SCHOOL CALENDAR

November 2011
Thur 24 6.30pm Middle School Awards
Fri 25 Year 10 Dinner Dance
Mon 28 Orientation Day Prep - Year 8
Tue 29 Awards Ceremony:
   8.45am Lower Primary Prep - Year 2
   11.00am Middle Primary Years 3-4
   1.00pm Upper Primary Years 5-6
Wed 30 9am Years 1-3 Swimming Carnival

December 2011
Thur 1 Break up day - end of Term 4
Fri 2 Pupil Free Day

Uniform Shop
New and second-hand uniforms.
Mon 8.00 - 9.00am
Fri 8.00 - 9.00am
2.30 - 3.30pm

Dates for 2012
Term 1: Mon 23 Jan – Fri 30 March
(Staff return 16 Jan)
Term 2: Mon 16 April – Fri 22 June
Term 3: Mon 16 July – Fri 21 Sept
Term 4: Mon 8 Oct – Fri 7 Dec

P and F News
Our Photo Fundraiser went well and spirits were high although attendance was a little disappointing.

A big thank you to those families who participated and to Kathy Hill for the wonderful job she did.

There are no more P and F meetings until next year.

Bonnie Harding
pand@gccc.qld.edu.au

From the Principal

Year 12 Graduates

Today, our Year 12 students of 2011 are graduating secondary school after a week of celebration and reflection that peaked during Thursday's Formal Dinner and the Graduation Service this morning. Of course schools exist for the very reason of preparing young people for their future lives outside of school and for this reason graduation is a joyous occasion. However, it is sad also as these students have been a blessing to our College. As a group, they have continued in the fine tradition of our previous two graduate classes by being excellent role models in their conduct and their work ethic. They have been a group that has striven and achieved excellence.

On behalf of the whole College, I would like to wish them all the very best. I know God has good things in store for these young men and women and we look forward to hearing all about their future exploits. Our next newsletter will have photos of the Year 12s dressed up in their formal gowns and suits as well as photos of the Graduation Service.

Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea

Our College volunteers are an amazing group of women and men and it was our privilege to be blessed by them. The Volunteers’ afternoon tea is a wonderful College tradition where we get to say thank you to these men and women who contribute so selflessly to so many facets of College life. I was thrilled with how many people were able to attend. We had volunteers from the Tuckshop, Kitchen Garden, Library, reading groups, Sport coaches, swimming supervisors, P and F, cheerleading and the list goes on. The food was lavish and delectable and was courtesy of Year 10 and 11 Hospitality students led by our wonderful Miss Devitt. Thank you to those who could attend and we hope to see even more of you volunteers next year.
LOST AND FOUND

FOUND

• 3 anklets
• pink ring
• silver cross
• black jeans from Calamity Jane
• Senior formal uniform (shirt and skirt)
• pair of black formal shoes “Stride” brand
• faded “Cowboys” hat
• two necklaces (one with a key and one with a shark’s tooth)

I have a full cupboard of lost property which will be displayed on Primary Awards Ceremony Day (29/11/2011) outside the church.

Karen Siggs

UNIFORM SHOP

Please collect orders and laybys from the Uniform shop by 30 November which is the last day the uniform shop will be open.

Any orders not collected will have the 5% discount reversed and will not be available for collection until 18 and 19 January.

New and second hand uniforms will be for sale 18 and 19 January above the library; however, appointments for fittings are still essential. Please phone the College office to book a time.

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED:

on the 16, 17, 18,19 and 20 January between 9am and 3pm, for uniform sales and organisation. Any and all help is appreciated, even if you can only manage one hour, it would be most welcome. Although some of the organisation may be a bit warm, you will be in airconditioned comfort for the sales of the uniform. Please phone the school office to register your availability.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Romona Woods who has faithfully turned up every day to help with uniform fittings this term. I couldn’t have done it without her. Thanks,

Kylie Woodhead

Do you drive your children to College?

If so, you may be eligible for government assistance amounting to hundreds of dollars each year. Please visit the following website to see if this government program can help you:


Please note that this program is entirely separate from the College and families must investigate their own eligibility and apply for themselves.

We have also put this link on our website under College Life, Bus Services in case you need to refer to it in the future.

