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Cover photo: Teachers Leetice Evans, Abe Andrews and Kimberley McLearen were looking pretty frosty. This topic could be on thin ice. Snow more puns! Even if they are really cool!

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Small but loud voices 2014

Voices on the Coast have just published their book, ‘Small But Loud Voices 2014,’ in which GCCC features a range of articles from our young and older students.

There are sweet little stories, in-depth poems, adventure tales and even a thriller (with a happy, safe ending). My favourite section is ‘The world in a twist’ where students put a reverse spin on situations with a funny result. There are pictures of kebabs barbecuing humans, a light bulb inventing Thomas Edison, a gold fish tapping on a human bowl and an umbrella using Mary Poppins as a flying partner.

Well done to all the students who had their submissions accepted.

Young Achiever of the Year Award

Way back in February Jesse Woods was named as the first Schultz Toomey and O’Brien Young Achievers Award for 2014. On Monday 24 November there was a gala event to celebrate all the 2014 award winners and to announce the finalist. Unfortunately Jesse wasn’t the finalist but it was an amazing achievement to be nominated as one of eight monthly winners.

It was also great to see Noah Smerdon receive an encouragement award on the night. Congratulations to two very deserving young men.

Year 10 Dinner Dance

This was an awesome night and I found it all the more enjoyable as I was able to attend as a parent rather than just as the Principal. All of the students looked fabulous and had a lovely time laughing and dancing together. It was good to see so many parents supporting their teenagers and enjoying their company. The set up at Caloundra Events Centre was very beautiful and could have easily been used for a Year 12 formal.

Primary Carols by Candlelight and Concerts

Last year for the first time we held the Prep to Year 2 end of year celebration as a Carols by Candlelight on the oval. This event was such a success that the format was repeated this year for both Primary celebrations with the Prep to Year 2 event on Monday and the Years 3 to 6 event on Tuesday night.

The atmosphere on both nights was festive and the weather was perfect. A big thanks to the P and F who organised stalls, food and drinks so many families made a dinner picnic of the night.

Photo galleries are on our website and Facebook page and you can access the website ones by clicking on the links below:

Prep to Year 2 celebration photos
Year 3 to 6 celebration photos

Year 6 Graduation

This auspicious occasion was celebrated in style and dignity. The service included a special citation, graduation certificate and GCCC pen for each graduating student. Congratulations are due to Madeleine Roulston who won the Primary Dux award.

Outgoing captains, Patrick McKenzie and Madeleine Roulston did a commendable job hosting the event and I’d like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their service in 2014. There was bated breath before the announcement of the new Primary Captains for 2015. Congratulations to Kiana Reeves and Tate Doneathy who were awarded this honour. I look forward to seeing how they will lead in 2015.

Year 6 graduation photos

Leaving staff

It is that time of the year where I have the sad duty to let you know about staff who will not be with us next year. I’m sure you will join with me in wishing them well in their future.

Emma Buchanan-Jeffs (Year 4 teacher). Emma is having her first baby next year which coincided with the end of her contract.

Danni Bassett (Chappy Danni). Danni is also leaving us to pursue motherhood.

Brian McDonald (Industrial Design and Technology Teacher). Although Brian is not technically leaving us his role will be significantly changed as he will be one of the Industrial Technology Aides alongside John Vreeling. The reason for this change is due to the growth of the Industrial Technology. Brian’s role has moved from part time to full time. Brian felt he could not commit to a full time load as he will be enjoying some of the perks of semi-retirement. Brian is one of our longest serving staff members.

Sam Law (Drama teacher). Sam has come to the end of her contract and we wish her well in her future pursuits. Sam helped us during a difficult situation when we found ourselves without a Drama teacher in the middle of 2013.

Ainslee Robinson (Year 4). Ainslee has decided to resign so she can pursue her Masters study next year.
Fiona Schefe (Year 2/3). Fiona has only been with us a brief time and has been fulfilling a contract for two days a week in Primary.

Abe Andrews (Year 2). Similarly Abe has only been with us a brief time and has been fulfilling a contract of two days per week in Primary.

**Baby News**

Renee Newman and her husband Jason have just announced the safe arrival of Emma Lisa Newman. Emma was born on Thursday 20 November at the very reasonable time of 2.21pm but at the very unreasonable weight of 8.8 pounds. Congratulations to Renee and Jason on their new baby girl.

**Office times during Christmas holidays**

- **Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January** Close
- **Monday 5 January to Friday 16 January** Open
- **Monday 19 January** Closed
- **Tuesday 20 January to Friday 23 January** Open

Last week a letter went out with all the back to school information. If you would like to refresh your memory of the details, it is on our website under Parent Notices or you can click on this link.

**Gift giving at Christmas**

As a parent I am very aware of how children (and adults) love gifts. They love the joy of opening and exploring them and it is very special watching the expressions of delight on their faces on Christmas Day.

