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'Growing in faith and knowledge'

newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

Mon 19-Tue 20	District Athletics Carnival
Tue 20	Primary Book Week Dress Up Parade
Fri 23	5pm to 8pm Shine on Arts Night
Tue 27	6.30pm to 8pm Prep Fathers' Night
Wed 28	2-3pm Smart Strings Open Rehearsal for parents
Thur 29	Fathers' Day Stall
Fri 30	Physics & Year 10 excursion

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
Wed 18	Year 10 Careers Day
Fri 20	Middle School Messy Games
Fri 20	LAST DAY TERM 3

Survey

Thank you to the parents and students who filled in the recent surveys. I really appreciate the time you took to answer the questions and give your input. Although I haven't compiled all the data yet, I can already see the valuable insights that the completed surveys will provide. I will share the results in a future newsletter.

Best in Queensland

Congratulations to [Isabelle Westaway](#) (9W and Middle School Captain) for achieving the top score in Year 9 for Queensland ICAS Writing test. This means that Isabelle is eligible for a University of New South Wales Medal. Well done to Isabelle for such a momentous achievement. The official awards ceremony is being held later on in the year.

Prep to Year 3 Athletics Carnival

The Prep to Year 3 Athletics carnival was a wonderful day of fun, hard work and excitement. Although I was unable to attend, the cheers and shouts could be heard right across the campus – especially when Sinai was announced as the winning team of the day. What made this event (and others like it) so rewarding was the help and involvement of our wonderful parents, volunteers and P and F. Whether it was running the refreshment stand, supervising rubber chickens being thrown or cheering the children on in races, their contributions were greatly appreciated it.

Wendy Stott and the team of staff did a terrific job organising the day. All the events ran on time with some even finishing early. There will be photos and more information from the day later on in the newsletter.

Year 8 Subject Selection Night

I hope the Year 8 students and their parents enjoyed an informative night on Wednesday. Year 9 and 10 curriculum was discussed and specifically the elective subjects on offer. Students were issued with a booklet that gives the breakdown of each subject and were asked to complete the Subject Selection Forms to be handed in sometime after meeting. Please remember that the sooner students hand in their forms the better chance they have of being granted their preferences.

Book Week

One of our strongest priorities is encouraging students to read more. Reading opens up a world of knowledge, imagination and independence for children. It also helps students become better writers and spellers. This week was Book Week and it was packed with activities including the Book Fair and the Dress Up Parade. I hope you were able to make the most of opportunity to purchase a couple of quality books for your child. I know that the 'wish list' was growing in length each day as students wrote down the names of the books they would love to add to their home library. As I write this article, the Dress Up Parade has not yet happened so we will have to wait for the next newsletter to see the imaginative costumes and characters students and staff come up with.

Student Attendance

On August 17 it was reported in various newspapers about the crippling affect that student absenteeism has on overall performance.

The article goes on to say that about 33,000 teenagers are absent every day from NSW schools. These are not truancy claims but are with the full knowledge of the parents. The article goes further;

A major study of 415,000 school students conducted over five years to 2012, "Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every Day Counts", has linked increasing rates of absenteeism with declining scores in national literacy and numeracy tests.

The study conducted for the Federal Government by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research in Western Australia warns: "Parents need to be aware that when their child misses school it can have an ongoing impact on their learning.

"Even small amounts of unauthorised absence from school were associated with substantial falls in average Naplan (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) test scores.

"Poor attendance is a long fuse with a big bang."

I think this data speaks for itself. It is clear that every time your son/daughter is absent from school it has a demonstrable effect on their education. Times have definitely changed and it is far more common for students to miss school for frivolous reasons. Some of the excuses we have encountered include birthday treats, being too tired from the night before, early holidays and even shopping have been excuses we have encountered. These reasons were far less common 10 years ago and are indicative of a worrying trend.

However, please understand we are not encouraging you to bring your child to school if they are sick. Lately this has also been occurring where students are coming to school and they are obviously sick, in turn these sick students are infecting others. Please ensure that if your child is sick and quite contagious keep them home. It is important that we treat everyone the way that we would like to be treated.

Sculpture Garden and Shine on the Arts Night

Work on the Sculpture Garden has been fast tracked so it is ready in time for our Shine on the Arts evening this Friday 23 August. I hope you will join me in this celebration of our students' artistic talents. If last year is anything to go by, it will be a lovely event.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Iron and Clay rock the house

On Monday the 19 August, GCCC witnessed a spectacular performance from the team of Iron and Clay. The R & B/pop/dance crew, who's main message was to spread positivity, increase self-esteem, and an increase faith in God, wowed the viewers with outstanding singing, dancing and individual stories.

