School Blazers and Formal Hats

Next year all Senior School (Year 10-12) students will be required to purchase a College blazer and a College formal hat. The students have already been measured up for their blazers and orders have been placed so they will be arriving in the next few months. Like most other independent schools the blazer will be required as winter wear with the formal uniform in terms 2 and 3 instead of the College jumper.
The bucket hat that the students have been wearing will not be suitable attire with the blazer and so the College formal hat will also be compulsory during the winter months with the blazer.

Not only is the College blazer a very smart looking complement to the uniform but we are envisaging that in years to come it will signify a ‘rite of passage’ from Middle School to Senior School and a symbol of what our younger students can aspire to.

Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover!

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition.

The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Even if we don’t take out top prize we have the chance to win a $10,000 as part of the People’s Choice award.

Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 18 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

If you are leaving GCCC at the end of 2014

If you are leaving the College in 2014 please remember that we require one full term’s notice as stipulated in your enrolment contract otherwise you will be charged one term’s fees in lieu of that notice. As you can appreciate our 2015 staffing plans, timetabling and budget hinge on knowing what our accurate student figures are going to be. This is why we must know by the end of this term.

If there is a significant possibility you may be relocating for work purposes but this can’t be confirmed as yet please let Sonya Bowden our Registrar know as soon as you can and this will be counted as notice should the relocation come to fruition.

Shine-A celebration of the Arts (August 22 Tonight!)

Tonight is our annual Celebration of the Arts at GCCC known as Shine. Come along for awesome entertainment, great food and drink and a fantastic atmosphere! Shine is always a great night showcasing the dance, musical, dramatic and artistic talents of our Prep to Year 12 students. Everyone is very welcome to attend and I hope to see you there.

Click here for more info.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Message from the Registrar

Updating Family Details

As part of our duty of care it is important that the College be notified when changes occur in family details. This process has changed slightly and we ask you to make yourselves aware of this process for future use.

An email to the registrar is required for all changes pertaining to College families. These may include residential/postal address changes, marital status, student medical details, phone numbers and emails. Please email these changes together with the student’s name and class to registrar@gccc.qld.edu.au.

Alternatively you can make these changes in person via our Main Administration where you can fill in a Change of Details form and this can be signed to validate the changes.

No longer will you be able to phone through changes. Due to privacy laws we must be able to identify that the correct person is making the changes. This is why we must receive written notification of changes. If you would like to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Sonya Bowden on 5439 0033.

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 (no Wednesdays). Thank you to everyone that 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 1300 361 769 or contact them via the website. Tuckshop online needs to be done by 9.00am on Tuckshop days.

Years 7 to 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 enquiries is 5436 5654.

Cathy Boyer, Tuckshop Convenor

Lauren Bottrill

Welcome to the World Benjamin Ian Putzier

Lynette Putzier would love you all to meet Benjamin Ian Putzier, born on Tuesday 19 August. He weighs 2.8kg and he is 48 cm long. Lynette and Benjamin are doing well.
In Cheryl’s absence, it gives me great pleasure to share with you, some of the ‘wonderful happenings’ in the Primary School over the past fortnight. Our students have been involved in many interesting and exciting activities and they have also had the opportunity to compete in a range of sporting activities.

On Friday 8 August, the Year Two students spent the day at the Australian Zoo. This is what they had to say about their awesome day out!

**“CRIKEY!”**

*Year 2 students went on an awesome excursion to Australia Zoo. We had the opportunity to pat all sorts of amazing Australian animals. We had a great time exploring the zoo in our small groups and choosing an animal to write a report on. We also had the chance to get up close and personal with a snake and learn about the lifecycle of some animals helping us with Science study on ‘Growing and Changing’. We even found out more about the history of the zoo and this linked with our History unit.*

*For the first time in a long time it did not rain!!! Thanks to all our amazing parents who helped out on the day, we couldn’t have done this trip without you!”*

We are so grateful to all the parents who so willingly volunteer in so many ways in the Primary School -a big ‘thank you’ to you all.

The Bike On! Leadership Day was another wonderful opportunity for Year Six students to work on team building and leadership qualities and skills, which is very much part of the Year Six programme. The students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun outdoor activities, with the aim of inspiring and challenging teamwork and leadership. The students were split into 3 teams and they completed a rotation of activities that included an introduction into Mountain Biking, a Mini-Rogaine Team challenge (on foot) and an introduction into Unicycling.

All of the Year 6 students wrote to me, sharing their experiences on the day.