This Christmas I would like to remind everyone of the greatest gift ever given – God’s gift to us of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through Jesus we have the gift of eternal life and forgiveness of our sin. It doesn’t get much better than that!

Some of you may have doubts about the reality of Jesus but there is a heap of historical evidence besides the very clear message of the Bible. Without even opening the Bible we can learn from historical proofs: His name; the place and time of his public ministry; the name of his mother and one of his brothers; the mystery of his birth; Jesus’ fame as a teacher and miracle worker; that He was called Messiah and Christ and given a kingly status by some; the time and manner of his death plus the Jewish and Roman leaders involvement in it; and Jesus’ appearances to followers after His death.

This Christmas, I encourage you to take another look at the Bible and think about what your response is to the greatest gift ever given. Make the time to take your family to a Christmas Day service near you. You won’t be the only visitor and you will be very welcome.

If you live in or around Beerwah, the Christmas Day service at Glasshouse Country Baptist Church (next to the College) begins at 8am and will be finished by 9am. Most churches have signs up with their Christmas Day service, so keep an eye out for them.

As another year draws to a close, I am thankful for all that God has done at GCCC in 2014 and can’t wait to see what He does in 2015.

_Mike Curtis, Principal_

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**Stage 11 Building Project update – 4 December 2014**

Stage 11 of the new building project. As of late November:

- We selected the lights and light fittings today. All lights to be installed are LEDs with 90-95% efficiency, in keeping with the College’s current energy efficiency drive (there will be more initiatives relating to this occurring during the coming school holidays, so stay tuned).
- We have continued to refuse requests for installing a café with full-time Barista in the Prep Shed, but we are in the process of arranging water and drainage thereto, which is something at least.
- The installation of structural steel will commence next Monday 24 November and will run for two weeks until about Monday 8 December.
- The retaining walls have all been finished and the slab has been poured in sections.

- The project is currently on schedule, based on the initial programming.
- We went for a walk on the site and noted that the undercover area connected to and just South of the first classrooms is going to be humongous.

_John Dohler, Business Manager_
Primary News

By the time this newsletter is published we will have completed the 2014 school year and you will be looking forward to a change of pace – as will our staff. The speed and busyness of Term 4 is exhausting but it has been our privilege to have worked with your children once again throughout this year.

On Orientation Day we welcomed approximately 100+ new students (3 new Prep classes and about 28 additional Year 1 – 6 students). How exciting! Many of our year levels have waiting lists which is very pleasing. To be honest, most new families tell me they are enrolling because of word of mouth from friends or family who already have children in the school. There is no such thing as a PERFECT SCHOOL but I can say with confidence that all of our primary staff are committed to providing a safe caring environment where students can grow socially, spiritually and educationally. To that end, we continue to monitor the progress of every student throughout the year using a number of assessment tools and standardized tests. Moderation of standards across the year levels using student work samples for different aspects of Literacy and Numeracy allows us to report with the confidence.

Next year we are welcoming a number of new staff who are coming to us with incredible skills. The new year promises to hold exciting times for the primary college as we embark on some new learning programmes which we have been investigating or trialling this year. We are always open to change provided we have proven data which shows that the change will assist our students to improve learning outcomes and having trials first is helpful in this regard.

Our Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Concert were such great nights. Even though the hire of the stage, lighting and sound systems is an additional cost to the College, we are thrilled that we are now able to have all the Prep – 2 items on Monday and Year 3 – 6 on Tuesday night instead of having the Year 3 – 6 divided into before interval and after interval because the church was too small for all families in Year 3 - 6.

We are so grateful to our P&F who organized the food aspect of the nights and provided the candles for the children on both evenings.

Performing Arts Concert

Our performing arts concerts last week were such a treat! The performances for the Year 5 Band/Primary Band and the Smart Strings programme in Week 8 made me feel so very proud. Watching the Year 3 students playing so well, dressed up in beautiful dresses and tuxedos was amazing. What a wonderful job the tutors for the Year 5 programme and Ross and Jo Walker for Smart Stings have done throughout the year. It was such a lovely Smart Strings Concert with students and staff all dressed in style, in keeping with the Great Austrian Ballroom theme. I am so delighted that GCCC values both sporting AND performing arts programmes. I can see such interesting times ahead as the opportunities for our students expand every year. Special thanks must go to Mrs Rochelle Harrison and Mrs Penny White who have developed our performing arts programme this year to new levels. Little Voices, Primary Choir and Chapel Band have had a wonderful year also and we are grateful to Mrs Lin Smith, Mrs Jane Beaden and Mrs Rochelle Harrison for all their work throughout 2014.