To start with, the team introduced a catchy song with a positive message to get our Senior, Middle, and Year 3-6 levels going. After this, introductions were made - Rochelle (keyboardist, singer), Dan (singer, dancer), Alana (singer, artist), Warrick (singer, dancer) and lastly Sophia (lead singer, dancer, and keyboardist). A plethora of singing and dancing items followed this, with the talents of each individual being clearly evident.

Perhaps the most entertaining segment of the performance was the time when students were called to be involved. A country and western tune began, percussion instruments were passed around the crowd, and when the music stopped, the student who had landed the instrument had to dance and play that instrument in front of everyone. Some would say it was entertaining but others would say the students' dancing was quite interesting. I'd have to say I have never seen dance moves like that before.

To finish it off and to bring the performance to a feel-good and encouraging conclusion, Alana Bosgra shared some of her artistry. This was no amateur display; in fact, the art was brilliant - reflecting the thoughts and feelings of a real person who went through what many of our teenagers are experiencing now. With this, the message of God's love and work in Alana's life was clearly apparent. The students were encouraged and inspired from this.

Overall, what a brilliant visit, and we at GCCC will look forward to seeing them next year!

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Chappy Nick Warren

(Nick is currently doing chaplaincy practicum through his university, every Monday at GCCC.)

Primary Student Council Representatives Organize Assistance

We are very grateful to all families who gave food for those in need in the Sunshine Coast area. The letter ([please click link here](#)) expresses how the generosity of our GCCC Community provided so many items for them. Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Jen and the Year 3 – 6 Student Council collected and packed the items for delivery to the centre. *Photos on GCCC website.*

P – 2 Sports Day a Huge Success!

Once again the P – 2 Junior Sports Day on Monday was an incredible success. It was an absolute joy to watch the students enjoying the tabloid sports and other activities which were so beautifully organized by Wendy Stott, our Primary HPE teacher.

As I watched the parent helpers leading groups of “Green Tree Frogs”, “Red Kangaroos” and “Blue Whales” from each activity to the next and our P and F preparing food for the hungry masses, it was obvious how important our parent body is to the success of these functions. The “feel” throughout the day was like a family picnic – relaxed and full of fun.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the great job done by all our GCCC staff who kept the events running so smoothly and our house captains who decorated tents and led the war cries with such gusto. Thank you all for such a fantastic day.

[A photo gallery is on the GCCC website.](#)

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Iron and Clay through the eyes of Year 6

On Monday, students in Years 3-6 were fortunate enough to be involved in an Iron and Clay concert. It was a great experience for everyone (even teachers!). The students loved the song choices (but most did not like the One Direction song they sang) but all of the other songs were fantastic. Some people in the audience got great prizes. The Year 6 students got to go up on stage and have a dance off and the winner was Casey Woods with his great air guitar. Congrats Casey!

The other game was a bit like pass the parcel but with musical instruments and when the music stopped the four people holding the instruments went on to the stage and had another dance off and Alexis Thomas won with her great country style. Go Alexis. The rest of the concert involved dance, music and fun. At the end of the concert there was merchandise for sale. Some students had money and bought things but most were complaining, ‘I don’t have any money!’

Overall, it was a great experience for all of all of the students and teachers.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

By Dylan Myers and Kate Jackson

Year 2 go to the zoo

A Very Awesome Trip To Australia Zoo With Year Two by Mitchell Blue

On Friday 26 July, 2013 we went to Australia Zoo on a Glasshouse Coaches bus. We went to learn about the zoo and Australian animals. My favourite animal was a kangaroo. It was heaps cute. The group all got to pat it. I nearly stepped on the kangaroo’s tail! Ahh! Next we went to the Crocoseum and the Croc Show. It was scary! But I wasn’t scared of the super speedy birds. I was amazed at how speedy they were. Wow! I had a great day at the zoo.

