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'Growing in faith and knowledge'

newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Important Dates Term 1

March 2013

Sat 16 11am to 3pm P and F Family Fun Day
Thur 14-Tue 19 Years 11 and 12 Exam Block
Sun 17-Fri 22 Year 7 Canberra Trip
Mon 18-Fri 22 Year 9 Camp Helidon
Mon 18-Fri 22 Year 10 Work Experience
Fri 22 Prep to Year 6 Disco

5pm to 6.30pm for Prep to Year 2
7.00pm to 8.30pm for Year 3 to 6

Tue 26-Wed 27 Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 20-Fri 22 Year 11 Emu Gully Camp

Thur 28 Last Day Term 1

April 2013

Mon 15 First Day Term 2
Tue 16 7pm P and F Meeting
Wed 17 Immunisations - Boys Yrs 8 & 10
Mon 22-Tue 23 Buranga Camp Mapleton
Wed 24 3.20-7.50pm Middle and Senior
School Parent Teacher interviews
Thur 25 ANZAC Day

iPads

Thank you to everyone who attended the iPad information night last Thursday, we hope it was beneficial for you.

Perhaps one of the most pervasive misconceptions heard that evening was the balance between maintaining your child's privacy and your right as a parent to know what your child is up to.

Can I stress that the computer and iPad that your child has been given **are not private machines**. They have been issued by the College for the enhancement of school work only. Students should not be disclosing anything on the machine that they do not want the College or parents to see.

Some students are not disclosing their passwords to their parents. This is completely unacceptable rebellious behaviour. Similarly, if students are asked by College staff for access to their machine, that access must be granted.

For this reason it will be a standard practice for spot checks to be conducted on machines in the near future.

Recently I have said this to our Senior students in an assembly but I would like to repeat it here so that you are also aware of some of our standards;

Any screensavers or illustrations that appear on the computer/iPad must be in keeping with the College GREAT values. This means illustrations that

glorify violence, objectify and sexualise women or men, inappropriate language, and anything drug related, are not acceptable

Computer games are not to be played at the College Facebook, Instagram and other social networking sites are not permitted. Students are not permitted to access the Internet via their mobile phones. The Internet access provided by the College is strictly filtered.

Unsung Heroes

We are blessed to have many 'unsung heroes' working at our College. Recently a parent drew our attention to our wonderful Tuckshop ladies who work hard, long and well above and beyond the call of duty to provide our students with nutritious meals and snacks. Cathy and Lauren not only work hard, they do it all with a generous spirit and a huge smile.

I would also like to take this opportunity to also thank the team of Tuckshop volunteers who help feed the hungry hoards and provide much needed assistance to Cathy and Lauren. More volunteers are always needed and if you can help, please see Cathy or email her on cathy.boyer@gccc.qld.edu

ICAS

The ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) information for families with students in Years 3 to 12 is now available on our website under College Life, Parent Notices.

If you would like your child to participate in this optional competition please fill out the form and return it to Admin with full payment by 27 March 2013.

New Newsletter format

We hope you are enjoying the new delivery system of the Newsletter and finding it easier to navigate to read the stories that interest you the most.

Please remember that you still have the option of reading all the news in one document like the old format. The only difference is that the photos have been dropped out to reduce the size and speed up the download for you.

When the emailed link to the newsletter comes to you there are three options:

1. Click on the link that will take you to the old PDF format i.e. all news in one document but with no photos.
2. Click on the link that takes you to all news and navigate from there to what interests you the most or scroll through the stories in date order.
3. Click on one of the categories at the bottom of the email to take you directly to the sections that interest you most e.g. Primary.

If you know of any College families who are not receiving the emailed link to the newsletter, would you please encourage them to contact Admin with their email address.

P and F Family Fun Day – Saturday 16 March 11am to 3pm

If you haven't sent in your RSVP to this event yet please do so at pandf@gccc.qld.edu so catering can be arranged. If history is anything to go by, this will be a fun day for all ages and I look forward to seeing you there.

Leadership Inductions

Over the last fortnight GCCC has held its annual Leadership Induction Services for Primary, Middle and Senior School leaders. It is inspiring to see these young people step up to take on responsibilities and be willing role models for other students. It was also encouraging to see the many parents who were able to rearrange commitments in order to participate in the service and pin the leadership badge on their child. A recent study highlighted the importance of parental involvement in the education journey of their child and we are very blessed at GCCC to have such committed parents.

