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newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY

Wed 31 ICAS English
Wed 31 6pm SET Plan & QTAC Info Session

AUGUST

Thur 1-Fri 2 QCS practise for OP Year 12 students
Tue 6 7pm P and F Meeting
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
Mon 19-Tue 20 District Athletics Carnival
Fri 23 Arts Soiree
Tue 27 6.30pm to 8pm Prep Fathers' Night
Thur 29 Fathers' Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

Tue 3-Wed 4 QCS Test year 12
Tue 3 7pm P and F Meeting
Tue 3 Primary Regional Athletics
Wed 4 6.30pm New to Middle School Info Night
Mon 9-Tue 10 Secondary Regional Athletics
Thur 12- Tue 17 Years 11 & 12 Exam Block
Thur 12-Fri 13 Year 3 Camp
Tue 17-Wed 18 3pm Primary Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 20 LAST DAY TERM 3

Welcome to Term 3

I hope you had a refreshing break over the holidays although now that we are at the end of our second week of Term 3, it can seem like a distant memory.

Grandparents' Day

Despite the soggy grey weather, Grandparents' Day was a wonderful success. Held on the last day of Term 2, hundreds of loving grandparents turned up to visit their favourite young people. The Hospitality staff and students outdid themselves with a glorious spread that was lavish, decadent and delicious.

The sky may have been grey but, as you can see from the [photo gallery](#), the smiles on everyone's faces certainly brightened the day. Mrs Bryers has more on this event in her article.

Sports Department

Many of you may be aware that Kris Freeman is on extended leave. In her place Michelle Boroughs and Pam Gosbell-Smith will be job sharing the Sports TA position. In particular, Michelle Boroughs will be taking charge of the cheerleading group so practices will go ahead as normal. Michelle has an extensive background in dance and her experience has already been of great benefit to the College. Pam also has a background in sports and is studying Education with Sports and Science at university.

Helping Hands Out of School Hours Care

The out of school hours service has been running smoothly since beginning on the first day of term. There are now about 19 children using the service as it provides a convenient option for parents who work late. If you would like any more information on this service, all the details are on the GCCC website under [College Life, Whole of School Notices](#).

Buildings and Grounds

Quite a few things happened during the school holidays and the College is still a hive of activity.

Work continues on our new Engineering/Sports building and it is almost complete. Landscaping still needs to be done around the building but we are coming very close to the handover date.

Construction has begun on the new sculpture garden outside F Block and it should be ready for an official 'unveiling' at our Arts Soiree on 23 August.

Preparation for E Block building has begun. This block will house three upstairs and three downstairs classrooms. This will provide welcome room as each Year level progresses from two stream to three stream.

Chocolate Fund Raiser

All of the chocolates have now been distributed and some of the students have already made great sales. Well done. If you have missed out or need more, come to Admin and they will be happy to supply you with another box. The chocolate fund raiser is a valuable source of funds for the P and F who use the money to improve the education journey for all of our students.

Baby number three for Rob Maguire

Congratulations to Rob Maguire (Year 9 Coordinator) and his wife April, who were blessed with a little girl on 4 July. Grace Lesleigh Maguire was born at 3.20pm weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces. Photo is on the [GCCC website](#).

Speaking of babies, the photo we promised of Kylie Trendell's new baby is now on our website. Please click [here](#) to see beautiful Summer on a fluffy pink blanket.

Athletic Carnivals

As I write this article the Primary, Middle and Senior School Athletic Carnivals have not yet taken place so the reports and photos will be in the next newsletter. I was reading an article on being a good sports parent recently. Although most of the article was encouraging parents to behave appropriately at their children's sports games, there was one comment that stood out. Of all the things you may say to your child after watching them do sports, there is one statement that kids love to hear and that is; "I love to watch you compete." Simple, isn't it?

Thanks to all the parents who were able to juggle their commitments and watch their children compete at the athletics' carnivals. Thanks also to the wonderful P and F and parent volunteers whose hard work makes these days such successes.

Sports' Achievements

Almost every newsletter there is an article on a student achieving a new personal best, attaining a goal or being awarded a prize, trophy or medal in our Sports' section. This time there are three students who have made remarkable achievements and I hope you enjoy reading the articles on Tara Fissenden, Nick Dwan and Mark Kennedy in the Sports' section as much as I did.

Facebook

GCCC's Facebook page is going very well and serves as a quick and immediate form of communication for those who use this online social media. Thank you to everyone who has 'Liked' our page and given input into the kinds of posts they would like to see on it.

After a comment from an inquiring parent, I want to explain why this page is 'Open' and not a closed group. Closed groups (i.e. members have to be approved by the administrator of the group) give the illusion of privacy but without the guarantee of privacy. It only takes one accepted member to share a post on their own wall and the post is no longer private. Benjamin Franklin once said, "Three can keep a secret if two are dead." Once something is online, it is not private no matter what it promises.

GCCC's Facebook page is treated with the same scrutiny that goes into the photos and articles on our website. Both are equally available to anyone who wants to learn more about the College so we apply the same security safeguards to Facebook that we apply to our website. We hope you continue to enjoy [GCCC's Facebook page](#) and share it with other parents.

