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**Cover photo:** Book Week Parade was a huge hit with Lego characters featuring strongly.

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**GCCC is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church**
This last fortnight saw us battling the elements with plenty of rain – good for some farms and gardens but not so good for planned events. I was very impressed with the calm and enthusiastic manner in which staff, students and parents navigated the necessary changes required for events to either run under wet circumstances or be postponed for another day.

**Book Parade**

As our last newsletter went to print the Book Parade was taking place. Congratulations everyone for once again getting into the spirit of things in such a wonderful way. I know it takes a lot of time and creativity to put these costumes together but the results are certainly worth it. It is a busy time of the year for our teachers so I was impressed with how they also went the extra mile to come up with some fantastic costumes.

It’s times like Book Parade when it becomes obvious that our teachers are a caring team of professionals committed to providing the best possible educational experience for our students.

I would like to especially thank Vanessa, Beryl and the whole library team for the endless enthusiasm and passion they have approached Book Week with. All of the activities have been very successful. Be sure to have a look at the photos (by clicking [here](#)) and see if you can spot your favourite book character.

**SHINE on the Arts Evening**

The rain did not stop our SHINE on the Arts evening from going ahead. Our students’ creative talents were literally SHINING in the rain. The displays of art, dance, drama and music were a testament to the fantastic arts programs we run here at the College and show the level of dedication of the teachers and staff.

Due to the wet weather, we had to make some very last minute changes to locations of stages and displays. However, due to the creative talents of staff and students, the end result was an environment full of sparkle and atmosphere. Please click [here](#) to see photos from the night.

**Farm Fantastic**

The following Saturday morning saw our GCCC Dance Troupes performing again but this time at the VERY wet Farm Fantastic. Thankfully, our students were undercover and were able to perform their dances before the really terrible weather set in. I would like to congratulate Stacey Whyte and the students on very polished performances in less than favourable circumstances and also thank them for all the extra time and effort they put into practices.

If you attended Farm Fantastic you may have come across our College’s stand in the QSEC Indoor Arena. I would like to sincerely thank the ladies who manned our stand in the windy and chilly conditions. Enjoy some more photos of the day on the college [website](#).

**Prep to Year 2 Athletics Carnival**

After being postponed due to weather, last Friday we were able to finally hold our Prep to Year 3 Athletics Carnival. It was a glorious sunny day filled with fun, hard work and excitement. Team colours stood out brightly and proudly and the shouts of encouragement could be heard from afar. Our parents, volunteers and P and F are such a blessing to us during these kinds of events so thank you to all of you for your wonderful support, assistance and enthusiasm. There is more information later on in the newsletter and you can click [here](#) to see the photos.

**Year 12s QCS**

This week our Year 12 students have sat their Queensland Core Skills tests. This is the time of year where are Year 12s are doing some serious thinking about their future options for next year, whether it be Uni, TAFE, apprenticeships, working or a gap year. Our prayers are with the students as they make these choices over the coming months.

The students began each day with a hearty breakfast.

**Inspiring speaker challenges Secondary students**

One of the highlights of the last fortnight was a combined Middle and Senior School chapel where Reggie Dabbs was the guest speaker. Reggie is ranked as the number one public school speaker in America by the American National Education Association but he has a strong connection with Australia and this was his 20th visit to the land of Oz.

Reggie’s mum fell pregnant with him as a teenager and ended up living in a chicken coop in Tennessee. It was here that she remembered the kind offer of a former school teacher (Mrs Dabbs) who told her students to contact her if they ever needed help. Reggie’s mum did just that and the Dabbs ended up adopting Reggie, instilling in him strong values and teaching him that he had choices to make in life.

After College, Reggie became a public speaker with a special focus on high school students. Reggie uses his humour and history to communicate important truths to his audience.
At GCCC’s chapel Reggie randomly chose a female student and asked her name. When he found out her name was Paige, Reggie spent the assembly teaching the students about the pages in his life, the ups and downs. He also told the students that they have pages in their life yet to be written and Jesus can change the pages in their life and help them make good choices.

Reggie plays the saxophone (although he hated it as a child) and uses music as part of his message, reminding students that they can never change their past but they can change their future.

**Fantastic French Students**

Once again our French students excelled themselves. This time it was in the Sunshine Coast Speech Contest held at the University of the Sunshine Coast with our own Nadine Hammill as one of the judges.

Well done to everyone involved in helping our College shine at this event. You can read the full story by clicking on this [link](#).

**Prep Fathers’ Night**

This time it was my turn to attend the Prep Fathers’ Night and find out firsthand what a lovely time is had by students and their dads. The Prep teachers did a wonderful job setting up activities, for the dads to share with their children. There was play dough, painting, singing, dancing followed by a delicious supper.

