

# Glasshouse Country Christian College

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Saturday 2 August

# Funfest

11am to 4pm

Bring your friends



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Tue 29	ICAS English
Wed 30	Channel 7 Helicopter Visit
Thur 31	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
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<b>Sat 2</b>	<b>FUNFEST</b>
Tue 5	Secondary Athletics Carnival 12 years to Open
Wed 6	Primary Athletics Carnival
Wed 6	6pm "Your Future Options" Info Night Years 10, 11, and 12.
Thur 7-Fri 8	QCS Practice Year 12
Tue 12	7pm P and F Meeting
Mon 11-Fri 15	Year 10 SET Plan Interviews
Wed 13	6 pm Year 9 Subject Selection evening for Year 10 2015
Thur 14-Fri 15	Primary District Athletics Carnival
Mon 18-Fri 22	Bookweek Activities
Thur 21	Primary Book Week Parade
Fri 22	Junior Athletics Carnival Prep to 8 years old
Fri 22	Shine on the Arts Evening
Tue 26	Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 11
Wed 27	Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 9
Thur 28-Fri 29	Year 9 Boys Retreat Camp
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Tue 2	6.30pm Prep Fathers' Night
Tue 2-Wed 3	QCS Exams Year 12
Wed 3	Prep Fathers' Day Chapel
Thur 4-Fri 5	Year 9 Girls' Retreat/Camp
Mon 8	Volunteers' Lunch
Wed 10-Fri 12	Year 3 Camp at Tunnel Ridge boys/girls
Fri 12	Prep to Year 6 Disco
Fri 12-Tue 16	Years 11 and 12 Block Exams
Tue 16-Wed 17	Primary Parent Teacher interviews 3.15pm to 7pm
Wed 17-Fri 19	Year 11 Biology Camp
Thur 8-Mon 29	French Trip
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**Cover photo: Grandparents Day fun with Chloe Turnbull and her family.**

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# Principal's Address



## Welcome back

I hope you all made the most of three weeks off school to relax and spend time together as families. Term 3 is looking very exciting with lots of great events.

On Thursday the P and F Funfest team organised for Radio 106FM to speak to a couple of our senior students about the upcoming event.

Next Wednesday, the Channel 7 helicopter is paying the College a visit and all the Primary students will be forming letters to say GCCC and Funfest as the helicopter hovers over. TV journalist Bill McDonald will be meeting with Primary students for a Q and A time.



And, of course, the biggest event for two years will be happening on the following Saturday 2 August. Funfest is going to be huge this year and I hope you've all had a

chance to pre purchase your tickets online to save some money on the day. Have fun and I'll see you there. Please be kind to the teachers volunteering for the 'Splat the teacher' stall.



## Fiji Mission Trip

As I write this our Fiji Mission Team has just hit home soil in Australia and they are very excited.

David Heyworth has been sending regular updates to the families of students on the trip (a couple of which made it to the GCCC Facebook page) and the trip sounded like it was a huge success.

David has written an article about the trip which you will find in Senior School News.



## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day was held during the last week of Term 2 and was once again a great day.

My own parents came for Grandparents' Day and, going by their experience and the photos on our [website](#), it was a wonderful day celebrating the important relationship between grandparents and grandchildren.



## Congratulations Hospitality Students

You may have seen in the recent Sunday edition of the Sunshine Coast Daily (Monday 21 July on page 8) that the GCCC team of Michaela Lal and Lani Kombanie took out first place in the Sunshine Coast regional leg of the Culinary Challenge Competition. All of Michaela and Lani's hard work paid off as they competed against teams from Mountain Creek High School, Chancellor College, Beerwah High School and Maroochydore High School.

Michaela and Lani now have won the right to compete in the state finals where they may win a prize of 700 dollars each and 2000 dollars for the College. Chantal Howarth and Bailey Townsend also did a magnificent job on their signature dish to be rewarded with an overall bronze medal on the day.

My special thanks to Julie Peters who has been going above and beyond to give our students these opportunities. I'd also like to thank Scott Coulson (one of our parents and a two-hat chef) who has been helping our students prepare for the challenge.

There is another article and more information in the Senior School news section of this newsletter.

## Volunteers' Lunch

Volunteers are the backbone of any successful organisation and at GCCC we are honoured to have some very special volunteers. These wonderful people devote hours and hours to helping GCCC to deliver the best educational journey possible for our students. Volunteers don't necessarily have the time but they do have the heart. As a Funfest year, there have been even more volunteers than usual.

As a very small token of our appreciation we are holding our annual Volunteer's Lunch on Monday 8 September from 12 noon to 2pm. The Beerwah Community Hall is booked out this year so the Hospitality Students will be serving a delicious lunch in the Glasshouse Country Baptist Church Hall.