Mike Curtis, Principal

New Staff

Leetice Evans

Leetice has been working at GCCC for a while now but she slipped under the radar when new staff introductions were being made. I hope you enjoy getting to know her a little better through the following information:

Just a little bit about myself. I grew up on the Sunshine Coast, where I attended Nambour Christian College. After finishing Year 12 I moved to Bundaberg where I studied at Central Queensland University. My first teaching post was at Mount Larcom State School, where I taught Prep/1/2. Following this I taught Year 3 for 12 months at Trinity College in Gladstone. I was desperately missing the coast so moved back and began working at Suncoast Christian College. I worked there for three years, teaching Year 2.

After five years of teaching, I decided to move to Canada for one year. At the end of 2011, I packed up and moved to Calgary. This was a great experience and I thoroughly enjoyed my time there.

I am now back living on the Coast and am privileged to be working at Glasshouse Country Christian College. I will be working every Monday and Tuesday in 2M until the end of the year. You may also see me around the school doing some relief work. While working two days a week, I have decided to undertake further study, and have begun studying online my Masters of Education.

[Photo on GCCC website](#)

Leetice Evans

Introducing Samantha Law

Hi everyone. My name is Samantha Law and I am very excited about undertaking the role of Drama teacher (in Courtney Devitt's absence) here at GCCC.

I trained in Drama and Education at QUT and have had the privilege and pleasure of teaching acting and drama for some of Brisbane's most prestigious performing arts academies.

I am very excited to work with students, parents and staff to continue in developing a strong, engaging and fun Drama program.

I enjoy travelling and would love to visit Europe (especially Rome). My hobbies are camping, wake boarding, reading, and anything with coffee.

I look forward to meeting everyone as we move forward into the term.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

If you have siblings interested in enrolling at GCCC please note the following:-

It is the parents' responsibility that each new potential student (sibling) must complete and submit to the College, a separate Application for Enrolment form. This is the first step in the enrolment process and families are cautioned that whilst siblings are given priority enrolment consideration they are not guaranteed a place within the College. Please note that waiting lists are being experienced across many year levels and early submission of Application Forms is encouraged for consideration in future years.

Enrolment Procedure:

1. A completed Application for [Enrolment Form](#) (one per student) is to be returned to the school office together with a \$50 Application Fee per family. This fee is not refundable. Please note that each application/fee does not guarantee a place at the College.
2. Application forms are to be supported with the following documentation:
 - NAPLAN results (where applicable)
 - Last two years' school reports
 - Copy of birth certificate
3. Failure to provide supporting documentation delays the application for enrolment process unnecessarily.
4. As waiting lists are being experienced across many year levels, early submission of Application Forms is encouraged for current year level entry.
5. An enrolment interview may then be scheduled with the appropriate Head of School. You will be advised of the outcome of the interview by mail.
6. Should a placement with the College be offered, this will be deemed to be accepted once a signed acceptance and bond payment of \$200 per family is received by the College.

In all cases, early submission of Enrolment Application forms is recommended. If you are in doubt that you have followed this procedure please contact Odette Perkins to clarify.

Canteen Week

The Tuckshop is holding '[Canteen Week](#)' next week. Could you please put this info in the newsletter with these meal Deals for Canteen Week are only from 29 July to 2 August.

Meal Deals with choice of one 100% popper juice apple/blackcurrant,orange, tropical or apple.

Meal 1- Chicken Teriyaki or Tuna/Mayo Sushi freshly made at Tuckshop \$3.50

Meal 2 - Hamburger \$4.50

Meal 3 - Cheeseburger \$4.00

Meal 4 - Chicken/salad wrap or Ham/salad wrap \$4.50

Give your Children something different this week, to eat for Tuckshop. Look on the menu on the [school website](#) and see all the wonderful food the tuckshop has to offer.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that help in the tuckshop. If you need to contact the tuckshop we have a direct line 5436 5654.

Thanking you, Cathy Boyer and Lauren Bottrill

Welcome to another new term.

The recent holiday and pupil free week have been an exciting time for the Primary school.

Over the holidays, Mrs Mitchell and I spent a week in New Zealand visiting some schools and spending time with someone who had been a colleague of Mrs Mitchell's when she was teaching in Auckland. The schools we visited are using some "cutting edge" pedagogy and we have returned with a real excitement about teaching and learning and developing interesting learning spaces in classrooms.

With the first permanent primary buildings being considered for the College we believe that we will be able to provide some exciting teaching areas with learning spaces which will support dynamic teaching and student collaboration. However, changes are being made in a number of classrooms even now and students' feedback has been very exciting. However, at the end of the day our focus will always be to improve student outcomes.

Grandparents' Day 2013

What a wonderful way to finish Term 2, with 350 Primary School grandparents here at the College, being honoured with a fabulous morning tea, a concert and then visiting classrooms to enjoy the educational activities which their grandchildren are engaged in on a daily basis.

Even rain moving from the Church to the College grounds didn't dampen our spirits and once again the 2013 Grandparents' Day was a wonderful success.

