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newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Important Dates Term 2

MAY

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
Fri 21 Last Day Term 2

Open Day

After all the wet weekends this year, we were blessed with blue skies and sunshine for our Open Day last Saturday and it was a great event.

I was particularly thrilled with the attendance of our current families. It really added to the buzz and community atmosphere on the day.

Once again our students did us proud. I don't have the exact head count yet but there must have been more than 150 students volunteering on the day. Our greeters and tour guides did a brilliant job guiding new visitors around the College and it was delightful to see them in action.

We also had our hard working Hospitality students who toiled from first thing in the morning until after the event was over. Their efforts seemed tireless and they greeted everyone with warmth and friendliness.

I think we had more performances this year than any other Open Day so I want to thank all those students who gave up a chunk of their Saturday to participate in Music, Dance, Drama, Cheerleading and other performances.

The P and F did a marvellous job of the sausage sizzle and the savoury aroma drew visitors from far and wide. The P and F also used the day to invite everyone to the Trivia Night on Saturday 15 June and I don't think a single person left the College without receiving an invitation by Mark Westaway.

[There are lots of photos on GCCC's website.](#)

GCCC is now mobile ready

Those of you who attended Open Day may have seen our new QR Code around the campus. QR stands for Quick Response and the GCCC code will take you quickly to our abbreviated, mobile-friendly website with basic, easy to access information. This is a fast, convenient and easy way to call the office, ring the absentee line, check the GCCC calendar for important dates or access the full GCCC website from your smart phone.

The GCCC mobile site has all the quick functions you may need at the tap of a button. You can even access the full GCCC website from it. Once you are in the full GCCC website it will revert to normal PC mode with the exception of the home page.

Follow the instructions below to put the GCCC mobile site icon on your smart phone.

For iPhones: download the QR Scanner for free **from** iTunes. Scan the GCCC QR code (right). When the mobile site comes up, tap the icon with the arrow and then tap "Add to Home Screen".

For Androids (i.e. Samsung/HTC/Nokia, etc.): download the QR Scanner for **free** from Play Store. Scan the GCCC QR code (right). Add to Bookmarks. Tap and hold the Bookmark. "Add to Home Screen".



GCCC's QR code will be refined over the coming months to meet the needs of our parents but for now it can take you directly to the Admin phone number and has a list of school term dates and office hours. If your child is ill the app takes you directly to an absentee form or the absentee phone number. If you need more information you can choose to go to GCCC's full website by tapping on that

option.

Western Car Park Delay

I have been confidently spruiking over several communications now, that the western church car park at the College entrance is going to be sealed over the up and coming school holidays. Unfortunately, I have to eat a slice of humble pie and say this is not going to be the case and the project is going to be delayed. This is for a few reasons, but the two most pressing are that the project is going to take considerably longer than the four weeks we anticipated and the council approval process is taking longer than we would have hoped. I will let you know when this project has been rescheduled.

Metal fabrication and change rooms block update

On the positive side we are now only a few short weeks away from taking possession of our metal fabrication and automotive facility along with amenities, change room and store room. The metal fabrication part will house a hydraulic lift for putting a car on along with amazing 3D printers, computerized routers and lathes. It will be a great enhancement to our Manufacturing course.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Thank you for all of the responses we have had for the survey on providing an OSHC facility here at GCCC. The service we are investigating will be fully registered service with the government so users can claim the Child Care Rebate and the second rebate that is means tested. Our hours before and after will most likely be from 6.30am before school and up to 6.00pm after school. Vacation care may also be provided.

The service will be run by Helping Hands after school care which have successful operations running in many Sunshine Coast schools including some local schools. The cost (before any rebates have been applied) will be:

Before school: \$14 per session

After school: \$18 per session

Primary News

GRANDPARENTS' DAY..... FRIDAY 21 JUNE...DATE CLAIMER

WHEN Friday 21 June
Morning Tea from 11.00am
Concert starts at 11.30am

WHERE Morning tea on the church verandah and then concert in the church.
Following this grandparents will move to the College grounds and visit classrooms.

DETAILS Invitations will be posted to grandparents next week. Please give grandparents a "heads up" that the invitation will be in the mail soon.