This is what Maddie had to say:

**My Rad Excursion!**


*Tuesday 12 August saw Year 6 students bubbling with excitement as they headed off on a rad excursion. As part of our Year Six leadership activities we went by bus to the Ewen Maddock Dam to take part in the Bike On! program. To participate in the excursion, students were required to be fit and willing to join in all the activities. The two Year 6 classes were divided into three groups and rotated around three activities.*

*During the day, all participating Year 6 kids had fun with three activities. My group started off with mountain biking where we were provided with a bike and helmet each and after a quick lesson on how to ride one, we were off! As we headed around dirt, sand and gravel trails, we learnt how to handle both steep ascents and descents by using gears and using a couple of other handy techniques. It was also a great activity to gain confidence. It was a great feeling to know that you had tried your best, and getting to the top of a big hill. One student had never ridden a bike before, but still came along and quickly latched on to the concept of bike riding and got right into it! That was a great feeling of empowerment. Next up was unicycling!*  

*After we had discussed our first activity with our friends during morning tea, my group began unicycling. It was extremely hard to start with, but after half an hour of giving it our best shot, we were beginning to grasp it. As instructor Andy said, “It usually takes about 8-10 hours to learn how to unicycle, but you guys won’t have that long.” Threaded through the trees was a trusty orange rope that was always there to hold onto, so we eventually got to the point where we were gaining balance and bursting to try without the rope. With the advice and encouragement of pro unicycle rider and instructor Andy, some of us did pretty well! We learnt that unicycling involved core muscles, balance, confidence, teamwork, strength, to not complain when we fell off, physical ability and most of all the attitude of NEVER GIVE UP! Half way through the session we stopped to watch Andy show us some cool tricks and tell us a bit about the history of unicycles. I am sure most of us went home, wanting to buy a unicycle!*  

*Our last activity was orienteering and team building. My group split into a boy team and a girl team and went head to head in five challenges. We started by electing someone in our team to be the leader for that round, and using a*
map of the grounds, they had to navigate us to a spot (A, B, C, D, E) where the captain would read out the challenge there and the boys and girls would face off for one point for their team. The challenges required confidence, bravery, cooperation, organisation and lots and lots of teamwork. It was very close at the end with the girls just winning. We had a great time and really did build a strong relationship with our team. It was a great activity to end with.

Overall, it was a brilliant day full of everything fun and we had a great time. The Bike On! staff were really friendly and really added to the supportive atmosphere and it was great to have them there. Thank you Mr Rogers for organising the day! We had fun, but most of all we developed better leadership skills and even better teamwork, and that is what really matters!

Written by Maddie

These experiences are invaluable in learning about ourselves, working together as a team and developing skills that support us throughout our lives and it was great to read how much the Year Six students enjoyed this experience.

For more photos see the GCCC Website.

Included in the hive of learning and activity this past fortnight, Prep students enjoyed a delightful puppet show, Year Four students were enthralled when Misty and Rob arranged a time to come and present their amazing collection of reptiles and wildlife and then there was the explosive Science Show put on by Mr Fenton Doolan, Head of Science and his Year 11 and Year 12 team to launch us into Science Week. There were hydrogen explosions, elephant tooth paste cascades as a result of chemical reactions, and surface tension experiments that were unbelievable.

Kitchen Garden News

What a blessing to receive the beautiful rain last weekend; the garden has certainly enjoyed it and is growing great guns.

All of the classes have now planted their broad bean seedlings into the garden beds so that they can continue to observe the lifecycle of a seed. Green thumbs have been kept busy harvesting lots of broccoli, cauliflower, eggplant and planting seedlings of corn, beetroot and lots of beans and peas into the beds.

In week 4 our Year 2 chef’s made their own gnocchi with smashed up broad bean pesto using potatoes and broad beans harvested from the garden. The Year 1s and 2W enjoyed some nice warm broccoli and bacon soup in week 5, which was very much appreciated on a cool windy morning.

“LAST TREE IN THE CITY” – Puppet Show for Prep from Arts Link

On Friday 15 August 2014, Prep went to see the story of “The Last Tree in the City” come to life through the eyes of a puppet. Arts Link came along with all their sets in tow and presented Peter Carnavas’ lovely story of a little boy who brings greenery back to a dull, leafless city. With clever scenery, animation and little narration by the puppeteers, the children were moved through different emotions as the story unfolded. The tale from a book of the same name, tells of a little boy in an urban landscape and how the loss of a special tree impacted him. His passion for the tree inspires others, so he becomes as instrument of change to re-introduce greenery to the city once more. One little Prep girl commented, “I even had a tear when they cut down the tree.” The children enjoyed how the little boy character could ride a tricycle, climb a tree and sleep in a bed. It was a very heart-warming story which kept many of the children enthralled.

