

Glasshouse Country Christian College

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NOVEMBER	
Mon 10-Tue 11	3pm Dance School info session
Mon 10-Wed 12	Year 5 Currimundi Camp
Thur 13-Tue 18	Year 12 Exam Block
Tue 18	Immunisations for all Year 8 and 10 males
Thur 20	Year 12 Formal
Fri 21	Year 12 Graduation
Mon 24-Tue 25	Year 11 Exam Block
Thur 27-Fri 28	Year 11 Exam Block
Fri 28	Year 6 Wet and Wild
Fri 28	Final Day Year 10 Celebration
Fri 28	Year 9 Rites of Passage Day
DECEMBER	
Mon 1	Primary Orientation
Mon 1	6pm Prep to Year 2 Carols by Candlelight
Tue 2	6.30pm Years 3 to 6 Concert
Tue 2	Last Day for Prep students
Wed 3	Junior Swimming Fun
Thur 4	Year 9 Celebration Dinner
Thur 4	Last Day of School

Term dates for 2015

Term 1: First day for students Tuesday 27 January 2015
 Last day for students Thursday 2 April 2015

Term 2: First day for students Monday 20 April 2015
 Last day for students Friday 26 June 2015

Term 3: Staff only Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July 2015
 First day for students Monday 20 July 2015
 Last day for students Friday 18 September 2015

Term 4: First day for students Tuesday 6 October 2015
 Last day for students Thursday 3 December 2015

Cover photo: Olympian Emma Sheers congratulates Sophie Trevan, Amy Trevan and Emily Roach for their wins at the Sports Awards Night.

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Newsletter error re Hats for Middle Students

In my last article I mentioned that from 2015 Middle School students would need a formal hat to wear with their formal uniform. Please note that this will not be the case and I apologise for any confusion this may have caused. Middle School students may wear the formal hat with their formal uniform but it will not be compulsory.

However it will be compulsory for all senior students to wear their formal hat from 2015.

Sports Awards Night

Congratulations to all of our Sports' students. Every year new records are broken and new personal best scores are reached. This year the honour of Primary Sportsman of the year went to Bakani Kombanie while Emily Roach and Sophie Trevan tied for the Primary Sportswoman of the Year. Secondary Sportsman and Woman of the Year went to Cameron Shervy and Jacqueline Roach.



Matt Beattie has written more fully about the night in his [article](#) and you can see all the photos by clicking [here](#).

Middle and Senior Awards Night

This is our second year using the Caloundra Event Centre and the night went even smoother than last year. It is a little further for us to travel but the larger venue and better seating means parents have a good view and our larger class and award groups all fit on the stage.

Our Middle and Senior School Captains hosted the night in a professional and polished manner as the culmination of their duties throughout the year. Well done to Alisha Mens, Rory Tait, Ben Giles and Courtney Sinclair.

Congratulations to Troy Fullerton and Calista Theron who were made College Captains for 2015.

The Awards Night not only celebrated our students' academic achievements. It also celebrated the quality of character of all our students. We celebrated the perseverance that has helped them become the best they can be. We celebrated the attitude of going above and beyond what is required in the classroom. We celebrated their servant hearts, their leadership skills and their desire to have a positive impact on the people around them.

Not everyone can receive a prize or a medal but I use this time to acknowledge the quiet achievers; students who have been



working hard in the background, doing their best and helping others along the way. You are the backbone of our College. Even though you have not received a medal for your efforts, as long as you did your best, you deserve to be congratulated.

I am incredibly proud of all of our students and the new heights they reached this year.

Due to the newsletter deadline being the same day as the Awards Night, there will be a fuller report in the next newsletter. You can see all the photos on our [Facebook page](#) or on the [GCCC website](#).



MacBook Airs for all Middle School Students in 2015

For the past two years Middle School students have been issued with iPads. The iPads have been a very useful and cost-effective machine but increasingly we have been finding they are falling short of what we expect from them as an educational device.

For this reason the College is investing in MacBook Airs, which is the newest apple laptop, for each Middle School student in 2015.

The MacBook Airs have a lot of advantages over the less powerful iPads including their computing power, better monitoring of student behaviour, better for word processing and research tasks. The computers themselves are very robust and very portable, almost as portable as the iPad and the battery life is also similar.

The laptop, the case and the programs will be at no additional cost to your fees. This is very expensive for the College to provide as the cost of a laptop is much larger than an iPad, but we think providing a 21st century education for your child is vitally important.

There will be more information coming soon about how the new Middle School laptop scheme will operate.

