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# Newsletter Term 1, 20 February 2015

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<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Tue 24	Middle School Leaders' Induction
Thur 26	Catch up school photos
Fri 27	Legacy Cup clean up Middle and Senior School
<b>MARCH</b>	
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
<b>APRIL</b>	
Thur 2	Whole College Easter Assembly
<b>Thur 2</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
<b>Term 2 (10 weeks)</b>	
Mon 20-Fri 24	First day of school
Mon 20-Fri 24	Year 10 Work Experience
Mon 20-Fri 24	Year 9 Camp
Tue 21-Sat 25	Year 7 Camp
Tue 21	Year 8 Walk to water



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**Cover photo: The Secondary Swimming carnival was a hard fought contest.**

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# Principal's Address



## College Dedication Service

The first of the GCCC core values is godliness and for this reason we dedicate the College, its staff, students, families and board members at a Dedication Service each year. It is a good way to begin the year – thanking God for His faithfulness to us over the years and asking Him to be with us in our future.

This year we had Mr Ross Newell talk about the history of the College as his family have been part of GCCC when it was just a vision of the church elders. Ross talked about the endless working bees clearing the land with trees so stubborn that tractors couldn't budge them. Students were surprised to learn that the whole campus was one big swamp and a lot of time and thought had to go into drainage before building could even take place.



Ross spoke of the great atmosphere at the working bees and how everyone chipped in giving up all their weekends and spare time to realise the vision of a Christian school in Beerwah.



Sarah Davis was also a guest speaker at the service. Sarah was our College Captain in 2012 when she graduated with an OP1. Sarah is also a foundation student and features in that little black and white photo of 15 students taken on the first day of school 15 years ago. Sarah spoke with fondness of her time at GCCC, her memories of friendships, and how her education prepared her for life and university.

## P and F Family Fun Day - Postponed Due to Weather

Sadly we have had to make a decision to postpone. Stay tuned for the new date.

## Donation of Fabric from Millhouse Collections

We received a very generous donation of fabric from Millhouse Collections. Our IFD students will enjoy using this fabric in their assignments and projects for some time to come.



## Ecumenical Service

On Tuesday 17 February, 1, 22 of our student leaders, along with Chappy Michelle and Chappy Dan chaplains travelled to Pacific Lutheran College for the annual Ecumenical Service.

This year the theme was 'Being Light in the World'. The guest speaker was Dr Mark Worthing, an expert on the interface between faith and science. Each school was asked to submit a couple of questions about science and faith and part of the service was devoted to a question and answer time with Dr Worthing. Schools were also asked to submit one specific prayer request and these were addressed during a time of prayer and intercession.

There were about 200 people attending the service from all the independent schools on the Sunshine Coast. It was a good service and I was very proud of how our student leaders represented the College.



## Parking Protocols

As you come into the College (just before the entry road veers right) there is a sign saying Staff Parking Only. The small parking lane area beside J, I and H blocks is for staff only. Even if you think you will just be a few minutes dropping your children off to Helping Hands (for example) please do not park in this area. Staff arrive early to unload all their materials to find this car park full at 8am but a short time later there are spaces where they could have parked. Please obey all car park signs out of respect for others.

## How to help your children be better students

This is the second of ten tips I will be sharing with you over Semester 1. ***Don't tell your child that you weren't good at maths.***

Some parents might feel intimidated by the thought of helping children with their maths homework, especially in the upper grades but maths is here to serve you, not to trip you up.

Maths should make life easier, and mastery can start at home with parents showing that they're not frightened by numbers. One way to make math more accessible is to relate it to daily activities. Capitalise on examples where maths is useful, especially the kinds of calculations adults do daily like measuring ingredients, managing sums of money, working out distances.

This way, children see how what they're learning matters in life.

**Mike Curtis, Principal**

## Enrolments for 2016 and Beyond



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

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

## Enrolment Procedure:

1. A completed Application for Enrolment Form (one per student) is to be returned to the Main Administration office together with a \$50 application fee per student. This fee is not refundable. Please note that each application/fee does not guarantee a place at the College.
2. Application forms are to be supported with the following documentation:
  - Naplan results (where applicable)
  - Last two years' school reports
  - Copy of Birth Certificate
3. Failure to provide supporting documentation delays the application for enrolment process unnecessarily.
4. As waiting lists are being experienced across many year levels, early submission is encouraged for current year level entry.

