

# Glasshouse Country Christian College

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*'Growing in faith and knowledge'*

## newsletter

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### From the Principal

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Important Dates Term 2

#### MAY

Wed 1	9G NAPLAN Test
Fri 3	Years 4-12 Cross Country
Fri 10	Prep to Year 3 Cross Country
Tue 7	7pm P and F Meeting
Tue 7	6.30pm Prep Mothers' Night
Thur 9	Mothers' Day Stall
Tue 14-Thur 16	NAPLAN Testing
Fri 17	Biology Excursion
<b>Sat 18</b>	<b>OPEN DAY 10am to 2pm</b>
Mond 20	Primary District Cross Country
Fri 31	Maleny Show - public holiday

#### JUNE

Mon 3	Year 6 at Caboolture QUT
Tue 4	Secondary Regional Cross Country
Wed 5	Primary Regional Cross Country
Wed 5	Year 10 USC Experience Day
Mon 10	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 11	7pm P and F Meeting
Thur 13-Tue 18	Years 11 and 12 Exam Block
Sat 15	P and F Trivia Night
Fri 21	Grandparents' Day
<b>Fri 21</b>	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>

#### ANZAC Day Service and March

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate with us in the ANZAC Day March in Beerwah on Thursday. It was a good day to share our respect for the bravery and sacrifice of men and women who laid down their lives to protect us.

I know that many of you had commitments at other ANZAC Day services and I hope that the day was as meaningful for you at those services as it was for us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Beerwah RSL for the generosity and hospitality shown to us on the day. Their dedicated volunteers put a lot of time and effort into the day's proceedings and we appreciate their service.

The Primary ANZAC Service held the day before the march was another special occasion where our students learned to appreciate and show respect for people who died in war to protect our freedom. We were honoured to have special guests from the Beerwah-Peachester RSL as well as our very own Kathy Hopson's son, Ben Hopson, participate in the service.

#### Open Day

Open Day is fast approaching and this is the second last newsletter before the big event. This year, Open Day is on Saturday 18 May from 10am to 2pm.

Although this event is mainly set up for visitors wanting to find out more about the College, all of our current families are also welcome to attend. It is a good day to see the College in action and our students shine in their various roles on the day.

Open Day is especially valuable for those parents and guardians who work Monday to Friday as it provides the opportunity for them to pop in and visit their child's classroom and discover more of what they are learning. There will be lots of interactive classrooms displays as well as the opportunity to meet the teachers and see some of the student performances. A program will be available on the website closer to the day but in the meantime, here is a list of the programmed events of the day:

Time	Item	Venue
10.20am -10.40am	GCCC Choir	Theatre
10.50am-11.00am	Primary Band	Theatre
11.00am-11.20am	Cheerleading Demonstration	Outside library on grass
11.30am-11.40am	Concert Band	Theatre
11.45am	Storytelling	Library
12.00-12.15pm	Dance Performance	Dance Studio
12.30pm-12.40pm	Vocal Group	Theatre
12.45pm	Storytelling	Library
1.00pm-2.00pm	The Big Science Show	Theatre

A flyer will be coming home soon and the information is on our website. We would love help in raising awareness in the local community so if you can put a poster up in your place of work, please email Sandy on [sandy.johnson@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:sandy.johnson@gccc.qld.edu.au) or ring her on 5439 0033 and she will send you what you need.

### **Brad Evans new baby**

Congratulations to Brad Evans (Secondary teacher and Year 7 Coordinator) and his wife Lacey who celebrated the arrival of Chelsea Elyce Evans into their family on Friday 5 April. Baby Chelsea was a healthy 7lb 3oz in weight and 53cm in length.

It doesn't seem that long ago that we congratulated Brad and Lacey on the arrival of their first baby, Madison Grace on 26 November 2011 and now Madison has a little sister to play with. Photos are on the GCCC website.

### **Legacy Cup Clean Up with Attitude**

On Friday 19 April the College held its annual Legacy Cup Clean Up with great success. Competition was fierce and the weapons of choice were brooms, bins, buckets and brushes but the most powerful weapon of all was **attitude** (the fourth GCCC core value).

Primary, Middle and Senior School students scrubbed, scoured, swept, sponged and swabbed until the perspiration dripped from their foreheads.

