**From the Principal**

“Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and angels know of us.”  
- Thomas Paine

GCCC enjoys an excellent reputation in our community. We are known as a College of high standards, where students are free to achieve their best. We are also known as being a welcoming and friendly place. The good name and public respect of our school is an asset to every one of our students.

However, we cannot afford to take this reputation for granted as public perceptions can change rapidly and unfairly. It is human nature to sometimes make gross generalisations on an organisation based on a limited experience or information. Appearances are important and we regularly make judgements about people and organizations based on appearances. Sometimes this even happens subconsciously.

Every time a student wears our uniform publicly, they are representing our school and, in the absence of any other evidence at that time, the public will make a judgement about our school on the basis of how that student behaves and how they wear their uniform. Again this is unfair but it is the reality of any organisation and schools are particularly vulnerable.

We have been receiving an increasing number of reports about some of our students who are not representing our school in a helpful way in the community and this should be of concern to everyone. Some of these reports include students wearing their uniform in an incorrect and incomplete way, students who are riding to school without a helmet, loitering and students who are skateboarding in areas where skateboarding is illegal.

Students must wear their uniforms completely and correctly when they are travelling to and from school and their public conduct while wearing the uniform must be above reproach. Students who do bring the school into disrepute will attract a detention. This may be unpopular with some parents who feel that such a rule is too intrusive but the public reputation of the College is something that affects every student and is something that we should all jealously protect. We will be addressing this in the notices and on assembly with students.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**Funfest**

Funfest is less than two months away and our P and F are doing a wonderful job of planning this event. Funfest is not only an opportunity for a terrific day of family fun, it raises a huge amount of much needed funding for the College. Can I please urge you to read all the Funfest newsletters as they come to hand and do everything you can to help this day be the great success it is shaping up to be.
From the Principal continued

Free Parenting Seminar

REMINDER
When: Friday 15 June 9.30am – 10.30am
Where: GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY BAPTIST CHURCH (Child minding and Morning Tea provided)

Shirley Caldwell – Dip of Teaching, Post grad dip. Early Education

Come along to a free one hour seminar to hear Shirley Caldwell speak on a practical approach to parenting that will assist you in learning the skills required to be the best parent you can be, unlocking both you and your child’s happiness.

Shirley is a teacher with a Post Grad Diploma in Early Childhood Education. Along with her formal qualifications, Shirley has shared with David in the parenting of their six children. Shirley has always had a passion for parent education which she believes contributes to more confident parenting and happier families.

Please contact Kirsty Newell on (07) 5494 8854 for further information.

P and F Trivia Night

I hope you are brushing up on your trivia ready for what is promising to be an entertaining night of fun and friendship. Alaina Westaway has put all the information in the P and F section of the newsletter. I hope to see you there!

Finally

The number of students regularly arriving late to school has increased significantly lately. This is a huge problem because late arrival at school is often embarrassing for the student, an interruption to the teacher and a disruption to the learning time of other students. Often it is the first learning session of the day that is the most important in relation to children’s receptiveness to learning. It is when the administrative tasks of the day are carried out such as roll marking and reading the daily notices. Also, the importance of instilling punctual habits in students cannot be overstated and is a necessary life skill for life and the workforce.

We expect all children to be at school and ready for class by the bell at 8.30am. Parents, we ask for your support in ensuring that we have ‘on time’ starts to the day.

Also, please remember to phone the absentee line on 5436 5670 if you child is not attending school on the day. This phone number is on all the calendars we distributed, on top of the first page of every newsletter and on the website.

Mike Curtis

Introducing Simo McMinn

*I grew up in New Zealand, although my ancestry is Dutch/Indonesian. Nearly four years ago I moved to Australia with my husband and daughter (Arnya) to be closer to my parents. *

*We love Australia, especially exploring this amazing country … from East Coast beaches to big giant red rocks in the Red Centre. Camping and tripping about in our pop-top Land Cruiser is what we do for time out. I also really enjoy growing veggies and taking care of my chooks.*

*I attend the Caboolture Baptist Church and co-ordinate the Friday night Kids Club for grades 2-7 which keeps me pretty busy on my days off. I have a real passion for outreach into the community sharing God’s love and God’s word with children and youth.*

*I feel very blessed to be a part of the GCCC team and especially assisting Joan Ferris with the students’ Future Pathways into work experience, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, tertiary study and careers. There is a world of opportunity out there for our students. “A favourite quote of mine is, ‘Aspire to Inspire before you Expire.”*

Introducing Lauren Bottriill

Now that the Tuckshop is running four days a week, Cathy Boyer needs all the help she can get. That help has come in the form of Lauren Bottriill who works with Cathy four days a week.

