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# Newsletter Term 1, 6 February 2015

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FEBRUARY	
Mon 9	Whole of School Dedication Service 8.30am
Tue 10	Primary Meet the Teacher: 5.30pm - 6.00pm and 6.15pm - 6.45pm
Wed 11	Parent Information night. MS: 5.30-6.30pm; SS: 6.30pm-7pm; QCS SS: 7-7.45pm
Thur 19	Primary Photos P—6
Thur 19	Secondary District Swimming Carnival Noosa
Fri 20	Secondary School Photos—Years 7 to 12
Fri 20	Primary District Swimming Carnival Beerwah Pool
Sat 21	P and F Family Fun Day 10.45am to 1.45pm
Tue 24	Middle School Leaders' Induction
Thur 26	Catch up school photos
Fri 27	Legacy Cup clean up Middle and Senior School
MARCH	
Mon 2	Immunisations for all Year 8 and 10 boys and girls
Mon 2	Parent Information night for Yr 10-11 Study Skills Programs
Tue 3	AGM - P and F Meeting 7pm
Wed 4	Primary Leaders' Photos
Thur 5-Fri 6	Year 6 camp - Bike on
Fri 13	Induction of Primary Leaders 9.30am-10.30am
Sat 14	P and F Trivia Night
Thur 26-Tue 31	Year 11 and 12 Exam Block
Fri 27	Primary Disco 5pm
Mon 30	Year 8 Walk to Water
Tue 31-Wed 1 Apr	Primary Parent Teacher interviews 3.15-7pm
APRIL	
Thur 2	Whole College Easter Assembly
<b>Thur 2</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>



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**Cover photo: An exciting first day of Prep for Milla Hinds as she says goodbye to her mum and hello to her new teacher Mrs Lin Smith.**

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# Principal's Address



Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to those who have been part of the GCCC community for some time. I hope you had a good relaxing break and were able to spend quality family time together.

## Keeping contact

Communication is very important to us as a College and I do recommend you take a few moments to look at the GCCC Newsletter when it comes out each fortnight. We don't expect everyone to read the whole thing but you will find it helpful to keep an eye on the calendar dates and visit the school section that is relevant to your children. If you are reading it online, it is even easier to go to the section/s you are most interested in from our home page or the links provided.

[Our GCCC Facebook](#) page is also a good way to keep up to date and it also provides an extra insight into some of the College happenings that don't make it into the newsletter. Another benefit of following us on Facebook is that you will be privy to photos and events as they happen without having to wait for the fortnightly newsletter.

We recently achieved 800 Facebook followers and will be celebrating with a big cake on Monday 9 February at 2.30pm in the Junior Undercover Area. If you are one of our Facebook followers please join us for a piece of celebratory cake. If you really like cake but aren't one of our Facebook followers, you still have time; just click [here](#).

## Building update

Many of you will be watching the new building construction with interest and keeping up to date with the progress photos on our Facebook page. Everything is on track for moving into these buildings over the upcoming school holidays.



The three new Year 1 classrooms have beautiful views and modern multipurpose zones including a lovely shaded undercover area adjacent to the classrooms. There will be an opportunity for Year 1 parents to view the finished buildings closer to completion and everyone else will be able to take a tour on our Open Day, just a couple of weeks later on Saturday 16 May.

For parents who don't have students in Year 1, the most exciting thing will be the long awaited new car park!

## Parking courtesies

We still have a little while to wait before the extra parking area is completed so I would like to take this opportunity to ask you all to be patient, kind and courteous towards each other, especially during the afternoon pick up time.



There are a few things that I shouldn't have to ask but will do so because these rules have already been violated so often this year. Don't park in the disabled park unless you qualify and have the relevant sticker/authority visible. Don't park people in – only use the designated car parks. Practice the GCCC core value of respect – respect each other and the rules of the road (and car park).

## P and F Family Fun Day Saturday 21 February 10.45 to 2pm

This annual event is especially for families new to GCCC to meet families who have been with us for some time. In other words, everyone is welcome. It is a fun time and a good opportunity for parents and their children get to know each other a little better. The P and F are providing a free barbeque and cold drinks will be on sale for a nominal price.



You would have already received a letter about the event with a link to RSVP. Please indicate if you are attending so the P and F know how many sausages to purchase.

Don't forget that the P and F meet on the first Tuesday of each month (unless stated otherwise) at 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

## Sad news

Many of you may know that Pastor Mick Spann's little baby girl Norah, was born with serious health issues just over two months ago. We are saddened to tell you that, after a very brave fight, Norah went to be with her Lord Jesus on 29 January. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mick and Anne and their little daughter Alayna, as they mourn the passing of Norah.



Thank you to all of you who have been praying for the family over the past few months. Mick and Anne have really appreciated your kindness and thoughtfulness.