Collection of iPads

iPads will be collected during the end of Week 8. Students need to ensure that they submit the iPad and the charger at this time. iPads will be inspected for damages at this time. Please recall that the cost for repairing a damaged screen is 100 dollars.

All MacBooks and MacBook Airs will be collected before the holidays.

This will mean that students will not have their laptop over the Christmas holidays. This may be very welcome in some families and may cause great distress in others, I apologise if your family is the latter but it is necessary for the maintenance of the machines and to ensure their longevity. In 2015 students will be reissued the machine that they submitted at the end of the year. Students will need to back up their data as each machine will be reset over the holidays.

Upcoming exams

Many of our students still have exams to conquer so I thought I would remind them about an insight that goes back to 1620. Francis Bacon wrote, "If you read a piece of text through 20 times, you will not learn it by heart so easily as if you read it 10 times while attempting to recite it from time to time and consulting the text when your memory fails."



In 1916 psychologist Arthur Gates conducted experiments and found the best way to memorise Shakespeare was to spend a third of the time trying to memorise it and two thirds of the time

trying to recite it from memory. Testing is a form of studying that leads to constant improvement.

So when your children are preparing for exams remind them that just going over and over the course material is not enough. They should also spend time setting themselves tests. Maybe this is something you can help them with.

Have your child write down questions and then write down their answers. Check the answers in the revision material then write down the correct answers and read them again. Focus on retrieving knowledge as much as storing it.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Uniforms for the 2015 year

Phone school office on 5439 0033 to book fitting times.

TERM 4 2014 (avoid the January back to school rush)
Term 4 Fittings Available until Monday Friday 1 December
Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8am to 9.15am and Friday
afternoon 2 – 3.30pm
Orientation Day - 1 December – fittings available 9am to 3pm.
Closed for Stocktake from Tuesday 2 December.

New uniforms purchased in Term 4 can be returned and swapped for different sizes in the new year as long as not washed, labelled or worn (new condition).

JANUARY 2015 (Very busy so book early to avoid disappointment).

Fittings available January: Monday 19 to Thursday 22 9am to 3pm.

Also - for working families: Wednesday night 21 January 5pm to 8pm - bookings essential.

2nd Hand uniforms Open available January: Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 January

No fittings available first week of school.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH UNIFORM FITTINGS.
Phone the school office or email Kylie on uniforms@gccc.qld.edu.au to register your availability to help.

Important News New Fee Payment Facility and Finalisation of 2014 Fees

The College is very happy to inform our families that we have introduced a new credit card payment facility



accessible via our website called PayWay. This is a secure Westpac Bank site and is extremely user friendly. Many of you will already have used similar payment facilities to this when paying other bills. The link is now active and can be accessed directly from our website under 'Enrolments' and then 'Fee Payments'. Please have your College Family Code ready – this can be found at the top right corner of your Fee Statement.

Automated phone payments by Credit Card will also be available from late November by calling 1300 885 175. When using this method please ensure you have the College's Biller Code 203554 and your Family Code ready. Payments from bank accounts can be processed using PayWay, however you will need to contact our office to process.

With this new facility now in place, from 2015 the College will no longer be using the current external third party provider (Ezypay) to process recurring fee payments. All 2015 Fee Statements will be issued early January and will again offer you an option for weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or yearly payments from either a bank account or credit card. Please note that yearly payments will be due by 6 February in order to be eligible for a 5%

discount. You will be required to select the option which best suits your budget and return the signed form before the end of Week 1 on 30 January. This will allow the College to set up the payment schedules for all of our families on the new PayWay facility and commence the first instalments in Week 2 in order to finalise school fees by the end of Term 4 (03/12/2015).

As the end of the school year is now only 4 weeks away, we must remind everyone that all 2014 fee accounts must be finalised by Thursday 4 December. Those families currently using our direct debit facility will notice (with joy) the last of their payments being deducted. Any family requiring a final balance to settle their account should contact our office.

Many families are thinking ahead and have recently been requesting that we continue their direct debit payments over the holiday period in order to reduce their 2015 instalment amount. Other families have requested this continuation as they will have an increase in annual fees in 2015 due to an additional child starting school or their child going into Secondary. If you would also like to continue payments over this period, then please phone or email me now at fees@gccc.qld.edu.au to arrange. Please note that the amount and frequency of these payments are at your discretion and are not governed by your current instalment schedule.

If you have any questions at all regarding any of the above or any other fee related matter, please always feel free to contact me. I'm here to assist you in any way I can.

Penny White, Accounts Receivable Department

Email: fees@gccc.qld.edu.au.

