

Glasshouse Country Christian College

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MARCH	
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
Wed 29-Thur 30	Middle and Senior Conferences
Thur 30	Secondary Cross Country
MAY	
Tue 5	Prep Mothers' Night 6.30pm
Wed 6	Primary Cross Country
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



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Cover photo:
Mr Mal Brough MP visited our College this week, read about it Mike Curtis' article.

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P and F Disco

The P and F Primary Disco last Friday night was a great success. Thanks to all the P and F volunteers who worked hard to make it such a fun night for the little ones. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Briton for taking photos on the night. Paul is the grandfather of one of our students and has allowed us to use his photographic

expertise on many occasions. More recently Paul has been giving up his time to take sibling photos for the P and F. Visit [Lynelle's P and F article](#) for all the photos.

Helping victims of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu

We have all been moved by the plight of our near neighbours in Vanuatu after Cyclone Pam caused such devastation. The primary students ran a shake and bake in Week 9 and had a free dress day with a tropical twist last Wednesday, to raise money for the victims of the cyclone.

As a College we also had the opportunity to donate five boxes of T-shirts in our bright house colours. Now that we have our new sporting shirts with the mascots emblazoned on them, this seemed like the perfect time and the perfect cause to donate the unused old shirts.

Kylie Woodhead organised for Greg MacLeod from Williamson International to take delivery of the shirts last week. This company is working closely with Air Vanuatu and their distribution centres in Vanuatu to make sure the shirts reach needy children and families as soon as possible.



Visit by Mr Mal Brough MP

For some time Mr Brough has been reading our newsletters and expressed an interest in seeing the new Year 1 buildings. On Tuesday Mr Brough was able to come out and tour the new facility and see firsthand the growth of the College. Mr Brough loved the new classrooms and the creativity of the building design. More photos [here](#).



New Buildings

By the time you read this newsletter the new buildings will be fully complete and it will be full steam ahead for the unpacking and setting up of these classy looking classrooms. I'm sure the Year 1 students and staff are very excited and can't wait to settle in next term. Prep Maroon will also be very glad to move into their new home and there will be

many parents and visitors grateful for all the extra car parks. Thank you all for your patience during the building process. The program has gone very well and it has been exciting watching these buildings grow before our eyes.



Naming our Newsletter

A week ago we launched a competition on Facebook to name our Newsletter. We have been receiving some terrific submissions and would like to widen the competition from just our Facebook followers to all of our College families. The winning name will be rewarded with a \$50 Coffee Club gift voucher. Please email your submissions to: newsletter@gccc.qld.edu.au

ANZAC Day Service and March

There won't be another newsletter between now and the ANZAC Day so please put these details in a handy place for when the date comes.

We will be holding a whole of College ANZAC Day Service on Friday 24 April at 8.30am in the Undercover Area. When I say 'whole of College' our numbers will be depleted substantially as most of Secondary will be on camps or Work Experience however, I'm sure the rest of the College will more than make up for their absence.

This year the ANZAC Day Parade falls on Saturday 25 April. As you know, we have a proud history of participating in this significant event for many years and it is a tradition we want to continue into the future. This year it is extra special due to the 100 year celebrations. This is the time we remember those who laid down their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. It is a freedom that was bought at great cost and not one that we take for granted.

Students and staff will assemble at 9.10am at the corner of Mawhinney and Free Streets in Beerwah. The march begins at 9.30am and ends at the cenotaph at the Beerwah RSL where the service will commence at about 10.00am. Students must wear their formal school uniform including formal hats for Secondary students. Please bring a bottle of water with you on the day. Families are welcome to watch the parade from either side of the street.

Open Day

I know that Saturday 16 May seems a long way off but if you would mark it as a date claimer on your calendar, I would appreciate it. Our students are the stars of the day and it is their participation and involvement that makes our Open Day such a success. All the teachers and support staff will also be present on the day.

This year the event will be bigger and better than ever before. For our current families, this is the ideal time to

inspect our new Year 1 buildings. The animal nursery and jumping castle was such a hit last year that we have booked them again this year. Our Agricultural Science stand will even have some of our very own farm animals for you to meet.

