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| Tue 28  | Secondary Legacy Cup Talent Quest |
| Wed 29  | Year 9 QUT Explore Uni Day |
| Fri 31  | Dance Evening |

| NOVEMBER | | |
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| Tue 4   | 6.30 Middle & Senior School Awards Night |
| Wed 5   | 7pm P and F Meeting |
| Mon 10-Wed 12 | Year 5 Currimundi Camp |
| Mon 10-Tue 11 | 3pm Dance School info session |
| Thur 13-Tue 18 | Year 12 Exam Block |
| Tue 18  | Immunisations for all Year 8 and 10 males |
| Thur 20 | Year 12 Formal |
| Fri 21 | Year 12 Graduation |
| Mon 24-Tue 25 | Year 11 Exam Block |
| Thur 27-Fri 28 | Year 11 Exam Block |
| Fri 28 | Year 6 Wet and Wild |
| Fri 28 | Final Day Year 10 Celebration |
| Fri 28 | Year 9 Rites of Passage Day |

| DECEMBER | | |
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| Mon 1   | Primary Orientation |
| Mon 1   | 6pm Prep to Year 2 Carols by Candlelight |
| Tue 2   | 6.30pm Years 3 to 6 Concert |
| Wed 3   | Junior Swimming Fun |
| Thur 4  | Year 9 Celebration Dinner |

**Thur 4** Last Day of School

Term dates for 2015

Term 1: First day for students Tuesday 27 January 2015
Last day for students Thursday 2 April 2015

Term 2: First day for students Monday 20 April 2015
Last day for students Friday 26 June 2015

Term 3: Staff only Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July 2015
First day for students Monday 20 July 2015
Last day for students Friday 18 September 2015

Term 4: First day for students Tuesday 6 October 2015
Last day for students Thursday 3 December 2015

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Mock interviews

Our Year 10 students just finished doing their mock interviews and I was very pleased with the quality of the students I interviewed. Other staff members who shared this task also reported on how professional the students were and how they handled difficult questions. The students had obviously spent considerable time preparing for the interviews but what really impressed me was the confidence they displayed as they gave good eye contact and conducted themselves with poise. Well done to Paul Nash and Mel Parker in the Future Pathways Department who organised the interviews and helped prepare the students.

Year 12 Community Service

During last week our Year 12 students performed community service tasks which were really appreciated by the recipients. Thanks to Cameron Hall and the students who not only helped a lot of people with their hard work but also did the College proud with their character and commitment.

Nothing Middling about Middle School Experience

On Friday 17 October we held our Middle School Experience with approximately 80 students from 50 families attending. Families were introduced to Middle School and welcomed by Jacq Vreeling and myself before the students and parents split up. Students were taken on tours of the campus and through a technology session while parents had a chat and morning tea together. After the tours students met their parents back at the church and watched interviews with two students who were new to Middle School last year. The videos explored some of the fears and expectations of Middle School and were especially reassuring for the new students. They enjoyed hearing from other students who had recently been exactly where they are now.

Awards Night

The timing of the Sports Awards night and the newsletter deadline clashed so I can’t pass on any information yet but there will be sure to be a big write up in the next newsletter and photos from the night will be uploaded before then.

This is the time of the year to pay special attention to calendar dates and emails from the College. There are so many important events, that we would hate for you to miss one.

Last year our Middle and Senior School Awards night was combined and held at the Caloundra Events Centre. This was such a success that we are repeating the format this year and have booked the centre for Tuesday 4 November. The Primary concerts and awards nights will be held during the last week of school and the dates are also on the calendar.

Speeding in Blackbutt Street

We recently received a complaint from a long time neighbour in Blackbutt Street saying that she had seen many vehicles going very fast during the school pick up and drop off times. I realise that this street is not a 40km zone but there are so many students who walk along it that I am asking for everyone to please slow down. This neighbour has not complained before but she is very worried about the safety of our students and we should be also. She has already witnessed one near miss and doesn’t want to see any others.

Blazers and formal hats

Next year blazers are compulsory for all Senior School students during winter so please ensure you order them from the Uniform Shop in plenty of time. Also next year, formal hats are compulsory with the formal uniform for Middle and Senior School students. These changes will not only smarten the image of the College but I hope it helps the students wear their uniform with pride.

Halloween

Halloween is largely an American event but it has gained some traction in Australia due to the dominance of American shows on television and the endless quest to find another angle to advertise a product. As a Christian school we do not celebrate Halloween and I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know why we don’t allow Halloween traditions.

To many, Halloween is just a time to dress up but the tradition has dark roots. It goes back to the Druid new year when the beginning of darkness (symbolically and literally i.e. UK winter) was celebrated. It was believed to be a time where the gates of hell were opened and is still a key festival for modern pagans today. The carry over is seen in the dressing up as witches, ghosts etc. and some groups use the evening for specific anti-God purposes.

