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newsletter

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From the Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

Letting off steam

The last couple of days of Term 3 were full of fun and educational activities designed especially for the older students to let off steam after all their hard work on exams and assignments.

For the first time, senior students were treated to a Funarama afternoon. The sun shone down hotly, making the water games especially popular. The jumping castle and inflatable swinging arm game were all the rage with students with a little more energy on the sweltering day. [Photo gallery on GCCC website.](#)

Middle School students enjoyed their traditional Messy Games afternoon. This is a day where any adult not wanting to be covered in slime or shaving cream should avoid the oval! It was another warm day which made cleaning up with the hose almost as enjoyable as the messy games. [Photos are in the Middle School article.](#)

It takes a lot of planning (and humour) by the teachers and staff to run these events so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Long service leave

Mark Bowman (4G) is on well-earned long service leave during Term 4. Merisa Mumba will be taking over 4G for four days and Leetice Evans for the fifth. These two ladies are very capable teachers and even though Mr Bowman will be missed, the education of 4G students is in very good hands.

Volunteers' Lunch

You will be reading this after the Volunteers' Lunch has taken place but I have to write it before the event to meet the deadline. I will be able to give you a fuller report (along with photos) in the next newsletter and I'm

sure we would have enjoyed a lovely time together. This year we are trying something new by using the Beerwah Community Hall for the lunch. Our wonderful Hospitality students, led by the amazing Colleen Devitt, will be taking very good care of us and I am really looking forward to the event.

Our volunteers are a very special and significant part of our College and there is no adequate way to repay them for all their hours of work so this lunch is a very small way to say thank you.

P and F Piano

The P and F work hard for the school and the students really benefit from their tireless efforts. Recently this benefit was in the form of an upright UX3 Yamaha piano ([photo on GCCC website](#)). The Music Department and students will make great use of this valuable instrument and are very grateful for the gift. I'd like to thank all the members of the P and F and also the families who supported them by selling chocolates, buying Mothers and Fathers' Day gifts.

Mike Curtis, Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

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

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

Enrolment Procedure:

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

In all cases, early submission of Enrolment Application forms is recommended

If you are in doubt that you have followed this procedure please contact Odette Perkins

Primary News

Can you believe that we have just begun Term 4? How can the year go so quickly? Because of the holiday break, I would like to write about some of the Primary events from the last couple of weeks of Term 3.

We have had a visit from a group of people from a church in New Guinea who have a connection with one of our GCCC families. The [Gabagaba Group](#) gave performances of singing and dancing to the primary and some secondary classes and we were blessed to hear about their traditional life in New Guinea and enjoy their performances. We are once again grateful to Miss Devitt and her Hospitality team for providing afternoon tea for our guests.

Year 3 students had a fabulous time at [Tunnel Ridge Ranch](#) where they spent a couple of days at school camp. When I visited them one afternoon, they were so excited about the activities they had done – and loved the food! Camp food is not always to students' tastes – but Tunnel Ridge Ranch is known far and wide for its tasty meals and snacks. I imagine there will be a more extensive report from the teachers and students of Year 3. We are so grateful to all the wonderful parents who helped supervise the day activities and the night time. Without your assistance, these younger students would not be able to have this wonderful experience.

The Primary Student Council raised over \$600 on their BLUE DAY FOR ASTHMA in the last week of Term 3. This was a sterling effort as so many families are impacted by asthma and these funds will be used for research. [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Mrs Mitchell and I attended a Friday/Saturday conference just before the holidays on using IT devices in 21st Century classrooms. We were delighted to be a part of this conference and have a clear vision of where we would like to be in the next few years with iPads or Macbooks being used as a learning tool for whatever task is presented. Sometimes pen and paper will be the best tool. At other times it will be an IT device. The key issue for us as teachers will be "What is the best tool to enhance learning?"

Finally, Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful day at the Caboolture Historical Society recently as a culminating activity for their Year 1 unit they have been studying. They came back so excited by the experiences they had enjoyed at their excursion.

May Term 4 bring a wonderful closure to 2013 as we fly through the 9 weeks leading up to the Carols Night (P-2), the Concert (Years 3-6) and all the other events which "punctuate" the final term of each year.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Operation Christmas Child

Year 3 is promoting Operation Christmas Child as part of a SOSE, English and Technology integrated unit. Students may have brought home a brochure on how the power of a simple gift can change a child's life.

