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newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Important Dates Term 2

JUNE

Mon 10	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 11-Wed 12	Year 6 Buranga Camp Year 6
Tue 11	7pm P and F Meeting
Mon 17-Fri 21	ICAS Writing
Thur 13-Tue 18	Years 11 and 12 Exam Block
Tue 18	ICAS Spelling Year 3 to 7
Sat 15	P and F Trivia Night
Fri 21	Grandparents' Day

Fri 21 Last Day Term 2

JULY

Mon 15	First day Term 3
Tue 16	7pm P and F Meeting
Wed 17	Immunisations Year 8s and Year 10s
Mon 22	QCS practise for OP Year 12 students
Thur 25	Primary Athletics Carnival
Fri 26	Middle & Senior School Athletics Carnival
Wed 31	ICAS English

Master plan for new land

This year we have finalised the new master plan for the whole campus that incorporates the land next door. The plan is incredibly exciting yet at the same time realistic for our needs as we grow into the future God has planned for us.

This plan has been the result of the input of architects, town planners, traffic engineers, civil engineers environmental engineers, staff, students and parents. From the start to where we are now it has taken a period of well over eight months due to the unique environmental, building and regulatory challenges the site presents. I believe that nearly every conceivable configuration of the facilities and traffic flow has been considered.

For those of you who attended our recent Open Day, you may have seen the draft plans. If you missed it, you can click on this [link](#) to see a copy. The plans have been submitted to council and therefore will remain draft plans until approval is granted.

Also please note that we are not yet at a point to determine when certain buildings will be built but our first building on the land will be the first dedicated Primary building which will comprise seven classrooms (three classrooms on each side per year level and a specialist room along with toilets, a staff preparation area and a 13m wide undercover area

that links the two classroom spines. I'm sure that the new 90 bay car park will be welcomed by all families. We are envisioning that construction for both of these projects will begin mid 2014.

iPad breakages

Please note that there is a new edition of the Middle School iPad program handbook available on the GCCC website or you can access it by clicking [here](#). This handbook supersedes any other version. A new handbook was necessary as the old one was written in October 2012, right at the program's infancy. As the program has matured we have had to make some changes and also include some helpful articles that will be of benefit to parents.

Of particular importance is the clause concerning breakages. In the old handbook the clause reads; "Firstly, whether the damage was wilful or accidental will be considered. If the damage is deemed to be wilful the student will need to pay the cost of repairing the iPad. If the damage is accidental the school insurance will cover the repair"

The clause is problematic for a few reasons;

1. The school's insurance incurs an excess which is not properly explained in the statement
2. Even accidents have layers of attributed responsibility, for instance if a student carries their iPad routinely from class to class in a careless manner, and then the iPad falls, it may be considered an accident. However, it was an accident that can easily be avoided. It is impossible for any level of investigation to successfully determine the level of culpability in these kinds of accidents.
3. It is right that we teach students real world actions bring consequences. People are accountable for their actions.

For these reasons the new clause points out that any breakages to an iPad in need of repair will incur a cost of 100 dollars. This does not include mechanical failures that are covered by warranty. Furthermore students will not receive their iPad back until the 100 dollars has been paid for.

Since this policy has been explained to students we have seen a decrease in the number of accidental iPad breakages to only a handful. There is something about human nature that sees us valuing things more when a cost is attached. All breakages must be reported to Mrs Vreeling as soon as possible after they occur.

The P and F Trivia Night

Next Saturday night (June 15) is the P and F Trivia Night. It starts at 6.30pm at Glasshouse Country Baptist Church. The inaugural event was last year and it was a lot of fun. This year promises to be even bigger and better than ever. For full details see the [P and F article contained in this newsletter.](#)

The Out School Hours Club update

There is nothing further to report as far as progress goes unfortunately as we are still waiting for the licensing authority to come and properly approve the various spaces. I am told this will most likely happen during the school holidays. At this stage we are aiming for the service begin early next term. I will keep you updated of further developments.

Car Park Issues

The Prep car park is for the use of our Prep families exclusively. The Prep car park is the safest way that our youngest students can get to their family car. Also please be mindful that we are trying to be a good neighbour to the people who live on Roberts Road. Do not park across people's driveways for any reason.