Our sincere gratitude goes to Miss Colleen Devitt and her Hospitality team for the amazing morning tea which they prepared, our staff who provided a plethora of opportunities for grandparents to enjoy with their precious grandchildren and of course our special family members who support our students with everything they do – our College grandparents who attended on the day!

[More photos of Grandparents' Day on GCCC website](#)

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Kitchen Garden

The Year 3 classes joined us in Kitchen Garden for a special 'olden days' Kitchen Garden lesson at the end of last term. The gazebo was turned into an 1800's classroom with Mrs Ward pretending to be very stern and old fashioned.

The morning began with the children making damper and homemade butter from cream in real milk bottles. A spelling lesson followed and many of the words proved to be very challenging; our 21st century academics were amazed at the difficulty of words in our 1800's spelling test. Chores followed. The boys had to collect firewood for our stove and the girls had all the washing to do by hand! (No equal opportunity back then.)

Playtime followed; hula hoops, wooden riding horses, skipping ropes, marbles, pick up sticks and hopscotch were all enjoyed before we ate our tasty damper hot from the oven with golden syrup and butter.

Our theme for Term 3 is 'How to eat a rainbow'. Classes are learning the importance of eating a wide variety of fruit and vegetables from all the colours of the fruit and vegetable rainbow.

Each fortnight we will eat a different colour. This fortnight it was red. Chefs chopped up all manner of red things for us to taste; capsicum, grapes, tomatoes, watermelon, strawberries, cranberries and radish.

In the garden we harvested loads of sugar snap peas, which didn't make it far from the bushes before being devoured. We weeded the garden beds and planted more broccoli, lettuce, Roma tomatoes, leeks and zucchini. Grace F was a force to be reckoned with in the garden...sorry about the grubby uniform Mum!

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Help Year 9 be more fun for Year 9!

If you have any beanbags or cushions (in good condition) that you no longer need, would you please donate them to our Year 9 class. Miss Gook and Mrs Vreeling have made this special request to help create a fun learning environment for Year 9.

DAFF Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition

It is with great pride that we congratulate Madeleine Roulston, Grace Stevens, Rachael Whysall, Bayley O'Brien, Tyler Atherton and Casey Rowe from Year 5 for their excellent achievement in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Plant Science Competition. The competition had two components, a Science Investigation Report and an Art Challenge. The Scientific Investigation Report included a mouldy bread experiment, a lichen catalogue and a yeast test, whilst the Art Competition required an artistic representation of a mushroom.

Madeleine Roulston, Grace Stevens and Rachael Whysall, came first place in the Food, Farming and Fungi Art Competition with a superb clay sculpture of a mushroom, complete with scientific labelling. Furthermore, all of the students that participated in the Scientific Investigation received Highly Commended for their science investigation. Prizes include medallions, certificates, art materials and scientific magazines. To collect these prizes, the students have been officially invited to the DAFF Hermitage Research Facility Awards Day where the Minister for Agriculture and leading scientists are expected to be guest speakers. If able to attend, the students will also have the exclusive opportunity to tour the Hermitage Research Facility.

This is an incredible achievement and the results a true testament to the time and dedication the students put into their entries. Congratulations!

[Photos are on GCCC website](#)

Jade King

Middle School News

Attitude. When used as a stand-alone word it is often a derogatory term or a put-down. Someone who has 'attitude' is generally someone who is negative towards life. Yet, when used in the context of school we often ask students to have a good attitude. What does this mean? Can we make someone have a good attitude?

This term, at GCCC, it is the value we are focusing on as a part of our GREAT values acronym.

There are many great sayings that speak clearly on having a good attitude. Such as:

'The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.' Unknown.

'What is the difference between an obstacle and an opportunity? Our attitude toward it. Every opportunity has a difficulty and every difficulty has an opportunity.' J. Sidlow Baxter.

However, the Bible says, 'Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it' (Proverbs 4:23). Attitude is represented by our words and deeds. Whether it is good or bad, it will be a direct result of what is in our hearts. This can be achieved by 'not being conformed to this world, but by the renewal of our minds, that by testing we will be able to discern the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect' Romans 12:2.

One way we can improve a bad attitude is by performing acts of kindness, or, fostering an **attitude of gratitude**. A study on clinical depression demonstrated that people with low self-esteem who performed acts of kindness for a week actually moved from clinical depression to not being depressed. Our Year 9s at the end of last term were all involved in a Community Service activity. Read more about this in this newsletter.

Our up and coming **Student Led Conferences** are another way to foster more positive attitudes where students are more in charge of their own learning. The conference reflects the belief that the student should be actively involved in their learning and allowed to take responsibility for the learning process. It enables students to become more motivated, reflective and evaluative of their work. AND, become more critical about their approach to learning. These will be run in week 4 on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening. Bookings can be made through the online booking format.