Every year thousands of shoeboxes are filled and sent to children in developing countries. The collection for the shoeboxes is Thursday 24 October. On Friday 25 October the Year 3 students will help Heather Dodwell stack all the boxes in her car ready for delivery to the collection centre.

More information on Operation Christmas Child can be found [here](#).

French Cinderella, Wimpy Kid Style

Year 6G lightened up during their last French lesson in Term 3 and had fun performing a reader's theatre play of Cinderella, Wimpy Kid style.

The ugly step sisters Agathe and Perle were just that! The students thought it strange also how the word for step-mother in French is beautiful mother 'belle-mère', which was again quite the opposite with our Wimpy kid cast. It was a bit of fun and gave way for much rehearsing and practise in the language.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Nadine Hammill

Kitchen Garden News

Zoom, zoom, zoom! Our budding chefs had a hoot toot toot making super healthy super fast hummus and celery racing cars (pew-what a tongue twister!) Celery sticks were carefully measured and cut to size, wheels were made from crunchy carrots and sultana racing car drivers took to the track in a race to the finish line! Thank you to Mrs Bull who found the very clever idea for our racing cars on Pintrest. Sometimes getting kids to eat healthy food just takes a bit of imagination.

Our green thumbs were kept busy getting the garden beds back into shape after the holidays. Our brassica bed (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage etc.) was given a good clean out and weed. We also removed our broad beans and celery and planted new seedlings of capsicum, pumpkins and corn. The celery proved to be very difficult to remove with much heaving and puffing required to get it out.

Our zucchini's are starting to produce and our beetroot continues to flourish. Lots of watering was also done which was welcome relief on such a hot day (and not just for the plants!) Young Gabi was looking very fashionable in the garden, gorgeous white lace dress that she chose herself....thank goodness for Napisan Mum!

Until next time, Happy gardening and cooking,

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Convenor

Year 3 Tunnel Ridge Camp September 2013

Evie Vermeulen: On Thursday 3M and 3G went to Tunnel Ridge Ranch. We stayed for one night and two days.

Mitchell Tidy: When we got there I said to Xander "Look at the pool. It is big!" When we stopped everyone was very happy.

Jacinda Raffaut: My favourite activity was horse riding. My mum said goodbye and the horse put it's head on her chest as if she said goodbye too.

Teanna Newell: Next was Archery. I scored a bullseye and popped the balloons. I shot over the net and got yogi bear in the heart once. Archery was fun.

Bodhi Amendolia: The last activity was swimming. There was a rope swing. It was so fun! I went so far out and so high!

Jorja Goddard: We sat next to a camp fire, sang lots of songs and listened to a story.

Catherine Munyard: The food was great. My favourite meal was dessert.

Kiri-Anna James: We went on a bush walk in the dark. After we had chocolate milk and slice!

Abby Myers: When we did canoeing, five boats tipped over. I laughed my head off!

Flynn Ward: I liked canoeing the best. We were going fast. Charlotte screamed because there was a big spider in the boat.

Madison Hurst: When I went whip cracking I knocked a branch out of the tree because I whipped it too hard!

Charlotte Coops: In leatherwork I made a name tag for my bag out of leather.

Lincoln McKenzie: We were in an amazing place for dinner. For dinner we had lasagne (la-zarn-ya) and salad.

Mackenzie Clow: I was so very, very tired. I nearly fell asleep.

Alexander Chidgey: My opinion is that boys are better so they put all the boys into the tents. The girls aren't camping because they are sleep in cabins with toilets and a bathroom. I love camp!

[Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Chappy Chatter - Masterclass Seminar

On Wednesday 18 September, GCCC sent a group of seven Year 11 students to the “Masterclass” seminar held by the Bible Society at Mueller College. This seminar runs every year and aims to help students to engage with the Bible and apply it to their everyday lives.

This year, our students were encouraged as future Christian Student Leaders to take hold of their faith and do something powerful in their lives. The topics of the Masterclass included:

Christianity – Living as a Christian in the “I” world.

The Bible and Science – What are they for? What questions do they answer?

Christianity – Seeking the right to speak.

Living the greatest story ever told.

