

# Glasshouse Country Christian College

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*'Growing in faith and knowledge'*

## newsletter

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### From the Principal

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

##### NOVEMBER

Wed 13	Immunizations
Thur 14	Year 12 Formal
Fri 15	Year 12 Graduation and Clap Out
Thur 21	Immunisations
Fri 22	Last day for Year 11
Fri 22	P-6 Disco
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
<b>Thur 5</b>	<b>Last day Term 4</b>
Fri 6	Pupil Free Day

#### Legacy Cup Challenges

The coveted Legacy Cup is one of the most hotly contested in the College. Throughout the year, points accumulate for various challenges and this year talent quests were added into the equation.

Mrs Bryers talks about the Primary talent quests in her article so I will mention the Secondary talent quest.

Teachers were chosen as judges and they dressed up in the light-hearted spirit of the event. The theatre filled up fast and soon even standing room ran out.

The performances varied from beautiful, talented, quirky, to downright hilarious. There were guitar duos, juggling acts, vocal performances, a solo pianist, Tae Kwon Do demonstrations, an item from the musical Cats, and the hugely entertaining send up of 'Wrecking Ball'.

Sinai won the day through participation and talent. The top three winners of the quest were:

1st place with 96 points: Matthew Wright and his friends for 'Wrecking Ball' interpretation.

2nd place with 94 points: Andrea Little for her solo 'Memories' from Cats.

3rd place with 78 points: Danielle McClure for her piano solo 'Death by pasta'.

[Photo gallery on GCCC website.](#)

#### Middle and Senior School Awards Night

The feedback on the new venue (Caloundra Events Centre) was very positive. Even though it is a little further for most of us to travel, combining the Middle and Senior School Awards into one gala event made it a truly illustrious celebration.

It is nights like these that really show how far we have come as a College and how well our students have grown and matured. Our Middle and Senior School Captains did an exceptional job hosting the night and the refrain from 'Hail to the Chief' (played upon Riley's presidential entrance) could almost be predictive of some of their futures. Apart from their role on the night the Middle School and College Captains worked hard throughout the year to make the College a better place.

Part of the evening that everyone holds their breath for is the announcement of the new Middle and Senior School Captains for 2014. Congratulations to Alisha Mens and Rory Tait as the Middle School Captains and Ben Giles and Courtney Sinclair as Senior School Captains in 2014. I look forward to seeing what these young people accomplish during their time as captains.

There were changes to our awards this year which meant they were more closely contested than ever before. The deliberation of who should receive which award has been a topic of discussion and debate amongst the teachers for some time. Congratulations to all the award winners on a job well done.

As I mentioned on the night, there are many fine students who did not receive an award but have worked hard and consistently all year and they are also to be congratulated.

One of the evening's highlights was the announcement of the individual awards recipients who are:

Middle School Dux:	Isabelle Westaway
Year 9 All Rounder:	Talia Rosa-Denham
Middle School Principal's Award:	Tom Boroughs
Year 10 Long Tan Award:	Troy Fullerton
Year 12 Long Tan Award:	Riley Williamson
Year 11 Rotary All Rounder:	Jayme-Lee Groer
Emily Lord Award:	Jacqueline Newell
Senior School Dux:	Spencer Cittolin
Senior School Principal's Award:	Emma Offord

As I write this it is only the morning after the event and I've already received many emails saying how outstanding the performances were on the night. The musical and dance performances were to an exceptionally high standard and surpassed even my high expectations.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for attending on the night and for their ongoing support of their children. Never underestimate the job of a parent! I would also like to thank all of our distinguished guests who helped make the night even more special. Thanks to Mr Andrew Powerell, Mr Mark McArdle, Mr Rick Baberowski, Mr Tony Debrincat, LCDR Tyrone Douglas, Mrs Pam Newell and our College Board members.

There were so many photos taken on the night that we have set up special photo galleries in an online article called [Secondary Photo Galleries](#). Photos are grouped to help you find the one you are looking for. You are welcome to download photos of your own children for your own use. However, if you download photos that have other children in them please do not share or tag these photos on the internet without the parents' express permission.

I'd like to finish this article by thanking all the College staff who not only helped on the night but whose dedication and hard work helped the students achieve all that they have this year. We are blessed with exceptionally talented staff and I thank God for them.

***Mike Curtis, Principal***

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## **UNIFORMS FOR 2014**

### **Uniform Fittings:**

- Phone School reception to book a fitting for new uniforms for next year.
- Fittings are available up to the end of November but the later you leave it the busier it gets so get in early.