All this to one side – as a Christian school, we want to celebrate God’s power and the wonderful victory Jesus won over death and evil. We believe spiritual evil exists and is very real but God is more powerful than evil. We don’t want to celebrate an event that has such an emphasis on death, darkness and fear when Jesus Christ gives life, faith, light and hope.
Furthermore, the practice of going to people’s homes and demanding lollies and chocolates in exchange for not being a nuisance, as summarised by the familiar, “Trick or treat” is contrary to any of the school values we are trying to promote in your children.

I know it is difficult to go against the prevailing culture – especially when the event is often seen as harmless fun but the reality is that Halloween does touch on concerning spiritual themes.

Please do not allow your children to bring any Halloween related items to school.

**World Teachers’ Day**

This is one event I invite everyone to celebrate with us. World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. Internationally the day is celebrated on 5 October but in Australia it is on the last Friday of October which is **Friday 31 October** in 2014.

At GCCC we recognise that it takes more than good teachers to make a great school so we have internally branded this ‘Staff Appreciation Day’. Take some time on the 31 October to thank your child’s teacher or teachers and don’t forget to include Teaching Assistants, Admin Officers, the Maintenance Team and the men and women who work behind the scenes to ensure we have a clean school.

A small note or a cheery wave goes a long way to encouraging staff in what is often a challenging job.

*Mike Curtis, Principal*

**Updating Family Circumstances and Contact Details**

It is essential that the College be notified of any changes to your family circumstances and contact details to ensure we are able to communicate and contact you. It is of utmost importance that our parents/caregivers are contactable at all times. In an emergency or the event of a sick child, we will always contact the parent/caregiver first. When we can’t reach you we will then contact the non-parent emergency contact provided in the enrolment application. The College also communicates electronically and to keep you informed we need to have the correct email address so you can receive all College communications.

Changes are required to be in writing to the College Registrar via email: registrar@gccc.qld.edu.au or alternatively there is a page dedicated on our website under the College Life tab so you can update details there and it will automatically be emailed to the Registrar.


**Lost Property**

**Whose jacket do you have at home?**

Please use this warmer weather as an opportunity to check your children’s winter jackets. There are a number missing from families who have taken the time and trouble to write their children’s names on their jackets.

Please have a look at the jackets you have at home to check they have your own children’s names on them.

Thank you for your help with this.

**Second Hand Uniform News**

Do you have any second hand uniforms that you would like to donate or sell?

Then the P and F would like to sell them in the Uniform Shop.

If you have quality second hand uniforms to donate or sell on commission, download a copy of the “Second Hand Uniform Forms”, located on the College website, under the College Life/Uniform Shop tab.

The completed double-sided form and items to be sold may be left at the Uniform Shop for processing.

Thank you for following this procedure.

*Sue Schafer,*

*P and F Second Hand Uniform Coordinator*
Primary News

Legacy Cup Talent Quest

This week we started auditions for our Legacy Cup Talent Quest which are being done in two sessions at lunch breaks - Prep to Year 2 and Years 3 to 6. These auditions will be happening over the next couple of weeks every day. Students are so excited and the judges, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Harrison, Chappy Dani, Mrs Bryers, Mrs Rosenberg and Mrs West are all enjoying these performances. From the auditions children will be informed if they are in the finals for Week 4.

Late Arrivals and Absences

It is very important that students are at school from the beginning of the day at 8.30 am. There are some children who are arriving late almost daily. We are monitoring student absences and late arrivals and letters will be sent home if we have a concern about either of these. Any time away from class has a significant impact on children’s academic progress and class lessons begin straight after first bell.

Carols by Candlelight (Prep – Year 2) Monday 1 December and Christmas Concert (Years 3-6) Tuesday 2 December

Everyone who was at the Prep – Year 2 Carols by Candlelight last year would remember what a wonderful night it was! As a result, we have decided to do a similar event for Years 3 – 6 which we are sure will also be an enjoyable culminating event for the older students. Students in all year levels are already working on their items and you will be receiving information soon regarding the basic costumes for your children for the concerts.

There will be food for sale on both evenings so this can be a family event. Last year there were a number of options available for purchase either provided by our P and F or private organizations. This created such a festive atmosphere for the concert and allowed choice for those who attended.

Last year we had almost 500 people on the oval for the P – 2 concert and we also expect big crowds on both nights this year.

On Tuesday a group of staff and P and F members met to discuss the logistics for the P and F barbecues on both nights. Our NUMBER 1 priority will be helpers for the evenings. So often a small number of parents carry the load when there are school functions and food is provided.