Year 12 Community Service Project

During our Year 12 Religion and Ethics class this term we have been looking in depth at the issue of youth homelessness. As part of the Year 12 Service Project we are asking for donations of toiletry items so that we can make up 'care-packs' to donate to the Nambour Homeless Youth Project. Donations of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, brushes, face washers will be gratefully accepted. Please bring all donations to Secondary Admin, Mrs Winlaw or your senior leaders. We will be collecting these until June 17 and making up the packs in on the last day of term. Thank you for helping us help others.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Introducing new Business Office Staff Member

We have pleasure in introducing our new Business Office Staff Member, Penny White.

Many of you will know Penny from her work in the Music Department, but she also has many years experience in banking and finance and has agreed to put her expertise to use working in our Accounts Receivable Department.

[Penny's photo is on the GCCC website.](#)

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, Tuckshop Coordinator

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Those students who currently attend private vocal and instrumental lessons during their school day are greatly appreciated for their dedication to their instrument. Our specialist tutors are experts in their field and we are fortunate to have them here at GCCC. Unfortunately their available time is limited and therefore we need to cherish those lessons.

The school week is a busy time for all involved here and at home, and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of one of the Conditions of Enrolment into this program.

Parents must notify the tutor prior to any absence so an alternative time can be arranged. No credits or catch up lessons will be given for lessons missed without this prior notification.

To avoid any miscommunication, it is the responsibility of the parent to communicate any questions or interruptions to a child's lesson directly with their child's tutor and NOT through the College.

All tutor contact details can be found on our website under Learning / Music Program.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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.
CORRECTION	Invitations have been emailed to parents.

Please pass on to grandparents for RSVP. DEADLINE 14 JUNE

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

LEGACY CUP FOR HOUSE COMPETITIONS

This outstanding Legacy Cup is awarded to the overall winning house (Zion, Sinai or Ararat) which gains the most points (Primary and Secondary combined) throughout the year for activities outside sporting events.

This allows non-sporting students to participate in events which may be more service oriented or academic focussed and gives EVERY student the opportunity to shine.

The first Legacy Cup event for 2013 was Clean Up Australia and it was such a wonderful TEAM effort and all students worked shoulder to shoulder cleaning their allotted areas.

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

It was quite amusing to hear children register some distress when areas they had diligently cleaned, had some dirt, sand or litter in the subsequent weeks.

We reminded them that they now have some insight into how their mums feel. (Smile)

The next Legacy Cup Activity is a SPELLING BEE which will give everyone the opportunity to earn points for his/her House in one, or for a few students, two ways:

1. Each student will be given a list (at their own level of ability) which they will learn over the last week of Term 2, the holidays and Week 1 in Term 3. These words will become their spelling programme during this time and children will concentrate on learning them and asking parents to help them by revising the words over those weeks until they have their House Spelling Competition at the end of Week 1 next term. All scores will be added and an average for each House will be taken to allocate points for First, Second and Third.

AND/OR

2. Based on the results, teachers will nominate students to be on a team of 4 from each House in their year level. These teams will compete during Weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5 in a Spell-off during lunch breaks to determine House points. Students from their own particular year levels will be invited to be present to cheer the teams on for the competition each week.

The points for this HOUSE TEAM SPELLING BEE will be added to the averaged individual class results to determine the Primary winning House for the Spelling Bee Competition for Legacy Cup.

So, please ask your children for their individual Spelling Bee lists which should come home soon. Let the games begin!

Regards, Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Student Representative Council

The Student Representative Council have been busy during the term, writing letters to the tuck shop with suggestions for a winter menu and organizing a community service initiative for Week 9 and 10 this term.

'WE NEED YOUR HELP' is their slogan!

The SRC are asking fellow students to bring pet food for the RSPCA, non-perishable food for the Salvation Army food bank AND/OR toiletries for the Nambour Homeless Youth Project. These items will be collected in Week 9 and 10 this term.