This event is still a few weeks away but we would love to record your attendance as soon as possible to make the lunch special. Please ring Admin on 5439 0033 or email your RSVP to [admin@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@gccc.qld.edu.au) if you can enjoy lunch with us. Please click [here](#) to view the invitation.

**Mike Curtis, Principal**

# Primary News



Welcome to Term 3 which promises to be another busy term starting with FUNFEST on 2 August and finishing with Parent/Teacher Interviews in the last week. Years 3 – 6 interviews will be somewhat different this term and more information will be coming out over the next couple of months, well before the actual dates of these interviews. We believe the new format will be very helpful for parents.

## Grandparents' Day

In the last week of Term 2 the Primary College was a hive of activity with Grandparent's Day on the final Thursday and our Legacy Cup on Friday.

Our speaker for Grandparents' Day was Brian Andrew author of "I Grow in Grandad's Garden" and "The Adventures of A, B, C and D". His wife Moira has authored another book "I Grow in Grandma's Garden". I am sure that you would have heard some wonderful feedback from your family members who attended. The children were so excited about their grandparents' visits to their classroom and having the opportunity to show them around the College. Teachers had prepared some exciting activities and examples of the work their students do on a day to day basis.

Brian Andrew gave an absolutely glowing report on our school which he reiterated again in an email to me last weekend (19 July) saying that it had been such a pleasure visiting GCCC's Grandparents' Day and was definitely one of their highlights over the past 3 1/2 years since he has been speaking at many different schools. We LOVE Grandparents Day and it continues to be one of our favourite events throughout the year. So many people worked together and attended meetings to make our 2014 Grandparents' Day such a success.

Julie Peters and the Hospitality students provided a wonderful morning tea. Rochelle Harrison (nee Thomas) and other staff members prepared musical and dance items for the concert and during morning tea. Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Rosenberg made the transition from church to classrooms so smooth for our guests.

Teachers once again in 2014 embraced our grandparents, organizing learning activities some of which actually reflected what Brian had presented: "Grandparents have stories from their lives to tell and our grandchildren need to hear them. Telling these stories from their childhood creates a wonderful bond and strengthens families". Interestingly, without even knowing about what the topic for Brian's presentation was, teachers in Year 2 classes had prepared an activity to make a video clip on their iPads of their grandparents speaking about their past and how things were years ago.

Library staff under the leadership of Mrs Vanessa McKellar efficiently assisted Brian in the display and sales of his books and a display from Koorong also. Brian Andrew was amazed at the incredible interest in his and Moira's books and was delighted with the number of sales on the day. His granddaughter Ellie who featured in his book "I Grow in Grandad's Garden" helped with the sale of the book also.

Finally to you, the parents and grandparents of our students for the way you support Grandparents' Day each year. Your

encouragement and attendance really blesses us and It is such an enjoyable event for so many of us - particularly the children. Please click [here](#) to see more photos.

## Legacy Cup – Challenge of the Minds (Year 3 to 6)

All Houses were ready and waiting for the Year 5/6 and later Year 3/4 Challenge of the Minds on the last day of Term 2. Teams had been organized for Zion, Sinai and Ararat and they sat around their tables on the stage ready to answer each category of general knowledge questions which had been prepared by Mrs Mitchell. I had the privilege of being the Quiz Master. There were iPad buzzers, scorers, judges to determine who pressed the buzzer first, and students who were ready to do their house war cries to lift off the roof of the church.



The results for Year 3 – 6 and Prep – Year 2 will be added to Middle School and Senior School to determine the Winning House for Term 2's Legacy Cup. At this stage we have the primary results:

Years 3-6	1ST	ZION	2ND	SINAI	3RD	ARARAT
Prep-Year 2	1ST	SINAI	2ND	ARARAT	3RD	ZION

To read Lesley-Ann Rosenberg's article on the Prep to Year 2 Legacy Cup please find it on the following page..

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEW PROCEDURE FOR END OF DAY COLLECTION FOR YEAR 3 – 6 STUDENTS BEGINS NEXT WEEK.

## Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

**Funfest**  
 Fun for all the Family  
 Saturday 2nd August  
 11am - 4pm  
 Glasshouse Country Christian College  
 Roberts Road, Beerwah  
 www.gccc.qld.edu.au

**Show Bags Entertainment ALL DAY!**  
 Including Red Dragon Martial Arts as seen on TV!  
**Market Stalls**  
 Cakes, Trash n' Treasure, Books and MUCH MORE!

**Beerwah's Biggest Auction is back!**  
 Bid to win amazing prizes. All new Auction-a-Tradie!  
**Delicious Food & Coffee**

**Rides for all ages!**  
 Ride all day for \$27 with a pre-purchased Ride Pass. Available online until July 30. Price on day : \$32  
 Premium parking and carwash also available online.