Events like the Christmas Concerts will require many willing helpers to ensure we can provide food for so many people.

The success of FUNFEST is proof of what a team of people who work together can do. We need a team of people like that to make these two nights a success. We will be sending out an invitation to every family to ask who would be able to volunteer to assist with these barbecues. This is a wonderful service the P and F provides for everyone and we will be asking if people could give even an hour or so to help. Rosters will be organized in such a way that parents will not miss out on the items they need to see on the night, as the BBQ will finish before the concert begins.

Please check emails and the newsletter at the beginning of November for more details.

Bullying Survey

Each year in the primary school we conduct a survey to monitor culture and give students the opportunity to give confidential feedback on how safe they feel at GCCC. This survey is conducted for all Prep – Year 6 classes but the questions are different for the younger students.

The feedback from the Year 3 – 6 surveys was discussed by teachers at the staff meeting on Monday’s pupil free day and recommendations were made to address any issues which we felt were a concern. Teachers from each year level discussed the feedback from their own group of students to come up with strategies to address any issues. We believe that giving students a “voice” in this aspect of their school life will empower them and assist us to make some changes if necessary.

Mrs Mitchell and I spent time last weekend considering the feedback from these surveys and on the whole were encouraged by the overall results. However, we were excited by some of the suggestions made by our students and we will be initiating some opportunities for students to have a voice on regular occasions.

The Prep- Year 2 survey will be completed in the next couple weeks for teachers’ consideration also. Mrs Rosenberg our P – Year 2 coordinator will be coordinating these discussions on student feedback regarding playground culture.

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all our students.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary
**Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have been posted! Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the massive pile of boxes that were packed with love!

The response was wonderful and many children will be blessed with toothbrushes, soap, clothing, toys, pencils, personal letters and much more this Christmas! They will now journey across the ocean to the arms of a child in a developing country. Year 3 will be tracking some of the boxes on their long journey to find out exactly where they end up and the places they needed to go to get there!

Through Operation Christmas Child, Year 3 has had the opportunity to learn about the true meaning of Christmas, promotion and marketing, and even Australia’s global connections. “Do for others what you want them to do for you” became very real as they explored how other children live in these developing countries and ways that they can help.

Thanks again for contributing to such a worthwhile cause! For all the photos, click here.

*Jane Beaden, Primary Teacher and Educational Technology Support Teacher*

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**Uniforms for the 2015 year**

Phone school office on 5439 0033 to book fitting times.

TERM 4 2014 (avoid the January back to school rush)
Term 4 Fittings Available until Monday Friday 1 December
Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8am to 9.15am and Friday afternoon 2 – 3.30pm
Orientation Day - 1 December – fittings available 9am to 3pm.
Closed for Stocktake from Tuesday 2 December.

New uniforms purchased in Term 4 can be returned and swapped for different sizes in the new year as long as not washed, labelled or worn (new condition).

JANUARY 2015 (Very busy so book early to avoid disappointment).
Fittings available January: Monday 19 to Thursday 22 9am to 3pm.
Also - for working families: Wednesday night 21 January 5pm to 8pm - bookings essential.
2nd Hand uniforms Open available January: Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 January
No fittings available first week of school.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH UNIFORM FITTINGS.**
Phone the school office or email Kylie on uniforms@gccc.qld.edu.au to register your availability to help.

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**A letter to GCCC from the Pyjama Foundation Ltd**

Thank you so very much for your support of our Pyjama Day. We truly do appreciate the support of schools like yours when raising funds to support children in out of home care.

The funds raised this year will allow us to train even more community volunteers to be matched with the growing number of children to our Love of Learning mentoring program. Thank you for the $520.40 you donated which was raised by your very generous staff, parents and children.

*Christine Roser, The Pyjama Foundation Ltd*
**Kitchen Garden News**

All our watering efforts in Week 3 seemed a waste of time as the heavens opened during Miss Evan’s Year 2 classes KG lesson. Students were out planting seedlings and watering as a few drops of rain began to fall. Within seconds the kids and their brave parent helper were huddled under the tree as the torrential rain (and hail) drenched them all...planting was abandoned to be completed by Mrs Rosenberg’s class in the next lesson.

Cooks made a beautifully coloured beetroot dip with parmesan twists and vegetable dippers; not only did it taste great but it looked amazing on the plate.

We planted corn, eggplant and more lettuce and have been harvesting large amounts of cherry tomatoes and broad beans. We have some shiny new wheelbarrows that have been put to work carting weeds and some great new tools to make our work easier in the garden. I would like to thank Mr Becker for erecting the shade sail over the KG sink area. It is now so cool under the sail that students are arguing over who gets to do the washing up!