For more photos see the GCCC Website.

Our 9 to 11 year olds also had the opportunity to participate in the Primary Athletics Carnival where everyone had a chance to run, jump, throw and support team members. The students demonstrated excellence in their events and great sportsmanship as they encouraged one another. Many records were broken on the day and this was acknowledged and celebrated at the end of the carnival.

A wonderful day was had by all!

Athletics photos can be found under our Sports News.

With two full weeks behind us, we are now enjoying the excitement of Book Week, the Book Parade and the Book Fair. As we ‘Connect to Reading’ please take the opportunity, especially this week, to read with your children, have a story night, tell them about the stories that you read when you were young and share the wonder of books and stories as a family. We will have lots of photos in the next newsletter of the Book Parade.

“Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home.” Anna Quindlen, How Reading Changed My Life.

Gail Mitchell, Deputy Head of Primary

Spring is just around the corner so we will be planting corn, melon, zucchini and squash seeds in the next week to plant for a summer harvest along with lettuce and spring onions.

We would like to thank Woolworths in Beerwah for donating lots of Jamie Oliver sticker books and over 6000 stickers to the Kitchen Garden. These are being handed out to Year 1 and 2 students to complete over the next few months…..6000 stickers will certainly keep us busy!

Until next fortnight,
Happy gardening & cooking!

Mandy Ward

Photos on the GCCC Website.
Primary Performing Arts
It's been a big performance fortnight in the Primary Performing Arts. Year 3 Smart Strings held an Open Rehearsal allowing parents the opportunity to witness their child's weekly violin experience. They sound better every week and are having another Open Rehearsal on Friday 29 August. All are invited to come along.

The Drama Club presented a story from Luke 8:5-8 at both Prep to Year 2 and Year 3 to Year 6 assemblies. The costuming was very inventive.

And finally our Little Voices sang “Watermelon” at the Year 3 to Year 6 Assembly this week. They are always a crowd pleaser.

Watch this space for highlights of our upcoming performances over the rest of this Term, especially the debut appearance of all of our groups at SHINE on the Arts this Friday night. We look forward to seeing you there.

Penny White

Introducing Mrs Leath Ramsay – Year 5 Teacher
My name is Leath Ramsay and I am delighted to be teaching 5M.

I have taught in many schools both here in Australia and overseas, including Immanuel Lutheran College, The British School of Tokyo and Hertford College, Oxford.

I am passionate about serving God, education, travel, health and my family. My husband and I have been married for 8 years and have been blessed with three beautiful children.

We love going to church and the beach, reading and having fun outdoors together.

More photos of Primary Performing Arts on the GCCC Website.

Privileged
Our French teacher, Mrs Gordon, mentioned to me that recently she went to a meeting with several state school teachers; she came away from that with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the amazing array of opportunities our students have at Glasshouse. I was reminded of this when I attended the dance excursion last Friday night. Do our students realise how blessed they are? Perhaps many don’t. And, perhaps this is something we should endeavour to ‘educate’ them about.

Study Skills Seminars
This week, all our Middle School Students attended seminars from a company called ‘Elevate’ on Study Skills. We hope in Term 4 to have a Parent Info Seminar on helping your child Study. Watch this space. You can find more info about this company and what they have to offer on this link. Your child should have a login to access more info from this site.

Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences
We are looking forward to seeing you all either next Tuesday or Wednesday night. Your children have spent many hours preparing their conference scripts and organising their work to show you. More importantly, the conversations that we will all be having celebrating their journey so far; recognising the struggles; and, then discussing ways forward. The booking info was emailed to all parents this week.

iPads
An email regarding games on iPads was emailed to Middle School parents last week: Here is a shortened version of this email:

iPads are primarily a school device, not unlike a textbook in terms of use and application, although obviously a lot more versatile. Our school uses the Responsible Use approach where we believe it is important in training a child for adulthood that they are taught how to use it respectfully such as having alerts on silent in a class and putting it aside when not needed for class work. When a student misuses their iPad, just like any other misdemeanour, a consequence is given. As a part of this approach we have, up to this point, allowed students, with parental approval, to access other apps besides the required ones set in our booklist.