**"NEW" Agricultural Extravaganza**  
 Paddock2Plate, Local Produce, Petting Zoo  
**Art Exhibition**  
 Matt George  
 Chantelle Art

**"Like" Funfest 2014 on Facebook for updates**



## Prep to Year 2 Big Thinkers Legacy Cup Challenge

Whilst the rest of the school were battling out in their Challenge of the Minds contests the Prep to Year 2 students were on their own quest to establish which house would shine in our Big Thinkers Legacy Cup Challenge.

In each class on the last day of Term 2, the children were given a fun quiz of Maths, English and General Knowledge questions

to establish individual class house winners and then an overall

house winner for Prep to Year 2. The questions ranged from topics the students had studied right back at the beginning of the year, problem solving in small groups, to fun memories of the excursions they had participated in throughout the semester.

The overall winning house for Prep to Year 2 was Sinai followed by Ararat and then Zion but just to see how you would fair in this challenge give this one a go.....Year 2 Fun Fact Question No.6 – Which Year 2 teacher drives the coolest car to school? The prizes for being able to answer such questions were: points for your house, a cheer from the coolest teacher and a tiny golden trophy!

**Lesley-Ann Rosenberg**

## Kitchen Garden News

“All seeds great and small” is our theme for Term 3 in Kitchen Garden. Classes planted broad bean seeds into cups and are taking care of them in their classroom where they will observe the seed growing into a small plant. The seedlings will then be transplanted into the garden beds in Kitchen Garden where they will grow into mature plants and then produce broad beans for us to eat and seeds for us to replant thus completing the amazing life cycle right before our eyes!

Cooking this term will also focus on seeds. In week 1 the cooks made nutritious apricot, muesli and sesame seed balls. These would be a great addition to the lunch box and are so easy to make and require no cooking. The recipe can be found on the website [www.gccckitchengarden.com.au](http://www.gccckitchengarden.com.au).

We are all very excited to welcome a much awaited new addition to Kitchen Garden...we are delighted to announce the arrival and installation of our very own outdoor sink. This means that the children can now clean up and do their own dishes; something I'm very grateful for and who knows...they just might test out their new

dish washing talents at home! On behalf of all the Kitchen Garden volunteers and myself I would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful P and F association who funded the project.

Until next time,

Yours in gardening and cooking,

**Mandy Ward**

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](http://www.gccc.com.au).



## Funfriends 2014

One of the highlights of my year is our Funfriends' Brekky Club which runs in Term 2. This year we had a fantastic group of 14 Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students who faithfully got out of bed early to come to school at 7.15am to have breakfast together and learn all about making friends, building resilience, setting goals and persisting.

At times each of the students had to recognize, really think about and talk about uncomfortable feelings and thoughts that can lead to actions which are not healthy or even unsafe. It's a privilege for both Chappy Danni and I to have once again been able to help students learn and grow in confidence and build some lovely new friendships. Well done Brekky Club kids!

**Lesley-Ann Resenberg**



For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](http://www.gccc.com.au).



## Principal and Assistant Principal for a Day

A few weeks ago I had the wonderful opportunity to be principal for a day and see how the office works and how hard Mrs Bryers works. Firstly we went to EMM (Elementary Maths Mastery) and I would point to the questions so the students didn't get confused. Secondly Mrs Bryers and I went back to the office and sorted some problems out and I thought that was really cool. Thirdly we visited some grade one and two classes to see what they were doing and while we were doing that I could hand stickers out if they were doing good work (which they were). Then it was lunch break and I went to referee the ½ soccer match and ate with Year one and twos. After that we went to an enrolment interview then we went over to the chapel and they introduced me to the primary school. The next activity was another enrolment interview. Last but not least I went visited Years 3 and 4 and gave out stickers.

*by Tyler Atherton*

## Our Young Performers

The last week of Term 2 was a busy performance week for our Primary Performing Arts students.

They travelled to our local nursing home, Embracia to entertain the residents and were very warmly received.



Our Primary Band opened the show with 'Power Rock' and 'Star Chase', followed by String Duet, Maddy and Rachel playing 'The Carrion Crow'. The Junior Choir performed next and sang 'Gold' and 'Any Dream Will Do, followed by the Drama Club acting out the story from the book of Esther. The finale was our adorable

This year, grade six had an opportunity to become principal for a day. We wrote an application, a paragraph on why we would like to be chosen to be principal for a day. Lots of entries were put in. Tyler Atherton and I were chosen to be principal and deputy for the day. I was put with Mrs Mitchell and learned what her job was like. Sorting out behaviour issues, visiting classrooms and doing assemblies. It was great to see what the Prep to Year 2s did this term and it was very interesting with the activities they did to help them learn words or letters including what they did at assembly. We worked on behaviour issues which were quite serious too. It's probably too much work for me to become deputy when I was told to proof read 450 reports! It was interesting to see what Mrs Mitchell does in her role as Assistant Head of Primary at GCCC.