Lauren has been a GCCC parent and volunteer since her daughter began Prep five years ago.

As well as a wealth of experience from her volunteer work in the Tuckshop, Lauren brings skills from her five and a half years working at the Matilda fruit shop.

Lauren loves seeing all the students happy when they pick up their tuckshop orders.

“The Preppies are so excited and sometimes there are lovely little notes on the tuckshop bags,” she said. “We even got a rose the other week!”

In her spare time, Lauren loves spending family time bike riding, swimming and bush walking.
Endless Praise Group Visits GCCC

On Monday, a wonderful team of young people “Endless Praise” visited GCCC performing concerts with Primary and Secondary students and doing workshops with a number of other groups in the College.

Students from primary classes really enjoyed the performance which you may have heard already as they were so excited after the concert.

Other children, including the Primary Choir and some Year 3 students, had the privilege of working with the young people from Endless Praise at a lunchtime singing workshop. I am sure they gained a great deal from this experience and have a new appreciation for the use of “voice” as a musical instrument.

Free Dress - Last Friday of Term 2

Date Claimer – 22 June 2012. A “free dress and crazy hair and socks day” note will be coming home soon. The gold coin donation for a good causes will be collected by Student Leaders.

PRIMARY UNIFORMS

If you have any uniform items which are too small for your own children and you would be prepared to donate them, we have great need for some replacement uniforms when children have been ill and have been sent to sick bay. We would be very grateful for any donations.

GCCC’s Kitchen Garden is holding its very own Biggest Morning Tea on 13 June in the Junior undercover area from 8.30am to 10.30am. Come along and support this worthwhile cause. Enjoy chinos, lattes, expresso and some tasty home baked goods. All donations to the Cancer Council.
**Primary 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
3.15pm to 4.15pm

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**Do you have any unused cookbooks at home?**

Have you got cookbooks just sitting on your bookshelves that you know you will never use?

If so, our Hospitality Department would love to have them. Just bring your cookbooks into Admin or pass them directly onto Miss Colleen Devitt in Hospitality.

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**Two dogs and an alpaca**

Last week GCCC welcomed some very special furry friends on Monday 28 May.

The first guest to leave her hoofmark in the visitor’s register was a beautiful baby alpaca named Cassiopeia who was only three months old. It was Matthew Tsangaris’ (Year 1) turn for show and tell so he brought one of his family’s alpacas for the occasion. Matthew used the opportunity to teach the class about alpaca farming and shared information about alpaca hair and habits. The young children were wide eyed as they learned that alpacas hummed to calm themselves and they could turn their ears in every direction.

Soon after Cassiopeia trotted off home to her mum, two canine visitors made themselves comfortable in the library. The first was big fluffy dog who came with a guest speaker from All Pets Caboolture District Hospital and the second was a tiny little puppy brought in by Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Both groups of visitors spent time explaining responsible pet ownership to the students and how to look after animals properly.

The two dogs and the alpaca were very well behaved and GCCC Year 1 students (and teachers) were sad to see them leave.

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**Year 6 Artwork**

Friday afternoons are a favourite time Year 6!

This is our Visual Art time. Last term we focussed on Shadows and Shading. If you’d like to see more, please visit our classrooms - the walls are ablaze with colour

Nicole Jen
Secondary News

Responsible Service of Alcohol
RSA Course
Wednesday 20 June 8.00am - 2.30pm
Cost $75

Bookings and payment due by 18 June. See Miss Devitt for more information. This course is for anyone wanting to work in the Hospitality Industry.

Endless Praise Concert and Workshops

On Monday 4 June we were fortunate to have a wonderful team of Christian entertainers called Endless Praise. They are skilled singers and musicians. All the secondary school watched a concert in the morning where they were encouraged to stay positive and to look to God for support during challenging times. As young people themselves, Endless Praise could relate to the issues faced by many of our teens and the students responded well to them.

At lunchtime, our secondary Chapel bands met with the team for a workshop on how to hone their skills as praise and worship leaders. The whole experience was worthwhile.

Feedback from staff and students was very positive so we will endeavour to have the team back next year. For more details about the team, you can go to their website: www.epraise.com.au.

[PS: I also have to add that the Endless Praise team was treated to the culinary delights of the Hospitality department. Colleen Devitt and her team of helpers did such an amazing job the team asked for doggie bags to take home all of the dishes. They were so impressed by the skills and talents evidenced in the kitchen. Well done Hospitality!]

Youth Alive Concert

It is not often that we have the opportunity to have two bands in the one week, however; when approached by Youth Alive for them to do a free concert we could not say no. This group was also a blessing to the College for the secondary students as they heard from them during Chapel time.