Mike Curtis

PRIMARY CONCERTS

Congratulations to all Prep – 6 teachers and students for entertaining us so thoroughly at both concerts. I am sure that, like me, you were very proud of your children on stage obviously enjoying the items. It is lovely to watch students shine when they have mum and dad there in the audience.

I was also very grateful to all our families who were so understanding about having to limit the tickets because of the venue. You were all so gracious, which made being on the door so enjoyable on both nights.

MUSIC WORKBOOKS FOR 2012

You may not have noticed, but we have not asked parents to purchase a Music Workbook for 2012. Instead, Mrs Hilton will produce the Music books herself and a small charge will be added to school fees.

With changes to the Australian Curriculum next year, students would not complete the workbook used in previous years, so this is a less expensive option for parents.

VOLUNTEERS’ AFTERNOON TEA

It was great to see so many of our wonderful volunteers at the afternoon tea last Friday. There are so many aspects of College life which would not be possible if it were not for parents, grandparents and community members who volunteer their time and energy to support what we do. A THANK YOU doesn’t seem enough, but it is very sincere.
We are grateful to Miss Colleen Devitt and the hospitality students in Years 10 and 11 for providing such an impressive spread for the afternoon tea and for graciously serving our guests. We all wait in anticipation these days to see the array of delectable delights which “appear” at such functions. We are very proud of the way the Hospitality Department operates and the blessing it is to the whole College community.

CLASSLISTS FOR 2012

Teachers have been preparing the Primary classlists over the past couple of weeks, spending many hours giving careful consideration to the following –

- Social and emotional information
- Friendships (teachers have prepared sociograms from information students have provided regarding friends they would like to have in their class. At least one friend will be with each student next year.
- Behavioural concerns
- Academic results so classes are balanced
- Any parent information given throughout the year

These draft lists are then checked again by teachers who have taught the students in the last few years to double check any concerns from previous classes.

Classlists will be released on Orientation Day 28 November and students will spend the morning with their teacher and classmates for 2012. These lists are final as even one change can have a domino effect and affect the balance in the classes for 2012.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL FOR YEARS 1 – 3

DATE CLAIMER: 9am Wednesday 30 November. Students in Year 3 who are still eight years old on 31 December 2011 will be participating also. The carnival will start at about 9.00am and students will return to school by 11.00am approximately. All parents welcome - we would value parent helpers on the day.

AWARDS CEREMONIES 29 November

A note was sent home last week regarding these Award Ceremonies. Please support your children by attending if at all possible.

8.45am  Prep – Year 2
11.00am  Years 3 and 4
1.00pm  Years 5 and 6; Year 6 Graduation Ceremony; Announcement of Primary Captain and Vice Captain.

Students will receive their citations at these ceremonies. For new families, we believe it is important to speak into our students’ lives by declaring positive things over them in these Award Ceremonies and presenting them with their Citation Certificate.

Primary breaks on 29 November have been changed to accommodate these ceremonies.


Those of you who have been involved with GCCC for a number of years may remember Mr Warren Holyoak who was our part time Business Manager from 2002 – 2006.

I first met Warren at a Growing Kids God’s Way conference early in 2002, as we were interested in using this parenting course as the framework for our Behaviour Management Policy for the College.

The World by Mandy Brahim, Year 9G

Is this a mistake?
Thinking about the world, trying to save it.
It isn’t easy.
I guess that’s why they made up super heroes,
to help those in need,
to really help and make people happy.

But whatever happened to God?
People have forgotten about Him
And He can save the world.
People just don’t get it.

We need God more than we need ourselves.
We should all get out there,
and show the world what He is made of.

Why is it so hard?
So hard to help them,
to get together as a team,
to not be so mean.
Can’t we give them a smile,
or a bright hello.
Something to cheer them up?

I wish I could help people as much as God does.
Can you do that?
‘Cause I think I can.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Vocal Tuition - Ian Rix

Lessons cover topics such as: breathing techniques, ear training and pitch correction, how to read music, music theory, individual voice development, performance techniques and how to prepare for auditions and more. There are a few lesson times available for next term. If you are interested, please contact Ian Rix on 5492 7740, 0438 136 833 or email ian.rix@bigpond.com
Our meeting, in my opinion, was a Divine appointment, and from that first encounter, Mr Holyoak became an integral part of our College, one day a week initially and then two days a week, guiding myself and the Board in the development of the school. He also led a number of Growing Kids God’s Way courses during the first few years as he was passionate about assisting families in the most important job of all – parenting. I actually attended the first course Warren ran here and learned a great deal during that time. In fact, I often said I wished I had known these things when my own children were younger.