Reminders and other Info

- **French Trip** – interested students must complete the form and return to school by 31 July. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to see and experience first hand the French language and culture, the Arts, history and other interesting aspects of this country and its people.
- **Textbooks** can be returned to the library if students have the electronic version on their iPads and no longer use the hardcopy.
- **The assessment procedure** this semester will be – extensions need to be applied for 48 hours before the due date and will not automatically mean an extension is given. Assessments not handed in by the due date will result in a text message sent home. Any student who does not hand in the outstanding assessment by the end of the day will result in an after school detention as a consequence. The student will also be withdrawn from regular classes to complete the outstanding task.
- **Term 3 Assessment Planners** will be available from week 3 on the website and will also be accessible on student's Moodle accounts.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Year 9 Community Service

During the last week of Term 2, Year 9 students were involved in several community service projects as part of our Ignite program.

Student community services included:

- Cleaning the church windows, floors and pews.
- Backyard blitz for local pensioners
- Emu parade around Beerwah – cleaning rubbish from the creeks and estuaries.
- Visits to aged care and disability centres such as Embracia, Glasshouse Country Care and Endeavour to spend time with the residents, play board games with them and event put on a special morning tea.

One group of students planted approximately 100 trees at Mount Ngungun. They had the help of rangers and students were amazed by how much knowledge they had of botany. This is what ranger Cheryl Thompson wrote:

Vance and I would like to thank you all for a great effort. We hope that you and kids can come back and visit soon to see the results of the great work.

Please contact me if you want to do anymore work in the parks.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Senior School News

The Right Attitude

On day two of the Ashes first test, Ashton Agar, a 19 year old teenager from Melbourne, created cricket history. A few minutes before midday Agar found himself as the last man walking to the crease with Australia having lost five wickets for nine runs in 31 balls. At 117 for nine they were facing not just a considerable first-innings deficit but defeat in the first Test.

Two hours and 14 minutes later Ashton was out for 98 runs. Ashton Agar had created history.

In interviews after the game, Ashton Agar declined every opportunity to admit disappointment at his failure to become the first Test match No 11 to record a hundred runs. Ashton's positive attitude was so clearly evident, he won the respect of both Australia and England audiences. Our young people need more sporting celebrities like Agar to model the type of attitude we are endeavouring to instil.

Of equal significance was Ashton's parents who were cheering him on from the sidelines. After the game, Ashton was interviewed by Jim Maxwell. He was asked, "What did it mean to have your family here to support you for this?" Ashton's response was "Oh everything. Absolutely everything. I kept looking over at them and they're, you know, constantly cheering me. So it's good to know I've got that solid support."

Our young people are involved in a whole range of challenging experiences every day as they complete their studies and mature into young adults. We need to be encouraging our young people to develop the right attitude throughout all these challenges. The Bible describes the Christian life as like a marathon. We must remember that as parents we have a vital role. We need to let them do their best and not interfere in their game, but we need to be standing on the side lines and guiding and cheering them on - so that they know they have our constant support, love and prayers.

Athletics Carnival

Friday, 26 July, GCCC held its Athletics Carnival for Senior and Middle Schools. It was an inter-house competition and therefore each house needed full participation from house members to win. There are a large number of events that all students were expected to participate in as well. Thanks to all the parents who joined us for the carnival and to support their children. At the time of writing this, the event had not taken place so the results will be published next newsletter.

Assignment Policy

The College has reviewed the policy on assignments and I have spoken to all students on Assembly about our expectations. Assignments must be submitted by the due date in two formats – an electronic copy through the College Moodle site as well as a hard copy. If the due date cannot be met for some valid reason then an extension can be applied for through the Head of Teaching and Learning Quality, Ms Power. Otherwise, students who fail to meet the due date will be kept out of class and required to do the work then. An after school detention will also be given as a consequence.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

GCCC students enter cooking competition

Year 10 students Vanita Mens, Taylah Holt, Taylor Olsen and Andrea Little are entering a cooking competition held by the Australian Culinary Federation. The competition is called the Junior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge and it is being run through the Institute of TAFE. The Regional Finals are being held on Saturday 3 August and then the State Final on Saturday 10 August.

The students have to cook a meal in less than 90 minutes using a Chicken Maryland.

We look forward to hearing how the girls went and hope to give you an update after the event.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Future Pathways

Senior School events in coming weeks

Letters were sent home this week with all Senior Students about these upcoming events.

Senior Parent and Student Information Evening 31 July.

Please come and join us on Wednesday evening for:

- SET Plan information for Year 10 students and their parents
- After-school pathways and QTAC applications for Year 11 and 12
- Presentations
- Guests including Universities, Colleges, Defence Force, Acclaim Apprentices, Apprenticeship Centres, Projects Abroad, Katrina's Hair and Beauty
- College Heads of Department will be available after 7pm for Year 10s to discuss subject selections
- Helpful resources to take away

Program for the Evening

- **Year 10 Theatre** at 6pm for presentation followed by speaking with experts and guests in the library from 7pm.
- **Year 11 and 12 Library** to speak to guests and experts between 6pm and 7pm followed by presentation in the Theatre at 7.15.

Set Plan Meetings for Year 10 Students and Parents

- Will commence on Monday 5 August.
- Can be booked electronically following instructions in mid-year report
- For further information or assistance with booking a SET Plan meeting please contact Mrs Simo McMinn at the College.