Points were given to each sporting houses with the winning team of the day announced as Zion by a couple of points, then Sinai with Ararat coming last (just for a change).

At the end of the day, GCCC was a sparkling, shining tribute to our students hard work and GREAT **attitude**.

*Photos on GCCC website.*

**Mike Curtis, Principal**

## **Primary News**

### **PRIMARY CULTURE**

Over the past weeks students in Years 3 – 6 have participated in a Bullying Survey and the information was collated throughout the holidays. Historically we have done this survey annually, to keep our finger “on the pulse” in terms of the culture in the Primary School.

The feedback from students was consistent and fair and there were very few surprises for us as staff.

Over the next couple of week Mrs Mitchell and I will be speaking to students (individually) who:

- have indicated that they would like to meet with us to discuss something which has happened to them personally
- have been named more than once or twice in their own class or throughout Years 3 – 6.

These children will be made aware of the effect they are having on the student body (Years 3-6) and will be cautioned that we will be monitoring their behaviour (physical and verbal) very closely from now on.

The focus on assembly for Primary since February has been RESPECT and each week we have concentrated on an action or spoken aspect of RESPECT. As a staff we have been delighted with some of the significant changes in students and this week their peers have actually been nominating students who have helped them and demonstrated “THE GOLDEN RULE”.

RESPECT slips have been completed and collected for these students and every couple of weeks names will be chosen from the bucket to honour children whose names have been given.

At the end of the term, all Respect Slips are gathered and a small group of students (about five or six) are chosen to have “LUNCH WITH MRS BRYERS”. Last week I enjoyed lunch with Prep – Year 2 and Year 3 – 6 students to honour them. I love these lunches and we have such a great time together. How they can talk! But it is a very special time FOR ME and I hope it is for them also.

To support our Culture of Reporting (when something happens to a student or someone else which troubles them), we have placed a locked letter box in every classroom (except Prep) and students are being encouraged to write letters and post them to make teachers aware of anything which may be happening away from our watchful eyes.

Strategies are also being given to address minor incidents where children can simply be assertive and speak to another student, but there are times when even adults report something which is wrong and children can do the same in a safe way by placing a letter in the box.

We received the following email and photos from Mrs West in Year 1 on Friday, which says it all!

*“Just wanted to let you know that the kids LOVE their letterbox! We had a go at writing letters yesterday with great success.*

*Because the children are so young and it’s hard for them to just write a letter when they feel they need to say something so we are going to make it into a weekly thing where everyone writes a letter. If they don’t have something they are sad about they can write about something happy or tell me about something they have enjoyed doing that week.*

*The kids wanted to say thank you for their letterbox by sending you some pictures of us using it.*

*Thanks, Rachel West”*

**Regards, Cheryl Bryers, HEAD OF PRIMARY**

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## **The 2013 National Young Leaders Day for Primary Schools**

On Wednesday 27 March we went to The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre for the 2013 National Young Leaders Day for Primary Schools. This is an initiative of the Halogen Foundation. The day was about bringing together student leaders and leaders from the community to share experiences.

The Halogen Foundation had four speakers for the day. They all came from different backgrounds and had their own stories to share with us. The speakers were Kay McGrath (journalist), Ruben Meerman (the Surfing Scientist), Creel Price (author/founder of Club Kidpreneur) and Paul Hockey (record breaking Everest climber).

**Sarah Mens:** “The national young leaders day was very exciting and inspirational. My favourite speaker was Paul Hockey because he really inspired me to NEVER EVER, NEVER GIVE UP. Paul Hockey lost his arm from cancer at the age of eight weeks; he also lost his stepmother, father and his aunty from cancer. Paul climbed Mount Everest with one arm and reached the top! He was the first ever disabled man to climb the mountain. He used to get told that he could never climb Mount Everest, but he proved them wrong”.

**Casey Woods:** “I think I should tell you about Ruben Meerman, the Surfing Scientist. He showed us scientific and mathematical approaches to the concept of leadership. He told us about a program, called Boids, which was made to replicate the social behaviour of animals. He said that as social creatures, we are all leaders. We act as a group and respond to the actions of the four closest to us in a group. If you work as a group there is a better chance of you making the right choices. The best part of the National Young Leaders Day for me was when Ruben did an experiment where he poured hot water into a bucket of liquid nitrogen and the stage was covered in an explosion of steam.”