Year 6 Graduation

Finally, our wonderful Year 6 students had their graduation on Wednesday and we farewelled them with a degree of sadness but with the knowledge that we will see them in Year 7 again. The 2014 Captains spoke of their experiences throughout this year and were presented with Certificates of Service. Thank you Madeleine and Patrick for a fine effort this year. As we look forward to next year we have much pleasure in announcing the Primary Captains for 2015. Once again there were only a few votes separating the two new captains and the other shortlisted candidates, so we encourage those who were unsuccessful in this to nominate for other leadership positions next year. All of these candidates have great potential as leaders.

We congratulate Tate Doneathy and Kiana Reeves on their appointment as Primary Captains for 2015 and pray God’s blessings on them as they prepare for this exciting role.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe holiday and a wonderful Christmas. The stress of having to prepare for Christmas sometimes overrides the importance of simply enjoying each other’s company. Please remember that time spent with each family and friends is more precious than expensive presents. Family picnics and fishing activities become treasured memories long after the latest toy has broken. When was the last time you had a family game of cricket? School holidays are starting today so have a wonderful time as a family and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

With Christmas approaching I’d like to share a message I saw many years ago “WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM”

Kindest Regards and God bless

Cheryl Bryers, HEAD OF PRIMARY
Middle School News

I heard on the radio in the last few days that, ‘We have 24 shopping days until Christmas’. This time of the year can be extremely busy as we work hard to get through a host of things that need doing or we want done. So much so that we lose sight of whose birthday we are really celebrating. The prophet Isaiah predicted Jesus’ birth 400 years before it happened stating that he would be born of a virgin and called Immanuel. Mary fulfilled this through the virgin birth and with Joseph and Mary calling Jesus Immanuel, which means God is with us. It’s kind of an interesting twist that on Jesus’ birthday we get to enjoy the greatest gift given to mankind which is that Jesus is always with us. Even in our busyness and no matter our circumstances, whether we are deserving or not, whether we go to church or not, whether we realise it or not - Immanuel - Jesus, God’s gift to us - is with us.

We have certainly been busy in the last two weeks in our Middle School. Here are a few examples of culminating activities:

The Year 7 Design Tech tested their designed cars in a Crash Test assignment. We had quite a few with ‘egg on their face’.

Our Year 8 Design Tech tested their Bridges for weight and strength. Some bridges stood some pretty significant weight testing.

Our Year 8s visited Embracia, an aged care village as a part of their Pastoral Care Class work. I am so proud of our students - they came back and said, “Mrs Vreeling Can we go there anytime and visit? They were so lovely!”

The teacher, Mr Follett, said they just kept singing Christmas Carols. We had only practiced one, but they just sang more and were so happy to share with the older folks.

Our Year 8 French students have had Markets in their classes.

Our Year 9s climbed Mt Coolum on a Rites of passage day. More photos here.

It is such a pleasure and honour to work with the dedicated staff we have at GCCC and also the families that represent our students. I pray you all have a very blessed and happy Christmas.

Next year the Year 7s begin on Tuesday the 27 January and the Year 8 and 9 on Wednesday 28. Please refer to the website regarding start up information. I look forward to beginning the New Year with all our students and their families - both new and old.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Year 5 Camp 2014

Wow, what an exciting three days we had! We took 62 students to Currimundi Active Recreation Centre in Term 4. During our stay students got out of their comfort zones, challenged themselves physically and formed new social connections with others.

At the beach we all learned to body board and enjoyed using our new skills to surf, change direction on waves and follow the beach safety rules. There were quite a few wipeouts and lots of smiling faces. We were lucky enough to enjoy pool games and had a pool party where students danced and sang the night away.

At Lake Currimundi we laughed and paddled canoes in teams of four. Some students were able to go in a straight line while others paddled all over the lake unintentionally, but happily.

As if that wasn’t enough excitement, back at the camp students were involved in team building activities. One of these was working together to build and use catapults to fire tennis balls at targets. They had to use rope skills they learned and their whole body to release the tennis balls successfully.

The most popular activity was the Giant Swing where students were harnessed in and lifted 15 meters into the air. In their own time they released the band, free fell for a second and let out a very loud scream. Even the teachers and the parents had a go.

Even though we were all very tired by the end of it the children did not want to leave. It was so wonderful to see so many smiling faces and to hear students saying things like, “I was scared but I am so glad I tried that. It was awesome!” It was such a fabulous time with a great bunch of people.

Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who joined us during the camp. We couldn’t have done it without you. You were so helpful and we really enjoyed getting to know you during our fun time together. Thank you also to Renee Newman for organising the camp. It was a team effort. Thank you everyone.

More photos here.

Leath Ramsay and Rick Rogers
What have the French students been up to the last few weeks of term?

**Year 7 French Market**

Year 7 students have been practicing their French by buying and selling in their very own French Market, using euros to pay of course! They sold freshly made crêpes, croissants and all sorts of delicious gâteaux. Their invitée were even made to speak some French. Thanks to all who came to make it a very real experience! Bon appétit!