I apologise for anyone who has been trying to get onto the KG website; unfortunately it had a security breach and was sending out masses of spam so has been temporarily suspended until the web host fixes the issue. I will let you know when it is back online.

Until next fortnight, happy gardening and cooking! For photos of Week 2, please click [here](http://example.com).

*Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator*

**Primary SRC Project for Term 4**

*What can make our school a better place? What can help our learning?*

**Refreshing, cold drinking water**

The SRC aim to raise funds to provide our students with a

**Refrigerated Water Cooler!**

The information gathered through student surveys has informed the SRC that students want to have cold water during breaks and cold water to fill their water bottles.

*So the SRC are selling*

**Ice Cream**

*Our aim is to raise funds to install one Aqua-bubbler by the end of Term 4!!!*

There will be a choice of delicious fruit or chocolate covered ice-creams on sale for **only $1.00 each.**

*When: Weeks 4, 5, 6 and 7. Years 2-6 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Years 3 – 6 on Thursdays and Fridays
First and second break
Where: The Ice-cream Stand- outside the Library*

**Concert Band Spectacular**

On Friday 17 and Saturday 18 October our Primary Band and Secondary Band competed in the annual Concert Band Spectacular held at St Columban’s College. Congratulations must be given to all members of these bands for their commitment to and participation in the College’s first competitive band event. There were many private and public schools competing with varying abilities and band sizes. It was a wonderful experience for the students and we have already scheduled it as a ‘will-do’ in the 2015 Calendar.
The Middle School GCCC Awards

Louis Pasteur, famed microbiologist and inventor of pasteurization, once remarked in a university lecture, “chance favors the prepared mind.” There is very little chance in the final results for our awardees in two Tuesday night’s time, rather more evidence of students who have worked hard to prepare their minds.

The results for the Gold and Silver Academic awards are based on the grade point average of a students’ results over the last three terms of this year. Even the diligence award is referenced by the effort grade that students are given at the end of each term for each subject. What is often interesting is that those who do in fact get the high academic awards are not always those who grade highly in the academic tests as it does boil down to completing quality assignments, studying and performing well in tests and other assessments. I love that half of our the awards are in fact for effort (Diligence) and behaviour (GREAT). Come and celebrate with us in the year that was 2014. Not only will there be recognition of these students but also a showcase of some of our student talent and PowerPoints of photos from each year level.

Exposure to M-rated materials

The common exposure our young people have to mature rated media, games, books, movies and songs as the norm these days, is concerning. The world is saturated with it to the point where, for many, it is no longer shocking. Sadly, what our young men and women watch and listen to does very often affect their behaviour, even if it is at this stage only what they think is acceptable to say among each other. May I encourage you as families to continue to hold the bar high on what is and isn’t okay for our children to be exposed to. While they may say that all their friends are watching, playing, reading or listening to these things we do not do them a service by allowing this exposure. And, there are actually more parents who say no then yes. My husband and I decided whenever we had conflict along these lines with our children that they could say to their friends that their parents did not allow them and they could use us as the reason their life was ‘so tough’.

Chappy Dani Bassett

Class Lists for 2015

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at class lists. We will be making significant changes to the Year 7 and 8 lists and most likely only minimal changes to the Year 9 list for Year 10. Please email the Head of Middle School directly with any special requests you may have for next year by the end of October. It is most likely we will allow students to see what classes they are in for next year, however these may still change right up until the week before school starts.

Communicating with Staff

Our school uses emails as the main method of communication. Certainly ringing a staff member at school is quite acceptable however, teachers may be teaching and not available when you ring. In this case a message will be given to the staff member and they will ring back. While mobile phone numbers may be given to parents for camps - out of respect for their privacy and personal time please don’t use a teacher’s mobile phone to make contact.

Dates to Remember

29 October - Year 9 Explore Uni Day
28 November - Year 9 rites of Passage day
4 December - year 9 Dinner Dance

2015 Start up Dates

Thursday 22 January - Admin Day - students to pop in to collect texts, IT Devices, locks and lockers etc
Tuesday 27 January - Year 7 Orientation Day (No Year 8s or Year 9s)
Wednesday 28 January - All students on deck

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

PS For messy games photos, click here.

Chappy Chatter

I love to cook, I love the excitement of what I am going to make, the smells and the anticipation. But what I always forget is to read the recipe well. I read a little bit, skip a bit and just make it up as I go. I get bored of reading and think I’m sure it isn’t that hard and sometimes this ends up as a disaster- not often enough for me to feel I need to read it well.