As young leaders we have made a commitment to make a positive difference in the world, both now and in the future. It starts right here by serving others in leadership.

We would like to thank Mrs Jen for organising for us to go and the College for giving us the opportunity to attend this event. We would also like to thank our Dads for taking us to and from this event and supervising us throughout the day. Thank you.

*Photos from the day are on the GCCC website.*

**by Sarah Mens and Casey Woods, Primary Captains**

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## **Humpty Dumpty had a Great Birthday**

All of Prep celebrated the birthday of Humpty Dumpty at the pleasure of Old King Cole on the last day of Term 1. It was a Maths investigation as we considered the best timing for the party, looking at our timetables and times of day we are at school etc. We used data collection to determine our favourite ideas for food, decorations and games. The activity combined lots of good learning in one fun-filled activity, It was all very exciting, but the highlight for Prep White seemed to be the food!

Photos on GCCC website

**Lin Smith**

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## **Kitchen Garden News**

The garden beds have certainly been enjoying the sunshine over the past week or so as have our happy little gardeners. Seedlings which have struggled with too much water are now beginning to flourish and grow. Classes have planted potatoes, beetroot, silverbeet and bok choy as well as many flower seedlings into the adopt-a garden beds. Ironically, our struggle now is to keep the water up to the seedlings so they don’t shrivel.

We have begun to learn about the food pyramid and which food groups we should eat most of and which foods we should eat less of. We will continue to learn more about healthy choices over the next few lessons.

Classes were very interested in the history of our own national biscuit; the ANZAC biscuit. We learnt that the biscuits were first made

during World War I by the women of Australia and sent overseas to the soldiers so they could have some extra nutrition in their diets (which were very poor). The biscuits had to travel a long way and would often take many months to reach the soldiers so they had to be made with ingredients that did not spoil and go stale or mouldy. ANZAC biscuits do not contain eggs to bind them and, as many poultry farmers had gone to war, eggs were scarce so the omission of eggs also meant that the biscuits would keep for longer.

The cooks then made a batch of the tasty biscuits; however we didn't get to see how well they kept as they were devoured very quickly with not a crumb left!

Until next time, happy gardening and cooking,

**Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator**

*Photos on GCCC website*

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### **FunFriends Breakfast Club**

What a great start to our FunFriends Breakfast Club which was had last Wednesday 10 April. We had 16 awesome students, two Chappies, one teacher, an amazing mum and a big sister in the kitchen.

We ate, we sang, we chatted, we drew AND all the fun new friends got to take home an activity book full of great things to do with their families. Can't wait for next week!

*Photo on GCCC website.*

**Lesley-ann Rosenberg**

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### **P-2 Mothers' Day Chapel**

8.45AM WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2013

AT THE CHURCH

COME ALONG AND BE BLESSED.

WE DO LOVE OUR MUMMIES!

## **Middle School News**

### **Welcome to Term 2 in Middle School at Glasshouse.**

This term we are focussing on Excellence from our GREAT values. My younger brother, (by only one year) constantly beat me in school grades due to his natural academic ability. He would regularly ask me, 'What did you get for this last year, Jacq?' Once I told him, he would happily tell me his mark which was generally better than mine. It would have been a little easier to take if he had actually studied or put some effort into the assessment! Generally though, he would study in the bus on the way to school on the day of the test, if that!

At this week's past assembly, we recognised our students who had put significant effort into more than six of their subjects by giving them an award. They may not have received a 'Very Good' for Achievement, but their teachers have noticed that they had consistently worked hard in their subject. This exemplifies what it means to be excellent!

### **MS Notes and Reminders**

Year 8s and 9s have moved locker locations. If your child has lost their books or they have been damaged by the rain, please ask your child to let the Secondary Admin know on [secondary.admin@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:secondary.admin@gccc.qld.edu.au) - it needs to be reported NOW, otherwise your family may be charged for damaged/lost books at the end of the year.

If books have come home a bit mouldy, try spraying them with Glen 20; it works wonders for the mould and smells.

If you missed a parent teacher conference and would still like to see a teacher, please email the teacher to see if you can still catch up with him or her, perhaps after school one day. Teacher email addresses are on the GCCC website under Contact Us, Contact Teachers.

**GREAT Merit system** - if you receive a small award note - we are recognising your child for behaviour above and beyond and the note means that three merits have already been received. Give your child a pat on the back, we are impressed by them. Send them back to the school with the signed note and they will get a small reward from us here.

