



Inside this issue:

Clean Up Australia p5

Kitchen Garden p5

Cupcakes for a Cause p8

District Swim Team Gains Second Place p11

Trivia Night p12

Newsletter Term 3, 6 March 2015

TERM 1	
MARCH	
Fri 13	Induction of Primary Leaders 9.30am-10.30am
Sat 14	P and F Trivia Night
Mon 23-Fri 27	7.30am to 8.30am Sibling photos
Thur 26-Tue 31	Year 11 and 12 Exam Block
Fri 27	Primary Disco 5pm
Tue 31-Wed 1 Apr	Primary Parent Teacher interviews 3.15-7pm
APRIL	
Thur 2	Whole College Easter Assembly
Thur 2	Last Day of Term 1
Term 2 (10 weeks)	
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
Wed 22-Fri 24	Year 8 Camp
Wed 22	P and F Meeting 7pm
Fri 24	Whole College ANZAC service 8.30am
Wed 29-Thur 30	Middle and Senior Conferences
Thur 30	Primary and Secondary Cross Country
MAY	
Tue 5	Prep Mothers' Night 6.30pm
Wed 6	P and F Meeting 7pm
Fri 8	Prep to eight years old Cross Country
Tue 12-Thur 14	NAPLAN testing
Sat 16	OPEN DAY 10am to 2pm
Mon 18	Primary District Cross Country St Micheal's College
Wed 27	Immunisations for all Year 8 girls and boys
Fri 29	Maleny Show Holiday - public holiday
JUNE	
Tue 2	P and F Meeting 7pm
Wed 3	Primary Athletics Carnival
Thur 4	Secondary Athletics Carnival
Mon 8	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Fri 12	Primary Disco
Thur 18-Tue 23	Year 11 and 12 Exam Block
Fri 26	Last Day Term 2



Clean Up Australia

p5



Kitchen Garden News

p5



Cupcakes for a Cause

p8



District Swim Team gains second place

p11



Trivia Night

p12



Cover photo: Primary students get their hands dirty with cleaning up the school

Contact Details

58 Roberts Road, Beerwah Qld 4519
 Ph: 07 5439 0033 Fax: 07 5439 0044
 Email address: admin@gccc.qld.edu.au
 Web address: www.gccc.qld.edu.au
 Absentee line: 5436 5670



College name adjustment and new logo

Some of you may have heard rumours of a new name and logo for the College. We were hoping to announce this in the first week of Term 2 when all the graphic design elements were finalised but didn't want you to worry about what this would mean for uniforms etc.

From Term 2 the College will be known as Glasshouse Christian College, dropping the word 'Country' from the name. The main reason for this is that so many people are confusing our name that it is affecting our profile on the Sunshine Coast. It has been very frustrating to continually hear our College called by the wrong name even in our local community.

The name changeover will be a very gradual transition to reduce cost and waste. You will not need to purchase new uniforms as we will slowly introduce the new name and logo as stocks run out. The new blazers which have already been ordered will all have the new logo on them. The uniform colours are all staying the same as only the logo and name have been changed.

This marks a significant time in our College's life and I hope you will all like the new name and logo as much as I do.

P and F Trivia Night 14 March

With the postponement of the P and F Family Fun Day, the Trivia Night is the next thing on the social agenda and promises to be a lot of fun. You don't need to be an Einstein to enjoy the night; just be ready for some good laughs and to make some new friends.

Why not form a class team with other parents and donate all your winnings to your child's class? Just think what they could do with the first prize of \$250! If you are struggling to find one or two extras for your team, don't forget you can ask your friends and family as the night is not limited to parents and friends of GCCC. We don't want anyone to miss out.

Here are some questions which won't be asked on the night but if you join us, you will find out the answers:

1. Will the red team be successful again this year or will another colour rise up to challenge its spot in the limelight?
2. Will the pink team entertain us with their funky costumes and over the top accessories again?
3. Will the blue team cruise quietly along and then snatch victory from the hands of the red team?
4. Will the purple team overdose on all the purple-wrapped Cadbury chocolate decorating their table?
5. Will the black team take out the award for the sheer elegance in dark décor?

Personally, I will be cheering for the purple team again this year.

For all the details of the night, just click [here](#).

Dogs on premises

I know that a dog is often a treasured member of the family. Some parents use the short walk to and from College to pick up and drop off their children as the ideal time to take the dog for a walk.

However, the College has a duty of care and the presence of dogs on or near school grounds may represent a risk of bite or injury to students, staff and visitors at the school. Some children (and adults) also find it stressful and frightening to be near dogs.