5. An enrolment interview may then be scheduled with the appropriate Head of School. You will be advised of the outcome of the interview by mail.
6. Should a placement with the College be offered, this will be deemed to be accepted once a signed acceptance and bond payment of \$200 per family is received by the College.

If you have any doubt that you have followed this procedure, please contact Sonya Bowden to clarify.

Enrolment interviews for Prep and Year 7 for 2016 will commence in Term 2. Please forward your application forms to our Registrar as soon as possible. Please click here to download a copy of our enrolment application form.

**Sonya Bowden, College Registrar**



## Introducing Gary Asplin

Hello, my name is Gary Asplin and I am the new Design Technology teacher. This is my sixth year of teaching after spending my previous working life in the metal fabrication industry. I have recently built my own home too. I look forward to sharing my life experience with the young people here at

Glasshouse Country Christian College. In my spare time I enjoy swimming, outrigger canoeing, walking on the beach, but mainly just hanging out with my beautiful wife.

## Farewell Mr Cam Hall

Sadly we bid farewell to our much loved staff member, Mr Cam Hall. Mr Hall will be taking up the position of Youth Pastor at Nexus Church, Everton Park.



We know he will do an awesome job working with the youth, just as he has done here at GCCC. You will be greatly missed Cam.



## Kitchen Garden News

What beautiful growing weather we have had! Our garden beds that were empty only a few short weeks ago are growing so quickly. We replenished the beds with lots of compost and lucerne mulch before planting zucchini, squash, corn, cucumber, tomatoes, beetroot, lettuce, rocket, spring onions, beans and lots of Asian greens.

During this term classes are learning how to read a recipe and use measurements correctly. Many of the students let out a sigh when I told them they would be doing some math but their sighs soon became cheers when they discovered that their measuring task involved making 'cloud dough'. The 'cloud dough' was then weighed and measured using scales, measuring cups and measuring spoons; and of course it was fun to play with!

Our mini Master chef's made parmesan and rosemary scones using our abundant fresh rosemary supply from the garden.

It has been wonderful to have so many volunteers coming to KG lessons in the last fortnight to help out and great to see so many friendly new faces.

Until next fortnight, happy gardening!

**Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Convenor**

More photos [here](#).





## Swimming Carnival

What a wonderful day the Primary Swimming Carnival in Week 2 turned out to be!

One student who is new to the College made a comment to me which I believe is worth passing on in this article. She said "I'm having so much fun Mrs Bryers. At my last school in NSW we just had to sit in our House areas and listen to what ribbons the really good swimmers were getting, but today I've been in so many races and I really love the novelty events!" So hats off to Mrs Stott who understands how important it is for all students to participate on the day and organizes students into A B C D races so all children have a chance to shine and the A level swimmers still have the challenge of strong competition in their events.

Another pleasing comment came from Brendan from the Beerwah Pool. As well as being the proprietor of the pool, Brendan is one of our parents at the College so I was thrilled to hear from Mrs Stott that Brendan was very impressed with the behaviour of our students and with the "spirit" of the competition on the day. *So well done to all students, staff and parents for a lovely 2015 swimming carnival.* A special well done also to the house captains for the way they led their teams from the tent decorations to cheering for every race.

## Meet the Teacher Evening

I am sure that everyone who attended this evening would have enjoyed the class presentations and now has greater insight into what this year may hold for your children educationally and experientially in 2015.

We have had great feedback already this year from families regarding the positive start students have had. Our teachers work extremely hard to provide the best learning environment they can for your children to develop them in every way.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Teacher Evening. Our staff was grateful that so many parents supported these meetings and that they were able to meet so many of you.

## Prep Maroon and Year 1 Families

It won't be long before these new buildings are completed and our

classes are relocated. We can't wait! The furniture for classrooms was ordered last year after consultation with the teachers and the staff room furniture has been a whole staff decision also. Term 2 will be an exciting time for Year 1, Prep Maroon and our staff who were displaced from their lunch room so our extra Year 4 class for 2015 could have a classroom. It will be wonderful to have a place to call "home" again from Term 2. The Year 1 classrooms will be the first of the permanent buildings on the primary campus and we can promise you that these classrooms are "cutting edge" design and will provide 21st Century learning spaces for our students.



