

# Glasshouse Country Christian College

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*'Growing in faith and knowledge'*

## newsletter

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### From the Principal

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

##### JUNE

Fri 21 Last Day Term 2

##### JULY

Mon 15	First day Term 3
Wed 17	Immunisations Year 8s and Year 10s
Wed 17	Year 11 Rotary Young Driver program
Thur 18	Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo
Thur 18-Fri 19	Year 9M Bush venture retreat
Fri 19	Dance and Cheer performances at FarmFantastic.
Fri 18	Year 11 & 12 Bangarra Dance Theatre
Mon 22	QCS practise for OP Year 12 students
Wed 24	Musica Viva incursion
Thur 25	Primary Athletics Carnival
Fri 26	Middle & Senior School Athletics Carnival
Wed 31	ICAS English

##### AUGUST

Thur 1-Fri 2	QCS practise for OP Year 12 students
Tue 6-Wed 7	Secondary Parent Teacher interviews
Thur 8	Primary District Athletics
Tue 13	ICAS Maths
Thur 15	Year 3 Excursion Mary Cairncross
Mon 19	Prep to Year 3 Athletics Carnival
Fri 23	Arts Soiree

#### Launching GCCC's Facebook Page

The word 'Facebook' is enough to make any parent or school uneasy. When dealing with children the prevailing thought is often, 'better safe than sorry'.

However, being safe doesn't mean we should miss out on the opportunity that platforms like Facebook can bring to our College family. At different events, I'm constantly told that schools should be using the technology available to them and Facebook comes up repeatedly.

It is often the case that when a school doesn't have a Facebook page, someone else creates one. The problem with this is that the content may not always be as helpful as a FB page run by the school.

Facebook is an excellent way to share information rapidly. For example, while Australia's Biggest Morning Tea was still happening on Thursday, we were able to post a few photos of the event with a quick note. We hope to post more brief news and photos in the future and some things that may not be newsletter worthy but a funny event or a good photo of a student's achievement.

Facebook won't replace our newsletter or website posts but it will be a great way to communicate information and photos fast for FB users. You don't need to join FB to get important information but if you are on FB anyway, we hope that you will 'Like' our page and share it with your friends.

GCCC's adoption of a Facebook page does not mean that students can use FB on campus. It also doesn't mean that we want students to have FB access at home unless their parents approve them as being mature enough. GCCC's FB page is mainly for parents, friends and anyone interested in our school.

To make it easy for you to find and 'Like' our Facebook page, we are emailing you the link today or you can click [here](#). As most of you are aware, once you have 'Liked' the page, new posts will pop up on your wall or timeline as they are uploaded.

#### P and F Trivia Night

The numbers were down a little on last year but the P and F Trivia Night on Saturday was even better than the previous year. An atmosphere of fun pervaded the whole night and each group went to a lot of effort to decorate their table in their colours.

Aqua table won the décor prize for bringing a live fish as their centrepiece! A member from the pink table turned up in pink pyjamas, the red table had long stemmed red roses, the black team incorporated elegance to their table by adding gold trim, the blue team sported a creative homemade centrepiece of pipe cleaners and chocolate, the purple team had purple chair covers and a huge Cadbury chocolate centrepiece, and the rainbow team sported every colour of the, well, rainbow.

Mark and Alaina Westaway did a wonderful job planning and hosting the night and I'm sure we all appreciated their hard work.

## **Courtney Devitt on study leave**

Drama teacher Courtney Devitt has taken study leave for 12 months beginning next term. Courtney will be studying under a fellowship with the prestigious Trinity College in London to further expand her expertise in teaching Drama.

Next term we will be welcoming Samantha Law who will teach Drama in Courtney's absence. There will be a photo and more information introducing Samantha to you in the next newsletter.

## **Congratulations to Kylie Trendell**

I'd like to congratulate Kylie Trendell and her husband, Andrew, on the safe arrival of Summer Faith. Summer was born Saturday morning at weighing almost 8lbs. She has dark hair with blue eyes and you can see a photo of her by clicking [here](#).

## **Kitchen Garden Biggest Morning Tea**

Unfortunately, I was unable to participate in the Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer last Thursday, but I heard that it was a succulent success with tables of delicious treats and steaming coffee. Thanks to Mandy Ward and all the parent volunteers who worked hard for this very worthy cause. I'm sure Mandy will have more details in [her news article](#).

## **Strawberries for sale**

Although the College won't be holding its mission trip to Fiji until 2014, Neil Daniel is leading a small group of people from Glasshouse Country Baptist church on a working trip to Fiji in September. The Fiji Bible College has some urgent building needs and Neil and his team are fund raising to help purchase the materials so they can perform the work when they arrive.

To help raise these funds Neil and his team will be selling strawberries (kindly donated by Oaklands Farms) each Friday afternoon around 3pm in the bus shelter.

## **Community and Charity Support**

It's been tremendous seeing our student rise to the challenge of helping others. Our Primary students have been collecting groceries for a local food bank; our Middle School students have raised money for Destiny Rescue to help children in slavery; our senior school students have been collection and putting together toiletry packs for the homeless in Nambour. Middle and Senior . Other Middle School students have been performing community services such as helping elderly with yard work and more. I hope you enjoy reading more about these activities in the other articles in this newsletter.