Primary News



Time to Shine 2014

And indeed the students in the Primary College really did take this opportunity to show us what they could do and they did SHINE. In a College where there are about 450 students in the primary sector alone it is very difficult to actually be aware of the talent which is in the school. That's what I love so much about **this aspect** of Legacy Cup

– Time to Shine. It is an opportunity to give any student who wishes, a context to show his/her talent in any field of performing arts from hoola hoops to card tricks and everything in between.

There were separate auditions for Prep – Year 2 and Year 3 – 6 and the finalists performed in the theatre on Thursday and Friday last week. The judges at the auditions for the lower school actually became the adjudicators for upper school and the same for the upper primary judges. They adjudicated the final for the lower school and what wonderful finals they were. The children may be young but the talent was great.

The results for the two talent quests were required before the Middle and Senior Awards Night on 4 November, so it was a hectic start to the term completing all the auditions and grand finals.

The performances were judged in three sections

1. Preparation and Polish
2. Originality
3. Connection with the Audience

The adjudicators had a difficult time finalizing the winners but would like to like to congratulate every student who participated and particularly all the finalists. We were so impressed with the huge number of students who auditioned for this Talent Quest. Their courage and confidence was impressive.

The medals for the winners were presented at the Year 3 – 6 and Prep – Year 2 assemblies this week and the winning students performed their items to all the students in their sector during those assemblies. You can view some of the winning performances on our [Facebook page](#).

We have much pleasure in announcing the results of the grand finals.

PREP – YEAR 2		YEARS 3 – 6	
FIRST	Charlotte Westaway	FIRST	JJ Munyard
SECOND	Isabella Buckland	SECOND	Maddie Roulston
THIRD	Dylan Bales	THIRD	Olivia Ellis
THIRD	Matthew Fielding	THIRD	Ruby Smith

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Kiana Reeves
Cassidy Ferris



More photos on the [GCCC Website](#).



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT MONDAY 1 DECEMBER (PREP – YEAR 2)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER (YEARS 2 – 6)

We will be emailing all primary families to request assistance for the P and F barbecue for both nights – Carols by Candlelight and the Year 3 – 6 Christmas Concert.

Our aim is to provide evenings where families can enjoy good food and the performances in a relaxed environment on the oval. But we need your help so please watch out for the email from the P and F. There will be a roster so parents will only need to assist for a part of the evening and this will not interfere with watching the actual performances on the nights.

Your children are already practising for their items and we are excited about these evenings.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Cheryl Bryers, HEAD OF PRIMARY

Australia Unites in Song

On Thursday 30 October our Primary Band, Primary Choir and Little Voices united with more than 500,000 students from over 2,100 schools nationwide to perform the same song, at the same time, right across the country for the annual MUSIC: Count Us In event. This is Australia's biggest school initiative run by the Music Council of Australia and is supported by funding from The Australian Government. Watch our clip of the performance on our [Facebook page](#).

Decades of research shows that learning music can help students' self-confidence, self-discipline and teamwork. It can help students engage in school, and there are strong links between music learning and academic skills in literacy and numeracy. Research shows that music is unique in its flow-on effects to students who learn it.

If your child is interested in any aspect of the Performing Arts – singing, playing an instrument, dance or drama – please encourage them to come and join one of our College extra-curricular performance groups.

Penny White, Music Department

Kitchen Garden News

We certainly appreciated the cooler day on Tuesday compared to last weeks scorcher in KG! The garden is looking great at the moment and is providing us with an abundant harvest of zucchinis, cherry tomatoes, Black Russian tomatoes, broad beans and red onions, which have all been used in the kitchen to prepare delicious dishes.

Last week the cooks made a broad bean, feta and tomato bruschetta and this week the year 1s and 2W made zucchini fritters (p 22 of the cookbook) with halloumi, basil and tomato, which was devoured in no time.

We have planted some Madagascar beans (or Lima beans), which are a perennial bean in a large woody pod that are shelled, then either eaten fresh or stored for the winter.

We continue to plant out seeds in the garden beds and our corn and beans are all germinating after the hot weather.



Unfortunately our KG website has had to be pulled down due to increasing costs. Next year we will introduce a KG weebly that will be less expensive (in fact free!) and will link to the school website so that we can continue to upload photos and recipes from the garden.

We are almost at the end of the term so if you haven't yet had the chance to come along for your child's lesson please do so soon.

More photos can be found on the [GCCC website](#).