Now that the campus is so much bigger than last year, we will have a miniature train on the day to take people around the whole College. I'm sure the young and young at heart will enjoy this new feature.

There will also be formal dance, drama, and music performances, informal live music, interactive activities and fun events like the father/son pencil case challenge. If you are a Primary parent, this is a good opportunity to visit the Secondary classrooms and learn more about the subjects your child/ren will be taking. **Traditionally, Secondary parents aren't as able as Primary parents to visit the College during the year and this is another reason why we have our Open Days on a Saturday – so everyone can attend.**

TV advertisement for Open Day

We have been able to negotiate a very affordable deal with WIN television to advertise Open Day on their station. Keep an eye out for these ads perhaps in the second week of the holidays and early next term. I would like to thank all of the students who were so enthusiastically involved in the project.

Complaints about parents speeding around Blackbutt Street

Withdrawal of students

The Registrar's Office would like to remind all parents/caregivers about the terms and conditions concerning the withdrawal of students from the College.

If students are leaving at the end of a school term, parents/caregivers must give 90 days written notice to the Principal/Registrar. Unfortunately, failure to provide this notice may result in financial penalties as stipulated in the

School Banking Program – Isiseko Day Care

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families who support our School Banking Program. We currently have more than 250 students who participate in the School Banking Program at GCC.

A reminder that our School Banking Day is a **Wednesday**.

If a student has earned 10 or more banking tokens from GCC School Banking Deposits, they can redeem these tokens for a reward. In order to redeem a reward, please complete the reward coupon (please ensure the reward is applicable for this term) and send it in (don't forget to include your 10 tokens) with your banking deposit on a Wednesday. We order these rewards from Commonwealth Bank and they take at least a week to be delivered. As soon as we receive the rewards, we will pass them on to the students.

We also received the following update from James Fernie of Uthando regarding the progress of Isiseko Day Care

We have recently received a complaint from one of the residents in Blackbutt Street about the speed at which parents are travelling in this area. Blackbutt Street is the street to the North East of the oval. Although I am concerned about keeping good neighbourly relations I am more concerned about ensuring our children are safe. Please, at all times when you are driving around the school area, ensure the safety of our kids is your first priority.

Also, please note that you must not enter the College via the service road off Blackbutt Street for picking up and dropping off students. This road is for emergency and service vehicle use only.

Easter

I can't believe how fast Term 1 has gone and I imagine many of you are also realising with surprise that we are now into April.

The school holidays begin with Easter so a great way to start the holidays with quality family time is to go to church together on Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday. If you haven't been for a while, you may be surprised at some of the changes. These days, churches are warm, child friendly places that speak in simple English and make everyone feel welcome.

I hope you and yours have a relaxing and refreshing break and I look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Mike Curtis, Principal

enrolment contract.

If the student wishes to re-join GCCC in the future, please include in the letter of withdrawal, a request to place the student on the waiting list.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 5439 0033 or registrar@gccc.qld.edu.au

Sonya Bowden, College Registrar

Centre Construction (where GCC very kindly donated the proceeds earned during 2014 School Banking Program to):
Greetings from Cape Town.

I am very happy to report that building at Isiseko is surging ahead. The foundations were laid, and now the walls are going up. Next week the slab will be laid, so that the 2nd story can start being built. There is much relief that Mama Zoliswa and all the children will have a decent building before the next winter rains.



I am quite confident that Isiseko will in fact be a flagship day care centre in the whole community of Mfuleni, something to which other day care centres can aspire to.

Thank you for all being part of this initiative.

Love James, UTHANDO (LOVE) SOUTH AFRICA

Primary News



Term 2 Changes

For many years we have always encouraged a “sense of community” where families meet of a morning and chat together as the children play. It creates a lovely environment for both children and parents and builds relationships.

However, for some time there have been some concerns with students playing on the junior playground before school without parent supervision. As the school grows bigger we sometimes need to refine some of the procedures which have worked well for many years but need to be reconsidered because of the increase in numbers.