Guidance Officer Meetings for Year 11 and 12

- To review SET Plans and assist with forward planning
- For career information
- For assistance with QTAC applications
- Year 12 parents and students please book in a meeting with Mr Paul Nash by calling the office or speaking to Mr Nash at the Parent Information Evening next week.
- Year 11s will be seen during school hours but parents are welcome to make appointments as well.

Defence Force News

The latest Defence Force Recruiting Newsletter is out. You can read it on our Moodle Site by going to moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au/Students/Future Pathways/Defence and logging in as a guest. If you would like to receive this electronically please email Mrs Ferris. Early next month the Defence Force Recruiting Office in Maroochydore will be running some special sessions as follows:

Maroochydore

Wed 31 Jul 13	6pm	WITA Information session – Female only
Wed 7 Aug 13	6pm	ADF Information session
Thu 8 Aug	6pm	ADFA Information session
Wed 14 Aug 13	6pm	RMC information session

Students interested in ADFA should start their application in Year 11. Any Year 12 students interested in the Defence Force should have contacted Defence Force Recruiting by now to start gathering information and commencing their application.

They've Made It!!! Hooray

Congratulations to the following TAFE students who have completed their Certificate III qualifications recently:

- Jamie Coogan – Hospitality

- Emerson Tasker – Hospitality
- Drew Cork – Media
- Juanita Greasley – Tourism and Events

Congratulations to the following trainees who have now completed their traineeships including Certificate III qualifications with the very generous support of wonderful employers:

- Laura Barthelemy, F8 Media Caloundra, Business
- Spencer Cittolin, Embracia Nursing Home, Aged Care

Well done to these very competent young students!

AND we all know that learning is a lifelong occupation! Many of our College staff are currently updating and upgrading their qualifications. This month two staff have completed Certificate IV Studies.

Mrs Jenny Ritson - [photo on GCCC website](#)

Jenny organizes our science labs, and makes sure that all the resources are on hand and kept safely for our students. Jenny has added to her Bachelor of Horticultural Science, a Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques (Science Operations Officer). We are very lucky to have Jenny running our labs. Here she is with her laboratory helper!

Mrs Jane Murray - [photo on GCCC website](#)

Also Mrs Jane Murray in the library has also been busy. Jane is a very long term employee of the College. She has filled various roles including running the library for some time including the big move over to the lovely new building. In between all this Jane has been working towards a Certificate IV in Library and Information Services. Congratulations to Mrs Murray.

Dressmaking Course at Sunshine Coast TAFE

Sunshine Coast TAFE is now offering a short course in introduction to professional dressmaking. Great for people with a love of fashion that are looking for an insight into the industry. For more information contact Sunshine Coast TAFE on 5457 1000.

New Cert IV program at BNIT

Please note this is not a schools program course, and is only available for fulltime study. This program would be a great option for any students that have completed the Cert III Media schools program and are looking for further studies after completing school. There will be another intake of the course in January 2014.

Offered over six months full time at our Ithaca campus (Red Hill), participants undertaking the Certificate IV in Interactive Digital Media will build on the knowledge developed in the Certificate III in Media, to learn a variety of interactive media skills including animation, 3D modelling, editing, screen productions and visual effects.

Using industry standard software (such as Autodesk Entertainment Creation Suite and Adobe Creative Suite) and professional quality equipment, the Certificate IV in Interactive Digital Media program is perfect for those wishing to continue their career in the media industries.

To find out more information about this exciting new program, or to register your interest in enrolling, please visit our website at <http://www.bn.tafe.qld.gov.au/> or phone our Customer Service Contact Centre on 131 248.

Work Experience over the holidays

Three enterprising students took themselves off for extra work experience over the holidays. They were Katie Todd at the Oakey Flats Road Vet Clinic at Morayfield, Grace Vlaanderen at the Landsborough Vet Clinic and also Chris Gibson at the Bellingham Maze. Well done to these students who gave up some precious holiday time to investigate career possibilities. Thank you also to these wonderful employers who are so generous with their time and facilities.

Chris Gibson went along to help out at the Bellingham Maze at Tanawha. Chris had an interesting time helping out in the gardens, the teahouse and in the office. Here he is with Owner Mrs Sophy Wrangell and our very own Mrs McMinn.

QUT Gardens Point Open Day

QUT Gardens Point is having its Open Day this Sunday 28 July. For a round up of all the University and Tertiary Institution Open Days go to moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au/Students/Future Pathways/Open Days and Expos. There is a comprehensive and updated list of dates there from the QTAC website.

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator

Read More in May National Winner

At the end of last term we celebrated the achievements of the Madison Long, Lilli Jameljanenko and Kaylee Utting who were the worthy winners of the GCCC Read More in May competition. This week we found out the Kaylee Utting (far right below), came 7th in the National Read More in May competition. Her family was one of top 10 families to record the highest number of reading minutes in Australia, an amazing 27,900 minutes during May! Kaylee has won a \$150 Scholastic Voucher for her family to enjoy. A wonderful surprise to celebrate and a worthy family who obviously love to read!