## **Happy holidays**

I hope you will be able to plan some fun, relaxation and lots of family times during the upcoming holidays. I know our students have been working hard and deserve a good relaxing break. Please remember that Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July is a pupil free week so students don't come back until Monday 15 July. See you then.

## ***Mike Curtis, Principal***

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### **GCCC UNIFORM SHOP NOW ONLINE**

Log on to: [Flexischools.com.au](http://Flexischools.com.au)

This is the same login as the tuckshop

REGISTER for a new account or LOGIN to your existing tuckshop account.

Top up your account from your bank account or credit card.

Order your uniforms (all uniforms can be ordered under the one child's name)

Send your student to the uniform shop to collect the uniforms the following day that the uniform shop is open.

It's that easy. The online account can also be used to save up for larger uniform expenses. Just top the account up regularly until you are ready to order. (Tuckshop and uniform orders do use the same top up account).

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### **ICAS Science Test**

On Wednesday June 5 45 students from Years 3-11 competed in the annual ICAS Science test. The tests varied in time from 45 minutes to 60 minutes.

All students who undertook the test will receive a participation certificate. The students who perform above average will receive credit and distinction certificates from ICAS.

Medals will be awarded to the students who achieve the highest overall results in the country. Good luck to all students who competed.

[Photo on GCCC website](#)

***Fenton Doolan, HOD Science***

## Well Done Primary Students and Families

In an age when we sometimes wonder if society even cares about others, we were thrilled to see the response from our Primary College Community as the donations of items for (a) RSPCA (b) Foodbank for needy families and (c) toiletries for homeless youths in the Sunshine Coast area have come flooding in from students and our College families over the past 2-3 weeks. How refreshing to know that kindness and generosity are alive and well in our GCCC community! Thank you so much for opening your hearts to the needs of these organisations. We appreciate all the donations to support this Student Council initiative. Thank you so much also to Mrs Mitchell and the Student Council Representatives for the organisation "behind the scenes" which has made this such a success.

The Biggest Morning Tea was also another demonstration of the heart of our College community as Mandy Ward and a wonderful group of mums and friends provided a beautiful assortment of delicious cakes and slices for the Biggest Morning Tea to support Cancer Research. Coffee and cake – like a serious coffee lounge – right on our doorstep in the Junior Undercover Area! Staff were so appreciative of this service (delivery right to the classrooms) that they have expressed a desire for this to be a regular event! We are so grateful to all those who blessed us all with their baking and coffee making for this worthy cause last Thursday.

Finally, if you were at the College last Friday you would have been so impressed with our Year 2 students cooking, painting, fishing and having a great time on rotations as they participated in a culminating dress up activity for their Super Heroes theme. There were some students and teachers, whom I could hardly recognise, but I could see the joy on their faces as they participated in the excitement of all the activities. Congratulations Mrs Leary on organising such a wonderful day and thank you to all staff and parents who made this day such a great success.

Enjoy a wonderful holiday with your family and a time of refreshing – but remember the Spelling Bee in Week 2 Term 3! Students received the words for their level this week. Primary Reports will be posted out in the holidays.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

*Regards, Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary*

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## Real Life Super Heroes Swoop Into Year 2

Doctors, firefighters, police officers, and blacksmiths were everywhere. Year 2 had them all and many, many more as students dressed up as a real life super hero (someone who helps us).

We have spent the term learning about goods and services and our community and needed some fun. We participated in 10 rotations on Friday 14 June, in the glorious sunshine. We had turns at being medical workers, posties, artists, archaeologists, photographers, fishermen, waiters, builders, butchers and by far the favourite activity was decorating your own cupcake as a baker.

Everyone had such a great day and we couldn't have done it without our wonderful parent helpers.

[Photo gallery on GCCC website](#)

*Year 2 Teachers*

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## Kitchen Garden News

We were rained out of the garden in week 9 which meant the travelling Kitchen Garden went mobile and visited the Year 1s in their rooms. Members from the carrot team were our cooks and made some tasty carrot dip with lots of fresh veggie sticks; sugar snap peas and celery from the garden. These were teamed with plain rice crackers and capsicum which were devoured in record time to the astonishment of our wonderful parent helpers.

The rain held off for 2W so they were able to join us in the garden. The rain made the weeds easy pulling and we were able to give our compost bins a good clean out. We all admired Mrs. McLaren's choice of spotty footwear.... such a sensible choice on such a wet day!

The sun was shining for week 10 however, all felt the wind chill factor. Preppies were keen to water the garden beds despite the cold. Preppies ploughed through the carrot dip with many children using spoons to devour the last of the dip from the bowl.

Year 2 students rolled up their sleeves and cleaned out the garden shed, which is now spick and span.

I would like to thank everyone who baked and came along to support our Biggest Morning Tea that we held in the junior undercover area. We raised \$475.15, which is a fantastic effort. It is great to support such a worthwhile cause.

Over the course of the last two terms it has been so rewarding to watch the children grow and see their palettes developing. We have children who would not touch vegetables (never mind actually eat one) at the beginning of Term 1 to now being be first in line for food! I especially love the pronunciations that some of the adorable Preppies have of my name...