**Year 8 Making Croissants**

Year 8 students have had fun making croissants and they were délicieux! Watch out at home as they may just be practicing to make you a wonderful surprise for breakfast! Some students also made their own French crêpes! What a wonderful celebration of French culture it has been!

**Year 9 French Café visit**

The Year 9 students were lucky enough to visit a French Café but a little closer than Paris! Le Relais Bressan in Flaxton welcomed us warmly in French bien sûr! The students had the opportunity to order their breakfast in French and even taste some real chocolate made freshly on the premises! They were very impressed with the 3kg chocolate cockerei!

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Année!

More photos of the GCCC website.

To our Year 7 Students

Well it’s time for us to say, “Farewell”, but we would rather say, “See you soon”. It has been a year of ups and downs but you have made it through. The tears, the laughter, the work, And play. Has finally come to an end. We are proud of you.

When you commenced Year 7, You were a blank canvas, The canvas is now, not so blank, You have added your mark. Good or bad.

We pray that as you move onto Year 8, You realise:
* how unique you are
* how precious your life is
* this is not a rehearsal

May you make a mark on your canvas that you are proud to show the world.

All the Best and God Bless,

Mr Ware, Mrs Kombanie, Mrs Horrigan, Miss Fleming

(YEAR 7 TEACHERS 2014)

Senior School News

The Year 12s have left and are now celebrating the end of their formal schooling. I heard a report on Friday night from people in the community who observed about a third of our students travelling to the Whitsundays. The reports were wonderful with people in the community commenting on how well our students are behaving. This is both a credit to you as parents as well as to the school - a great partnership!

**Year 12 Student Leaders for 2015**

It is my pleasure to announce those students who will be appointed as College Leaders in 2015. They are:

**College Captains:** Troy Fullerton and Calista Theron

**Sports Captain:** Ella Mickelson

**Performing Arts Captain:** Hayden Snow

**House Captains**

Ararat: Thomas Thow and Vanita Mens

Sinai: Jesse Snelling and Taylah Holt

Zion: Samantha Ruhle and Sarah Rourke-Berry

**Chapel Leaders**

Laura Davis

Louise Munyard

Maddie Kinsley

Monique Newell

The position of Performing Arts Captain is new in 2015 and after the success of the work that Abbey Bates did in raising the profile of Sport as the inaugural Sports Captain this year, I am excited about what can also be achieved in Performing Arts.

**Administration Days and Senior School**

Please endeavour to take the opportunity to come to the school and get all the equipment the students need prior to the first day of school. In Senior we are trying to keep disruption to classes to a

**STOP PRESS!**

Joshua Coumi competed in the Queensland titles for boxing over the weekend.

Joshua faced the Australian champion in his age division and he fought with courage and determination. Josh won and now holds the Queensland state titles.

Congratulations Joshua.
minimum and hopefully start lessons from Day 1. This will only be effective for your child if they are ready to learn.

**Headstart Students**

It was wonderful to receive the news that a large number of our students have been accepted into the Headstart Program for 2015. These are Year 11 students who will be studying their first University subject while still at school. 10 students applied for Headstart and 9 got accepted.

Listed below are the students and the subjects they will be studying:

- Will Smerdon
  - Management & Org Behaviour
- Moale James
  - Introduction to Creative Writing
- Maddisson Larfield
  - Introduction to Sport

**Year 10 Dinner Dance**

The Year 10 Dinner Dance was a great success. It was held at the Caloundra Events Centre, which was the perfect venue for such a great night of dancing, eating, and shameless ‘nut bushing’.

It was amazing to have a night so wonderfully put together where the high heels came off almost instantly and the lolly table was never deserted. Some of the highlights included the highly anticipated student parent dance, the Year 10 boys jiving and the progressive dance.

Both the ‘lads’ and ‘ladies’ looked absolutely amazing. It was a pleasure to be part of an extraordinary cohort and bunch of young people.

A very special thank you to the Year 10 Social Committee who planned and placed everything right down to the last jar and fairy light. It is especially appropriate to thank all of the people on the day that assisted with setup and clean up, and the young men and women who gave tributes in front of nearly 200 people – English oral presentations should be forever easy now! Thanks for a perfect end to an amazing year.

More photos [here](#).

**David Heyworth, Head of Senior School**

**Locally grown moustaches at GlassMO Christian MOllege**

Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australian men aged 15-44 years.

1 in 8 Australian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer.

The rate of Australian men diagnosed with testicular cancer has grown by more than 50% over the past 30 years.

This is why the men at Glasshouse Country Christian College mo.

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men’s faces (supported by their Mo Sistas (female supporters) in Australia and around the world. There is a serious side to the Mo growing. The money raised goes to support and raise vital funds and awareness for men’s health. In particular, funding for prostate and testicular cancer research along with mental health awareness campaigns. In 2013, Mo Bros and Mo Sistas around Australia raised AUD $26.4 million.