**Introducing Abe Andrews**

My name is Abraham (Abe) Andrews, and I will be team teaching with Mrs Rosenberg in 2G this semester.

I am very excited to be joining the Glasshouse Country Christian College teaching staff and teaching Year 2G.

I have taught in schools for the past eight years, and have developed a passion for helping each child reach his/her full potential within the classroom.

In my downtime you will most likely find me at the beach as I love surfing, fishing and spearfishing.

**School Banking**

Many thanks to all those families who are participating in the Commonwealth School Banking Program – we have had an overwhelming response in the Primary School and the program has proven extremely successful.

All proceeds from our School Banking Program are donated to Uthando South Africa. Uthando (Love) South Africa is a unique and innovative Non Profit and Fair Trade in Tourism accredited company. The aim of Uthando is to raise funds and other forms of assistance for community development projects in South Africa. (Please see their website for further details)

If there are any parents who would still like to register their children for the school banking program (which is now open to Primary, Middle and High School) and have not already done so, Karen (in the main reception) has the application forms. Please drop the completed form back at the main reception as they have to be signed off by the school and we will pass these on to Commonwealth Bank.

“Communicate with children, as they grow, about your values concerning money and how to save it, make it grow, and most importantly how to spend it wisely.”

Thank you for your continued support of our School Banking Program.

**Amanda Turner**

During the term Prep Maroon teachers have been asking questions about dads and there was a very funny segment called Funny Facts about Daddy where some of the answers were shared.

I hope you enjoy looking at the [photos](#) as much as I enjoyed the night.

**Volunteers’ Lunch**

I am looking forward to enjoying lunch with many of our volunteers on Monday. If you are able to attend this function and have RSVP’d that you are coming, please don’t forget that we are meeting in the church hall at 12.00 and should be finished around 2pm.

For those volunteers who cannot attend the lunch, please know that we strongly value all of your time and help in helping our students reach their full potential.

-Mike Curtis, Principal
Primary News

Book Week Activities

Week Five was such an exciting week for the Primary College. Our annual Book Week celebrations culminated once again with a fabulous Book Week Parade which is always the highlight of the week. Every year Mrs. McKellar and her wonderful team in the library coordinate a programme of activities which focus on reading and other areas of literacy throughout Book Week. But we all wait in anticipation for the “Parade” to express our love of books by dressing up in groups or as individuals according to a particular theme. The photos tell the story. Parents play an incredible part in this event and we thank you so much for entering into the spirit of Book Week by dressing your children in such fine costumes. Your support of these activities has a far reaching effect on your child’s love of reading.

Click here to see all the photos.

SHINE Evening

After the disappointment of rain which caused the cancellation of the P – Year 2 Sports Carnival, at least SHINE (our annual celebration of the Arts at GCCC) went ahead as planned. Many students from Year 1 – Year 6 had the opportunity in their performances to demonstrate their commitment to the Arts. It was a wonderful evening and the feedback from parents, grandparents and friends was heart-warming. SHINE is expanding every year as extra-curricular opportunities continue to grow. A warm thank you goes to all staff who spent so many hours making SHINE such an incredible success.

Click here to see all the photos.

P – Year 2 Sports Carnival

But, finally the day for the P – Year 2 Sports Carnival (which had been postponed) came last Friday and the oval was ablaze with colour and the sound of war cries filled the air. What a fantastic day this is every year – and 2014 was no different. After the races, the tabloid sports and team games were such fun! There were tigers, crocodiles and sharks everywhere – dress ups, tent decorations, pom poms, balloons, place ribbons and a great deal of unbridled excitement! Once again the incredible level of staff and parent support and encouragement made this day a real joy.

Please click here to see more photos.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 25 – 29 August 2014

There is an excellent online article called ‘Three ways to help your child’s learning at home. Due to copyright legislation, we can’t reproduce the article here but you can read it in full by clicking on the following link: Three ways to help your child’s learning at home. The article covers topics such as how to talk and interact with your child more, helping your child extend their language capabilities and how to make the most of readily available reading materials.

Changes to Parent/Teacher Interviews for Term 3 - Year 3 – 6 Only

At GCCC we report to parents 4 times a year. In Term 2 and Term 4 we have the formal written report but in the other two terms (Term 1 and Term 3) we believe that a face to face interview has great value and can also provide a forum for a two way dialogue rather than a one way written report.

In view of this, at the end of Term 3 we are introducing an exciting new dimension to the Parent/Teacher interviews for families in Years 3-6. From now on, students themselves will lead the discussion and will explain some of the work they have been doing and let parents know how they feel they are progressing in their “Learning Journey”. This student involvement will create what is called “Student Led Conferences” which will provide a context for the student to actively participate in the feedback to parents and at the end, teachers parents and students together will be able to work to set some realistic goals for the end of the following semester.