## Parent Pipeline Sessions

Our first Parent Pipeline session will be held soon. An email will be sent home by the end of this week with the date and an invitation to attend.

It would be helpful for us to make these sessions a success, to know if a 5.30pm session would allow more parents to attend. Last year the presentations were either in school time or 3.15pm and we have a concern that working parents were not able to attend.

This first session will be an explanation of the Responsible Thinking Process, the RTC and how it relates to our behaviour management policy in the College.

If you would like to attend a presentation on any other aspect of learning or class programmes please send an email to [admin@gccc.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@gccc.qld.edu.au) and these responses will inform our decisions on future Parent Pipeline sessions. Please also let us know if 5.30pm (possibly Wednesday) would be the preferred time for presentations.

Regards

**Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary**

# Music News



Towards the end of 2014, a couple of students sat piano exams for the first time. A big congratulations to both Thommy Rauter (Year 4) and Jasmine O'Brien (Year 5) for completing Preliminary exams and attaining first class honours.

Both these students have worked hard putting in many hours of practice.

**Ebony Hilton, Music**



# Middle School News



It is a privilege to work at our College – the dedicated staff, the hard-working students and with parents who are such an integral part of this community. Thanks for making the effort to come to our Middle School Parent Information evening last Wednesday night. It is always really helpful to meet at this point in the year. It is helpful to touch base, share the goals and aspirations we have at GCCC for our students and their journey

this year. As well the conversations with individual parents about particular needs and concerns and even highlights is important. If you were unable to make it but would still like to see your child's Pastoral Care teacher or the Year Level Coordinator, please drop by after school one day. Send an email to the teacher you would like to meet to make an arrangement.

The power points and newsletters that were used/handed out on this night are also available on our website.

I would like to make note of two very important online sites that are integral to our operation:

**CONNECT** – this site is where you can access the important learning materials, assessments and homework details for each of your child's subjects. Your child will need to login for this. You can also access as a guest, the parent handbook, the Behaviour

Management Handbook and the Assessment Calendars.

**iLearn** – this site gives you access to your child's particular school records such as their school reports, timetables, any positive or negative behaviour notes and merits/demerits and where you can check your contact and child's medical details. You will need to refer back to an email you received with your login and password earlier this year.

## Coming up

Tuesday	24 February	Induction of Middle School Leaders – 10.00am
Friday	27 February	Legacy Cup: Clean up Morning – MUST wear house shirt
Monday	3 March	Study Skills Workshop for Year 7 and 8
Term 2	Week 1	Year 9 camp – Monday to Friday Year 8 – Tuesday Walk to Water Year 8 – Camp – Wednesday – Friday Year 7 – Canberra Camp – Tuesday – Saturday afternoon

**Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School**

## Forensic Science Incursion

Year 9 and Year 11 Science 21 students experienced what it is like to be a crime scene investigator. They were privileged to have the opportunity to participate in a forensic science demonstration. They were asked to figure out what happened to a person whose body was found in an alleyway. They looked at the different techniques that forensic scientists use to gather and process evidence in order to identify a perpetrator. These included fingerprints, DNA evidence, hair and fibre evidence, postmortem examination and other techniques.

Forensic Science is an exciting and interesting field of science and

students thoroughly enjoyed figuring out 'whodunnit?'. At GCCC students who do Science 21 in Year 11 study forensic science. For more photos click [here](#).

**Cathy Horrigan, Science Teacher**



## Secondary French News



Year 8 Students have been learning about the French speaking province **Québec** in Canada.

Did you know that **the flag of Quebec** is called the **Fleurdelisé**. Its white **fleurs-de-lis** (symbols of purity) and blue field (symbolizing Heaven) come from a banner honouring the Virgin Mary,

reputedly carried by French-Canadian militia at General Louis-Joseph de Montcalm's victory at Carillon.

Did you also know that Québec is the largest producer of Maple syrup? [Maple syrup](#) is made from sap collected from maple



trees during the early spring.

Quebec harvested 7, 989,000 gallons last year.

*To round off their research project on Québec the Year 8 Students each made a French crêpe and enjoyed a dash of Maple Syrup to taste.*

**Bon appétit!**

**Lee-anne Gordon, French Teacher**



Thank you to those who were able to come and support the students at the Swimming Carnival last Friday. It was a fantastic day, which was a great relief after we had to postpone it due to bad weather earlier in the week. The Year 12 motto ...