Men need to have conversations about their health and well-being. It is about educating and empowering men when it comes to their health. The casual discussion about moustache growth can easily and effectively turn into a conversation about men’s health.

Each Movember men literally become a walking and talking billboard for men's health. According to Movember research, Movember participants spend more time thinking about improving their health, visiting a doctor or discussing their health with others.

To get alongside a fellow staff member this year to wish him all the best in his prostate cancer operation, to pray with others for his health, and to see him return this year is testament to why this cause means so much to the men of GCCC. To discuss with other men on staff about the joys and struggles of marriage and raising kids allows us to realise we are not alone.

Movember fights the good fight. It is changing the face of men’s health. Why not encourage the men in your life to head to the doctor and let this year be the start of their annual checkup?

**Russell MODlin**
Staff Appreciation Day

Year 11 worked hard for their final assessment task for this year - Staff Appreciation Day. They prepared and served a morning tea of a selection of sweet and savoury foods for 130 staff.

It was a very busy morning but they did a great job in spoiling all the people that work so hard at this school.

For more photos, click here.

Julie Peters

Music News

A little bit of Austria came to GCCC last Friday. Our beautiful Year 3 students were dressed to impress in their formal attire to perform their Smart Strings classical violin concert to their adoring fans (family).

Parents were served coffee and strudel to get them in the mood and even the staff were outfitted in ball gowns, tails and bow ties to befit the occasion.

The sight of 77 violinists on mass was grand and the music, accompanied by their talented tutor Mr Ross Walker on the grand piano, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For photos, click here.

Our Year 2 students were also in the audience and they now know what they can expect next year when it’s their turn to pick up the bows.

Any parents who would like their child to continue learning and playing violin next year are encouraged to contact our new strings tutor Mrs Chrissy Davis (contact details are on our website here). Students in Year 4 - 6 also have the opportunity to be part of our College String Ensemble and to perform during the year.

Year 4 students were asked this week to choose an instrument that they wish to learn within our Year 5 Band Program next year. Students had the opportunity to see and hear the instruments when they attended our Year 5 End of Year Band Concert last week and many also came to our ‘Come and Try’ sessions. All of our instruments are now sent away to be professionally serviced and cleaned, and will be ready for distribution to our new Year 5s on Tuesday of Week 2.

Any current Year 5 students wanting to continue with private lessons in 2015, please complete the 2015 Instrumental & Vocal Enrolment Form and return to the College as soon as possible.

The College currently offers the following private music tuition - Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Drums, Piano, Guitar, Vocal

For further information or enquiries, please contact tutors directly - details can be found on our website here.

Please note that woodwind will have a new tutor in 2015 and contact details will be listed as soon as available.

Library News

The library will be closed from Monday 8 December – Tuesday 20 January. Please return books by Thursday 4 December or at the Main Admin over the holidays.

Book Returns – Final Recall

All library books and textbooks have been recalled for the year and families of students with outstanding loans have been sent an overdue notice. There are still a number of books outstanding. These books will be required as the new school year begins, so we would appreciate them returned promptly. All unreturned, lost and damaged items will need to be replaced. Replacement costs will be added to student accounts for items not returned by Thursday 4 December. We greatly appreciate the support of families as you help to locate and return items.

On returning items Secondary students have been reminded of their responsibility for looking after resources. Text books are borrowed on an annual or semester basis as required according to subjects. Students write their name on the insert located inside the front cover of all text books at the time of borrowing. It is recommended that books borrowed by students are not left in classrooms even when used regularly. All books remain the responsibility of the student who borrowed them and they are held accountable for any items loaned in their name. Text books are to be returned directly to the Library by the student not via staff or other students.

Thanks a bunch

We have once again been overwhelmed by the amazing support that families have shown for our Book Cubs this year. We’d like to extend a thank you to everyone who has ordered items and helped us...
build Book Club commission to spend on valuable resources for the College. Thank you also to the many volunteers who have assisted with Library events, Book Club and book covering this year. The staff and students of the College have benefited immensely from your contributions and your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

**Small But Loud Voices Anthology**

Earlier this year a number of students from GCCC attended the Voices on the Coast Literature Festival. Each year to celebrate the festival a book called Small But Loud Voices is compiled to showcase young writers’ work from across the Sunshine Coast. The anthology is a compilation of poetry, narrative and illustrative works. We chose a number of students’ work to be published in it this year and the book is now available for sale. Copies of the book can be purchased for $20 from the Immanuel Lutheran College Library or via the website at [www.voicesonthecoast.com.au](http://www.voicesonthecoast.com.au).