I value pet ownership and believe it is a good experience for children but bringing dogs into a child-focussed environment carries with it the risk of physical injury to children, no matter how friendly or well-controlled the dogs may be.

Therefore, our policy is that no dogs are permitted inside the College grounds. Assistance animals (i.e. seeing eye dogs) are naturally exempted from this policy. This also means that dogs must not be tied up around the main entrances to the College campus where children may have to walk past them.

However, if you have a very well behaved dog and it is on a leash, you may choose to drop off and pick up your children just outside the College grounds. Just ensure that there is plenty of room for others to walk past without coming in close contact with your dog.

New Building Update

For those who follow us on [Facebook](#) you would be seeing photographic updates on a regular basis. For those who are not on Facebook, you can click [here](#) to see some of the more recent photos.



We are all very excited to watch the progress of these dynamic looking buildings and can't wait for our students to move into them at the beginning of Term 2.

How to help your children be better students

Tip number 3: Use e-mail to keep in touch.

Email is a great way to reach your child's teacher without having to play phone tag. Teachers then have a record of a conversation or can print information out to put in a student's file as a reminder. If you know what your children are struggling in, please feel comfortable emailing the teacher about it. They want to know that the student needs help. Communication needn't be limited to when there's a problem.

Mike Curtis, Principal



Introducing Izabela Gontijo

Hi, my name is Izabela Gontijo and I am the new Secondary Teaching Assistant in the Learning Enhancement and Support Department.

I have been teaching for nine years and have a Bachelor of Arts in English. Currently, I am studying a Master of Education at the University

of the Sunshine Coast.

My husband and I moved from Brazil where I worked as NGO's Educational Consultant. We love Australia and its people and it has been a great experience to get to know it better.

I am passionate about helping students achieve to their potential and build confidence in their abilities.

When I am not at school, I have to catch up with my studies. In my free time I love going to the beach, listening to music, reading and spending time with my husband and friends.

I look forward to working with you.



Introducing Bev Ison

Hello, my name is Bev Ison. I am very excited to be working as a Library Technician at GCCC. I am passionate about libraries, reading and information resources.

I have been working in school libraries for 20 years, most of this time I was at Immanuel Lutheran College, but I have also worked in state school libraries and Catholic school libraries. I am still a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

I love travelling, and have travelled to the UK, Europe, Asia and the USA on numerous occasions. I have had two house swaps in France, which I loved. I have one beautiful daughter who has a business degree and is now studying to become a teacher.

I also love animals (especially dogs) and have a dog which gets lots of daily walks and loves running along the beach.

I am enjoying working in the beautiful library here at GCCC, being a part of the library team and providing service to the GCCC community.

Crossing Guard needed

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at GCCC and you may also need to relieve at other schools.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that



have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

[Crossing Guard Role Description](#)

[Crossing Guard Job Application](#)

Address application to:

The Principal's Personal Assistant
Glasshouse Country Christian College
58 Roberts Road
Beerwah QLD 4519

Applications close at 4.00pm on 12 March 2015. For further information please phone the Road Safety on 07 54521829

Primary Performing Arts

We have had a very exciting start to 2015 in Primary Performing Arts. This year, through an application process, we have appointed two Year 6 students to be our very first Primary Performing Arts Captains for GCCC. There were many fantastic applicants for these positions but the students chosen by the panel of GCCC staff were Cameron Lawson and Isabel Holley. Congratulations to Cameron and Isabel. We look forward to all your leadership involvement throughout the year!



On Monday 2 March our Drama Club performed in Chapel the story of Jesus calming the storm. Well done to these students for their enthusiasm and commitment to preparing this performance.

Another important announcement involves our Year 3-6 Junior Choir which has launched a new name 'Sing and Shout'.

There are many extra curricular ensembles and groups now running before and during school for Primary students to be involved in. If your child is interested in being involved with any of these groups please contact our Music Department or the teacher/tutor in charge for more information.



Rochelle Harrison, Primary Performing Arts teacher



Clean Up Australia

It was a hive of industry last Friday as students and staff put their shoulder to the wheel and worked together to clean up their individual House Area of the school.

The team of judges allocated scores for House Spirit, Industriousness and Total Student Involvement.

As the icing on the cake, the long awaited new roof on our Little Red Café was put up late Friday afternoon. Students just LOVE this play area and it is always completely full of children in both breaks and after school. The lower primary SHED BOSSES make sure that the enamel pots and pans, plates and cups are out each lunch break so children can enjoy creative play. I have personally been offered a number of exotic dishes, sweets and drinks as I walk past the café at breaks and have a difficult time resisting devouring the “dirty” cup of tea and the “sand” cake with flower decorations on top. I love to watch the children’s faces as they role play shop assistants and customers.