So I'll sign off until next term,

*Mrs. Reward or Mrs. Award (if you prefer), Kitchen Garden Coordinator.* [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

## Buranga Camp

On the 11 and 12 June, 11 Year 6 students attended Buranga Camp at The Mapelton Centre.

The aim of this camp was to encourage students of similar strengths and talents and over the two days the students were given the opportunity to participate in workshops to expand their knowledge, skills and abilities in the discipline that they were selected for.

Activities and learning experiences were varied and all groups met together at the end of the second day to showcase their efforts and finished work. The showcase was a snapshot of what they had done throughout the camp and parents were invited.

Buranga camp is organized by the Sunshine Coast Independent Primary Heads Association each year and all the Independent Primary Schools on the Sunshine Coast are invited to attend.

Here are some of the students' reflections which they shared with the Primary school at assembly.

Kirra (English) said, "What I liked about Buranga was that I got to learn about different writing genres. I had really wonderful teachers and I got to achieve my goal – to write a completed short story. I hope to get my story published."

Casey (Maths) said, "My task was to design and build a scale model of a garden. I had a budget of \$50 000. The garden had to have fencing, grass, a body of water, a paved area, a patio, a tessellating pattern, furniture and a 200m house on the block. I finished with all of these and I gained a profit of \$5, 787. My favourite part was building the scaled model."

Josh (Science) said: "I went to Buranga camp to learn about Science. In Science we tested the pH level of household liquids, looked at titration and chemical analysis and we made sherbet. We also had great fun designing and racing balloon racers. My favourite part was making, testing and trialing the balloon racers. For the showcase we had to race our cars. My balloon popped! I loved this camp."

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

**Gail Mitchell, Assistant Head of Primary**

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## Primary Dance Troupe 2013

The Dance department is excited to offer dance troupe to boys and girls of any ability in Years 4, 5, and 6.

It is a great opportunity for students to learn Jazz, Hip Hop and contemporary dance. Rehearsals will be at first break on Wednesdays in the dance room. Dance is excellent way to gain flexibility, strength, rhythm, co-ordination and have fun.

If your Child is interested please complete a form under Parent Notices, Primary Notices on our website or click [here](#). Feel free to contact Stacey Whyte from the dance department.

**Stacey Whyte**

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## Pause and Ponder

We are very concerned about the impact of materialism on families today. During the hardships of the Great Depression, it was easy enough for parents to tell their kids that they couldn't afford to buy everything they wanted.

But in these more opulent times, children see that you can afford to purchase their hearts' desires—if not with cash, then with your magic credit card. And then there are the advertisers that spend millions of dollars to stimulate your kids' lust for their products—toy monsters; dolls that eat, walk, and talk; designer shoes and clothes; and more.

Children begin to develop an "I need more" mentality that can be terribly destructive in their adult years. It's why so many people are hopelessly in debt today. It's what spawned a popular bumper sticker a few years ago: "He who dies with the most toys wins." The sticker should read, "He who dies with the most toys dies anyway."

Jesus delivered a very different message when a rich man questioned Him about the path to eternal life. Jesus said to "sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven" (Matthew 19:21). The man walked away because he was unwilling to part with his wealth.

It simply isn't possible to seek, worship, and serve both God and money (Matthew 6:24). Now is the time to choose for your family.

- How much of your time is invested in that which is of no long-term significance?
- What can you do to reduce the influence of materialism?

*The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. 1 Timothy 6:10*

[Taken from Night Light for Parents by James Dobson.](#)

Carpe Diem. There is no moment like the present. Seize the day. This is certainly true of the way our Middle school students live some of their lives and I love that energy. That is the model of excellence that is a part of our school's GREAT values.

These last two weeks are no exceptions to this motto. We have had students:

- Participating in the Destiny Rescue, 'Make a Stand' and fundraising for children who are being rescued from slavery. ([Photos on GCCC website](#))
- Competing in the Sunshine Coast regional Reader's Cup challenge.
- Playing Rugby against Beerwah High.
- Diligently plugging away at completing their assessments and studying for tests. I have been very impressed with how hard most of our students have worked to meet the assessment deadlines and do their personal best. It has been encouraging to walk around our school and see the calibre of work and activities happening in our classrooms.
- Our Year 9s are doing Community Service at several places in the local area and further afield.
- Our Year 8s are fundraising for one of their fellow students who has been hand selected to enter into a competition in America.
- And, I have been so impressed with some of our Year 7s presenting thought provoking and insightful devotions to their whole cohort at their Year Level Meets.

### Reports

Teachers are presently writing these, which you will receive in the mail at the end of the three-week break.

### Student Led Parent Conference

In week four of next term, your child will be leading a conference in the presence of their PC teacher and parents or guardians. This will be your child's opportunity to share their learning so far this year with you. All students will need to lead one of these conferences, so we ask you to use the online booking sheet to book one conference with your PC teacher for this to occur. If you wish to also book a traditional conference with any other teacher please use this same booking sheet to organise this. The student led conference will run for 10 minutes, just like the other traditional conferences. If your child's PC teacher is a teacher you would have booked with – please use the student led conference time to discuss matters with this teacher related specifically to the subject they teach to your child.

If you would like to have a better insight into this format of conference, this link may prove helpful: [Student led conferences](#).

I pray you will have a great 'break from the routine of school' holiday time with your children over the next three weeks.

*Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School*

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### Dance Extension Program 2013

The Dance extension program is designed to provide students in grade 7 to 12 with real life dance qualifications.

The College offers lessons in :

CSTD Ballet Technique

CSTD Jazz Technique

EDTA Ballet Technique

Strength and flexibility classes, Thursday lunchtime.

Through this training, students will have the opportunity to sit external examinations and gain qualifications that will be recognized on the QCE.

There will also be a vast array of professional performance opportunities. Mrs Whyte will be running these classes on Tuesday mornings and Thursday's after school.

### New grants for students

New grants are available for students and young people to participate in artistic, cultural, academic or community based activities, events or training. Please visit the website below for more information.

[http://csa.edu.au/component/content/article/92/1109?utm\\_source=News+and+information+from+CSA&utm\\_campaign=7c591e5615-Weekly+site+update&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_cbc0761bf-7c591e5615-328308141](http://csa.edu.au/component/content/article/92/1109?utm_source=News+and+information+from+CSA&utm_campaign=7c591e5615-Weekly+site+update&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cbc0761bf-7c591e5615-328308141)

*John Dohler, Business Manager*

## Senior School News from David Heyworth

### The Queensland Plan

Last month a summit was held in Mackay to discuss how Queensland should collectively plan for the future. More than 400 community representatives came together to develop questions that all Queenslanders are now invited to answer. Responses will then inform the development of The Queensland Plan, a thirty year vision for our state.

My initial reaction was "What an impossible thing to achieve!" Our nation is changing at such a fast rate that it is impossible to imagine what it will be like in 30 years, so how can we create a vision for this. Then as I looked at the questions asked, I realised that the focus is on things that are timeless; things that we need to always strive to achieve.

*The Queensland Plan* questions are:

In the context of living in the community, how do we move our focus from me to we?

- How do we create and foster an education culture that teaches skills and values to meet global challenges and optimise regional strengths?
- How do we empower and educate individuals, communities and institutions to embrace responsibility for an active and healthy lifestyle?
- How do we structure our economy to ensure our children inherit a resilient future?
- How do we strengthen our economic future and achieve sustainable landscapes?
- How do we attract and retain the brightest minds and ideas where they are most needed and capitalise on global opportunities?

Next term, the Honourable Andrew Powell MP will visit the College to speak to the seniors and invite them to give their input into The Queensland Plan. The government are also holding a competition for students to enter that will help in shaping the vision for our state and I encourage students and parents to provide their input and get involved.

See <http://queenslandplan.qld.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say/index.html>

This reminds me of what education is like. In the future it is certain that the content we teach will change and the process of delivering it will definitely change. What must never change are the values we instil on our young people. These are our College "GREAT" Values which never change.

Next term we focus on the value "Attitude" which is probably the most misunderstood value. We want our young people to develop a positive attitude that is so powerful it will help them to set and achieve amazing goals.

As I look at our values, I constantly come back to the first value - GODLINESS. Without this value, attitude is at risk of becoming negative and something that we want to steer our students away from. I'm looking forward to next term talking to students about what a Godly attitude really means and how they can develop this in their own life.

### Rotary Young Driver Awareness Program (RYDA)

On Wednesday of week one next term (July 17), our Year 11 students will be attending the RYDA program held at Corbould Park. This is a great program funded by the College and Rotary and endeavours to help prevent some of the terrible carnage we see on our roads by making our young people aware of some of the hazards of driving. Please make sure your child is attending this important day.

We also have a wonderful guest speaker, Michael Teague coming to speak on our first assembly back after the holidays. Michael was severely injured in a motor vehicle accident and has an important message that all drivers need to listen to.

I trust you have a wonderful winter break with your child and I look forward to what God has in store for us next term.

**David Heyworth, Head of Senior School**

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### French Trip 2014

GCCC is offering a trip to France in 2014 for interested students in Secondary (Years 7 to 12) who are undertaking study in French. This is a lifetime opportunity to experience the culture first hand and practice French in real life.

Dates: 19-29 September (first week of 3rd term holidays)

Information Evening Wednesday 24 July at 6pm in GCCC Library.

Approximate cost is \$3800 (based on 2013 figures)

Full information is on the GCCC website. Please click [here](#) to access it.

**IMPORTANT** - Please return expression of interest before 31 July 2013

## YEAR 10 – Experience USC Day

Last week all of our Year 10s had the opportunity to attend the University of the Sunshine Coast for a day. They were able to participate in two workshops of their choice giving them a taste of those particular courses as well as experiencing uni life. Students were involved in a huge range of workshops from five categories: Health and Sport Science, Science and Engineering, Business and Information Technology, Communication and Design, Humanities and Social Sciences and Education. For some students this experience has really helped with their planning for future career paths and for others it has helped to broaden their horizons with the many, many options available to them. *Photos on GCCC website.*

## Year 10, 11 and 12 Parent Evening in Term 3

On 31 July the College will be holding a Parent and Student Evening for all our senior students. There will be a presentation for Year 10s about subject selection including TAFE and Uni studies, and SET Plans, followed by a chance for Year 10 families to talk to representatives from our own College, Universities, Christian Heritage College, Apprenticeship Centres, the Defence Force and others.

