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'Growing in faith and knowledge'

newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Mon 7	Labour Day public holiday
Tue 8	First Day Term 4
Fri 11	Volunteers' Lunch 12.30-3pm
Thur 17	9am New to MS in 2014 Info session
Mon 21	Pupil Free Day (Verification Day)
Wed 23	6.30pm Sports Awards Evening

NOVEMBER

Tue 5	6.30pm Middle & Senior School Awards
Wed 6-Fri 8	Year 5 Currimundi Camp
Thur 7-Tue 12	Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
Thur 14	Year 12 Formal
Fri 15	Year 12 Graduation and Clap Out
Thur 21	Immunisations
Fri 22	Last day for Year 11
Fri 29	Last day Year 10
Fri 29	Year 10 Dinner Dance

DECEMBER

Mon 2	Orientation Day
Mon 2	6.30pm Prep - Yr 2 Carols by Candlelight
Tue 3	Year 3-6 Presentation Night
Thur 5	Last day Term 4
Fri 6	Pupil Free Day

School Fee Schedule for 2014

The [College Fee Schedule for 2014](#) is now available for download on our website or you can come into the office to collect one.

I want to thank you for the way you have responded to our requests to pay school fees through the Ezy Pay system this year. We hope you have found this a convenient method for paying your school fees. This has worked well and has meant that fees have been paid on time and right when we have expected them. This has meant that our budgetary and cash flow predictions have been very accurate.

Although it is probably not a popular subject it is important to reflect briefly on why school fees are necessary.

As a school we rely on a mix of Federal and State Government funding (68%) and fee income (32%) to support our staff wages, equipment purchases, buildings, cleaning, furniture and the incidental costs that allow a school to run. This mix is determined by the Federal and State Government on a needs based system. We manage the College frugally while keeping the standard of the facilities and education high. Our school fees are among the lowest of any independent school on the Sunshine Coast.

What about Gonski?

No doubt you have heard all about the Gonski reforms and the "rivers" of extra money supposedly flowing to independent, Catholic and public schools. We also know that the Coalition government has also committed to these reforms. The facts are however that A) much of the money according to the Gonski plan will be allocated in 2018/2019. B) The Coalition has only committed to the new funding model across the forward estimates, that is, until 2017. Up until that time the promised funding is modest and largely in line with our annual funding increases as indexed by the government.

Next year we have made some modifications to our fee structure from previous years, all of which will make our fee schedule simpler, fairer and

more transparent. These changes are summarised as follows:

1. The establishment of a Resource Levy

From 2014 the Year 7-12 subject levies that have previously been charged as term amounts, have now been bundled into a common Resource Levy. On average, this could have cost parents anything up to 700 dollars per year, depending on the subjects the child was doing for the year.

Items that will be included in the Resource Levy are:

- All subject levies (applies to Years 7-12)
- Sports levies

- Student ID card
- Locker hire
- College Yearbook
- Costs associated with curricular and co-curricular activities for Primary such as instrumental programs, swimming program, etc.
- The Year 7 Canberra Trip

It is also important to note that the College has for some years included excursion and camp costs, the provision of laptops, the loan of student textbooks and many other items as part of our tuition fees (i.e. they are not charged in addition to the stated fees). This is not necessarily true of other Independent Schools.

The exceptions to bundling (i.e. those items that will continue to be charged separately) include, but are not limited to the following:

- Booklist Items
- Formal costs
- The purchase of clothing from the Uniform Shop
- Costs associated with late or non-return of textbooks/library books
- College bus fares

The reasons that the College has opted to pursue the bundling of its school fees are as follows:

- Transparency and costs known up front.
There will be no surprises with respect to your child's education. For the majority of our parents who are subscribed to Ezy pay, it is easier for you to estimate your total fees payable for the year in advance
- Ease and Efficiency of Administration.
Bundled fees require far less administration and data entry saving the school substantial labour, thereby keeping cost pressures and fees down.

2. A more generous Sibling Structure

The burden of paying school fees falls most heavily upon those families with multiple children at school. We have made our sibling structure more generous in the following way:

Child	2013 Tuition Fee Discount	2014 Tuition Fee Discount
1st child	Nil	Nil
2nd child	10%	10%
3rd child	20%	30%
4th child	40%	100%
5th and subsequent children	80%	100%

For the first time in 2014, we have extended the applicability of sibling discounts to children being enrolled in the College's Prep program.

3. Abolition of Voluntary Building and Library Fund Donations on the Fee Schedule

The Building Fund and Library Fund donations were originally introduced to the College's Fee Schedule in lieu of a fee increase in 2007. The motive behind this strategy was that the necessary fee increase could be realised but there would be a 'discount' provided to our parents in the form of a tax deduction. This strategy was perfectly appropriate as long as:

- The tax laws would allow it.
- Parents would continue to make these voluntary contributions.

This was a common strategy employed by schools at that time.

Since that time however, the Australian Tax Office has changed the rules governing the deductibility of contributions to these funds and the way that they are required to appear on the College's fee statements. Concurrently with this development, the number of families contributing to these voluntary funds has been diminishing. The College depends upon these funds for the continual establishment and upgrading of our buildings and campus, so as a consequence, we have removed the voluntary donations from our fee statements and have replaced it with a compulsory capital payment (which, unfortunately, will not be tax deductible). Whilst this is not ideal, it also means the burden of capital development will fall equally upon all families of the College whose children benefit from our facilities.