Exam Block

Exam block timetables for Years 10 -12 have been given to students. They also appear on the College website. Please ensure that your student is prepared for these assessment tasks and makes every effort to attend. A medical certificate is required should they miss any of their exams.

Attendance

The last day of term is NOT a holiday. Exam block will be over and all students are expected to attend on this day. Classes will operate as usual. Some year levels have guest speakers coming to address them on topics such as social responsibility, personal development and career options. Please ensure your child attends.
Year 9 Art Hebel Sculptures

Year 9 Art students have been studying sculpture techniques and famous sculptors. They have designed their own organic sculpture which they are in the process of carving from Hebel.

Hebel is an aerated concrete product that is relatively easy to saw, drill through, and sand. Look out for photos of finished sculptures in an upcoming newsletter!

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Patrice Cutlack

Non Uniform day on Friday 22 June

The last day of term is a non uniform day with a gold coin donation. The monies raised are going to be divided up between Primary, Middle and Senior schools to be used for their respective charity of choice. Please ensure that you abide by our College Policy regarding free dress when choosing your clothing for the day. Remember you MUST have closed-in shoes for safety reasons and students are not to wear singlet style tops. No inappropriate logos or symbols that promote anything contrary to the College ethos will be accepted. Students who fail to come appropriately dressed will be made to wear a spare uniform or, in extreme circumstances, be sent home.

Year 7 and 8 Elective Change

Year 7 and 8 students have just completed a semester and it is time to change to their new electives. Please ensure your child has the correct equipment ready to go next term.

Semester 2 timetable electives:

Year 7G electives are Music, Art, Computer Studies
Year 7M electives are Design Technology, Interior & Fashion Design, Computer Studies
Year 7W electives are Dance, Industrial Technology, Computer Studies
Year 8G electives are Design Technology, Interior & Fashion Design, Business Studies
Year 8M electives are Dance, Hospitality, Computer Studies
Year 8W electives are Hospitality, Interior & Fashion Design, Business Studies

Stationery and equipment needs for these electives are:

Music - A4 music book
Art – A3 Spiral Sketch book & a glue stick
Computer Studies – A4 display book
Design Technology – A4 botany book & a document wallet
Interior & Fashion Design – A4 botany book, A4 display book & 0.4mm black marker
Business Studies – A4 display book
Dance – A4 display book & an A4 exercise book
Industrial Technology – A4 botany book & a document wallet
Hospitality – A4 exercise book, A4 display book & a calico drawstring bag

Restock for Semester 2

Now is a good time to check your child’s stationery and equipment so that they are restocked and ready for a new semester. The following is an extract of the stationery list from the commencement of the year:

General Stationery

• 1 large pencil case
• 1 packet of 12 coloured pencils (good quality)
• 1 packet of 12 felt pens (good quality)
• 1 large plastic eraser
• 1 metal pencil sharpener
• 1 pair of scissors (158mm or 6.25 inches)
• 1 large glue stick (approx. 40g)
• Ballpoint pens– 2 blue, 1 black, 1 red
• 3 HB lead pencils
• 2B lead pencil
• 3 different coloured highlighters
• Correction tape (not liquid) optional
• 1 30cm ruler (clear and non flexible)
• 1 Protractor
• USB

Sue Fraser
National Simultaneous Storytime with a French Twist

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Vanessa McKellar

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Health Heroes

On Tuesday 22 May nine of our future health workers attended an event at Kawana State College called Health Heroes. Students from schools all over the coast were treated to a huge display of careers and occupations in the Health industry, as well as many industry professionals who were happy to share their knowledge and skills.

Australian Catholic University

Two exciting events are coming up at ACU at Banyo very soon. On Thursday 5 July students interested in one of the Health Sciences can go to the university and spend a day in the area of interest. You can go to the uni and be a

- Nurse
- Midwife
- Paramedic
- Physiotherapist
- Or an Exercise Scientist for the day. To register on-line go to www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience

Also the university is running its Open Night on Wednesday 25 July 5.30 – 8.30 pm.

Tour HMAS Ballarat

HMAS Ballarat is a Navy Anzac Class Guided Missile Frigate which is visiting Brisbane on Tuesday 26 June. Students in Year 11 and 12 with a genuine interest in a career in the Navy can register their interest to tour the ship by emailing the

Careers Promotion Team at CPTQLD@dfr.com.au. Places are limited so be quick!

Defence Force Recruiting Upcoming Information Sessions

DFR Brisbane holds regular Information Sessions, in our Brisbane office. The sessions are designed to provide an in-depth look at the career opportunities available in the Navy, Army and Air Force. All interested persons and their families are encouraged to attend.