Transformation of the 'Dust Bowl'

During the June/July school holidays a transformation of Cinderella like proportions will take place to what is affectionately known as the 'Dust Bowl' i.e. the car park on the west side of the church. Recent wet weather has turned the dust into mud and made parking in this area even more difficult. During the upcoming holidays the area will be sealed and turned into a proper car park. Sealing the car park will not only make it more pleasant to park in, it will have the added benefit of creating more car spaces.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Pick up from Junior Undercover Area

If you are picking up your child from the Junior Undercover Area in the afternoon would you please keep the stairs (including the top and bottom landing) clear at all times.

The crowding at the top, bottom and on the stairs creates a safety hazard and makes it difficult for parents, guardians and staff to navigate their way around.

Thank you.

Uniform Shop

All winter uniforms now available
New and second-hand uniforms.

Mon 8.00 - 9.00am &

Wed 8.00 - 9.00am

Fri 8.00 - 9.00am & 2.30 - 3.30pm

Please phone Kylie on 0429 200 400.

Second Hand Uniforms

If you have quality second hand uniforms please drop them off to the Uniform Shop. They must be accompanied by a completed form (downloaded from GCCC website, College Life, Uniform Shop) to the Uniform Shop.

Email secondhanduniform@gmail.com if you can assist.



Introducing Heidi Evans

G'day! My name is Heidi Evans and it is my pleasure to join the GCCC team as a Learning Support Teacher Aide for Years 7 and 8. During my short time here, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all the students I have had the pleasure of supporting and instructing.

I am enjoying working with teachers who during my own high school days taught me! I grew up in Caloundra and graduated from Caloundra Christian College. My husband and I moved to East Timor in January 2000 to work among the people on a mission base. Upon our return we moved to Brisbane where we lived for the next 12 years, and have only just moved back to our beloved Sunshine Coast in January this year.

My husband and I have two young daughters Mariah (Year 2) and Savannah (3 years old). In my limited spare time, I enjoy riding motorbikes and shopping!

Looking forward to getting to know staff, students and parents alike as the year progresses.

Photo on GCCC website.

Learning Connections Program

The College recently held an information session for teachers, followed by a session for parents about the Learning Connections Program. Since 1976, Learning Connections has helped thousands of preschool, primary and secondary school children with learning difficulties, attention disorders and behavioural problems, including:

- Listening or concentration problems
- Delays in reading, writing, spelling and maths
- Social difficulties
- Impulsivity, short attention span
- Delayed speech and language development
- Difficulty following directions

Learning Connections is a neuromotor program which uses a holistic approach by treating the underlying causes of children's problems and not just the symptoms. The presenter, Maureen Hawke, explained factors that impact on child development and learning success and gave practical strategies that can be readily implemented with children at home and at school that lead to significant improvements in behaviour and academic performance.

Our Primary school teachers and aides will be participating in a two day Learning Connections workshop during the July pupil free week. We are beginning to implement this program with Primary support students and in the Year 1 classrooms this term.

If you would like to

- attend a free 90 minute Learning Connections Information session
- receive further information about the program by email or
- register your interest in attending a full two day Learning Connections workshop (cost yet to be decided)

Please email andrea.mcdonald@gccc.qld.edu.au More information is available at www.learningconnections.com.au

Andrea McDonald

Pause and Ponder by Mick Spann

John 8:31-32 says: Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." If anyone wants to follow Jesus. They have to follow his teaching. You can't pick and choose what you want and don't want when it comes to Jesus. It's all...or nothing.

Many people believe in God but don't do what he asks. Other people follow the bits of the bible that they agree with and just skip over the bits they don't like. Jesus says that we are only true followers of Him if we stay faithful to his teachings. All of them! And by remaining faithful to His teaching we will know the truth of what it means to be a real child of God.

It doesn't work to be a half baked Christian. Either be full-on or not at all, you can't sit on the fence on this one.

RESPECT

It's one of our values, but what does it really mean? What does it look like on a day to day basis? We talk about it. We desire it from our children (as parents) and our students (as staff) and we should give it to one another as a matter of course.

The dictionary meaning of RESPECT: noun 1. An appreciation of a person's worth or qualities a) "We have a high respect for him as a leader"; b) "Please show your mother more respect".

We believe that everyone has worth and so we should show them respect. Staff here at the College model respect daily in the way we speak to students. Even in our discipline, we treat children with respect.