**Broken and lost iPads.** It is very important that students treat these with respect and an understanding that they are important and expensive devices. Please check with them that they have 'find my iPad' ON. If an iPad is lost we will endeavour to do what we can to find it, however the cost of replacing it falls on the family. Likewise, if an iPad is broken and this is due to the accidental or poor use of the iPad, it will incur a \$100 fee to fix it. The iPad will not be fixed until this amount has been paid to the school. Families will be notified regarding this by a letter home (formal) and also a phone call. If it fails to work due to a system error - this will be fixed under warranty.

**iCAL** - this is our diary system - it is the generic calendar on all iPads. We expect students to load up their timetables on to this calendar and to use this for noting details about their homework. It is important we consistently use the same system for all students. Like all apps, it takes a little time to familiarise yourself on how to use it. It has important advantages for our school as it links in with our email system. All students have the same system which makes it simple to quickly check when teachers ask students to add a homework reminder etc. All students MUST have this loaded up with timetables and will be checked for this by the end of this week.

**Messaging and chat systems.** A few newsletters back we gave you instructions on how to restrict messaging. We are on occasion having problems with this at school. Please consider disabling this on your child's iPad.

**Uniform.** We are now in the winter terms for this year. In Term 2 and 3, the main uniform difference is for our boys. They need to wear a tie, black belt and have their shirts tucked in. For all - jumpers MUST be school uniform issue. Students receive a demerit for incorrect uniform.

Three demerits in a week equals an after school detention. Over a term, consistently doing the wrong thing over several weeks can also attract an after school detention at the discretion of the Year Level Coordinator

Fantastic efforts from our students on the Legacy Cup Clean up. I was so impressed with the attitude and gusto put in to the clean up morning.

*Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School*

## Senior School News

### **EXCELLENCE - Achieve your PB**

As we all know, the GCCC values are based on the acronym GREAT. Our values are:

G odliness  
R espect  
E xcellence  
A ttitude  
T eachability

It is no surprise that Godliness is the first of our values as it encompasses all the others. Any person who truly acts in a godly way will also display the other four values. In our assemblies last term we focused on Respect and investigated the difference between demanded respect and earned respect as well as the true meaning of respect. This term we look at Excellence and I tried on Monday to define what Excellence really is.

Is achieving straight As for all subjects Excellence? Absolutely! Whilst this should be every students goal, my preferred definition of Excellence is that each student strives to achieve their own Personal Best or PB.

On Monday's Assembly we had a wonderful guest speaker Jarrod Smith, who at 19 years of age now owns four Dominoes franchises. Jarrod is a great example of Excellence. He started as a "Dish-Boy" and worked hard to become where he is today. The journey for Jarrod has not been easy and he shared with our students both personal and professional stumbling blocks that came his way. Jarrod overcame these and continued to achieve his best.

It was then my pleasure to hand out a number of Certificates of Excellence to our students who worked hard last term and who gave their best effort in their subjects. This is excellence!

In Colossians 3:23 the Apostle Paul encouraged people to achieve their PB in everything they do. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

In all things we must encourage our children to do their best. This is not isolated just to studies at school but everything. It doesn't matter if you are the Dish-Boy at Dominoes or simply helping out at home by hanging out the washing. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart!

*David Heyworth, Head of Senior School*

## Using Apps

Make sure your child is using an age-appropriate app. If you wish to restrict them from downloading age-inappropriate apps on their device, you may turn on parental controls on their account. Keep in mind, however, that the age classifications on the app stores may not always reflect the app's terms and conditions.

Speak to your child about what private information should not be shared. Encourage them to disable location sharing options and to make sure they aren't giving away too much personal information.

Encourage your child to think before they post. Any communications shared using apps can be kept by the person you are communicating with and possibly others. It is important to use apps safely and ethically.

*Natalie Woolston*

## Future Pathways

### Headstart at USC Semester 2

Headstart applications for study in Semester 2, 2013, will close on Friday 10 May. The timetable to select classes will be available on the USC website from 29 April and application forms can be downloaded in the 2013 Headstart Guide, pages 21-26.