The rationale for our decision to change the Year 3 – 6 interviews to Student Led Conferences is based on good research. We believe that involving the students in every aspect of their learning will help them take ownership and support what teachers are doing in the classrooms every day to make learning more visible and intentional.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS AT THIS STAGE FOR PREP – YEAR 2 WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR TERM 3

Legacy Cup Term 3 – Spelling Bee (Prep – Year 6)

The House competition for Legacy Cup for Term 3 will be a Spelling Bee. More information will come out this week to explain your child’s involvement in this activity. Legacy Cup House competitions focus on more academic, creative arts and community based activities to give all students an opportunity to shine.

Class Lists for 2015

In Term 4 we will be starting the process of preparing the class lists for 2015. As you know our school position is that teachers prepare these lists after extensive meetings where they discuss a number of criteria for each student which includes academic progress, friendships, social and emotional aspects and general behaviour. These discussions are held on a professional level and our aim is
always to place students in a class environment where they will have every opportunity to thrive.

Please let us know if there is some family information or social issues from this year or a previous year which you feel would be helpful for our staff to keep in mind as we prepare these class lists. These can be emailed to admin@gccc.qld.edu.au or written on a piece of paper, inserted into an envelope, addressed to Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary and handed in to Admin. Please note that the deadline to receive these emailed or written notifications is Friday 19 September which is the last day of Term 3.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Kitchen Garden News

Spring has arrived and that means lots of work in KG. Classes have been kept busy harvesting the last of our brassicas; broccoli, cauliflower and cabbages. These have been removed from the beds to make room for our spring plantings of corn, cucumber, zucchini and squash.

Master chef’s made orange and poppy seed muffins which were devoured in no time and had many wanting seconds. It is a super easy one bowl recipe which can be found on the website www.gccckitchengarden.com.au

Some groups were extra lucky and got the fun job of adding horse manure to the compost bins...the other groups didn’t fight them for that job! The Year 1 classes planted lots of sunflower seeds into punnets which will be transplanted into the beds for a sunny yellow display in summer.

Year 5 Band Program

This term our Year 5 students have all come together in Week 3 and 6 to rehearse as a full band. This is an excellent opportunity for collaborative learning as they begin to listen and create music as a large group. Our tutors are on hand to assist and our goal is to produce an end of year concert for our Year 5 families that we can all be proud of.

Week 7 and 8 see the students back in their instrument groups with their tutors before coming together again for band in Week 9. These instrumental lessons continue to be every Tuesday between 8.50am – 9.50am for the rest of the year, and students MUST bring their instrument, music book and practice journal every week. Students receive a 30 minute music theory lesson and a 30 minute instrumental instruction with their tutor. Band is a full hour rehearsal.

To make the most of this opportunity, we encourage students to do regular practise on their instrument. We understand that students and families have many commitments out of school hours, however, if possible we would like them to find 50 minutes over the course of the week (in small or larger blocks to suit the family timetable). With practice comes confidence and enthusiasm.

We thank you for your assistance in making music happen each week for your child. If you have any questions at all regarding any aspect of the program, please feel free to contact us at music@gccc.qld.edu.au.

Penny White

Rainforest Rangers

The Year 3 classes went on an excursion to Mary Cairncross Park last week as part of our Geography investigation on Rainforests.

This experience has been a wonderful highlight of our year thus far and we are so thankful to have had some parents join us in learning about God’s creation.

We had some wonderful guides to give us a tour of the rainforest and highlighted some amazing facts for us. We learnt about trap door spiders, bats, pademelons and the different layers of the rainforest.

We are all buzzing with ideas on how we can conserve the rainforest and will make informative iMovies to showcase our learning. We are so passionate about the environment we just have to get the word out!

Kate Noke

Classes also got to go on a seed hunting expedition through the school grounds. We searched high and low and were amazed at how many different types of seeds we found in such a short time.

Until next fortnight,

Happy gardening and happy baking!

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

For more photos click here.
Sunshine Coast Speech Contest

Last weekend 12 French students from Years 4 to 8 and their parents, represented GCCC at the Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Queensland’s annual Speech Competition held at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The GCCC students who attended this event were selected to represent the College and competed against more than 500 outstanding second language learners, from a variety of schools and colleges on the Sunshine Coast. Congratulations for the hard work put in by all students:

- Rebecca Bradney-Wareing Yr 8
- Emily Logar Yr 8
- Hamish White Yr 7 - 3rd
- Jessica Perro Yr 7
- Nikita Perro Yr 7
- Madeleine Roulston Yr 6
- Aiden McKellar Yr 6
- Briony Spencer Yr 5
- Kiana Reeves Yr 5
- Mason White Yr 4 - 2nd
- Teanna Newell Yr 4
- Cara Bales Yr 4

All participating students were involved in a challenging experience and received a Certificate of Participation and a goody bag!