Sadly, Mr Warren Holyoak passed away on Thursday 3 November after battling a medical condition for many years.

Warren was an intelligent man of great integrity. He loved people and was always ready to help if he saw a need. He served God with every fibre of his being and was a true gentleman, and Glasshouse Country Christian College owes so much to his wisdom and guidance during the first 5 or 6 years of its development.

Warren has gone “home” but will be sadly missed. Our school is just one of the many legacies which Warren Holyoak has left to this world.

CARDS AND CANDY CANES

At the close of the year, students are excited about the giving and receiving of cards and best wishes for the holidays.

In primary classes, students are welcome to give out cards in the LAST week of Term 4. If they do this too early, we find that the “festive season” feeling often impacts on work and behaviour.

Also, candy canes have become so popular of late that we have had problems with students on a “sugar high” during the day because they are eating so many of these at breaks.

To avoid this, and at the request of a number of parents who have also felt the impact of sugar overload, we will not allow candy canes to be brought to school.

We encourage students, if parents wish, to bring cards with messages of joy and Christmas greetings – but no candy canes please.

Cheryl Bryers

In 2M we have been learning about water with Wizzy the water drop.

Our class has been doing Cinquain Poems.

by Jessie Hills

Jessie Hills

Volunteers needed

The P and F are looking for volunteers to help in the Second Hand Uniform Shop on the 18 and 19 January 2012 to assist families with uniform fittings and sales. If you are able to help for a couple of hours on either of these days please email pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au with your contact details and the day and time that you can help. Thank you.

P and F Second Hand Uniform Coordinator

Second Hand Uniform News

Selling Uniforms: The P and F Second Hand Uniform Shop is seeking uniforms of saleable quality either from donations, or to sell on commission. Please download a copy of the “Second Hand Uniform selling/donating form” located on the College site www.gccc.qld.edu.au under the College Life/Uniform Shop tabs. The completed double-sided form and clean uniforms may be left at GCCC Reception for processing.

During the holiday break, second hand uniforms can be left at Reception between 9am-3pm until 15/12/2011 and in the New Year from 09/01/2012 to 17/01/2012. Items left after this date may not be processed and ready for sale until the first day of Term 1 (23/01/2012).

Buying uniforms: Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop for the remainder of Term 4, 2011. Alternatively, if you would like to purchase second hand uniforms for your child ready for the start of Term 1 in 2012, the P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open from 9am-3pm on both Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19 January 2012.

Holiday workshops for children

There are loads of creative activities for children these school holidays at the Noosa Regional Gallery.

All classes are only $15 each and due to popularity, bookings and pre-payment is essential, please phone the gallery on 5449 5340 to secure your child into the programs available and to find out more information. Classes are limited to 12 students.
Gruffalows and Goliaths at GCCC

‘It’s all about Character’ was the theme of the Upper Primary Concert at Glasshouse Country Christian College and the students used fantasy, reality, humour and even cheekiness to portray the importance of good character.

Year 3G sang and danced about being a good friend, Year 3M showed the danger of pride using Aboriginal folklore, Year 4G portrayed ‘The Man from Snowy River’ – without horses and Year 5M told the story of the brave and clever mouse tricking the hungry Gruffalow.

The story of David and Goliath was made all the more entertaining by Goliath’s long, skinny legs, the frightened Israelites dressed as chickens and the GCCC cheer squad acting as Goliath’s fan club. After David had defeated Goliath and chopped off his head, a laconic cleaner came on stage and began to mop the imagined mess to the delight of the audience.

Everyone laughed Year 6G’s cheekiness as they performed their version of ‘So you think you can dance’. The students had somehow got hold of Coles’ giant red hands and performed the well-known jingle in the aisles of Beerwah IGA (who were very good sports about it).

One of the highlights of the night was Year 6M’s dramatic performance. The students used mood lighting and art to tell the story of creation by drawing different parts of a picture on several canvases before bringing them all together for the grand finale.

Whether it was by Gruffalows, Goliaths or serious drama, the GCCC students showed that they know what good character is all about.
Middle school students presented the giant bandana they have been working on to raise funds and awareness for CanTeen. This charity helps young people going through cancer by providing programs, services, support and resources.