### Skills Tech Taster Program for Year 10

Year 10 students interested in trades may wish to participate in a taster program at Skills Tech Bracken Ridge. During Terms 3 and 4 this year, successful applicants to this program will go to Skills Tech one day a week and try out three trades. These trades will be three out of auto, metal fabrication, electrical and carpentry. The program costs \$81 and students who complete this will be given preference for places at Skills Tech in the Schools Program in 2014. For more information about this please see Mrs Ferris. Expressions of interest for this program close on 3 May.

### Explore your options – Professional Pathways in Construction

The Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre at Caloundra is offering the chance for students aiming at university courses in Engineering, Surveying, Town Planning, Architecture etc, to hear from, and meet, industry professionals from all these disciplines. This is aimed at providing students planning university pathways with the chance to get real information from on the ground working professionals. This event is on Monday morning 13 May. Students in year 11 and 12 who wish to go should talk to Mrs Ferris ASAP.

### UMAT Exam for Health Sciences.

UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) for students planning on university courses in Medicine, Dentistry and various other health disciplines, will be held on 31 July. Register by 7 June. For further information see Mrs Ferris or email UMAT at [umat@acer.edu.au](mailto:umat@acer.edu.au), phone 0385087643. Mrs Ferris also has information on companies that provide preparation programs prior to UMAT.

### Kaylee Utting - Tres Bonne Etudiante!

Congratulations to Kaylee Utting, French Student of Term 1 for the Brisbane School of Distance Education. Kaylee was presented with her certificate by Mr David Heyworth at the first assembly of this term. Kaylee supplemented her hard work in French last year with an exchange to France and has returned with impressive skills. We are looking forward to a reciprocal visit at the College by French student Victoria Cieutat in June. She will be staying with the Uttings during her visit. Well done Kaylee!

### Fantastic New Offerings from TAFE

TAFE are offering some fantastic short courses including the following:

- Uni Learn courses at BNIT. Want to go to uni but don't have the right courses or didn't get good marks? Uni Learn courses meet university prerequisite requirements and can help you improve your ranking. Get more information on this fantastic on-line pathway to university at <http://www.unilearn.net.au/>
- Sunshine Coast TAFE is now promoting short courses in sewing. For further information go to these links: Introduction to Professional Dressmaking; Sewing Short Courses
- Brisbane North Institute of TAFE is offering a Coffee, Bar & Gaming short course at the Bracken Ridge campus starting Monday 6 May, 2013. This course is delivered two days per week over a six week period. The current fees for semester 1, 2013 are concession fee \$175.70 or full fee \$290.90 and a \$40.00 administration fee. This course is designed to provide the students with practical skills and knowledge to assist in gaining employment opportunities in the hospitality industry.

Additionally, Thursday 13 June – 10.30am to 5.00pm (one day delivery of Provide Responsible Gambling Services).  
Enrolments can be made through BNIT customer contact centre 131 248 or on line at [www.bn.tafe.qld.edu.au](http://www.bn.tafe.qld.edu.au)

### **Gap Year 2014. Latitude Volunteering**

Latitude Global Volunteering is holding an Information Session in Brisbane on Wednesday 5 June for interested students and family members to find out more about an overseas volunteer placement in 2014. There are a wide range of placements available in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia/Pacific. Students can register their interest at [www.latitude.org.au](http://www.latitude.org.au). Applications for next year's placements close on Friday 21 June.

### **HIA Renovate and Build Expo May 3–5 Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre**

HIA is committed to finding and supporting the next generation of skilled tradespeople. As Australia's leading building industry body they are seeking to create more opportunities for young people to succeed in the industry. This commitment includes HIA apprentices employed nationally with members through the HIA Group Apprenticeship Scheme and HIA's Build Your Future Scholarship. HIA is having an Expo in Brisbane in May. Aspiring builders may be interested in the structures on site built by high school students. Students under 15 free, on-line tickets \$12pp. For more information please click on <http://housinglocal.com.au/whats-on/expos.aspx>

### **Energy Skills Newsletter**

An invaluable source of information for any students interested in the Energy sector (electrical, gas, telecommunications) is the Energy Skills Newsletter. Go to [http://www.energyskillsqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Skill-Connection-Newsletter.pdf?utm\\_source=ESQ+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=cc1a445827-ESQ\\_Skill\\_Connection\\_April\\_2013&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.energyskillsqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Skill-Connection-Newsletter.pdf?utm_source=ESQ+Newsletter&utm_campaign=cc1a445827-ESQ_Skill_Connection_April_2013&utm_medium=email) for the most recent newsletter and subscribe so you are always up to date with what is happening in this rapidly expanding industry.