If no grandparents live in close proximity, an older significant family member or friend is welcome to attend.

AN OLD FAVOURITE ARTICLE ON PARENTING RESURFACES

A few weeks ago when I was doing some cleaning in my office at home, this article (which has always been an old favourite of mine) came to my attention once again and I thought it was worth passing on to other parents. I first read this when my own children were young and saw the wisdom in the contents of these words. Parenting is such an incredibly important responsibility and bringing children up in 2013 is such a challenging job. The extended family unit which supported parents in the past has, in many cases, been replaced by hectic lives and very little family support nearby.

Times have changed incredibly and the pressures which single and nuclear families face on a daily basis are significant today particularly in the area of guiding children through the mine field of life and filling their "moral warehouse" in preparation for life as young men and women who will one day stand alone and walk life's path, drawing on the wisdom and values which parents have instilled in them throughout the formative years at school and living at home under their roof.

Society has changed and there are few heroes today. Respect for politicians, doctors, police, church leaders sporting coaches and others (including teachers) is no longer a "given" and although there may be genuine reasons for this, the by-product is sometimes a lack of respect all round.

I hope you find this article below interesting and even helpful as you train up your children to become the fine young men and women you want them to be in the years to come. Some scriptures are also included as God's Word has a great deal to say about raising children and wisdom for parents.

I Googled the article and was interested to find on this site that it had once been attributed to a police officer in the USA. This may or may not be correct as the website states, but there are some interesting and heartbreaking articles (about mistakes parents have openly admitted they've made) which are quite challenging. You may be interested in reading these also.

<http://www.snopes.com/glurge/12rules.asp>

12 STEPS TO RAISE A DELINQUENT

- 1.** Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
- 2.** When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
- 3.** Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let "him decide for himself".
- 4.** Avoid the use of "wrong". He may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
- 5.** Pick up everything he leaves lying around. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
- 6.** Take his part against neighbours, teachers, and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
- 7.** Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they won't be so shocked when the home is broken up later.
- 8.** Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own.
- 9.** Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that his every sensual desire is gratified.
- 10.** Let him read any printed material, and listen to any music he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
- 11.** When he gets into real trouble, apologize to yourself by saying, "I could never do anything with him."
- 12.** Prepare for a life of grief. You will likely have it.

Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry.
Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction. *Ephesians 6:4*
Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life. *Proverbs 22:6*
Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents always, for that is what pleases God. *Colossians 3:20*
Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Online Tuckshop

Thank you to everyone using online Tuckshop. For families who use this service on a recurrent basis, please remember to advise the Tuckshop if your child is absent so we don't make up the order. The Tuckshop's direct line is 5436 5654.

We have new food items on menu which are: Chicken and gravy rolls, gluten free potato bake, and gluten free vegetarian fried rice. Please remember that it is 50 cents extra to toast sandwiches.

When ordering, go online at www.flexischools.com.au by 9.00am on Tuckshop day.

Cathy Boyer

Middle School News

Défilé de Mode

Year 7 culminated their unit on clothing by putting on a class fashion show. The students performed a self-presentation and worked hard at perfecting their pronunciation. Many 'new' students were surprised at how French they actually sounded after such a short period of time.

A big hooray to each student as they all did well. Using their iPads to record the presentation helped hasten the process, as each student could take home a recording of their individualised lines, read by the teacher.

[There is a photo gallery on the website.](#)

Nadine Hammill

Middle School News

This last week I have been very impressed with, and proud of:

All our Year 7s and 9s who worked so diligently on their NAPLAN tests last week AND also their teachers who have put a lot of thought and effort into preparing our students for these tests in the lead up to this.

Our Year 9s who rode their bikes between 10 and 20kms from our school to Mt Tibrogargan. For some students, this was a big stretch, for all of them they can be very proud of their achievements.

The Drama, Dance and Cheer displays, Music items, Art pieces and other work on display at Open Day as well as our Tour Guides and Greeters on the Day.

Some other news

French Trip 2014

The school is exploring interest in a trip to France for students of French with G.E.T. Educational Tours. This will be open to all Secondary students who are studying French.