Year 11 and 12 will be invited initially to meet with our guests in the first part of the evening and then will have a presentation about QTAC and other pathways after Year 12.

We hope you will all come along and take advantage of excellent advice from experts in various fields including our own staff. We will be commencing at 6pm and finishing up between 8.30pm and 9pm.

## SET Plan Interviews for Year 10

When you receive Year 10 report cards at the end of the holidays there will also be instructions enclosed for booking a SET Plan interview in August. Just follow the steps to make your booking OR ring Mrs McMinn at the College to make an appointment time. These interviews will involve Year 10 students and their parent/s along with Mr Heyworth and Mrs Ferris to work out a plan for Years 11 and 12 and beyond. It is a State Government requirement that all Year 10 students develop a Secondary Education and Training (SET) Plan so we look forward to seeing all of you in the first two weeks of August to complete this process.

## Future Pathways in Moodle

Mrs McMinn, our Future Pathways Admin Officer, is currently undertaking studies in career planning. As part of her course she has developed a fantastic resource for anyone thinking about future careers, courses and pathways. It can be found on the College Moodle site at [moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au](http://moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au). Go to Future Pathways. Everything under the Future Pathways heading can be accessed by simply logging in as a guest. You will find a treasure trove of diagnostic quizzes to help you discover a suitable career direction, information about Open Days, Expos and Workshops, information about university study, TAFE and other Vocational Trainers, Apprenticeships, the Defence Force and lots, lots more. It's worth a look!!

## Specialty Defence Force Careers

If you are interested in entering the Defence Force you might like to go along to one of these sessions being held soon in Brisbane.

ADFA	25 July	Call 30162425
Health Careers	1 August	Call 30162424
Engineering Careers Information Session	6 August	Call 30162424

## Part-time Work

A local nursery is looking for some students to work part-time. Interested students can find the details on the Moodle Future Pathways site under the Jobs heading.

## Work Experience

To finish off this term click [here](#) to see more pictures of our students out and about in the community doing work experience.

Have a lovely holiday everyone. See you next term.

*Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator*

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## Careers Expo

Every year we take our Senior Students to the Careers Expo. This year it falls on Thursday 18 July. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## Tertiary Studies Expo

The Tertiary Studies Expo is being held in the RNA Showgrounds in Brisbane over the weekend of 20 and 21 July. For more information, please click [here](#).

## 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

### Year 9 Readers' Cup Team

Congratulations to our Year 9 Readers' Cup team the "Gobbledybooks." The girls competed against 14 other schools on Tuesday June 11, at Maroochydoore State High and came 5th. The Gobbledybooks won their heat and were 1 point off getting into the finals. It was a great night of competition and the girls showed wonderful sportsmanship and skill.

Following the event, we received an email from one of the scorers addressed to GCCC staff, commending the girls on their attitude during their heat;

"I would just like to say how impressed I was with the team members who competed in the Reader's Cup competition last night. I was a timekeeper in the room and I thought the team showed wonderful manners, courtesy, resilience and great sportsmanship. They were wonderful ambassadors for the school."

What a wonderful commendation for the girls! They worked extremely hard during the term reading and memorising facts from 5 novels and the DVD version of Shaun Tan's "The Lost Thing." They shone brightly at the competition and showed amazing teamwork skills. I would like to say a huge thank you to the team and the way the girls juggled their studies with the Readers' Cup workload.

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

Here is a list of the girls that competed in the Year 9 Readers' Cup Team. **GCCC Team (5th Place)**

Isabelle Westaway, Britney Ross, Victoria Thomas, Pallas Johnston, Emilie Rosenberg (Reserve)

### Results

Chancellor State College 1st, Immanuel Lutheran College 2nd, Maroochydoore State High 3rd, St. John's College 4th.

### Holiday Reading Activities

There are some great activities lined up at the Beerwah Library these holidays to keep the kids enthralled. There is an interactive musical presentation called the Funky Chicken Show, where Author Chris Collin presents his book Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks. There is also a Stop Motion Animation activity where participants use an ipad to create their own stop animation project. The State Library of Queensland in Brisbane also has a range of activities happening, including a holiday show and workshop, mobile making, junk orchestra and a Story Lab for older students. For further details go to the Sunshine Coast Libraries website <http://www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/> and the SLQ website <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/>.

### Minute Mob

The Minute Mob is an optional activity for students in Middle /Secondary and was launched during the Read More in May celebrations. It's a fantastic way to promote reading across Year 7-12, where students record their daily reading minutes and earn awards and prizes for their achievements. Students are encouraged to reach the following reading goals: 1000, 2500, 5000, 8500 and 10000 minutes. There is no set time limit and students are encouraged to work at their own pace. Prizes will be awarded at 2500, 5000, 8500 and 10 000 minutes. Details about the Minute Mob can be found on the Library page of the GCCC Moodle and students can collect the Minute Mob booklet from the library or print one out online. A great activity to consider starting over the holidays!