Cool Trip To Australia Zoo by Bryce Sambrook

On Friday the 26 July we went to Australia Zoo. All of the three Year 2 classes went with their teachers and some parents. We went to get information on Australian animals. We got there on a Glasshouse Coaches bus. First I saw the crocs at the Crocoseum. One of the zoo staff asked someone in the crowd to feed a little croc. Then we saw a huge croc called Mosman. The zoo keeper fed it. One of them had a piece of meat on a wooden ramp and Mosman had to jump up high. It was really cool! Next we saw the birds. The birds were really cool when they flew very fast. It was really cool. One bird took a \$5 note from a lady then the zoo man made the bird give it back. It was very funny. I liked the small birds when they flew very fast because they looked like a rainbow. I had an exciting day even though it sprinkled a little bit.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Sarah Leary

Found property

Smiggle pencil case and pink reading glasses.

Oz Animal Olympics

There were some enthusiastic young Aussie creatures running around the GCCC grounds recently as the children competed in the Maths investigation-led activity, the Oz Animal Olympics. The children selected their teams, thought up their own cheering chants, designed and created their costumes, voted to select events and collected data after the games, such as graphing results of their favourite event.

In Prep White, the Cockatoos were the winning team, receiving gold in four of the seven events; however each competitor did a great job for their team. Other teams were Frogs, Kangaroos and Possums. Most children selected the Leapfrog Relay as their favourite event, with Cockatoo Swoop a popular second choice.

Frogs' chant:

Froggies go!

Froggies go!

We jump the highest don't you know?

Yo! Yo! Yo!

There was wonderful cooperation and creativity show. Well done!

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Lin Smith

Kookaburras

Some of you saw the photo of the cheeky little kookaburra who thought he was an eagle on our [Facebook page](#).

The students love how tame the kookaburra is and have been very gentle and careful not to scare it away. Here is what Alex Martin from 2W thought about the feathered visitor to the Eagle Centre

Today at school I got to pat a kookaburra at the Eagle Centre. It felt soft and warm and friendly. Mrs Blue took a photo of me and the kookaburra.

It didn't fly off it stayed instead of going. It was colourful and it was beautiful. I liked it.

Alex Martin 2W

Smart Strings Open Rehearsal

A big thank you to all the wonderful guests at our recent Year 3 Smart Strings Open Rehearsal. We hope that this created much discussion at home.

Even though some of the students were very nervous having visitors in the room, they were all very proud to have so many of you there.

Don't forget that there will be another Open Rehearsal on 28/08.

Our Term 4 Concert date will be announced shortly.

Kitchen Garden news

We have had so much exploring the colour green in Kitchen Garden during the last fortnight.

The children took turns naming a green fruit or vegetable and were amazed to learn how many green fruits and vegetables there actually are.

Cooks made green quiche, which was enjoyed by most of the children and is a delicious lunch box alternative. You can find the recipe on the Kitchen Garden website www.gcccitchengarden.com.au.

We mulched the strawberries and the pineapples and made a special stick fence to keep feet from trampling our cucumber seedlings. We have also planted some pumpkin seedlings next to our compost bins.

The children harvested lots of greens for the cooks to use and some kohlrabi and beetroot.

Until next fortnight....happy gardening and enjoy the sunshine!

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Year 3 Mary Cairncross Excursion

Last Thursday as part of our integrated unit "Life in the Rainforest", both Year 3 classes went on an exciting excursion to Mary Cairncross Reserve.

We learnt lots of interesting facts about Mary Caincross and that we could go anytime! It was soooo fun! We learnt to never pick up a round leaf because it could be off a stinging tree and never open the door of a trapdoor spider because it could bite you. (By Ryan Stead 3G)

In the education centre I saw some spiders. It was scary! Then we started talking about snakes. I blocked my ears. I hate snakes. Then we went to look at crayfish holes. Sue (our guide) said that crayfish are endangered. I felt sad. (By Jorja Goddard 3M)

We saw pademelons and trapdoor spider nests, some awesome bracket fungi, the tallest strangler figs in Australia and LOADS OF LAWYER VINES. Lawyer vines are extremely spikey vines. I reckon everyone's favourite things to see were the pademelons. (By Mason White 3G)

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Jane Beadon

Senior School News

Tailoring Senior Education to meet Student Needs

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

According to Premier Campbell Newman, education reforms are among the key outcomes from submissions to The Queensland Plan. Mr Newman said a lot of Queenslanders felt a more personalised approach to education would ensure what students learned in school was relevant to their future. (Sunshine Coast Daily, 16 August)

For the past two weeks, Mrs Joan Ferris and I have met with each Year 10 students and their parents to construct their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan. In this process we investigated various career options that the student wants to explore and the subjects and pathways available to achieve their goals.

So how can GCCC tailor an educational plan for individual students?