If you are in a position to give I would encourage you to continue donating money to the tax deductible Building and/or Library Funds as these discretionary contributions enable the College to accelerate much needed building works and acquire library

assets that would otherwise not be provided for as part of the College's annual budget. Please contact our Business Manager, Mr John Dohler, on 5439 0033 for more information on how to make a donation.

4. Utilisation of Annual Billing and the Ezypay Direct Debit System

As in 2013, we shall continue to employ Annual Billing for 2014 fees, i.e. all of the fees for the year will be invoiced to parents in January with statements issued at the commencement of each term. This will make it easy for parents to calculate the necessary Ezypay payments to extinguish their balance by the end of the year. Parents are reminded that utilisation of our Ezypay system is a condition of their childrens' continued enrolment at the College and that payment by other methods may only be made in the rarest and most exceptional of circumstances.

5. Discount on annual payments

A 5% discount will be applied on all annual fee invoices paid in a lump sum by 7 February 2014.

6. Environmental Levy

As you will have noticed, the College's communications have become increasingly electronic in nature and this has had numerous well-documented benefits. This is why it is the preferred method of corporate communication across the world and why paper based communication is in decline. Paper is relatively environmentally problematic, expensive and requires more intensive administration.

However, we also appreciate that paper communication may be preferred over electronic (emails, etc.) for a number of reasons. Therefore, next year we will have to charge an Environmental Levy of 100 dollars per family per year for those who specifically request (in writing) paper copies of all communications. These families will still receive emails and can switch to electronic communications at any time. If a switch back is made to electronic communications, the Environmental Levy will be refunded on a pro rata basis.

After these structural changes have been accounted for, the real terms fee increases for next year are year level specific and range from 0.3% for Year 3 to 6.7% for Year 12. Please note that these calculations are accurate for families who have been contributing to the Building and Library funds as they previously stood. To find out what the fee changes mean for your child's specific year level, please consult the [2014 Fee Schedule](#) on the GCCC website (under Enrolment).

If you have any questions about any of these changes, I would encourage you to phone or email our Business Manager, John Dohler.

Volunteers' lunch

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our wonderful volunteers to attend the Volunteers' Lunch on Friday 11 October. The lunch is being held at the Beerwah Community Hall from 12 to 2pm and will be catered by our talented Hospitality students.

There is a very true quote: 'Volunteers don't get paid because they are priceless.' There is no way we can ever repay our volunteers for their tireless work so we would like to use this event to say thank you.

Please RSVP to College Admin before Friday 4 October and let them know if you have any dietary requirements.

Holidays

It's been a busy term with the Athletic Carnivals, Shine on Arts Evening QCS tests and exam blocks and I want to thank you for supporting the College and your children through this term.

Term 4 is always the busiest but it is also the most exciting. We see our Year 6 students graduate to Middle School, Year 9 to Senior School and Year 12 graduate to follow their chosen career paths.

We have our combined Middle and Senior School Awards Night on Tuesday 5 November at the **Events Centre in Caloundra**, the Prep to Year 2 Carols by Candlelight here at the College on Monday 2 December and the Year 3-6 Presentation Night in the church on Tuesday 3 December.

I am looking forward to seeing you at these upcoming events as we celebrate the achievements and milestones of our students.

Mike Curtis, Principal

House Shirt Design Competition for students

In 2014 we are re-designing the House Shirt to be a polo shirt that will be more comfortable to wear for sporting events and will look a lot better than our current T shirt. I would also like to make this shirt a statement of house pride. This is where I want the graphic arts skills and imagination of students to come into play.

I am running a competition to design the logos that will become the front of the new house shirt for Ararat, Sinai and Zion which also incorporates the mascots of the Shark, Tiger and Crocodile respectively. Students will have the honour of designing something that will be the beginning of a proud tradition. The winning entry for each house will be used by the College and the designer will receive 100 dollars.

Rules:

1. All entries must be received by Friday 18 October.
2. Entries may be on an A4 sheet of paper or may be electronic. Please do all the artwork in black on white paper. The final design will be screen printed white on the background colour of blue, red or green as appropriate.
3. All entries must contain the elements of the animal mascot and the name of the house.
4. All entries must be the contestants' own work and must be by a student of the College.
5. The judge's decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.
6. Payment will be made to the contestant upon agreement that the design will be used as the logo for the next house shirt.
7. Entries are to be submitted to The Principal and handed in to Primary or Secondary Admin by the end of second week of Term 4 (i.e. before Friday 18 October 4pm).

Remember to encourage your child to be inspirational. This is their chance to make a lasting impression on GCCC for generations to come!

Mike Curtis, Principal

Uniform Shop

Term 4 - For back to school uniform fittings, please book fitting times with office.

January - Back to school sales - new uniforms Monday 20 to Friday 24 January.

As first day of school 2014 is a Tuesday - uniform shop will be open briefly for emergencies only (no fittings) etc.