When Friday, 19 September - Sunday 28 September 2014

Cost Around \$3500

We will be fielding interest in this until the end of this Term. Students who are interested can collect an information note on this from the Secondary Admin Office or their French teachers.

Destiny Rescue: Our school is fundraising for this. Your child may have come home with a small information kit and talked to you about this. This is an organisation which works mostly at rescuing children from child slavery in key hot spots around the world. The fund raiser involves students committing to stand up for 260 minutes. This is because statistically every 26 seconds a child is sold into slavery. This will occur on Friday 7 June. Teachers will be aware that this is occurring and will accommodate students who have committed to stand up during their class time. We will begin counting at 8.30am and stop at 12.50pm.

Reporting issues. The Aussie culture has an additional 'Love Language' - it is teasing. We often tease the people we like. However, sometimes teasing can get out of hand and if it's not to someone who is our regular mate - then it's no longer teasing. It is usually bordering on pestering or worse. Helping our young people to best gauge when the teasing has gone too far, and to even REPORT when it is not actually teasing but more like harassment, is part of growing up. We are encouraging students to be thoughtful bystanders and also to know when it is more than a bit of fun and has gone too far or too often and to put a stop to it.

Our shortened, user friendly definition of bullying is: 'Something, done to me, repeatedly, that I don't like.' If it has been communicated in the first instance to the person who is causing this nuisance and then continues we are asking students to REPORT this so that we can help make GCCC a better place for all. Discuss with your child and encourage them to be proactive in informing the person who is bothering them that they don't like it and to then report it if it continues.

iPad Damages

Of late, there have been a few iPads with broken screens. Even though GCCC has very sturdy, high quality covers, the screens are still a sheet of glass that is fragile with only a plastic sheet protecting it. I believe students may mistakenly think that the covers are more protective than they actually are and while they are generally careful they need to be more proactive. I would like to encourage our iPad users to have the screen face down against a flat surface such as a book in their bags or while walking around (rather than against lunch boxes or pencil cases.) If they have any cracks in the screen the must IMMEDIATELY report this to Secondary Admin.

Once reported the following processes occur:

- An email is sent home notifying parents
- The iPad is handed in and sent off to be repaired within two days.
- Students will be able to have their repaired iPads back once the \$100.00 cost has been paid
- Students bring the receipt to the IT office to collect the fixed iPad.

Assessments are looming

If students do not meet the deadlines and there is no valid or acceptable note, a text will be sent home. Students will have one day to hand in their assessment and then will need to serve an after school detention. If a student hands in their assessment by the time they are organised to serve an after school detention - they will still serve the detention.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Excellence or Perfectionism?

The third of our GCCC values reminds us to strive to do the best we can in everything we do - Excellence. We need to be careful though not to confuse excellence with perfectionism. They mean very different things. Perfectionism is something altogether different from excellence.

- Excellence makes us feel good about what we achieve.
- Perfectionism has standards that continually crush people.
- Excellence inspires and motivates, encouraging others to achieve as well.
- Perfectionism keeps prodding us from behind, making us feel guilty.
- Excellence invites us and says, "You can."
- Perfectionism is always commanding, "You must."
- Excellence challenges saying, "All I ask is that you give your best, your personal best."
- Perfectionism is artificial. It neglects the heart and is motivated by guilt.
- Excellence is authentic and heart-driven and is motivated by God's greatness.
- Perfectionism is done out of a sense of duty.
- Excellence is contagious and inspires people.

Let's keep encouraging our young people to achieve excellence in everything they do. We can never be perfect but we can all excel.

Assignment Due Dates: The College policy is that students who do not submit work on time will receive an after school detention. The detention will be held on a Tuesday or Thursday from 3pm - 5pm. Every student in Senior has received an email from me explaining this policy. At this time of year many assignments become due so it's important for students to keep on top of their work load. If your child needs an extension then they should firstly talk to their teacher explaining why they are unable to meet the deadline. An extension will then be negotiated.

Year 10 Careers: Last Thursday we had a large number of students and their parents attend the Careers Information Night. Please review the information provided on that night and ensure you have looked at the SET plan questions.