It is with much excitement that we celebrate with Mason White for achieving 2nd place and Hamish White 3rd place for their respective year levels, as well as Teanna Newell and Aiden McKellar for achieving Highly Commended awards.

Mrs Hammill was involved as one of the judges for the Years 10, 11 and 12 categories and came away pleasantly surprised and extremely proud of the outstanding level of French language learners on the Sunshine Coast.

Mrs Gordon was one of the French Conveners registering students for the competition. It is therefore, with knowledge of the competition, that we can report with confidence that the places secured by our own College students, was a tremendous achievement on their part and our College community can be very proud of their accomplishments.

Nadine Hammill (Primary French) and Lee-Anne Gordon (Secondary French)

Photos on the GCCC website.

Middle School News

The recent Student Led Conferences were an excellent opportunity to discuss with your child their progress and goals for the future. If you were unable to make the Tuesday or Wednesday meeting times – please remember to still book a time with your child’s Pastoral Care teacher in the next few weeks to discuss their strengths and weaknesses and how they can be best supported to meet their learning goals.

Middle School Events over the past few weeks:

Riddle Chase

Last week’s Book Week resulted in a fabulous race around the school following riddles that needed to be solved. The winners will be announced in next week’s assembly.

Walk to Water

Year 8s will be involved in an Open Doors Fundraiser next Friday to raise money for clean, safe and more convenient access to water in Nigeria. Please support them in this and if you would like to make a donation of $2.00 or more – receipts will be supplied. Talk to a Year 8 student to find out more about this.

Debating Team – has had significant success in their recent tournaments – watch this space.

Sunshine Coast Language Competitions – we have had some great place winners at recent competitions and coming second on the coast in another! Merveilleux et Felicitations!

New Year 9 Leaders – the year is not over yet. We are recognising a few of our Year 9s who have demonstrated a desire to serve in our school community and Middle School. As a part of next week’s assembly, these students will receive their badge.

Year 9 Rites of Passage Retreats occurred over the past two days. Have you ever considered what makes a man a man and a woman a woman? What constitutes the right and privilege to be called this? By default we become one as we reach a certain age. However, being intentional about our adult lives takes effort, thought, goals, aspirations, self-discipline, mentoring, acknowledgement, encouragement, hope and a desire to serve others. Please be in prayer for our young men and women as they move into their role as adults.

Bad things happen when good people do nothing

Our encouragement to students at GCCC is to report when issues occur. Reporting recognises that someone is not doing something right and it needs to be fixed – NOT so that they get in trouble. Reporting recognises that our school should be a safe, orderly and pleasant place. Appropriate consequences will be given to encourage students to make better choices in the future.

In the Bible we read: No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:4-11).

It is a great encouragement to see the students in our school who have shown a positive change once an issue has been addressed and resolved. They look their friends and teachers in the eyes, smile, relate, respect and are living life to the full rather than continuing to cause disruption, hurt or pain to others and themselves.

Remember, if you have something to report – you can always use the Bullying support link found on Connect.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School
Musical Happenings
Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod

Recently a couple of our student competed in the Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod participating in the Music and Speech categories. Both Erin Holland and Andrea Little took out places in their categories:

Erin Holland:
Dialogue category – 1st

Andrea Little:
Sacred and Gospel singing – 1st
Musical Theatre – 2nd
Set piece – 2nd
Contemporary song – 2nd
Woodwind solo (flute) – 3rd
15-18 year Championship – Highly Commended

Andrea also won the Music Teachers Association of Qld bursary. The bursary is awarded to a performer who participates in the Sacred & Gospel, Musical Theatre and Set piece categories and earns the most amount of points across all three sections.

Year 11 Excursion to see the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO) perform

This term Year 11 Music students have been studying the music for small ensemble throughout history. Part of their study was to visit QSO perform three musical works by Mozart, JS Bach and Tchaikovsky. This was a wonderful day out for students to experience a professional symphonic orchestra.

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Language Perfect Sunshine Coast Competition 11 Aug – 29 Aug

The second language competition that the school has entered this week is the Sunshine Coast Language Perfect Competition. We have achieved amazing results coming FIRST in French across all Sunshine Coast Schools and second overall in all languages!

All students who participated in Years 5-9 are to be congratulated for their hard work and commitment to learning a second language.