However, we are often dismayed when we hear how a number of students speak to others – even adults and in some instances staff with a complete lack of respect. Sometimes it is the tone of voice rather than what is actually said.

As a result of this we are addressing RESPECT on a number of levels –

- ON ASSEMBLIES

and

- IN CLASS

We know that as parents, you would totally support this and because the best results are achieved when home and school work together, we will make you aware of the aspects of RESPECT we are targeting each week (one verbal, one action). At a school level, we will be addressing:

- WEEK 7 1. Using someone's name when speaking to them (verbal)
2. Walking respectfully past others (on paths etc) (action)

- WEEK 8 1. Using kind words (life and death is in the power of the tongue) (verbal)
2. Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.(action)

To give positive reinforcement of these, staff will be keeping an eye out for students who are demonstrating these aspects of RESPECT and acknowledging this with a slip which says: (picture on GCCC website).

These will be handed into the office (like the WOW Awards were previously) and another slip can be taken home to let parents/guardians know how the child showed RESPECT. (picture on GCCC website).

Please congratulate your son/daughter when one of these comes home. This will not be a five minute "fix", but we are committed to developing a culture of RESPECT in the Primary College. Every good quality needs not only to be introduced but also maintained, so although we will be targeting a new aspect of RESPECT weekly, we will be looking for maintenance of the previous aspects.

Will you work with us? Your children will reap the benefit of growing up with an ability to show respect to others which will prepare them for the future in a world which actually recognizes and values this quality – even though it is sometimes rare in today's society.

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

It is important that all students arrive at school on time. Not only is this good training for later in life and for a good work ethic, but it disadvantages the actual student and others in the class. Home readers are sometimes changed first up in the morning so late arrivals impact on this and your child may not have new readers as the process is complicated and must work within a tight time frame of when the teacher aides are scheduled for this task.

A letter will be sent home if a student is late on a number of occasions. Please make every effort to ensure that your children are at school on time.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Electoral Commission Visit to Year 6

This term Year 6 are learning about our government. Last week Lesley, from the Electoral Commission came to speak with us about voting: some interesting history, where and how to vote, the importance of voting and how voting works. Each student was given a sample bag, with more interesting information and some other fun things.

Mikayla and Zoe

Photo on GCCC website.

QLD Parliament Visit Year 6

On Monday 4 March 2013, Year 6 went to the State Parliament House and the Botanical Gardens. My class, 6M, went to the Botanical Gardens while 6G went on the tour first. My class sat in the garden to have a snack. The scenery was beautiful and after our snack we were allowed to look around. There were water fountains, lizards, extraordinary animals and finally, there were beautiful, beautiful gardens.

Next, we went to State Parliament House,. A lovely tour guide came to greet us and led us inside where we all sat down in front of a screen. Mr Costin came to some people and said, "We were going to do a play with positions in government." He gave some positions and I was the Speaker. Our guide informed us about the different roles within government through a PowerPoint display. We then went to have morning tea which was biscuits and orange juice. Afterwards, each class had a tour of the State Parliament House. It was a wonderful old building with stained glass windows and heritage furniture. We went into the Upper House room (Queensland's Legislative Council) which is not used in Parliament anymore. Queensland is the only state that has one House of Parliament.

After visiting the Upper House we went into the green room. The nine people who were chosen sat in their government seats while the rest of the class sat in the back benches. We started the play acting out our roles and I think we learned a thing or two about how a bill is passed in Parliament. Students then continued the tour to where they keep the mace which was spectacular, especially with the crown on the top.

Finally, we went back to the Botanical Gardens to have lunch. When we were finished we had to get a piece of paper and a pencil to sketch and shade an object. Maya and I chose this wonderful looking structure called the morning star built by Jon Barlow Hudson. We didn't quite finish our sketch because it was a big structure.

Unfortunately that was the end of the day. We walked back to the bus and went back to school. So that is what happened on Monday 4 March 2013 when we visited the Botanical Gardens and State Parliament House.

Alexis Thomas, Year 6M

Leadership Day

Year 6 students enjoyed a day of group work and team building activities as they participated in Leadership Day in Term 1. The theme for the day, 'Qualities of a good leader', was explored as students enjoyed group challenges. Students will continue to focus on these qualities throughout the year as we encourage each other and foster the talents and potential within Year 6 leaders.