**GCCC Small But Loud Voices Authors:**
- Aimee Cullen Yr 1
- Laeni Rees Yr 2
- Paige Rogers Yr 4
- Isabel Holley Yr 5
- Jaimee-Lee Goudie Yr 6
- Penelope Clifford Yr 7
- Natasha Kukulies Yr 10
- Moale James Yr 10
- Holly Dodwell Yr 10
- Jesse Hughes Yr 12

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Thank you to the many students who took part in the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Certificates and prizes were awarded to participants recently and many students were keen to get involved in the next Challenge, which will commence in Term 2, 2015. The two classes with the highest number of participants this year were Prep G and 3W. Each class and their teachers, Miss Kuhn and Mr Bennett/Mrs Noke received prizes for their efforts.

**MS Readathon**

Special thanks also to the families that took part in the MS Readathon in 2014. Overall an amazing $300,341 was raised across Australia. These funds will make a real difference to lives of those living with multiple sclerosis. GCCC students raised $177 to contribute towards this total. Our top three fundraisers were Jarrett Coulson (PG), Eli Hardey-Abdy (1G) and Charlie Atkinson (1M). Amazing effort boys!

**Primary Dream Team party – Literacy Pro**

The much-anticipated Dream Team Party was recently held in the Library to celebrate the achievements of students in Year 4-6 who had read 20 or more Lexile titles across the year. Reaching the gold award level meant students could set their own final goal as members of the Dream Team. New reading records were set as students went on to read up to 30 and 40 books. The party is set to be a “royal” annual event not to be missed as many students plan on being part of the action in 2015. Click [here](http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=promo-video) for more photos.

**Secondary Book Club and Readers’ Cup Morning Tea**

During the year, there have been a number of reading events for our Secondary students. We have enjoyed hearing students sharing the buzz of a great book at Book Club and our Readers’ Cup teams encouraged one another in their preparation for competitions during the year. We revisited some of the excitement in a final end of year morning tea recently and discussed ideas for activities in 2015. Book Club for Middle School students will continue in 2015, as will Readers’ Cup competitions. Next year we will be entering a Year 7 team in Readers’ Cup for the first time. Stay tuned for more details in 2015. Click [here](http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=christmas-fun) for more photos.

**Holiday Fun**

School holidays are upon us and we look forward to some time to rest, relax and of course read! Although our school library will be closed over the break there are still ways to keep reading momentum at home. Local Libraries and Bookshops have much to offer. For a great overview of all the different services local libraries offer take a look at Sunshine Coast Libraries promotional clip at [http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=promo-video](http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=promo-video). Check out the wide range of free Christmas activities available across the Coast at [http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=christmas-fun](http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=christmas-fun).

The Summer Reading Club is taking place again through December and January and is a great way to encourage students to keep reading over the holidays. Last year 34,756 registered across Australia and an estimated 234,468 books were read. Now in its fourth year as a national program, it is hoped that participation in the Summer Reading Club could be even bigger and better this year! The theme for the 2014 Summer Reading Club is Adventure. Students can register online at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au) or at their local library to receive a Summer Reading Club pack. The club is open to students aged up to 16 years and provides exciting and interactive creative writing, arts activities and online games. National prizes are up for grabs for those who participate in the online writing activities.

Primary students may like to explore the website We Give Books ([http://www.wegivebooks.org/](http://www.wegivebooks.org/)). Registering is free and allows students to safely access a wide range of eBooks. Primary students can also continue working on...
Studyladder and Literacy Pro over the holidays. Literacy Pro titles from any library can be read, although it best to check first if they have a quiz available on the Literacy Pro platform. Points will finish for this year on 31 December. New points will commence for 2015 from 1 January.

Secondary students may be interested in websites that provide recommendations and reviews for teenagers looking for some great titles for the summer break. ‘Inside a Dog’ ([http://www.insideadog.com.au](http://www.insideadog.com.au)) is a site hosted by the State Library of Victoria and has reviews, book/author news and ideas for a range of activities for teenage readers and keen writers.

We wish College families a safe and blessed Christmas and look forward to a great 2015, sharing and inspiring a love of reading and learning with our students.

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

Glasshouse Country Christian College has just been notified of the successful students who have applied to The University of the Sunshine Coast’ HEADSTART program for 2015. I want to congratulate the following students who have been successful in their applications: Will Smerdon, James Proud, Maddison Larfield, Nicola Bates, Ryan Jeffery, Lachlan McCaig, Holly Dodwell. We wish them every success in 2015, in their various Headstart courses.

I would like to draw attention to a new range of Scholarships that have emerged at The University of the Sunshine Coast recently. Go to the following website: [http://www.myfuture.edu.au/change-direction/undertake-further-study-or-training/what-scholarships-and-financial-support-exist](http://www.myfuture.edu.au/change-direction/undertake-further-study-or-training/what-scholarships-and-financial-support-exist)

Parents of Year 12 students may find the criteria for some of these new scholarships more appropriate to their circumstances.