The results of the Clean Up Australia for the different Primary sections in the school



Kitchen Garden News

We had a special visitor to Kitchen Garden this week. Brownie the Sussex hen joined us for lessons along with her four chicks; B1, B2, Marcia and Stripe! All the students got to have a cuddle with a chick and patted a very patient Brownie who really enjoyed scratching for worms under the eggplant bushes.

Our junior chefs made citrus and coconut slice (from Kitchen Garden recipe book ‘Cooking Creations’.) This slice is super easy to make and can be made gluten free if desired. Classes planted lots of corn seeds into the beds and filled wheelbarrows with weeds. Parent helpers were amazed to see just how quickly our vegetables have grown. Next week we will have a bumper crop of Asian greens to harvest and turn into something delicious.

Soon we will have a brand new storage shed to store all of our tools and equipment in. The slab is already down next to the block wall adjacent the Prep building and our wonderful maintenance

will be announced very soon.

Photos can be found [here](#).

Year 6 Leadership opportunities starting this week

If your child comes home with a Leadership Passport, you will know that he/she is keen to earn a leadership badge this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for any Year 6 student who aspires leadership to serve the College and earning a badge. We applaud the students’ enthusiasm to serve the College in a number of ways. Library monitors, lunchtime buddies for other students, games monitors for the junior students, flag monitors, organisers for the sand pit toys for the Year 3 – 6 oval sand pit on the oval are just some of the ways Year 6 students can serve.

This is a wonderful way for our budding leaders to show how responsible they can be and earn the required number of points for their leadership badge.

Provision has been made for those who are involved in extra curricular activities at lunch break, so they will still be able to earn their badge.

The passport will be signed off as they report for duty in the designated areas and this will be a record of their service.

Cyber Safety

On Wednesday 4 March our Adopt – a – Cop, Susan, presented sessions to students in Year 1 – 6 in different age groups, to make them aware of safety when using IT. Please ask your children to share what they have learned with you. As a school and as a family we all need to be mindful of the incredible benefits of IT but must also be very aware of the need for our children to be educated about Cyber Safety and be equipped to navigate any dangers which they may encounter over the years. Cyber safety will be a focus at the beginning of every year with different presenters speaking to students at various times!

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

staff will be assembling the shed in the near future. This will mean that everything we need will be close on hand and better organized.

Until next fortnight,
Happy gardening!

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Gardener Coordinator

Click [here](#) for more photos.



GRIP Leadership Day

On Wednesday 18 February, a group of our Year 6 leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference with Mrs Mitchell and Mr Rogers. Being involved in leadership at GCCC is an important responsibility and a fantastic opportunity to make an impact on others, whilst growing as a young leader.



The main theme for the conference this year was "Stand Up" with a focus on standing up and taking hold of opportunities to lead, standing up for what is right, standing up for others and standing up for yourself. The full conference program was structured around activities that prepared our young leaders, in practical ways, for the leadership at school.

Reflections from students who attended:

'Today students from GCCC went to the GRIP Leadership Conference held at Nambour Civic Centre. We learnt that paper, scissors, rock has a meaning. Paper stands for create a plan, scissors stands for take action and rock stands for staying strong.

During the day we met other students from different schools

SCIPHA Leadership Day

Each year the Sunshine Coast Independent Primary Heads Association (SCIPHA) hold a Leadership Day at the start of the year for aspiring young leaders in the Primary School.

This year, 130 students from 13 different Independent schools attended.



The theme for the day was "Learning to Fly" with the aim being to develop students to become strong and resilient young people who are inspired to use the leadership opportunities they have been given to make a positive difference.

The program covered relationship building, communication, team building, goal setting, public speaking, active listening and developing a positive self-mindset.

Our students enjoyed the day and shared their reflections:

'It was fun and my favourite activities, without a doubt, were the teamwork activities.' **Alex**

and there were over 300 students at the conference! We got to discuss different ways that we could serve others and different principles around 'standing up' in a fun way. We did this in dance competitions and going on stage to discuss our ideas.'

Cassidy and Kiana

'We had fun at the GRIP Leadership Conference. We learnt about how to be a confident leader for the school. We learnt the importance of leadership and how to make a really good plan. We enjoyed the humour of the jokes, the music of the dance parties and the practicality of leadership. We learnt the 4 stand ups – stand up for what is right, stand up when there is an opportunity, stand up for others and stand up for yourself. Some of the practical aspects of leadership involve a P.L.A.N which stands for:

Priority areas Listen Activities Next steps

Leaders look for ways to serve others!

Thank you for taking us!'