### **Volunteers:**

Volunteers are need to assist with uniform fittings:

- 11 November to 2 December
- 20 January to 23 January
- 28 January to 7 February.

Please phone school office to register you availability to help.

### **Orientation Day (2 December):**

Bookings essential for fittings as limited time where new students are available. This day gets very busy and is the last day of fittings for the year so I recommend you avoid this day and book fittings for earlier in November.

3 to 6 December: Uniform Shop CLOSED for Stocktake. Will not reopen until January.

20 to 23 January (Monday to Thursday). Closed Friday.

**Uniform price increase coming in December.** Purchase your uniforms in November and beat the price rise. (NB price increase due to increased cost prices).

Uniform Shop open 9am to 3pm for new uniform fittings and purchases. Bookings for fittings required (phone school reception to book a fitting time).

**January 2nd Hand Uniforms:** Second hand uniforms are available to purchase on 21 and 22 January (Tuesday and Wednesday).

### **Second Hand Uniforms NEEDED:**

Any uniforms of good condition that you no longer require can be dropped to the school office all this term and over the holidays (except during closure i.e. 21 December to 5 January closed Dec 21 until Jan 5). Second hand uniforms are desperately needed.

For more information please email Kylie at [uniforms@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@gccc.qld.edu.au) or phone the school.

## Second Hand Uniform News

Do you have any second hand Primary uniforms, particularly Prep size, that you would like to donate or sell? Then the P and F would like to sell them in the uniform shop.

If you have quality second hand uniforms to donate or sell on commission, download a copy of the "Second Hand Uniform Form" located on the College website, [www.gccc.qld.edu.au](http://www.gccc.qld.edu.au), under the College Life/Uniform tab. The completed double-sided form and items to be sold may be left at the Uniform Shop for processing. Thank you for following this procedure.

### ***P and F Second Hand Uniform Coordinator***

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#### **CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**

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.

## Tuckshop News

We would like to welcome any new families that have started at the College this term. Tuckshop is open every day except Wednesday. We have Tuckshop online which needs to be done by 9.00am on Tuckshop days. You need to register on [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

Years 7-12 can purchase food over the counter except pre-ordered food on the menu. Prep to Year 6 are not allowed to purchase food over the counter. The children must order on a bag or online. The Tuckshop will be open everyday till Thursday the 5 December except Wednesdays.

Our direct Tuckshop phone line for any enquiries is 5436 5654.

Thanking you, ***Cathy Boyer (Tuckshop Convenor) and Lauren Bottrill***

## Primary News

### What is Bullying?

Teachers have requested we include an explanation of bullying in this week's newsletter article. It is important that parents and students understand what bullying IS and what bullying IS NOT.

When children work and play together, there will be times when one student does something inappropriate and upsets or hurts another student. These actions will not be ignored and there will be consequences for any deliberate misdemeanour.

However, this is NOT BULLYING. Bullying occurs when one or more students continually target another and it is ongoing and all about power. Bullying may take many forms including physical, verbal and cyber issues which are ONGOING - not just once or twice. Any inappropriate actions like these will still be followed up and dealt with if reported to staff on duty or the class teacher. As a primary school we do bullying surveys annually and there are also letter boxes in each classroom for students to write a little note and post it if they have a concern. These are always investigated and followed up.

Please ask your children to report any instances of legitimate bullying to class teachers or for little ones, you may wish to speak to teachers yourself.

### Shoes for Primary Students

We are noticing some non-uniform shoes being worn during Term 4. Please understand that the primary uniform is a solid black vinyl or leather jogger – no silver, white or grey colour on them. Black canvas shoes do not conform with the uniform policy. With just a few weeks left in 2013 please do not purchase shoes which are not a solid black vinyl or leather jogger. Historically all children tend to begin the year with the correct shoes but we often notice that at the end of the year some non-uniform shoes being purchased for the last couple of weeks.

**Please note the [uniform policy](#) for shoes for 2014.**

### Chappy Pancake Breakfast and Card Swap

What a lovely time everyone had last week on Wednesday before school with children enjoying pancakes and swapping their animal cards. This was a wonderful initiative to have a Chappies Pancake Breakfast and we thank Chappy Danni for organizing this event and Chappy Michelle for assisting.

How would we have managed without so many of our mums preparing the pancakes for this breakfast? There were big ones and small ones, double ones with filling and berries and a variety of other pancakes all being eaten heartily in the junior undercover area.