## “Contagious Enthusiasm”

... was seen throughout the events and it was wonderful to see those students with multiple ribbons awarded for succeeding in so many events.

Thank you also to those parents who were able to come out to our information session last week. I presented a very quick overview of the differences between Middle School and Senior School. We then moved into a QCS presentation and unfortunately that did not leave much time to ask questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

## Panels, Excursions and Presentations

This week was very busy with staff who are members of district review panels meeting with staff from other schools as part of the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority’s monitoring process for Year 11 work.

We had a number of excursions happening including a Forensic Science presentation, an Ancient History trip to the University of Queensland and a Year 12 Drama excursion also to Brisbane. We also had a number of our seniors join together with students from other schools from across the Sunshine Coast for a special Ecumenical Service.

## Agricultural Science News

The first weeks of Agricultural Science 2015 have been jam-packed! Hands-on learning has involved preparing the vegetable growing area, planting out loads of seedlings, feeding pigs, sheep and cattle, and clipping the wings of our many adventurous hens to prevent their great escape from one paddock to the next!

Alongside all the practical fun, the students have immersed themselves in the world of Agricultural Economics, Environment and Nature while completing the University of Western Australia course, which will give them a leading edge in their agricultural endeavours. This course has particularly enlightened many about the enormous need there is for Agricultural Technology in the future to feed an ever growing population.

Finally, the first weeks were topped off with the arrival of 11 Wessex Saddleback piglets! The students were even present to see the expecting sow preparing her nest for farrowing, however missed the birth, as sadly it was after school hours.

## Clean Up Australia Day – Legacy Cup Competition Friday 27 February

For the second year running, our school will be participating in the Clean Up Australia Campaign by doing our part to clean up the streets and parks in our local Beerwah community. The school has identified three areas which will be assigned to our three houses. The students in their houses will then do their part to make our community a cleaner place. Points awarded for involvement will go towards the interhouse Legacy Cup competition. Dress required is sports uniform with College House shirts.

## RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment Camp 6-8 March

Congratulations to five of our seniors who were selected to attend the RYPEN camp. Particularly thanks to Rotary who have agreed to subsidise the majority of the costs involved in the students attending the camp. Those attending are Troy Fullerton, Moale James, Billie Sandes, Ella O’Keeffe and James Proud.

## Sunshine Coast Youth Summit 10-11 March

Two students from each Year 10 – 12 have been selected to attend the Sunshine Coast Youth Summit being held at the Sunshine Coast University. These students are from Year 12, our College Captains Troy Fullerton and Calista Theron, from Year 11 Josh Andrews and James Proud and from Year 10 Alisha Mens and Rory Tait. The Summit is being held on March 10 & 11. It provides the ideal opportunity for young people to participate in high level discussions/ brainstorming sessions, gain knowledge about the community in which they live, gain insights into the direction and focus of the Sunshine Coast Council, gain leadership skills and foster relationships/networks with a large range of people of diverse backgrounds.

The summit is the ideal opportunity for young people to have a say within their community and to feel as though their opinions are valued.

**David Heyworth, Head of Senior School**

Congratulations go to Coen Oosen, Taylor Olsen, Samuel Olsen and Maddie Kinsley for correctly guessing the number of piglets to be born! No bacon as a reward!

## Jade King, Head of Agricultural Science



## Year 10 Hospitality

The students celebrated 'Shrove Tuesday', selling pancakes at morning tea to staff and students.

This was the first function for the year and they all worked really hard to produce delicious pancakes.

Well done!

The meaning is below:

Lent is the time of the Church Year when Christians prepare for Easter. They remember the 40 days that Jesus spent praying in



the wilderness declining the temptations of the devil.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent. In the past people would try to make good by confessing all their sins on this day. They hoped that their sins would be forgiven. Another word for forgiven is 'Shriven' and that is where the word Shrove came from.

Pancakes are a traditional food on this day in many cultures.

**Julie Peters**  
**Head of Food Technology**



## Kings, Conquerors and Philosophers...

Visiting the University of Queensland to complete their primary research for their first, major research task of the year, our Year 12 Ancient History students 'coffee'd with Ramesses II, chatted with Richard the Lion Heart, spent an hour or two philosophising with Socrates before taking an adventure into the greatest empire the world has ever known with Alexander the Great.