*by Jaimee-Lee Goudie*

Little Voices singing and moving to 'Zip-a-dee Do-dah' and '10, 9, 8 God is Great'.

The students then backed this up with another performance two days later at Grandparents Day. Our primary Dance Troupe also performed at this event, and all groups were greatly appreciated by all.

Rehearsals have begun in earnest again this term for all groups. Watch out for our young performers this term at FunFest and Shine Arts Night (22 August). We will also be doing another community performance at Glasshouse Country Care in the last week of term.

*Penny White*

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

## Year 3 Aboriginal Art

At the end of last term, our year three's completed their aboriginal inspired art works; creating a visual narrative that utilised the cultural symbols of the Glasshouse Mountains based Gubbi Gubbi tribe.



The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about Indigenous art, bringing their personal collection of Aboriginal art works and artefacts in to class and analysing the method in which these works were created. We had lots of fun experimenting with paper bark, paint spray and dot painting, with some wonderful works resulting. Well done Year 3!

*Kate Noke*

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).

## Year 2M celebrates 100 days of school

In 2M we have been enthusiastically counting the days we have been in Year 2.

We were all very excited to celebrate our 100th day with activities and games around the number 100.

Some of our favourite activities were counting 100 Fruit Loops for 100 days, seeing how many 'pearls' we can retrieve in 100 seconds, and doing 100 exercises. We all had a one-derful day and look forward to being here for close to 100 more!

*Leetice Evans*

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).



## Rochelle Thomas marries Ken Harrison

Here is the photo we promised you from Rochelle and Ken's wedding and isn't it a beauty!



## ON BECOMING CHILDWISE

Parenting Seminars

### Learn How To:

- Build Happy Families,
- Raise Morally Sensible & Emotionally Balanced

(For children 3-12 years)

The Series



- How to raise a secure child
- How to raise a loving child
- How to raise a trusting child
- How to raise a moral child
- How to raise a virtuous child
- How to bring correction to your child
- How to set boundaries/freedoms .....and more

### New course starting

Wednesday 20 August

Contact: Tanya Lindsay for more details E-mail: tanya.lindsay@gccc.qld.edu.au Mobile:0407 161412

## PARENTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH THE PRIMARY YEARS

### Topics include:

- How to raise a responsible child

## Middle School News



### What's New for Term 3?

The holidays have given the GCCC staff time to pause for thought on how your children are progressing and where they may need support or help. Perhaps this has also been the case for you as parents and students.

Our staff went to a two-day conference last week and were challenged to consider that: *'School is only of value if embedded*

*in virtues. And, that 'School and all of its foundational structures need to be challenged.'*

A few staff also went to a Google conference and certainly the concept of the foundations of schooling was challenged in this forum. The virtual world and the incredible access to information at the tips of our fingers means that teachers and schools need to consider what their job really is. Teaching our children the virtues of generosity, the importance of belonging, contentment and faithfulness will endure past any body of knowledge and cannot be learnt by exploring the internet.

### Extra-curricular Seminars this term

This term, we will have a **Study Skills Seminar** presented by the company Elevate as well as a **Healthy Relationships seminar** for each year level. I would encourage you to discuss and explore these two topics as they come up, assisting them to put good practices in place in these two areas. All parents will be notified by email when these will occur.

### Cyber Safety

This week, Internet safety and in particular the danger of 'sexting' students was presented at an Middle School assembly. You may find this [link](#) to the Police Surf Safely website helpful as parents to gain more insight, help and tips on how to deal with this new area of parenting.

### Bullying link.

At GCCC we take bullying seriously. No person should have to put up with feeling left out, unwelcome, nervous or wary around others due to ongoing harassment. No matter whether the student

or family thinks it is too small or insignificant to tell others – if it is causing distress – we need to know so we can nip it in the bud. Our school [Connect](#) site has a discreet bullying link where issues can be reported directly to the Head of Middle School. This has already been highly successful in dealing with issues efficiently and discreetly. It can be found by clicking on the 'Students and Families' tab. Then the 'Handbooks and Support'; 'Bullying Support'; then, 'Bullying Report'. Please use this if you would like something followed up. The report is sent directly to the Head of Middle School.

### Student- Led Conferences

These will be a great opportunity for you to be a part of your child's learning journey as there is reflection on how this year has gone so far. This is in no way a 'show and tell'; rather a productive time of discussing – as a team – with the teachers, parents and child, where they are heading and negotiating how best to move forward positively and proactively. More information will follow soon.