Mrs Rosenberg's suggestion to include the card swap was such a success and the students (and parents) had a lovely time looking for cards their children still needed for the set. [Photo gallery on GCCC website.](#)

### **Talent Quest – Time 2 Shine**

After 2 or 3 weeks of auditions the finals of the Prep – Year 2 and Year 3 – 6 talent quest were held in the theatrette last week. It was such a joy to watch all the finalists' acts and the judges, teachers and students appreciated each competitor's performance and we look forward to next year when we have our next Time 2 Shine.

The winners for each section were announced at assemblies this week and were awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions. There were some real surprises for the judges and we were amazed at some of the talent which has been hidden.

Congratulations to the following students:

#### **Prep – Year 2**

First -	Ebonee Kroger
Second -	Jayden Neideck
Third -	Mariah Evans

#### **Year 3 - 6**

First -	Maya Amendolia
Second -	Julian Munyard
Third -	Hamish White

[Photo gallery of Prep to Year 2 performances on GCCC website.](#)

### **Mrs Bryers on Long Service Leave for the last 3 weeks of Term 4**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well for the closing part of Term 4 and for the Christmas holidays.

It is my family tradition to take each of my grandchildren on a holiday (just the two of us) when they turn 13 years of age. My youngest grandchild is now 15 and I have decided to take her overseas for a few weeks before and during the Christmas break.

Mrs Mitchell and I have been preparing for this since mid-year and the Primary College will function as normal in my absence. All educational procedures and school events are firmly prepared and in place and I am confident that there will be a smooth finish to the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mitchell for the incredible work she has done throughout this year in leading the primary sector of the College as my colleague and also as a mentor for staff.

***Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary***

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### **Kitchen Garden News**

Wow, I can't believe that we are almost at the end of another year. Where has the time gone?

The last fortnight has been very busy in KG. Week 4 was all about sushi. Everyone in Prep and Year 2M and 2G had a go at making their own and I must say that I was very impressed by the quality of the sushi rolling.

I must share an amusing story that I feel is testament to the KG program. A school mum of master 7 told me that he insisted that she wake him at 6.30am sharp for school so he could help with lunch. Mum dutifully obliged at 6.30am the following morning. "So, what would you like to help with? What would you like for lunch?" asked mum. "SUSHI" he responded. Well, mum couldn't get that together in that time frame so a sushi making date for Sunday was set aside! It is wonderful to hear these stories and know that we are doing such good in our little corner of GCCC.

The Year 1s and 2W enjoyed some 'bruffins' that they made themselves. These classes also had a lovely time playing with Dotti the spotted hen and her seven fluffy chicks. The children marvelled at each chick's distinctive personality and I'm sure we were distracted from the ongoing chores in the garden that had to be done!

Adopt a garden beds have been replanted with flower seedlings. They have also been well mulched. We harvested beans, beetroot, zucchini and tomatoes for our bruffins and made sure that our worms had lots to eat so they can continue to provide us with worm fertiliser for our beds.

Until next time, happy gardening,

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

***Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator***

## Operation Christmas Child Boxes Galore

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have been posted! Thank you GCCC family and friends for your kind generosity in packing a total of 112 shoeboxes this year. The response was wonderful and many children will be blessed with toothbrushes, soap, clothing, toys, pencils, personal letters and much more this Christmas. They will now journey across the ocean to the arms of a child in a developing south-east Asian country. Year Three will be tracking some of the boxes on their long journey to find out exactly where they end up and the places they need to go to get there.

Through Operation Christmas Child, Year Three have had the opportunity to learn about the true meaning of Christmas, promotion and marketing, and even Australia's global connections. "Do for others what you want them to do for you" became very real as they explored how other children live in these developing countries and ways that they can help.

Thanks again for contributing to such a worthwhile cause.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

*Jane Beadon*

## Middle School News

### And Three, Two one... Action

As we come to the closing chapters of this school year, while we are not yet at the curtain finale for Middle School, certainly Awards night is a clear indicator that the end is in sight. Students are reminded that just like in a play the actors' performance will be based on how well they have rehearsed their lines, taken the producers advice, worked with their fellow actors and crew and understood and developed the character they are playing. How well the lighting and stage managers were, how well the rest of the team worked with them; and, how effective the production manager has been in their job, also affects the final performance.

Yet we all know that school is not a play; it is not imaginary or an act. There is only one chance to do it and it's the real deal. I am sure all students are taking stock of their efforts after the ICAS award presentation at assembly, the Awards night on Tuesday and with their last pieces of assessment due in the next few weeks. Students will be reassessing their goals and how effective they have been in meeting these.