Over the last term and few weeks, teachers have found it very difficult to monitor students who are not using their iPads appropriately, mainly due to the distraction of games. Feedback has also been received from concerned parents regarding this. To support families and to allow our teachers to do their job and for students to learn without distraction it has been decided that the school iPads must not be used for gaming.

Their may be some apps used in classes that have a game component, however, these will be clarified to classes of students where it is applicable and there will be no demerits or consequences issued in these cases.

There has been another issue in regards to students removing a component on their iPad called a ‘Profile’ this enables the school
to ensure that we are giving your child a device that does not allow access to M-rated material and that while onsite, the internet is filtered. Students who have been found to have removed these – have had to serve an After School Detention.

I have appreciated your support as parents in response to these issues. Please do contact the Year Level Coordinator or myself if you wish to discuss this or any other related issues further.

**Middle School Experience Morning**

For all ‘New to Year 7 in 2015’ (both existing GCCC Year 6 students and new to our school), there will be an information and ‘Experience’ morning on Friday the 17 October from 8.45am – 10.30am. It will begin with a parent and student Info session in the church, followed by morning tea for the parents and three sessions for the students.

**Year 9 Celebration Dinner**

As a new class of Year 7s comes up, our Year 9 Middle School students are nearing the end of this part of their schooling journey.

At GCCC we celebrate the passing of this milestone with a formal or celebratory dinner. Note: in the past, Year 10 was celebrated with a Dinner Dance, this tradition will be replaced with only the Year 9 Celebration Dinner in 2015 that aligns our celebrations with our ‘schools’. It will be a semi-formal occasion where parents of the students are also invited to share in this celebration and a meal consisting of a 2 Course Roast dinner buffet-style meal. The dress code for this dinner is ‘Smart Casual’. (All too often too high an expectation is made for this sort of event. We encourage the young ladies to wear a dress such as they would wear to a casual party, or family and friends special dinner and the boys to wear button-up shirts, smart long pants or jeans with covered shoes.) As well, Year 9’s will be congratulated with a certificate at our Middle and Senior Awards Night.

**Important Middle School Dates**

- 22 August (Friday evening) – *Shine Arts Evening*
- 4/5 September – *Yr 9 Girls’ and Boys’ Retreat*
- 12 September (Friday) – *Yr 8 Walk to Water all day Excursion*
- 8 October (Wednesday) – *Messy Games (afternoon)*
- 14 October (Tuesday Evening) – *Year 10 Work Experience Info Evening*
- 29 October (Wednesday) – *Yr 9 Explore Uni Day*
- 4 November (Tuesday Evening) - *Middle and Senior Awards Night*
- 4 December – *Year 9 Celebration Dinner (Aussie World during the day)*

*Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School*

**Introducing Renee Bell**

Hello, my name is Renee Bell. I am the newest Teaching Assistant for Middle School. I am currently studying to become an English, Visual Art and History Teacher. This year I moved from Brisbane to the beautiful Sunshine Coast and got married to my best friend, now husband.

In our spare time, my husband and I run the youth and children’s ministry at our church. I am passionate about seeing young people from all walks of life transformed as they recognise the great plans God has for them. I like to relax with a Latte, a good read and quality companionship. I love the adventure of life and I am excited to begin this chapter as a part of the GCCC community.

*Renee Bell*

**Sunshine Orienteers – Mountain Bike Orienteering**

Sunshine Orienteers are running their last Mountain Bike Orienteering event for the year on 31 August, in the Beerburrum State Forest. This is a sport that is both physically and mentally challenging as it requires the rider to interpret a topographical map while riding a bike. It can help children develop skills such as: spatial awareness, critical thinking, problem solving and time management to name a few. It is a brilliant pre cursor to the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

**Mountain Bike Orienteering Event – 31 August.**

In a forest, on your bike, with a map, searching for targets. A work out for your legs and your brain. Great family fun.

A 6km recreational course is on offer. $15 per adult and accompanying children free. Instruction provided. Enter by 27/8/14.

Other courses from 6km to 36km.

Beerburrum State Forest.


Phone Deb 0439979260
State Junior Culinary Challenge

Well what a great day at the EKKA!
Lani Kombanie and Michaela Lal competed against 12 other schools who won in their region a few weeks ago. These girls have worked very hard over the last few months to get to this level with the assistance of Scott Coulson, Chef mentor. On the day they were the first group on stage at the Ekka, all a bit nervous, but they did a great job producing two meals in 1 ½ hours. They were awarded THIRD in the State, which was a wonderful achievement! They both were awarded a trophy and prize money for all their hard work.