We already are. Students in Years 11 and 12 study five elective subjects that include an English and Mathematics subject. The time to complete these five subjects is compacted into four days allowing students to use the fifth day to tailor an education program that meets their personal needs. This includes studying a University subject or two whilst still at school. They also have the option of doing a TAFE Certificate course or a school based traineeship. Next year we will also be offering the subject Agricultural Science on this fifth day where students will have the opportunity to study Science at a local farm.

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with the Year 10 students and I am impressed with their positive attitude towards their studies as a whole. At each meeting I asked the students what they planned to do on the Wednesday. Not one of them saw this as a day to relax. Each saw this as a unique opportunity to investigate their future pathways.

By the end of next month, our Year 12s will have submitted their QTAC applications which list their six preferences for tertiary studies. I recognise that even now some students are still unsure what direction they should take. My message to all students is to place their lives in God's hands. We are reminded in Proverbs 3:6 that if we seek God's will in all we do then He will show us which path to take.

Examination Procedures: Very soon we will be publishing the exam timetable for Years 11 and 12 students. During the exam block, students who have no examination may stay home to study. Please ensure your child is supervised appropriately at this time. We particularly request that students do not linger around town or in shops at this time.

Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Examinations: These are scheduled for 3 and 4 September. Please pray for our Year 12s as they prepare themselves for these examinations.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Parent Info Session: Healthy Relationships. Monday 26 August at 7pm in the GCBC Church.

Healthy Relationships is something we all would like our children to have especially as they grow up and become independent. This coming week Focus on the Family will be presenting sessions to our year 7 - 12 students on this topic on Tuesday. As a part of this, Monday night is your opportunity to hear first hand some great insights into sharing with your child about this particular topic, how to talk about sex, dealing with pornography. Come along and listen to experts and sound advice on these topics.

GCCC YEAR 12 'REACH OUT' PROJECT

As part of their Religion and Ethics course this year, Year 12 students recently 'reached out' to the wider community. Encouraged to consider the Christian worldview of social justice, the Year 12 students selected a service option assisting: Meals on Wheels organisations in Caboolture and Caloundra, the Caboolture Community Action Group, Glasshouse Country Care, Seasons Aged Care Caloundra and the St Vincent de Paul Society's Homelessness Support Program based in Nambour.

Assistance for the St Vincent de Paul Society focussed upon putting together 'care packs' of toiletry items. Students from across the College donated items throughout the term and these were carefully packaged into 'goody bags' by a group of Year 12 students on their last day of term. In July, St Vinnie's representatives, Narelle Ziganbine [Homelessness Support Worker] and Annette Baker [North Diocesan President] attended a Senior Assembly to be presented with an amazing total of 53 'care packs'. Ms Ziganbine spoke highly of the students' involvement in the project. "It's clear from the thought and effort that has gone into the contents of each care pack that the students understand the Christian message of caring for those who are less fortunate than themselves. It's heartening to see young people so generous of spirit venturing out into the world."

GCCC Principal, Mike Curtis, also reflected this view stating, "Our College is more than proud of the service work carried out by our Year 12 students."

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Jo Winlaw, Year 12 Coordinator

Two GCCC teams cook up a couple of merits

On Saturday 3 August Taylah Holt, Vanita Mens, Taylor Olsen and Savannah Dawson competed in the Australian Culinary Federation Culinary Challenge.

The teams had the challenge of cooking a dish using a chicken Maryland and they did a terrific job. The girls came away from the competition with two well-earned merit certificates.

[Photo of the merit certificates is on the GCCC website.](#)

Future Pathways

Things to watch out for in coming weeks!

Term 3 is rushing past and is very busy in Future Pathways especially for our students in Year 10 and Year 12. Here are some things to watch out for.

Aviation Australia Careers Expo

To be held at the Brisbane International Airport, Saturday 24 August 10 am – 4pm

Go to <http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo/> for all the information about this event

Headstart Program Information Evening

Information about Headstart at USC in 2014 Wednesday 4 September

6 – 7.30pm in Lecture Theatre 7, Building C, University of the Sunshine Coast

Go to <http://www.usc.edu.au/study/courses-and-programs/headstart-program-year-11-and-12-students> for more information

Aviation Industry Careers Information Day on the Sunshine Coast

Making the Connection – Aviation Sponsored by Sunshine Coast Regional Council at the Airport Precinct.

Tuesday 10 September. Students who are interested in going along please contact Mrs Ferris.