The shortfall in this analogy is that we are not acting out a play but that this is life! We have but one life to live. It is a reminder we find in the bible where we read: 'Man is destined to live one life and after that to die and to face judgement.' While this is a stark reminder of the cold hard facts of life – it is also a call to all to live life to the full. To not waste opportunities to learn, grow, love others, share, and show compassion and live the life God intended.

We are blessed to live in a country with an opportunity for education for ALL. At GCCC we also have great facilities and a high calibre of teachers. Please continue to communicate with us if you have any individual needs that need addressing with your child so we can continue to provide for all their educational needs.

Remember we are working on class lists – if you have particular requests please email [Jacqualina.vreeling@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:Jacqualina.vreeling@gccc.qld.edu.au)

Particular congratulations go to our award winners on the night. Our Middle Sschool Dux – Isabelle Westaway; our All Rounder – Talia Rosa-Denham and our Principal's Award – Tom Boroughs. I am grateful to work with such talented and wonderful young people in this school and for an opportunity like our Awards Night to recognise these young men and women and their hard efforts this year.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

*Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School*

### World Toilet Day Art Project by 7W

Did you know?

- 884 Million people in the world do not have access to safe water
- 1.4 million children die every year as a result of diseases caused by unclean water and sanitation. That is 4000 deaths a day!
- Do you know how blessed you are to have a loo?

Unitywater invited Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast teachers and their Year 7 art students to take part in a competition like no other. Instead of a canvas, students were provided with a porcelain loo to decorate as part of World Toilet Day, 2013.

World Toilet Day is observed annually on 19 November. This international day of action aims to break the taboo around toilets and draw attention to the global sanitation challenge. As the region's water and sewerage supplier, Unitywater partnered with WaterAid to raise money and awareness for those living without adequate sanitation.

Year 7W will be attending the prize ceremony on 19 November at Mooloolaba's Loo with a View. All the best 7W!

*Russell Modlin*

Last night we celebrated our Awards' Night. What a great night. For this fortnight's newsletter I wish to publish one of our College captain's speech. Please take the time to read this with your child for your child represents the future of GCCC.

**David Heyworth, Head of Senior School**

## **Awards night speech "The Greater Fool" by Riley Williamson**

Good evening, I am both thrilled and saddened to be addressing you all tonight, for this will be one of my last appearances both in this stylish Blazer that I have grown incredibly fond of and one of my last chances to express to the student body, teachers and parents – of the joy, pride and memories that I will forever hold as a result of my role as College Captain for 2013.

Since the early days of coming to GCCC, I grew to love it – just as anyone would. As the years went on I realized that there is possibly no better way to contribute to a school, to give back what I had taken and to represent the countless students who had become my friends – then to attain the honour of College Captain.

In any leadership position, you quickly learn who your real friends are and where your greatest support lies. The students of GCCC have never let me down, you have been with the school captains every step of the way, and you have all been a source of strengths, support and inspiration.

We are all a result of this school, a school that promotes creativity, rewards innovation and replaces differences with unity and ultimately, education – the duty of this and every school – is to light the path to hope, leadership brings responsibility, the independence of the different grades does not mean isolation from each other, a great school thrives when students help students and the older protect the younger and when a school ethos promotes compassion, involvement and dedication. As school Captains we have always tried to act on these values – It hasn't always been easy and certainly hasn't always been popular, one of the benefits of freedom is that people can disagree – fair to say I have created plenty of opportunities for people to exercise that right.

There is no such thing as a typical year at GCCC – 2013 has been no exception. There is no such thing as a typical grade – Every single grade gathered here tonight is no exception of that – there is no such thing as a typical GCCC student – none of you are an exception to that. Not only has it been an honour to serve as your College Captain, it has been a privilege to call many of you friends. I am incredibly proud of each and every single one of you.

When I first began to write this speech, I affectionately titled it "The Greater Fool"

The Greater Fool is actually an economic term. Basically it's a patsy for the rest of us to profit, we need a greater fool – the guy who will buy long and sell short. Most people spend their entire life trying not to be the greater fool; we toss him the hot potato, we dive for his seat when the music stops. The greater fool is someone with the perfect blend of self-delusion and ego to think that they can succeed where others have failed. This school was built by greater fools.