The school was awarded $150 for kitchen equipment.

Great Effort!!

Julie Peters, Head of Hospitality

Year 11 Business – Australia Zoo Excursion

As a part of their assignment this term, the Year 11 Business Management class were required to go on an excursion to Australia Zoo. During the day, the students took part in a marketing seminar to study the zoo’s marketing and management strategies. Students then spent the rest of the day exploring the zoo taking notes and asking the employees about the zoo.

Chris Gibson, Year 11

For more photos see the GCCC Website.

Education Perfect Mathematics Championships

Results of the Education Perfect Mathematics Championships held from 28 July to 7 August

Congratulations to all secondary Maths students who participated in the recent Mathematics competition run by Education Perfect. There were over 60,000 questions answered and GCCC placed 2nd in Queensland out of 12 schools of similar size. The following achievements are worthy of praise.

• 16th overall globally (out of 806 schools)
• 11th overall in Australia (out of 586 schools)
• 4th overall in the 501-1000 students category (out of 144 schools)
• 7th overall in QLD (out of 105 schools)
• 4th in Australia for the 501-1000 students category (out of 116 schools)

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Gold Award Jesse Woods Silver Award Daniel Greasley
Gold Award Nathan Schafer Silver Award Sarah Mens
Gold Award Vanita Mens
Gold Award Casey Woods

Bronze Award Larissa Stead Credit Award Zane Williams
Bronze Award Shaelee Burton Credit Award Joshua Coumi
Bronze Award Thayne Anderson Credit Award Kacey Dickens
Bronze Award Georgia Chapman Credit Award Joseph Oxenham
Bronze Award Jake Sandes Credit Award Emily Logar 550
Bronze Award Alex Harwood Credit Award Josh Bull 510
Bronze Award Olivia Logar Credit Award Sophie Kossen 502

Well done to Daniel Greasley for winning an iPod Shuffle 2GB (complements of Education Perfect) in the draw that took place immediately after the competition.

Once again, an excellent effort from everyone and congratulations to the award recipients.

Mr Gary Havenga, Head of Maths

Learning Connections – Helping Children Achieve – Open Saturdays

Due to popular demand! Learning Connections is now open Saturdays for First Assessment appointments!
Please contact Learning Connections to book now!
Phone: 07 3369 1011
For more info please visit www.learningconnections.com.au.
The Science Spot

Combined Chemistry/Science 21 Excursion to Coochin Creek

On Wednesday 13 August the Year 11 Chemistry students undertook the annual trip down to Coochin Creek to analyse the water quality. Joining the Chemistry students for the first time were the Science 21 students. The students performed various tests to determine quantities such as dissolved oxygen, biological oxygen demand, salinity, pH, conductivity, water hardness and water temperature. The purpose of the excursion was to collect as much information as possible to determine the present quality of the water in Coochin Creek and to compare this data to data collected by the Caboolture Shire Council back in 2001.

The students also collected water samples at different sites along the river which were analysed by the Analytical Chemistry Department at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The University tested our samples for levels of phosphates, nitrates, nitrites, ammonia, thermo-tolerant coliforms and E.Coli. The final component of the Extended Experimental Investigation (EEI) required the Chemistry students to design experiments to simulate the possible effects if a fertilizer manufacturing plant was allowed to be built on the banks of Coochin Creek. The Science 21 students also used the collected data for their EEI. Both EEI’s require students to analyse their collected data to answer real life questions concerning the importance of maintaining good water quality in their local catchment area.

Mr Fenton Doolan, HOD Science

For more photos see the GCCC Website.

Future Pathways

The Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre (SCTTC) will hold its information night on 27 August 2014, beginning at 6.30pm. Students wanting to pursue trade based careers in Engineering and Construction are encouraged to attend this evening.

Its important to remember that whilst you have 6 preferences on your QTAC application, you are not obliged to fill all six in.

A good guide is the first two preferences should be the student’s ‘IDEALISTIC’ courses, the next two the ‘REALISTIC’ courses and the last two being the ‘FOOT IN THE DOOR’ courses. An example of a Foot in the Door course would be completing at least the first year of a Diploma in Business, then being awarded a RANK and subsequently applying for a Bachelor of Business in 2016.

Interstate applications are NOT processed through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). Apply online for NSW at www.uac.edu.au; Victoria at www.vtac.edu.au; South Australia at www.satac.edu.au and Western Australia at www.tisc.edu.au.