I find that sometimes I have this approach in my Christian walk, I think I can do this; I don’t need any guidance or any help. I do my own thing, I forget to rely on God and sometimes I find myself falling flat on my face. As I was reading 2 Chronicles this morning it struck me that I am not alone. In 2 Chronicles there are a lot of battles as nations come and try to destroy God’s people. As I was reading this I was struck over and over again with the might and power of God. As God’s people got ambushed and attacked they cried out to Him and no matter how big the opposing army was God’s people won.

Then I read a sad account in 2 Chronicles 16:7-9 where king Asa who has always relied on God had instead turned to another king for help “Because you relied on the king of Aram and not the Lord your God... Were not the Cushites and Libyans a might army with great numbers of chariots and horsemen? Yet when you relied on the Lord He delivered them into your hand." And because of this God allowed him to learn that the only one who can be relied on, the only one who can be trusted, the only one who is powerful and can save us- is GOD!

How often do we forget to rely on God, how often do we forget when we are going through a hard time to call out to the only one who can actually save us? Be encouraged this week to take your troubles to Him.

Chappy Dani Bassett
Since my last newsletter article so many things have happened.

In the first week of this term we started off our assemblies with a Legacy Cup Challenge. It was a spelling challenge that was hotly contested. It looked like Ararat was going to pull off another win but that wasn’t the case. In the final round Sinai narrowly pulled out a win. With only two weeks to go until Awards Night and the announcement of the winning house everyone is focussed on the final competition - the ultimate student talent competition. The results of this event could determine the final outcome for the winner of the 2014 Legacy Cup Challenge!

Speaking of Talent Competitions, the inaugural GCCC Teacher Talent Competition was held last Friday. The opening item was the Heads of Schools Drama with Mrs Vreeling and myself doing the Harlem Shake. Quite rightly we were not the winners. That title was taken out by staff from the English Department. What amazed me so much was the number of mobile devices videoing us teachers demonstrating our amazing talent. I do apologise to those unfortunate enough to see our item posted on one of the various social media sites. Click here to see some of the photos.

In Week 2 the Year 11s travelled to Corbould Park to participate in the Rotary Young Drivers Awareness Program (RYDA). This is a fantastic program put on by a variety of volunteers and Emergency Services workers including Police and Paramedics. Joining the students was myself and Ms Gook. Our students were split into two groups and went through five different sessions that included hazard and risk awareness, driver stopping distances and a variety of other activities aimed at making our students more driver aware. This was a great day and I want to acknowledge all the volunteers and particularly Rotary for organising this event.

At the same time as the Year 11s were doing their program, the Year 12 students were being split according to gender to participate in a special character development program aimed at them. The males did a program called “Being a Bloke” which inspires and provokes male students to consider what is the essence of healthy masculinity and becoming a man (rights and responsibilities). The females did a different program called “Beyond the Mascara” which is designed to encourage female students to consider how they view and value what it is to be a healthy female in today’s society.

Last week we also held mock interviews with Year 10 students. This is a great opportunity to help students to understand what employers look for at job interviews and hopefully help prepare them for life outside of school. I have heard many positive reports from those involved. Again I want to thank those in our community who volunteered to do the mock interviews and help our students.

Finally I wish to mention those students who have been great ambassadors of the College. Last Wednesday the Year 12 students held their Community Service Day at which they performed a variety of programs to support and help people who are less fortunate or who are struggling in our community. They were excellent ambassadors of the College. Then on Friday a large number of Seniors gave of their time to volunteer as helpers and support for the Beerwah Celebration. I was extremely proud of them when I received feedback from various people at how well they had represented the College.

Coming Up……

Next Week approximately 25 students aged 16 or over will be donating blood through the Red Cross. Each donation has the potential to save three lives. This activity was organised by our Red Cross Ambassador - Courtney Sinclair.

Awards Night is coming up very quickly - November 4 starting at 6:30pm. Please ensure your child attends as this is a compulsory event. Due to the formal nature of the event we would like all students dressed in formal uniform which includes ties and belts for boys.

This is certainly a busy term. Please continue to pray for our students and staff in this busy period and particularly for God to watch over our Year 12s as they do their final assessments before graduating in a few weeks time.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School
Shine

Week 4 of Shine took place last Friday with our 14 lovely year 11 girls. We are very excited to welcome Monique into the group too this term. As we wrapped up the concept of ‘Worth’, we began to uncover the concept of ‘Strength’.

Last Friday we discovered the way in which we have control over our emotions and that we choose the way we react to our circumstances. We enjoyed a delicious feast of fresh cream and jam scones as we sipped home made iced tea from pretty glass jars. The girls giggled and posed as they took photos in the photo booth with Polaroid cameras. We found out what each of our love language is and the ways that we can make our friends and family feel loved and valued.