Three boxes will be placed in each classroom in Week 9 and 10 and children can bring items for one or all of these organisations. The SRC will collect the items, pack these and distribute them at the end of the term. This is a great community initiative and we thank you for your support.

Sensational Sensation Day

“Sensational Day”, held on Friday 24 May, was the culminating activity of our unit learning about the senses. God has given us five senses to enjoy the world, learn about the world and for us to stay safe.

Each Prep class was divided into two groups so that six activities were rotated through. These groups participated in different hands-on activities designed to highlight our use of the senses. The activities were a tactile walk, making pancakes, creating a collage and a sound shaker, making a coloured ‘sand’(salt) bottle and recording sound effects for a funny story, ‘The Yukadoos’.

The children behaved so well and had a wonderful day. Our sincere thanks to all the incredible volunteers who assisted us to hold such a great time.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Lin Smith

Kitchen Garden

How do you get a child (or a grown up for that matter) to eat eggplant? That was this past fortnight’s Kitchen Garden challenge. An abundance of the peculiar vegetable had us delving for the recipe book and page 90 had the answer, Eggplant Moussaka. Slices of eggplant are fried in olive oil then topped with mince and cheese and cooked until golden. This dish was such a hit that many children came back for seconds and thirds. It is always such a joy to see serving dishes empty and tummies full. My favourite comment of the fortnight comes from Master 7 who said, “Mrs Ward I HATE eggplant...but that was DELICIOUS!”

Busy hands made short work of the weeds in the pathways and groups planted pea, beetroot, lettuce, tomato and strawflower seeds. The adopt-a-garden beds are looking delightful thanks to our little green thumbs.

Our worm farm continues to flourish with big balls of wriggly worms eating their way through all the scraps that we have been feeding them. The worm juice they make will be a wonderful tonic for our vegetables in the coming months.

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

Kitchen Garden is pleased to announce that we will, once again, be holding The Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea.

DATE: Thursday 13 June.

Time: 8.45am – 10.15am.

Where: The Junior undercover area.

Come along for a cuppa and a chat and help us raise funds for cancer research.

Yours in cooking and gardening,

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

NOTE: Due to an unfortunate oversight, last fortnight’s Kitchen Garden article was not included. You can read it now by clicking on this link: [Kitchen Garden News 25 May 2013](#). We apologise for any disappointment as it is a great article.

News from Year 5

On the 30 May 2013, our class went to the Starlab Planetarium. It was an awesome experience! We learnt that Earth is slightly tilted on its axis, which is why we have different seasons. We also learnt that Saturn’s rings are made of ice and may have once been one of Saturn’s moons. Finally, we discovered that the distance from Earth to the Sun is 150 million kilometres and that this distance is one Astronomical Unit in Space Science lingo! We had a great time.

By Willow Hildreth 5M

On Thursday, 30 May 2013, Year 5M went on a spectacular Starlab incursion. We looked at all the planets in our solar system up close as they were projected up onto the roof of a blow up dome. We learnt all about black holes and how the Sun orbits the Sun. My favourite part was watching everything move and making us feel like we were flying out in space. I think that all of Year 5 would like to thank Mr Paul who was running the Starlab for such an incredible show!

By Faith Angus 5M

On Thursday, 30 May 2013, Year 5G visited the Starlab Planetarium. It was heaps of fun and it felt like it was 3D! The best part was when we travelled out to look at the other galaxies. I was surprised to find out that we live in just one of many galaxies. Space is MASSIVE! Space Scientists even have their own measurement called an Astronomical Unit (AU) which is 150 000 000 kilometres. One Astronomical Unit is the distance from the Sun to the Earth. It was astronomical fun!

By Amelia King 5G

Hermitage Plant Science Competition

Recently some students from Mrs King's 5M class, submitted a science project into the Hermitage Plant Science Competition run by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

It involved making a model mushroom, doing a yeast experiment, doing a mouldy bread experiment, keeping a science journal and making a lichen catalogue.

Six students did it and they were split into two groups of three. The students that were involved were Madeleine Roulston, Rachael Whysall and Grace Stevens in one group and Bayley Obrien, Casey Rowe and Tyler Atherton in the other group.