Two of the ‘stand out’ speakers of the day were: Andrew “Fishtail” Fisher and Matt Prater. The former being the lead racing driver of the Jesus Racing Team in the V8 Supercars and the latter being a Senior Pastor who recently shot into the public eye during Q&A when he asked former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd some tough questions about his understanding of the bible.

The students really enjoyed the day meeting with like-minded students from other Christian schools around southeast Queensland and listening to such engaging speakers.

We can be very proud of the way the year 11s conducted themselves on the day. Representing our school and its GREAT values very clearly. We were also the most entertaining group attending, with one of our members being called on stage to do a dance routine at the end of the day (this may or may not end up on YouTube).

After the Seminar we had the opportunity to pray together as a group, thanking God for the great day we had enjoyed, the powerful teaching we had listened too, and the fun had by all. We also prayed that God would help us to apply what we had learned into our lives, that He might make us powerful leaders in the future for His Kingdom’s sake.

And of course, the bus trip home was filled with sharing our favorite songs and telling tasteless jokes.

Praise God for an awesome day!

[Photo on GCCC website](#)

Mick Spann, Youth Pastor GCBC

Middle School News

Welcome back students and families to Middle School at GCCC – especially to our new students this term.

We finished the end of last Term with a big bang on some fronts. From

- the Messy Games afternoon for all Middle School students, ([photo gallery on GCCC website](#))
- the Walk to Water fundraiser that our Year 8s embarked on,
- the victorious Year 8 boys footie match against Pacific Lutheran College
- the GCCC Dance Troupe was awarded a Highly Commended in the Noosa Spring Dance Festival over the holidays.
- our Cheer Team were placed at a 2nd and a 3rd on two routines also competed at the Battle Cheer Competition on the Gold Coast earlier last term, and then at a later competition on the Sunshine Coast they received a 1st and 2nd placing.

This is the culminating term of all the hard work that has been put in all year as students have progressed through their subjects and other activities at GCCC. We will be celebrating this on Tuesday 5 November at the Caloundra Events Centre. All students are expected to attend with a parent or guardian. Year 9s will be acknowledged for completing Middle School and will be on stage for this. All students must wear their school uniform.

Our awardees on this night will be representative of those who have put into action our school’s GREAT values. This term we are focusing on Teachability. This is a life-long value; it’s about an attitude to listen, learn and apply. The bible warns us not to be ‘wise in our own eyes,’ but rather to be humble. For all of us – there is always something new to learn, a better or more efficient, wiser, less stressful... way to do things. And, don’t we all know – certainly for me – whenever I think I have it all worked out the ‘pride goes before a fall’ is usually the order for the day. I think this quote by coach John Wooden sums up for me the notion of teachability well.

‘It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts.’

No games on iPads

This term we are expecting all students to remove games off their iPads. We will of course make exception to any educational games that are requested by teachers and are used in class work. Students who do not comply will have restrictions placed on their iPads for the whole of this term.

Calendar Reminders

Date	What	Who	Details
17 October Thursday 8.45-10.15am	MS Experience Morning	All year 6 students both GCCC and those coming in 2014	Info session beginning in Chapel
17 – 18 October 12.00 midday – Friday 5.00pm	Year 9 Girls Retreat	All Year 9 girls	Higher Ground campsite, Mary Valley
23 October Thursday	Year 7 Survivor Day	All Year 7 students	Moffat Beach school hours
30 October	QUT Uni explore Day	All Year 9 students	Sun Coast Uni, school hours
5 November	MS/SS Awards Night	All MS and SS students	Caloundra Event's Centre

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Middle School Dance Troupe at Noosa Spring Dance Festival

The Middle School Troupe made their eisteddfod debut at the Noosa Spring Dance Festival on the first Saturday of the school holidays. After overcoming nerves the girls performed exceptionally well and came away with a Highly Commended for their efforts. This is a huge achievement considering the girls were the only school in the competition and were up against professional Dance academies. To top it off only four points separated first position and the Middle School Troupe! The girls have worked extremely hard throughout the year for this pleasing result. Billie Dyer in year 8 also competed in the solo section of the Noosa Eisteddfod, with 32 other competitors in her category! Unfortunately Billie missed out on a place this year, but did get a very good score of 82 points.