Christmas Cards help charity in Bangladesh

Christmas Cards for sale have arrived at Reception. These are to raise money for the IFD’s charity in Bangladesh. Each card is hand made using lino printing, painted backgrounds, and then sewed with a beautiful, textured gold thread. Cards are $2 each or three for $5. Cards come with a bonus envelope!

Year 10 Art... What is an artists' book?

An artists’ book is an artwork in a book format, or an artwork that has its origin in the form or concept of the book. The term was originally coined to describe books which had their origin in the Conceptual Art movement of the 1970s. The typical artists’ book today is a limited edition handmade book. The material ranges from lyrical and poetical works, books that take on a sculptural aspect to beautiful examples that blend the creativity of the artist with the technology of today’s computer age. Artists’ books come in all forms, shapes and sizes, and are made out of a variety of materials including wood and handmade paper.

The Year 10 Art class have just finished a unit on Artists’ Books. They are on display in the Reception Area so please come and admire them.

Patrice Cutlack

Pause and Ponder
Defragging our Lives

Every so often my computer becomes sluggish. Frequent use and a clattering of programs and documents slows the workings down until I know it is time to defrag it. Drefragging groups all the information so it is easily accessible and runs smoothly.

Just like my computer, my life often becomes fragmented (especially at the end of the year). One situation tugs on my time and emotions while I’m trying to concentrate on something else. Demands from every direction bombard me. I want to accomplish everything that needs to be done but my mind won’t stop and my body won’t start. Soon I begin to feel weary and useless.

We may think this only happens in modern times but King David expressed similar feelings in Psalm 55:2. He felt weary and worried. David responded to this feeling by presenting his needs to God morning, noon and evening, confident that he would be heard (v.17).

Prayer can help to defrag our lives. When we cast our cares on the Lord, he will show us what we need to do and what only He can do.

We need prayer the most when we have the least time to pray.

Excerpt from Our Daily Bread, Julie Ackerman Link.
Library News

Library Opening Hours
Prep – Year 9 Students: 8:15am – 3:15pm
Year 10-12 Students: 8:15am – 4:00pm

Homework Club:
Every Thursday for Years 7-12 from 3.00pm to 4.30pm

Middle and Secondary End of Year Support

All students are reminded that the library Mac computers are available for work and printing assignments before school and at second lunch. Media suites are also available for private study for exams.

Literature Circles

The Year 6 classes have completed Literature Circles during library lessons this term. Students have had the opportunity to choose from a wide range of new titles to read and discuss with peers. Each week students come together to discuss the chapters and related activities together. The unit has prompted some fantastic discussion and has given everyone the opportunity to be a team leader. It has been a wonderful experience and we have received very positive feedback from staff and students.

“Literature Circles is where you have a book and you have to read a certain number of pages each week and you do an activity about it. The different activities help you with different things like your comprehension or understanding of the book.” By Abela 6M

“In Literature Circles you get to read a book of your choice and get to do activities like drawing a character out of the book. It helps you with your understanding of the book and helps with your reading.” By Lauren 6M

“The good thing about Literature Circles is the range of books that kids can read. I really like that when you finish reading your chapters, you want to read on, but you can’t. The activities are also great.” By Ryan 6G

“I enjoy Literature Circles because it doesn’t matter what group you are in, you can still enjoy the book and activities. I have enjoyed ‘Discussion Director’ and our group is really looking forward to the drama. It’s not until next week, but we’ve already been writing the script and working on a Powerpoint for it. Our play will persuade people to read Specky Magee - it was a really good book.” By Annabelle 6G

“I enjoy Literature Circles because it is an interesting way to read a book and you probably have a greater understanding of what happened in the book, via the discussion and activities, than you would if you just read it by yourself.” By Rory 6G

“As a teacher I’m always interested in ways for my students to be totally engaged in their learning. Literature Circles does this. Through a variety of relevant activities, each group becomes engrossed in deep discussion and debate as they reflect on their reading and find that other readers don’t see/read things into the text as they do: other readers in their group enjoy different sections, have different opinions on topics and different questions about the character’s motives and actions. With such a great variety of books for the class to choose from, I look forward to my next class being totally engaged in Literature Circles.” By Mrs. Jen 6G

End of Year Book Returns

All students are encouraged to send books back to the library by the following dates to assist with the library stocktake. Families with outstanding items will be contacted over the coming weeks by library staff.