Often students at the end of Year 12 do not feel they have the skills and knowledge to succeed in undergraduate studies, as do many adults. However, if there is still the desire to still pursue University studies, there is a pathway that makes this possible.

The Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) is offered through the University of the Sunshine Coast as one way to bridge that gap. It is a free course to domestic students. Students must be 17 years of age and further information on the application process is available at www.usc.edu.au/tpp. The USC offers a TPP Educational Access Grant to eligible students, to reimburse the cost of the QTAC application fee.

Mature age entry into the TPP is often the starting point for many adults who then go on and successfully complete Tertiary Studies. Aside from the USC Sippy Downs site, one can study some of the TPP courses at other USC campuses such as Caboolture and North Lakes. Subjects that can be studied in the TPP include: TPP101 Academic Skills for Success, TPP102 Computer Literacy, TPP111 Business Study Skills.

Year 10 students are currently completing their SET PLAN interviews with Mr Heyworth and Mr Nash. At times the question arises regarding enrolling in Distance Education Subjects and programs at other schools.

The following advice has been received from the Brisbane School of Distance Education: Students may study a maximum of 2 subjects at BSDE; students studying a subject at BSDE should drop a subject at their base school. Further information can be obtained from the BSDE’s website at www.brisbanesde.eq.edu.au. Students contemplating doing Distance Education should raise this option in their SET PLAN interviews and the reasons behind their decision.

Once again, as with the subjects offered through BSDE, it is advisable to discuss these options with Mr Heyworth, Head of Senior Studies and or Mr Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator. Costs of these courses, and the impact they may have on the student’s school program at Glasshouse Country Christian College, need to be assessed.

TAFE Brisbane and TAFE East Coast handbooks for 2015 are both out, as are Expression of Interest Forms for the Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre. These are available at the Future Pathways Office.
Year 12s: Scholarship Information from The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust for Year 12 Leavers. Applications for 2015 open in August 2014 and close on 31 October 2014.

The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a national independent charity administering tertiary scholarships for children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women. Visit the website address at www.avcat.org.au for further information.

Students in Year 10 in their Pastoral Care lessons are at present doing resume and cover letter preparation, for the Mock interviews to be held on 15 October. I would encourage parents to go to the Future Pathways section on GCCC Connect (http://connect.gccc.qld.edu.au/) and access the templates on resume and cover letter writing. Ensure your child is working on both at this time.

Finally a reminder of the dates of upcoming events:

• 23 August, 10.00am-2pm, Christian Heritage College OPEN DAY
• 27 August -Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre, for those interested in enrolling for 2015. Information night
• Saturday 30 August- Adult Tertiary Entry Expo (ATEE) at Brisbane Convention Centre. Entry is free.
• 25-31 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/

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator

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

GCCC gets “Connected to Reading” for Book Week 2014

Across time, people have loved a great story and enjoyed retelling and sharing stories with others. Stories are treasured and celebrated through the ages as a way of sharing culture, creativity and truth. Book Week is held annually each August in Australia, to celebrate the wonderful talent of our Australian authors and illustrators. With the “Connect to Reading” theme celebrating Book Week this year, students across Prep to Year 12 were encouraged to connect with books on page and screen to promote a lifelong love of reading. Primary students enjoyed a wide range of Book Week activities, including judging the shortlisted titles, making bookmarks, enjoying mystery reader visits, celebrating Geronimo Stilton’s birthday and taking part in our annual Book Week parade. In the lead up to Book Week many students took part in our competitions. We were amazed at the creative entries for our Connect to Lego competition and impressed with the Connect with Colour competition. Students in Years 3 to 6 were stumped with our Connect 4 Challenge, where mystery readers shared what or who hooked them into reading and many students took part in our Chain Reaction genre activity. Stay tuned for a full list of Book Week winners in the next newsletter.

Secondary students had the opportunity to reflect on how they connect to reading and were also invited to participate in a number of competitions. Riddles, rhymes and chases kept students hopping during lunch breaks with the launch of our first Book Week Riddle Chase. Mrs Morris and Miss Gook stretched their imaginations and the use of the English language to come up with some extra clever clues to test our students’ creative and critical thinking skills. Here is a clue for you…where would you go and what would be your answer to this?

“Notes on a page with lines you’ll find – easy to see into the composer’s mind. The question’s a feat, with rhythm and beat – but first you must sing out a tune! From book to film, and a great stage show – this is the longest word you’d ever know!”