Parent Info Evening – QUT Caboolture

On Tuesday 11 September 6 – 7.30pm QUT will be hosting a Parent Information Evening for parents of current senior high-school students. The event will focus on general information to assist parents in helping and guiding their son or daughter as they make decisions about their post-school options.

Closing Dates for Applications.

- Year 12s need to get their QTAC applications in by 27 September and preferably earlier than that to ensure electronic payments go through successfully and the application is safely received as difficulties can happen with the QTAC site close to the final closing date.
- Year 12s and parents seeking advice about QTAC applications can make an appointment to see Mr Paul Nash, visiting Guidance Officer, on Mondays or Wednesdays for the rest of this term. Please call the office or speak to Mr Nash for an appointment
- Year 10s wishing to study BNIT TAFE courses next year in Year 11 please attend the Information Session at TAFE and then give your application to Mrs Ferris by 13/9/13 for processing and forwarding on to TAFE.

- Students wishing to attend the Trade Training Centre in Caloundra next year the Information Evening is on September 4 and applications also due this term. Please give to Mrs Ferris by 13/9/13 for processing and forwarding on to the Trade Training Centre.
- Skills Tech at Brackenridge has their new program out now for 2014 and students need to let Mrs Ferris know soon if they wish to nominate for a course there.
- Headstart applications for next year close in October. Students will need to check the course timetable on the USC site over the school holidays and complete an application form to give to Mrs Ferris early in Term 4.

Early Achievers Program at Australian Catholic University for Year 12 students

ACU recognises that students have more to offer than their academic results. The ACU Early Achievers' Program (EAP) considers the contribution students have made to their community through school or workplace, local community organisation, culture, sport and/ or a religious group. The Early Achievers' Program is NOW OPEN with applications closing on the 21 October. Students can register online at www.acu.edu.au/eap.

Students are encouraged to apply for this program if they meet the eligibility criteria. One of the biggest benefits of the program is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Andrea Little in Year 10. Andy recently competed in the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod and won Bronze Medals in her age group for Woodwind (Flute) and also in the Brass and Woodwind Championship. Well done Andy!

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator

Library News

The Reading Hour

The Reading Hour is being celebrated across Australia from 5pm-6pm on Saturday 24 August as part of the National Year of Reading. All College families are encouraged to get involved, particularly those with younger children. The event aims to promote reading at home, by encouraging parents/caregivers to share a book with their child for 10 minutes a day or an hour a week. Regularly reading with your child will give them the best chance of becoming a good reader. Encouraging older students to enjoy reading, as a break from their studies, is a wonderful way to continue to develop their literacy skills, which flows into all areas of their studies. What a great opportunity this week, following our Book Week/Book Fair celebrations, to remember how much joy reading can bring and what a valuable learning experience it is. More details about the Reading Hour can be found at <http://www.thereadinghour.org.au>

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

MS Readathon and Premier's Reading Challenge finishing soon

The reading period for the MS Readathon finishes on August 31.

The reading period for the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 6 September. Please ensure all Reading Record Forms are signed by class teachers and then returned to the library. Extra Reading Records are available in the library if the original has been misplaced. Certificates will be given out in Term 4 to students who have returned their Reading Record Form.

Book Fair Fun

Thank you to the many families that visited and supported our 2013 Book Fair. The students had a fabulous week visiting the Book Fair and were eager to purchase items. They also had the opportunity to participate in a huge range of Book Week activities that celebrated the "Read Across the Universe" theme. The Teacher Picks were popular as families bought books handpicked by teachers to donate to the library. The table of \$2 treasures was a new addition to the Book Fair and was a great success. Special thanks to the amazing library team and the following parents that helped make the Book Fair such a success; Mandy Kirk, Leah Roulston, Debra James, Annoeska Korczynski, Keesha Tait, Britt Holley, Denise Giles and Kelly Yeo.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Congratulations Andrea Little

Andrea Little took out a slew of places and prizes at a recent music competition.

Flute eisteddfod

3rd 14 years Woodwind Solo

3rd with a \$20 prize-14 years and under Brass and Woodwind Solo Championship

Singing eisteddfod

2nd 14 years Age Set Piece: A Change In Me from Beauty and the Beast

1st 14 and 15 years Sacred and Gospel: Not a Sparrow Falleth

1st 14 years Music Theatre: Without You from My Fair Lady

2nd 14 years Contemporary: Hey Soul Sister

2nd with a \$40 prize-14 years and under Championship: The Black Swan from Menotti's "Medium" and The Fly.