## New staff

Due to the continued growth of the College we have a few new staff members. Some of them are introduced in this newsletter and others will be in following newsletters. When you see the new faces around campus I hope you will give them a big smile and warm welcome.

## Farewell to familiar faces

Cameron Hall has sadly left GCCC to become the Youth Pastor at his local church. This call has been on Cameron's heart for many years and we wish him all the best in his new role. Taking on the Head of Christian Studies position is Bert Kasselmann who will begin on Monday 16 February. We will tell you more about Bert in an upcoming newsletter.

Kathy Hopson has also left us and has taken

on the position of Librarian at another school. We will miss Kathy's cheerful face in the library but know she will enjoy the challenge of her new role.

## How to help your children be better students

I recently came across ten simple ways to children become better students and I want to share one with you each newsletter. They are from Principals' Digests and I thought they were very helpful and easy to apply. What do you think?

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## School photos

Envelopes will be given to your child on Monday 9 February Glasshouse Country Christian College photographs for 2015 will be taken by "Portrait Patch" on the following days:

- Thursday 19 February 2015 Prep to Year 6
- Friday 20 February 2015 Year 7 to Year 12

The photographs taken on these days will be used to create

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## New Staff for 2015



### Introducing Shalene Geldenhuys

Hi, my name is Shalene Geldenhuys and I am the new Year 6G teacher.

My family and I have just moved down from Townsville where I worked as an Upper Primary teacher at Calvary Christian College. I have three beautiful daughters, two of which go to this school and one who has recently graduated.

I am a passionate and creative teacher, whose aim is to install in each child a love of God and life, respect for themselves and others, and most importantly the joy of learning. I love the vibrant, rewarding and ever changing nature of working with children.



### Introducing Donna Andrews

Hi, my name is Donna Andrews and I am the new year 5G teacher.

I have been teaching for five and a half years and have a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Graduate Diploma in Education. I love reading and have a passion for English and History.

When I am not at school I enjoy spending time with my husband and four children. We have recently moved to the area from Far North Queensland, so we are still finding our way around!

I look forward to working with you all.



### Introducing Zara Kriel

Hi. My name is Zara Kriel and I have nine years experience teaching primary aged students. I have taught in the UK, at Humpybong State School in Margate and, most recently, at Genesis Christian College, Bray Park.

Over the holidays I got married, moved to the country and bought

*Let your child see you making mistakes:* Parents are their child's first teacher and their lifetime teacher. Part of being a teacher is teaching your child how to deal with making mistakes. Let them see that you can make mistakes and deal with it so they will understand it's not a big deal and they can cope when they trip up.

## Mike Curtis, Principal

student ID cards, as well as the class group photographs for 2015.

Please ensure that all students wear their full formal College uniform (ties and belts for Middle/Senior School) on Photo Days.

If for some reason your child is absent on either of the scheduled photo days, a catch-up session will be held on Thursday 26th



chickens and two puppies. This year I aim to buy a horse to complete my rural lifestyle. I also aim to enjoy teaching Year 4W at GCCC.



### Introducing Amy Conwell

Hi, my name is Amy Conwell and I am the new Year 3W teacher. This is my seventh year teaching. As a contract teacher, I have taught at Christian schools throughout the state, including schools in Gympie, Sunshine Coast and Mackay.

I am passionate about helping students achieve to their potential and teaching them about God's love.

I am also getting married in July. I love music, reading, the beach and spending time with family and friends.

I look forward to partnering with you to best support our students.



### Introducing Rachelle Kavanagh

Hello, my name is Mrs Rachelle Kavanagh. I am thrilled to be part of the Year 4 team at GCCC.

I studied Primary Education with a minor in Teaching English as an Additional Language at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane.

Over the past few years I have had many amazing and challenging experiences including volunteering with the Bible Society and working in a literacy program in India. I travelled around England and Europe for three months with my brother, which included snowboarding the Swiss Alps, eating snails in Paris, holding up the Leaning Tower of Pisa, eating Belgian waffles and going Canyon Diving in Switzerland. I also got married and moved to the best place in Queensland, the Sunshine Coast.

Since becoming a teacher I have worked with all grades from Prep through to Year 7, in the classroom, library and Special Education Unit. I am looking forward to gaining more experience here and being a part of the GCCC team.



## Welcome to 2015 and the promise of another great year

Last week I sent a letter with *some* of the contents of this article but additional information is now included in this Newsletter. The new school year, for staff, started some time ago as we have been making preparations for 2015. Even before the Pupil Free Week teachers have been planning units

of work and preparing their classrooms to be ready for this term. I always love the beginning of a new year – even with the pressures of staff induction, student handover information, classroom relocations and professional development which assists us to improve our teaching practice. Now it is Week 2 and classes have settled into their routines, the new students also are feeling like they have been here for some time and have made new buddies.