Kylie Woodhead, Uniform Shop Convenor

Withdrawal of students

The Registrar's Office would like to remind all parents about the terms and conditions concerning the withdrawal of students. If students are leaving at the end of a school term, parents must give a term's written notice to the Principal. Unfortunately, failure to provide this notice may result in financial penalties. If the student wishes to re-join GCCC in the future, please include in the letter of withdrawal, a request to place the student's name back in the waiting pool.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 5439 0033.

Odette Perkins, Registrar

Maleny Bus Run

The College has recently begun a new bus run to Maleny and there are a couple of vacancies on this route.

The bus departs from Maleny Library at 7:40am and arrives at the College at 8:20pm in the morning.

In the afternoon, the bus leaves the College at 3.05pm, travels via Landsborough Maleny Road back to the Maleny Library. Stops along this route are negotiable provided they are safe.

The cost is \$15 per family per week to be reviewed for the 2014 school year.

Found Property

If your child has reported any of the following items missing, can you please contact Student Reception in the Primary Admin building:

- blue cooler bag full of gluten free food - loaf of gluten free bread, gluten free pancake mix, ginger nut biscuits, pasta, bread mix etc
- purple watch
- two necklaces, one with the word "love" on it
- DS game card
- XBOX live gold membership card
- torch in case
- tiny silver locket

Why are we teaching French?

As a French teacher I thought I would mention some of the reasons why we teach French at GCCC and why it is an important part of the curriculum.

It is a fact that Australia is a multicultural country with a rich diversity of people and languages. Our Aboriginal community alone boasts of hundreds of rich and sophisticated languages unique to specific communities and clan groups.

As LOTE teachers (languages other than English teachers) at GCCC, we inform students of the richness of their own English language alongside learning French as a second language. We seek to foster an appreciation of our Australian language and culture alongside other languages and cultures.

At GCCC, our goal is to prepare our students to meet and value the rich diversity of our multicultural society. There are many reasons why we teach French and the slide share link below shows compelling facts and the many benefits for our students.

[Reasons to Study French](#)

Nadine Hammill

Primary News

Bayley O'Brien wins Second Place in the Pilot Pen Creative National Writing Scholarship Competition.

In Term 3, during the run up to Book Week and as part of a writing extension, students in Year 5 and 6 who have a passion and talent in story writing participated in the National Pilot Pen Creative Writing Scholarship Competition. The focus was on short story writing with the story length being between 250 to 350 words. The starting line for every story was, "The last thing I expected to see when I woke up was...". Students worked with Mrs. Mitchell in the planning, editing and publishing of their stories. Each story had to be hand written and penmanship was also considered.

The competition was judged by renowned children's author, Andy Griffiths and Sonja Walker, director of Kid's First Children's Services.

Bayley O'Brien in Year 5 won Queensland Second Prize out of 3800 entries.

The story explores the 3D reality world of video games and ends with a strong message for all students on how important it is to be careful and to choose the games that you play wisely.

Mr Griffiths said that they chose Bayley's story because it showed a lot of imagination and a clear plot. He said, "It was a great story that keeps the reader's interest from beginning to end.

As a Second Place winner, Bayley won \$500, a \$100 Pilot pen pack and a signed Andy Griffiths book pack worth \$100.

Bayley's story can be viewed on the [GCCC website](#) and <http://pilotpenaustralia.com.au/pilot-scholarship-winners-ql-nt>.

Gail Mitchell, Assistant Head of Primary

Kitchen Garden News

Our 'Eat a Rainbow' theme concluded this fortnight with the last stripe of white, brown and tan fruits and vegetables being munched through. We made some delicious potato rostitis with sautéed mushrooms and garlic and we learnt that garlic and onions are nature's 'antibiotics' fighting germs and keeping our mucus healthy.

We spread lots of smelly Organic X-tra fertilizer around the garden beds. Hopefully the smell will be gone in time for the beginning of Term 4. We also caught up on some general maintenance jobs in the garden.

Lots of broad beans were harvested and some enormous heads of lettuce.

Year 3 classes joined us on Thursday for their once a term lesson in KG. They have been learning about healthy eating in class so we made some healthy green quiche using lots of greens from the garden and a super tasty crunchy salad using what was on hand. Desert was a fruity smash up (yes, we did invent that one!) served with yoghurt and toasted coconut.

I wish you and your families a happy and restful break and look forward to seeing you back in the garden in Term 4.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Middle School News

Recent pedagogical thinking has expanded to an understanding and acceptance that “intelligence” can encompass more than literacy and numeracy. Gardner (a well respected educationalist) proposed a multiple intelligence theory based on an understanding of a wider range of gifts and skills.

Your child’s performance in the big wide world will be based on a far greater range of skills, gifts, talents and abilities than test results depict. Perhaps most importantly their moral character will determine how they proceed in life.

In the Bible there is a story of a great threat to the people of Israel from a neighbouring enemy who were known as the Midianites. A man called Gideon was asked by God to raise up an army to fight them. He said, “Yes God I’ll help Israel to fight the Philistines.” (With great fear and trepidation but that’s another story). And then God asked him to go and find men willing to fight. Gideon asked around the land and a great number turned up. God then said he only wanted a few men and that the amount of men who had turned up was too many. In the end, God helped Gideon whittle down the numbers based on how they drank water from a stream!