There was also a bonus prize of \$100 from the Music Teachers Association Queensland Bursary, for the 14 and 15 years, for those who placed in the Age Set Piece, Sacred and Gospel and Music Theatre. Andrea Little was fortunate enough to get the prize. She was extremely excited about getting it even though she didn't know the prize existed until just before she went to do her Championship Piece.

[Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Junior Athletics Carnival a Heap of Fun!

The atmosphere was buzzing as the Prep to eight year olds flooded onto the oval for their annual Junior Athletics day. The tents were covered in streamers and banners with sharks and crocodiles dominating the scene, with a few tigers prowling!

The day got off to a roaring start with the war cry competition which shook Beerwah I am sure! They were well rehearsed and full of enthusiasm and even a little bit scary!

The children all ran two races with everyone winning a ribbon for their fantastic efforts. Some races were very close, showing the great talent amongst these students. Others just ran for fun and also did a great job.

The always popular Tug O' War was hotly contested between students and parents with wins going both ways. Mrs Bryers was even seen giving a helping pull to one of the teams. Everyone jumped in the long jump and the Yr 2s and 3s also tried their hand at high jump.

Some welcome lunch was cooked and distributed by the fantastic P and F group who worked on the barbecues all morning to have them ready for us. After lunch it was back into action for the tabloid events. The children ran over obstacles, threw balls into swinging buckets on elastic and threw chickens. They jumped on moon hoppers, dug for treasure, squeezed through tunnels and filled a leaky bin to overflowing with the help of a willing volunteer who plunged into the cold water to make it overflow quicker. The day was really hot but it was great to cool down at the Overflow activity as everyone ended up wet (even most of the parents). Points were scored for team support and to the winning team in some events.

After tallying all the points Sinai came out as champions by only seven points from Zion and Ararat. What a close event once again.

Everyone was so impressed by the enthusiasm and participation of all the students. Their faces were red and glowing but they still competed with a huge smile and were delighted with the ribbons they won and the fun they had had. A huge thank you goes out to all the wonderful parents who so willingly helped with teams and at activities. You do help to make the run so much more smoothly and your children love your support for them.

[Photo gallery on GCCC website.](#)

Wendy Stott

Laura and Cassidy District Age Champions

Cassidy Ferris and Laura Vobr showed their class on the track and in the field at the Glasshouse District Primary Schools Athletics Championships becoming nine and ten year District Age Champions respectively. GCCC took a team of 59 of our best Primary athletes who competed with determination and pride over two days of competition. The team gained twelve top three placings but unfortunately several students placed in the most frustrating spot, 4th, just missing out on points and selection for the Regional team. GCCC ended the competition in fifth overall behind Glass House Mountains State School who won the title for the first time in many years.

Nine year old Cassidy Ferris sped away from the opposition in the 200m event and then followed that up with convincing wins in her heat and final of the 80m sprint. Cassidy anchored the nine year girls' shuttle relay team who ran hard and finished second by a very small margin.

Laura Vobr showed superior technique in both the 10 year girls discus and shot put events putting almost two metres further than her nearest rival and also convincingly winning the discus. She looks forward to competing at the Regional Championships with an opportunity to improve her personal best distances.

Noah Woolston and Damian Tomokino both showed their strength to beat everyone in their respective shot put and discus events. Both boys are now training hard before the next competition. Amity Roser and Bradyn Bell also ran well in their 200m races finishing second and qualifying for the Regional competition.

The eleven year old girls' relay team combined well with smooth baton changes to win their relay event. Jaylah Daunt anchored the team really well despite recovering from a recent injury. Sophie Trevan, Amber Weatherburn and Maya Amendolia established a great position throughout the race.

There were some really tight competitions especially in the high jump and long jump events with several team members finishing in third and fourth position. It was great to see students supporting fellow competitors whilst not competing themselves. The support from parents was fantastic and everyone had a great two days of competition.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Wendy Stott

FREE GLASSHOUSE REGION 'COME AND TRY' SUMMER SPORTS EXPO

Pre-register to score your free sports show bag on arrival. Free fruit and giveaways. Sunshine Coast Council in partnership with the Australian Sports Commission-Active After-school Communities program and Queensland Government's Sport and Recreation Services invites all primary school aged children and their families to join in :

Where: Landsborough Sports Complex, 15 Tunnel Ridge Road, Landsborough **When:** Wednesday 28 August 2013