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Middle School News



Congratulations

On Tuesday night of this week we held our Awards Night and congratulated a number of students who have excelled academically, worked diligently and demonstrated consistently GREAT behaviour. The decision for the academic awardees is fairly straightforward as it is based on grade point averages; however, the diligent and GREAT

awards require more input and to be honest, it is always hard, as there are often several other students who are narrowed down as contenders but do not receive this award. At GCCC, I can honestly say, we have a high number of students who work hard at their studies and who are thoughtful, godly young men and women.

As a part of our Awards Night we congratulated our Year 9s on finishing Middle School – well almost – just a few more weeks of this year to go! We have observed many of these students living this verse out: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord not for men. (Colossians 3:22)* and encourage all our Year 9s to take this work ethic on into senior school. This year, we have watched these students become young men and women and to be a part of this growth is a privilege and an honour for the staff at GCCC.



For photos of the Awards Night, see the [GCCC website](#).

Middle School Captains for 2015

Congratulations also to our new captains
Harry Fullerton
Brooke Hughes

Again, the possibilities for this role were excellent and narrowing it down to these two students was not easy as we had several students who would each in their own right have been excellent for this position.

iPad Recall

At the end of this year, we are recalling all iPads and at the start of next year students will receive a Mac Air computer in Middle School. The iPads will be handed back on Thursday of Week 8. This will require that students have: Backed up any work and their settings on to the iCloud; removed all pass codes and restrictions; and, will sign a form regarding its condition. Cracked screens will require repairs. This will occur after they have been handed in and an invoice will be sent to families. From Thursday night on, the iPads will be rendered inoperable through our school IT programming.

Attendance

While iPads may no longer be in the hands of our students, we do continue to work right up to the end of the term and expect all students to be present up to Thursday Week 9. Teachers take this opportunity to program in the sort of learning activities that are often squeezed out of the rest of the year due to the pressure of getting through all the content of the curriculum. This is the time where lifelong learners are made! Please ensure your child attends right through to the end of term so that they do not miss out on this important and valuable time.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Survivor Day

As part of the Year 7 Pastoral Care program we took the students out on a "Survivor Day" to Ewan Maddock Dam. This day focused on team building and group work.

The Year 7 students did an amazing job with everybody "surviving" the day. Nathan Bahr was our only casualty but I am glad to say he came through and is okay.

A big thank you goes to our host Jeff and Jeff aka Mr Hall and Mr Modlin who did a wonderful job organising the day and challenging

the students to be all that God has them being.

Thank you to Mrs Gosbell-Smith, Mrs Kombanine, Miss Fleming and Miss Ward who cooked our lunch and provided much needed support to our wonderful students when activities got tough.

Matt Ware, Year 7 Coordinator

More photos on the [GCCC Website](#)



Senior School News



Awards Night

As you read this newsletter, Awards Night for 2014 will be over and we will have celebrated another College year. In the lead up to the Awards Night, I had the pleasure of doing many of the calculations to determine award recipients as well as meeting with prospective student leaders for next year. It is at times like these you realise how talented our students are.

We have handed out academic awards, diligence awards as well as our GREAT values awards. Then there are the individual awards for Dux, Principal's award and so on. Whilst it is wonderful to recognise those who get awards, I feel for those who have just missed out of getting an award.

We have had many students that I reviewed who have performed well but unfortunately missed out. I encourage them not to be disheartened but rather continue to strive to do their best. The analogy of sporting teams always comes to mind in these situations. Behind every winner there is a team of support that spurs them on and each team member benefits for being part of the team. This brings out the best in all members and when you speak to the individuals they often reflect on achieving their PB or Personal Best. They are a winner when they achieve their PB.

Red Cross Blood Donations

Last week many of our staff and students donated blood through the Red Cross. Our Red Cross Ambassador, Courtney Sinclair



Information and Imperial Rule

With hundreds of books on their topic, "The Imperial rule of Augustus", awaiting them at library, Years Eleven and Twelve Ancient History recently took their second visit of the year to Brisbane.

Gaining greater insight into the university life, our history students spent hours in the expansive library, researching, taking notes and photocopying for their major research assignment.



worked hard to bring the blood donation van to the College by organising a combined community event with Beerwah State High School. Well done Courtney!

The **Dance Evening** last Friday was another opportunity to see the hard work of our students and staff showcased. The finale was anything but grand with some of our male staff doing a mix of rock and roll and Disney. It was a lot of fun but please, do not necessarily think that the man on the end in the see-through shirt who was a total failure at dancing was yours truly. Some things are better forgotten.

Verification submissions – As you are aware, we had a student-free day recently allowing staff from all over the region to meet in a moderation process, reviewing our students work and assessment procedures. This is an extremely important process in Queensland school based assessment and it was great to read the positive comments from our District Panel Chairs on the work our staff and students are doing.