Nicole Jen

Photos on GCCC website.

Float Your Boat

This term in Year 2 we have learnt about how push and pull forces cause toys to float on water. We used our newly acquired knowledge to create our own plasticine boats. We then tested our boats to see if they would float and hold a load of marbles. Learning about forces was a lot of fun.

Photo on GCCC website.

Kimberly McLaren

Primary Leaders' Induction Service

The first day of March was auspicious in more ways than just welcoming autumn and saying goodbye to summer. This was the day our Primary Leaders for 2013 were inducted into their new roles.

Mrs Cheryl Bryers illustrated her talk about GREAT leadership by having students come down the front and rearrange letters to spell the topic of the day. A highlight of the morning was the ceremonial pinning of leadership badges on the children by their parents or grandparents.

After the formal part of the service, leaders and parents stayed on for a delicious morning tea. A big thank you to Beerwah Woolworths for donating the gorgeous sponge cream cake decorated with the words 'Congratulations GCCC 2013 Primary Leaders'.

Photo gallery on GCCC website

Kitchen Garden News

Last fortnight saw us begin our new theme “What’s in my food?” in Kitchen Garden. We are focusing on learning about the hidden things in many of our foods bought from the supermarkets. Classes have been learning about sugar and how much of it is hidden in our foods. Many children (and parents) were both amazed and shocked to learn that many of the popular children’s breakfast cereals contain five teaspoons of sugar per 50 gram serve whilst slushies contain a whopping 16 teaspoons of sugar! The Coles Baby and Toddler Club recommends toddlers have no more than eight teaspoons of sugar per day and that women do not exceed 12.

We are very fortunate to have Skye Ryall helping out in Kitchen Garden this year. Skye is in her final research semester of a Nutrition and Dietetics Degree and brings some very valuable and educational facts to our Kitchen Garden program. Skye is able to provide dietary advice to you and your family and is available to discuss and develop healthy eating plans on either an individual or family group basis. She can be contacted on 0459 376015 or email skye@munchbetter.com.au

The rain keeps on coming, our plantings are way behind schedule and the only thing growing with any success in the garden at the moment are the weeds. Classes have been kept very busy pulling them out. It is a never-ending task at the moment.

We have planted some carrot, spinach, kohlrabi and broccoli seeds and are hoping they won’t get washed away.

Cooks made some healthy mini vegetable frittatas. The recipe can be found in ‘Cooking Creations’ and these are great for lunch boxes.

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Photos on GCCC website.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

The 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are commencing in May. For the last 30 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in 2013.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. The UNSW certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

For further information including practice questions please go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

If you wish your student to participate this year, please fill in and return the slip on the GCCC website under Parent Notices with full payment to the College office before the end of Term 1, 27 March 2013.

Middle School News

Middle School Leadership Induction

Last week was our Middle School Leaders Induction service. As the oldest class of Middle School – all our Year 9s are in fact leaders. Please encourage them as you see them rise to this role.

I was so impressed with all our Middle Schoolers at this assembly! *There are lots of photos of the service on the GCCC website.*

Off to Camp

All our Middle schoolers are off on alternative programs this coming week. I am sure that families are organising the ‘what to pack’ stuff and mentally preparing your child for what is happening. Most are excited about the prospect of this week; however, there are reservations too. Please be assured that our aim is to ensure they have a great camp! This is what we are good at – it’s our job! If you have questions or need clarification – send us an email. We would appreciate your prayers over this week for all our students, staff and the extra personnel that run the camps or drive the coaches etc.

iPads/ICT devices

While last year was the beginning of our iPad trials at GCCC, this is continuing in 2013 as we work through using them at school and any issues as they arise. Last Thursday our College hosted an information session on technology. If you were unable to attend this meeting here are a few notes from it.

While human nature does not change, the parameters of activity with this technology need to be grappled with. Our systems in place are to guide students towards responsible use. Hence the need for transparency on what is stored and able to be accessed on them. Following are some pointers on how we can work together to make this happen.

The iPad is College property which is to be supervised by the parent at home. Just as the College or parent should be able to look through a child's diary, textbook or workbook at any time, the same rules apply to the iPad. We would seek to encourage students to use these as tools for educational and positive purposes.

Any material/apps etc stored or loaded onto the iPad that is not required by the school, needs to be approved by the parent/caregiver. (Refer below on how to ensure accountability and oversight on this.)