This story is really about how God used a strange method to sort out those best suited for fighting. I say strange because he wanted the Israelites to know that no matter what, the battle would be won not based on their fighting skills but because God was with them.

Our focus at GCCC, like most schools, is on many more things than literacy and numeracy. While literacy and numeracy are of high importance, we encourage students to seek God’s will for their lives and to be obedient to that. We want them to know that God is with them.

When we are walking in God’s path, the important things are still important (like literacy and numeracy), but really ... there is so much more that counts.

On that note, have you...

- Read about the recent success of our great Cheer Squad?
- Asked your Year 9 child about what they did for their ‘PROJECT’? Or, ‘How they found having a mentor this year’?
- Heard that Year 8 is going on a ‘WALK TO WATER’ to raise funds for water wells for Nigerian villages?
- Booked into your diary the MIDDLE AND SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT ON 5 NOVEMBER AT THE CALOUDRA EVENTS CENTRE – 6.30PM?
- Discovered how much fun your Middle School child had at the Messy Games on Wednesday?
- Continued the Student Led Conference conversation about how your child is going with the goals and plans they set together with you?

iPad changes. Starting with Year 7, we will be implementing a system where students will only be able to have approved apps on their iPad. This is a significant change to our original stand however, we are trialling this based on feedback from parents and staff around issues related to incorrect use. More information will be given as we roll out this new program.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Year 7 Art

Please click [here](#) to view a lovely photo gallery of our very talented Year 7 Visual Art students.

Patrice Cutlack

Awards Night - 5 November 2013

This year we are holding the Awards Night at the Caloundra Events Centre on 5 November starting at 6:30pm. Please put this date in your diary. We are combining the Middle School and the Senior School for this event and it is expected that all students attend this important celebration.

The Academic Awards themselves have changed this year as well. The basic set of awards for the Senior School is:

1. Subject Awards: An award will be presented to the highest achiever in each subject in each year level.
2. Encouragement Awards: Students recognised for their efforts throughout the year.
3. GREAT Awards: Students who best exemplify the College values.
4. The All Rounder Award: The student who demonstrates excellence in Academic, Sporting and /or Cultural Pursuits across 10, 11 and 12
5. Long Tan Award: Awarded to the student who best demonstrates Leadership and Teamwork in Year 10 and 12
6. Dux: Highest all round academic achiever.

There are also a few special awards that will also be presented on the night. Please put this event in your diary and make it a special evening for all.

IT Changes

Next term we are rolling out a student and parent portal that will enable you to get access to individualised information about your child from our College database. This link, named iLearn, allows each child/parent to easily access their personal records including copies of past reports, individualised timetables, College calendars, Merit/Demerit listings, Absentee records etc. This is an exciting use of the technology upgrade the school is going through. More information will be sent out about this at the start of next term.

Finally, I wish you all have a wonderful and restful holiday. Term 4 is especially busy for Senior as we celebrate the graduation of our Year 12s and finalise academic submissions for the awarding of OP scores, and QCE's. It is also a very short term. It is therefore important that our young people return to school enthused for the final term of work.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Chemistry excursion to Coochin Creek and visit to USQ

On Wednesday 14 August, Year 11 Chemistry students undertook their annual trip down to Coochin Creek to analyse the water quality. The students performed various tests to determine quantities such as dissolved oxygen, biological oxygen demand, salinity, pH, conductivity, water hardness and water temperature.

The purpose of the excursion was to collect as much information as possible to determine the present quality of the water in Coochin Creek and to compare this data to data collected by the Caboolture Shire Council back in 1999. The students also collected water samples at different sites along the river which were analysed by the Analytical Chemistry Department at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The University tested our samples for levels of phosphates, nitrates, nitrites, ammonia, thermo-tolerant coliforms and E.Coli. The final component of the Extended Experimental Investigation (EEL) required the students to design experiments to simulate the possible effects if a fertilizer manufacturing plant was allowed to be built on the banks of Coochin Creek. Throughout the EEL students investigated real life issues involving Chemistry. They used their chemistry knowledge and skills to make informed decisions.

Fenton Doolan, Head of Science

Pause and Ponder - Pain No More by Philip Yancey, Our Daily Bread

For a good portion of my life, I complained to God for allowing pain. I could find no way to rationalize a world as painful as this one. As I visited people whose pain far exceeded my own, I was surprised by its effects. Suffering seemed as likely to reinforce faith as to sow doubt.

My anger about pain has melted mostly for one reason: I have come to know God. He has given me joy and love and happiness and goodness. It leaves me with faith in a Person, a faith so solid that no amount of suffering can erode it.

Where is God when it hurts? He has been there from the beginning. He designed a pain system that, in the midst of a fallen world, bears His stamp. He transforms pain, using it to teach and strengthen us if we allow it to turn us toward Him.

He has hurt and bled and cried and suffered. He has dignified for all time those who suffer, by sharing their pain. But one day he will gather the armies of heaven and will unleash them against the enemies of God. The world will see one last terrifying moment of suffering before the full victory is ushered in. Then God will create for us a new, incredible world. And pain will be no more. Revelation 19:11-22:6.

One Small Step for Students One large Step for GCCC

Senior Industrial technology students at GCCC have just launched into their new Engineering and Automotive Studies workshop facility.