These next couple of weeks are going to be very busy with Year 12 exams starting next Thursday followed by their Formal and Graduation. It is a wonderful time of year to celebrate all the achievements of our students.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have and are working exceptionally hard to bring out the best in our students. Please continue to uphold both them and our students in these final weeks. Please remember to pray for our Year 12s as well; particularly for safety as they leave the College and celebrate their graduation

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

What was most exciting was seeing members of the tech-generation enjoying the breadth and depth of books – real published and printed books.

After a lovely, on campus lunch, the students headed home wiser and no doubt, with many more quotes for their next assessment task.

Amanda Gook, Ancient History Teacher

Photo (left) shows Arnya McMinn (Year 12 Ancient History student) exploring the many books on offer at the University of Queensland library.

Legends of Speed... at GCCC Drag Racing Championships

CO2 vapour trails burst from each machine in the closest battle ever fought at GCCC. Some of the best racing was seen with hundredths of a second separating some competitors. Comical commentators Lucas Tidy and Coen Oosen called the action and communicated the tension as racing progressed toward the semi-finals.



Year 10 Design Technology engineering students designed and constructed their own CO2 powered balsa wood dragsters based on their studies in the aerodynamics of Formula 1 and drag racing cars. Students investigated the principles of friction reduction and the properties of various plastic and metal materials to design and construct an efficient axle system.

The 21 competitors faced a double elimination challenge to decide the overall winner. There were many close races averaging 1.3 seconds over the 20-metre track. The Grand Final was between "Turbo" (Bowen Pike) and "The Pedo Van" (Joshua Pedersen). In the best of three final, Turbo clenched the first race by only one thousandth of a second; however, The Pedo Van won the second race to even the score. Bowen Pike's Turbo won the deciding race by five hundredths of a second. Commentators and fellow competitors were ecstatic over the close finish. Congratulations to all competitors, pit-crews and officials – a great adrenalin rushing competition.

Podium finishers (Right to Left), Bowen Pike (First Place), Joshua Pedersen (Second Place) and Marshall Currie (Third Place) are pictured with their trophies. The trophies were designed using CAD software and the graphics engraved using Laser cutting technology.

Brad Hampson, HOD Industrial Design and Technology

Field trip to learn about Artificial Insemination

Last term saw the Agricultural Science students delving into the theoretical aspects of reproductive anatomy and backing this up with the dissection of a piglet to identify key organs. Last week the students got the opportunity to gain understanding of the practical application of their knowledge when witnessing Artificial Insemination (AI) of stud heifers at Mr and Mrs John and Nerida Allen's property.

Mr Steve Mallet talked the students through the AI process highlighting how an in-depth understanding of the reproductive cycle and associated hormones was the key to a successful AI program. Furthermore, students were able to view all of the equipment and specific storage requirements for appropriate

quality control. Overall, this field trip greatly enhanced the students knowledge and understanding, providing an invaluable connection between theory and practice.

GCCC Agriculture would like to extend a massive thanks to Mr and Mrs John and Nerida Allen and Mr Steve Mallet for this wonderful opportunity.



Jade King, Agricultural Science Teacher



Writers and Riders

We at GCCC have always known our students are simmering with literary talent! From time to time the community joins with us in acknowledging the beauty of writing, imagery and meaning as expressed by our students.

It is exciting to announce that two students have recently received such recognition. Firstly, Grace Davis of Year 10 will have her poem (below), "Battlefield of Humanity" published in a 2015 release "The Text Generation".

Battlefield of humanity

I watch them from the skies,
They blur the lines between good and evil,
Mark their places in the middle,
Fight their battles from both sides.

They claim their knowledge of wrong and right
As they both grab swords and stab,
Cutting skin with ugly words they spit
Like venom.

They sit on their side and fire back
With immorality.
Then dig holes to hide their crimes,
Covering lies, black eyes, and
battle cries
Like bullets.

And then they fall.

Starkly different, though
revealing the same creativity
and depth of meaning is

Courtney Sinclair's (Year 12) winning entry in the "Shakespeare Said" competition in which she took an original image and put it together with a quote from Shakespeare's play "Cymbeline". This combination of an image and words is called a meme.

Congratulations to both girls! To all the buddying GCCCers with simmering literary talent. Let it out! Have a go! Come along to "Writer's Club" on Tuesday lunch times or enter one of the many competitions promoted within the College.

It's time to get writing and creating!

Amanda Gook, Head of Humanities



Dance Department News

The last week has been huge for the Dance Department with a major competition and the annual Dance Night showcase taking place in the same week.