Prep – Year 6: All library books and readers to be returned by this Friday 18 November (Week 7).
Year 7-11: All books to be returned by Thursday 24 November (Week 8).
Year 12: All books to be returned ASAP. Parents will be notified of outstanding items.

Thank you in advance for your help with this. See you in the library.

Vanessa McKellar
To our departing Year 12 students.

Congratulations from the VET staff on your wonderful achievements. Very best wishes for the future. We will miss you.

Here are some of the terrific achievements of our senior students in recent weeks.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed Certificate studies in recent weeks.

At BNIT TAFE: Scott Offord Certificate III in IT, Mitch Fraser and Sam McClure Certificate III in Fitness, Alex White and Brendan Cook Certificate II in IT.

Accomplished during traineeships – Ashleigh Flesser Certificate III in Hospitality with support from Glasshouse Country Kitchen, Mitch McNamara Certificate II in Horticulture with assistance from Oakland Farms and Amy Siggs Certificate III in Business with employed at TAFE Caboolture. Jake Carver and James Bowden, with support from their employer Coffee en Route, are just completing the last paperwork towards a Certificate III in Hospitality. Well done to all of you and thank you to the wonderful employers who are our very valued partners in teaching our students employability skills in the workplace and helping them to complete industry recognised qualifications.

Also, congratulations to Julian Utting who won the Brisbane School of Distance Education subject prize for Information Processing Technology for the second year running. Well done Julian!

Mrs Fraser was so delighted with the achievements of all our senior school students this year she was spotted doing cartwheels!

Local Job Opportunity for Year 12s.

A local business is looking for a school leaver to start a part-time job with the possibility of it becoming full time during the new year. If you are not yet organized for next year, contact Mrs Ferris for details of this opportunity right here in Beerwah.

Can I change my QTAC preferences after I receive my OP?

Year 12s wondering how to go about reordering their QTAC preferences can rest easy. Our three closest universities are all running sessions to help you in the week after OPs are released. USC and ACU are both holding Information Sessions on this very topic on 19 December while QUT is holding its session at the Gardens Point Campus on 20 December. Have a look on their websites or contact Mrs Ferris for more information.

Gap Year in 2012

LAUNCH - Malyon Leadership Gap Year Sponsored by Malyon College and CALAM Training. LAUNCH is designed for young adults who are passionate about serving Jesus and who are prepared to take a year off university or work, to invest in gaining a strong biblical foundation and growing their effectiveness in Christian leadership, ministry and mission. For more information go to www.malyonleadership.org.

Are you interested in a career in the music industry?

JMC Academy in Brisbane is running one day workshops in January for $15 including lunch to introduce students to Audio Engineering and Sound Production, Event and Artist Management, Performance, Animation and Gaming. See the brochures in this newsletter or call 3846 5166.

Cheryl
Amalee McClellan selected for Broncos under 12 merit team.

October 21, 2011 saw the kick off of the inaugural Broncos School Girls Challenge. It attracted over 45 teams and 500 girls between the ages of 11 to 17 from all over southern Queensland and beyond.

The day started at 9:30am and games were played right throughout the day. The skill and talent that was shown in each age level was outstanding. A clear standout was Amalee McClellan from Glasshouse Country Christian College. Amalee showed great skills, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. Amalee was rewarded for her skill and effort and was named in a merit squad.

The merit squad will train over the offseason for a chance to play in other merit squads across QLD in 2012.

Laura and Sarah Davis compete at PCAQ State Horse Trials

Horse Trials are an Olympic discipline tested across three different trials being dressage, cross country and then showjumping.

Laura has been competing in the 12 and under age group and won the Zone event and both girls qualified easily for States. At States, Laura was first rider out for her age group which is the worst place possible as it affects your dressage score and makes it more difficult to know how to ride the next two stages. Laura was in third place after her dressage and went clear but too fast in the cross country. She collected 2.4 time faults and although she had beaten those who were placed above her she moved into 4th as some of the other riders didn’t get any faults. Laura went clear in the showjumping but so did those riders above her so she remained in 4th place.