Three years ago, if you were to ask me "What makes Glasshouse Country Christian College special, what makes GCCC different to all the rest" Well... to be honest, I wouldn't have known what to say – not a clue – I might have gone with the generic "Quality of learning" or some mainstream desirable standard we expect of private schools but failing that, I honestly could not have told you. Three years is a long time – if one of you were to ask me today, "What makes Glasshouse Country Christian College stand out from the rest?" – my answer would be simple – You do... Each and every one of you – you are all the Greater Fool. Never forget that and never abuse that, I pray that this school will never lose that - no matter the changes, the false starts, the obstacles, the defeats and the triumphs.

GCCC will grow, it will expand – this is inevitable, whilst it may lose the reality of a "small school" and graduate into the benchmarks of a larger purpose – pursue and maintain the importance of that grounded, accepting and humble establishment it started with.

It will remain one of my greatest memories, to contribute and belong to a school – filled with people as brave and as Nobel as the ones you will find at "Glasshouse Country Christian College" Whatever hardships come before you, individually or collectively, intentionally or by Gods will – just when you think its lost, when the spirit of perseverance has eluded you and when you find yourself down and out – remember, failure does not mean the end, success does not mean your finished – it is the courage to continue that defines who we are – that defines the greater fools.

No matter what, I have and I always will believe that our Schools greatest days lay ahead.

Stay very classy GCCC.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

**Riley Williamson**

## Last Minute Advice for Year 12s

To all our very precious year 12 students, enjoy your last week of school and make some lasting memories. Here are some suggestions from Mrs McMinn and Mrs Ferris.

- Don't forget that there is a heap of information for you on our Moodle Future Pathways pages. This covers career questions, employment, training, apprenticeships and lots more. This is not password protected so you can access it over the holidays.
- If intending on studying at uni next year you should be applying for scholarships. Some applications (eg QUT, Bond) close soon. Go to the uni website and have a go. Every year tertiary institutions have scholarship money left over in kitty because not enough eligible students apply for it. If you don't get one for next year apply again in later years.
- If you don't get the OP you were hoping for, the unis run sessions in the week before Christmas to help you redesign your QTAC application. USC will be doing this on 16 December and QUT Gardens Point 17 December and QUT Caboolture 18 December. More information on their websites or on our Moodle Page. If in doubt talk to someone at the uni or at QTAC who knows what to do.
- Students need a tax file number. Students in a Commonwealth supported place at uni who are eligible to defer their fee payment through HECS-HELP must provide a TFN. Any students who will need this and have not already applied please contact the Australian Tax Office and complete the application form as soon as possible because it can take a month to process.

**MOST IMPORTANT:** to all our Year 12s, we congratulate you on completing your schooling and wish you well. We send you off with love and blessings and wish for all of you a truly wonderful life.

## Congratulations!

To Jon Lythall who has just completed a Certificate II in Aeroskills traineeship with Acclaim Apprentices at the Queensland Institute of Aviation Engineering. Acclaim Apprentices awards outstanding trainees at the end of each year. Jessica Taylor from Acclaim came out to the College to give Jonathon his award at Assembly on Monday 28 October. Well done to Jonathon and to all our trainees and apprentices and many thanks to Acclaim and all our employers for their ongoing support of our students. [Photo on GCCC website.](#)

## Year 10 Mock Interviews

A very busy day was had by the Year 10s on the 16 October as they lined up to have a mock interview. Business owners and employers from the community came into the school to interview the students and give them feedback to assist them with future job selection processes. The students did a great job, despite some nerves. Most students agreed it was really helpful to go through this experience in a supported situation before facing up the real thing outside the community. On the whole the interviewers were very impressed with the students' interview skills. Well done to the Year 10s.

## Year 9 Work Experience

Thanks to all the parents and students who turned out in stormy conditions last Tuesday night for our Information Session about work experience next year. All students in Year 9 have now received a pack including a Placement form and various other documents. Those not able to attend have been given packs either at school or through the mail.

We are asking that all Year 9 families discuss career ideas and work experience suggestions together and approach suitable workplaces as soon as possible so that next year we can get all the paperwork completed in time for students to go out for Week 10 Term 1. Please fill in the placement form including a workplace which has accepted the student for that week, and return to the Future Pathways office before the end of this term, preferably by 22 November. This will enable us to email the workplace and confirm the placement so all is ready for getting things rolling in 2014. If you are not sure how to go about this or just want to discuss the program please contact either Mrs Ferris or Mrs McMinn so we can help you out. We would much prefer to be helping you now than trying to do it next year when we will be very busy completing the arrangements for all our students.

Some families have already returned their completed forms. Thank you for that and we look forward to receiving the rest of the forms in coming weeks.