Caitlin and Alex

Gail Mitchell, Assistant Head of Primary

'On Monday 23 February a group of lovely Year 6 leaders went to a SCIPHA Leadership day. It was really fun. We learnt how to be good leaders. There were about five activities. My first activity was all about teamwork.

There were lots of different teamwork activities and you needed to be able to communicate well. At morning tea they provided cup cakes and poppers. My favorite activity was definitely the teamwork challenges!' **Declan**

'I was a bit nervous but I made new friends very quickly. We learnt about conflict resolution and how to communicate properly and by morning tea time every one was chatting away about how awesome their last task was, while enjoying a vanilla cupcake and popper.

My favourite activity was when we went down to the Worship Centre Cave and used teamwork to win some pretty cool competitions.' **Lara**

Gail Mitchell, Assistant Head of Primary

Chappy Chatter

Dealing with God

There is a classic scene from the movie "The End", where Burt Reynolds is trying to swim to shore from deep water. Convinced he is about to die, he starts making deals with God. As he approaches the shore, and he begins to feel safer, it has the effect of him going back on all of his promises. While hilarious, it portrays the sad fact that people think they only need God when they need help. When the family is happy and healthy, the boss is friendly and the pay is good, why would I have any need for God? I too fall so easily into this trap.



The Bible says that God wants us to "rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess 5:16-18). If God is only someone we talk to or serve when we think it will help us. He really is no God to us at all. He is simply a tool to get us what we truly want: wealth, health or to the shore safely. The God of the Bible is one who is worth chasing after for His own sake. The good news that we have in Jesus is not that we can have power, or success, or simply a free ticket to heaven. The Good News is that we can have a relationship with God and be considered His friend. It is only by knowing this God, in good times and bad, that we can truly "rejoice always".

Chappy Dan Bassett

Middle School News



Assessment time is looming on the horizon as we approach Week 6. This week students in Year 7 and 8 had Study Skills/Time Management presentations by the company, Elevate. You can find out more about this organisation by looking at this [website](#).

Year 12 and beyond seems a long, long way away for Year 7 and 8 and to a large degree, even for a Year 9 student. However, the study habits and progress that students are making at this point in their lives are **already shaping their future**.

A few valuable tips you may like to help your child put in place are:

1. Help your child to consider **two mega goals** for their future. It may be a specific career; where they would like to go to Uni or do further study; or, something they hope to achieve such as an adult sporting achievement; accomplished musician in a particular instrument etc. Then find help them find representative pictures of these and have your child place them in their study area or even as a screen saver. Discuss how achieving well in school will help reach this goal.
2. Then with these mega goals in mind help your child to set year long, term long and finally daily goals that will help students on this journey to reach these.
3. Write a list of **TASKS not TIME**. Once the task is done – celebrate. See these tasks as ‘wins’. If they are ‘rules’ – when they don’t achieve them it’s a negative, when they do – it’s a win!

4. Sit down with your child, help them set up a **study routine** – not just a homework routine but time to study. Help them **manage deadlines**. Ask them to practise the note-taking and study skills that they were taught this week. Reading the work is not a sufficient study technique. Summarising the notes, practising test questions and then refining what they still don’t know will give better test results.

Camps and Excursions

Students will have received their camp notes and forms over the last few weeks. This is generally one of the highlights of the school year for most students and yet for some, camps can also be stressful and cause anxiety. Here is an excerpt from the GCCC Parent Handbook regarding Camps:

“Camps are held for many year levels to enrich the learning experiences. They are a compulsory component of the year. The cost for camp is included in the fee structure for the year level.

Please contact the Year Level Coordinator if your child is anxious so that they can be reassured and if necessary supported through their concerns with an action plan.

It’s also vital that you ensure your contact and medical details are current and up to date. Please contact the school if anything has changed for your child.”

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School

Senior School News

Study Skills 2015

On Monday night, a group of parents met with the key speaker from Elevate Education



to learn how they can better help our students with effective study skills. This was a follow on event from student and staff sessions that had occurred throughout the day. Each year level had a one-hour session with Elevate and then our staff had a professional development session on the various strategies that had been presented to our students.

At the parent session, the speaker focussed on a range of strategies that parents should be aware of and that we are encouraging students to use. Of interest to me was the concept that students need “small wins” and that these small wins enable them to then have the confidence to tackle the more complex tasks. Secondly, the speaker identified a major problem I see happening among my own students. This problem is that many

students sell themselves short in subjects by labelling themselves as “Cant’s”. “I can’t do Maths” is something I hear quite often. By labelling themselves in this way, they rule out the ability they actually have and risk not achieving well by fulfilling their own negativity. Failure or “making mistakes” is not a bad thing; as long as students learn from those mistakes. The speaker used the example of the Apple phone and how Apple learnt from their mistakes.