Sarah competed in the 13 to 26 year old group and was incredibly sick in the lead up to the event, spending the previous two weeks in bed and not being able to prepare at all. She decided 10 minutes before the event started that she would ride but was very weak and her horse hadn’t been ridden at all. Given the circumstances and the level of training of her horse, Sarah rode an excellent dressage test and placed 23rd! She went clear in the cross country phase and moved into 10th place but then knocked a rail in the showjumping and so moved back to 13th (out of over 30) which was still a really great effort all things considered.

Interschool Sport Finale

The final interschool sport for the Year 6 and 7 students was AFL. The scores of these games were not recorded with the purpose being to improve skills and enjoy non-competitive games. We entered five teams who improved each week and learned to work together as a team.

The Year 7 girls played some fantastic games outclassing their opposition on most occasions. The team was greatly helped by Kiara Hodgson who is training with the Sunshine Coast AFL Development Academy, but the teams physical presence, speed and kicking skills also shone through. Although the scores weren’t kept these girls were only beaten once due to a lapse in concentration and urgency in their last game!! Great effort girls.

The Year 6 boys again combined well and were only beaten twice. Kyle Bullard showed his AFL skill in making many marks and kicking several goals from difficult positions.

The students enjoyed these games without any pressure of winning or losing and the Year 6’s look forward to many more days of sport next year.
Fantastic Day of Action at League Tag Gala Day - Primary

Students from Year 4 to Year 7 eagerly participated in a huge day of League Tag on Friday at the Beerwah Sports Grounds. Six Year 4 and 5 teams played eight games throughout the day against other Glasshouse District School teams. The aim of the day was to improve skills, foster teamwork and improve their game play in League Tag.

The students showed fantastic sportsmanship and gave everything playing for at least two hours during the very hot day. Some fantastic tries were scored as students evaded the attackers trying to grab their tags. Everett Evans was awarded the sportsman of the day medal for his efforts in encouraging his team and playing hard, but fairly. Unfortunately we could only choose one player from our six junior teams but these people were also nominated for this award from their teams: Cara Cavangh, Remi Bryant, Harrison Still, Jasmine Small, Ethan McCrostie, Charity White, Nick Dwan, Hamish White and Josh Bull.

Every team had a dedicated parent or two to make sure each team got to the correct field on time for games. The day would not be possible without these fantastic people who never stopped encouraging and building up their teams. Thank you so much for your time and effort on such a hot day!

Senior Girls Blitz Opposition in League Tag

Our Year 6/7 girls’ team had an awesome day winning all four of their games convincingly. Amalee McClellan was a great asset to the team and frequently showed the skill which has gained her State selection as she side stepped and twisted around frustrated opposition. The team also combined well on attack and stopped many scoring opportunities by the opposition. Rebekah Groer and Natasha Hoeksema showed there speed with some great attacking runs sometimes resulting in tries. Nichola Bates, Hannah Johnson, Emma Hagan and Taylah Andrews made some great tags in defence often stopping tries. Due to their success, the girls gained entrance into the North Brisbane League Tag finals to be held in the final week of school.

Emma Hagan was awarded the Sportsmanship Medal for her fair play and teamwork throughout the carnival. The team was: Amalee McClellan, Rebekah Groer, Nichola Bates, Emma Hagan, Taylah Andrews, Amelia Sutton, Anna Bowden, Isabella Cornell, Andrea Curtis, Elizabeth Gregory, Hannah Johnson, Emma Wriggley and Natasha Hoeksema

NRL League Tag Gala Day - Senior Boys

On Friday 11 November Glasshouse Country Christian College participated in the Primary Schools NRL League Tag Gala Day at the Beerwah Sports Ground.

Mr. Couper and Mr. Hall managed the Senior Boys team, which comprised of Year 6 and Year 7 students. This enthusiastic squad was co-captained by Tom Dwan and Zac Cathcart and was also made up of many other very good rugby league players and general athletes.

The GCCC campaign began in sweltering conditions, with a very tough game against Elimbah State School. This was a very close tussle; however Elimbah managed to score one very good and one disputable try to make the final score 2-nil. Both Tom Dwan’s skill and sportsmanship were on display during this match. At one stage in the game he informed the referee that he was tagged at dummy half and the ball should be awarded to the opposition. Well done Tom.