## Apprenticeship Start

Congratulations to Angus Allen in Year 10 who has started an apprenticeship at John Page Machinery in Caboolture. Angus undertook his work experience in the business and was then invited to consider an apprenticeship. Angus will be completing a Certificate III in Agricultural Mechanical Technology during his training. Here he is after his sign up with Daryl Heinrich from JP Machinery and one of the patients needing fixing. [Photo on GCCC website.](#)

## Year 9 QUT Experience Day

All Year 9 students visited QUT Caboolture last week to see how universities work and to meet staff and students. Everyone had a great day with lots of information about uni life, interesting activities and even lunch provided! Some of the activities included life as a Primary School Teacher, as an Engineer, life in Creative Arts, life in a court room and life as a Podiatrist. The uni staff and students were very generous with their time and gave our students a fantastic experience of what university is like. This was a great way to follow up our career and work experience discussions from the night before. As the students approach the end of Middle School they are already thinking about future pathways in the Senior School. A very nice parting comment from the QUT staff was that our school was one of the best they had had going through this event and that we would always be welcome back! Well done to the Year 9s for being wonderful ambassadors for our College. [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

## New Email Address

There are changes afoot in Future Pathways including a new email address. Please send all emails to [future.pathways@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:future.pathways@gccc.qld.edu.au) and we will attend to it. Thank you.

**Mrs McMinn and Mrs Ferris**

## Library News

### End of Year Book Returns

Please note the dates below for book returns. These dates ensure that books are returned prior to students finishing for the year, allowing library staff to sort and prepare text books required for the start of 2014. PLEASE NOTE: Report cards will be withheld for individual students until all texts are returned and lost/damaged items are paid for. Please see Vanessa McKellar in the library or via email [library@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:library@gccc.qld.edu.au) if you need to discuss any items.

### END OF YEAR BOOK RETURN DATES

Year 11 and 12 WEEK 6 - Tuesday November 12

Prep – Year 10 WEEK 7 - Friday November 22

### Book Covering Marathon

Last Friday, we held our annual Book Covering Marathon. With thirteen willing parent helpers and library staff assisting, we covered close to 500 items.

A brilliant achievement! Many thanks to everyone who assisted. Students

across the College will benefit from the many new readers and wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles that were covered. [Photos on GCCC website.](#)

See you in the library, **Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services**

### 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

## Chappy Chatter

### Prayer Group

Many students have used their gifts, talents and passions to do incredible things this year. It has been very exciting as a Youth Pastor to see our Christian students in particular stand up for their faith and use their time and energy to serve the Lord.

This term saw the inception of a student organised prayer group led by Stephen Greasley. Here is a quick note from Steve about the meetings:

“Recently a prayer group has been started up. We meet in the RTC every Wednesday and Friday morning at 8am and go till school starts. The group was put together by senior students and is supported by the chaplains. It was formed to create one big family where the Christians can come and be together and strengthen each other. When something comes up personal or something that involves everyone we pray about it and put it to God to take over. The main purpose of the group though is to spread the word of God through the rest of school by raising people up in their faith so they are not scared to share it with others.”

**-Stephen**

The prayer meetings are starting to gain momentum and we are all excited to see answers to prayer as God works in our school. It is a great encouragement when students care enough about their school, families, friends and their community to take time out, get together and pray.

Please encourage our young people as they step out into new areas, using their time and talents to help others and serve the Lord.

[Photo on GCCC website](#)

**Mick Spann, Youth Pastor GCBC**

## **Pancake Breakfast**

On Wednesday 30 October the much anticipated Pancake Breakfast and Card Swap took place for the Prep to Year 2 students.

It was a great success with more than 70 students attending.

The staff were blown away with the generosity of parents willing to help.

The morning went off without a hitch, the excitement about the pancakes could only be bested by the excitement of collecting the cards that the kids were missing. What a morning! Beaming faces, full tummys and joyful laughter filled the air.

[Photo gallery on GCCC website](#)

***Dannielle Bassett, Chaplain***

## **Sports News**

### **Sports Awards Night**

The world's fastest bowler of all time, Jeff Thompson, was our special guest at our College's Sports Award's Night. Mr Thompson presented medals and trophies to GCCC young sportsmen and women and then spent some time telling the students about some of his experiences as an elite cricketer, before Matthew Beattie interviewed him.

Approximately 300 people attended the evening which began with a variety of cheese and fruit platters and a chance for all the College families to talk and catch up with each other.

The evening saw Age Champions for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics receive a trophy for their efforts. Ararat won the Swimming House award, Cross Country House award and overall House Award, While Zion won the Athletics House Award and House Spirit Award.