This program was well received by students, staff and parents. The College surveyed the students about the program and of 140 replies, 137 said they would recommend it to other students. A whopping 55% of students rated it as an “excellent” program with 59% rating it as “good”. Only 2% rated it as “satisfactory” or “poor”. I am excited that this program will help our students to become better learners.

Legacy Cup – Cleanup Australia Campaign

Unfortunately our Legacy Cup, Term 1 challenge was postponed due to poor weather, to Friday 6 March. Today I heard on the radio that 30,000 people across Australia were involved in Cleanup Australia. One thousand of these were from the Sunshine Coast. So on Friday, if we have 180 GCCC Seniors cleaning up streets around Beerwah. It is quite significant.

I love our township. I love the views over the Glasshouse Mountains and I love the clean country atmosphere that is Glasshouse Country region. We want our students to be as proud of where we live as we are proud of our school.

Sunshine Coast Youth Forum

Next week, four of our Seniors will represent GCCC at the annual Sunshine Coast Youth Forum. They are Troy Fullerton and Jake Williamson from Year 12 and Josh Andrews and James Proud from Year 11. The Sunshine Coast Youth Summit is an annual event organised to inspire and empower Sunshine Coast young people to discuss and develop solutions to issues / topics identified as important within their local community. The Sunshine Coast Youth Summit was first held in 2008, inspired by Kevin Rudd's Youth 2020 Summit, a creative approach to addressing the concerns of the nation's young people in order to instigate change. The Sunshine Coast Youth Summit was developed **for** young people **by** young people to give youth of the Sunshine Coast a

chance to have their say. This year the forum will be discussing the following topics:

Topic

- Accommodation and housing
- Body image and self esteem
- Drugs, alcohol and personal safety
- Education, training and employment
- Environment
- Mental, emotional and physical health
- Peer pressure, social inclusion, and bullying
- Recreational and entertainment activities
- Sexuality (relationships, health and identity)
- Transport

It is important for our young people to speak out about issues that affect them and our community and we want to empower them to do so. They are the leaders of tomorrow.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Next Step Survey for graduated Year 12 students

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2014. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a

web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2015.

Further information on Next Step is available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.



Cupcakes for a cause

The Year 12 Pastoral Care classes worked together making and icing cupcakes. They all worked together well as a team for a worthwhile cause.

The students wanted to show their love and support for a treasured teacher who had been going through a tough time with a seriously ill child. This teacher is a beautiful caring person who goes above and beyond for her students and not only her students, but all the people she crosses paths with. The students raised \$300 profit.

By Felicity Tasker and the Year 12 students



Agriculture Science News

Sunny Days

It is on again! The University of Queensland's Sunflower competition has had the Agricultural Science students researching how to grow their sunflower to be the heaviest ever! It is looking like it is going to be an incredible competition just between the students themselves, with many believing they have found the secret ingredient that will achieve the heavy-weight winnings!



The Agricultural Science students have put together their very own fertiliser plan and maintenance regime for their sunflowers. They have carefully considered key N:P:K (Nitrogen: Phosphorus: Potassium) ratios for different stages of growth and soil organic

materials for the retention of moisture and nutrients.

The not so secret ingredient to the anticipated wondrous growth of the sunflowers is the generous support for Searles garden products. Searles supplied six 50 Litre bags of potting mix to ensure that the Agricultural students have every chance at growing some amazing sunflowers. We greatly appreciate Searles' supporting the GCCC Ag Science Sunflower Team and look forward to blooming success!

Jade King, Head of Agriculture Science

For more photos, see [here](#).





Work Experience

Year 10 students have received their placements for the week 20 – 24 April from Liz Walker representing Sustainable Partnerships. They have been given a Work Experience Agreement Form, which must be

signed by the employer. This can be done at the appointment to see the employer, which should be made within the next two weeks. Once the form is signed it must be immediately returned to Future Pathways Office by Thursday 19 March 2015, so that Mr Curtis can sign it. Please note that this is a legal document and must be retained with *all* signatures by the College.

In recent weeks I have been spending time with the Year 10 students discussing how to phone an employer. We have been doing role-play and students have been encouraged to write an 'introductory script' and role-play that script with parents/ caregivers. I have also impressed upon them the need to have their resume present when they ring the employer, as an employer may ask questions about their work history etc.

Year 12s attended the annual UNI Showcase at Beerwah State High School on Friday 6 March. This has always been a pivotal event in the career decision making process for Year 12 students with a wide range of universities and providers present to answer student questions. We are always appreciative and grateful to Beerwah State High School for inviting us to their event.