### SCHOLASTIC READ MORE IN MAY COMPETITION (Prep – Year 12)

Thank you to the many families who took part in the Read More in May competition. Across the College the reading minutes recorded added up to an amazing 61,858 minutes. That's a huge 1030 hours in total! All entries have been sent through to Scholastic for the chance to win \$150 worth of vouchers to spend on Scholastic Book Club and/or the Book Fair in Term 3. The following top three students, whose families read the most in May, have each won a \$25 Book Club voucher. What a brilliant effort and amazing achievement. They include:

Primary - Madison Long from 1G with 6960 minutes

Middle – Lilli Jameljanenko from 8M with 780 minutes

Secondary – Kaylee Utting from 11M with 27,900 minutes

**Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services**

## Development Cup Gala Day

GCCC entered a rugby league team into the 2013 Development Cup Gala Day held at Beerwah Sports Grounds. Our team was comprised of Year 7 and Year 6 players.

Our boys played well and competed hard against eight other schools from around the Glasshouse region. The team finished a creditable 6th place.

I would like to pass on a big thank you to all the parents who came to support team. Thank you also to Mr. Hall for putting the team together and lastly, thanks to the boys for giving it all for GCCC.

[Photo gallery on GCCC website.](#)

**Ryan Fowler**

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## Tough Competition at Primary Regional Cross Country

GCCC had nine keen students as members of the Glasshouse District team competing at the Primary Regional Cross Country Championships held in Buderim. Some had been training hard for this event and others ran on sheer natural talent!

First to run was Amity Roser who made a very strong start and was sitting in about sixth place. Amity ran the two kilometre race strongly against a very tough field of very fast running 10 year old girls. She was our top placegetter of the day and finished in a very well deserved 13th place.

Declan Martin and Julian Munyard were the next ten year olds to run. They started fast but the pace proved a little too quick for our boys however they gained much experience from this race. The course was relatively flat and fast and the boys ran really well. Declan kept his pace going, finishing in 24th position and Julian came home in 33rd.

Bakani Kombanie worked hard in the middle stages of his race and finished very strongly in 21st position in the 11 year boys' race. Lachlan McWilliam has been training hard and was proud to be representing our College at the regional level. He also ran well in a very fast paced race finishing in 34th position. Both boys ran personal best times which are rewards for all the training they have done.

In the 11 year girls race Mackenzie Stokes was our only representative running consistently throughout the race maintaining her middle of the field position. She ran with determination, clocked a personal best time and finished in a well-deserved 17th position.

Brooke Hughes and Codie Rechberger also started strongly in the 12 year girls race with many state athletes but found the pace very challenging. They ran well as a team, finishing 31st and 33rd respectively.

Twelve year old Dylan Myers also had a tough field to run against with Queensland Cross Country and Athletics Champions in the field. Dylan ran a sensible and determined race and finished in 32nd place.

The team would like to thank the very supportive parents who cheered them on just when they needed it.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

**Wendy Stott**

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## Year 5G are Run Around Australia Champions 2013

The Run Around Australia Champions were finally revealed in special assemblies last week. The suspense had built to fever pitch and classes were longing to know if they were the winning class. There were nine classes who could have been the winners as they all achieved the goal of Running Around Australia in 30 days. During the challenge, we as a Primary school ran approximately 40,000 laps of the oval!

The competition became fierce as the leaders were challenged in the last couple of weeks of the challenge. Every student in the Primary school did their very best to run as many laps as possible each day to give their class the best chance of winning. The fitness levels of students improved dramatically until most students could run continually for the full ten minutes. Others students raced each other every day or ran as a team to encourage each other to run as many laps as possible.

Year 5G were the first class to run right around Australia arriving on the Tuesday of the final week. Year 5G had led for several weeks and were being caught up to but managed to keep their lead and beat 3M to the finish line. Year 3M and 2W finished the very next day to become runners up and Junior Champions respectively. Credit must be given to the teachers of these classes for continually encouraging their students to achieve.

Two hundred and thirty-five students ran 84 laps (25 km) or more and were presented with bronze certificates throughout the challenge. There were also 29 students who ran 140 laps (42 km) or more and achieved Silver Certificates.

Awards were also given to the boy and girl in each class who ran the highest number of laps.

Christian Jensen ran the highest number of laps for a boy at GCCC running a whopping 193 laps and Mackenzie Stokes recorded an impressive 167 laps to become the girls' champion.

Lainey Grieve and Christian Lucas were the highest scoring junior runners scoring 133 and 147 laps respectively. There totals certainly help their class 2W to become the Junior Run Around Australia Champions. Both 2W and 5G have won a day out at an exciting venue of their choice with Mrs Stott later in the year.

### Junior Champions

1st 2W 2477 laps  
2nd PG 2174 laps  
3rd 1W 2125 laps  
2W placed 3rd overall

### Senior Champions

1st 5G 3288 laps  
2nd 3M 2723 laps  
3rd 6M 2893 laps

[Photos are on the GCCC website](#)

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Most Laps Junior	Boys				Girls		
1	Christian Lucas	147 laps	2W		Lainey Grieve	133 Laps	2W
2	Jack Lecky	140 laps	2W		Claire Logar	108 laps	1G
3	Macauley King	130 laps	2W		Olivia Gregson	103 laps	2W
Most Laps Senior							
1	Christian Jensen	193 laps	6M	1	Mackenzie Stokes	167 laps	5G
2=	Hamish White	174 laps	6M	2=	Caitlin Moore	144 laps	4G
2=	Dominic Ruhle	174 laps	5G	2=	Shelby Daunt	144 laps	4G
2=	Patrick McKenzie	174 laps	5G	3=	Cassidy Ferris	143 laps	4M
2=	Bakani Kombanie	174 laps	5G	3=	Maya Amendolia	143 laps	6M
3	Daemon Cruise	172 laps	3M				

**Term 2 Sports Reports.** [All photos in gallery at bottom of online article.](#)

### Soccer Girls

The girls' soccer team had quite a successful term with mostly wins to their name. On several occasions the girls lent themselves to the other schools to assist with their teams, and these were the hardest fought games. Despite a few wet and muddy weeks, the girls kept playing hard and did their school proud.