Applications have been received and students are being shortlisted for the Glasshouse Country Christian College school-based apprenticeships, in Sport and Recreation (Certificate II in Sport and Recreation) and in Information Technology (Cert III in IT support). Interviews are expected to be early in the New Year.

Students who want to do a Certificate III, are best to seek out employers, through either Busy at Work, Community Solutions, MIGAS or another, who will source and allow them to do the Certificate within the context of a School-Based Apprenticeship and or School-Based Traineeship.

Chappy Chatter

The Christmas season is drawing near. Children are super excited about the presents, some people are excited about spending time with family- I know I am particularly excited about the food. However I am reminded that as Christians, Christmas has a bigger meaning than just eating nice food, getting great presents and hanging out with our beloved family. Christmas is the time where Christians celebrate the birth of the Jesus the promised Messiah (the promised deliverer).

Matthew 1:21-22

“’She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.”

This Christmas, amongst all the joy and merriment take some time to think about Jesus the reason for the season, the promised one who would save us. Enjoy this beautiful time with family and friends, but don’t forget the author of joy, the maker of life and love- JESUS!

Chapi Dani Bassett

Future Pathways

Training Queensland, North Coast Region, in partnership with our local businesses, has developed a pre-employment skills checklist and workbook. It is called Ready for Work-Getting the Right Job and Keeping it Workbook. It can be located at the following website: [ipl.eq.edu.au](http://ipl.eq.edu.au). Click Programs, then Student Futures. The workbooks can be downloaded from there.

Employers look for certain skills in their workers that are not specific to any job role. These skills are personal attributes that you display in your daily life and are considered essential in the work environment. These skills are covered in this publication.

Work Experience Forms must be in by the end of this week, or at the very latest Friday 27th January 2015. As has been previously indicated, forms submitted by students at this very late stage are unlikely to gain their first preference, unless a prior arrangement with an employer has been secured, or it is a new enrolment. Work Experience will be held during the week of the 20-24th April, the first week of Term 2, 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our employers that have decided to partner with our school during 2014, whether it be in the context of a school based traineeship, school based apprenticeship and or work experience. The opportunities that you have offered our students have been of immeasurable value. As a school we are extremely grateful, appreciative and thankful for your contributions.

I want to thank parents and students who have supported us this year, particularly in the well attended Year 9 and Year 10 nights. We look forward to continued productive partnerships in 2015.

Paul Nash, Head Of Future Pathways
Yet again, it has been another fortnight full of great experiences in Agricultural Science!

First came the preparation of a pen large enough to house 40 hens. Students did some final touches to make the chooks’ night enclosure secure and bedded it out with a load of fresh straw. Free-range egg production is now an exciting reality! As an additional delight, a broody hen hatched another 13 very gorgeous chicks which the students were able to tend.

This fortnight also saw the students giving back to one of our supporting farming families, but gaining so much more knowledge in return. Local passionfruit and custard apple farmers, Pete and Annoeska Korczynski, welcomed the students onto their farm and provided a wealth of practical knowledge on planting out and managing passionfruit vines.

The students are now very keen to grow their own passionfruit vines at the agriculture plot and are very equipped to do so. Thank you so much Pete and Annoeska Korczynski for sharing your knowledge and beautiful farm with us!

Finally, how should any Agricultural Science group celebrate the end of their first ever year of studies? Yep, sharing a spit roast and freshly grown salad, both direct from the Ag farm, with family and friends!

Jade King
Fun Filled Days Out to Celebrate Lapathon Wins

Year 1M and Year 6M were treated to a whole day out of school having fun with friends organised by Mrs Stott. The Lapathon Outings were the reward for these two classes winning the Junior and Senior Lapathon Challenge earlier in the year.

1M were all very excited as they headed off in the college bus towards Caloundra. The first stop was Bells Reach Park with all kinds of climbing challenges and two very fast zoomy slides. Children, teachers and parents also loved playing at this park!

After morning tea the class piled back into the bus and headed for Chip Munks Play Centre. It was awesome to see the huge smiles as everyone explored and played for almost two hours. Chappy Dan joined the fun and played tiggy, collected ammo and slid down slides until we wondered who was having the most fun!! - the children or Dan???. Hot and sweaty, we all headed to Kings Beach for a BBQ and cool off in the fountains.

To warm up again the students played some Cricket and Frisbee in the park but soon had to head back to GCCC. They were all really tired but had had an awesome day of fun and adventure.

The 6M class were amazed at the beauty of the beach and colour of the sea from the lookout at Point Cartwright as they walked around the head land. Many students had not been here before so it was awesome to show them this beautiful spot on the coast.

After rolling down the hill and climbing up again several times, the class walked along the beach and out to the breakwater where we saw a turtle and small sharks swimming. After a treasure hunt and morning tea we all flooded onto the bus and headed for Laser Zone. Excitement was high as the class headed into each of the three games eager to score points by shooting the opposition’s light pack and at the same time avoid being targeted. Mr Rogers was particularly sneaky and popped out when least expected to target the opposition.