Special mention to three students from GCCC in the top six – Rebecca Bradney-Wareing Year 8, Joshua Coumi Year 8 and Hamish White Year 9.

We certainly have put GCCC on the map with French this year!
On Sunday morning I was fascinated by all the Sunshine Coast marathon runners running past my unit at Maroochydore. My street is a cul de sac and so the runners ran to the end of the street, turned around and ran back the other way. In so doing they pass so many other competitors running the other way. What fascinated me was the amount of encouragement they were giving each other as they passed by. Even though they were competing in a race and there were prizes for the “winners”, the competitors were urging each other on.

The reason they did this was very clear. Each runner was running their own race. They were not so much competing against each other but rather they were competing against their own standards. They were all endeavouring to get a PB. All athletes know what a PB is. It is a Personal Best. Each athlete strives to achieve a Personal Best whenever they compete. It is immaterial what is happening around them. Their focus is on a separate goal.

In life and at school, it is important our students focus on achieving their PB. They set themselves goals in every sphere of their life and focus on achieving these. What is critical to the success of achieving a Personal Best is to surround ourselves with similarly minded individuals who also want to achieve their own PB. These students will spur on each other with words of encouragement as well as setting standards for our students to achieve.

On awards night, The seniors will perform the Ceremony of the Charter; where the seniors who are graduating will pass on a set of ideals to those coming up from the lower grades to strive to achieve.

Our Student Charter reads:

Jesus said “You are the light of the world”. We, the graduating class of Glasshouse Country Christian College have sought to reveal this light and we have aspired to these ideals:

- To work hard yet take time to be still.
- To live the truth while respecting differences in others.
- To follow what is right while remembering to stay close to those who stumble.
- To act justly but not condemn.
- To speak yet listen to others.
- To celebrate success without conceit.
- To take risks yet respect tradition.
- To act humbly and with integrity, serve God and follow Jesus, contributing where we can and becoming the best that we can.

As the graduating seniors, we now pass on this light onto you.

This term is quickly coming to a close and it won’t be long until our Year 12 students are graduating and passing on the mantle of student leadership. I commend you all to urge on our seniors with words of encouragement and godly wisdom as we approach this extremely busy time of year.

This last week many of our Year 12s did their QCS exams and they need as much encouragement and prayer as they can get. At the end of this term our Year 12 student work is sent to Review Panels for Verification in October. At the end of the year, our Year 11s have their work sent to the same Panels for Moderation. These are very important processes in the finalisation of student results. Our Year 12s are also deciding their future pathways as most choose to submit QTAC applications for tertiary placement. Our Year 10s have just completed their SET plans and we are very busy in setting up the timetable for 2015. Please pray for all our staff and students.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

The Science Spot Science Week August 18-24

Science Week went off with a bang on Monday 18 August. A number of Senior School Science students (Vanita Mens, Jayden Hills, Todd Davis, Jordan Davis and Stephen Greasley) performed various experiments to get the Primary students excited about Science. The Primary students watched in anticipation at the numerous jaw dropping experiments. Some of the experiments demonstrated were:

- the elephant toothpaste experiment; invisible ink; balloon kebabs;
- the disappearing cloud in the bottle experiment; the carbon dioxide fire extinguisher; the wet hanky in the glass and the crowd favourite the exploding hydrogen balloon.

I would like to thank Vanita, Jayden, Todd, Jordan and Stephen for their excellent demonstrations and for their time and enthusiasm. Also a big thanks to Mrs Ritson for her help and preparation leading up to Science Week.

Fenton Doolan Head of Science
The last two weeks have been extremely busy with the completion of Year 10 SET Plans, the opening of the TAFE application process and interviews for tertiary entrance.

The SET Plan is reviewed on a semester basis and adjustments to that plan can be made, and often are, as a result of academic performance and changing circumstances.

It is intended that in 2015 the SET PLANS will be covered over a three week block to allow more flexibility for parents, students and staff. My apologies to the few families who were inconvenienced by the rescheduling of the interviews.

GCCC has been conducting and funding one School-Based Traineeship in Fitness, over the last twelve months. The school wants to continue this traineeship in 2015.

The process will be as follows: the traineeship will be formally advertised with a clear job description. Students who are interested will have to apply and be interviewed for the position. Further details will be provided as they become available.

Options still exist for students to do alternative subjects/courses in Year 11 in accordance with their career pathway and in the event that when the subject lines have been determined, subject clashes occur.

Other types of study include:-

• TAFE courses either as stand alone, or funded ones at the Certificate I and II level.

The funded courses were in the information pack given out on the night of 6 August 6 if it is a stand alone course at TAFE

• Skills Tech TAFE

• Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre (SCTTC)

• A school-based traineeship. The government is strongly recommending that a Certificate level III course is best completed in the context of a school based traineeship. This is the most cost effective way for students, parents and the employer.