Match 2, against Landsborough State School was another close encounter. The GCCC team began putting more grubber kicks through early in the tackle count and they tightened their defence up out wide. Jake Hoeksema and Tom Boroughs (in attack) and Cameron Shervey (in defence) had very good games. Jake was unfortunate not to be...
Primary -
• The two stunt teams came up against tough competition to come 5th and 4th (1. Stephanie Ferris, Georgia Gray, Georgia Illing, Georgia Childs, Claire Cornel and 2. Annabelle Freeman, Sarah Smith, Ruby Rogers, Claire Cornel, Jacqueline Roach).
• Primary cheer team did a really clean routine and came 4th.
• Primary pom came 5th, again up against very well drilled teams.
• Primary duo (Stephanie Freeman and Savannah Malan) choreographed their own routine for the cheer duo and did exceptionally well to place 3rd

Secondary -
• Secondary - Dance duo (Lucy Sharpe and Kate Fraser) again performed very well, with a clean and entertaining routine to storm home with a 1st
• Cheer duo (Emily Scott and Rebekah White) performed an energetic and well presented routine to tumble home with a 1st
• The stunt team (Emily Scott, Bek White, Lucy Sharpe, Kate Fraser and Jacqueline Newell) continuously performed at a level beyond every other team to continue with their winning run and to prove why they are State Champions.
• The high school cheer team did well performing a re-choreographed routine after 4 members informed me last week that they weren’t attending the competition. A big thank you to two of our year 5 girls (Stephanie Ferris and Georgia Gray) who stepped up last Wednesday to learn parts of the routine to fill in the gaps.
• The high school pom team came 5th. They performed very well but were again up against very polished and well drilled teams.

What a huge day for the GCCC girls. We had 10 teams entered. A big big thank you to my helpers - Kris Freeman, Vicky Childs and Wendy Stott.

I am very proud of all of the girls who competed. We practise two lunchtimes per week (1/2 hour slots) and we are up against schools and dance companies who would train three or more days per week. The girls are so professional when they perform and they pull it together to be so competitive. They really enjoy the day and performance gives them so much confidence both within the team and individually, this will I am sure spill over to give them greater confidence outside of cheerleading.

Regards
Christine Scott
Slice of Life Theatre Arts Awards and Celebration Evening

On Monday, 14 November, the College theatre came alive with 20 of our 24 Slice of Life Theatre Arts students performing their hearts and souls out showing parents and friends who came to watch as part of the end of year celebration concert. Twenty-four students from Prep to Year 10 were awarded their gold, silver or bronze medals for their outstanding achievements throughout the year. Joel Woodhead from the Junior DramaTRIX class was awarded a three-year achievement trophy. In the Theatrix Class seven students received their three-year achievement trophies including Hannah Boyer, Courtney Sinclair, Holly Dodwell, Aaron Gisler, Lachlan McCaig, Rebecca Woodhead and Louise Munyard. Rebecca Woodhead was also recognized for outstanding five-year Attendance and Achievement Trophy. Fourteen students also received their Trinity London results, which are listed below;

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A big thankyou goes to Mrs Freeman for all of her hard work throughout the year as well as Mrs Woodhead who has been an assistant to the program for the past 3 1/2 years. She was awarded a 3 Years of Service Trophy as well for her dedication in administration assistance in keeping the programme running. A big thank you to Carly Hampson and Debbie Holland and all of the parents who stepped up this year and put themselves on the line by bravely strutting the stage singing and dancing in our TheaTRIX production of The Sound of Music which saw us perform 7 shows over two weekends to over 700 people. The two Sound of Music casts were also privileged to be selected to be the showcase performers for the National Glee Competition that was held as part of the Caloundra Music Festival at Talara Primary in October. More than 450 students performed to parents and friends whilst 18 school Glee groups competed for 20,000 in prizes. Congratulations to all the students for all of your hard work and WOW, what a big year!

There are possible places for extra students in the program next year so if you are interested in registering your child in the SOL Theatre Arts programme or the Secondary Trinity London Exam Tuition program offered by the College please register your interest on our website http://solarts@musicteachershelper.com or email louise.heinrich@gccc.qld.edu.au or call Mrs Heinrich on 0405 525 624.

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The plants in the garden are thriving in this hot weather and harvesting has been a constant and ever-popular job with the students. Among the produce harvested was zucchinis, squash and lots of delicious beans. The corn is growing fast and tall and we are eager to taste the delicious golden cobs!

The Prep classes planted a cover crop of buckwheat and learned that this improves the soil condition for vegetable rotations in the garden beds. Once the jobs in the garden were done the Prep children busied themselves making veggie sticks and avocado dip. They were also able to taste some pickled organic beetroot grown and harvested from our Kitchen Garden.