I have suggested to Year 12 students that they can best prepare for this event by going to the MY FUTURE website www.myfuture.edu.au and exploring the activities associated with such an event as this.

The 'Try a Trade Day' for girls at the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre will be held on Monday the 9 March. There are still vacancies and the SCTTTC has now opened it up to interested Year 12 girls. Interested female students from Year 9 to Year 12 can attend.

Year 12 Headstart students have started their Sunshine Coast

University courses this week and I have asked for a meeting with each student recently to go through the College's expectations with respect to being a Glasshouse Country Christian College Headstart Student.

One of the responsibilities of a student doing Headstart is to simultaneously manage both the University **and** their College workload. So in Week 8 I will be checking with students and monitoring their progress.

It is incumbent upon students to discuss issues of concern with both the University and our College staff; myself, Mr Heyworth as Head of Senior and Mr Steffler as Dean of Studies. If there is any consideration of a withdrawal from a course, students must see one of the above College staff before withdrawing. There is a census date which students would have been made aware of at orientation. Withdrawal from a course BEFORE this date will ensure enrolment fees are reimbursed.

Please note the upcoming information sessions from the Australian Defence Force: Please RSVP to defencejobsmaroochydore@dfrc.com.au or call (07) 5459 8722

Information session	Location	Date	Time
Woman in the Defence Force, information session.	DFR Maroochydore, 35 – 39 Primary School Crt, Maroochydore	16 Mar 15	6 - 8pm
Army Reserve – Information Session	DFR Maroochydore, 35 – 39 Primary School Crt, Maroochydore	17 Mar 15	6 - 8pm
Australian Defence Force – Officer Entre information session.	DFR Maroochydore, 35 – 39 Primary School Crt, Maroochydore	19 Mar 15	6 - 8pm
Australian Defence Force Academy information session.	DFR Maroochydore, 35 – 39 Primary School Crt, Maroochydore	25 Mar 15	6 - 8pm

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator

Introducing... Student Voice 2015

The Student Voice is GCCC's form of a student council in the Secondary College. It is chaired by the College Captains Troy Fullerton and Calista Theron and consists of a student representative from each form class that serves a one semester term. The Student Voice provides an avenue for the students to raise matters of concern regarding the student body and these issues can be addressed by relevant parties. Another aspect of the Student Voice is fundraising for charities that have relevance to the College and that the students feel passionate about supporting.

For Semester One the student representatives include:

Year 7 – Cody O'loan, Jonty Brown and Rick Kompanie

Year 8 – Ariana Doolan, Kacey Dickens and Mark Kennedy

Year 10 – Jordan Bull, Annabelle Freeman, Jesse Woods

Year 11 – Will Smerdon, Taylah Andrews, Moale James

Year 12 – Troy Fullerton, Calista Theron, Ella Mickelson, Vanita Mens

Students are encouraged to discuss their ideas and issues with their student representative and have their opinion heard by the Student Voice. Each student can be involved in creating a positive and supportive culture in the GCCC student body. Watch this space for more exciting updates throughout the year.

Tanya Cullen

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

Aiming for Reading Success

Young people today need to build strong reading, writing and thinking skills to ensure success in school, the workplace and for a quality everyday life. As students progress through primary and into secondary school, they face a whole new set of comprehension challenges that can be difficult even for children who 'read well'.

Every subject at school relies on students having the ability to understand what they are reading. Students are also required to use the information in a specific way for an assignment, a homework challenge or to study for an exam. Without good comprehension skills, students can struggle.

Why is comprehension more challenging in high school?

Curriculum work becomes harder in secondary school and there is an increased expectation that students be more independent in their learning. The nature of reading changes significantly and comprehension becomes more challenging due to the use of more complex vocabulary and concepts in the reading and learning tasks. Students will need to use a variety of strategies to comprehend new information and to use the information appropriately in different contexts. For example, students may need to skim through research material, looking for information or clues to whether a section will help them with a history or science assignment, or they may need to carefully read poetry – looking for literary devices like alliteration or metaphors. Different subjects require different strategies and these strategies may be new to your child.

Parents can help by reminding students to use the following reading strategies to assist them to become better readers and thinkers. You probably already use some of them without even realising it.

Strategy	Explanation
Making Connections	Connect with information by experiences, relating information to another text or to something happening in the world.
Predicting	Use information, images or our own experiences to predict what might happen next.
Questioning	Ask questions to help clarify the meaning.
Monitoring	Realise when something is tricky and then stop, re-read or seek extra help.

Visualising	Paint a picture in our mind of what is happening to help us understand and remember information.
Summarising	Put the main information we have read into our own words.