Uniforms: Please ensure your child is properly dressed in the correct College uniform. This is one area that every child can excel. Shoes need to be polished regularly. Boys need to ensure they have belts and ties and shirts are tucked in. Formal uniform socks are grey coloured and sport uniform socks are white.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Year 9 Mount Tibrogargan Adventure

As part of the English Humanities program, students are to engage in the indigenous culture of the local region.

We are fortunate in Beerwah to have a strong reminder of Aboriginal culture whenever we head outdoors. All of our local mountains are named by the Aboriginal people and feature prominently in their folklore.

Year 9 Coordinator, Colleen Devitt, decided the best way to explore the indigenous culture was to get the students outdoors and organised a bike ride to Mount Tibrogarden. "This way the students could see, smell and feel the culture of the indigenous people up close," she said.

The first stage of the adventure was a bike readiness session. Many of the students hadn't ridden a bike for years and some of the loaned bikes were a little worse for wear. We were fortunate enough to have Erek Smith from Beerwah Cycles and Rob Patinga from Beerwah Bicycle Users' Group to help us with our bike readiness as well as GCCC Board Chairman Erik Dodwell and our wonderful maintenance guys, Mark Becker, Tim Siggs and John Vreeling. After the bikes were made roadworthy, the students tackled a safety and obstacle course to continue their bike education.

When the big day arrived, the grey, leaden skies didn't dampen anyone's spirits but the following rain did dampen a few backs later on in the afternoon. For such a big ride, we involved the help of the local police who escorted the group for some of the way and closed a section of the road for us to increase the safety of riders and drivers.

We were also grateful for volunteers from Beerwah Bike Riders' Association which included Corry and Frans Mens, grandparents to students at the College. Once again we had the help of Erik Dodwell as well as the lovely Year 9 PC teachers and Head of Middle School.

The students loved the experience, pushed themselves really hard and had ear to ear grins at the end of the day.

[Photos are on the GCCC website.](#)

Year 11/12 Biology Field Trip

Last Friday (17 May) the Year 11 and Year 12 Biology classes participated in two biological field studies.

The first field study was at Kings Beach Caloundra on its Rocky Shore. The students identified and recorded the number of various marine organisms in the four intertidal zones of the Rocky Shore. They successfully identified different species of organisms from tiny periwinkles to colourful anemones.

Students did however, have some difficulty identifying one strange species. That was until I told them that it was actually a macaroon which I had brought for my morning tea!

After a quick stop at McDonald's for lunch, we headed for the rainforest at the end of Steve Irwin Way. At the rainforest students performed a quadrat to estimate the numbers of different species of rainforest trees. They also took water samples to check for the various types of macro-invertebrates living in the water which is an indicator of water quality.

Those present will always remember how Libby Carver ended up in the river. Todd Davis was piggy backing Libby across the river so her shoes didn't get wet when he lost his balance and Libby went straight in.

All the participating students had a great day out exploring the two contrasting ecosystems. Each of the five groups collected valuable data which they will use in their Field Study Report which is due at the end of Week 8 this term. Many thanks to Mrs Bullock and Mrs Ritson for their invaluable help with the field trip.

[A gallery of the photos taken by Mrs Ritson is on the GCCC website.](#)

Mr Doolan (HOD Science)

Future Pathways

Year 10 Parent and Student Career Planning Information Evening

Last Thursday (16 May), on one of the coldest May evenings we've seen in quite a while, lots of hardy souls gathered at the school to hear about career planning and subject selection in Year 10. It is hoped by starting preparations early that students will be well prepared for completing their Secondary Education and Training (SET) Plan next term to provide a guide to their senior years and beyond.

The PowerPoint presentation is on the College Moodle site moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au. Go to the [Future Pathways link](#) and then the Parent Information. These resources can be accessed without a password by clicking on Login as Guest. While you are in the Future Pathways area, have a look around at the other information which is available there.

For families who were not able to make the presentation, packs have been given to students to take home. If you haven't received yours please ask your child or contact Mrs Ferris at the school. joan.ferris@gccc.qld.edu.au

Careers Expo This Weekend

The Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo is on this Saturday 25 May at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Doors open at 10am. Entry is free. The Expo will feature many leading employers including Energy, Mining, Construction, Retail, Government agencies and others. There will also be a wide range of Universities, TAFE and private educators and trainers. It is a showcase of employment, careers, education, training and seminar opportunities.