### The Sunshine Coast University has an Open Day on Sunday, 10th August.

Even at Middle School age, it is not too early to begin exploring career pathways with your children. They have set up a [Parent Lounge](#) website where you can get answers to your questions about the transition from school to university. Their Open Day has a fresh approach where they have set up an [Imaginarium](#) for prospective students to explore university options. I would encourage you to check it out with your child.

### Homework ... something we always do.

At the beginning of a new semester, teachers think again how best to progress their students in their learning – as I am sure students and parents do too. Practice, rehearsal and completion of tasks that students already understand from their class have a significant effect on student's achievement. Homework should be straightforward and achievable with our [Connect](#) site clearly stating what the work is and when it is due.

Remember our Thursday Homework club from 3 -4 pm. Please also contact individual teachers via email to assist your child in this area if you have concerns. You can also check [this newsletter](#)

[article](#) from earlier on in the year to see our recommendations for how much time your child should be spending on homework for each subject.

## Assessment Policy

This is also on the [Connect](#) site. There have been a few adjustments with the main one being that we now require students who wish to request an extension to complete a form and bring it in signed by their parent to their subject teacher. If possible, this

## What's New in French Term 3?

COMPETITIONS GALORE...

Congratulations to **Erin Holland Year 8** for being awarded with a **First Place Certificate** for her Short Story in French entry in the 2014 International Year of the Family Writing Competition run by the Modern Languages Teachers Association of Queensland (MLTAQ).

## ARE YOU INTERESTED MIDDLE SCHOOL FRENCH STUDENTS?

Coming up Sunday 31 August **MLTAQ French Speech Competition for Years 7-9**

needs to be 48 hours before the due date. The extension will then be granted as the subject teacher sees fit. After the due date, the draft will be marked if a final is not handed in. However, if the work is below standard, students will be required to complete it after the date to an acceptable standard. This is because we want to set every one of our middle school students up for success!

See you all at Funfest next Saturday.

**Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School**

In association with and being held at the Sunshine Coast University.

We will be working on the speech in class over the coming weeks. We have 2 French students over on an exchange program to help with our accents and pronunciation! Perfect timing! Students can decide by week 4 if they would like to enter the competition to be held at the end of August.

Bonne chance tout le monde! = Good luck everyone!

**Lee-Anne Gordon**



## Senior School News



### Fiji Mission Trip 2014

I'd love to be able to say that I'm writing this from a paradise island resort, lying in a shaded beach bungalow and sipping on an iced pineapple fanta; but that's simply not the case. I am, however, surrounded by 15 brilliant, servant-hearted students who have been inspiring in their commitment to the great work they've been doing here in Fiji.

For the past 13 days we have been ministering to the people of this country from the outskirts of Lautoka; the second largest city in Fiji. As opposed to the sand laden resorts and white sparkling beaches, our accommodation has been only slightly less 'classy' as we settled in to the Fiji Bible College. It's from here that we began to reach out into the lives of the young people in both this township, as well as the smaller town of Ba, which is 40km north of here. Although our primary target here was to bless those we crossed paths with, we have been equally blessed and inspired by the friendliness and faithfulness of those we have fellowshiped with. I am proud to say that the students who dedicated their time and energy to this mission trip and the Fijian people, have grown and matured in more ways than I could have ever foreseen. They are certainly not the same 15 individuals that left this College two weeks ago.

From simply attending the Sunday church services to leading a Friday night youth group with 60 youth and young adults, these students have been tested and stretched to their limits; although I must admit, so have their leaders! It was amazing to see how quickly they bonded with the younger children at our daily afternoon "Kid's Club" programs. Several of the GCCC

representatives stepped up to take the lead in a number of different areas such as: singing, bible story telling, devotions and games – a particular favourite of the locals being the "Lolly Man" game, in which Lachlan McCaig, James Proud and Ben Giles found themselves struggling for air underneath a pile of 70 sugar-starved, miniature bodies. Although we are all worn out after two weeks of mission work, we have not come away from this unrewarded. On several occasions we were gifted with the sound of the beautiful, native Fijian voices of the college; this, however, does not include the local rooster's crows at all hours of the late evening and early morning, to which the students were not impressed and I'm sure the students are all looking forward to Chicken Tonight.

A big thanks goes out to Ross and Donna Newell, for all their help in preparation as well as travel to and from the airport. Also to Neil and Annette Daniel for their masses of hard work and preparation whilst the team was in Fiji, alongside Marie Stewart. We could not have survived without your dedication, time and effort, nor without the amazing food prepared by the lovely ladies. To you all, we are truly thankful.

**David Heyworth, Head of Senior School**

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).





## Year 10 Culinary Challenge Champions

Well done to our two teams in the Culinary Challenge Competition!

They competed at the Regional Competition held at the Sunshine Coast TAFE and Lani Kombarie and Michaela Lal (Year 10) came first getting a silver award. Chantal Howarth

and Bailey Townsend (Year 10) got a bronze award for all their hard work. Great work to both teams as they practiced repeatedly, to achieve this result.