I received some lovely feedback from one of the girls enrolled in the program. It encouraged me, so I thought I’d share it…

“I just wanted to say thank you so far for Shine it’s actually been so great and I know all of us walk out of there feeling so happy!”

Shine

Keep praying for this exciting and worthwhile program.

We are so blessed to have Ellen Turnbull and Kristina Dart serving in this ministry and bringing their absolute all with their planning, preparation and presentation of each session.

Annaleise Bullock

Our Year 11 Biology class went on a combined schools camp to Stradbroke Island in the last week of Term 3. Students joined other biology classes from Nambour Christian College and Jubilee College to explore the island and investigate some of its beautiful habitats.

We dug our hearts out on the tidal mud flats to find small organisms, climbed sand dunes collecting data on plants and their living conditions, canoed through mangroves and explored areas affected by bush fires to investigate regeneration.

The best part of biology camp was the food; the wonderful staff of Seashells Café at Amity Point provided all our meals, which were very welcome after a long day of fieldwork.

Overall, our students were given a unique opportunity to mix with other biology students and staff and experience what it is like to apply biology skills in real life situations. We look forward to the experience next year. For more photos, click here.

Kerrianne Draper

Beerwah Festival Performances

Friday evening 17 October saw the opening of the Glasshouse Country Festival with the ‘Beerwah Celebrates’ event. A group of our secondary students participated in the schools showcase, which displayed short acts from schools within the Glasshouse region. The performers did the school proud and showed the community what we do in the Arts at GCCC.

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School Banking News

Combank are rewarding regular savings by sharing the Dollarmites latest find, precious prizes from the ancient Clam of Fortune.

40 GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
150 Slip N’ Slide Double Wave Riders

Future Pathways

On Tuesday night 14 October the Year 9 students and parents received a presentation on Work Experience 2015 from Sustainable Partnerships. The night was well attended, however if there are some Year 9 families who didn’t receive the necessary Registration Form, this can be obtained from the Future Pathways Office.

There are new TAFE Courses at Caboolture Campus of Brisbane TAFE for Year 11 and 12 students in 2015. These include: a Certificate II in Rural Operations/Certificate II in Horticulture; Certificate II in Rural Operations; Certificate II in Animal Studies. TAFE are still taking applications. Michelle Wollenweber will be a Guest Speaker to talk about these new initiatives at Senior Assembly on the 28 October.

Students in Year 10 who expressed an interest in a School Based Traineeship or Apprenticeship to either me or Mr Heyworth, at the SET PLAN meetings in August or subsequently, can see me concerning making an appointment with Mrs Keirdre Oakes-Ferguson from MEGT/Community Solutions. MEGT has now been absorbed into Community Solutions.

Parents are more than welcome to be part of this interview process. A date has yet to be set.

Entry into the promotion is a little bit different to those that have run previously. For every School Banking deposit made during the competition period, the student will receive one entry into the competition (up to a maximum of 6 entries). So the more they save, the more chances they have to win a prize. Competition period: 20 October — 30 November 2014.

For more information, or to view the full competition terms and conditions, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Registrations for Annual Y-shop

Registrations for our annual Y-shop are now open. From 29 November 29 to 20 December we allow young people with their own original goods or services to open up ‘shop’ at the library of their choice each Saturday morning. This is the 4th year we’ve done this and have had kids from 10 – 25 years selling gifts, fashion, hair accessories, jewellery, soft toys, art and even a lawn mower repairer.

If you would like to participate, please contact:
Karen Gawen | Young Peoples Services Supervisor, Library Services | Community Relations, Community Services | Sunshine Coast Council
Phone: 07 5475 7156 Mobile: 0435 158 513 Email: karen.gawen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Website: www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au Mail:Locked Bag 72 Sunshine Coast Mail Centre Qld 4560

Law Information Sessions at the University of the Sunshine Coast

USC School of Law is hosting two information sessions for students wanting to learn more about the new Bachelor of Laws program. The sessions are as follows: Sippy Downs 15 October, 6-7pm, Lecture Theatre 7, Building C and at Caboolture, St Columban’s College, 6-7pm, Community Chapel, on the 23 of October McKean Street.

Paul Nash, Head of Future Pathways

Congratulations go to Izaak West who received a ‘Highly Commended’ at the recent Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre Awards night.

Year 10 students recently completed their mock interviews. Industry representatives noted that our Year 10s should be commended for the quality and standard of the interview skills that they demonstrated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the school staff, who voluntarily gave up their time, some at very short notice, to be interviewers and fill in the interviewee evaluation forms and Mrs Melanie Parker for scheduling of interviewers and times.