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

The top 10 families across Australia to record the most Reading Minutes in May came from the following schools:

School	State
Girton Grammar School	VIC
Eagle Junction State School	QLD
Woonona East Primary School	NSW
Lake Joondalup Baptist College	WA
Living Waters Lutheran School	NT
Boondall State School	QLD
*Glasshouse Country Christian College	QLD
Al-Faisal College	NSW
Epping Views Primary School	VIC
California Gully Primary School	VIC

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

More Reading Achievements to Celebrate

A number of other reading achievements were celebrated across the College recently. Prep W had the highest number of students register for the Premier's Reading Challenge during Term 2, and 4M (below) recorded the highest Lexile achievements for Semester 1. Both classes received prizes to celebrate their efforts. Lara James from 4M was also awarded her Gold Lexile certificate at Assembly this week. Finally, Natasha Kukulies (below) from 9M was the first student in Middle School to reach the 2500 minute mark in The Minute Mob challenge. Fantastic reading efforts all round!

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Koorong Book Sale

Special thanks to the families that supported the Koorong Book Sale on the last day of Term 2. We had many Grandparents visit the library to buy items during the Grandparents' Day celebrations. We sold just over \$1940 worth of titles and received approximately \$300 in commission, which will go towards buying globes for the Primary classrooms. The book sale is becoming a much-loved annual event that offers parents and students the chance to buy a range of Christian titles. For those who were unable to attend or are interested in Koorong titles, there is a Koorong bookshop on Brisbane Road at Mooloolaba. Our book sale was a snapshot of what's available, compared to the huge range on offer at the Koorong bookshop. It is well worth the effort to visit. Titles can also be bought online at <http://www.koorong.com>

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Literature Circles

At the end of Term 2 the Year 6 classes presented dramas based on novels they had read during Literature Circles. The students did an amazing job and made their novels and characters come to life. They are to be commended for the effort they put into their props, costumes and scripts. The parents and staff that attended the drama presentations in the Theatre were highly entertained.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

MS Readathon

The MS Readathon is back and all students are invited to participate and help raise funds to provide vital support for Australians living with multiple sclerosis (MS). Students who take part also have the chance to receive great reading rewards including book vouchers and even a Samsung Galaxy tablet. The MS Readathon is the nation's longest-running and most respected reading-based fundraiser. Participation is easy and you can get started by following the three easy steps on the following page.

How to take part in the MS Readathon

1. Register - Participants register online at www.msreadathon.org.au.
2. Read throughout August - Children can read any literature as long as it is at their own reading level. The reading period runs from August 1 – 31. Children can include all books used for the Premier's Reading Challenge for the MS Readathon.
3. Fundraise from family and friends - All students who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and Reading Rewards to recognise their dedication to helping others.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club has been handed out to students this week along with the Koorong Kids Issue 3. Due to the Book Fair later in the term we will skip Scholastic Book Club Issue 6. The final two issues, including Koorong Kids Issue 4 will be handed out in Term 4.

Book Fair/Book Week

Book Fair will take place during Book Week in Week 6. The theme for Book Week 2013 is Read Across the Universe. Our Story Laboratory Book Fair will run from Tuesday Aug 20 to Thursday Aug 22. Book Fair is a whole school reading event where students, parents and Grandparents are warmly invited to the library to view and purchase a wide selection of Scholastic titles. Mark the dates in your diary and stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Music and Dance News

Guinness world record broken

One of our GCCC families have gone into the Guinness Book of Records for being part of the World's Biggest Orchestra held at Suncorp Stadium on 13 July.

Hamish (Year 6), Mason (Year 4), mum, Penny (Music Department) and dad, David played along with 7,219 other musicians to smash the record held by 6.452 Canadian musicians for 13 years.

Renowned trumpeter James Morrison stood on the football field and conducted a medley of *Waltzing Matilda*, *Ode to Joy* and *We Will Rock You*. It was a wonderful once in a lifetime experience for all involved - and they have the T-shirts to prove it! Sarah Mens (Year 6) has also told us that she was there too.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Fantastic Performance at Farm Fantastic

On Friday 19 July, the GCCC Dance students had the opportunity to perform at the annual Farm Fantastic Expo in Caboolture.

Both the Middle and Senior school Dance Troupes performed along with smaller ensembles and solos from students in years 7 to 12.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their performance skills in front of an audience and they had a great time doing it. The students who performed did their school proud and we look forward to performing their again next year.

[Photo gallery on GCCC website](#)

Stacey White

Multi-Sport Expo Sunshine Coast

The calendar is set for 2013! Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association and Life Stream are excited to announce we will be partnering together once again to run six Multi-Sport Expos throughout Queensland this year.

The Multi-Sport Expos are an opportunity for school age students with a disability to be involved in sport. Local sporting clubs are joining in, which provides the students with local contacts. This may then provide additional opportunities to be involved in healthy activity outside of school hours.

DATE: 19 September 2013; VENUE: University of Sunshine Coast; TIME: 10am – 1.30pm

We would love to see you there! Nomination forms and other relevant information will be sent out approximately 8 weeks prior to the expo. For further information, contact

Jenny Bees at Life Stream on (07) 3394 4399, jbees@lifestream.org.au

Ben MacFie at Sporting Wheelies on (07) 5253 3333, benm@sportingwheelies.org.au

Students Compete at State Champs – Tara a State Champion!