Education in Dance and Theatre Arts Examinations

Towards the end of last term two year 8 students took part in external Ballet examinations through the society of Education in Dance and Theatre Arts, as a part of the GCCC Dance Extension program. The girls have spent the year practicing and getting themselves ready for these exams and have both come away with amazing results. Hannah Woolston was awarded Highly Commended and Billie Dyer was awarded Honours. Congratulations to both of these girls for their achievement.

Photos on GCCC website

Stacey Whyte

STOP PRESS

Please note that the College will be closed from Saturday 21 December 2013 to Sunday 5 January 2014 inclusive. The office will reopen on Monday 6 January 2014.

During this time the phones will be put on holiday switch so important messages can be left.

Senior School News

Term 4 Begins!

I hope you had a wonderful time with your child over the last holidays. Term 3 is always a hectic term for the Senior School as we prepare for Year 12 that need to be sent away for verification. It is great to have holidays to relax and recharge ready for this last term for the year. It is a very short term with Year 12s graduating in only weeks time - I'm sure they will give you the countdown!

Please put these events in your calendar:

Week 2

Monday 14 October - Year 11 students will attend a full day leadership training day led by Peer Power. This is a fantastic program and I'd like to see every Year 11 attend this program.

Wednesday 16 October - Mock Interviews. Year 10 students come to school prepared for a mock job interview.

Week 3

Monday 21 October - Student Free Day. Staff will be involved in Professional Development as well as representing the College on various Senior Verification Panels.

Friday 25 October - Dance Day of Excellence. This will involve approximately 20 students from across the school who have worked hard and achieved excellent results in Dance.

*******IMPORTANT*******

2013 Awards Night - 6:30pm, Tuesday 5 November
Caloundra Events Centre

Please put this in your diary. This is the first year we are holding this important event at the Caloundra Events Centre and we will be combining with the Middle School to make this a memorable and enjoyable evening. I would like all students to attend this event.

Please pray for our students and staff as we finish the year as well as plan for 2014. It is wonderful knowing that God holds us tightly in His hands but it is also comforting knowing that our parents and friends are praying for us throughout this busy term.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Future Pathways

Congratulations!

Congratulations to three more students who have completed certificates in recent weeks.

Jon Lythall and Chris White in Year 12 have completed a traineeship at the Queensland Institute of Aviation Engineering including a Certificate II in Aeroskills. This is a great achievement and a fantastic first step into this fascinating and sought after field. We wish them every luck with their future aspirations in the engineering and technical field. [Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Congratulations also to Louise Kerr in Year 12. In addition to an OP program, Louise has been studying on-line with TAFE to complete a Certificate III in Allied Health. This involved covering considerable theory content in her own time and also completing a lot of work placement to supplement her theory work. Louise has juggled this around her other school studies and many commitments outside of school. Well done Louise. [Photo on GCCC website.](#)

Year 9 Parent and Student Night Tuesday 29 October.

Our Year 9s are rushing to the end of their Middle School years. In Term 1 next year they will be going out for a week of work experience. Arrangements for this will be commencing shortly. There will be an information session on Tuesday 29 October at 6pm in the theatrette (H3) to explain to parents and students how this works and what is involved. Please keep this date free. More information will be coming home soon.

Year 10 Mock Interviews

This year the Year 10 students have had many experiences around the topic of careers and subject selections. To round off our program of workplace education all Year 10s will be participating in mock job interviews next Wednesday 16 October. Guests from workplaces outside the College have generously agreed to come along to the school and provide a genuine interview experience for each student to help them improve their skills in preparing for, and attending an interview. Students are encouraged to wear clothes suitable for a job interview and in every way present themselves and their documents as if for a real vacancy. Students spent a whole day prior to the school holidays to develop skills which will hopefully serve them well next week and into the future. Parents wishing to support their students in this activity can go to Moodle to see information and document templates of assistance to job seekers. The link is: [Moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au/students/future_pathways/Year 10 Job Applications and Interviews](http://Moodle.gccc.qld.edu.au/students/future_pathways/Year_10_Job_Applications_and_Interviews) - and log in as a guest. While there, have a look at other terrific resources for students and school leavers on our Moodle page.