The Undercover Area near the Secondary College is supervised every morning and there is a staff member on the oval also. (Oval play is for Years 3 – 12 only).

However from Week 1 Term 2, the Prep – Year 2 students will have an area of their own where they can play safely and be supervised before school. The Outdoor Learning Area (OLA) near the new Year 1 classrooms will be an excellent area where the lower primary students can play before school.

In essence this means that all Prep – Year 2 students who come on buses etc before school starts or who are dropped at school after 8.15am may play in the OLA.

Please note that students in P – 2 will need to take their bags to this area rather than the verandahs from Term 2 as they can be left there safely while they play.

Teachers have told students about the new arrangements during the last week of term and will walk them through the procedure on the first day of Term 2 when we have had the handover of the new buildings.

The small group of Prep students who come by bus and stay with Mrs Moore in M block until Mrs Bos collects them before school will continue with this arrangement in Term 2. We will review this after a few weeks.

The junior playground will continue to be available for parents who supervise their own P – 2 children.

Any Year 3 – 6 siblings must continue to move to the Undercover Area or oval where there will be staff on duty.

Please note that the College does not accept supervision responsibility for any student who arrives at school before 8.15am and is not enrolled in the out of school hours program. There will be no playground supervision before this time.

Room Changes from Term 2

As you know, from Monday 20 April, Prep Maroon will be in their new room and all the Year 1 classes will be in N block on the new primary campus. Mrs Hay will be in N1, (next to the Staffroom) Miss Pollard in N2 and Mrs West in N3. In addition to this, Mrs McLaren in Year 2 will move to C2 which is Mrs West’s old classroom and C1 (Mrs Hay’s old room) will become the workroom for our teaching assistants who have been without a place to call home for Term 1.

All these staff members will be working through their holidays preparing their rooms for the new school term but it will be an exciting start for everyone.

ANZAC Day Assembly 24 April

We are having a whole school Anzac Assembly on Friday 24 April. Details will be emailed this week with opportunities to purchase items to commemorate the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day.

Have a Wonderful Safe Holiday

Today begins the Easter holidays and it is an important time of the year for those of us who love God and are eternally grateful that Christ’s **death** on Calvary and His **resurrection** has given us access to a relationship with the Father and the power to live life to the fullest by obeying His Word. It was not only our Saviour’s death – but His resurrection that turned the world upside down from the first century AD right up until today, broken lives are being restored and renewed by the power of the gospel message.

1 Corinthians 1:18 says *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”*

I am always thrilled to read and watch video clips of how God’s Spirit is moving throughout the world today in countries which have been closed to God’s word for hundreds of years and see how the power of God is changing millions and millions of lives – even when the people are under persecution. It’s happening in first world countries like Australia also.

So to all our College families... our prayer is for you to have a blessed and safe Easter and holiday period. Life is so busy isn’t it, and it is good to slow down for a while and reflect on what is really important in life.

For most of my life I pondered over the question “What’s life all about?” I had no answer, but after I became a christian at 36 years of age, I actually found what I believe is the answer (for me anyway).

“Life is all about RELATIONSHIP – first with GOD, then with EACH OTHER”

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

A Sensational Time for Prep

Learning about the senses is always a treat as we discover how God gave us senses to enjoy the world, learn about the world and keep us safe. On Friday 27 March, groups of Prep children rotated around six different activities as an exciting component of our Science unit about the five senses. We created a sound effects recording to a story called The Yukadoos, made a colourful textured collage, rubbed chalk into salt to make interesting rainbow layered bottles and cooked delicious pancakes. We removed shoes for a 'tactile walk', stepping through lots of different things including sticky cooked spaghetti, cotton balls, sand and coloured rice. We pinpricked pictures and made fruit loop necklaces or bracelets and a shaker instrument. Wow! What a lot to have done in a few hours!

Thanks to the teaching assistants, parents and grandparents who helped make this time so sensational.

We are so blessed to have wonderful volunteers who give their time to support the learning experiences we aim to provide the children. Thanks too, to our wonderful cohort of Prep children who behaved magnificently to have fun while learning.