### **Year 10 Parent Careers Information Evening 16 May**

With work experience now behind us we are moving on to assisting year 10 students to think about choices for Year 11 and 12 and even beyond that. To help this process we will be holding an Information Evening on Thursday 16 May to provide information and tools to parents. This session will be held in the Theatre H3 at 7pm. Please keep this date free and come along.

### **New Requirements for Primary and Secondary Teaching Courses**

The Queensland College of Teachers has confirmed that prerequisites for teacher education undergraduate programs will be introduced from 2016. The entry requirements are:

- English (4 SA) or equivalent
- Maths A, B or C (4 SA) or equivalent
- for students entering undergraduate primary and early childhood programs, any Authority science subject (4 SA) or equivalent.

This means that students will need to have studied the required subjects to gain entry to the following courses from Semester 1, 2016:

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary).

For more information about changes to prerequisites for these courses visit the website.

### **Where Work Experience can lead you!**

During work experience Mrs Joan Ferris visited Year 10 student Flynn Mitchell at Suncoast Aero Engines at Caloundra Airport. Flynn found out lots about stripping down engines and cleaning them. There is a photo on the GCCC website showing Flynn hard at work!

Mrs Ferris was given a guided tour around the facility and was delighted to find past student Sterling Cittolin also hard at work. Sterling did work experience and a School Based Traineeship at Suncoast Aero Engines and when he left school in 2010 he stayed on in the business and is there today, a valued team member in this workplace. Sterling showed me around the machines he uses and is clearly doing very well in his chosen field of work. So there we are. Where work experience can lead! There is a photo of Sterling in his workshop on the GCCC website.

There are photos of our aspiring construction workers and tradies at Work Experience on the GCCC website.

***Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator***

### 2013 QLD Grand Champions

Two of our Music Department Staff spent part of their Easter holidays competing in the annual Queensland Eisteddfod. This year the 120 year old festival of music was held in Rockhampton attracting choirs from Ipswich to Cairns.

Penny White (Music Teacher Aide) and Ian Rix (Voice Coach) are members of the Sunshine Coast Oriana Choir and returned triumphant after two long days and nights competing in several different categories. The Choir placed in every event entered and were declared the run-away Grand Champion Choir. They both feel very honoured and proud to be a part of such a wonderful community choir and to be able to share their love of music and experience with our College community.

In 2014 the QLD Eisteddfod will be held on the Sunshine Coast and the talented Oriana Youth Choir will also compete. Cara Bales in Year 3M is a proud member of this choir much to her extended family's delight. If your child would be interested in joining the Youth Choir please contact Mrs White on penny.white@gccc.qld.edu.au for details.

*Photo on GCCC website*

## Library News

### What happens at Secondary lunch in the library?

The library is always popular at lunchtime as Secondary students come and enjoy the amazing spaces on offer. Students have the opportunity to do quiet study, seek assistance with assessments and research, play board games or chill out with a great book in our reading lounge. This year we have added a giant chess set and Lego to our list of options and they have been a huge hit. We have also started handing out V.I.P Reading Lounge passes to honour our regular readers.

*Photos are on the GCCC website.*

**Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services**

### 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

### Congratulations Abbey

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Abbey Brockhurst who competed in the Pony Club Association Queensland State Jumping Equitation Championships at Beaudesert. Abbey came 12th overall in the event.

*Parents please submit any events or achievements your child has gained in the sporting arena. We like to see how talented our students are on the sporting field in the district and beyond. Please email your child's achievements including a photo and some information on what they were awarded and where to Mrs Freeman, PE & Sport Assistant at kristene.freeman@gccc.qld.edu.au.*

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### Caboolture Cougars - [www.caboolturehockey.org.au](http://www.caboolturehockey.org.au)

Saturday Junior U11 Program will run during school term dates between 8am and 9am Lindsay Road, Morayfield. For ages 5 to 11. Training and games throughout the season.

Cost: \$50 per play/full season.