Mr Stott had BBQ sausages ready at Kings Beach on our arrival and then we all enjoyed a splash in the fountain and a swim in the pool to cool off. Everyone had a great day and really enjoyed having fun with class mates as the term draws to a close. All the effort made running as many laps as possible was all worth it!!

All the parents who came on these two outings were fantastic and almost had as much fun as the students! We thank you for your help on this day and also help with sport throughout the year.

More photos here.

Sport News

Lunchtime Soccer Competition

During Term 4 Ryan Harrison ran a soccer competition for Year 4 and 5 students at lunchtime as part of his traineeship. Six teams were formed with most games being six aside games. Teams were quite evenly matched and everyone enjoyed playing close games each Wednesday.

After 6 weeks of competition the final was played between Team Barcelona and Team Jamaica. Team Barcelona showed fantastic skill with the ball and passing from both teams was great to watch. Team Barcelona dominated the game and finished as winners and champions with Team Jamaica being Runners Up.

Congratulations to all players of every team as this was a fun competition and great sportsmanship was on display throughout. The other teams playing were the Terminators, The Legends, East Coast Champions and the Eagles. There were some very close games and competition was intense in some games. We would also like to thank Bakani Kombani and Jack for refereeing many of the games during their own lunch breaks.

Team Barcelona
– Declan Martin, Nick van der Palan, Ethan Palmer, Courtney Stead, Cassidy Ferris and Ben Blue

Team Jamaica
– Zander Bryant, Bohdi Amendolia, Connor Lubcke, Riley Korczynski, Jeffrey Parkes, Clancy Warner and Mitchell Tidy

Runners Up

Winners

More photos here.
**Student Accident Protection Plan**

Did you know that Glasshouse Country Christian College has an accident insurance policy covering students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, provided the student is engaged in school or organised sporting activities, including travel to and from such activities?

Unfortunately, despite the very best care accidents do happen. The subsequent costs can place enormous financial stress on families.

To help ease this burden Glasshouse Country Christian College participates in Aon’s Student Accident Protection Plan which automatically provides all enrolled students with protection under the scheme.

Following are links to a brochure which explains the financial compensation to parents and guardians under the policy should your child suffer an injury. There are also links to the claim form and medical practitioner’s statement in the event that you need to make a claim.

Should you like more information than is provided in this flyer, please contact Aon for a copy of their policy.

*John Dohler, Business Manager*

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**P and F News**

Hi Everyone

We are at the end of another school year. I hope everyone enjoyed the Prep - Year 2 Carols by Candlelight and Year 3 - Year 6 Concerts this week. Thank you to all the wonderful helpers at the BBQ, Glowsticks/Snacks and setting up/packing up.

What a wonderful 2014 it has been for the P and F. The highlight of course being Funfest. I am sure everyone will agree what a wonderful day Funfest is for our college and community, and what a great team Leisa McKenzie and Nicole Bradley make when it comes to organising such a big event. Looking forward to the next one in 2016.

The P and F cannot do the fundraisers and events without the help of the College families. So I would like to say a big thankyou to all those who volunteered their time in 2014. Whether it was helping with the Funfest, Primary Disco, BBQ, Mothers Day/Fathers Day stall, Second hand uniform shop, attending meetings, however your contribution may have been, it is valued and appreciated.

Also thank you to Admin, Tuckshop and Maintenance staff for your help and contribution to the P and F.

Our next P and F meeting will be Tuesday 3rd February 2015, 7pm in the library. We meet the first Tuesday of the month, unless it is school holidays or another college event, but dates are always in the College calendar.

Thank you to the executive committee for a great year, Jules, Jayne and Sue, and for the support of Mike Curtis and John Dohler.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas see you all 2015

*Lynelle Sim, P and F President*

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**Community News**

**Caboolture Community Christmas Party & Colouring In Competition**

The Caboolture Community Christmas Party is on Sunday 7 December from 5pm.

For the children this year there is a Colouring In Competition where the winner will be announced on the night – winner needs to be in attendance to collect their prize. Click [here](#) for the colour in sheet.

Food and drink will be available for purchase: Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzle, Cold Drinks.

All of the above afternoon fun will be followed by a Carols by Candlelight program.

More information can be found on: [caboolturebaptist.org](http://caboolturebaptist.org) or you can phone the church office on 5495 5654.

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Thank you

A huge thank you goes to Beerwah Woolworths for their donation of the Year 6 Graduation cake.

A huge thank you goes to The Frozen Drink Co for their time and effort as well as their kind donation of profits back to the College from the Prep to Year 3 Carols and Year 3 to 6 Presentation.

Year 6 Graduation

More photos here.
Prep to Year 2 Carols by Candle Light

Year 3 to 6 Presentation