Tri-Service Information Sessions:
12 June 6:00pm - 7:30pm & 12 July 6:00pm - 7:30pm
ADFA Information Session: 21 June 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Royal Military College Duntroon Information Session: 19 June 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Our Brisbane office is located at: Level 11, East Tower, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane QLD 4001. Please register your interest by calling (07) 3016 2431 or via email at CPTQLD@dfr.com.au.

Teaching English as a Second Language

Sea English Academy in Caboolture is offering a Certificate IV in TESOL full-time, part-time or by correspondence. They are holding an information evening on 5 July. Bookings are essential. Call now on 5495 2900 or 0418 519 102 or send an email to caboolture@seaenglishacademy.com.

Joan Ferris
Cheryl Costin

VET and Future Pathways
State of Origin 2 Jelly Cups

After recording breaking supports it’s time for State of Origin 2.

The students can enjoy supporting their favourite State of Origin team with either a maroon jelly cup with a chocolate cane toad (Freddo) or a blue jelly cup with a chocolate boost bar (Boost – NSW certainly needs it!).

Jelly Cups + Chocolates

Maroon jelly with a chocolate cane toad

Blue jelly with a chocolate boost bar

State of Origin

Tuesday 12 June – Secondary

Wednesday 13 June – Primary

Secondary Regional Cross Country

On Tuesday 5 June, 16 GCCC students from Middle and Senior School travelled to Maroochydore Cricket Grounds to compete in the Regional Cross Country.

We competed against 15 schools from Noosa to Redcliffe. Competition was tough and some races had up to 150 runners. Out of these 16 students, we had several good results. Abbey Bates placed 11th, Cameron Shervey 32nd, Nichola Bates 36th, Lucas Tidy and Mitchell Fraser both placed 45th.

The conditions were very muddy but everyone tried their best and it was overall a very successful day.

Jayme-Lee Groer and Abbey Bates

Glasshouse District Soccer Players

Jayde Curtis, Percy Morris and Harry Fullerton were selected in the Glasshouse District Primary Football teams and played a two day carnival against other Sunshine Coast District teams.

Our students played well for their respective teams with Harry working hard in defence and Percy making many attacking runs through the midfield.

The boys’ team found the competition fierce with a final draw to finish the carnival on a high note. Jayde never stopped trying to score the elusive goal especially after a trip to hospital for observations at the end of the first day. A knock to the head could not stop the determined Jayde from playing day two.

The girls’ team won one game, drew one and lost the others to finish in 5th place. The students had fun and enjoyed getting to know students from other local schools.
Coles Sports for Schools

GCCC is again involved in the Coles Sports for Schools Program. Last year we were able to ‘purchase’ heaps of sports equipment for lunchtime and class activities.

Collecting vouchers is easy, all you need to do is shop at Coles Supermarkets, Coles Online, Bi Lo and Pick’nPay from 13 June to the 14 August 2012 and for every $10 spent we will earn 1 Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. Vouchers are provided with the receipt at point of purchase. Drop your vouchers in the collection box at the Office. Make sure you collect vouchers from family and friends too, as the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear we will receive!

Thanks for your support.

Athletics Training has begun!

Are you keen to improve your athletics results? We will help you if you come along to GCCC on a Tuesday and Thursday morning to train.

We meet at 7.30am and train for about 40 minutes in different athletics disciplines. Students who are in Year 3 or older are welcome to come along and get prepared for our Athletics carnival in Term 3 – Why not have a try?

Wendy Stott

Pause and Ponder - God’s Love Through Me

During a Bible conference, our leader asked us to read aloud 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, and substitute the word ‘Jesus’ for ‘love.’ It seemed so natural to say, “Jesus suffers long and is kind; Jesus does not envy; Jesus does not parade Himself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek His own... Jesus never fails.”

Then our leader said, “Read the passage aloud and say your name instead of Jesus.” We laughed nervously at the suggestion. Quietly, haltingly, I said the words that felt so untrue: “David does not seek his own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in sin, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, David never fails.”

The exercise caused me to ask, “How am I hindering God from expressing His love through me?” Do I think that other expressions of faith are more important? Paul declared that from God’s perspective, eloquent speech, deep spiritual understanding, lavish generosity, and self sacrifice are worthless when not accompanied by love (v1-3).