Contact Ruth Seeley on 0438 545 988 or Marcella Evetts on 0430 392 747 or email president@caboolturehockey.org.au

## Term 1 Interschool Sport Reports

### Swimming: Mrs Freeman

Thanks to a great little group of students who were willing to be my guinea pigs to be taught swimming. These students participated in my assessment video for my learn to swim qualifications and pretended to be beginner swimmers. We had a great time just learning how to float and other fun things as well as lap after lap after lap, after lap....., but Alex, I'm sorry you won't graduate from floating – the Dead Sea maybe your answer to floating like the rest of us.

**MVP:** Joseph Oxenham; **Team spirit:** Georgie Snow

### Touch Football: Mr Fowler

GCCC touch football was great this term. The boys showed great skills, attitude and aptitude against their opposing schools. All GCCC teams went through Term 1 undefeated, playing with great flair and poise when attacking but in return demonstrating great defence when defending. The boys also demonstrated good sportsmanship towards all participating and it was great to be a part of the GCC touch football teams for Term 1.

**MVP:** Cameron Shervey ; **Team spirit:** Lucas Tidy

### Golf: Mr Havenga

The Year 8/9 students had a great term learning about golf etiquette and how to play golf like Adam Scott. After successful stints on the range and the practice putting green, students took to the golf course where they developed skills on how to play out of water puddles, sand bunkers and the rough. At the end of each week a putting competition was held and who can forget Cynan Lindsay's hole in one from about six metres. Everyone's golf swing improved over the term and the longest and straightest hitter would have to be Josh Pedersen with Emilie Rosenberg demonstrating the best team spirit. Overall, a very good term and congratulations to everyone concerned for their fine efforts.

**MVP:** Josh Pedersen; **Team spirit:** Emilie Rosenberg

### Netball: Mrs Bullock and Mrs Gisler

The Year 8/9 girls' netball team had a fantastic season. The girls dug deep every game and as a result only lost a couple of games all term. They won the vast majority of their games by a convincing amount. The girls all showed impressive sportsmanship to their opposition. It would've been easy for the girls to get over-confident after so many wins, but they continued to encourage and value the opposing teams, which was awesome to see.

All the girls deserve a special mention for their awesome attitude and Godly example. Well-done! Great season!

**Mrs Bullock's Team: MVP =** Lani Kombanie; **Team spirit:** Isabelle Westaway

**Mrs Gisler's Team: MVP:** Holly Dodwell; **Team spirit:** Hannah Johnson

### Badminton: Mr Hall

The students had fun improving their badminton skills and showed great improvement as the weeks progressed. GCCC students had a high level of participation and were always up to the challenge to compete against doubles from the other two schools in the round robin tournament. Although GCCC rarely had a W next to their name, it was pleasing to see that this did not dampen their enthusiasm to give their best in the competition.

**MVP:** Emily Raine; **Team spirit:** Taylor MacIntyre

### Basketball: Mr Ware

Wednesdays of Term 1 always held a much-anticipated face-off between Glasshouse Country, Caloundra Private and Caloundra Christian College. The boys would always give their best and were great ambassadors for our school. The games were extremely tough with the GCCC boys regularly winning one game and losing another. At times we were our own worst enemy by hitting the ball on the side of the ring or the backboard and bouncing out. The boys would always take it in their stride and continue to give their all. Well done to all the boys. I expect to see my Year 8 boys playing basketball for me next year.

**MVP:** Callum Marshall; **Team spirit:** Jordon Bull

### Fishing: Mrs Cutlack and Chappy Mick

Barra Fishing was a lot of fun. Students were keen to bait up quickly in the hunt for the elusive barramundi. Plenty were seen during the term but only a few landed. Once hooked, the challenge was landing the fish before it spat the hook. The excitement was immense when a huge fish was pulled from the lake and was shared by all.

**MVP:** Marshall Currie and Elizabeth Gregory; **Team spirit:** Thomas Boroughs and Matthew Mitchell

## **Wakeboarding: Mr Beattie**

Wakeboarding proved to be a lot of fun throughout Term 2. Early in the term participants showed plenty of perseverance to keep attempting to get up on their boards despite some huge stacks and classic wipeouts. Some brilliant effort in the second half of the term as students really got the hang of things, managing to stay on their feet on the wakeboards and complete plenty of laps on the knee boards.