(Strategies compiled from 'Homework help, tips and info sheets at: www.schoolatoz.com.au)

Effective readers and learners regularly use these strategies. They ask themselves questions like 'did this make sense? If it didn't, they go back and re-read it, and slow their reading speed accordingly. It's important that we remind our students that being a good reader isn't about speed or getting all the words/ understanding right the first time. Good reading is about knowing when you have to stop and try different things to help you understand the text more fully.

Broadening your teenagers' reading experiences will help them with their education, social skills and future employment opportunities. Encouraging them to read a wide range of written material will help extend their vocabulary and life experience. Asking questions when they are reading, promotes thinking skills and supports them with aiming to achieve better results from their learning at school.

Secondary Book Club

Secondary Book Club has commenced for the year and a group of enthusiastic readers catch up in the Library every Wednesday at lunchtime.

This term, students are taking turns sharing about a really great book they have recently read and are also working on a Reading Blog – highlighting great reads and upcoming events. The 'Blog on Books!' reading blog can be viewed on the GCCC Library Weebly under the iSucceed tab.



Sunshine Coast Library – supporting student reading and learning



During assembly this week, the students in middle school listened to a presentation by one of the Librarians from Sunshine Coast Libraries. Lisa Austin, spoke about the range of services that our local libraries offer for students and encouraged them to make the most of free membership. For more information about what local libraries provide, click on the following link: <http://www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/>

Beryl Morris, Secondary Teacher Librarian

District Swim Team Gains Second Place

There were some great performances by our swimmers at the Glasshouse District Swimming Carnival last week. Students were keen to compete after the carnival was postponed twice and the level of competition was high. The team gained some great final placings and earned enough points to place second overall behind St Michael's for the second year running.

Caitlin Moore left other 11 year old girls in her wake as she powered through to win all her 11 year old races very convincingly. Molly McCaughey also swam really well placing second or third to Caitlin in the backstroke and freestyle events. Caitlin was awarded Age Champion and Molly was Runner Up.

Joshua Moore and Jaymes Roser also dominated their 9 year old races with Josh winning backstroke and freestyle and Jaymes winning butterfly. They pushed each other all the way producing spectacular finishes in every race. Joshua won the title of Age Champion and Jaymes was Runner Up.

Several other students gained placings and everyone swam their absolute best. Students supported each other, cheering from the poolside and celebrating as ribbons were presented. We were very proud of everyone especially the nine year old students who competed in their very first district competition.

Congratulations go to Caitlin Moore, Molly McCaughey and Cassidy Ferris who were selected to represent our Glasshouse District at the Sunshine Coast Regional Carnival.

Placings gained:

Joshua Moore – 9 years 1st backstroke, 1st Freestyle (record), 3rd breaststroke, 1st butterfly

Jaymes Roser – 9 years 3rd backstroke, 2nd freestyle, 2nd breaststroke, 2nd butterfly

Olivia McKenzie – 9 years 2nd breaststroke

Amy Trevan – 10 years 3rd freestyle

Ella Childs – 10 years 3rd individual medley

Joshua Collins – 11 years 3rd freestyle, 1st breaststroke

Caitlin Moore – 11 years 1st backstroke, 1st freestyle, 1st breaststroke, 1st butterfly, 1st individual medley

Molly McCaughey – 11 years 2nd backstroke, 2nd freestyle, 1st breaststroke, 3rd butterfly, 2nd individual medley

Ellie Thompson – 12 years 3rd freestyle

Wendy Stott

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



District Swimming 2015

On Thursday 19 February, GCCC was represented at the District Swimming Carnival by some talented and very determined swimmers. The cyclonic conditions did not deter swimmers from achieving some pleasing results as all up a multitude of swimmers competed from the 11 participating schools.

Beau Howard achieved our best results for the day recording a 3rd in the 100m Freestyle, 3rd 200m IM, 4th 50m Backstroke and 4th in the 50m Freestyle. Other stand out performers were Elise Ellwood 5th and Andrea Little also 5th in the 100m Freestyle for their age groups.

Other swimmers involved in the day's events from GCCC were Nathan Bahr, Nichola Bates, Georgia Chapman, Julie Coogan, Jaylah Daunt, Chloe Dunford, Stephanie Ferris, Brianna Gallen, Toby Glover, Natasha Hoeksema, Shannon Howard, Aaron Lerch, Emily Logar, Savannah Malan, Patrick McKenzie, Lachlan McWilliam, Fion Richard-Williamson, Sophie Trevan, Georgia Childs and Jesse Snelling.

Big congratulations to all who represented our school at the Sunshine Coast district carnival. All swimmers gave it their very best and we should be well pleased with their efforts.