• Distance Education Subjects, available subjects at this link.

• Doing a TAFE course at another school site, only with the approval of the HOS, Mr Heyworth and Principal, Mr Curtis.

• Destiny Rescue Internship, click here to see the website.

Interviews and applications for these courses are completed usually by the end of October.

This is a the time of year when many private providers are sending out their representatives and advertising courses between Certificate levels 1 –IV.

A word of caution for both students and parents – always check that the organization is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and compare and contrast the costs and length of courses between training providers.

The Year 9 students will have a Work Experience Information Night on the 14 October. Attendance is mandatory; otherwise you may not get one of your work experience preferences in 2015.

Year 9 students will also have an excursion to the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) on the 29 October, for the ‘QUT Explore Uni Day’.

Students thinking of doing a Headstart course in 2015: There is an information evening coming up on Wednesday 10 September 6-7pm in Lecture Theatre 7, Building C.

You should register to attend this evening by going to this link. Don’t forget that applications must be submitted by the end of October if you want to study a University Headstart course in Semester 1 next year.

Year 12s are proceeding with QTAC and TAFE interviews. Year 12s who are not pursuing these pathways are also welcome to make appointments, according to their perceived needs. Closing Date for QTAC applications is Tuesday 30 September.

A reminder to Year 12 students to view withdrawn and added courses at www.qtac.edu.au. A copy of the most recent courses added and withdrawn is on Connect.

Latitude Global Volunteering still has limited places for 2015. Are you still thinking about a Gap Year in 2015? The full list of options still available is on LGV’s website www.latitude.org.au.

Girls try a TASTE OF NAVY TRADES, 9.30am – 3.00pm, Monday 15 September 2014 Queensland Maritime Museum Southbank. The Specialist Recruiting Team – Women in the Navy – is offering an exclusive tour for females interested in a technical trade career in the Navy. Morning tea and lunch are provided. RSVP: wid@dfr.com.au by Monday 8 September.

From 8-14 September it will be Rail Careers Week. Further information on Rail Careers Week, along with more rail stories and a list of all the rail industry activities throughout the Week can be found at this link.

There is still a vacancy for a Year 10-11 student to do a Certificate II or III in Horticulture as a School Based Traineeship.

Apprentice chefs are wanted in Maroochydore. Training will be offered in Certificate III in Commercial Cookery.

If you are interested go to the website and ‘Apply Now’ as a New Applicant, quoting Employer Reference Number SCHOS.

Congratulations go to Izaak West, on being nominated for the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre (SCTTTC)-HIA 2014 Student of the Year Award.

Paul Nash, Head of Future Pathways
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

MS Readathon – Finished on 31 August
The reading period for the MS Readathon finished on August 31. For those who took part please ensure you finalise your details via the website at http://www.msreadathon.org.au. Thank you for helping to contribute to such a worthwhile cause.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Finished 5 September
The reading period for the Premier’s Reading Challenge finished on Friday 5 September. Please ensure all PRC Reading Record Forms are returned to the Library by Monday 8 August. Extra Reading Records are available in the Library or can be requested via library@gccc.qld.edu.au. Certificates will be given out in Term 4 to students who have returned their Reading Record Form.

Book Fair Achievements – Book Coverers Needed!
This year the Book Fair was held in the Secondary end of the Library, making it seem bigger and better than ever before. We sold over $7000 worth of books and were able to receive a commission of just over $2000 to purchase Primary and Secondary items and to update the Lexile program. The books are currently being catalogued and will be on the shelves shortly. We are looking for volunteers to help with covering the abundance of new books. Please contact Vanessa McKellar at library@gccc.qld.edu.au if you can assist.

Author Visits
High Tea with Mimi B
Following the Book Week Parade this year, parents were invited to the Library for a High Tea with guest author Mimi B. Mimi shared her passion for God, food, fun and family and encouraged guests to be thankful, take risks and to “CELEBRATE…just because!” Mimi’s book inspired guests to get creative in the kitchen and to connect with loved ones. Print copies and an eBook version of “CELEBRATE…just because!” are available at http://www.celebratejustbecause.com.