Scanned news article is on GCCC website.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to three Senior students who are commencing school based traineeships. Felicity Tasker is starting a traineeship at Dominos Pizza in Beerwah. Brianna Williams is working at Flair Jewellery in Beerwah. Felicity and Brianna are both studying Business in a Retail setting. Elizabeth Partridge is starting at Matilda's at Glasshouse working towards a Certificate III in Hospitality. Keep your eye out for these enterprising students making their mark out in our community.

Photos on GCCC website.

Defence Force Visit to GCCC

We were fortunate last week to have Leading Seaman Glen Ponder come along to the College to talk to the students about careers in the Defence Force. Glen gave a comprehensive round up of opportunities to enter the Defence Force including a 12 month program, like the old Gap Year program, where students can join up for just 12 months, be paid well, learn lots of new skills and then have the option of continuing on or leaving the Defence Force at the end of 12 months.

Glen's main advice for students who may be interested in a wide range of opportunities including trades, university training for officer entry, openings in Army Navy and Air force, was to ring 131901 and book into a YOU session to assess interests and abilities and discuss suitable pathways. YOU sessions are held here on the Coast at the Maroochydore Office of Defence Force Recruiting. Glen stayed for most of the morning and spoke to many students including Troy Fullerton and our visiting Youth Worker Nick Warren.

Photo on GCCC website.

Chopper Line Open Day

We would like to take this opportunity to invite your students to Chopperline's Open Day on 29 and 30 June 2013. This weekend very fittingly coincides with the Queensland Air Museum's Annual Open Cockpit Weekend. (<http://www.qam.com.au/ocw/ocw.htm>)

It's also a great family fun weekend, with lots to do and see.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June 2013 – 9am – 3pm

Address: Caloundra Airport – 12 Pathfinder Drive, Caloundra, 4551

Contact: 07 5491 8588

If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to call directly on 07 5491 8558.

Law Week 2013

Law Week is a national celebration held annually in May and is a great opportunity for students to get a closer look at the justice system. With more than 75 events being held statewide, including court tours, displays, mock trials, fundraising events, and courthouse open days, and a host of online resources and social media conversations, there's sure to be a way for your school and students to get involved. To get the latest updates, resources and the statewide event calendar visit the law week website www.lawweek.qld.gov.au and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Information Evening: Brisbane North Institute of TAFE BNIT

Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation

(Accredited Year 12 alternative)

Suitable for adults (18+) who wish to:

- Improve their job prospects
- Prepare for university studies
- Gain or improve their rank/OP
- Change their lives
- Engage their brain J

Date: Thursday 6 June Time: 5-6.30 pm

Place: Room B1.02 Caboolture Campus.

For further information please phone Nicole Slater on 5498 0321 or email Nicole.Slater@tafe.qld.edu.au

Our Technical Experts at Work Experience

Follow this link or visit GCCC's website to see photos of GCCC technical students in action.

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator

Library News

Library Hours

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Library and Information Week is held annually across Australia from May 20-26. We celebrated it in the library with a number of special events for students to participate in. Many Primary students took part in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday, reading the *Wrong Book* by Nick Bland. Bree from the Beerwah Library was our special guest at NSS this year and spoke to the students about borrowing books from the Beerwah Library. Middle school students were encouraged to take part in the Minute Mob Reading Challenge and the Middle/Senior students were invited to a behind the scenes tour of the library. It was a wonderful week to promote our passion for reading!

ARE YOU READING MORE IN MAY?