The theme for this year's project was "Food, Farming and Fungi". Some of the great facts we learnt were lichen can be used to dye things, that yeast and sugar produce carbon dioxide and that mould is most inclined to grow in a warm dark place.

We had a great time in our teams and learnt a lot about lichen, fungi, yeast and mould.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Written by: Madeleine Roulston

Middle School News

Acknowledging excellence is an important aspect of a child's school life. Student's who have talent in a sporting, musical, mathematical or dramatic ability, skills such as in woodwork or creating food dishes etc generally achieve awards not only *because of their talent but because of their applied, diligence and consistent efforts over time.*

Throughout the year, students are acknowledged in assemblies, Year Level Meets and in PC classes for sporting achievement, contribution to service in various areas and events, for results received in competitions, participation in special occasions and for GREAT merits given by teachers. Sometimes acknowledgement doesn't come through a formal document; it comes from the applause of an audience, the praise of the recipients of a student's work or the recommendation to another level of responsibility!

This year we have changed our official award system. In Middle School there are five categories of awards that will be awarded at our Awards ceremony. They are

Academic – these will be awarded to the top 10 students in each year level according to a GPA formula calculation based on results up to the end of Term3:

Encouragement – these will be awarded to five students per year level who are chosen by teachers of that year level for their consistent effort, outstanding improvement and generally putting their best foot forward. These students will have not received an academic award.

GREAT award – these will be awarded to the five-students per year level, who have most consistently displayed the GREAT values and will be decided by the teachers of that year level.

Middle School All Rounder – this will be awarded to one student across Year 7 – 9 who has demonstrated excellence across the Academic, Cultural and Sporting spheres of the College (or as close as possible to all 3)

Dux of Middle School – awarded to the top student academically in Year 9, which is calculated by the highest GPA.

Our Secondary Presentation Night will be held on the 5 November at Caloundra Events Centre at 6.30pm. Mark it in your diary – this will be a wonderful celebration of not only the achievements of our students but the various activities and successes of our students this year.

What's Happening in Middle School?

Destiny Rescue – this Friday students can Make a Stand – and if they have nominated and fund raised – they will be standing up for 260 minutes to raise funds for this organization that helps rescue children from slavery.

Homework Club – it is great to see a number of students use this opportunity to catch up on work, get a helping hand from the experts and use our beautiful library facility. It's on every Thursday from 3 – 4pm.

Year 9 Drama If your child has been studying Drama this semester – their performance is on Wednesday 19 June.

Sport is a vital part of school life. All students have a wonderful opportunity to choose from a huge range of options each term. Some of them are interschool sports other options are leisure type sorts such as mountain bike-riding, fishing, wake-boarding. All Year 8 and 9 students must attend their given sports, if they have an injury but can be still at school they are invaluable in encouraging their team, scoring etc.

Year 9 Community Service All Year 9s have signed up to help out in a Community Service Activity in Week 10 on the Thursday. This was such a positive experience last year that many students asked if they could do it every week! I am sure if you know a Year 9 student – they will be telling you all about it once they have done it.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Future Pathways for Senior Students

On Tuesday our Seniors spent the day listening to Darren Pereira from Success Integrated (<http://www.successintegrated.com/>) as he shared with them skills that we will help them prepare and plan their future pathways.

The Year 10 students spent half the day looking at “Shaping their Destiny” then in the afternoon they investigated their own characteristics looking at online strategies to discover pathways for future careers that will lead to success.

The Year 10 outcomes for this seminar were:

- to remove student confusion and uncertainty about their future by aligning their passions, talents and ideals to a pathway best suited to them;
- to create a year level of students who are motivated to perform well at school because they have connected to a compelling future;
- to set written and specific goals to give students focus and direction at school and beyond; and
- to create a step-by-step plan of action, designed by the students, which will be the blueprint for their academic and career success.

On Wednesday, this was followed up with a trip to Sunshine Coast University and they were able to spend the day discovering what the university offers.

Year 11 and 12 looked at “Study Skills for Success” on Tuesday.

The desired outcomes for this session were to give students the motivation, organisational systems, study habits and resilience required to achieve academic excellence and give them the edge by developing the critical habits of mind necessary for academic success.