## Meet the teacher 10 February

When: Tuesday 10 February (two sessions)  
5:30 – 6:00pm and 6:15 – 6:45pm

Where: Year Level classrooms

Why? This evening is a very important event in our College Calendar as it provides an opportunity early in the year for parents to meet their children's teachers and catch their vision for the class for 2015. There are two sessions with time allowed for parents/caregivers to move from one area to another.

*Please make every effort to attend next Wednesday evening*

## Communication with families

As a "paperless" school, we have established that all communication to home will be made via email. This is quick, notes don't get lost in school bags and it is far more efficient for our office staff. *I cannot stress enough the importance of checking your emails on a daily basis as these letters are so important in your children's school life.* We rely on these emails to be confident that all parents/caregivers are informed about what is happening in the Primary College and how you can support your children.

Good communication is the life blood in terms of our home/school partnership. We include in the subject line GCCC to make it easier for you to identify these emails if you have quite a number of emails on any one day.

## General information

### Kitchen garden volunteers

An army of volunteers arrived on Friday 30 January and in a couple of hours the weeds were all gone and the garden beds were cleared ready for the programme to begin this week.

We are so grateful for your assistance and the children are excited about Kitchen Garden again this year.



## Dismissal at 3.00pm

Teachers have been collecting information regarding the way students will be going home from school each day. This information will direct how students will be dismissed by the teachers at the end of each day.

Your feedback has been collated and teachers have created a document which will determine student release Monday to Friday.

Please ensure that the information you give is as accurate as possible so your children leave the College safely.

*If you haven't told teachers the daily plan please make this a matter of urgency.*

## Signing in as a volunteer

We are grateful to all our volunteers who make the College a better place. It is important for the safety of the students that anyone working in the school grounds signs in at the office first. It also is essential for your safety because we know who is in the school in case of an evacuation/lockdown event.

## Collection of students before 3:00pm

Please remember to do this through the College Office *ONLY*.

If you need to collect your children early for any reason, please go to the office where a staff member will contact the class teacher and the child will meet you at reception so you can sign him/her out.

## Before school

Just a reminder that students must go to the Senior Undercover Area before school unless they are in Prep – Year 2 and have *adult supervision* on the Junior Playground. There will be a staff member present to direct students who are not being supervised by a parent or another designated adult to move to the Senior Undercover Area where we have staff on duty to supervise play.

## Appointments with teachers

Please allow another week or so for teachers to work with their students before you make appointments to talk about your children. Of course if there is something which urgently needs to be shared, please feel free to email the teacher or just send a note. Mornings are very busy for teachers as we have devotions 3 mornings a week until 8.20 am and classes begin at 8.30 am. Afternoons are more flexible but please note that Wednesdays are staff meetings and I have asked teachers to keep Wednesdays 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm free from appointments. Our staff meetings are a very valuable time when we discuss important issues and have professional development. Other afternoons are usually available for appointments if necessary.

## Building update

The progress of our first primary building on the new block has been exciting and we are looking forward

to taking occupancy at the end of Term 1. Some of us were able to have a quick tour with the site manager last week and are delighted with the Year 1 class rooms. It will be a big job to move everything across, for Term 2, so "Watch this Space" just in case we need some help and you are able to assist.

You will notice that the new road to the primary campus has been constructed at the expense of the old Prep Maroon shed. However, Prep Maroon for 2015 has settled in well in the gym area and are watching with excitement as their new classroom is taking shape.

The movement of Prep White and Prep Green to and from the play areas etc has been very smooth and we are so thankful to both teachers and teaching assistants for the care they are taking with their "little people" to keep them safe. This will need to continue a little longer than first expected.



### Friendships

Sometimes a change of class can mean changes in friendship groups for children. This is not always a negative situation – rather, it can be used as an opportunity for them to make new friends and to build resilience. Where children develop one very special friend who is in their class every year, it can create a situation if one or the other ever moves away, where the one left behind is devastated and unable to easily recover and create new friendships. I have spoken to the teachers where a few students

### Kitchen Garden News

What do you do when you arrive back to an overgrown jungle in Kitchen Garden? You call in the Super Mum Army to help.

Last Friday an enthusiastic group of ladies arrived with their gardening gloves and muscles ready to tackle the weeds and rediscover the hidden garden beds. After much chopping, pulling, heaving and chatting the garden beds were whipped back into shape ready for classes to begin planting. Thanks to all the

are now in a different class from their best friend and teachers will encourage some new relationships to widen their circle of friends. *As parents, play dates are a wonderful way to maintain old friendships or develop new ones.*

### PREP BBQ and Tim Tams and tissues – Day

Thank you to everyone who attended these Prep functions. It was a wonderful way to transition our new Prep children and parents to meet new friends. The tissues were not required by children or parents on Day 1 but it was a nice time to have a Coffee 'n Chat.