Many great stories have become the inspiration for movie classics and this became the focus for the Year 7 and 8 “Page to Screen” competition held during Middle School Assembly. From quirky questions about Roald Dahl’s favourites through to the inspiration of Shakespeare and C.S.Lewis, students had to quickly out-think each other to deliver answers in record time. Movie and book titles, characters and happenings came to life in a quiz about all things literary.

Our annual Book Fair kept everyone enthralled with a wide variety of titles and treasures to purchase. Thank you to the many families who visited the Book Fair and purchased items at the Library or online. Your support and contribution to our sales added to the commission we received to purchase more resources for the Library. Such a worthy cause! Finally, a very special thank you to the Library team and the following parent helpers who made Book Week and Book Fair such a success: Kelly Yeo, Kristina Bullard, James, Keesha Tait, Karen Myers and Britt Holley.

Please enjoy the photo gallery on the website. Book Parade photos will be in the next newsletter.

See you in the Library,

Vanessa McKellar and Beryl Morris

Primary and Secondary Teacher Librarians
# Sport News

## Secondary Athletics Carnival

This year’s Secondary Athletics Carnival was an extremely close competition between houses. A good showing of Sinai, Ararat and Zion athletes turned up for all events ensuring maximum participation points.

For the first time this year our carnival was held at Skippy Park. This change proved a success with the venue providing an excellent spectacle for onlookers and superb track and field event facilities. The competition was hard fought, and the lead between houses changed regularly. Student participation was extremely high as all present took part in the majority of events.

Congratulations to the following students who managed to break many long-standing records...

**High Jump:** Calista Theron

**Discus:** James Proud

**Shot Put:** Andrea Little, Ella Mickelson, Amalee McClellan

**100m:** Ella Mickelson, Andrea Little, Cameron Shervey, Joshua Pederson,

**400m:** Cameron Shervey, Jacqueline Roach, and Natasha Hoeksema

Congratulations to all age champions. These athletes have competed to a high standard across many track and field events to win this prestigious award.

All age champions will be celebrated at this year’s sports awards evening.

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The final house points for Secondary Athletics were once again very close.

Well-done to Ararat for taking back the shield from Zion this year.

**Ararat – 1955**

**Sinai – 1883**

**Zion – 1806**

Matt Beattie

More photos on the [GCCC Website](#).

## Damian Represents Sunshine Coast in Rugby League

Eleven Year old Damian Tomokino was selected in the Sunshine Coast 11 year Rugby League team to play at the Queensland Primary Schools State Championships held in Wymnum at the beginning of Term 3. The team had trained together for a couple of months and were keen to do well at this carnival.

The boys played one game each day for five days in a round robin format. Sunshine Coast won three games, drew one and lost one and ended up in the third vs fourth play off after just missing out on the final as Gold Coast had a better points differential. Sunshine Coast played Met West to determine third place and the Coast team absolutely dominated the opposition to win 30 – 0. This meant Sunshine Coast finished third overall which was a fantastic result.

Damian was tireless in tackling and stopped many dangerous runs by the opposition. He also delivered quality ball to wide players often contributing to try scoring opportunities. He started all games and played very maturely in the second row.

Damian made some great friends and is keen to play with this group of players again next year should he be selected in the 12 year team.

## Netball – Vicki Wilson Competition

A couple of weeks ago our Under 15 and Open Ladies Netball teams competed in the Vicki Wilson Competition at Maroochydore on Fishermans Road. This event is a very elite and highly talented competition, especially on the Sunshine Coast. We were excited to be a part of this competition, as we knew it would improve our skills enormously and be a great learning experience.

The girls were up against some tough competition, versing schools like Grammar and Matthew Flinders, which specialise in Netball. Unfortunately both our teams lost the majority of their games throughout the day. I think the girls were shocked at the incredible level of the talent in the competition! Despite our losses, both teams learnt a lot and most importantly had fun playing a sport that they love.

I was so impressed with the girls. It is a privilege to work alongside our students. Not only do they exhibit exceptional behaviour, but they also displayed an impressive attitude and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the whole day.

Next year we will be more aware of the expectations of the Vicki Wilson Competition and hopefully go out stronger and get a few wins!

Well-done girls, and again another huge thank you to Deb Gisler for your help leading up to and on the day.

**Annaliiese Bullock**
B Soccer Winners on Count Back

The disappointment of narrowly missing victory in the Year 6 and 7 Interschool B Soccer Competition was wiped away when the B Soccer team were informed that they had in fact won the Glasshouse District B competition with Maleny State School. A recount of scores during the holidays saw the team finish equal first with Maleny having only lost one game each.