Registrations for Annual Y-shop
End of Year Book Returns (Prep – Year 12)

Please note the following dates for end of year book returns and encourage students to return any overdue items or texts no longer required. Letters have been sent this week to Primary families with students that have items overdue from Term 3. Middle and Secondary students will be sent email reminders about overdue items in the coming weeks to assist with their returns.

Ensuring items are returned efficiently assists library staff managing loans and helps us prepare texts for the commencement of the new year. We appreciate your support with this large task. Feel free to contact vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au to discuss any issues regarding returns.

Prep - Year 6: Items due back Friday 21 November (WEEK 7)
Year 7-11: Friday: Items due back Friday 28 November (WEEK 8)
Year 12: Items due back Tuesday 18 November (WEEK 7)

Literacy Pro (Year 4-6)

The Lexile Reading Program has recently been upgraded to the Literacy Pro Program and is available for students to access from the Library Weebly (http://gccclibrary.weebly.com) in the iRead tab. Students on the program are expected to consistently read Lexile titles and complete comprehension quizzes at their level, as part of their home reading program. They are expected to reach the required reading goals and will receive certificates of achievement for their efforts at Assemblies. More information about the program and achievement levels can be found on the Library Weebly.

The new platform has enabled staff to access a wider range of class and individual data to support students. It looks fantastic and has been well received by staff and students. Students have been given a new username and password and can access the site at home or school to complete quizzes. They should still have access to all of their data and reading records for quizzes completed before the upgrade. We encourage a slow and steady approach to completing quizzes and ask students not to rush, but to read for understanding to develop greater skill and accuracy in their comprehension. Teachers work closely with the data and can follow student progress and alerts to ensure that students are being successfully challenged and supported.

We are looking forward to the program continuing to flourish under the new banner of Literacy Pro. To promote the program a new range of Lexile titles are available in the Library and library staff are opening at second break for students to complete quizzes. We are also honouring our high flyers who have already attained their gold award. As part of the “Dream Team” they have set new personal goals and will be invited to attend an end of year party in the Library later this term.

MS Readathon (Prep – Year 12)

Thank you for those who took part in this year’s MS Readathon – you have done an awesome job! It's now time to collect your donations and return your fundraising money. You can complete your fundraising by logging in to the MS Readathon website www.msreadathon.org.au or by downloading and returning a completion form from the website.

In order to receive reading rewards, make sure you complete your form by 31 October.

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Secondary Library News

Year 8 Readers’ Cup Competition

The Regional Competition for Year 8 Readers’ Cup was contested last Friday evening, October at Immanuel Lutheran College, Buderim.

Nineteen teams of enthusiastic readers from secondary schools across the Sunshine Coast Region competed for a place in the final. Their challenge was to answer tricky and challenging questions derived from 8 fantastic books.

Our GCCC team consisting of Eloise, Matthew, Lachlan and Nathan valiantly combined their thinking skills and teamwork, representing our College well during the heats. Our team missed out on competing in the final, but thoroughly enjoyed the fast-paced competition and the excitement of humorous the evening.

Celebrated author, Tristan Bancks entertained...
The year 12 Senior PE class had the opportunity earlier this year to gain their Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue).

Congratulations to the following Surf Bronze Medallion recipients Jayme-Lee Groer, Caitlin Kennedy, Ben Giles, Aaron Giles, Libby Carver, Emily Bowden and Adrian White.

These students are now employable qualified Surf Lifesavers.

Matt Beattie, Head of Sports

Our girls top seven in the state!

Athletic talent was everywhere to be seen at the Queensland Primary Schools State Athletics Championships held last week. The best young athletes in the state battled it out on the track and in the field to gain personal bests and become State Champions.

Among these talented athletes were our very own Cassidy Ferris and Laura Vobr. This was Laura’s second year at the competition but it was all new and very exciting for young Cassidy.

Laura was first up to compete in the 11 year girls discus event where she placed ninth last year. She threw very consistently over her first three throws and qualified for another three throws in the finals. Laura threw the discus 27.05m to finish in seventh position which was a fantastic result. She also competed in the shot put event finishing in the middle of the field. Laura trains hard for these events and regularly competes in Little Athletics Carnivals so we look forward to watching her progress over the years.

Cassidy Ferris was selected to compete in the 200m event and also had the opportunity to run in the 10 year girls’ relay which she enjoyed very much. The relay team from all over the coast trained together before the race and combined well as a team but were very nervous as this was their first relay together. They ran beautifully and qualified for the final. In the final they gave it all they had but a shaky baton change cost them third place and they finished in fourth place (by .4 seconds) which was a fantastic result for this inexperienced team. “There’s always next year,” as Cassidy says!