From the silence of a "quiet study" library location they dolled themselves up and moved to a cultural experience at Ahmet's Turkish Restaurant at Southbank.

Most students braved the experience of tasting food they'd not tried before just because they could! Whilst others were willing to pose in the traditional hatwear of the culture and, with only one thing in mind, others led the way to an ice-creamy finale!

To be sure this GCCC Ancient History excursion, was productive, adventurous and fun but I'll let the students speak for themselves:

*"Look at all of my books!"* Anneliese Hughes.

*"I could live in Turkey."* Luke Hesse

*"So where exactly is Turkey?"*  
James Thow

*"If it's any consolation, I have Coke in my ear!"* Keaton Maximous

**Amanda Gook, Head of English and Humanities**



## Future Pathways



### Projects Abroad 2015/16

The High School Projects are a jam-packed two week group trip with students from all over Australia, New Zealand and around the globe. Students in Year 10 and 11 can choose to join the groups individually or with friends.

The volunteer trips will run this summer from 6 December to the 19 December 2015 and 3 January to the 16 January 2016 in Cambodia, Fiji, Sri Lanka, Nepal and the Philippines.

The projects are a rich mixture of volunteer work and cultural activities, so you can really get to know the country you're in!

For more information visit Future Pathways under Connect 'Gap/ Volunteer' and select Projects Abroad 2015/16.

### Traineeships Apprenticeships

Traineeships available: – Certificate III in Hospitality at Bombay Bliss.

Useful points of contact for up to date information on available traineeships can be found on the websites of East Coast Apprenticeships, Busy at Work, Target Training and Community Solutions (previously known as Acclaim).

The Sunshine Coast Trade Training Centre will be recruiting sheet metal apprentices in the next few weeks. Contact Katie Steele on 07 3144 0603 or 0477 155 794.

### Try a Trade Day for Girls

Try a Trade Day for Girls 9 March 2015. This will be at the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre (SCTTTC) for Years 9-11. Interested students should contact the Future Pathways Department. Deadline for return of these forms to Future Pathways office is Thursday 26 February 2015 in order to meet the deadline with SCTTTC.

### Work Experience Year 10

Work Experience involves rigorous curriculum work studies preparation.

These preparation lessons include:

What is Work Experience; Personal Presentation and Communication Workplace Induction; Workplace Health and Safety; Workplace Bullying and Sexual Harassment, How to phone an employer and set up an interview. Healthy Attitudes in the workplace i.e. being proactive and taking the initiative. What comprises a 'Work Experience Logbook'?

Both the College and Sustainable Partnerships do work experience evaluation and feedback will be given to parents on the Year 10 night scheduled for 13 May 2015.

2 March 2015. Visit from Sustainable Partnerships Australia. Sunshine Coast Head of SPA Geoff Timm and Liz Walker will give a presentation.

Students will obtain their work experience placement at this time. They won't change unless there are extenuating circumstances. They will also be given the Work Experience Agreement forms on that day. Students must promptly obtain the signatures of their parent/caregiver and the employer.

It is advisable that students make contact with the employer for an induction interview soon after receiving their placement. At that interview they obtain the signature of the employer on the Work Experience Agreement Form.

The form must be returned to Mr Nash and/or Mrs Parker at the Future Pathways Office by Thursday 19 March 2015, so the Principal Mr Curtis can sign the forms. These forms are then retained for our records.

***Students will not be allowed onto a work site if the work experience agreement form is not signed by all parties.***

### **GCCC Traineeships**

The College as an employer so far this year has signed up trainees in the IT Department and PE Departments. The Future

Pathways Department is extremely appreciative of the College's recurrent commitment, as the employer to traineeships in these two departments. Traineeship sign ups additional to these in 2015 have included, one in optical dispensary, electrical and one in diesel mechanics.

The success of a traineeship is dependent on a range of factors. Clearly it should be related to career aspirations, student motivation, a student's willingness to follow instructions, meet deadlines, and positive work ethic.

It also involves collaborating with staff and peers on work missed at College. It also involves anticipating and the foresight of commitments in Year 12 when a sign up takes place in Years 10 and 11. This involves student self-responsibility and well-developed skills of self-organisation.

Early intervention is critical for successful outcomes with school based traineeships and apprenticeships. If parents are concerned about the progress of a traineeship, they should contact me at the College. Parents are key stakeholders in the traineeship process and it is very important that any concerns are addressed early.