Thank you to Mrs Rosenberg for making this such a special time

### Home/school partnerships

In closing we would like to welcome all new families to GCCC and to make all parents/caregivers aware that Mrs Mitchell, myself and all the staff will do everything we can to make 2015 an enjoyable year where your children are safe and happy and make good progress in learning. We encourage strong home/school partnerships, so please know you are always welcome at GCCC. Teachers will be grateful for your assistance as volunteers. Just give them a week or two to settle the classes. Children LOVE to have family members volunteer at school and this strengthens the partnership between home and school.

### Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

volunteers who helped out; your efforts are very much appreciated!

Classes were to commence in Week 2 however the rain kept everyone indoors. We are hoping for fine weather next week so that all our eager young gardeners and cooks can get digging!

### Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Convenor



## Middle School News



*"We change our behavior when the pain of staying the same becomes greater than the pain of changing. Consequences give us the pain that motivates us to change."* – [Henry Cloud](#)

If you haven't read any of the 'Boundary' books from Cloud and Townsend – I highly recommend them. As parents and teachers we often take the easy road and just do it for our children and students. For example: they need a new timetable – we print another, they haven't made their lunch we quickly make it, they left their PE uniform at home, we jump in the car at a break from work and bring it to school. I have done this also as a parent. However, at other times I took the hard road: with one of my children I wrote a note regarding an uniform issue, "(Son's name) does not have the right uniform today as they did not put it in the wash, please give him a detention if

needed." ... "Oh mum!" was his response, but he grinned cheekily at me and knew he deserved this. And, as a teacher, I need to discipline myself not to give all the answers or help those students struggling.

Organisation and encouraging independence in our younger people is crucial AND hard work at this time of the year. As Cloud states – it's painful – but we do need to make the 'pain of staying the same' harder. I'm not at all encouraging corporal punishment, pain can be from your child wasting their 'play time' reprinting their timetable themselves, making their own lunch and feeling the pressure of running late to school etc. Let's work to train them to become more independent and responsible for their learning and lives.

### Important Dates for Middle School

*Every Thursday: Homework Club at school from 3.00 – 4.00pm*

## Term 1

9 Feb Monday 1st period Full School Dedication Assembly

11 Feb Wednesday 5.30pm **Parent Info night – begins in church at 5.30pm**

20 Feb Friday Middle School Photos

24 Feb Tuesday 10.00am Middle School Leaders Induction Assembly

27 Feb Friday Legacy Cup Clean Up morning (House competition)

2 March Monday Year 7 and 8 Study Skills and Time Management Seminar

Year 8 Vaccinations

6 March Friday Year 9 Leaders – Leadership Conference

2 April Full School Easter Assembly

## Term 2 Camps and Excursions

Monday Year 9 Higher Ground camp

Tuesday Year 8 Walk to Water Excursion

Wednesday Year 7 – Canberra Camp

Year 8 – Mary Valley Camp

29/20 April Student/Parent Conferences 3.30 – 7.30pm

*I highly encourage you to attend the Parent Info Night next Wednesday. It is invaluable for a student if their parent meets with the Pastoral Care teacher. We will also be covering important information specific to Year 7, 8 and 9.*

## Communication

Please contact us and communicate regarding all and any aspects of your child's journey while at our school. Here are some dot points regarding the best way to communicate at GCCC:

We find emails an effective way to communicate – email addresses of particular teachers are on our school web.

The Pastoral Care teacher is the best – first point of contact, followed by the Year level coordinator. If it is a subject specific issue please contact the subject teacher.

Give us 24 – 48 hours to sort it out – of course if it is urgent we will deal with it directly

If you need to ring – use school hours to talk directly with the relevant person – if we're busy we will ring you back as soon as we can.

You can meet with us face to face – either by making an



### Year 7 beginning Year 2015

Wow, what a start to Year 7. We have certainly started the year off with bang. Our first day saw Year 7 students meeting their teacher and then gathering together in the chapel to find out what is in store for this year.

The rest of the day was getting to know their class mates and having a go at finding rooms where there subjects will be.

As the week progressed you could see their confidence growing. I am very proud of the way the Year 7 students have handled their first week and look forward to seeing how they grow and develop throughout the year.

**Matt Ware, Year 7 Coordinator**

appointment or a quick chat at the end of the school day.

## Connect and iLearn – What are they?

Connect – subject related information such as class work, homework, assessments, Handbooks, Forms if there are concerns such as bullying or someone is not going well.

iLearn – timetables, reports, specific documents related just to your child.

## Homework Expectations for Middle School

Now is the time to start the habits and put in place a study timetable at home that suits your child's after school programs and family times.