They now go onto the State competition held at the EKKA on the 16th August (Saturday). Thank you also to Scott Coulson for helping to make this possible. Come watch them at the EKKA and cheer them on, I know they would appreciate your support .

**Julie Peters, Head of Hospitality**

## Future Pathways



Term 3 is one of the busiest terms of the year in terms of careers and career decision making. An important night not to be missed is 6 August for Year 10-12 parents and students. Year 10s on Tuesday 22 July attended the Sunshine Coast Careers

Expo at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Year 10s were thoroughly prepared for this visit to the Careers Expo through their Term 2 career lessons and work on their Career Profile

On 6 August, starting at 6.00pm the Year 10s will attend a presentation on SET Plans by Mr Heyworth and Mr Nash in the theatre, whilst Year 12s have a chance to speak with exhibitors, based in the rooms above the Library. Then the Year 12s at 7.00pm will be required to attend a QTAC –Post Year 12 options presentation in the theatre, while Year 10 students and parents have access to the exhibitors.

The Year 12 QTAC guides for courses on offer in 2015 will be distributed on this night. The Year 11 course offerings and GCCC handbook for 2015 will be also available on this night for current Year 10s.

It needs to be noted that non OP eligible students in Yr12 can apply for many Tertiary and TAFE courses.

It is imperative that Year 10s and 12s attend, as packs of information will be distributed, accompanied by relevant explanations of the information.

Exhibitors will include, for example, the Defence Forces, TAFE, Mallyon College, University of the Sunshine Coast, Australian Catholic University, Busy at Work Apprentices, Acclaim Apprentices and many other training providers.

Year 12s are currently reviewing their career options and are being encouraged to make an appointment with myself to discuss their future options. Parents are most welcome to attend. I am here Monday to Thursdays, however Wednesday appointments will be only available in the afternoon, due to Core Skills practice in the morning, at least up until the formal Core Skills tests have been completed.

Year 12s considering Performing Arts based courses for 2015

need to be aware that they will have early closing dates, due to interviews and auditions.

Often Year 12 students don't get offered what they see as their ideal preference or course. One way to better position yourself to improve the standard of your eligibility for the course that is missed, is through what is called "Upgrading".

Upgrading means that you gain a new, additional and a more competitive selection rank that can be used as part of your application to QTAC for entry to tertiary study. This can be done through Preparatory Courses i.e. Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation), the completion of the first year of a TAFE Diploma and UNILEARN.

Unilearn courses are tutorial supported, self-paced courses offered in an external mode with flexible commencement and completion dates for domestic and international students. Unilearn courses can help improve your ranking and satisfy subject prerequisites. Courses are offered in distance education (correspondence style) or online formats.

There are also Special Admissions Schemes available. QTAC's Educational Access Scheme is one special admissions scheme. There are five categories of EAS; Financial Hardship, Home Environment and Responsibilities, English Language Difficulty, Personal Illness and Disability and Educational Disruption.

If a student is applying through EAS, they will need documentation to support their QTAC application i.e. medical and specialist letters. Documentation for each category that is applied for is mandatory. If students and or parents are unsure as to whether their circumstances qualify them for a category, contact me on 54390033 for further assistance. A well documented valid case under any of the above categories can improve a students OP.

Open Days this term include: **Sunshine Coast University Sunday 10th August 2014, 10.00am-2pm; Christian Heritage College Saturday 23rd August 10.00am-2pm; Queensland University of Technology, Sunday 17 August 9.00am-3.00pm, Caboolture Campus.**

**A full comprehensive list of ALL open days can be found at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/Schools/OpenDays.htm>**

**Paul Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator**

# Library News



## 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

## Koorong Book Sale

Thank you to the many Grandparents that supported our annual Koorong Book Sale at the end of last term. We sold just over \$800 worth of titles and received approximately \$160 in commission that will go towards purchasing more titles for the library.

Brian Andrew, our guest speaker on Grandparents' Day sold a selection of books as well, including the popular *Grow in Grandad's Garden* and the recently released and *Grow in Grandma's Garden* (written by his wife Moira). For those families who would like to purchase more titles from Koorong or Brian Andrew, please go to the following links to access items online. Koorong: <http://www.koorong.com> Brian Andrew: <http://livehappytogether.com.au>

## Book Week/Book Fair



Our annual Book Week and Book Fair celebrations are coming up very soon! These events are a major highlight of the year for library staff and everyone is busy coming up with ideas for their dress-up day costume. The theme for Book Week 2014 is Connect to Reading and our annual Dress-Up Day Parade will be held on Thursday 21 August. Our Book Fair Garden will take place during Book Week in Week 5 and will run



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from Tuesday 19 August to Thursday 21 August.