Students receive points throughout the year for Age Champion and when they represent the College at Inter-School Sport. Points increase in value for Districts, Regional, State and National School Sports' events. When enough points are scored students are awarded with a bronze, silver or gold medal. These medals are hard to obtain and athletes need to represent the College in numerous sports, with most of the Gold recipients attending State events. The following students received a gold or silver medal:

Primary Silver: Cassidy Ferris, Emily Roach, Sophie Trevan, Laura Vobr, Tara Fissenden, Dylan Myers, Beau Howard, Nicholas Dwan.

Primary Gold: Amity Roser

Secondary Silver: Natasha Hoeksema, Jacqueline Roach, Cameron Shervey, Jack Fissenden, Lucas Tidy, Nichola Bates, Jesse Snelling, Rebekah White.

Secondary Gold: Ryan Sauer, Ella Mickelson, Andrea Little, Abbey Bates

The Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year calculations were very close in Primary and Secondary. Runners up for Primary Sportsman and woman of the Year were Dylan Myers and there was a tie between Tarra Fissenden and Cassidy Ferris. Secondary runners up were Cameron Shervey and Andrea Little.

After many checks and calculations the title of Primary Sportsman of the year was awarded to Beau Howard and Amity Roser was awarded Sportswoman of the year. The title of Secondary Sportsman of the year went to Ryan Sauer and the Secondary Sportswoman of the year was awarded to Ella Mickelson.

Congratulations go out to all the students that received awards this year and we look forward to another great year working with our talented GCCC students

[Photo gallery on GCCC website](#)

***Matt Beattie, Head of Sports***

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### **Early Morning Swimming Training**

Here's your opportunity to get fit, improve your technique, stay cool and it's free. Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7.30am GCCC has a group of students who train at the Beerwah Pool with one of our PE teachers. The purpose of these sessions is to build fitness and improve strokes ready for our carnival at the beginning of 2014. The training is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 12 who are capable of swimming several laps. This is not a learn to swim session but a training session and finishes at 8.05 so students have time to dress and get back to college for the start of the day. There is no charge for students coming to these training sessions.

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### **Hooked on Hockey**

Suncoast Hockey are introducing a new free program for primary school age students to get involved in hockey which will be held at Skippy Park on Wednesday afternoons. Please see [flyer on GCCC website for more details](#).

## **Fun Day out for Run Around Australia Winners**

It was a full day of action and fun for 5G as they celebrated winning the Run Around Australia Challenge. After getting overheated by squeezing through Mrs Stott's material tunnels, the class was ready for the challenge of the obstacle course at the Kawana Aquatic Centre. It was trickier than it looked and even the most confident and sporty students found themselves slipping off or clinging to the inflated obstacles before splashing into the pool. Eventually we all got better at balancing and clinging on and most students successfully completed the course jubilantly sliding into the water to finish.

The class enjoyed each other's company whilst having a picnic at the pool and then the action at the skate park began. Students donned their protection gear and rollerblades, scooters and skateboards were soon being ridden all over the skate park. Some clever tricks were demonstrated by students and everyone enjoyed exploring the ramps, rails and half pipes.

The outing was concluded with some messy games involving slime at a local beach. The faces of students had to be seen as they were asked to catch unknown objects soaked in slime. Jelly fish and rubber snakes were particularly scary for some.

Year 5G would like to thank the wonderful parents who accompanied them on the day and will run hard again next year aiming to gain the prize outing again!

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

**Wendy Stott**

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## **Junior Swimming Fun Day – Wednesday 4 December**

The Junior Swimming Fun Day is a morning of fun in the pool for the Year 1 to Year 3 students who are not turning 9 years in 2013. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have learned during weekly swimming lessons in some short races and also participate in some novelty races and fun games.

Please note that on the College calendar the Fun Day was planned for Tuesday 3 December but the pool is no longer available on that day. It will now be held on Wednesday 4 December from 9am – 11.30am. We are grateful that so many of you like to support your children at these carnivals, so we wanted to inform you of this change as soon as possible so that you could make changes to work commitments if needed. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we hope you understand this situation.

We would be most appreciative if there were some parents who were able to help out on the day either in or out of the water. If you are able to help could you please let your child's teacher know of your availability.

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## **OZ TAG SCHOOL CHALLENGE**

On Friday 1 November the sports department took an enthusiastic group of Secondary students to Maroochydore for an action packed day of Oz Tag. We had two under 15 years boys' teams, one under 15 years girls' team, a boys' open team and girls' open team.