*This is an excerpt from the Parent Handbook which can be found on Connect which may be helpful in setting this up*

The following tables are guidelines of homework expectations and allocations to subjects:

Year	Hours of homework per night
7	70 minutes
8	80 minutes
9	90 minutes

Year Level	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Homework Allocation	70 minutes/day	80 minutes/day	90 minutes/day
Maths	30 min x 3 times/week	40 min x 3/week	40 min x 3/week
Science	30 min/ x 2 times/week	30 min x 2/week	40 min x 2/week
Humanities	30 min x 3 times/week	40 min x 3/week	40 min x 3/week
French	30 minutes x 2 times/week	30 min x 2/week	60 min/week
Electives Christian St., HPE	50 min/week	40-50 min/week	70 min/week

**Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School**

# Senior School News



Welcome to Senior School in 2015. A particular warm welcome to our new students. We have had a busy but very rewarding start to the year. It was wonderful that most families had used the Administration Days that were offered at the end of the holidays to get all their uniform and equipment ready. As a result, we were able to start studies from day one without the usual disruptions of sorting out textbooks,

laptops and the like.

## Our Theme for 2015 – Unity

The College theme for this year is Unity and we have based this on Psalm 133:1 “How good and pleasant it is when we live together in Unity.” Unity has so many dimensions and we look forward to discussing this with students over the year. As educators, both parents and teachers, we are united in wanting to provide the best educational outcomes for our students/children. We are looking forward to working together to achieve this goal.

## New Staff

We welcome two new staff in Secondary, Mr Gary Asplin who is teaching in the Design and Technology Department and Mrs Cynthia Slack who is teaching in the English Department.

## Awards to Students

At our first assembly we recognised three sets of award recipients:

### Courtney Sinclair – College Captain 2014

Although Courtney has graduated from the College, we wanted to recognise a special award she received over the holidays. Courtney came second in the nationwide competition, “My First Speech” that was open to all students in Years 10-12. She was flown to Canberra over the holidays and also received a monetary prize. I’m pleased to say that the College also received a \$250 award. To see her speech go to the link <http://www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech>

### Savanah Dawson – Year 12

Savanah was awarded a Credit for her studies in her Headstart program last year.

Achievement Certificate recipients – The following students were awarded certificates for achieving Very Good for effort in all their subjects or all but one subjects at the end of Semester 2, 2014.

## Semester 2, 2014

*Students who achieved Very Good for effort in all subjects or all but one subjects*

### Year 9

Jordan Bull

Natasha Hoeksema

### Year 10

Holly Dodwell

Isabelle Westaway

### Year 11

Anneliese Hughes

Calista Theron

Otto Coulstock

Rory Tait

Jesse Woods

Kyle Bullard

Alisha Mens

Lani Kombarie

Nichola Bates

Talia Rosa-Denham

Victoria Thomas

Anna Graham

Dakotah Davis

Holly Colvin

Jayde Treloar

Miles Dawson

Nathan Schafer

Pallas Johnston

Tyler Dickens

Jarrad Hofman-Agar

Madeline Kinsley

Troy Fullerton

Hayden Snow

Jayden Hills

Liam Thompson

Monique Newell

Savanah Dawson

Katie Todd

## Senior Leaders’ Retreat

On Thursday last week our Year 12 College Leaders went away for a retreat to help plan the year ahead and also consider a vision for what they want to achieve. We had a wonderful time.

## Senior Student Expectations

**Uniform** – please familiarise yourself with the uniform expectations. There are a few changes this year. You can view the complete uniform policy on our webpage here: <http://gccc.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/2015-Uniform-Policy3.pdf>

In particular –

- 1. House Shirts** – House shirts are now a compulsory part of our College Uniform. Student must have one of these shirts and they are expected to be worn at all sport carnivals as well as every Legacy cup event. The College is aware that some shirt sizes have run short but this will be rectified quickly. On the 27 February, the entire Senior School will be involved in the Clean Up Australia Day as part of the Legacy Cup. We will be working in the community going through local parks and streets and we want all our students dressed in the correct House uniform as they will also be acting as ambassadors of the College.
- 2. Hair** – for boys, hair must be no longer than the lower earlobe on the sides and the shirt collar at the back.
- 3. Jewellery** – No visible body piercings are allowed other than for girls, a single plain stud in the lower earlobe. Clear studs in noses etc are not allowed. Students are only to wear a single ring that has no protruding stones. No necklaces, bracelets or anklets are allowed.
- 4. Makeup** – No makeup is allowed.

**Homework** - Senior students do not have a designated amount of time they need to do homework for. This really depends on their particular course of study and career pathway. For most students, it is anticipated that they will be doing at least 2 hours homework each night (Monday – Friday). Please contact your child's teachers if you are concerned that they are not doing effective homework.

**Assignments and Extensions** – Please note that teachers cannot issue extensions for assignments. Mr Steffler, the Dean of Studies is the only person who can issue an extension in Senior. Extension request forms can be downloaded off **Connect** and handed to Mr Steffler with supporting evidence for any extension request.

**Care and Concern & Bullying** - We are determined to help students who need support. On our **Connect** website, Seniors are able to log a Care or Concern form if they are aware of another student who may be struggling with issues. Likewise if they are aware of a student who may be being bullied another form can be completed and this will be investigated completely.