Program:
3.00pm : Arrival and Registration
3.20pm : Children will be split into their age groups
3.30pm : Rotations start – 20 minutes at each sport
5.30pm : Final rotation of sports including flexi session

SPORT	CLUB
SOFTBALL	SUNCOAST –HINTERLAND SOFTBALL ASSOC.
LITTLE ATHLETICS	GLASSHOUSE LITTLE ATHLETICS
CRICKET	LANDSBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB
TRIATHLON	NGUNGUN TRI CLUB
HOCKEY	SUNSHINE COAST HOCKEY CLUB
TABLE TENNIS	SUNSHINE COAST TABLE TENNIS CLUB
CAR CLUB	SUNSHINE COAST RADIO REMOTE CAR CLUB (DISPLAY)
BMX	SUNCOAST-HINTERLAND BMX CLUB (DISPLAY)
NAVY CADETS	TS CENTAUR NAVY CADETS MALENY (DISPLAY)

All local primary school-aged children are welcome to attend the free event and will also receive afternoon fruit and there will be plenty of giveaways on offer. As a bonus, local clubs will be on hand to take registrations for the summer season, meet the coaches and importantly provide an opportunity for children to have fun 'test driving' the range of sports on offer. Registrations can be done online and should only take a minute (see below) or email to : Alinda.Bryant@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au or call 54495104 or text 0419 563 839 with your child's name, age and school by Monday 26 August 2013.

Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and runners/sport shoes and water bottles REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT : <http://community.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/event/glasshouse-region-come-and-try-summer-sports-expo> to get your free sports show bag on arrival.

Mountain Bike Orienteering: on a bike, in the forest, with a map .

For friends, families or hardcore athletes! Sat 7th and/or Sun 8th September.

Beerwah State Forest. Recreational course \$15 per person.

You need a bike and a helmet. Registration and more info at: www.sunshineorienteers.com.au/events

Proud Parent Pam

Pam Gosbell-Smith (TA) loves Sports and is currently studying Education with Sports and Science at university so you can imagine how proud she was when her youngest son Hunter and daughter Indiana (3G) did well in the Queensland state competition for aerobic gymnastics over the weekend.

Hunter received a gold medal for his pairs routine and a bronze for his individual. He competes in level 2, mini division.

Indiana received a gold medal for her team and placed 7th in her individual, competing in level 3, sub-junior division. Indy also received a silver with her Aerodance team, junior division. From Indy's outstanding marks in her level 3 sub-junior individual and team she has been asked to join the Queensland state team to compete in Nationals this September.

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

P and F News

Fathers Day Stall: Just a reminder that next week we will be holding the Fathers' Day stall. Keep an eye out for information coming home and please make sure your little ones are prepared for this event. They love choosing something for Dad and/or Grandad, but it makes it really tough if they have forgotten their money!

Chocolate Fundraiser Winners: Congratulations to Tracey Grigor and Tracey Stevens, who shared the most boxes sold prize! Thanks for supporting us ladies. We are awaiting on the gift cards to arrive and as soon as they do, we will draw the winners for that prize too. Stay tuned.

From me to You Ladies Night: Tickets for this event will be able to be purchased at the office from September. Tickets can be \$15 pre-purchased and \$20 on the night. This will be an awesome night. We are still looking for more stall holders, so if you know someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact us at pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au. Here is a message from Nic Bradley, one of the participants in the walk to end Cancer.

Blessings, Alaina Westaway

According to the (AIHW), Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, an estimated 124,910 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Australia this year, with that number set to rise to 150,000 by 2020.

One in two Australian men and one in three Australian women will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85.

Cancer is a leading cause of death in Australia – more than 43,700 people are estimated to have died from cancer in 2011.

In 1971 President Nixon signed the National Cancer Act, this is generally known as the beginning of the 'war on cancer'. A war which we are still in the trenches for. This war has seen billions of dollars worldwide funnelled into cancer research; it has seen fundraising from all walks of life. Australians like a good fight and they like a good cause.. Telethons, shaving heads, wearing pink, drinking pink labelled water, growing a mo, running a marathon, wearing a bandana and my favourite, buying daffodils.

Billions of dollars have gone into cancer research and we now have better treatments, better diagnostics, and better public awareness. The survival rate for many common cancers has increased by 30% in the past two decades. More than 60% of people with cancer will now survive at least five years after diagnoses. Cancer research works. We now know that one third of all cancers can be prevented through a healthy lifestyle.