Nick Dwan and Tara Fissenden have been training hard in preparation for the Rugby League and Netball State Championships respectively.

Nick competed as a member of the 11 Year Boys Sunshine Coast Rugby League team at Stanthorpe. He played five games over five days and had a great carnival playing really well making about 130 tackles and many penetrating runs with the ball.

The boys won one, drew one and lost three but they improved each game and did very well against the two regions which they had trial games against before going to Stanthorpe. Sunshine Coast finished the competition in 6th place.

The competition was an amazing experience for Nick and he is now looking forward to next year with the hope of making the Sunshine Coast Regional team again. [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Tara Fissenden is our new State Champion. She very much enjoyed her experience playing in the 11 year Girls Sunshine Coast Netball team at the Queensland State Championships held in Caloundra in June. Her team combined really well together and were unbeaten at the Carnival. Tara excelled, playing in all seven games at Goal Defence and finished the day totally exhausted but exhilarated at becoming State Champions!! What a great result from a very dedicated team. Many shooters were frustrated by Tara's defence in and around the goal circle where she stopped many scoring opportunities.

We are very proud of these two students and look forward to seeing them succeed in their chosen sports for many years to come. [Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Selection a Surprise for Mark!

When Mark Kennedy was asked to play in the Sunshine Coast 12 year. Boys' Football Team one week before the tournament he was very excited and thrilled to have the opportunity. The 12 Years and Under Queensland Schools Football Championships were held in Cairns last week and Mark played a utility role as either forward or defender in the seven games the team played in the carnival. He held many attacking players up and thwarted many of the opposition's potential goal scoring opportunities. He was also dangerous on attack putting some dangerous balls through to the strikers and having some shots himself.

The team had an awesome carnival beating Met East for the first time in many years losing only one game in the first qualifying round. After an unfortunate lose against the home team Peninsula the boys went on to beat Met North and lose the final game against South Coast. This meant the Sunshine Coast finished in third place in the State which was a fantastic result.

Mark is a Caboolture club player and found himself playing with and against many boys who play Premier League Football but was certainly able to hold his own amongst these boys. He has a fantastic touch on the football and reads the game well placing balls exactly where they need to go. We congratulate Mark on his selection and efforts in this team and know he will enjoy more opportunities like this in the future.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Ngungun Tri Club Nyounguns Kid's Winter Duathlon Series

The Ngungun Triathlon Club is based in the Glasshouse Mountains area, and is currently hosting a kid's duathlon series, endorsed by Sunshine Coast Council, and Triathlon Queensland at Skippy Park, a purpose built cycle track on Old Landsborough Road, Landsborough.

The duathlon has been a series of events, with three more races ahead. The race is non-competitive, and held in a safe and friendly environment. All participants are rewarded with a medal and go into a draw to win a new cycle which will be drawn on the last race in September. Participants need to have a road worthy bike and well fitted helmet to enter.

5-9 years 7.45am - 400m/1km/400m

10-12 years 8.15am - 1km/6km/1km

13+ - 9am - 2km/10km/2km

Cost \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members.

Please feel free to contact Peter Thorpe our club president if you have any further questions. Peter Thorpe 0423 702677 or click [here](#) for the full brochure.

Cheersport Australia's Mid Year Sign Up for 2013

Cheersport Australia has a wide variety of programs for a range of ages, abilities and backgrounds and is currently enrolling students for the second half of 2013! Bonus Offer - Sign up for any of our programs before the term begins on July 29 and save \$45.00 off your first term and registration fees! All athletes are welcome. No experience necessary.

Cheersport Australia's new studio cheer and dance programs on offer are:

- Refine Cheer Program (Junior Level 1, 14 years and younger)
- Voltage Cheer Program (Open Level 1, 14 years and over)
- Sensation Pom/Dance Squad (14 years and over)
- Electric Stealth Hip Hop Crew - All Boys Hip Hop Crew (ages 8 to 14)

Cheersport Australia's current school cheer and dance programs at GCCC are for Levels 1 to 3, 10 years and over.

Cheersport Australia's current studio cheer and dance programs include:

- Ignite Cheer Program (Senior Level 1, aged 10 to 18 years)
- Awesome Cheer Program (Senior Level 2, aged 10 to 18 years)
- Odyssey Cheer Program (Open Level 3, 14 years and over)
- Extreme Stunt Group Program (Levels 2 to 5, 10 years and over)
- Allure Pom Squad (14 years and over)
- Transcend Hip Hop Crew (14 years and over)
- Level 1 and 2 Tumbling (all ages)
- Level 3 and 4 Tumbling (all ages)
- Open Tumbling (all ages and levels)

[For more information please click here.](#)

Alumni News

Alex White graduates from Airforce

Alex White (class of 2011) graduated from the Airforce in Wagga Wagga on 17 July 2013. It was a proud moment for the family and a great achievement for Alex.

Alex will be based in Wagga for the next 14 months. After that, he could be placed anywhere within Australia.