### Coming Up....

**Middle, Senior & QCS Information Evening** – next Wednesday evening (11 February) is a combined information evening. We have tried to assist parents by placing these all on one night to minimise the need to come to the school on multiple

nights. The Middle School Information session is on first at 5:30 – 6:30 and the Senior School session is on from 6:30 with QCS starting at 7:00. Senior and QCS Sessions are being held in rooms G3,G4,G5.

**Study Skills:** 2 March - On 2 March, all Senior students will be involved in a study skills program. We will also be holding a Parent Information Evening (6 – 7pm) to help you understand the study skills we are teaching students to use and to answer any questions you may have about encouraging students to study effectively. This is a very important evening so please place it in your diary.

### Invite....

**Red Cross Youth Ambassadors** – any student who would like to become a Red Cross Youth Ambassador is invited to see Mr Heyworth for details. Students will need to attend a training day held in Maroochydore on 3 March.

**David Heyworth, Head of Senior School**

## Future Pathways



### Work Experience, Year 10

Sustainable Partnerships Australia is responsible for the organization of our Year 10 Structured Work Experience in 2015 and has a new schools liaison officer, Liz Walker. Queries regarding work

experience should first come to the Future Pathways Department, not to Sustainable Partnerships.

Liz will attend the College in the very near future, during a Year 10 Pastoral Care lesson to go over the process and expectations of work experience, as well as to inform the students of their placements.

Students should have submitted their completed registration forms by now. Students who fail to submit a registration form for work experience will not attend College from the 20 – 24 April, and will need to stay at home. As previously indicated, students who submit their forms late are highly unlikely to get their first preference. We understand with new students there is a lot to organise and have already given those families an extended deadline. Should any new parents have any queries or wish to discuss any aspect of the work experience program please do not hesitate to contact us. Unfortunately, any students who have not returned their forms to the Future Pathways office by 5 February 2015 will be required to remain at home during the week of work experience.

Just a reminder, the Insurance through Sustainable Partnerships Australia covers the students whilst at work experience.

Training Queensland, North Coast Region, in partnership with our local businesses, has developed a pre-employment skills checklist and workbook “Ready for Work – Getting the Right Job and Keeping it”. You can access further information, including

the e-book through Connect/Courses/ Students & Families/ Future Pathways/Institute of Professional Learning – STUDENT FUTURES.

### HEADSTART

We wish to congratulate the following students who have been successful in their applications to do the Headstart program at the University of the Sunshine Coast: Will Smerdon, James Proud, Maddison Larfield, Nicola Bates, Ryan Jeffrey, Lachlan McCaig and Holly Dodwell. We wish them every success in 2015 in their various Headstart courses.

### Year 12

Year 12 will attend a University of the Sunshine Coast Showcase on Friday 6 March at Beerwah State High School. This has been a very successful and informative event for our Year 12 students in the past. This will be followed up by interviews with Mr Nash, Future Pathways Co-Ordinator. The Year 12 students will receive a comprehensive interactive careers presentation in week eight of the Pastoral Care program.

### The Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre

There are places available in the Certificate II in Resources and in their Surveying course.

### Recent News

National Skills Needs List can be downloaded from <http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/>

New National Training Complaints Hotline – 13 38 73

Vocational Education and Training (VET) students and employers now have a simple new complaints hotline to report rogue training providers.

If a student was to encounter difficulties with an employer or training provider in a school based traineeship /apprenticeship

or TAFE course, the College Management Team and the Future Pathways Department should be notified in the first instance.

## The USI initiative

Currently, it is not possible for students to obtain a complete record of their VET enrolments and achievements from a single online source. The Unique Student Identifier or USI, will now allow for this. A USI is effectively an account or reference number made up of numbers and letters.

The USI will be available online and at no cost to the student. This USI will stay with the student for life and be recorded with any nationally recognised VET course that is undertaken.

Glasshouse Country Christian College is not a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), so students doing a VET related course, school based traineeship or apprenticeship will need to obtain, or be allocated a USI from their training provider.

If a student does not have a USI they should enquire about obtaining one immediately from their training provider, as it is an essential VET regulation.

For more information please visit the Unique Student Identifiers website at [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)

## Upcoming Events:

Information Evening Year 10-12, Wednesday 11 February 2015 at Glasshouse Country Christian College.

University Showcase- Beerwah State High School, 6 March 2015,

1.30pm-3.00pm.

Headstart Evening at University of the Sunshine Coast USC, 25 March 2015.

## School Based Traineeship

A Joint Venture between Metro North Hospital and Health Service (Redcliffe/Caboolture/Kilcoy Hospitals) have released their traineeship application package – copies are available from the Future Pathways Office there is also a link on Connect under Future Pathways, Jobs/Apprenticeships/Traineeships.