The Year 1 children are very competent in the kitchen now and enjoyed making eggplant dip and vegetable sticks. Most children were happy to have a go and taste the eggplant, many for the first time, but mixed reactions were observed after the children experienced a mouthful of the not-so-common purple vegetable.

The Year 2 and 3 classes made a delicious crunchy apple and celery salad from our plentiful bounty of fresh celery in the garden. They also learned something new about an everyday product we eat, making butter from fresh cream. What messy fun that was! The Year 2 and 3 classes then rolled up their sleeves for some garden work weeding, watering the plants and pulling out more from the garden beds. They also planted sweet potato in preparation for the wind-down of produce supply in the garden for over the Christmas break.

Each child planted their own sunflower seed during garden lessons this fortnight and has taken them home to lovingly care for over the summer holidays. They can be planted into the ground and enjoy plenty of sun to grow strong and tall. We would love parents to email in photos of their child with their sunflower when classes resume next year to see whose has grown the tallest!

The last two weeks of lessons for the year will be the end of year Kitchen Garden parties. As is the case for all Kitchen Garden lessons, parents and grandparents are welcome to come and celebrate with the children during their lesson times. It will be a particularly sad farewell to the Year 3 students who will have their last Kitchen Garden lesson, as well as the Year 2s entering Year 3 next year as it has been decided that the KGP will be limited to Prep to Year 2 students as a result of the growth of the College and the need for students in Year 3 to concentrate on the 3 R's. We will, however, be welcoming them over for special classes throughout 2012.

A special thanks again to Allianz for sponsoring our cookbook and the P and F for their continued and much appreciated support. It’s not too late to order your copies of our first cookbook if you haven’t already by contacting me directly or submitting your order forms to the administration office.

Mandy Ward, mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au
“Got any kids?” I said to the taxi-driver to break an awkward silence recently.

“Yes, I got one daughter. She’s 11 going on 25.”

Knowing there was a story here I dug a little deeper.

“Getting a little difficult to handle, is she?”

A simple question or two was all it took for this guy to give me the lowdown on his early teen daughter.

The cabbie was a single dad whose eleven year old only daughter stayed with him two days a week.

“It used to be easy, mate! We’d have a ball when she’d come and stay with me. She was my best mate. Now, she doesn’t want to know me! Last week I asked her to clean the table up after tea and she accused me of treating her like a slave. She went to her room, slammed the door and didn’t come out till breakfast.”

“Been there done that with two of my own daughters,” I said.

“You’ve done it TWICE, mate???”

“Yes, certainly have,” I replied with that smugness that comes with knowing that the other person only really knows the half of it.

He then told me something he said to his daughter that made me think what planet are you on? . . . but more about that soon.

I told the driver that my experience in the parenting area was professional as well as personal. He began to quiz me for hints.

I reassured him that he was not the first and wouldn’t be the last person who was flummoxed by the behaviour, language and moodiness of early teenage girls.

His lack of knowledge and experience about teenagers was causing him plenty of stress and anxiety. He was getting worked up about something that fits within the normal spectrum of behaviours for this age group.

He then told me how his daughter threw a full-on tantrum when he asked her if she was “putting tissues down her bra to make her boobs look bigger”. D’OH!!

I suggested that he may have to speak to her with a little more tact in the future. In fact, my advice was to start speaking to his daughter as if he was going for a job interview – i.e. be friendly, agree with much of what she says and think before you speak.

Teen girls often reject their dads

It’s hard being a dad with teenage daughters – particularly in early to middle teens. They can suddenly change and leave their dads out of the loop, particularly if they treat them like little girls. Their heightened verbal skills can leave many a tongue-tied, well-meaning dad wondering whatever happened to his little angel.

Teenage girls often reject their dads, which is hurtful. The old, overprotective dad needs to go, allowing a new dad to emerge that accepts that his little girl is growing up. There is a certain amount of sadness, but that is part of the parenting deal.

My parting words to the put-your-foot-in-it-but-good-hearted taxi driver?

“Choose your words wisely when you speak with your daughter, my friend . . . and as much as you can . . . let her know she looks FANTASTIC.” Girls love their dad’s seal of approval BUT they won’t let a bloke know it’s important.