Everyone performed really well on the day and the teamwork and sportsmanship was something we should be very proud of. The boys' open team won one game and drew one game out of four. Their speed, agility and ball skills made for a great game to watch. The girls' open team showed skill, technique and teamwork to win one and tie one game out five. All the girls showed great athletic ability.

The under 15 girls' team improved with every game they played showing loads of determination. They really came together as a team as the day progressed. They didn't win any of their games but they showed great sportsmanship. The year 9 under 15 years boys' team had five very hard games and they played well. Each game they played you could see them improving and working better as a team. They showed true grit and sportsmanship.

The year 8 boys' under 15 team had a great day on the field they won three out of their five games. They were fast on their feet, had great technique and showed great teamwork.

A special mention to Daniel Marjanovic who was presented with the under 15 years MVP award for his outstanding performance. Well done to all the students who participated in the Oz Tag Challenge. They all did an amazing job of representing your School.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

**Michelle Boroughs**

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The Beerwah Blue Light disco is booked and confirmed for Friday 15 November from 6.30pm until 9pm.

The poster with all the details is on the [GCCC website](#).

## Great Teamwork at Mission Foods Cup Netball Cup

Our team of Year 5, 6 and 7 girls showed great grit and determination in every game at the Mission Foods Primary School Netball Cup held last weekend in Redlands. There were 80 teams from all over Queensland playing in eight pools to find two finalists from each pool who progressed to finals' rounds.

Our girls work superbly as a team and got off to a flying start with a 13 to 10 win over Chancellor State College. Opposition was tough however and the girls fought hard in every game but were unable to notch up another win. One of their best games was against the top of the table, Calvary Christian College team which was a close fought battle. Our girls led 5-2 at half time but Calvary made a comeback with our girls finally losing 18 to 8. Many teams were taller and older than our girls but they learned much from this competition and the majority of them are eligible to play again next year.

Our thanks goes out to Claudine Daunt and Kerrie Fissenden who have coached the girls over the past three months and also to Lisa Grigor for her help with paperwork and organisation. We would also like to thank all the parents who spent their weekend at this carnival and their invaluable support for the whole team.

[Photos on GCCC website](#)

*Wendy Stott*

## P and F News

## Community News

Hi everyone,

I can't believe how close we are to the end of the year. Scary isn't it! I hope you are coping with all the assessments and busyness. Congratulations to all the Secondary students who received awards this week too. You all worked very hard and we are proud of you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our graduating Year 12 students all the very best for the future. May God guide your steps as you embark on many new adventures.

From Me to You Ladies Night: I want to say a HUGE thank you to all the wonderful ladies that came along to this event. It was such a fantastic evening. Around 60 women enjoyed some awesome food and "shopped till they dropped" at the many stalls which participated. Thank you to all our stall holders as well. Overall, the money raised contributed to the team walking in the "Walk for Cancer's Event having raised over \$20000! Jayne Hinds worked tirelessly on this event and did an amazing job. Thank you so much Jayne. I am really looking forward to running something similar again next year as I suspect word will get out and it will be even bigger and better!

**Primary School Disco:** Yes, it's back by popular demand! This fun event will be held Friday 22 November. Soft drinks, chips and glow sticks will be available on the night. Below is more information from Leisa.

### ***Blessings, Alaina Westaway***

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#### **End of Year DISCO Party Spectacular**

Following the success of our 1st P-6 disco earlier in the year, the P&F are again hosting a disco to celebrate the End of Year....so come along families, enjoy the music and fun and unwind after what's been a very busy year!

- **Date:** Friday 22 November 22
- **Location:** Senior Under Cover Area
- The night will be split in two with P-2 Disco from 4.30-6pm and Years 3-6 from 6.30-8pm
- Entry is \$3 with glow sticks, drinks and snacks available for purchase
- Mums and dads are welcome and encouraged to stay

If you'd like to help out on the night, please give Leisa a call on 0409 872 157.

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#### **Athlete's Foot School Rewards Program at Caloundra Store**

From every pair of shoes purchased at Athlete's Foot \$5 is donated back to Glasshouse Country Christian College. This applies to the whole family across the range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.

"With a shoe expertly fitted by one of The Athlete's Foot Fit Technicians, your child will have the right support for all of the school activities and sports they take part in every day."

Very soon the Caloundra store will also carry the exact details of which shoes comply with our uniform, making the shoe buying process a little easier.

***Please remember to mention Glasshouse Country Christian College when you purchase shoes from this store.***