On Saturday 25 October the Senior School Dance Troupe participated in the World Cup Cheer and Dance Clash of the Champions competition at the Logan Metro Sports Centre. Both dances that were performed at the competition placed with a first place in the Senior Lyrical section and a second place in the Senior Hip Hop section.

The performances for the year were then concluded at the annual Dance Night on Friday 31 October. This evening was a showcase of all dance students from primary through to Year 12. It was a wonderful evening for students to show their parents and friends their achievements throughout the year.

Stacey Whyte,
Head of
Performing Arts



Future Pathways



Year 12 Advice needed after school has finished

Cre8 Brisbane 2014 – Celebrate Creative Greatness

FREE EVENT - [Register now](#)

When: Thursday, 6 November 2014

Time: 6pm – 9.30pm (drop by any time)

Where: C Block, TAFE Queensland Brisbane, South Bank

66 Ernest Street, South Brisbane

Cre8 Brisbane 2014 is TAFE Queensland Brisbane's premier creative industries showcase, celebrating our emerging creative talent.

The Cre8 event is packed with a diverse collection of free and interactive experiences, events and exhibitions, showcasing the very best in local innovation, creation and imagination.

Join us to celebrate creative greatness.

- Live tunes
- Street art
- See our Cre8 model come to life through hair and body art
- Don't miss the Cre8 food lane
- Onsite mixologist Cre8ing TAFE-tinis
- Pop-up galleries
- Kid's corner
- Theatrics
- And much more...

A day in the life of

Don't miss our **“Day In The Life Of”** a series of interactive events featuring graduates, teachers and industry professionals discussing the realities of working in the Graphic Design, Photography and Music industries. [Register now](#) for more information.

- Year 9 QUT UNI visit

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator

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

End of Year Book Returns

Reminders (Prep – Year 12)

Please note the following dates for end of year book returns. Students are welcome to return items they no longer need at anytime. Feel free to contact vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au to discuss any issues regarding returns. Please note that items lost or damaged beyond repair will incur the full replacement cost.

Prep – Year 6: Items due back Friday 21 November (WEEK 7)

Year 7-11: Friday: Items due back Friday 28 November (WEEK 8)

Year 12: Items due back Tuesday 18 November (WEEK 7)

Book Clubs – Special thanks

Thank you for supporting our Book Clubs at GCCC. We have had another wonderful year celebrating reading with Scholastic and Koorong Kids and continue to be encouraged by the many orders placed by families across the College. We recently received a visit from our Scholastic Rep thanking us for our Book Club achievements. She brought a bundle of free books along with her and encouraged us to keep up the great effort.

The Book Clubs are run voluntarily by our Book Club Coordinators; Kelly Yeo, Kristina Bullard and Debra James. I would like to personally thank these amazing ladies and the many volunteers who have graciously assisted them throughout the year. Running the Book Clubs is a huge task, but the benefits we reap far out way the hard work.

As we look towards 2015 I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested in assisting with Book Club to

contact Vanessa McKellar at vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au. There are only 7 issues per year, roughly 2 per term and all of the preparation is completed at school. It is a great way to meet new friends and promote reading at the College. We would love to continue to grow our volunteer team next year and look forward to hearing from willing parents and caregivers.

**MS Readathon
(Prep – Year
12)**



We are still waiting on some participants to complete their donations. To finalize fundraising simply log in to the MS Readathon website www.msreadathon.org.au for instructions. Please contact vanessa.mckellar@gccc.qld.edu.au if you need assistance.

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

Sport News

Sports Awards Night

Four time world champion water skier Emma Sheers was our special guest at our College's Sports Awards Night. Mrs Sheers presented medals and trophies to GCCC young sportsmen and women and spent some time telling the students about her experiences as a record holding slalom and water ski jumper.

Approximately 250 people attended the evening, which began earlier this year to allow time for all the College families to talk and catch up with each other over cake and coffee at the end of the night.

The evening saw age champions for swimming, cross country and athletics receive a trophy for their efforts. Ararat took a clean sweep this year to win the Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics House awards as well as the overall House Award, while Zion won the overall House Spirit Award.