Cassidy was fired up and ready to race her 200m heat and finished second in her heat to qualify for the final a few hours later. She drew an outside lane but raced very strongly especially over the last 50m of the race to finish in seventh position in a very fast final. She ran 30.82 seconds which was a great time and to be seventh fastest over 200m in the state is a great achievement.

Both girls gained much experience and confidence and made new friends from all over the coast from at this competition and look forward to competing again next year. For more photos, click here.
Lots of things happening in our College, with a busy last term.

The P and F are looking for helpers with both Prep - Year 2 Carols by Candlelight and Year 3 - Year 6 Christmas concert on the 1 and 2 of December.

There will be food stalls and a coffee van there but the P and F will be doing a BBQ, also selling snacks, drinks and glow sticks.

If you can help on either nights, or both nights with the BBQ, snacks etc, please email your details to pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

We really need your help.

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**Community News**

**Tunnel Ridge Ranch 2015 School Holiday Camp Dates**  (GST not applicable)

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**P and F News**

Our final P and F meeting for 2014 is Wednesday 5 November, (note change of night) 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

We will be discussing fund raisers/events for 2015 that the P and F can be involved in. This will help raise funds to go towards things for our College that will benefit our children and also for College families and local community to enjoy these fundraisers/events.

If you have any ideas that you would like to suggest, we would love to see you there, or you can email P and F.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President

pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

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**SUMMER SPLASH**

"Enjoy the best week of your Summer School Holidays by attending the amazing Summer Splash Camp coming up in December 2014. There will be heaps of fun activities and new friends to meet while staying at the great Apex Camp Mudjimba camp facility and going on day trips to great locations. How does Ice Skating, Laser Zone and Australia Zoo sound just to mention a few? And then add Merry games, Slow Stick Spotlight, the Amazing Mal Race and Beach Day, camp fire and swimming in the pool. How can you not be there for all this fun? Each day includes some practical chats about how we can “Build a better World” together with advice from the Bible."

Price: $266 (incl. tax)

Where: Apex Camp, Mudjimba (177 Beerwah Road, Beerwah)
Grades: 5 - 7 (4th wk of Dec 2014)
Directors: Linda Whyatt & ginie Chambers
Email: summersplash@suqldamps.org.au

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Glasshouse Districts Cricket Club is running the Milo in2CRICKET program again this season. It’s a fun way of introducing cricket to both boys and girls aged 5-10 years. The registration fee is $65.00. Each participant receives a plastic bat, soft ball, t-shirt, bucket hat and backpack.

The club held its registration day on Wednesday, 22 October from 4.00 – 5.00pm at Glasshouse Mountains Sports Club.

If you were unable to attend the registration day and you would like your son or daughter to participate, please contact, Jill Forster on 54930663 or 0418 946 252.

The sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 4-5pm. The first session will commence on Thursday, 30 October and finish on Thursday, 4 December.

New Land Update

Stage 11 Building Project update - 22 October 2014

Those of you on Facebook have been able to see some photos of the new land development so we thought it was time to give you a fuller update.

As of 22 October:

The date for practical completion is Friday 27 March next year, which is a week before Easter and the Term 1 school holidays. Practical completion is the stage of a building project when the works have been completed in accordance with the contract. Generally, practical completion means the works are completed to all relevant statutory requirements (apart from minor defects or minor omissions) and are reasonably suitable for habitation. Some examples of minor defects or omissions may include paint chips or missing cupboard door handles. Practical completion and hand-over do not necessarily occur at the same time and we are hoping to get access to at least the classrooms prior to practical completion.

The first three of the classrooms and the staff room should be finished by the commencement of the 2015 school year, but past experience tells us that this is unlikely. It will be finished before the carpark works, however, and the architect advised me this morning that we can commence occupancy whenever those classrooms are ready even if the carpark/setdown area is not yet complete.

On the carpark/setdown work, our excellent Builders (Tomkins) are currently in the process of completing the subgrade works. In transport engineering, subgrade is the native material underneath a constructed road, pavement or railway track. These works involve compacting the subgrade before the construction of the road and carpark and stabilising it with the addition of road base. The asphalt will then be laid over the top of this (thank you, Wikipedia).

With respect to the classroom building, the builders are in the process of constructing the retaining walls around the building pad, which is the highly technical term for the mound of material on which the building sits. This material is a mixture of a kind of stone that compacts really well with a binding of a kind of very fine sand which binds the material together.

We hope to bring you more updates as work progresses with more frequent photo updates on Facebook.

John Dohler, Business Manager
GCCC Dance Department
Presents
An Evening of Dance

31st October 2014
6.00pm GCCC Theatre
Cost $2.50 includes a cold drink.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/107271

STARRING:
Year 7 – 12 Dance students, Dance Extension, and the Primary, Middle and Senior School Dance Troupes.