Recording Studio

A great opportunity for you and your students to check out one of the Sunshine Coasts' premier recording studios. We'll also be announcing details on the day of a competition that gives entrants a chance to Win An Original Song Produced By The Team Here At ElevenPM! ElevenPM Recording Studios is holding an Open Day on Saturday 26 October to coincide with The Old Ambulance Station's popular annual 'DIY' Analogic Festival. Goings on for the day include:

- * Sausage sizzle
- * Live Recording Demonstrations
- * Interactive info presentations
- * Meet & chat to our engineers/producers
- * Live performers

Pop on down to 80 Howard Street in Nambour from 9am -12pm and say hello.

Joan Ferris, Future Pathways Coordinator

Year 8 Readers' Cup

The Year 8 Readers' Cup team have been busy preparing for the regional competition to be held next Friday October 18. The team called 'The Novel Bunch' includes; Alisha Mens, Abela Appuhamy, Jesse Woods, Jordan Bull and Jake Coleman. The Readers' Cup is an annual competition that rewards students who love to read. Teams are required to read seven novels and one sophisticated picture book that have been selected by Teacher-Librarians and English teachers. Teams compete against each other at the regional competition by answering quiz questions about the books. This year the GCCC team is competing against 16 other schools on the Sunshine Coast. The winning team from the region goes on to compete in the State finals. [Photo on GCCC website.](#)

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

Minute Mob

Congratulations to [Natasha Kukulies](#) who has now read well over 5000 minutes this year. Natasha has been recording her reading minutes using the Minute Mob booklet and has claimed two prizes for her efforts.

The Minute Mob is an optional activity for students in Middle /Secondary students and was launched in Term 2. It's a fantastic way to promote reading, where students record their daily reading minutes and earn prizes for their achievements. There is no set time limit and students are encouraged to work at their own pace. Prizes are awarded at 2500, 5000, 8500 and 10 000 minutes. Details about the Minute Mob can be found on the library page of the GCCC Moodle and students can collect the Minute Mob booklet from the library or print one out online. Other students completing the Minute Mob are encouraged to let library staff know when they reach the prize levels.

Gold Lexile Awards

The following Year 4-6 students have achieved their Gold Lexile Awards this year and are to be commended on their dedication and reading achievements; Madeline Chigdey, Tate Doneathy, Cassidy Ferris, Lara James, Declan Martin, Kiana Reeves, Briony Spencer, Hunter Bradley, Aiden McKellar, Sarah Mens, Oliver Smith and Lachlan McWilliam. Many students are on the silver level and are very close to achieving the Gold award. The start of the term is a great time to focus on building and continuing great reading habits. I wonder how many more students will reach the top goal by the end of 2014?

Toy Sleepover

At the end of last term the Year One classes were invited to bring in a toy for the annual library toy sleepover. The event celebrates a unit the students completed about toys from the past and present and provided fantastic ideas for a creative writing activity. We had a huge range of toys visit for the sleepover and of course, as usual, the toys had a wonderful time exploring the library and did get up to mischief. [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Literature Circle Winners

Year 5 classes recently completed their first Literature Circle unit and created amazing Prezis to celebrate the books they read. It was wonderful seeing the students (and parent helpers) enjoying their novels and weekly chats throughout Term 3. The students pictured below from 5G and 5M were voted by students as the best LC leaders for the term. They are to be commended on their leadership skills and were awarded for their efforts. [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 of the Scholastic Book Club will be handed out to students next week along with the Koorong Kids Issue 4. Issue 8 will be the final Book Club for the year and will be sent home in the middle of the term. Please ensure all orders are in by the due dates to ensure that orders can be processed and handed out to families promptly.

See you in the library,

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Deeper Discipleship Camp

During the holidays "Collision Youth" (GCBC's Youth Ministry) took sixteen highly motivated Christian teens to the Bunya Mountains for the first ever "Deeper Discipleship Camp".

The group lived in a mountain chalet for three days, soaking up the atmosphere of the Bunyas and getting stuck into the bible. We went through six study sessions during the camp tackling these subjects:

- Quiet Times – How to read your bible effectively
- The Gravity of Sin
- Understanding Grace
- Who we are in Christ
- Dealing with Persecution
- Understanding our Mission

The teens found the discussion times and study sessions incredibly valuable to their Christian walk and are excited about applying what they have learned in their personal lives and at school.