As part of the National Month of Reading we have a number of families taking part in the Read More in May competition sent out earlier in the month. We will reward the top 3 families from the College in Primary, Middle and Secondary with a \$25 Book Club Voucher and send all entries to Scholastic for the National Read More in May competition. The top 10 families that record the most Reading Minutes in Australia will WIN \$150 worth of vouchers to spend on Scholastic Book Clubs and Book Fairs. While families are encouraged to take part, entry in the competition is optional. For those taking part please return your Read More in May form to the library at the end of the month.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PREP – YEAR 7)

Thank you to those families who are taking part in the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge. We are still accepting registrations and encourage all students from Prep – Year 7 to get involved. Currently there are just over 100 students registered but our goal is to reach 180! Please pick up a registration form from the library or print one out from the "Parent Notices" tab of the GCCC website. Please come and see us in the library or contact us at library@gccc.qld.edu.au if you are waiting on a Reading Record or have any questions.

The Challenge is a state-wide initiative for all Queensland state and non-state school students from Prep – Year 7. The Premier is challenging every student from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books between 14 May and 6 September 2013. The Challenge aims at improving literacy and recognises the range of student abilities in Queensland classrooms. All students are encouraged to participate because the Challenge is not a competition, but a way to provide greater involvement and to encourage a passion for reading.

Students interested in participating must register through the school by returning the PRC permission slip to the library. Once registered students will receive a Reading Record. Students can read books from home or any library as long as they are suitable for their age group and reading ability to ensure they are a challenge. I wonder which classes will have the highest number of participants this year? Stay tuned for an update in the coming weeks.

AUTHOR VISIT

Andrew McDonough, a Christian author/illustrator of the popular *Lost Sheep* series is speaking to the Prep – Year 6 students on Monday May 27. Andrew's visit will be a fantastic opportunity to promote reading and writing, and for students to get a behind the scenes view of how a book is created and produced. Parents, Caregivers and Grandparents are very welcome to attend the sessions, which will be held in the Church. A selection of books by Andrew will be available for \$7 (cash sales only) and Andrew will be available to sign them. Please see Andrew's timetable on the GCCC website under the "Parent Tab" for more details.

LEXILE (YEAR 4-6)

Congratulations to Kiana Reeves for achieving her Gold Lexile award. Kiana is always keen to borrow books and completes Lexile quizzes regularly. She has read consistently throughout the year, allowing her to achieve such amazing results. She is now working on setting new personal goals to keep progressing through the Lexile program. Fantastic effort Kiana!

MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MONITORS ASSIST AT OPEN DAY

Special thanks to the following library monitors who assisted on Open Day: Katie Todd, Hannah McCredie, Jesse Woods and Rory Tait. The students assisted with a range of tasks and were an amazing asset to our library team as new and existing families visited the library.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

One of the benefits of running the Scholastic Book Club at the College is purchasing new resources with the commission raised from our sales. Recently we received a bundle of books to add to the library collection purchased with the commission earned in Term 1. The books will be a wonderful asset to the College and will be used by staff and students across Prep – Year 12. They include a class set of Primary atlases that will be well used in Primary classrooms. Many thanks to the families who regularly order products from the Scholastic and Koorong Kids Book Clubs. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Secondary Cross Country

This year's Secondary Cross Country Carnival was held under perfect running conditions starting at the Beerwah Sports Fields and continuing through the surrounding bushland. The level of participation was very high this year and ensured the success of this event. Several hard fought wins from our exceptional school athletes were on display as well as commendable efforts from all others who managed to finish the race.

Amongst participants this year, we have a group of talented runners that through discipline, training and determination managed to finish the race within the first six placings. These runners will have the opportunity to compete at the District and Regional cross-country competitions later this term.

Congratulations to the following place getters.

Boys	Girls
13s	13s
1st- William Cupitt	1st- Natasha Hoeksema
2nd- Roarke Carter	2nd- Rani Weir
3rd- Harrison Newell	3rd- Claire Cornel
14s	14s
1st- Cameron Shervey	1st- Jacqueline Roach
2nd- Lucas Tidy	2nd- Nicola Bates
3rd- Jaimen Boulton-Cunning	3rd- Heidi Westrup
15s	15s
1st- James Beutel	1st- Talia Rosa-Denham
2nd- Jaiden Andrews	2nd- Andrea Little
3rd- Jacob Wrigley	3rd- Ella Mickelson
16s	16s
1st- Glen Morris	1st- Abbey Bates
2nd- Isaac Cornel	2nd- Louise Munyard
3rd- Stephen Greasley	3rd- Danielle McClure
Opens	Opens
1st- Jared Moore	1st- Jamie Coogan
2nd- Lachlan Hensley	2nd- Rebekah White
3rd- Mitchell Ferris	3rd- Spencer Cittolin

Matt Beattie

Total points overall Primary and Secondary are

Ararat - 439

Sinai - 315

Zion - 220

[There is a photo gallery are on the GCCC website.](#)

SCISSA District Cross Country

A strong team of runners represented GCCC at the District Cross Country competition on Friday 10 May.