The team was presented the trophy this week at College and was a fitting result for some fantastic games played and commitment shown by the team. The team was Dominic Ruhl, Zac Hall, Mackenzie Still, Aiden McKellar, Adam Smerdon, Connor, Aiden Myers, Noah Woolston, Julian Munyard and Connor Anderson.

Primary Athletes District Champions!

After two exciting days of competition our Primary District Athletics team were announced District Champions for 2014!! Every member of the team contributed to this win and we are very proud of them all. The weather threatened rain but almost all events were contested in fine weather, much to the relief of athletes and spectators.

The team got off to a great start on day one with the 800m runs. Amity Roser led from start to finish winning her 10 Year race but Emily Roach was hot on her heels running a fantastic race to finish second. Declan Martin followed next and ran a well-judged race to gain a treasured victory, not letting pre-race nerves effect his run. Patrick McKenzie and Bakani Kombanie led out strongly and settled into a comfortable pace in the 12 year boys race. The lead changed several times but Bakani strode into the lead down the back straight looking very strong. He was challenged by a fast finish from a Landsborough athlete up the home straight and these boys sprinted to the finish line. Bakani was just pipped on the line and was placed second by 2cm!! Patrick ran a strong last lap to gain third place.

Lainey Greive and Cassidy Ferris were announced Age Champions and Laura Vobr was Runner up in the 11 year girls. Laura showed her class and commitment to training winning both the shotput and discus events by a considerable distance. Lainey won the 9 girls 200m, placed second in the 80m sprint and second in the long jump. Cassidy showed her all around ability winning the 100m and 200m sprints and placing second in shot put.

Jaylah Daunt also had a busy two days winning the 12 girls long jump, second in discus, third in 100m and third in the 200m. The high jump event still needs to be completed before 12 year age champions are decided.

11 year old boys Noah Woolston and Damien Tomokino also had a great day winning the shot put and discus respectively. Both boys also won these events last year but are improving every year.

There were many second and third places achieved by athletes who jumped, threw and ran really well. Tara Fissenden and Amber Weatherburn finished second and third in the 12 girls shot, as did Willow Hildreth and Madeleine Roulston in the 11 girls’ high jump. 12 year old girls Sophie Trevan and Jaylah Daunt ran great 100m races to also finish second and third respectively. Julian Munyard jumped superbly in the high jump clearing 1.20 m to place second and qualify for the Regional Carnival with Jacques Theron placing third.

Our relay teams performed fantastically gaining valuable points towards the trophy. The 12 year girls ran a very convincing race leading from start to finish with Jaylah holding off the fast finishing St Michaels team. This was the third year in a row this team have won. The ten year girls also had a great run and won their relay with the 9 year boys and 11 year girls placing second.

The team would like to thank all the parents who came along to support them during the two day carnival. Your help as officials at events was also much appreciated. We had 12 students selected to represent the Glasshouse District at the Sunshine Coast Regional Athletics Championships coming up in September.

Please view the photo gallery on the website to see more photos.

Wendy Stott
Hi Everyone,

Just a couple of things coming with the P and F.

**Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 4 September**

This will be on Thursday 4 September, at the Student Undercover Area. Primary classes will have the opportunity to purchase items with their class when their teacher brings them over at the allocated time slot. Middle School and Seniors can purchase items in their breaks throughout the day. We will have items for sale from 50 cents to $5.

We are looking for helpers on the day so if you can spare some time, please email pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au your name, contact number and a time you are available. We will be starting at 8.30am and be there up until 3pm.

**Primary Disco – Friday 12 September**

We are having a “Let’s celebrate Spring” Pizza Popper dance party for Prep to Year 6 on Friday 12 September. The theme is “S” so come dressed as something starting with the letter “S” keeping in mind the college Christian ethos. There will be a prize for the best costume, so put those thinking caps on and lets get adventurous.

Prep to Year 2 will be 4.30pm to 6pm and Year 3 to Year 6 will be 6.30pm to 8pm.

Look out for more information coming out soon.

Helpers on the night would be appreciated. We need people at the entry, selling glow products, selling snacks, handing out pizza and help with general security. This is for both discos, so your help is needed. Please email pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au if you can assist for one or both discos.

Our next P and F meeting will be Tuesday 2 September, 7pm in the library. All welcome, we would love to see more people there.

_Lynelle Sim, P and F President_

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**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.
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