This new technical building boasts some of the latest engineering equipment to be found in the industry. It comprises state-of-the-art CNC Plasma, routing and laser cutting technologies, six welding/plasma cutting bays, specialised metal shaping and bending equipment, as well as a vehicle hoist.

This new facility will provide a greater range of industrial experiences for students to design, engineer and fabricate innovative projects using metal, plastic and wood materials.

In addition to investigating the operation of small four-stroke engines and car engines, the vehicle hoist will allow students to better explore car maintenance and servicing.

Our Year 12 have been testing out the new welding bays and CNC equipment for their fabrication projects, while the Year 11 students look forward to using the full range of equipment even more next year.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Brad Hampson, Head of Industrial Technology

Future Pathways

School Education Program Reminder - Tax file numbers for school leavers

We have recently heard from the ATO reminding senior students to apply for Tax File Numbers while still at school. Because the College can certify that a young person is a student at the College this overcomes difficulties around providing proof of identity.

Students leaving early or completing Year 12 may need a TFN for their employment, deferring university fees or applying for Centrelink benefits. It is in the best interests of all students to take advantage of this program now before the student leaves school.

TFN application forms are available through the College TFN Coordinator, Mrs Bronwyn Harrison, in the Administration Office. If you are a senior student, particularly those soon to leave us, you would be well advised to get this done now.

To ensure that students get their TFN before Christmas, completed application forms should be brought into the office early next term as they must be received in the Australian Taxation Office by 22 November 2013.

Ergon Energy Apprenticeships closing this weekend 22/9/13

Ergon Energy Apprenticeships are now being advertised but are CLOSING THIS WEEKEND. They employ in all regional areas of the state. Please go to the link: <http://www.ergon.com.au/jobs--and--careers/apprenticeships>

MEGT Apprenticeship Centre.

Your son or daughter may be able to get a head start on a career even while they are school. A school-based traineeship or apprenticeship could not only provide them with formal entry-level qualifications, the workplace experience could also help them confirm it is the right career. They would be paid for their work, gain (or work towards) a nationally recognised qualification as well as complete their secondary schooling and provide them with valuable workplace experience for their resume.

Employers of School Based Australian Apprentices may also be eligible for up to \$9750 when they take on an Australian Apprentice. To find out more, please don't hesitate to discuss this option with the school careers teacher and Caraline Preston from MEGT Australian Apprenticeships Centre on 0448 725 190.

Congratulations!

At this time of year our students are steadily coming to the end of all sorts of study programs. Our latest achiever is Courtney Haines. Some of you may have seen Courtney working at the Landsborough Pharmacy where she has completed a traineeship and Certificate II in Community Pharmacy. Well done Courtney.

Congratulations also to Aaron Giles. Aaron has been studying at the University of the Sunshine Coast this year and achieved excellent results in first semester. He is following up this semester by undertaking the very difficult subject Human Anatomy, along with Libby Carver who is doing the same subject. Aaron was awarded a Scholarship to continue his studies this semester. Here he is at the University receiving his Scholarship Certificate. [Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Emergency Services Cadets.

The PCYC Emergency Services Cadet program is delivered in partnership with Police Citizens Youth Clubs Queensland (PCYC)

and Queensland Emergency Services. The program is offered to youth between ages of 12 to 17 and operates out of emergency sponsoring facilities. Cadets learn a diverse range of emergency service skills and are encouraged to explore a career pathway in emergency services and volunteering. To find out more about the cadet program contact PCYC emergency Service Cadet Program: 3909-9572.

Scholarships to Support Women

Scholarships of up to \$20000 are being offered to women interested in taking on a new challenge and getting into non-traditional fields of work. The scholarships provide \$5000 per year for the length of eligible courses – up to \$20000 – for study in agriculture and environmental studies, architecture and building, engineering, earth science or information technology. Applications for round two close Friday 11 October. For more information or to apply visit www.supportingwomen.qld.gov.au.

Are you interested in fashion? Sunshine Coast TAFE have fashion short courses on offer for all interest and skill levels.

Sunshine Coast TAFE is currently offering a range of fun fashion short courses now ready for enrolment. The courses are designed to suit individual needs with specific skills learned – of course you could enrol in each one and learn it all!

Introduction to Professional Dressmaking – This course is designed for fashion enthusiasts as an entry level into the fashion industry. You will learn basic pattern alterations and fitting techniques so you can create your own individual garments.

Fashion Swimwear - This course is for budding fashion designers or anyone wanting to advance their sewing skills. Perfect to help you create your own original swimwear or even professional looking dance costumes.

My Mummy Made It - Remember beautiful hand crafted clothing? Sunshine Coast TAFE does too. This course is a great way to learn basic sewing skills to enable you to create children's clothing, either for your kids or as a small business venture.

Personalised Pattern Making - This course will teach you the practical side of the fashion industry. Learn all about pattern blocks and how to create your own. Let your creativity out as you learn to create original garments.

To enrol in any of these course call Sunshine Coast TAFE on 5457 1000 or visit www.sunshinecoast.tafe.qld.gov.au

Happy Holidays!

This has been a very big term for our senior students. Everyone has earned a good break. Happy and safe holiday to all our students and families. See you next term.

From Mrs Simo McMinn and Mrs Joan Ferris.