On a wet track conditions were difficult and our runners dug deep to mix well with the best runners from nine Sunshine Coast Independent Schools.

The individual efforts of our Cross Country runners this year were exceptional especially given that each race consisted of up to 80 competitors.

Special mention should be made for the following runners who managed to finish within the top 10 for their age group. Natasha Hoeksema 5th, William Cupitt 7th and Jacqueline Roach 10th.

Other students to represent GCCC at this event were as follows: Thomas Boroughs, Lucas Tidy, Matthew Mitchell, Tom Dwan, Nicola Bates, James Beutel, Troy Fullerton, Tenaia Owens, Tegan Gisler, Hannah Johnson, Roarke Carter, Xavier Bampton, Louise Munyard, Isaac Cornel, Stephen Greasley and Izaak West.

Congratulations to all runners!

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Matt Beattie

Fantastic Energy at Junior Cross Country

Wow, did you see them run? If you missed this event you missed something special! These little champions ran their hearts out to gain house points and feel the pride of competing well in their cross country races. Most children ran the whole way showing the huge gain in fitness levels during the Run Around Australia Challenge.

The atmosphere was set from early morning as the tents were smothered with blue, green and red adornments, getting more and more creative with every carnival we have! Sharks and crocs ruled the arena but as the children swarmed up on to the oval each house tent was full of eager children ready to race. War cries rang out as each team battled to be crowned the war cry champions. Cheering from the tents continued throughout each event as each house team cheered their runner's home.

There were some outstanding runs by very competitive athletes and several races were not decided until the last 200m. Lainey Grieve and Ella Childs both came from behind to beat Lilli-Jean Cruise and Amy Trevan respectively after very entertaining and tactical races. Bryce Sambrook quickly strode out into the lead in his race and lead the Year 2 boys from start to finish with a beautiful display of distance running.

It was great to see so many parents come to support and cheer on their children and grandchildren. Placegetters received ribbons and Spot prizes were given to students finishing in randomly pre-chosen placings.

Points were very close with only two points separating Zion and Ararat in the race points making Zion the running Champions. House Spirit Points were also given for tent decoration, war cries and cheer and support during races. This was a very close competition too with Ararat just managing to come out winners ahead of Sinai and Zion.

[We hope you enjoy the photo gallery on the GCCC website.](#)

Wendy Stott

Results:

Year	First	Second	Third
Prep Girls	Saige Wilson	Jorja Palmer	Reghan Boxsell
Prep Boys	Nicholas James	Sonny G	Dylan Bradley
Year 1 Girls	Islah-Lyleigh Dwyer	Zara Wilkes	Nikita Hazzard
Year 1 Boys	Jake O'Grady	Thomas Quinn	Max Cashin
Year 2 Girls	Lainey Grieve	Lilli-Jean Cruise	Zara Cody
Year 2 Boys	Bryce Sambrook	Jaymes Roser	Jack Lecky
Year 3 Girls	Ella Childs	Amy Trevan	Kate Faherty
Year 3 Boys	Xander Bryant	Noah Smerdon	Flynn Ward

Five Medals and the Victory! District Champions Again!

It was a tremendous team performance from our Primary Cross Country runners that sealed victory for the third year in the Primary District Cross Country Championships held at St Michaels' College.

Outstanding individual efforts by five students gained them placegetter medals and many others placed in the top six in their races, gaining points towards the team trophy. Every athlete gave 100% and can be very proud of their achievements.