Book Fair is a whole school reading event where students, parents and Grandparents are invited to the library to view and purchase a wide selection of Scholastic titles. This year we have some extra special events planned as well, so stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters.

## MS Readathon



The MS Readathon will return again in August and all students are invited to participate and help raise funds to provide support for Australians living with multiple sclerosis (MS). The MS Readathon turns 35 this year and is the nation's longest-running and most respected reading-based fundraiser. Over the past 35 years, around 5.5 million people have taken part, raising more than \$40 million for people with MS. Participation is easy and you can get started by following the three easy steps below. Students who take part have the chance to receive great a fantastic array of reading rewards.

## How to take part in the MS Readathon

**1. Register** – Participants register online at <http://www.msreadathon.org.au>

**2. Read throughout August** – Children can read any literature as long as it is at their own reading level. The reading period runs from August 1 – 31. Children can include all books used for the Premier's Reading Challenge for the MS Readathon.

**3. Fundraise from family and friends** – All students who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and Reading Rewards to recognise their dedication to helping others.

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club will be handed out to students in Week 2 with the Koorong Kids Issue 3. Due to the Book Fair later in the term there will be no Scholastic Book Club Issue 6. The final two issues, including Koorong Kids Issue 4 will be handed out to students in Term 4.

See you in the library,

**Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services**

# Community News

## Scouts Australia

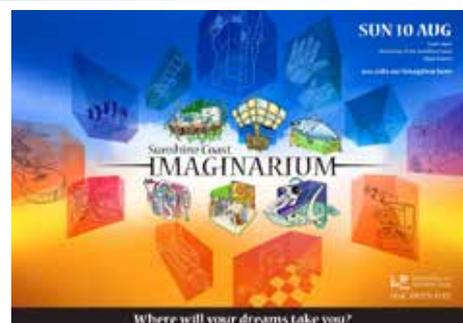
For information about Scouts Australia see the [Brochure](#).

## University of Queensland survey

For working parents survey follow this [link](#).

Sunshine Coast Imaginarium can be found at this [link](#).

Imagin Therapies, the Alert Program for ASD can be found at this [link](#).



## GCCC Students Come Third in Softball

Lee-Anne Coxeter emailed in this photo of Connor and Rowan that was taken on 21 July at the district softball carnival.



Both boys played well over two days and the team came in third overall.

The boys didn't seem to mind giving up two of their school holiday days to play.

## Netball Girls Glasshouse Champions

After three weeks of competition against other Glasshouse Schools the A Netball Team won the title of Glasshouse Champions!

The team of Year 6 and 7 netballers had all had considerable netball experience and were convincing winners in the final beating St Michael's College 26 – 8. They had one draw against St Michael's in week 2 but won all other games by large margins. The girls moved the ball quickly through each third and also defended well winning many intercepts. Carlie Wagner was the standout shooter, shooting with about 90% accuracy from all around the circle.

The A soccer team were very close to clinching victory when they played St Michael's in the final of the A division. Having previously lost 0 – 2 to St Michael's, our team was keen to push them all the way. GCCC scored the first goal with a fantastic free kick from Dylan Myers. St Michael's equalised and then the score reached 2 – 2 with a few minutes remaining. GCCC was applying all the pressure but lost the ball and St Michael's scored a goal with only two minutes remaining to give them the victory and title, winning 3-2. St Michael's had just won the Sunshine Coast round of the South East Queensland Schools Championships so our team played exceptionally well challenging until the final whistle and can certainly be proud of their efforts.

The B soccer Team had a mixed day on day three of the competition winning one game, drawing one and losing one game. They finished in equal second place with Maleny Red winning the B division.

Some inexperienced students trialed and were selected into the B netball team and this team played so well. The girls learned the basics from Mrs Daunt and then practised during many lunch breaks with the help of some A players. They improved so much each week and are now keen to continue playing netball. They had some great wins and a few very close, low scoring losses and finished the competition in 3rd place which was a great result.

Our thanks goes to Claudine Daunt and Cathy Trevan who coached and umpired the netball teams. We also thank Tegan Gisler, Hannah Johnston and Tenaia Owens for their help coaching, positioning and umpiring the B netball team. They will be a fantastic asset to our netball program, and we look forward to them coaching and mentoring the junior teams.

For more photos, see the [GCCC Website](#).



## Tara in Runner Up Team at State Championships



Tara Fissenden put in some outstanding performances at the Queensland State 12 Year Netball Championships held in Emerald at the end of last term. The Sunshine Coast team had won every game (10 in total), remaining unbeaten going into the finals against Metropolitan East. They fought out a

very tight final against Met East with scores locked together until half time. Unfortunately, Met East pulled away towards the end of the game winning 45 – 42 but Sunshine Coast were thrilled to be runners up in the high quality competition.