After school, Darren did a separate session with staff investigating key strategies to raise academic achievement.

Diary Date: 31 July, 6:00pm – SET planning session for Year 10s and QTAC info sessions for Year 11 and 12. We have organised for a number of universities and other training organisations to be present for this evening so you can meet and discuss options for your child. Please plan to attend this night with your child. It will be a great opportunity not to be missed.

“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

More success for Riley Williamson

Recently you heard from me about Riley’s ‘runner-up’ position at the Sunshine Coast heat of the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition.

Late Wednesday we were notified that the winner of the heat had withdrawn and Riley was asked to step into the vacated spot at the South-East Queensland Final which was held this Saturday at Moreton Bay College.

With two days notice, Riley was a bit nervous about competing but with some encouragement about the benefits of the experience, he decided he would give it a ‘go’.

Riley presented his prepared eight minute speech on ‘Good Government’ and then an impromptu speech on ‘Service with a Smile’. Rob Maguire attended in my place, due to a prior commitment of mine, and he texted me to say that Riley ‘aced it!’ [Many thanks Rob!]

Three students were selected from this final to go to the State Final to be held on Saturday June 29 at the Parliamentary Annexe in Brisbane. Riley was one of them!

Riley was both excited over the ‘win’ and eager to work on the feedback provided by the adjudicators in preparation for the State Final. I told him that I was so proud of his efforts that I was ‘fit to bursting’ as my Mum would have said.

Riley competed again in the Maleny heat of the QUOTA Student of the Year competition Tuesday night of 4 June. He spoke brilliantly in both the prepared and impromptu speeches.

The majority of the competition was determined by an interview that he attended on Sunday. Although he did not win the overall, he was by far the most impressive speaker last night - literally in a class above them.

Nonetheless, Riley represented our College in the best of lights. I was watching the President of the Quota club as Riley was

delivering his prepared speech and the other organising Quotarians - they were literally in amazement. Shame they were not the judges!

Next up the State Final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth on June 29.

[Photo on GCCC website](#)

Jo Winlaw, Head of Humanities

Future Pathways

Shape Your Destiny and Study Skills for Success

On Tuesday 4 June we have had a guest speaker at the College addressing the Senior Students. Mr Darren Pereira from Success Integrated visited a number of schools in our area sharing his skills with students. You can see details of Darren's programs by going to his website, [Success Integrated](#).

On Tuesday morning Darren spent three hours with the Year 10s, who were treated to an action packed dynamic session thinking about their interests, passions, strengths and dreams for the future. This is his program called Shape Your Destiny which comes at a great time to help our Year 10 students with SET Planning and subject selection.

Students completed a personal profile and received some suggestions for possible career options. Your son or daughter should have some information to share with you after this very informative session.

This afternoon Darren worked with Year 11 and 12 students sharing information about how to get the best out of yourself and your study sessions. These skills will prove invaluable for all our school leavers regardless of where they go after year 12. The day wound up with discussions with staff about motivating and enthusing students about their life at school.

[On the GCCC website you will find some photos of Darren working with our students.](#)

Future Pathways on Moodle

[Moodle](#) is a web based tool that allows students (and parents) to access school resources from home through their computer. The fantastic Mrs McMinn (our Vocational Education and Training Administration Officer) is building up our information and links on Moodle to be a veritable treasure trove for students and parents about career pathways, courses, expos and open days, industry newsletters, special events and anything else we think you might like to know about.

All our Future Pathways information is open to any user. Parents and friends can be involved in their student's career journey through Moodle. The link to our College [Moodle is moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au](#). Choose Future Pathways and when you get to the log-in page simply click on Login as Guest.

One particular link of interest is a list of Open Days for universities, TAFES and other institutions which is under the Expos, Open Days and Information Sessions heading. This information is also available on the QTAC website for all those researching the next part of their learning journey.

Let us know what you think of our Moodle pages and what else you would like see there. All feedback is very welcome.