It wasn't all fun and games however. We also did boring stuff like going for a hike to some waterfalls, lighting fires, shenanigans at a swimming area, playing pool (and something that vaguely resembled table tennis), and shooting each other with explosive missiles... on Mario Kart Wii!

Numbers were limited due to the size of our accommodation so many teens missed out this year. The good news is that due to the great success of this camp, another is already being planned for next year!

We would like to thank GCCC for its ongoing partnership in developing our Christian teens in their faith and share the message of Jesus love with our town. We also wish to thank our P and F for the use of their large cool box. The job of storing food for teenage boys was made a lot easier because of your generosity.

For more information on Collision Youth and our Term 4 program, please visit www.collisionyouth.org

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Mick Spann, Youth Pastor GCBC

Sports News

Mixed Results from Touch Football

The last week of the term was finals week for the Year 6 and 7 Interschool sport teams playing Touch Football.

Teams had played over the two previous weeks and every team was improving with each game played. The Year 7 teams played in the A divisions and girls and boys had both had some wins, losses and draws. The Year 7 boys showed great individual skills.

The Year 6 girls won 3 games, drew 2 and lost 1 game working their way into the final with a fantastic win against St Micheals in the last round robin game beating them 4 – 2. They then played St Michaels again in the final but were beaten in this game 1 – 3 when they lacked a little team cohesion under pressure. Congratulations to the girls who finished in a well deserved second place.

The Year 6 boys showed some skills in both attack and defence and some great tries were scored with some coming from set plays. The boys won 4 games and lost 2 to play off against Glasshouse Mountains State School for 3rd or 4th position. The boys also suffered under competition pressure and lost this game finished the competition in 4th place.

We would like to thank Mrs Desley Palmer for refereeing every Year 6 boys' game which allowed Mr Costin to manage the team. It was fantastic to have a very competent referee and her knowledge of touch football was a great asset to the team.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

Wendy Stott

P and F News

Hi Everyone,

I trust you all had a fabulous break and are ready for all the activities attached to the last term of the school year. The P and F is busy planning some fun activities for next year, so watch this space!

We will also start looking at other ways we can bless the school with the money raised by the chocolate drive and other events. If you have any ideas, please let us know. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the P and F agreed to purchase a piano for the Music Department. Well, its arrived and the Music Department is stoked!

Its always exciting to see the work the P and F does and how it makes a difference to our school. I hope the piano brings much enjoyment and pleasure to many of our students. [There is a photo of the piano on the GCCC website.](#)

See you in a fortnight.

Blessings Alaina Westaway

Community News

Helping Hands Glasshouse Country Vacation care 23rd September – 4 October 2013

Coordinator Conversation

WOW! What an eventful vacation care program we had.

During the two weeks of school holidays Helping Hands Glasshouse Country enjoyed their very first vacation care program here at the college. The children had lots of fun participating in a wide range of activities such as box collage, decorating clocks, making messy goo, exploding volcanoes, face painting, minute to win it challenges and much more!

The highlight was definitely our excursion to Laserzone and the Carnival day.

Your children have given us some great ideas for the upcoming term, week one includes a focus on 'Our community' this week one of the activities will be making thank you cards for the people who help us in our community.

Each time you come into our service you will feel more and more immersed with art and craft your children have created about our world. Don't forget that if you can suggest any activities please write them down in our suggestion book, we always love the input from our parents and children! We can't wait to spend this month with you and your children!

Kind Regards, **Jade Baker**

Dates to Remember for October Monday 21st- Pupil Free Day

Helping Hands Glasshouse Country will be having an IT day where your children can bring along any gadgets they have! This day will be a fun day filled with lots of exciting IT activities!

WE PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA EVERYDAY AS WELL AS FANTASTIC ART, CRAFT, SPORT AND COOKING EXPERIENCES THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE!

For more information COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM! Alternatively you can call 0499043107 or email glasshousecountry@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

ASD Support Group Monday 14 October 2013 6.00pm to 7.30pm

At the 'Uni Club' University of the Sunshine Coast located next to the oval and Car park 5.
Any questions call USC Psychology Clinic 07 5459 4514

All ages, child through adult, parents and family Further information contact Asperger Australia 07 3865 2911

[The full flyer can be viewed on the GCCC website.](#)