Our first ICT rule is that the teacher has full discretion over the usage of the iPad. Therefore, if a student will not show their iPad to a teacher for checking – it will be removed from them and if necessary re-imaged. The same goes for you as a parent; you have the right to expect your child to show you anything and everything on their iPad at any point in time. If they are unwilling and keep it from you then they will receive demerits at school. If they are not able to do school work or assessments because their iPad is at home they will also receive demerits. Please do not keep the iPad at home as a consequence of other issues and please communicate with us regarding this if necessary.

We will expect all students to record their passcode to unlock and lock their device. This passcode will be saved on our information database system which will be processed in the next few weeks.

We are asking that parents set up restrictions on your child's iPad and turn off imessage (so that they are not distracted in class) by doing the following:

If your child has not enabled restrictions, then skip steps 2, 3 and 4.

HOWEVER, If your child has already enabled restrictions and has a passcode on this feature:

1. Tap on the Settings icon
2. Tap on the Restrictions bar (midway on the screen)
3. Click Disable Restrictions at the top of the iPad
4. It will ask you to put in a passcode –(if your child has already put in a pass code, you will need to ask them to put this in).
5. Tap on Messages – green icon at lower left hand of iPad
6. The screen will now show iMessage in top right of screen. Tap off
7. Go back to General
8. Tap on the Restrictions bar (midway on the screen)
9. Click Enable Restrictions at the top of the iPad
10. It will ask you to put in a passcode – 2x
11. Once you have put this in – you can turn various settings on the ipad on or off
12. Scroll the screen down until you get to Accounts
13. When you tap on this, a screen will pop up in the top right, tap on Don't allow changes
14. Tap on the top middle Restrictions for it to go back one screen, you can now also turn off multiplayer games, installing apps, Facebook and Twitter if you think it appropriate for your child.

It's important you do not disable Safari and photos when your child takes their ipad to school as these may be required for some of the class tasks.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Cooking Up a Storm During a Storm

During the recent floods, Hospitality student Ramon Merrero was stranded at home and couldn't get to school. He wrote to his teacher Mrs Primrose Kombanie, "What shall I do?"

Mrs Kombanie responded, "We are making Quiche Lorraine today. You may want to try it at home. I've attached the recipe. Take a photo and record your experience."

Ramon attacked the recipe with gusto and responded, "The recipe is going great but the pastry is getting burnt. I will send you a picture when it is done

Long story short the day and cooking was a success, with photos to prove it!

Photos on GCCC website

Life's Journey

This week the Senior School is looking to the future!

Our Year 12s visited the University Showcase last Friday to explore possibilities after graduation. Eight universities and other tertiary institutions were present and gave interesting talks on life beyond school. One speaker weighed up the positives and negatives of living at home compared to living independently. Another looked at the cost of further studies and a third talked about the whole application process through QTAC.

Next week our Year 10s will be heading out to do work experience, which we hope will give them a taste of what lies ahead. Our Year 11s will be doing a leadership training camp that will challenge and motivate them to become outstanding College leaders in 2014.

Whilst it is important to look forward, I get great satisfaction looking at the past and seeing the life-journey God has taken me on. This week we had our Secondary photographs and it made me reflect on how quickly students grow up! As I looked at these young men and women all dressed in their formal uniforms I couldn't help but contrast them with the younger children who are just starting their education at GCCC. My own son turns 21 next week and we have been busy sorting through all those saved photos to find the best ones that show his journey through life. Of course we have included the baby photos, his first steps, the award ceremony where he got "best-and-fairest" and all the other milestones. As parents we all cherish those moments. But then there are the tough times too.

I'm sure you are aware of the famous poem "Footprints in the Sand", the inspirational piece written by Mary Stevenson during the Great Depression. It illustrates God's amazing love and how he carries us through those tough times. Personally, I prefer this poem titled "Buttprints in the Sand". It has a great message at the end, that's relevant for all of us.

One night I had a wondrous dream,
One set of footprints there was seen,
The footprints of my precious Lord,
But mine were not along the shore.

"You disobeyed, you would not grow,
The walk of faith you would not know.
So I got tired, I got fed up,
And there I dropped you on your butt."

But then some stranger prints appeared.
And I asked the Lord, "What have we here?
Those prints are large and round and neat,
But Lord, they are too big for feet."

Because in life there comes a time
When one must fight, and one must climb,
When one must rise and take a stand,
Or leave their butt prints in the sand."