Alex learned lots of interesting things and despite the challenges, still had fun. All the hard work has paid off and Alex is ready for the next phase of his career.

[Photo of Alex in his uniform on GCCC website.](#)

P and F News

Hi Everyone! I hope you had a fabulous holiday. By now you will have received your chocolates. Remember there are great prizes to be won for returning your money by the 1 August, as well as a HUGE Toblerone + more as the prize for the most number of chocolate boxes sold. You can pick up more boxes from the office.

WANTED: Fathers' day stall co-ordinator. Bonnie has done an AMAZING job over the last few years co-ordinating and running our Mother and Fathers' Day stalls. This year she is studying hard and would love a break from this job. If you feel you could take on this role, please contact the P and F at pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

SAVE THIS DATE! October 11, 2013 FROM ME TO YOU Ladies Night! In October the P and F are hosting a fundraiser night to raise money to help end Women's cancers. There are a group of six mums and former mums from our school taking part in a 60km walk and this event will help raise some much needed funds to go towards this cause. Each newsletter I want to introduce you to one of the mums. [Today we meet Jayne Hinds!](#)

"Hi my name is Jayne Hinds I am a proud mum of Oscar who is in grade one and Milla my 3.5years old daughter.

I have joined team "Making Strides" to complete the 60km walk to raise funds to help End Women's Cancers on the weekend of 26th and 27 of October.

Our team is made up of 6 current and former mum's from the school. Now all we need is your help! Our team goal is to raise \$15,000 and we are well on our way so far we have raised over \$13,000.

What a challenge and commitment I have made for myself, the team and the cause. I am only walking, but as you know from family and friends around you that have been touched by this disease, the journey made by them is a lot harder. I am proud to be a part of something that can and will make a difference.

As one in four women will be affected by a form of cancer, I can only hope that the funds and awareness raised by our team and the many others walking in October, will help find a cure or at least a prevention in the next decade. Wouldn't it be nice to look at our daughters, sisters and mothers and say women's cancer has NOT touched us!

Please check out the [flyer](#) for more details about this awesome event. We will have pamper stands, fashion and lots of yummy food and stalls where you can shop! Just \$15 per ticket.

STALLHOLDERS NEEDED! If you have a small business or know of someone who does and would like to book a stall for this event, please contact Jayne on hindsfam1@bigpond.com, or the P and F at pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

Blessings, Alaina Westaway

Living, Loving and Working with People on the Autism Spectrum

A conference for family members, partners, counsellors, psychologists, teachers, youth workers, pastors, chaplains, support workers and others who care about and work with people 'on the spectrum'.

Saturday 26 October at Citipointe Christian College Brisbane from 8.30am to 5pm.

Cost is: \$140 early bird (register and pay before 30 September

\$160 full price

\$120 (HCC holders, students, a person with ASD, and family members of someone with ASD

Visit <http://autismconferenceoct26-com.webs.com> for more information.

SENSORY MOVIE DAY SUNSHINE COAST for families with special needs

Sensory Movie Day is for families to feel welcome while their children are free to roam around the cinema and be themselves. Lighting stays on dim. This is a non-judgmental session and no need for families to feel uncomfortable.

~ Animal Balloons ~ Spot Prizes ~

On the day there will be a table set up with information and support service available.

Sunday 28 July at 2.30pm at Birch Carroll & Coyle Maroochydore. Tickets are \$9 each and available at the cinema from Monday 22 July (afternoon). Children under two years of age are free and Companion Cards are accepted. Tickets are not available online.

A \$5 drink and popcorn combo is available.

No diagnosis needed. Free membership cards are available to purchase tickets. (not required for this first session)

Contact Kristy or Stacey at sensory.movies-sunshine@hotmail.com Facebook ~ Sensory Movie Day – Sunshine Coast

Chess Tournament

This year we have added separate Under 8 and Under 10 Divisions. Those players can still choose to compete in the Open if they wish.

All those over 10 years old will compete in the Open Division, however, besides being placed 'Overall' they will also be placed in their respective Age Groups (U12, U14, U16 and U18).

Sunshine Coast Junior Chess Championships 2013; Sunday 4 August ~ 11am – 4pm; Chancellor Secondary College; Entry Fee: \$10. Entries: lateknights@westnet.com.au Info: email as above or 0404 006 146. To read the full poster, please click on this [link](#).

Pause and Ponder

Love them or hate them, GPS devices are common in most cars. As soon as you take a wrong turn (accidentally or deliberately) a voice tells you that it is 'recalculating' before giving directions on how to get back on track.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 it describes the Bible as a spiritual navigation system for our journey through life. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

Teaching tells us which road to travel; rebuking tells us when we are off the road; correcting tells us how to get back on; training in righteousness tells us how to stay on God's road.

The mistakes and choices that detour us from the Lord are not to be taken lightly. Although few decisions are final, the moment we veer off the road, the Holy Spirit is 'recalculating' and urging us to return to the Father's way.

If we've drifted off course, there's no better time than right now to heed God's voice and return to His road.

Adapted from Our Daily Bread, David McCasland