Cancer is expensive, according to the AIHW, cancer costs more than \$3.8 billion in direct health systems costs. In the last federal budget the government have promised \$226 million to cancer research, including \$55.7 for breast cancer screening, \$18.5 million for prostate cancer research and \$23.8 million for bone marrow transplants, although this is a lot of money, it is not enough.

The Queensland Institute of Medical Research applies each year for grants to get funding, they also rely heavily on fundraising. According to their website "Over the past 10 years, QIMR researchers have received almost \$177 million which equates to 3.9% of a total funding pool of \$4.5 billion."

Starting this year, the P and F will host an annual pamper night to raise funds for cancer research. We are calling it the 'from me to you night'. This year the funds will sponsor myself and five other GCCC mums who are participating in what is known as the walk to end women's cancer. All proceeds from the walk go to the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. If you can, please come along and support the night, you can also make a donation to the walking team of 'making strides' by going here http://br13.endcancer.org.au/site/TR/Events/Brisbane2013?team_id=1449&pg=team&fr_id=1050

You can also donate directly to the QIMR by going here <https://www.qimr.edu.au/page/Donate/Donations/> Or on October 11 you could come to the college and have a fantastic time whilst helping cancer research. Somewhere in Australia today a young researcher has an idea that will one day lead to a cure for cancer. Lets ensure they have somewhere to go with that idea.

Thanks for reading, **Nic Bradley** (photo on GCCC website)

Invitation to free concert, coffee and cake on Saturday 7th September 3pm

This free concert will be a musical stir fry of jazz, blues, brass, folk, rock and more. Music will be performed by Spilt Milk and in celebration of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church's 100 years young celebration. *Everyone is welcome.*

Venue: Glasshouse Country Baptist Church, 58 Roberts Road, Beerwah

For more information: email admin@gcbcq.org or ring Chris on 0400 175 601.

[Flyer is on the GCCC website.](#)

BEERWAH CHARITY SPORTS & SPRING CARNIVAL

The Beerwah Charity Sports & Spring Carnival in aid of Cancer Council Queensland will be held on Saturday 24 August 2013 at the Beerwah Sports Ground, all day from 8.30am, admission \$2.00.

The Charity Sports has something for everyone, with lots of activities for children. This year the colouring competition entry form is available from the Beerwah Library or the Glasshouse Country news website, and completed forms should be returned to the library or GCN office by Wednesday 21 August. Winners will be announced on the day.

Cancer Council mascot Sid the Seagull will arrive about 10.00am with free sample bags for the first 100 children. The horse events include a junior ring program, special classes for under 8s, and the popular fancy dress class for children under 14 and their horses. Also on the program: Australia Zoo Croc Cruiser, novelty athletics, pet parade, animal nursery, clown and puppets, rides and face painting.

Other highlights include: Scarecrow Competition winners on display, Strong Man demonstration, Light Horse display, Show & Shine, street entertainment, alpacas, dog ute jumping competition, broom throwing and egg throwing, vintage vehicles, Coastal Village Market stalls, photography competition, Super Strawberry winner announced, fashion parade and music.

Contributions of home cooking, plants or produce for the stalls are always welcome. If you would like to help on the day, or have a stall or display of your own, please contact Bruce Page (5494 9557). Come along for a great family day out, and help raise funds for cancer research.

Please click [here](#) to see the poster.

Sunshine Coast Aquatic Participation Fun Day for children with special needs.

Venue: Kawana Aquatic Centre, 45 Sportsman Parade, Bokarina

Date and time: Friday 23 August from 10am to 1pm.

To register and for more details please click [here](#).

Pause and Ponder

In the book *Through the Valley of the Kwai*, Scottish officer Ernest Gordon wrote of his terrible suffering in the prisoner of war camp. The squalor of the prison hospital was so bad that Ernest requested to be moved to a cleaner place - the morgue. Lying in the dirt of the death house, Ernest waited to die. But every day a quiet and unassuming man called Dusty Miller washed Ernest's wounds, shared his rations with him and talked to the agnostic Ernest about what God has promised and that even in the midst of suffering, there is hope.

The hope we read about in Scripture is not vague, wishy-washy optimism. Instead, biblical hope is a strong and confident expectation that what God has promised in His Word He will accomplish. Suffering is often the catalyst that produces perseverance, character and finally, hope (Romans 5:3-4).

Seventy-one years ago, in a brutal POW camp, Ernest Gordon learned this truth himself and said, "Faith thrives when there is no hope but God (see Romans 8:24-25).

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