"My child," He said in sombre tones,
"For miles I carried you alone.
I challenged you to walk in faith,
But you refused and made me wait."

Pray for our students and staff this week as they enter the very busy assessment and reporting period. Let's help them stand strong.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Photos on GCCC website

Senior School Leaders Induction

Thank you to parents, family and friends who attended the Senior School Leaders Induction. We were all challenged by the speeches given by Mr Curtis and our College Captains Jacqueline Newell and Riley Williamson.

All our Year 12 students are recognised as College Leaders and are expected to demonstrate leadership each day. In particular, we inducted 10 students to specific roles and it was wonderful to see each presented their badges by Mr Curtis. The parents and guardians then came forward and pinned the badges on each student, symbolising their desire to stand with and support each of the leaders in their various roles this year. These ten students are

College Captains: Jacqueline Newell and Riley Williamson

College Deacons and Chapel Leaders: Millicent Plummer-Beattie, Nathan Siggs and Juanita Greasley

House Captains:

Ararat: Louise Kerr and Rebekah White

Sinai: Mitchell Ferris and Johanna Heilig

Zion: Spencer Cittolin and Nathan Siggs

After the ceremony, we celebrated with morning tea and cutting of a cake that was made specially for the occasion.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Photos on GCCC website

Aussie Legends Lunch

There were footballs, meat pies, kangaroos and Holden cars at the Aussie Legends' Lunch hosted by Year 10 Hospitality students on Thursday 7 March.

The footballs were for decoration and the Holden cars were in the car park but the meat pies and kangaroo sausages were accompanied by a banquet of Aussie favourites such as mini pavlovas, lamingtons, ginger beer, lamb burgers, prawn cocktails and Anzac biscuits.

The delicious treat for staff, Middle and Senior School students was all a part of Year 10's unit on 'World on a Plate'. This week it was back to the land of Oz as students explored their Australian cuisine heritage. Students learned where Australian food came from, how it developed over the years and the significant contribution of multiculturalism and international influences.

Head of Hospitality, Miss Colleen Devitt said, "Australians have a proud tradition of embracing diversity through food."

Lots of mouth watering photos on GCCC website.

Self Portrait Class for Year 10

Year 10 Art students have been studying Portraiture. As we always start the year off with a drawing unit, the students drew a self portrait using graphite pencil. I am very impressed that most of the students were easily recognisable from their drawings.

Patrice Cutlack

You can see all these drawings on the GCCC website

Future Pathways

Year 10 Work Experience

After months of preparation our Year 10s are going out into workplaces next week. In recent weeks we have been talking about communication skills, courtesy, grooming, workplace health and safety and other topics to do with survival in the workplace. This week all students were given an evaluation sheet to be filled in by their supervisors at the end of the week. GCCC staff will be on the road visiting workplaces. I know our Year 10 students will be wonderful ambassadors for our school and uphold the College's reputation in the community. Good luck to all our Year 10 students next week.

Headstart Census Date

Census Date at Universities is the day after which it is difficult to make changes to your enrolment. At USC if you withdraw from your course before the census date you will not receive a result and all tuition fees will be refunded. (In other words it's as if you haven't been there.) If you withdraw after the census date you will not be eligible for a refund of fees and you will receive a WN (withdrawn without penalty) grade, or, further in the semester a WF (Withdrawn Fail).

Census Date for our semester one Headstart students is Easter Friday 29 March. If any Headstart students are having doubts about continuing their course they should talk to Mrs Ferris about this urgently to ensure options can be discussed before Census Date.

University of Sunshine Coast Parent Information Session

Choosing a career and studying at university is a big decision for students and parents. The USC Parent Information Evening is the perfect opportunity to get tips on how to best support their student through this journey and discover where to access resources.

USC Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 27 March from 6 – 8pm

Building C, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs

For more information please contact USC on (07) 5456 5000 and visit the website to register.

Traineeships and Apprentices at GCCC

Mrs Ferris is currently talking to a number of employers considering the possibility of a School Based Trainee in their work place in the fields of Fitness, Retail and Business. Any students who are interested in a traineeship should speak to Mrs Ferris about upcoming opportunities.