Date Claimer

Plans are afoot for our annual Senior School student and parent information evening next term when we provide information about future choices and also invite into our College visitors from universities, Christian Heritage College, TAFE, the Defence Force, apprenticeship organisations and others.

We will be talking about subject selections for Year 10s and SET Planning, and we will also have a session on QTAC applications and pathways for Year 12s. This is a "not to miss" event. Put it in the diary now for 31 July at 6pm. More information will come soon.

Projects Abroad

This term we are introducing various inspiring people and pathways to our senior students. So far we have had Jarrod from Dominos at Beerwah tell us about his meteoric rise through the company.

We have also had a presentation from the Defence Force and last week we had a visit from Aislinn who spoke to the students about her experiences as a volunteer for Projects Abroad in Africa. We hope our students are opening their minds to all the fantastic opportunities in the world.

On the GCCC website there is a photo of [Aislinn](#) in the front yard of the College showing some of her materials.

Health Heroes

On Wednesday 28 May a group of students interested in careers in the Health Industry visited a wonderful display of companies, government departments, hospitals, universities running health courses and a range of other professionals who currently work in the health industry. This event, called Health Heroes, was held at the Kawana Waters State College. With the Private Hospital at Kawana due to be finished by 2014 and the University Hospital due to be built in the next two years, the Health Industry on the coast is set to boom. Mayor Jamieson has likened the Health Industry on the coast to our own "mining boom"! Hospitals and their associated businesses are like little villages. They employ vast numbers of people in everything from housekeeping and gardening right through to very complex surgery. It was a most interesting visit.

On the GCCC website there is a [photo](#) of Mrs Ferris and Mrs McMinn at Kawana with our College's very own band of Health Heroes!

Exploring Careers in the Entertainment Industry over the School Holidays

For students interested in film and television production, involvement in the technical aspects of music production and music business and associated skills, two opportunities are coming up in these school holidays.

JMC Academy in Brisbane

Come along to one of JMC Academy's workshops on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of July, and learn what a career in the creative industries would look like.

The workshops are a great opportunity to check out the JMC Academy campus while getting a taste of what studying your passion with Australia's leading Creative Industries provider is like.

The workshops are designed for high-school students in Year 10 to Year 12 and cost just \$15 for the day (inclusive of lunch). Places are strictly limited so make sure you register now!

Select a workshop to get more information and download a registration form.

Brisbane Workshops:

1 July 2013 - Animation and Game Design Workshop

2 July 2013 - Music, Audio and Entertainment Workshop

3 July 2013 - Film & TV Production Workshop

Media Potential Workshops at Channel 7 Brisbane

For students aged 13 – 17. School holiday programs at Channel 7 Studios in Brisbane on 4 and 5 July. Contact Media Potential on 3511 3455 or at www.mediapotential.com.au

University Scholarships for School Leavers

Year 12 students thinking about applying for university courses next year should now be investigating relevant scholarships they might apply for. Every year considerable scholarship funds go undistributed because not enough eligible students have applied for them. The moral of the story is have a go and if at first you don't succeed keep trying as you might hit the jackpot in a later year.

For students from low-income backgrounds, nearly all university have special entrance schemes and in addition may provide bonus rank or OP points. Basically any capable student interested in doing a university course should investigate the very many schemes of financial assistance to ensure they are receiving all possible financial help. If in doubt about this please talk to Mrs Ferris.

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator

GCCC UNIFORM SHOP NOW ONLINE

Log on to: 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).

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

We have had a huge month of activities to promote National Reading Month. Many thanks to the staff, students and families that took part and helped promote reading and writing. Our events included the Year 1 AVA Pet Visit, Library and Information Week, National Simultaneous Storytime, the Prep – Year 6 Author Visit with Andrew McDonough from Adelaide, and the Year 7-10 Voices on the Coast excursion at the University of Sunshine Coast. To be honest, library staff are happy to have a restful June and curl up with a good book and a hot cup of tea!

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

It's not too late to register for the PRC (Prep – Year 7)

Registration forms are available at the [GCCC Website](#). Please consider registering; it is a wonderful event and super easy to complete. We already have over 140 students registered. For those families who have completed a reading record, please have your child's teacher sign it and return it to the library.