Summary of the requirements:

- Be vaccinated (evidence will be required if successful)
- Identify the traineeship that best suits your career aspirations from the list of available traineeships below:
  - Cert III Nursing Assistant (AIN); Cert III Allied Health (Allied Health Assistant); Cert III Business Admin; Cert III Dental Assisting
- Students need to also reflect upon discussions and options discussed at Year 10 SET PLAN meetings
- Attend the School Based Traineeship Information night: **19 February 2015 at Caboolture Hospital Education Centre from 6 – 8pm. Bookings are ESSENTIAL contact Traineeship Coordinator on 3883 7627.**
- Completed forms are required by MAIL Only.

**Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator**

## Library News



A warm welcome from the library team as we commence the new year. We look forward to meeting new families across the College and continuing to support teaching and learning at GCCC. We have begun planning our events for the year and are excited about what's in store for 2015!

## Koorong Kids and Scholastic Book Clubs

The Koorong Kids and Scholastic Book Clubs have commenced this week, providing families with access to a range of affordable quality books, music and gifts. Please note that Book Clubs are running from Prep – Year 7 only this year. Families will receive two issues per term of the Scholastic Book Club (only one issue in Term 3 due to Book Fair), and one issue per term of Koorong Kids. Orders for Issue 1 are due on Wednesday February 11.

Scholastic have redesigned their brochures in 2015 to provide one Book Club catalogue per child for Prep, Year 1 and 2, 3 and 4 and 5, 6 and 7. Each brochure is curated for a particular year level/ levels and is bigger and better offering an expanded selection of choices and a wider range of Extra specials. A full set of all brochures is available to view in the library or you can go online and to view them all at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/>.



## New Payment Options – 3 Easy Ways To Pay

1. **LOOP – Linked Online Ordering & Payment** System is available for Scholastic orders: Simply Scholasticdownload the Loop App or go to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) to select our school and order and pay by credit card. No need to fill in the order form or send anything back to school! This will be our preferred way to order by credit card in 2015. Please see the LOOP instructions on the next page for more details.
2. **Cash** – Return the order forms to the library with correct payment. Orders need to be made separately for each Book Club and be placed in the Scholastic or Koorong Kids boxes in the library foyer.
3. **Cheque** – Cheques need to made payable to Scholastic Australia for the Scholastic Book Club or to Glasshouse Country Christian College for Koorong Kids orders.



## Scholastic Golden Tickets in Issue 1 Orders

Scholastic will be distributing 2000 Golden Tickets, ranging in value from \$2 to \$20, among Issue 1 orders. Tickets can be redeemed at any time on Book Clubs throughout 2015. Please

let us know if you discover a Golden Ticket via email at [library@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:library@gccc.qld.edu.au) in your Issue 1 order and we will publish the winners in an upcoming newsletter.



are welcome to come and borrow a copy whenever they need.

Students have been reminded of their responsibility for looking after resources. Please encourage your child/children to regularly check they are using the copy they borrowed. It's recommended that books borrowed by students are kept safe and not left in classrooms even when used regularly. All books remain the responsibility of the student who borrowed them. They are to be cared for respectfully and kept in good condition. Textbooks are to be returned directly to the library by the student not via staff or other students. A replacement cost will be required for unreturned books or books damaged beyond repair.

## Homework Club

Homework Club starts this week and will be run every Thursday afternoon in the library for Year 7-12 students. It is a great opportunity for students to seek 1-1 support from teachers and library staff. Specific research help sessions will be run at particular times during each term to assist students preparing for their assignments. Students can pre-book a session by contacting Mrs. Morris at the library or via email.

## Text Books

Middle and Secondary texts have been loaned out to students. It was wonderful to meet so many families during the week prior to school, when they came to the library to collect laptops and textbooks. Texts issued this year included a range of print and digital titles that can be used at home and school. This year many subjects across Year 7-10 are using eBooks via their Macs. The library keeps hard copy versions of many of the titles and students

## Secondary Book Club

Secondary Book Club will commence in Week 3. Secondary students keen to share about their latest 'great read' can meet with Mrs. Morris on Wednesdays at second break. Come along and find out that keen readers make interesting conversations – just one of the many benefits of reading. Also... stay tuned for more news about the launch of e-book loans from our College library later this term.

See you in the library,

**Vanessa McKellar and Beryl Morris**  
**Primary and Secondary Teacher Librarians**

## Music News



### Private Instrumental & Vocal Lessons Available

How many adults wished they took up an instrument as a child?

Give your child the opportunity to learn valuable skills in a professional and enjoyable environment this year.

The College provides private tutors in the Music Department each week to teach any of the following

Guitar, Piano, Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and Voice.

Contact us at [music@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:music@gccc.qld.edu.au) for further information, or complete and lodge an enrolment form from our website and a tutor will then contact you to make a suitable lesson time for your child.