Tara plays as goal defence and had many taller girls to defend but did a great job for her team in this position. She really enjoyed the experience and the two months of training certainly paid off for this team.

## Play Softball

Suncoast Hinterland Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the upcoming Summer season.

**Sign On & Come Try Day:** Saturday 23 August & Saturday 13 September

**Where:** Mooloolah Multi Sports Complex – 129 Mooloolah Connection Rd, Mooloolah (Brand new facilities)

**Who:** Males & Females of all ages & abilities – 5yrs to masters

**Contact:** Karen 0422 204 661 or [suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com)

Your child may be eligible for the State Govt's Get Started voucher – valued up to \$150

Register ASAP to avoid missing out on this opportunity!!

<http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html>

## P and F News



Hi Everyone

**Funfest** - I am sure everyone's household is as excited as mine with Funfest nearly here. With all the hard work everyone has been putting in, it will be exciting to see it all come together on the day.

We still need help on the day with lots of jobs. There is setting up, help on stalls and cleaning/packing up. We really need more

hands on deck for the day to be successful and enjoyable. So if you can lend a hand in any way please let a Funfest team member know or email [pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au) with your details. Don't forget to pre purchase your ride pass. \$27 per child if you buy before the day or \$32 if you buy on the day.

**Disco** - P and F will be running another disco at the end of this term for Prep to Year 6, Friday 12 September. More information to come, so watch this space.

Our next P and F meeting will be Tuesday 12 August. So make a note that it will be the second Tuesday night in August instead of the first. Everyone is welcome, please come and join us even if it's just to see what the P and F is all about. We would love to see more people there.

**Enjoy Funfest, Lynelle Sim**



This is a call out to all parents, grandparents, friends and family to help with specific tasks to assist in the smooth running of the Funfest.

We need people ASAP.

Here is this list of the TASKS –

- Rides & Booth sales (1 hour slots)
- Security
- First Aid (on call)
- Tuckshop (1 hour slots)
- Traffic Warden (open & shut the day TBA)
- Work in BBQ (1 hour slots)
- Greek BBQ (1 hour slots)
- Setup on the Day (starting at 7am)
- Cleanup Team (at the end of Funfest Approx, 4pm)

We are also looking for people who would be able to be a "All Day Wonder". Last year we found stalls needing help at various times during the Funfest. To have people on hand during the event would be great help.

Please contact Alison Prentice either by e-mail: [alibilbe@hotmail.com](mailto:alibilbe@hotmail.com) or call/text: 0400 796 455.

## Chappy Chatter



I always believed that there was a God but I never really understood how to have a relationship with God and how to listen to Him. I would say my token prayer sometimes at the foot of my bed at night, but I didn't understand how supremely powerful God was and is. Because I didn't read His word in the Bible, I thought I had to be in control of everything in my life. But I found that I would

worry about the decision that I had to make and about my future. If I got hurt by someone I would absorb that pain and it would add to the other pain that I felt in my heart. I started to find it hard to forgive people and that made me even more angry and frustrated and nothing seemed to fill the massive hole in my heart.

Finally I humbled myself and called out to God, asking Him, "Why am I here?" and "How do I change these frustrated feelings that I have in my head that seem to travel with me everywhere I go?" The next day I went to a church for the first time and gave my life to the Lord. I said sorry to God for choosing to live worrying about everything and not looking to Him, and I asked God to come into my heart and to be my Lord and Savior and I became born again.

I immediately wanted to read the Bible and pray and to be around other believers, it was as if a veil had been lifted from my eyes. I started to understand that God wanted to transform my life, and that was through reading His word the Bible, and by being in relationship with Him. Hebrews 4:12 says, 'the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,

piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.' You see, God sees through everything and everyone in the same way and His word is truth. I learnt that I was living my life according to my emotions and feelings which were constantly changing. By reading God's word I started to understand that regardless of what I thought or what my emotions and feeling told me, I needed to put Gods word first, and not lean on my own understanding, but on what the word of God said.

I really started to hunger for God's perspective on everything and I had no interest in being persuaded by popular culture or everyone else's view...I just wanted to know what God thought. He is my creator and yours, so don't you think he knows best about your life too. Don't be someone that believes there is a God and thinks that that's enough cause it doesn't do you any good. You need to jump right in to Jesus's arms so He can take away your pain and suffering and teach you through His word.

The awesome truth and promise from the Word of God, is that if your 'born again' you get to go to heaven when you die. This is because Jesus has paid the price for those who follow him, when he defeated death by dying on the cross and raising himself from the dead on the third day... so you belong to him. Do yourself an eternal favour and ask Jesus into your heart. He will transform your life here, and when you die you get to go to heaven to be with Him for eternity.

**Michelle Britton**