Matt Beattie, Head of Sport and PE

Volleyball success

The GCCC Volleyball teams recorded excellent results Wednesday afternoon in games against Matthew Flinders Anglican College. The 7/8 boys team notched up another win to make them the only unbeaten team in their division so far. The 7/8 girls also managed a win in a three set nail biter placing them 2nd on the ladder. The 9/10 girls were unlucky to lose their game 22/25, 20/25 and the 11/12 boys showed some big improvements around the court managing to dig, set and apply successful blocks on a consistent basis. Other teams had very narrow losses. This was the last away game for our school. The remaining three games before finals will all be played at the Student Centre located at the southern end of Beerwah State High School.

Matthew Beattie, Head of Secondary PE & Sport

Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival

If you would like to have a go at a triathlon the Mooloolaba SuperKidz Triathlon is coming up very soon on the 14 March 2015. The kids only version of the Mooloolaba Triathlon is for all children aged 7-13 years. All participants will receive a participation medallion and an official ASICS Mooloolaba Superkidz Triathlon Singlet. A bonus – when you enter your post code it's half price for all Sunshine Coast residents. In most cases this will be around \$20.00 which is cheap for an experience to be involved in the Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival. Online entries close March 11. If you are interested please contact Mark on 0423191433 at Ngungun Triathlon Club or go to the Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival website.

Course

7-10 years 100m swim / 1km cycle / 500m run

11-13 years 200m swim/3km cycle / 1km run

(Age as at the day of the event)

District Trials for Rugby League, Soccer and Netball

Trials for Glasshouse District teams are being held during the next couple of weeks. Students born in 2003 or later who are good at these sports may trial at a local Primary school. Trials and training are held after school and the selected team will compete at the Sunshine Coast Regional Carnivals during school time. Parents

are responsible for all transport to and from these trials and there is a small cost involved. The trial information and trial forms are available from the PE office, class teacher or GCCC website.

Students who have been selected in these teams previously have found the experience very rewarding and several have gone on to compete at State Championships.

P and F News



Hi Everyone,

The P and F had the AGM on Tuesday night, 3 March. I would like to congratulate the executive team for 2015 on their successful nomination. Jayne Hinds: Vice President; Sue Schafer: Secretary; Patti McNaulty: Treasurer; and I am being President for another year. I look forward to working with this team and our

College families over the next 12 months.

A big thank you to Jules Grange who has done a wonderful job as Treasurer the past three years. Jules has been a great support to the P and F, we value and appreciate all you have done. Thank you.

P and F are in full swing and we already have exciting things planned for 2015.

Trivia Night

This night is fast approaching. It is Saturday 14 March. To book a table you just need to see Admin. It is \$100 for a table of 8-10 people. A great first prize of \$250 cash, second prize \$100 cash plus lots more prizes on the night. Baby sitting is available. See the flyer below for all the details.

Primary Disco

We have the primary disco on Friday 27 March. Look out for more information which will be emailed out to you soon.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 22 April (due to school holidays this meeting is delayed and also held on a Wednesday night)

Lynelle Sim, P and F President

pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au

Community News

Hosting a French Student

Would you be interested in welcoming a French student into your home in 2015?

There are two groups of students from France

from **21 June to 27 August** or from **11 July to 6 August**

The students are aged between 15 and 17 with the occasional student aged 14 years (turning 15 in 2015).

Should a family from the school community be interested, Patricia Clunes from Nacel Australia will visit your family and fill in the necessary paper work, including Blue Card application.

If you are interested in hosting any of these students please contact Lee-anne Gordon or Jacq Vreeling for more information at your earliest convenience or contact Patricia Clunes at Nacel directly on the contact number listed below or via email.

Patricia Clunes, Queensland Coordinator, Nacel Australia.
0410 617 825. streetons@iprimus.com.au

Request for Assistance Urgent Foster Carers Needed

IFYS Ltd is a Not for Profit Organisation on the Sunshine Coast who provide Foster Care services.

IFYS is looking for people to become carers.

For further info click on this link: [Foster Carers Needed](#)

1st PRIZE WORTH \$250!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Trivia Night
is back at GCCC

Saturday 14th of March | \$100 per table
At Baptist Church | Tables of 8-10

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Prizes | Alcohol Free Event | Fun | BYO Food
Tea & Coffee provided | Cold drinks available to purchase

Book your table now at GCCC Office
or email pandf@gccc.qld.edu.au for any queries

Babysitting by OSHC Carer available for Prep - Year 6 ages
Only \$5 per family | Limited spaces | Book early

This is a P&F sponsored event | All funds go towards P&F Fundraising