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

For those families who took part in the Read More in May Competition, the calendars are due back by next Wednesday June 12. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter. We will reward the top three 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.

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Sports News

Year 7/8 Cricket team Vs Caloundra City Private

Eleven players from Year 7 and 8 demonstrated great sportsmanship as they had a solid win against Caloundra City Private held at GCCC last week. GCCC lost the toss and were sent into the field where all players were enthusiastic to get their hands on the ball. Each player had a bowl (except for ace wicket keeper Shane Charlesworth) with good success, restricting CCP to 6-82 after 20 overs. The two standout performers with the red ball were Jack Brander and Callum Marshall.

GCCC got off to a very solid and fast start to their run chase thanks to the outstanding efforts of Matthew Koschel and Shane Charlesworth. Both players retired after making 25 runs each. As CCP were down a player in the field, GCCC lent a hand and volunteered to fill in. It was quite funny to see the reaction of Callum Marshall after he was caught by his own teammate Joshua Stead with what was a classic catch diving low. It was also wonderful to witness the CCP players run up to Josh and give him a few high fives - great cricket all round! GCCC easily ran down the runs, finishing their 20 overs with 3 - 102. All players are keen to improve their skills and play another game very soon.

[Photos are on GCCC website](#)

Cameron Hall

District Touch Football Reps

Nick Dwan, Mitchell Long and Everret Evans were proud GCCC members of the Glasshouse District Schools 12 year touch football team. The boys played in a two day carnival playing six games against all other Sunshine Coast Districts. Unfortunately the team did not win a game but the boys played well throughout the carnival.

Nick saved many potential tries making some spectacular touches right on the line, Mitch worked hard in the link and wing positions gaining ground with his straight running and Everret also stopped tries being scored out on the wings and all boys came close to scoring themselves.

These boys were great representatives of GCCC and showed great sportsmanship throughout the carnival.

[Photo on GCCC website](#)

Wendy Stott

Senior Cricket Match 20/20 GCCC Vs Caloundra City Private School

Last Friday 24 May, GCCC were represented by a compilation of cricketers from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 to take on Caloundra City Private School at Beegees.

Whilst our team was somewhat inexperienced in contrast to the CCPS team which boasted three Sunshine Coast representative players, our boys did put up a valiant display to bat through the innings and take many wickets.

After winning the toss Captain Alex Telford elected to bat first. GCCC batsmen fell quickly early in the innings until Adrian White and Alex Telford steadied the ship. These two combined for a successful partnership of 26 runs with Adrian hitting several boundaries and Alex a huge 6 and 4.

Several more wickets fell cheaply before Tom Dwan stood strong at the crease for a 13 run effort over the course of six overs. Drew McIntyre was a rock at our non-strikers end. His unorthodox batting style ultimately proved to be quite effective as he managed to push several singles to keep Tom Dwan on strike.

Alex Telford showed plenty of eye-catching talent with the ball. His pace bowling proved too difficult for the CCPS batsmen as he clean bowled two batsmen in his second over to be on a hat trick. Adrian White followed up his excellent batting to take a wicket with the ball and Tom Dwan and Jesse Snelling managed to keep the run rate low with their accurate bowling.

Ultimately however, the three rep batsmen from CCPS proved to be the difference between the two teams and CCPS managed to win the game with just three overs to spare.

Well done to the following GCCC team members who participated in this inaugural cricket clash. Alex Telford (Captain), Jeanre Fourie, Jesse Snelling, Mitch Beutel, Mitch Ferris, Adrian White, Korby Davis, Drew McIntyre, Izaak West, Tom Dwan and Tom Boroughs.

With some training and further practice before our match next year we should look forward to an even closer result.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Matt Beattie

Grade 7 Girls AFL

On Thursday 31st May 13 girls faced their destiny.

They strapped on their boots, pumped up their muscles, got focussed on their inner "Grrrrrrr" and went to the Sunshine Coast Schools AFL Championships.

In typical Melbourne conditions (four seasons in one day), the girls battled hard against 11 other schools and kicked, handballed, tackled and giggled (read, screamed) their way to two wins and two losses. One of their losses was against St Thomas More College by ONE LOUSY POINT! This loss resulted in the girls just missing out on a semi final spot.