The number of recipients of gold, silver and bronze awards this year was at an all time high. This is testament to the large number of athletically gifted students we now have coming through our College. To win this award students received points throughout the year when representing the College at Inter-School Sports and competitions. Points increase in value for Districts, Regional, State and National school sporting 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: Caitlin Moore, Aiden McKellar, Laura Vobr, Willow Hildreth, Patrick McKenzie,

Damian Tomokino, Noah Woolston

Primary gold: Amity Roser, Cassidy Ferris, Declan Martin Jaylah Daunt, Bakani Kombani, Emily Roach, Sophie Trevan

Secondary silver: Maya Amendolia, Beau Howard, Cameron Shervy, Ella Mickelson, Jayme-Lee Groer

Secondary gold: Andrea Little, Tara Fissendon, Natasha Hoeksema, Jacqueline Roach

The title of Primary Sportsman of the year was awarded to Bakani Kombani. The Primary sportswoman of the year was a tie between Emily Roach and Sophie Trevan. The title of Secondary Sportsman of the year went to Cameron Shervy and the Secondary Sportswoman of the year was awarded to Jacqueline Roach.

Congratulation goes out to all the students who received awards this year and we look forward to another great year working with our talented GCCC students in 2015.

Matthew Beattie, Head of Sports

More photos are on the [GCCC website](#).

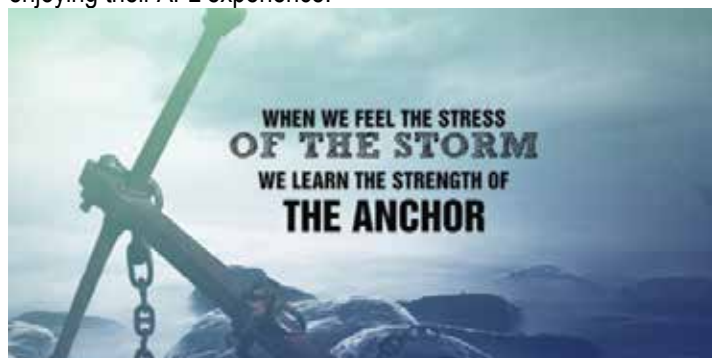


Interschool AFL for Year 6 and 7

Last Friday four GCCC teams participated in AFL games against other Glasshouse District Schools as part of the Term Four Interschool Sport program. This competition is organised by Sunshine Coast AFL Development officers and is a non-competitive event so no scores are kept.

Our teams all played really well, out classing most of the other teams with some very dominate displays of goal kicking. Each team played three 30 minute games and improved with each game. There was some great tackles made and players linked together well using hand balls and kicks to progress up the field.

The students will be playing for two more weeks and are really enjoying their AFL experience.



Teams Play Well At Mission Cup



Two teams of excited players headed for the Gold Coast to compete in the Mission Foods Primary Schools Netball Cup. The weekend attracted eighty teams from all over Queensland, competing in eight pools of ten teams. The teams played six or seven games on Saturday and two or three on Sunday, so it was a huge weekend of games. This year many of the students had not played netball before until joining our teams. They have learned a lot and by Sunday the experience in game situations was certainly evident as their movement and positioning on the court had improved greatly. The whole carnival was won by Matthew Flinders who defeated Sunshine Coast Grammar 8 – 6 in the final.

The A team were very excited to finish seventh in their pool of ten winning three games against St Josephs Biloela, Craigslea Anglican College and St Marys Primary School which beat the record of last years team. They also had some close contests with several other teams, coming away with narrow loses. There were some very good teams in the tournament and stopping them was very difficult.

The A team was more experienced and this year the rules allowed each team to include a boy on their team. Patrick McKenzie joined the A team and very quickly learned the game and became a great asset on the court shooting many great goals. Patrick was incredibly useful in feeding the ball into the circle.

Willow Hildreth who was also new to netball did a fantastic job as goal keeper along with Sophie Trevan in goal defence, who does not usually play in this position, but gained many intercepts stopping numerous goals. Maddy Roulston, Patrick and Jaylah very ably filled the shooting roles scoring many great goals. Olivia, Laura, Amelia and Shelby worked really hard in the middle of the court in both attack and defense often coming up against much taller players.

The B team of mostly Year 5 students fought courageously against much more experienced teams. They never gave up and continued to improve with each game. Tebony Owens and Chelsea Johnson never gave up looking for intercepts in the goal

circle while working hard to stop as many shots as possible. Alex, Maddy, Chloe and Ebony had some tough battles with many taller players in the mid court but passed the ball on to Zara, Cassidy, Nicole and Racheal who took every opportunity to shoot goals at our end. This team did not manage to win a game but the improvement over the carnival was fantastic and they are all keen to continue playing netball.

Tegan Gisler, Hannah Johnson and Tenaia Owens were fantastic as coaches of the B team as well as umpiring both the A and B teams. The girls have trained the team after school for the past three months and we have all seen the great improvement that the girls have made in that time. The team is keen to continue playing netball and many will join a club team next year. We look forward to having Tegan, Hannah and Tenaia coach a team again next year and we would like to thank them for all their great work.