Sixteen of our senior students are currently working towards a traineeship or apprenticeship as part of their senior studies. They are working in Retail, Manufacturing, Hospitality, IT, Aged Care, Aviation Engineering, Nursing, Automotive, Mechanical, Business Administration and Pharmacy. Some of our trainees and apprentices gathered this week with Mrs Ferris to check on progress towards their goals.

A photo of some of our trainees is on the GCCC website.

Health Industry Career Events

Last year Mayor Mark Jamieson stated that the growth in the Health Industry here on the coast is like our mining boom in terms of jobs and opportunities. Students interested in a career in the health industry may be interested in two events happening in Term 2. On 28 May Mrs Ferris will be going along to the Health Heroes Expo being held at Kawana High School. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear about career paths in the hospital and medical sector, hearing inspirational speakers talk about their journey, the chance to meet professionals in many health occupations and also talk to teachers, lecturers and trainers in health courses. We will be going for a couple of hours during the school day but there is also the option of parents and students going along between 5.30 – 7pm in the evening. Students wishing to participate in the school outing need to let Mrs Ferris know immediately as she is booking in this week.

The other exciting possibility for Year 10 students interested in the health industry is a chance to spend two days at Nambour Hospital in either May or July. Students will have the chance for hands on experience that will allow them to gain insight, valuable knowledge and a better understanding of the roles of health care professionals. Places are limited and very competitive. Students can obtain application forms from Mrs Ferris. Please note that this is not run by the school so all arrangements, including transport, are the responsibility of participating students and their parents.

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au

Library News

World Read Aloud Day

On Wednesday 6 March Primary students were invited to attend the WORLD READ ALOUD DAY event held in the library at lunch. The event seeks to promote reading and is celebrated annually in many countries. We were very blessed to have Chloe Tsangaris and Amelia King, two of our Year 5 Bookworm Book Club representatives read to us. The girls worked hard to prepare for the storytelling event and did a wonderful job, considering they had a very large and captive audience. Mr Curtis even popped in to congratulate Chloe and Amelia on their fine efforts. Students who attended the event were given a special certificate for attending and a very big thank you for helping to promote a love of reading at GCCC.

The Primary Bookworm Book Club runs in the library every Friday at first lunch. Students from Year 3-6 are welcome to attend and enjoy a wide range of book related chats, activities and craft.

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Photos on GCCC website.

New Library Hours for 2013

The library is open Monday-Friday during term time.

Prep - Year 6 Students: 8:00am – 3:15pm

Year 7 - 12 Students: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Homework Club:

Every Thursday (Year 7-12)

From 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Sports News

Records Fall at Regional Swim Champs

Our three finest primary swimmers fought hard against the top swimmers on the Sunshine Coast at the Sunshine Coast Primary School Swimming Championships held in Caboolture. Amity Roser, Sophie Trevan and Beau Howard swam fantastically in their 50m events with six personal best times between them.

The most exciting swim of the day came from Amity in the 10 year girls' breaststroke where she smashed her personal best by two seconds and finished eighth just three places off qualifying for the State Champs. She was one of only three Glasshouse District swimmers to finish in the top ten all day. Amity also sliced two seconds off her backstroke and freestyle times finishing in the middle of the field.

Beau swam an awesome 50m breaststroke race breaking the 50 second mark with a personal best to finish fourth in his heat and place 12th in the talented field of 20.

Sophie swam determinedly and scored personal bests in both her freestyle and backstroke races chopping three seconds from her previous best backstroke time.

GCCC is very proud of the efforts of these young talented swimmers.

Wendy Stott

Photos on GCCC website

Triathlon Celebrity Inspires

Emma Jackson caused a great amount of excitement as she meet young aspiring triathletes at the Beerwah Pool last week. About 40 youngsters who train and compete in triathlons in Beerwah and beyond had the opportunity to be inspired by Emma, a current Olympian and Under 23 World Triathlon Champion.

Emma encouraged the students to work hard to achieve their goals but to have fun while training and learning how to be great triathletes. Of course, not all aspire to being World Champions but it was fantastic to see everyone having a go and loving their triathlon experience.

Jacqueline Roach and Ella Childs also enjoyed seeing Emma's World Championship medal and gear she had competed in at the Olympics. Emma will be competing in the Mooloolaba Triathlon so be sure get along and cheer her on.

Wendy Stott

Photo on GCCC website

Glasshouse Hinterland AFC

This is an Australian Football League (AFL) club situated In Landsborough on Tunnel Ridge Road.