**Team Player:** Nichola Bates; **Team Spirit:** Annabelle Freeman

**By Stacey Whyte**

### Soccer Boys

In Term 2, Glasshouse Country Christian College Boys Soccer Team competed against Caloundra Christian College and Caloundra Private in a friendly round robin. The boys played exceptionally well with only one loss for the entire term. The enthusiasm with which the boys played was commendable and they were a pleasure to watch. A big thankyou to the boy's who volunteered to play for the opposing team when they were short players. It displayed maturity and character and you were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations boys on a great term of soccer

**Team Player:** Cameron Shervey; **Team Spirit:** Daniel Lewis

**By Matt Ware**

### Mountain biking

The Mountain Bike crew had the BEST time in sport this term! We often came home covered from head to toe in mud (Well, Zach did anyway)! The improvement throughout the term was incredible as each and every member of the group attempted different challenges to test and strengthen their ability.

We conquered some pretty tough terrain and came out reasonably unscathed each time. Some students (James Proud) had a bit of difficulty keeping to the track and provided us all with an entertaining stack each week. One in particular occurred when he thought he could impress everyone by 'flying' down a narrow track... The next minute James has a head on collision with a tree (I don't know how you miss a tree James!) Another one of the MANY classic stacks we had goes to Nic Bell who accidentally tried to bomb dive into a

massive puddle. Another hilarious and entertaining moment! Not all of us could be as skilled as James Beutel and Jaiden Andrews as they continually showed us up with their awesome biking skills! Well done everyone! What an awesome term of sport!

**Team Player:** James Beutel and Jaiden Andrews; **Team spirit:** Zach Catchcart

**By Annaliese Bullock**

### **Ultimate Frisbee**

During the course of the term, the students demonstrated a vast improvement in their enthusiasm and skill development. Although GCCC were winless, there were some positives like sportsmanship, teamwork and perseverance that were pleasing. The coach needed to encourage the team to keep playing in a competitive way a little too much for his liking, but overall, each player kept turning up each week and performed adequately.

**Team spirit award:** Pallas Johnson and Otto Coulstock

**Team Player (MVP):** Taylah Andrews and Cameron Kennedy

**By Cameron Hall**

### **Girls' European Handball**

This team of girls was unstoppable. They took on this sport with drive and determination to show that they could get the job done. Every game, all players worked together as a team, working the ball forward to score. Moale was a hard opponent to play against. She was such a valuable player to not only shoot goals, but her court skills in attacking, defending and those goals on the run stunned the opposition. Andrea came to every game, happy to be used where she was needed and always managed quite a few goals for the team as well. She gave a constant effort every week with a great team spirit and was always happy to help. Congratulations to all players on their fantastic attitude and sportsmanship this term.

**Team Player:** Moale James, Meagan Kennedy; **Team Spirit:** Andrea Curtis

**By Kris Freeman**

### **Boys' European Handball**

The boys European Handball season was played in good spirits across all schools. The GCCC team at first struggled against some of the bigger players from the likes of Caloundra Christian College, but towards the end they bonded together well and displayed great teamwork, determination, handball skills and focus to finish with a solid season all round. It was great for me as their coach to see that through a little self-belief the boys rallied to play hard, play well but importantly play fair. GREAT EFFORT BOYS!!

**Team Player:** Callum Marshall and Isaiah Gordon; **Team Spirit:** Jordan Bull

**By Ryan Fowler**

### **Cross Country Running**

Rain, hail and shine our Cross Country runners tore up the Glasshouse bush tracks. Each Wednesday the runners braved slippery downhills, ankle breaker tree roots and mud holes to improve their fitness before the Regional Cross Country Carnival. Well done for your consistent efforts

**Team Player:** Natasha Hoeksema; **Team Spirit:** Lucas Tidy

**By Matt Beattie**

### **Softball**

This term our two softball teams won the majority of their games against Caloundra Christian College and Caloundra City Private School. Most students were playing their first competitive game of Softball and should be commended for their efforts and sportsmanship. Miss Devitt's B team were well drilled and won every game they played. Mr Doolan's A team struggled at times but always gave their best. We were hampered most weeks by the rain, which often made things very difficult.

**Team Player:** Ramon Marrero: For his inspirational leadership and effort.

**Team Spirit:** Isabelle Westaway: For always getting the gear and packing it up without having to be asked.

**By Fenton Doolan**

### **Oztag Boys**

The boys played consistently well this term and won some closely contested games with late tries in the dying seconds. Jake and Jack did a great job captaining the side and there were great tries scored by all with top try scorers going to Emmerson and Jake. Percy and Harry used their slick moves to leave the opposition grabbing at air while Luke, Ryan and Kyle were sharp in defense! Win or lose, the boys always showed great sportsmanship after every game so congratulations on a positive term.