Gabagaba tribe visits GCCC

The College enjoyed a cross-cultural visit last week from the Island of Papua New Guinea. A team of 11 Papuans from the Gabagaba tribe came to visit for a two-week cultural exchange.

The team was actually the local 'church youth group' from Gabagaba who desired to visit Australia and share with our local churches and schools in particular.

GCCC hosted the team for three days last week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) so that the students could watch the team share about their village, culture and Christian faith.

We were treated to a number of dances and traditional songs from the Gabagaba village. The students were also able to join in on a number of the songs and dances (a number of which they already knew quite well!!)

The team also demonstrated the use of their local instruments and displayed their traditional dance clothes, explaining how the different garments are made of and what materials they use. The younger students in particular were fascinated by the colorful hats, which were made almost entirely of 'bird of paradise' feathers.

We thank the Gabagaba team for visiting the school and sharing their culture with us. It's always wonderful to get a taste of the vibrant lands and cultures living over seas.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Mick Spann, Youth Pastor GCBC

SINGING, DANCING AND PLAYING IN THE COMMUNITY

Some of our Performing Arts students from Music and Dance recently visited two of our local aged care facilities to perform.

On 3 September, residents at Embracia in Glasshouse Country were entertained by our Secondary Band, Vocal Group and Dance Troupe, our Primary Choir, and Little Voices. The performances were greatly appreciated.

Then on 10 September, our second wave of performers from our Primary Band, Primary Dance Troupe, Secondary Vocal Group, and Little Voices entertained all at Glasshouse Country Care. The students were all pleasantly surprised to be given a small treat each from the Centre as a thank you.

Term 4 will see these and more of our Performing Arts groups and ensembles entertain at various assemblies and concerts to showcase all their efforts and commitment.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Library News

Globes for Primary Classrooms

At the end of Term 2 we held Grandparents' Day at the College. We also held the Koorong Book sale as part of the celebrations. The book sale is always a wonderful way to promote Christian literature. This year we sold \$1943 worth of items and were able to raise \$291 in book sale commission. With these funds new globes were purchased for each Primary classroom and some for the library collection. Recently the globes were delivered to classrooms for students to use and enjoy. They will be a great addition to classroom resources and learning programs. Many thanks to the Grandparents and special visitors who supported the book sale.

On Grandparents' Day Mrs Bryers read the story "I Grow in Grandad's Garden" by popular author Brian Andrew. Many visitors commented on how inspirational the book was and asked where they could buy it. We emailed Brian who sent through the following options for purchasing the book. We also have three copies available for borrowing in the library.

1. Go to the www.livehappytogether.com.au website. This is a new site, which incorporates the Grandad's Garden site.
2. Give Brian a call and purchase with credit card on 3342 4317.
3. Some ABC bookshops, Koorong and several smaller bookshops on the Sunshine Coast stock the book as well.
4. You'll also find Grandad's Garden on Youtube at: <http://youtu.be/IXia8WbBE74>

Thousands of copies of Andrew's book have been purchased around Australia and hundreds of feedback stories constantly move and astonish him. Many families are recreating special gardens at home. Parents love it because it helps them grow great kids. Grandparents love it because it helps them get closer to their grandchildren. It helps you discover what makes children happy, sad, afraid and excited. It captures the values of Grandparents and presents them in a natural and contemporary way as readers go on a personal growth journey that's both enlightening and fun.

Book Week/Book Fair

Book Week may be over for another year but we haven't forgotten some of the memorable costumes that were worn or the amazing behavior that was displayed. Here is a list of the winners awarded prizes for their outstanding efforts. This year we added a prize for the best-dressed teacher aides; Mrs Childs and Mrs Blue won with flying colours.

Prep – Year 2

Best-dressed class: Prep W (Mrs Smith)
Best-behaved class: Year 1W (Miss Pollard)
Best-dressed teachers: Mrs Smith
Best-dressed teacher aide: Mrs Childs

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Year 3 – Year 6

Best-dressed class: Year 5G (Mrs Newman)
Best-behaved class: Year 4G (Mr Bowman)
Best-dressed teacher: Mrs O'Donnell
Best-dressed teacher aide: Mrs Blue

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

Book Fair was held during Book Week and was an out of this world experience...seriously! Children entered through a spaceship and were sent into space to Read Across The Universe. Books were placed on moon crater tables and the planets spun around the Primary end of the library. Many thanks to those who ventured into our space themed extravaganza. Your generosity allowed us to sell \$6,842 worth of books and receive \$956.00 worth of items from the Book Fair shelves, and \$1,233.00 in Scholastic rewards to purchase resources for the library. Special thanks to the many families and staff members who donated books to the College. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated for years to come. Many teacher picks were also chosen through our Book Club commission. A fantastic and worthwhile reading event enjoyed by all.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Thank you to those families who returned their PRC Reading Record. We had 92 students across Prep-Year 7 complete the Challenge. The highest numbers were recorded in 1G (Mrs Hay) and 4M (Mrs Wynn). Students who completed the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate in Term 4.

MS Readathon

Special thanks to the students and families that participated in the MS Readathon. Please collect and return your sponsorship by 31 October. Everyone (under 18 years of age), who completes the program will receive a reading reward for their efforts. This year, the reading rewards include Disney packs, book vouchers, movie tickets and even a Samsung Galaxy tablet.