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

## **Library News**



### **Library Hours**

Prep – Year 6 students: 8am – 3:15pm

Year 7 – 12 students: 8am – 4pm

### **Secondary Homework Club**

Teachers volunteer their time to assist with the Homework Club.

Every Thursday (Year 7-12) From 3pm – 4pm

### **Book Club Thanks**

Special thanks to the families who used the new



LOOP payment system for the Scholastic Book Club. The first Book Club orders should arrive shortly and will be handed out to students in class. We were thrilled with the number of orders received for Issue 1 and look forward to seeing Book Club flourish again in 2015. Please be mindful that Book Club is run by volunteers and ordering dates are set to assist in placing and receiving orders promptly. We respectfully ask that orders are placed on or before the closing date to reduce double handling of extra orders that can be time consuming. If you are ordering for a special event, please feel free to place instructions with your order and we can withhold orders for collection in the library by parents/caregivers.

### **Primary Borrowing**

Please note the Primary borrowing days below. All classes have commenced borrowing with flying colours and many lower Primary classes have had every student remembering to bring their library bags each week. Very impressive! All students are expected to borrow regularly to assist with home reading practice and to foster a love of reading. We work hard to regularly purchase new and recent titles/series to ensure students have plenty of choice and titles to choose from.

Students in Prep – Year 2 are expected to have a GCCC velcro bag for borrowing and will receive prizes each term for consistently bringing their library bag. If students in Prep are away, miss their lesson or forget their bag, they must borrow with a parent/caregiver or sibling, or wait until the next lesson. If Year 1 and 2 students miss a lesson they can come and borrow by themselves at a convenient time. Students in Year 3 – 6 do not need a library bag but may bring one if they like. Students in Year 3 – 6 can search for items and return/borrow before, during and after school.

### **PRIMARY BOOK EXCHANGES**

Day	Class
Monday	1M, 2G, 4G, 4W
Tuesday	PG, 2M, 2W, 3M, 4M
Wednesday	6G, 6M
Thursday	1W, 3G, 5G, 5M
Friday	PW, 1G, 3W

## Primary Book Club

The Primary Book Club is off to a great start and we are looking for more members. Students in Year 3-6 are welcome to attend every Friday and join Mrs. McKellar at first break in the library. This term we



have become word spies and treasure hunters, inspired by Ursula Dubosarsky's book *The Word Spy*. Students have shared about their favourite words, created new words and explored unusual words like funambulist. This week we are exploring rebus riddles and starting our own blog on the GCCC Library Weebly. Stay tuned for more details about the Secondary Book Club in the next newsletter. It runs weekly on Wednesdays at second break in the library and is led by Mrs. Morris, our Secondary Teacher Librarian.

See you in the library

**Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services**

## Sport News

### Primary Swimming Carnival

#### Caitlin Sets Six New Records at Primary Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic day of swimming competitions and fun we all had at the Primary Swimming Carnival. Students flooded into the Beerwah Pool ready to battle it out against other house teams to gain the title of Swimming House Champions. It was great to see almost every primary student competing in events and cheering their houses on.

Every house tent was adorned with an array of decorations, with sharks, crocodiles and tigers eyeing each other up. War cries were thunderous as teams challenged each other to win the day. Zion was declared War Cry winners in a very tight competition full of passion and plenty of volume.

Students could swim in six events during the carnival with A divisions swimming 50m races and all other divisions competing over 25m. Students could nominate for the 100m freestyle and 200m individual medley events and some fine swimming was on display in these events.



Caitlin Moore was the stand out swimmer of the carnival winning every event she swam in and also breaking the record in every event. She trains really hard and these results certainly reflect the effort she puts in. Caitlin is aiming to swim at the State Championships so she is off to a great start.

Joshua Collins and Olivia McKenzie also swam superbly winning all six races in their respective age groups to gain maximum points for their houses – 60 points in all.

Nine year old boys Jaymes Roser and Joshua Moore had a very close battle in every race they swam with one or the other winning by a very small margin. Josh won three races and Jaymes two which meant Josh became Age Champion with Jaymes just two points behind in second.

The ten year old girls' competition was also very close all day. Amy Trevan and Ella Childs also had very close races with the crowd cheering them on in each race. Amy finished as Age Champion beating Ella by just two points.