It caters for youth age groups U 14s, U16s and U 18s and are about to begin training for the 2013 season. Training begins Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5.00pm for the U 14s, 5.30pm U 16s & 6.00pm U 18s. We welcome any new players to the club and would like to see you at training to help develop any interested sportsmen into quality players.

Any inquiries to Barry Mason on 0434 937 086

Congratulations Sam and Jemma Ritson

Sam and Jemma Ritson competed in the JKA-WF Qld Regional Karate Championships in Pomona on Saturday 2 March. Sam brought home a medal for second place in the 9 to 11 years boys Kata. Jemma fought well to win the Under 8s Kumite.

Photo on GCCC website

Community News

P and F News

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all looking forward to the Family Fun Day on Saturday. Can't wait to see many of you there. Thanks to all those who have RSVP'd. Looks like it will be a great day! Don't forget to bring your picnic blankets and chairs etc.

DISCO FEVER! Prep to Year 6 mums and dads get ready for our first disco. It is being held on Friday 22 March in the senior undercover area. It's \$5 per entry and this will include a sausage in a bread roll and a drink. Drinks and snags will be available for purchase for parents too. There will also be a gluten free option. This will be such a fun night! We have broken the night into two sections: Prep to Years 2 from 5.00pm – 6.30pm, and Years 3-6 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Can't wait to watch the kids go wild!

Make sure you check out the new sail shades over the Middle School playground. These were purchased with funds from Funfest last year. Thank you to all those who supported this great event!

See you Saturday.

Alaina Westaway

Photo and poster on GCCC website

Accommodation needed - Can you help?

Quiet, mature working male (employee of GCCC) is seeking a furnished granny flat or bedsit in the Beerwah/Glasshouse Mountains/Landsborough/Peachester area.

Please enquire at College reception, 5439 0333.

“Give Your Child The Edge”

A FREE 1-hour talk by learning expert Diana Vogel – The Kid Whisperer from Down Under.

Discover:

- The importance of the 32 learning profiles and how they can play out in your child.
- The simplest and quickest technique to calm your child down which doesn't cost anything...Miss this and you'll regret it!
- How stroke patient recovery is used to help children struggling at school.
- Which little trick you can do before school so your child is more focused once they get there.
- The next step for your child, if they're falling behind their peers.
- How to 'give your child the edge'.

When: Tuesday 26 March 11am

Where: Alcooringa Youth and Community Centre, 176 Ballinger Road, Buderim 4556

Limited Seats. So please call 1800 194 206 (ext 3) and leave your details to reserve your place.

Caloundra State High School celebrates 50 years on 26 and 27 July 2013

Events include Anniversary Ball which will be held at the Caloundra RSL Club on Friday, 26 July 2013, starting at 7.00pm.

Tickets for the ball will be available from both the Caloundra RSL and the RSL website from Monday, 25 February 2013.

Ticket price - early bird sales will be \$75.00pp until the 30 April and \$85.00pp thereafter.

Included in your ticket price:

- Three course plated meal
- Band – Bad Habits
- Each round table will seat 10

Drinks and memorabilia will be available in the foyer from 6.00pm, including book signings by Anne Wensley, author of the 50th Anniversary Book, 'Caloundra State High School Celebrating 50 Years' and her own publication "Caloundra State High School, The Early Years". There are only 480 seats available and we are expecting a full house so get your friends together and take advantage of the early bird discounted ticket price.

Please visit facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/caloundra.high.turns.50>

If anyone requires further information they can email: caloundra.high.turns.50@gmail.com.

Zoo Keeper for a Day - Australia Zoo

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper? Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo's holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day!

If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It's a day you won't forget! Places are booking out fast so call 07 5436 2025 to make a reserve your spot.

Ages: 7 - 12 years Price: \$85 Includes: Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals

Duration: 5 hours Location: Australia Zoo Dates: 29 March to 14 April 2013

Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

Birch Carrol & Coyle launch “Faith on Film” Program

Birch Carrol & Coyle at Maroochydore have dedicated one cinema to screening Christian based film content on Sunday afternoons and Monday nights. A whole series of films are screening including: Blue Like Jazz; The Easter Experience; Angus Buchan's Ordinary People, The Letter Writer, Prodigal and Deep in the Heart.

There is also a \$5 discount off any Faith on Film session if you download the coupon from www.faithonfilm.com.au. A poster with more information is on the GCCC website and the notice board outside K Block.