Please note the library will be closed over the holidays. Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy having more time to read and relax.

See you in the library,

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Sports News

Sports Reports for Term 3

Volleyball

The GCCC volleyball teams have had a great time competing against Caloundra Christian College and Caloundra City Private School. There have been huge improvements across all players throughout the term, with our school giving the others some pretty tough competition. Each week our teams played about five matches and on average won most of them, which is a fantastic achievement. The most valuable player is Kyle Bullard and the Team spirit award goes to Otto Coulstock.

Stacey Whyte

Indoor Cricket

This term, we had three teams compete each week against CCP and CCC. The students seemed to enjoy this fast-paced version of cricket and not only grew in the knowledge of the game, but also their enthusiasm and skill level. There were many students who went from 'chucking' to technically accurate 'bowling' over the course of the term.

GCCC had highly regular wins, with accurate bowling, and strong batting displays (students had great joy in trying to hit the 'maximum' of seven runs. Standout performers for the various cricket disciplines were Max Williamson (bowling), Cameron Kennedy (fielding) and Amalee McClellan (batting).

Cameron Hall

Touch Football

The Touch Football girls played exceptionally well this term, resulting in an undefeated record! Our average scores against the other teams were six – nil! The girls continually worked on improving their skills, which almost made them untouchable for the opposition during the last couple of weeks. Tash Hoeksema showed her skills off throughout the term, making impressive improvements with her rucking skills, her speed and her quick ball play. Tenaia Owens also demonstrated impressive attacking plays, looking for space and weaving her way to the try line on numerous occasions! We couldn't have done it without the encouraging spirit of Anika Randall who was always there to help out! Well done girls, you showed great sportsmanship and an eagerness to improve each week! Great term!

MVP: Natasha Hoeksema; Team Spirit: Anika Randell

Annaleise Bullock

Dragonboat Racing

GCCC took out 1st place after two convincing wins against CCC and CCP.

The CCC and CCP teams were no match for our perfect synchronization, brute strength and determination in the finals. Holly Dodwell and Anna Graham were the powerhouse of our team. Braedon Cooper provided the technical aspects of paddling, whilst Ramon

Marrero set the team pace and rhythm from the front of the boat. Congratulations must go to all members of our awesome dragonboat team.

MVP- Braedon Cooper; Team Spirit- Ramon Marrero

Fenton Doolan

Tennis

Tennis coaching in Term 3 was held at Landsborough Tennis Club. Throughout Term 3 students were taught the fundamental techniques and basics of tennis. Students engaged in meaningful activities designed to showcase a range of tennis techniques needed in match play scenarios. Students showed promise and enjoyed playing against their fellow mates in a term of sport that encouraged both their social and competitive development.

Ryan Fowler

AFL report

During Term 3, the combined Year 8 and 9 AFL team ventured down to the Beerwah Sports Grounds to take on Caloundra Christian College and Caloundra City Private schools, both teams having a selection of senior students within their teams.

The GCCC team played well right from the start against CCC, beating them in every game but one. However, the bigger bodied players and skill of several Victorian bred AFL players in the Caloundra City Private team proved a difficult combination for the first few weeks.

Through perseverance, adaptability and some excellent team spirit, our boys got better every week. By mid way through the term we went from being 'easy beats', to 'just losing' to 'just winning' all games, and by the last week, winning comfortably.

The boys showed tenacity, courage and great teamwork, even playing for the other teams on occasions to balance numbers. A special thanks to Matthew Wright; who showed excellent leadership as the Captain for the season. By the end of the season, it was impossible to single out individual players as all contributed and played some excellent footy.

The MVP award this year is shared between three players: Lucas Tidy, James Proud and Tim White. The most improved players for the season are Coen Oosen and Sam Olsen. Congratulations on great effort, boys!

Chris Warren

Surf Awareness

We had some fantastic beach going weather this term with warm sunny conditions making it easier to enter the water. Our Surf Awareness crew didn't take a backward step when it came to practicing the many skills associated with the surf lifesaver. Students had many opportunities to improve on their stand up surfboard skills. The clean waves at Alexander Heads uncovered some real talent. Hannah and Xavier Bampton both proved to be skillful surfers whilst Jake Hoeksema, Caleb Brough, Megan Kennedy, Brianna Gallen and Holly Colvin also got to their feet regularly. Toby Glover was the fastest on the beach taking out the flags race. All students involved finished the term with an advanced understanding of rips, waves and rescue techniques as well as a greater confidence in the surf.

MVP – Hannah Bampton; Team Spirit - Billie Sandes and Megan Kennedy

Matt Beattie

Girls Basketball

This term has been fun coaching the Year 8 and 9 Girls Basketball. The girls have had the opportunity to play against Caloundra Private and Caloundra Christian College. They displayed great skill and sportsmanship and should be congratulated on the way they represented Glasshouse Country Christian College. We all had lots of laughs and enjoyed getting to know each other better.