Our District Team should do very well with all these great

swimmers selected to represent GCCC at the Glasshouse District Championships.

The flying squad relays carry double house points so each house was very keen to win these races. The two fastest girls and boys from each age group formed the flying squad team. Ararat was too strong in these relays and won both the girls and boys races.

Of course there were many other swimmers who made this day a success. It was fantastic to see so many students participating in many events gaining valuable house points and winning ribbons they are very proud of.

The other exceptional aspect of the day was the awesome cheering for house members which literally continued all day. We are sure Mrs Geldenhuys must have almost lost her voice as she and all the enthusiastic house captains led their teams in cheers and chants helping to lift the performance of every swimmer.

Novelty events were eagerly awaited with all students able to participate and have lots of fun. The students raced across the pool avoiding the lane ropes, rode inflatable sharks and turtles and bombed into the pool in between the more serious races. There was also time for fun relays at the end of the day.

Sinai ended the day victorious with just 20 more points than Ararat, with Zion in third. Secondary points were added to these totals and Ararat ended up Overall Champions. Congratulations to everyone for making the carnival such a success.



### Age Champions

Age	Age Champion	Runner Up
9 yrs Girls	Olivia McKenzie	Grace Pitman
9 yrs Boys	Joshua Moore	Jaymes Roser
10 yrs Girls	Amy Trevan	Ella Childs
10 yrs Boys	Carl Burgess	Alex Chidgey
11 yrs Girls	Caitlin Moore	Molly McCaughey
11 yrs Boys	Joshua Collins	Lincoln McKenzie

## New Records

Record Setter	Age	Event
Joshua Moore	9 yrs	25m Butterfly, Backstroke, 100m Freestyle
Jaymes Roser	9 yrs	25m Freestyle
Olivia McKenzie	9 yrs	25m Backstroke
Ella Childs	10 yrs	200m Individual Medley
Amy Trevan	10 yrs	50m Butterfly
Caitlin Moore	11 yrs	50m Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle 100m Freestyle, 200 Individual Medley

Click [here](#) to view more photos.

## Thomas Thow – 12 G

Thomas Thow recently competed in Little Athletics Regionals in five events. He placed 1st in shotput, 3rd in 100m, 3rd in long jump and 3rd in triple jump.

Thomas will compete in these events at the State

Titles in March in

Brisbane. He did three personal bests over the weekend.

Well done Tom!



## SCISSA Volleyball Round 1

GCC SCISSA Volleyball teams had an impressive first hit out yesterday against teams from Suncoast Christian College. We were represented by 6 teams in total across all Secondary year levels.

Congratulations to our 7/8A Boys team. They recorded a convincing win 2 sets to 0.

Our 8/9/10 Girls team also recorded a win over 3 sets (3-1) against Suncoast 9/10B Girls.

Other teams across all age groups showed promising signs losing their games by very narrow margins. There was certainly no lack in skill and ability. As these teams string together more training sessions and have opportunities to play together they will undoubtedly show further improvement and record more wins.

## Matthew Beattie, Head of PE & Sport

### Secondary Swimming Carnival

This year's Secondary Swimming Carnival was a great success. There were some exceptional efforts from all participants throughout the day and the vibrant house colours and loud cheering made for an exciting atmosphere. All enjoyed the novelty races, fashion of the pool and the equally hilarious belly flop competition.

With all students dressed in team colours and cheering throughout the day, the rivalry was at an all time high. House war cries resounded regularly and it was Sinai who this year showed the most enthusiasm to win the spirit award.

Competition in the pool was extremely close across most age groups with some champions being decided by as few as three points. Students swam in either the A or B division races according to their previous nominations and trials. It was a fantastic spectacle to see the regular

close finishes. Sinai gained an early lead on the points' tally however it was once again Ararat who emerged as well deserved house champions.

The standard of swimming continues to improve as this year 15 new records were set in some outstanding swims. Congratulations to all students who managed to qualify to swim at the district carnival. In particular our age champions and record breakers.

Thank you to all parents, teachers and house captains who helped make the day a success. This year's boys and girls swimming age champions and record breakers are as follows:

### Matt Beattie, Head of Sport and HPE

More photos [here](#).