**MVP:** Jayden Post and Coen Oosen; **Team spirit :** Andrea Curtis and Bowen Pike

## **Thunder Hockey: Mr Maguire**

Despite limited training the Thunder Hockey teams took to their chosen sport with much enthusiasm. I actually had to calm some of the boys down on a few occasions but the whole thing was played with an air of sportsmanship and fun. There were a couple of serious defeats, some hard fought victories and the final game for the boys ended in an 8 all draw after a 6-2 score against us at half time.

Daniel Lewis was a stand out for his team spirit. Apologies to the girls as I didn't see much of their play due to the way the refereeing worked. Jack Pattison has been presented the MVP award for his courage and determination to lead this team every week.

**MVP:** Jack Pattison; **Team spirit:** Daniel Lewis

## **Waterpolo: Mrs Whyte**

The boys' and girls' Waterpolo teams had a great time throughout Term 1, learning the rules and competing against the other schools. Every player should be proud of the way they quickly picked up the rules and provided tough competition.

**MVP:** Talia Rosa-Denham; **Team spirit:** Ramon Marrero

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## **Run Around Australia Challenge Heats Up**

Competition is fierce this year for the title of Run Around Australia Champion. Students in all classes are giving it absolutely everything each day as they try to outrun the other classes. The aim is to get fit for the College Cross Country coming up on Friday May 3 and May 10.

The challenge requires students in each class to run, jog or walk as many laps as they can in ten minutes each day. Laps are counted and added together for a class score and also individual scores. The lead is continually changing at the moment with Prep Maroon leading by a slender margin after week 1 but they have been overtaken by Year 5G and the very competitive 2G, 4M and 5G classes hot on their heels. Everyday counts in this competition and consistency from the whole class is the key to winning.

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## **College Cross Country Fast Approaching**

We are all looking forward to the annual College Cross Country which will be held on Friday 3 May for 9 year old students up to Year 12 students. Primary students are training hard for the event through the Run Around Australia Challenge and secondary students are also preparing themselves for the races ranging from 2km to 6km events.

The 15 year to open races will take place from 10.50am until 12.15pm and 12 year to 14 year races will be held from 1pm at the Beerwah Sports Grounds. Prep to Year 3 races will be held on Friday 10 May, (see additional article).

Winners' ribbons and champion titles are up for winning and also selection into District and Regional teams. There will also be a team's race for the first four finishers in each house in each race and also random spot prizes in each race.

Students wanting to improve their fitness for the event can join our cross country training group before school on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7.30am. Meet at the senior undercover area ready to run.

At GCCC we encourage parent support at these events and would love to come and support your children. We would also really appreciate some parent help on the day so if you are able to help please contact the College office, sports office or tell your child's class teacher.

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## **GCCC Cross Country 2013**

Prep – Year 3 Cross Country is on Friday 10 May. The students have been training hard and are ready to race. Please come and support your child as they participate in this event.

This event is a house competition with every runner earning at least 1 point for their house and an ice block for finishing the race. Please encourage your child to wear their house shirt and sensible running shoes. There will be ribbons for place-getters and some lucky spot prizes for each race.

**Race times:** Prep – 8 years 9.00am – 10.45am School Oval (Preps run first)  
Please contact Mrs Stott or the office if you are able to help on the day Ph 5439 0033

Hi everyone!

I hope you had a fabulous holiday and are back into the swing of school again. At last week's P and F meeting we set a date for the upcoming Trivia Night. This was a HUGE success last year, and I can't wait for this one. Book your calendar in for Saturday 15 June and start getting your table of 10 together. Watch out for flyers coming your way soon!

Also we will be running the Mothers Day stall on Thursday 9 May. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated. If you can spare a couple of hours please email me at [pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au)

***Have a great fortnight! Blessings, Alaina Westaway***

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### ***Pause and Ponder***

God knows all about the different versions of You that you put out there. He knows if you're being honest or not. Psalm 139:1-2 says: *"You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar"*

Before you totally freak out, it's actually a good thing that God knows you. Why? Here's one of the reasons: God loves you, even if he knows you're not being honest. We can relax because God loves us, despite our game-playing and "fakery".

You might stress about your friends, "If they really knew who I was, they wouldn't like me" - but that's not a question you need to ask about God. God loves you even though he already knows all the worst stuff about you. It doesn't mean it's suddenly okay to play the game, but it does mean that God's love isn't dependent on being a fake version of you all the time.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16)

***Mick Spann***