**Team Player:** Emmerson West; **Team Spirit:** Percy Morris

**By Gary Havenga**

## Oztag Girls

GCCC were definitely the underdogs of this Girls Oztag competition this term. From game one we knew it was going to be an uphill battle to win games against both opposing sides who always seemed to have training and age on their side. Our girls stuck it out though, through rain, wind and sunshine, showing up every week with a determination to improve and a desire to win. The girls tried different tactics throughout the season and often threatened the opposing teams try line. We came so close a number of times to winning and even led a couple of games right through to the closing seconds.

Our team displayed impeccably good sportsmanship, even laughing and joking with the opposing teams at times. Once one of our players was practically tackled to the ground by an opposing player. Our girl picked herself up with a laugh and even apologised for running into the other player! We enjoyed the competition and were thankful to have the other Christian Schools there for some friendly competition.

**Team Player:** Jallissa Thomas; **Team Spirit:** Natasha Kukulies

**By Chappy Mick Spann**

## Horse Riding

Horse riders had an awesome time this term. Students learnt everything about grooming a horse, putting on a bridle, halter and saddle and how to ensure horses are secured. Many girls started the term lacking confidence and were quite scared, repeating "I'm gonna die, I'm gonna die"... when up on their horse, (or even pony) but over the weeks learnt to ride confidently. We had a few mishaps, but I was proud of those that fell and got back up on their horse! The weather definitely dampened our enthusiasm with only one ride through the pineapple patch. The term finished with a mini gymkhana in the arena, which saw most riders trotting, steering and racing their horses around the arena.

**Team Player:** Cadi Cavanagh; **Team Spirit:** Lani Kombanie, Emma Denson and Jordan Vallely.

**By Patrice Cutlack**

## Lawn Bowls

Despite the inclement weather stopping the last four weeks of play, the students (and one nameless teacher) who participated in the Lawn bowls were pleasantly surprised by the game's skill requirement and overall enjoyment. Jim from Glasshouse Country Bowls club, along with several other members, were inspiring and fantastic coaches. The students were all excellent in both behaviour and participation. The MVP for Lawn bowls (based on style as well as skill) is Josh Neumann, consistently showing skill, poise and style. Well Done all the Lawn Bowls participants.

**Team Player:** Joshua Neumann

**By Chris Warren**

## P and F News

## Community News

Hi Everyone, wow, where did the term go! Thanks to all of you who came along to the Trivia Night last Saturday. We had a fabulous time and once again the competition was fierce. We raised over \$400 for the P and F which is just fantastic! Click [here](#) for photos.

By now you are aware that the chocolate drive will begin first week next term. We need some more volunteers to help distribute the chocolates on the first Friday we get back after our break. If you can spare a few hours please let me know. You can contact me on 0447 783 257 or at [pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au)

Please contact me also if you are able to help out with the Sports Carnivals later in Term 3. The more helpers we have, the smoother the days go for all of us!

I hope you have a fabulous break and get to do some great family things together! Stay safe and see you next term!

**Blessings, Alaina Westaway**

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## Princess and Pirate Night

Kidzown are having their first ever theme party night on Saturday 6 July from 6pm to 9pm. Click [here](#) to take you to the full details on our website.

Kidzown Indoor Play Centre, Unit 6-7, 10 Capital Place, Lake Kawana. Bookings Essential. Phone 5493 4690.

Come dressed as your favourite character. Feast on a hearty dinner. Be entertained by the 'Go Frills' show. Dance to your favourite tunes. Run-a-muck in the play centre.

Adults \$, Children \$20.

## **You're invited to the Glasshouse Country Baptist Church OBSERVATION DRIVE**

Get a carload together for a truckload of fun as you

- follow the directions
- look for answers to the questions
- turn up at the mystery destination for a lunchtime sausage sizzle

DATE: Saturday 20 July from 8:45 (Briefing at 9:00 sharp)

COST: \$5 per car + \$1 per sausage or soft drink

To RSVP or find out more: Call or text Erik (0412 745 744) or Heather (0403 498 534)

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## **Join your local Auxiliary Fire fighters and help your community**

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service are calling for recruit fire fighters for the Beerwah station.

Contact Area Commander Lloyd Johnston 0418 889590 Lloyd.Johnston@dcs.qld.gov.au or your local station today!

- New skills
  - Great friendships
  - Unbelievable rewards
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## **Guide Dogs Open Day**

Sunday 7 July from 10am to 3pm at Guide Dogs Queensland, Breeding and Training Centre, 1878 Gympie Road, Bald Hills.

This is your chance to go behind the scenes with guide dog training demonstrations, kennel tours, a photo with a guide dog-in-training plus military and police dogs.

For more information visit our website by clicking here.

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## **Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child's Diabetes?**

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's diabetes.

If you are a parent of a two to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you.

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes>

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or phone Amy Mitchell (07 3365 7305) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

*Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell, UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre*

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## **GCCC FOUND PROPERTY**

- silver ring
- headphones
- key near prep area
- child's sunglasses
- black joggers
- black school shoes

If you or someone you know is missing any of the above, please have them come to Student Reception. Thanks.