The star of the day was Amity Roser who took the lead half way through her race and ran strongly right to the finish line to win the 10 year girls 2km race. Declan Martin and Julian Munyard ran side by side leading their 10 year boys race but were overtaken in the later stages of the race. Declan finished a well deserved 3rd and Julian followed him in 4th. Sam Townson also ran a fantastic race finishing in 6th place, giving these boys valuable team points.

Rick Kombanie went straight to the front of his 11 year boys' race and was accompanied there by an Elimbah athlete. These two battled it out throughout the whole race with the lead changing many times. In the last 300m Rick just dropped off the pace and finished an awesome race only about 15m behind the winner. Lachlan McWilliam also ran a great tactical race moving through the field passing many tiring runners, to finish in 4th place. In the girls' race, Mackenzie Stokes kept in touch with the leaders well throughout her whole race and finished with a sprint to gain 4th place.

Dylan Myers ran a very gutsy race leading at times whilst battling it out with another runner. He finally got the better of Dylan but Dylan ran bravely on to the finish, sprinting off another fast finishing athlete to secure 2nd place. Codie Rechberger and Brooke Hughes lead out strongly in the 12 year girls' race and ran consistently well. Codie finished very well in 3rd place and Brooke followed closely behind her in 5th place.

Congratulations to our nine athletes who qualified for the Regional Trials to be run in Buderim. All our athletes showed fantastic tenacity and sportsmanship, cheering each other on. Thank you to all the parents who came and cheered endlessly for every runner.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

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Four GCCC Students in District Soccer Team

Four young football players gained selection into the Glasshouse District Teams which played in the Sunshine Coast Championships. Year 6 students, Dylan Myers, Ronan Martin and Mark Kennedy were all part of the boys' team and Emily Roach played in the girls' team. Dylan, playing striker, scored two of the three Glasshouse goals and Mark stopped many dangerous attacks in defence. Ronan also worked hard in the midfield and sent some great balls forward. The boys' team had some very close games often losing by a penalty shot in the final moments of the game.

The girls' team played well but were outclassed by strong opposition. Ten year old Emily showed her superior skills on the ball, dribbling around many opposition players and often stopping strong attacks. She has two more years in this competition so we look forward to her progress.

Wendy Stott

Primary Cross Country Correction

The 9 Year Boys cross country results in the last newsletter were incorrect. The results should have read first - Daemon Cruise, second - Mason White and third - Ben Blue. Our apologies to the boys and families concerned.

Go Eagles!

The Primary school display team put all they had and then some into making their performance a wonderful display and show piece for Open Day. It was great to see their pom pom performances, beginning the cheer year with commitment, determination and dedication.

The team did very well to pull this routine off and provide an enjoyable display in front of such a large crowd. The girls supported their fellow team members and relinquished the most sought after position of 'flyer', with grace.

The girls were excited to show how well they mastered using pom poms, a different, American game day style of cheerleading, in just 5 short weeks. Well done girls!

Their next display will be at Farm Fantastic, Friday 19 July. I look forward to teaching more advanced skills and any interested students wishing to join the school team for next semester, please come along to training and join in the skill building and cheer fun at lunch times.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Kris Freeman

Community News

Debutante Ball 2013

There are still positions available for this year's Debutant Ball for any Year 11 girls that are interested? It is great fun and also raises much needed funds for the Beerwah High chaplain!

If you are interested please call Cynthia Ruhle on 0417998757 or email hockitbt@bigpond.net.au

Beerwah Blue Light Disco

The last disco in March was again a great success and numbers are growing, Our next disco is on **Friday 14 June** and will be held at the Beerwah Community Hall again.

Click on this [link](#) to take you to the full flyer.

Kyron Wolfe, Constable 4026880, Beerwah Police Station, Tel 5436 5222

Cent Auction

Landsborough Community Kindergarten's 21st Annual Cent Auction will be held on Saturday 25th May at Landsborough Memorial Hall. Doors open at 6pm, Auction begins at 7pm. There are lots of fantastic prizes up for grabs including major prizes of a Joy flight and accommodation at the award winning B&B, Mary Ann's Cottage.

Entry \$2/adults / 50c children. A light supper is included with entry fee and additional food and drinks are available for purchase on the night.

A great night out with all proceeds going to Landsborough Community Kindergarten.