God longs to express His great heart of love for others through us. Will we allow Him to do it?

by David McCasland, Our Daily Bread

GCCC Sports Department

GCCC’s terrific cheerleading team will be there. Will you?
Australia’s Biggest Cuppa

Mark your diary for Wednesday, 13 June as the Kitchen Garden is again hosting the Biggest Morning Tea to enjoy a morning of coffee and friends while raising much needed funds for the Australian Cancer Council. Kelly and Bec have kindly offered to organise this year’s event in the junior undercover area. Come along for a cuppa (chino, latte, espresso available) and a chat and raise money for this worthwhile cause. Bring the kids for a play in the playground before chapel/assembly. If you are available to help bake some goodies or help serve on the day, please let us know.

Kitchen Garden Funfest Planning

Kids have been busy during garden classes this fortnight planting seeds for a future crop of snow peas (they just can’t seem to get enough of them!) and broad beans. More herb cuttings have lovingly been taken for sale at Funfest. Our cooks made a lovely caesar salad using fresh, organic cos lettuce from the garden... yum! An Asian inspired salad was also ‘created’ using our lovely crunchy wombok. More seedlings have been planted to keep up supply throughout the garden beds. Our Scarecrows continue to evolve, with the kids all having so much fun as they give their class mascot real personality.

We are currently seeking donations for Funfest for local produce. If there are any farmers out there willing to support our stall on the day, we would love to hear from you. I can be contacted on the email address listed below.

Mandy Ward
mandy.ward@gccc.qld.edu.au

Hi everyone,

We now have 12 tables booked for the GCCC School Trivia night but can fit in a couple more if you would like to come. The more the merrier!

Just contact me by phone or email listed in the ad below.

Alaina Westaway

GCCC School Trivia Night!
Saturday 16th June

Grab some friends and come along for an awesome night of trivia and fun

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Venue: Baptist Church at GCCC
Cost: $80 per table of 8
BYO nibbles for your table

Tea, coffee and drinks available for purchase
Book your table at Reception or contact Alaina
0447783257

This is a P&F Sponsored event. All funds raised will go towards the P&F fundraising commitments

Cooking Creations
Recipe book from the Garden!

Kitchen Garden cookbooks are still only $20. Pop into College Administration now to purchase your copy.
For those with no personal experience of anxiety it can be hard to understand how debilitating it can be. “Come on, get on with it,” seems so obvious. Of course, this response is nowhere near adequate.

Most kids experience some anxious moments or have fearful thoughts and feelings from time to time about certain events. These thoughts and feelings prompt them to proceed with caution.

But anxiety and fear can be paralyzing. Some kids simply can’t stop their ‘bad thoughts and feelings’. They can’t silence the voice of fear that whispers to them continually.

Staying calm

Anxiety is a normal part of life and can be managed, but it takes time.

It’s also contagious so it’s the job of parents to stay calm, think clearly and role model confidence when kids get anxious.

Calm is created through your words, voice and facial expression. When children become anxious, help them recognise what’s happening. Some kids get angry, some become upset and others withdraw. Work out the pattern for your child and help them recognise when they are anxious.

Accept your child’s anxious feelings. Your child needs to trust that you are with them, and then they will be more willing to let you help them cope. It’s hard sometimes to differentiate between what may be a bad case of negative thinking and true anxiety.

Is a child being negative when she doesn’t want to join a new club because she thinks no one will like her, or is there something more going on? Try to confirm whether there is any validity in their fears. If not, point out diplomatically, that they may be catastrophising. If you feel there is reason for concern, help them to overcome their anxiety.

Challenge the validity of your child’s fears and anxiety, using logic and rational thinking. Don’t allow kids to wallow in self-pity. Move their thoughts towards the future rather than allow them to mope around.

Making a plan

Encourage your child to overcome their anxiety through action. Vanessa came up with a creative solution to help Ruth, her seven-year-old daughter, overcome her reluctance to attend birthday parties without her. Initially Vanessa attended parties with her daughter so she wouldn’t miss out, but Ruth was becoming too reliant on her, so it was time to make a change.

The next time Ruth was invited to a party, Vanessa put a plan into action. First, she set up a little birthday party scenario at home using dolls and teddies as friends, so her daughter would know what to expect. Vanessa explained that she would leave her at the party for a short-time. Vanessa let her daughter know that she had no doubt that she’d cope.

The little plan worked a treat. Vanessa arrived at the party an hour after the start to find Ruth involved in a game. She acknowledged her mum, but she didn’t leave the game. Later, at home Vanessa made a fuss over her daughter for being brave. Ruth agreed that next time she was invited to a party she would go for the whole time without her mum.

Anxiety is normal, and part of everyday life. However, it can be debilitating unless it’s managed. Anxiety management takes time for kids to learn, but it’s one of those valuable life skills that parents can teach their kids.

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