Deborah Abela chats to Year 3 – 6 Classes
Year 3 – 6 students recently had the opportunity to meet guest author Deborah Abela, who flew all the way from Sydney to visit GCCC. Deborah is a well-known Australian author whose passion for writing is contagious. Deborah inspired students with her engaging and humorous sessions that invited participation and discussion. She shared her writing journey and her love for reading. Students were enthralled with her childhood tales of adventure and were keen to purchase her books or borrow titles from the Library. We will have the second book in Deborah’s best-selling Grimsdon series, “New City” available to borrow very soon. Deborah ran 3 sessions and held a writing intensive with a small group of students who soaked up Deborah’s wisdom and skill. More information about Deborah can be found at http://www.deborahabela.com

Secondary Book Week Recap
Congratulations to the Riddle Chase winners from the Secondary school for Book Week 2014! The competitors were an enthusiastic bunch solving riddles and following clues across the college. Britney Ross (Year 10) and Nathan Wood (Year 8) took out the prizes with the most correct entries. Billie Sandes and Penelope Clifford were the runner up team for the chase this year. Miss Gook and Mrs Morris are already thinking up clues for next year’s event!

The Middle School Assembly was buzzing during the first ever Book Week ‘Page to Screen’ Year level challenge. Teams from Year 7, 8 and 9 competed to answer tricky quiz questions involving books, authors, movies and characters. Mr. Ware – our question asker extraordinaire, became our ‘show’ host sublime, inspiring strong support for each year level. The resultant close win by the Year 9’s (by half a point) will no doubt ensure that next year’s competition will be eagerly anticipated as a great way to celebrate stories, characters and the people that create them.

Get Connected at a Library
A Librarian from Sunshine Coast Libraries visited our College recently to present a session during Homework Club. Patricia Stahl shared with students the various benefits of being a member of their local library and demonstrated how to access a range of resources and online databases when researching for assignments. For further information about access to resources and services for Secondary students visit the Sunshine Coast Libraries website: http://www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. The wide range of resources/services available through membership with a local library, together with the resources and research/study assistance provided by our GCCC Library Team assist our students with their studies and also support a love of reading and learning.

Year 8 Readers’ Cup
Our team of committed Year 8 students have started to prepare for this year’s Year 8 Readers’ Cup Regional Competition to
be held at Immanuel Lutheran College in early Term 4. The release date for the books, to be read for the competition, was eagerly anticipated and it was with much excitement that the students attended the ‘Great Unwrap’ at the Library. With nearly as much excitement as Christmas morning, wrapping paper was rapidly torn off to reveal the titles and the team are now busy reading through the 8 books to be studied in preparation for the team competition. All the best Team GCCC! Find more photos [here](#).

### Book Week Competition Winners

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See you in the Library,  
**Vanessa McKellar and Beryl Morris**  
**Teacher Librarians**

### Sport News

**Plenty of Energy at Junior Athletics**

The whole of Beerwah would have heard the thundering war cries from the junior students as they battled it out in the war cry competition at the Junior Athletics Carnival last Friday. This was a great way to start the carnival which saw the Prep to 8 year old students compete in sprints and participate in many athletics activities and tabloid games.

The sun shone down and the energy levels were high as children sprinted, long jumped, high jumped and challenged their parents at the tug o war. Every child received at least one much treasured ribbon after running two sprint races. The other events were not competitive but children jumped really well putting into practise what they had learnt during PE lessons.

After a much needed lunch break, students enjoyed eight different tabloid activities, some competitive and some not. Students were in teams of mixed ages, led by very helpful parents, with the older students often seen helping the younger ones in the activities. Points were given for encouragement and team spirit as well as achievement points at some activities.

The students enjoyed scrambling under the cargo net and climbing mat mountain in the obstacle course, squeezing through tunnels, avoiding the large rolling balls whilst carrying a cup of water, digging for treasure, throwing chickens into the pot, strategising to build the tallest giant jenga tower and catching as many elusive tails as possible.

When all the points were added the champion house for 2014 emerged. After another round of war cries, Mrs Bryers announced that Ararat were the winners followed by Sinai and in third place, Zion. I think everyone went home a winner after such a great day of fun and competition!

It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents cheering on the children and enjoying the day with them. Staff would like to thank everyone for helping out during the day and cheering and supporting all students so enthusiastically.

For more photos follow this [link](#).
Update of Record Breakers from GCCC Secondary Athletics Carnival

Due to some events being held outside of the GCCC Athletics Carnival it has been necessary to include extra record breaking efforts.

This year we had a total of 26 GCCC Athletic records broken.

Congratulations to the following students.

High Jump: Calista Theron
Triple Jump: Keeley Thomas, Mitchell Baker-Spence, Joshua Pederson, Thomas Thow
Discus: James Proud, Andrea Little
Shot Put: Andrea Little, Ella Mickelson, Amalee McClellan, Joshua Pederson
Javelin: Andrea Little
100m: Ella Mickelson, Andrea Little, Cameron Shervey, Joshua Pederson
400m: Cameron Shervey, Jacqueline Roach, and Natasha Hoeksema
800m: Andrea Little,
1500m: Natasha Hoeksema, Jacqueline Roach, Andrea Little, Abbey Bates
Hurdles: Jasmine Small, Thomas Thow

District Athletics Report 2014

The District Athletics Carnival involving athletes from 11 independent secondary schools was held at the university athletics track in windy conditions this term. GCCC was represented by a talented group of athletes that certainly made an impact over the two days of competition.