## Tuckshop News



We would like to welcome all the new families that have started at the College.

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) or via the GCCC Tuckshop page in College Life/Tuckshop. Years 7-12 can purchase food over the counter except pre-ordered food on the menu. Prep to Year 6 students are not

allowed to purchase food over the counter. The children must order on a bag or online.

To access menu go to the GCCC website, click on College Life for any information about Tuckshop and menu will be on this site.

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

Thanking you,

**Cathy Boyer Tuckshop Convenor, and Lauren Bottril**

## Sports News

### Aaron Lerch – Tae Kwon Do National Championships

After winning the Queensland Stage Championships, Aaron Lerch had the chance to compete in the Taekwondo National Championships held in Adelaide over the Christmas break. Aaron has only been competing for a year but showed great skills and tactics to win a gold medal in the Cadet blue belt division. Aaron

trains with the San Taekwondo team in Beerwah, which have greatly contributed to his success.

### Billie Lerch

*Note to all parents – we welcome contributions about the individual achievements of your child/ren.*

*Thanks to Billie Lerch for sending this in.*





## District Sports Team Opportunities

Glasshouse District Teams are selected in a variety of sports each year and we are very proud of all our students selected in these teams. Trials for Primary teams are held for 10 – 12 year olds who are competent in the chosen sport and district teams are selected. These Glasshouse teams then compete in the Sunshine Coast Regional Championships. There are details on the College website of sports that are played and trial dates. Trials and training are all after

school and it is parent's responsibility to get students to these trials. Regional trials are held during a day of school.

Secondary students also have the opportunity to trial for Regional Teams through Trial days each term. Find details of these sports and dates on the College [website](#) or at the PE office.

Being part of these teams gives students the opportunity to compete with other skilled players and make new friends from other schools. It is also the pathway to Queensland and National Championships for talented athletes.

### For Sport Sign-Ons:

Tibro's Netball Club, The Beerwah Glasshouse United Soccer Club, Beerwah & District RLFC Inc. – Beerwah Bulldogs, Maleny Bushrangers Rugby Union, Tennis Coaching Glasshouse Country, Sunshine Coast Futsal Association, Suncoast Hinterland BMX

Club Come and Try/Sign on Day, Caloundra Oz Tag Autumn – Juniors 2014. Click [here](#).

[Caboolture CC T20 BLAST](#)

[GLASSHOUSE HINTERLAND AFL Club Sign On Day Junior and Senior Netball](#)

## Chappy Chatter

### A new start

What a whirl-wind start to the school year this has been. It has been great to see all the new faces, as well as catch up with some old ones and see what they have been up to on the holidays.

My holiday break was indeed a busy one; I had to prepare for my new role at the College, move house, and the biggest change of all, becoming a dad. Chappy Dani gave birth to Malachi James Bassett on the 4 January 2015, weighing in at 10 lb. 3 oz..

Becoming a father has made me think differently about what it means to have God as our father. Particularly, it has left me amazed at what it means for Him to love me. Malachi is a typical baby. He eats. He sleeps. He cries. He soils nappy after nappy. He never thanks me for changing him, he never apologises for vomiting, and he keeps me up night after night. But I love him. I

cannot explain why I love him, because I don't really understand it myself. I love my Son, unconditionally, simply because I choose to love him.

This is like the Father's love for us. The bible paints a picture of a God that loves us despite of who we are. Despite of how many times we turn our back on Him and how we have lived our life, God still offers His love to us. We do nothing for Him, similarly to the way my newborn does nothing to help me. Why don't you make this year the year you embrace the Father's love for you?



**Chappy Dan Bassett**

## P and F News



Hello Everyone

Hope you all had a nice break and are ready for a fun filled 2015 with the P and F.

The P and F is a great way to be involved in our College, meet other parents and enjoy the school years with your kids.

Why not come along to a meeting? They are held in College library, the first Tuesday night of the month at 7pm.

These nights do change from time to time due to holidays or clashes with other things happening in the college. Dates are always on College calendar.

Exciting things coming up for first term.

### February 21 P and F Family Fun Day.

This is an annual event, and it's a time for the College families to come together for some socialising and fun. There will be games run by our wonderful College sports department, free sausage sizzle, drinks

for sale and a coffee van. Mark it on the calendar. Information was emailed out to College families this week, RSVP is required.

### March 14 Trivia Night

A great night out for mums, dads, friends, family, teachers. This will be held at the church. So start organising your table. Look out for more information coming soon.

### Primary Disco ( Prep – Year 6) March 27

More information closer to the date.

We would love to see more people at our meetings so please try and spare the time and come along.

Another way of being involved is to add your name to the volunteers list which was emailed out to all College families this week.

Next meeting is Tuesday March 3 at 6.30pm is AGM and 7pm is for the normal monthly meeting

Everyone is welcome.

**Lynelle Sim, P and F President**