MVP - Moale James; Team Spirit - Hannah Johnson

Matt Ware

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Busy Netball Season for Samantha

Year 10 student Samantha Ruhle plays Saturday Netball with our local Tibro's Netball Association and is in her third year of being selected to play representative netball with Caloundra Netball Association. Samantha played in the Under 15s rep team that went to Ipswich for the State Competition in June and was also in the Under 16s team that travelled to Townsville in July for Sunshine Carnival. The Under 16s Caloundra Rep team played really well and finished in third place in the State Carnival after a count back. Both competitions were played against other teams from all around Queensland.

Samantha was also selected to play in the Caloundra Under 16 Premier League team, which plays every Friday night at the Queensland State Netball Centre in Mt Gravatt. The team have finished on top of the ladder and won their semi-final last Friday night so will head to the grand final on the 20 September. Samantha trains really hard to gain selection into these teams and she appreciates the commitment of her family transporting and supporting her in all she does.

[Photo on GCCC website](#)

Wendy Stott

Club Finals Success

Many of our students have been involved in end of season finals in their chosen winter sports. It is great to have so many students playing sport outside of the college.

At the Caloundra Netball Association Club Finals 11 GCCC girls played in finals. The Tibros Sapphires team and Opals team won their games to become champions. The Sapphires with Tara Fissenden, Tess Hagan and Eloise Grigor fought a goal-for-goal battle against Meridan and only gained the lead and win in the final thirty seconds of extra time! Amber Weatherburn's team, the Opals, also won their final, easily beating their opposition.

Rugby League finals were also played last weekend with Ryan Sauer and Jack Fissenden's Under 13 Beerwah Bulldogs team finishing strongly but were beaten by a slick Maroochydore team.

Soccer finals saw three Beerwah teams play with Harry Fullerton's Under 13 Division 2 team playing really well to beat Buderim 2 – 0. They were the only Beerwah team to win their final.

The Beerwah Under 17 girls' soccer team were very unlucky not to be in the finals after being Minor Premiers with the nearest team scoring fifty goals less than them in the regular season. Unfortunately injury to players meant the team was not at full strength and was beaten in the preliminary finals by a team they would normally have beaten.

Congratulations to all students who were in other finals we have not yet heard about. We strongly encourage students to play club sport as a way of improving their own skills and also meeting players from all over the area.

Summer sports are just beginning so get along to a local club and have some fun whilst staying fit. Some options would include touch football, softball and tee ball, futsal, cricket, tennis, BMX and karate. More information about these sports can be found on line or contact Mrs Stott at College.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Wendy Stott

Touch Football - Year 6/7 Interschool Sport

Competition is alive as four teams of Year 6 and 7 students currently compete against other Glasshouse District schools in Touch Football each Friday afternoon. After two of the three week competition all teams have had some great wins and some losses. The Year 6 boys' team have only lost one game to St Michael's who have very experienced teams, leaving our boys in a strong position.

Both girls teams had two wins and a draw last week which reflected the experience gained in week one. The students are improving each week with some great team work and tries being scored. The final round robin game will be held this week and then teams will play in finals to confirm their finishing place.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Wendy Stott

Stampede

Last Saturday my friend Justin and I did a obstacle course in mud. If you have heard of 'tough mudder' it was like that, but just for kids. It was held in Woodford and was only 2km. We can do the 4/5 km one when we turn 14. The obstacles included jumping over hay bales, crawling through mud, crawling through grass under a net, jumping over hurdles and our favourite one- swimming through a mud pond under barb wire. I made it covered in mud! We really enjoyed it and it was so much fun.

There are photos (before and after) of us and other students from GCCC, on the [GCCC website](#).

By Savannah Malan 7M

P and F News

Hi everyone!

I hope you are looking forward to a great break. Just a reminder that the first Friday night after school starts we will be holding our first "From me to You" event. Tickets are \$15 from the office, or \$20 on the night. Please come and support this event for women's cancer. There are lots of fabulous stall holders and its a great opportunity to organise some Chrissy presents! Really looking forward to seeing you there!

Our next Pand F meeting will be on the first Tuesday night back from holidays as well. Feel free to come along and help support your school!

Blessings, Alaina Westaway

Community News

School Holiday Camps

Have you got plans for these school holidays? Tunnel Ridge Ranch in Landsborough is running two holiday camps. The first week is for children 10 to 12 years old and the second week is for older students from 12 to 15 years. Visit this [link](#) on the GCCC website to find out more.

Hillsong Conference 2014 - NO OTHER NAME - JESUS

Hillsong Conference is one of the largest gatherings of Christians in Australia along with renowned international guest speakers such as Bill Hybels and Louie Giglio. During the first week of the July school holidays the Acer Arena at Sydney Olympic Park is jam packed with people of all ages and denominations wanting to grow in their faith and be inspired to live at a new level in their walk with God. Many people attend who are seeking a new life with Christ and others have been Christians all their life. There is an amazing presence of the Holy Spirit as He transforms lives.

The dates of the conference are June 30 - July 4. Accommodation is available on and off site. Costs vary depending on accommodation and travel options that are chosen. We plan to have a group go from the school and the invitation is open to both staff and families. The benefit of being part of a group is that the trip can be fully organised for you and you will receive a group discount. The earlier you register the greater the discount and the more options there are to choose from. If you are interested in attending Hillsong conference in 2014 please contact me - Jo Eder 0438 387 828 (Group Leader).