On both days we had some excellent results with top three placings across 31 separate events. Andrea Little put in a standout performance with the javelin and discus throws. In the process of taking out first place, she also broke the 16 years girls long standing records with a throw of 28.78m for javelin and 25.03m for discus. Ella Mickelson is also to be commended for breaking the 16 years girls triple jump record with a jump of 10.62m.

GCCC this year is able to boast district age champions in Joshua Pederson and Daniel O’Farrell. These two athletes were able to record successful performances over a variety of events throughout the day. A special mention should also be made for Andrea Little who finished runner up, as well as Ella Mickelson and Jesse Snelling who both finished in third place behind the 16 years age champion.

Other commendable results are as follows...

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Jesse Snelling 2nd Javelin
Jillissa Thomas 2nd Javelin
Sean Nalty-Leal 3rd High Jump
James Proud 3rd Long Jump
Jayme-Lee Groer 3rd High Jump
Jack Brander, Daniel Mitchell, Sean Nalty-Leal, Daniel O’Farrell 2nd 7/8 Boys 4x100m Relay

Congratulations to all Athletes that represented GCCC at this event. It was fantastic to see every team member compete to the best of their ability and we are very proud of your efforts.

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

Matthew Beattie, Head of Sport
Matthew Flinders Showjumping Challenge

Laura Davis had two horses entered; she rode well improving on both horses but unfortunately didn’t place on the day, she had a fall in one round but was brave and came away without major injuries.

Courtney Sinclair and Samuel Taylor also competed well on the day. There were about 40 entries in each event and all our students finished in the middle of the fields overall.

They all look forward to competing again next year and we were proud to have a team at this competition.

The Nambour Showgrounds came alive with the buzz of 140 riders from 38 schools preparing to do their very best in showjumping at the annual Matthew Flinders Schools Showjumping Carnival.

This was the tenth year that this competition has been held and each year it raises money for the Sunshine Coast Children’s Therapy Centre. It was a big day of competition which was made harder as everyone drops back a class as there is a saddle for first prize in each class making the classes very competitive.

Hi Everyone

Firstly I would like to thank those who helped out at our BBQ Friday 22 August in the UA. This was the day the Junior Athletics Carnival was cancelled and we still did the BBQ anyway. We had some lovely parents at last minute come and help. So a big thank you.

That night was “Shine” and the P and F did another BBQ. Thank you to Alaina, Jules and Renelle for your help.

Next Friday, 12 September, P and F are organising a “Let’s Celebrate Spring” disco for Primary students, Prep to Year 6.

With the theme being Spring, we are having a dress up as something/someone starting with the letter “S”. So get those ideas happening as there will be a prize for best dressed.

An email will be sent out this week with all the details and a pre-order food form. Look out for that.

Please email P and F if you can help on the night.

Don’t forget our Monthly P and F meetings, the first Tuesday of the month, 7pm in the library (unless it clashes with school holidays or another school event then it’s rescheduled). The next meeting is on 7 October.

Lynelle Sim P and F President pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

Chappy Chatter

Pause and Ponder

“Let us love one another: for love is from God.” 1 John 4:7

God is love. The Bible says that nothing can separate us from God’s love. No matter what we do or what we have done, God still loves us regardless. What an awesome reminder this is. Even if sometimes we feel completely unloved we have this incredible God who loves us, every second of the day- every day of the week, every month of the year! How awesome is that! Nothing that we do can change how much God loves us. Try thinking about that this week, you are infinitely loved; beyond measure, beyond comprehension. NO MATTER WHAT! It is completely unconditional, it is never ending. Embrace it, live in it and love other people from it. What a great God we have!
Sports Tuition events
23-25 September 2014
School Holiday Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds
($210)
Bus service also available ($55)
17-19 October 2014
Family Fishing Weekend ($215)
Open to all. At least one parent must participate. Grandparents also welcome.
14-16 November 2014
Bluefin Lake Maroon Fishing Classic (Senior $30, Junior $15)
Over $55,000 in prizes. Every junior entrant receives a sample bag...approx $90 value).
5-18 January 2015
Japan Ski Tour
Tour includes Hakuba ski fields (9 nights) ski-in, ski-out; and Tokyo (3 nights), including a Sumo Wrestling tournament. All details and registrations are through the Sports Tuition website. www.sportstuition.com.au
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More Book Parade Photos