Record Breakers	Age	Event	Age Champions	Name
Amity Roser	12 yrs	200 IM	12	Amity Roser Tate Doneathy
Beau Howard	13 yrs	200IM, 50m Free, Breast, Back, Butterfly	13	Sophie Trevan Beau Howard
Sophie Trevan	13 yrs	50m Butterfly, Backstroke,	14	Stephanie Ferris Daniel O'Farrell
Daniel O'Farrell	14 yrs	50m Butterfly	15	Elise Ellwood Fion Richard-Williamson
Elise Ellwood	15 yrs	50m Butterfly	16	Nichola Bates Connor Chapman
Connor Chapman	16 yrs	50m Butterfly	Opens	Andrea Little Flynn Mitchell
Thomas Thow	Open	50m Back		
Andrea Little	Open	50m Free		

## Whole of School News



### Youth Excel – Would your child benefit from seeing a psychologist?

Please contact the school if you are interested in this service offered by Youth Excel and talk to Chappy Michelle. First round of bookings close 13 March.

Click on this link for more info: [Youth Excel](#)

## Students Qualify for Little Athletics State Championships

About twenty GCCC students competed at the Regional Little Athletics Championships in Caboolture last weekend and many were successful in qualifying for the Little Athletics State Championships.

It was a big weekend of competition but everyone had a lot of fun. Jacob McGilvray won the U7 70m but is too young to compete at the State Championships. Congratulations Jake. The following students qualified and we wish them all the best at the upcoming competition.

Lainey Grieve – 70m, 100m, 60m hurdles, long jump and high jump  
Cassidy Ferris – 100m, 200m, 400m, long jump and triple jump.

Shelby Daunt – 1100m walk  
Amy Trevan – discus  
Jaylah Daunt – discus, long jump and triple jump.  
Stephanie Ferris – shotput  
Laura Vobr – discus, shotput  
Sophie Trevan – 200m hurdles, high jump  
Sean Nalty-Leal – high jump  
Andie Little – discus, shotput, 200m hurdles, Javelin, 90m hurdles  
Natasha Hoeksema – 800m  
Thomas Thow – long jump, triple jump, 100m, shotput  
Sean Nalty-Leal – high jump



## P and F News



Hi Everyone

Thank you to those who added their names to the P and F Volunteers list.

An email has already gone out to you all, asking for anyone who can help at upcoming P and F Family Fun Day. This had to be postponed due to bad weather and we will let you know as soon as a new date is finalised.

For those who requested minutes from the monthly P and F meetings, your email addresses have been added to the email group, so look out for that once a month.

### Trivia Night

This is coming up on Saturday 14 March. You will receive an email in the next week (if you haven't already) detailing the event.

The P and F encourage College families, staff and friends to get a table together and have an enjoyable night out. Baby sitting will be provided for primary school aged children at a small cost. A movie will be shown for the kids to keep them entertained. Get in early to

book your table.

### Primary Disco

On Friday night 27 March, it will be the first 2015 College Disco for primary students. Keep this date noted on your calendar, more information will come out in coming weeks.

We have the P and F Annual General Meeting (AGM) coming up on Tuesday 3 March at 6.30pm, held in boardroom at the library. All executive positions will become vacant. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There have been some nominations for these positions already, but if you are interested in any of the positions please come along to the meeting or email P and F your nomination. Any information anyone would like on the positions, just send an email and I will pass on the information to you.

The monthly P and F meeting will follow on from the AGM at 7pm, Tuesday 3 March.. Everyone is welcome.

**Lynelle Sim, P and F President**

## Chappy Chatter

### Technology time-wasters



I will admit it: I am a news addict. Whenever I get a spare second to sit down, I will often whip out my phone and catch up on what is going on out there in the world.

On my phone I then see a flood of emails that I read and reply to where

necessary. After catching up on the current sports scores, I finally return to the world around me.

I was fine with this arrangement until Chappy Dani (my wife) pointed out that every time I pull out my phone; I am not present to

my surroundings. Whether it is a few minutes, or an hour at a time, I suddenly become a shell; obsessed with the device I am holding.

The Bible tells us that: "Today is the day that the Lord has made" and goes on to say: "we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps 118:24).

The problem I find with technology is that it has an unparalleled ability to take our time and attention away from our family and the world around us. This is not what God intended. He made today as a gift for you to enjoy.

Try spending some time without technology, and take notice of the world that God put around you. Like the Psalmist, you too might find yourself doing a lot more rejoicing, and a lot less worrying.

**Dan Bassett, Chaplain**