Thank you girls for a great day and to Mrs Cavanagh for supplying water to keep the girls hydrated and lollies to keep the girls..... well.....like girls playing AFL full of sugar.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Russell Modlin

Ryan and Alex in Wide Bay Team to play at State Carnival

Ryan Sauer and Alex McDougal have been selected in the Wide Bay Bulls 13 year team to play in the Junior State Club Championships. The boys played in the 47th Battalion Trophy Carnival in Maryborough a few weekends ago in the Sunshine Coast team along with Jack Fissenden who was unable to play due to injury. The Sunshine Coast team was undefeated in the carnival and the boys showed their skill and strength in games to impress the selectors.

This is an enormous achievement for the boys, considering that only 19 students are selected from the Wide Bay Region which extends from Bribie Island through to North of Bundaberg.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Pause and Ponder

When the Olympics first began in Olympia in 776BC, they were dedicated to and held in honour of the Greek gods. Victors were crowned with an olive tree wreath.

The apostle Paul travelled throughout much of Greece and often used the surrounding customs as 'sermon illustrations' when teaching about Christianity. When he writes to Timothy, Paul says, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for His appearing. *2 Timothy 4:7-8.*

What race are you running and what will be your reward?

Hi Everyone,

A belated thanks to Bonnie, Kerri and the other volunteers for their hard work on the Mothers' Day stall. The stall raised more than \$1300 for the P and F. Thank you so much Bonnie for all your work over the years on this stall. It was awesome. A big thank you to Kerri for running the BBQ at Open Day. It all went very smoothly and it was an awesome day.

Only one week to go before the Trivia Night! If you haven't booked your table please get in quick! There is \$250 up for grabs for 1st prize so get those general knowledge books out. Please note that we are happy for 10 per table, not eight as was on the flyer. This was such a fun night last year, don't miss it!

Watch out for a notice about the annual Chocolate Drive coming up in the first week of Semester 2. We are doing things a little differently this year, so please read the information carefully. We are hoping for a very successful fund raiser as it is every year. Nothing like some choccy to warm the heart on a cold night!

See you at the Trivia Night!

[Photos of Mothers Day Stall on GCCC website.](#)

Blessings, Alaina Westaway

National Tour - Parenting Workshops with Bruce Sullivan and Michael Grose

Being a parent is no easy task! Demands on us as parents and our children seem to be mounting continually, placing stresses on our relationships and in our confidence that we are "doing the right thing". If this sounds familiar then you need to read on!

Popular parenting educator Michael Grose is joined by relationship-specialist Bruce Sullivan for a rare morning of learning, loving and laughter. They are on an Australian wide tour and for ticketing/venue details please click here http://www.parentingideas.com.au/newsletter/VIP_Saturday.html

This very special morning will help parents:

- Build strong, caring and co-operative family relationships
- Reclaim your energy and your focus so you enjoy family-life more
- Raise kids to be resilient including those with special needs
- Discover the parenting style that's needed to raise children in these changing times
- Develop a common framework for raising modern kids so they feel more confident and assured as parents

BRISBANE – July 20

MELBOURNE – August 3

ADELAIDE – August 10

PERTH – August 17

SYDNEY – August 31

Early bird tickets of \$55 still available only until 15th June so to book, click on the above link.

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A LITTLE DRAMA IN THEIR LIVES?

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy – Sunshine Coast is offering complimentary drama classes for primary school children from 4.00-6.00pm on Thursday 19 June 2013.

We will be at the Caloundra Uniting Church Hall, 56A Queen St (cnr Ulm St) Caloundra for lessons filled with fun, energy and laughter. Bookings are essential to ensure everyone has a place in the class.

Phone 1300 OGRADY or email sunshinecoast@helenogrady.com.au to secure your child's place.

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Working Parents Survey for University of Queensland

The Working Parents Research Project is conducting a study for working parents who have a child aged between 2 and 12 years. If you would like to support this research, would you please complete the survey. More information on the study can be found here:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/workingparents>