Hannah Johnson was also recognized as one of the outstanding umpires at the carnival and has been selected in the Umpire Development Program with Netball Queensland. This is a great opportunity for Hannah and we look forward to seeing her progress as an umpire.

Claudine Daunt and Cathie Trevan were the coach and manager of the A team. They have worked hard getting their team fit and ready for the competition. The speed at which the ball travelled down the court reflected the work done prior to the carnival, the team's tenacity in defense was also amazing. Cathie worked hard to source new uniforms this year and handled all the paper work required to take the teams away to the competition.

June Chidgey also did a fantastic job as manager of the B team ensuring they were always encouraged and ready to play.

Most of the team members will no longer be eligible to represent GCCC at this carnival again next year.

The parent support for both teams was awesome, helping to keep the team positive and applauding great efforts and fast movement around the court.

I would like to thank to all the parents involved for their support and encouragement, and well done to the students, GCCC is proud of you all.

Wendy Stott

More photos on the [GCCC website](#).

P and F News



We had our final P and F meeting for 2014 this week. We managed to plan some fund raisers and events for 2015 for our College. First term will be another disco for our primary students and we are also having a trivia night for our College families and local community. Looking forward to everyone being a part of this.

February 2015 will be our next P and F meeting.

It's hard to believe it's been 3 months since Funfest. With the money raised, we are looking at some type of interactive fitness

play for our College. This is something we are wanting everyone to benefit from. Look out for an update on this in 2015.

The Prep – 2 Carols by Candlelight on Monday night 1 December and Year 3-6 Christmas concert on Tuesday night 2 December are fast approaching. The P and F are running a BBQ on both nights and selling drinks, snacks and glow products. We will be needing help for both nights. Please look out for information coming out soon with more details on how you can help.

Thanks everyone for your support.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President

Chappy Chatter



In Luke 8:4-15 Jesus tells the parable (story) of the 'Four Soils'. Essentially a farmer scatters seed, but only the seed that fell on the good soil ended up growing to maturity and producing a harvest.

The danger of reading this passage is that most of us automatically assume that we are good soil.

In Australian Christian culture we have become accustomed to the idea that there are different levels of Christianity. Some of us believe in God but have no relationship with him. Some

of us accept that Jesus died for our sins and have asked for forgiveness, but refuse to turn away from our sinful nature and make Jesus the Lord of our lives. Some of us desire to love Jesus and serve him as our king, but not yet... First we need to make ourselves financially secure, finish that job or have wait until life 'settles down a bit'.

Can I suggest that there are in fact no levels of Christianity.

When I read Luke 8. I read that there is only one soil that makes the cut. They are those good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest for the Kingdom of God

Mick Spann, Youth Pastor



2014 Music Gala Performance
Featuring GCCC Instrumental & Vocal students

Tuesday 18 November at 5pm, GCCC Theatre

Band and String performance date claimers
Please keep the dates below free. More information will be coming soon.
Tuesday 25 November 2pm - Year 5 Band Concert
Friday 28 November 9am - Year 3 Smart Strings Concert



Primary SRC Project for Term 4

What can make our school a better place?
What can help our learning?

Refreshing, cold drinking water

The SRC aim to raise funds to provide our students with a

Refrigerated Water Cooler!

The information gathered through student surveys has informed the SRC that students want to have cold water during breaks and cold water to fill their water bottles.

SO THE SRC ARE SELLING

Ice Cream



Our aim is to raise funds to install one Aqua-bubbler by the end of Term 4!!!

There will be a choice of delicious fruit or chocolate covered ice-creams on sale for **only \$1.00 each**.

When: Weeks 4, 5, 6 and
Years P-2 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Years 3 – 6 on Thursdays and Fridays

First break only

Where: The Ice-cream Stand- outside the Library

Community News

Sports Camps Australia
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CAMP	LOCATION	DATES
BCA Youth Touch Football Camp	Calandra High School	12-13 January
BCA Youth Soccer Camp	Calandra High School	15-16 January
BCA Youth Netball Camp	Calandra High School	15-16 January
BCA Youth Swim Camp	Calandra Aquatic Lifestyle Centre	13-14 January

Fees: \$199
Times: 8am-3:30pm
SKILL Level: All Skill Levels Welcome
AGE: 10-15 Years
Gender: Co-ed

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TO DO GOOD WORKS
WHICH GOD
PREPARED IN ADVANCE
FOR US TO DO

EPHESIANS 2:10