Lin Smith

More photos [here](#).



Aboriginal Incursion for Year 4

Recently the Year 4s enjoyed an incursion with Kerry and the Goombuckar bus. The cultural activities include: making rope from bark and seeing how to make baskets from palm trees. Students were entertained with Dreamtime stories and, didgeridoo playing. Finally, students created some art work themselves. More photos [here](#).



Nicole Jen

Performing Arts News

Primary Performing Arts

Our Primary Ensembles have been rehearsing hard, and have finished the term with performances at Assembly.

Little Voices sang 'J-O-Y-F-U-L' and 'H.A.P.P.Y' and the Primary Band played 'Penguin Promenade' and 'Playing Around' at assemblies during Week 9. In Week 10 the Junior Choir, now known as "Sing and Shout" sang 'I Feeling Happy' and the ever-growing, always enthusiastic Drama Club presented a movement piece 'Have You Heard' from Luke 24. This will be performed again for the whole school Easter Assembly on the last day of term. All of these groups will have further performance opportunities in Term 2 – we will keep you posted on dates.



Rochelle Harrison



Community News

[Triple P Parenting Course](#)

[Caloundra Community Kindy 50th Anniversary Celebrations](#)

[Lifeline Bookfest](#)



A picture can tell a thousand words. I hope you enjoy these few pictures taken of our Middle School students engaged in a variety of College-related activities over the last week. End of Term 1 is a great point in the year. Students are in the routine of their classes and work, they know what is expected of them and how to do the work required. They can have the satisfaction of seeing the

products of their labour and demonstrating what they have learnt. For some it can also be a bit of a wake up call as they recognise that maybe they should have worked harder. Whether it is in their class work, homework, study preparation for tests or finishing off assignments. Please have these conversations with your children especially when the interim reports come out at the end of this week. Remember these are a gauge of how they have performing so far. The end of semester report will be a more accurate account of their ability. Students will be doing their own personal reflections and setting academic goals for the rest of this year. These will be emailed home to families.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be held in Week 2 next term, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers to discuss their progress. **Please bring your child to these meetings so that they can be a part of the discussion.**

Vanuatu Fundraiser

It was great to see our Middle and Senior School students and families participate so generously in our recent Islander fundraiser to support the rebuilding after the cyclone. More than \$500.00 was donated and will go to Samaritan's Purse who are working directly with families in need.

Important Dates

- Year 7 - Canberra: Tuesday morning to Saturday afternoon
- Year 8 - Mary Valley (Higher Ground): Wednesday to Friday
- Year 9 - Monday to Friday
- ANZAC March: Saturday 25th April. As is our school tradition, we encourage all our students to march in the Beerwah ANZAC March and participate in the service at the RSL. Students will need to wear formal uniform, hat, carry a water bottle and arrive at the corner of Mawhinney at 9.00am ready to be assembled and march with our school to the

RSL. Year 7s will have the great privilege of being at the Dawn Service in Canberra celebrating the 100 Years of Gallipoli Anniversary!

- Thursday 30 April - Cross Country. All students are expected to attend this is a regular school day.

Easter

This term will conclude with a whole college Assembly during period 1 on Thursday, reflecting on the Easter event. In the account of the crucifixion of Jesus in the Bible, we read of one Roman soldier's response at the end of the events: The centurion seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." Luke 23:47. What a sacrifice.

Jacqualina Vreeling, Head of Middle School



Senior School News



End of Term 1

It is with almost a sigh of relief that we enter into the Easter holidays. It's been a very busy term and the culmination this week of exams, marking and reporting certainly made things tough. The picture below shows almost all our Year 11 and Year 12 doing one of their Maths exams.

In the Senior School, it is our policy to work through right until the end of term. Our exam block for Year 11 and 12 always finishes on the Tuesday of the final week of term. We then have just two days for students to review their results and check through the papers to ensure that they understand the mistakes they may have made. This is a very important learning activity. If students do not learn from their mistakes then they are just as likely to make the same or similar mistakes in future. It is therefore imperative not to book early holidays where possible and ensure students are at school right until the last day of school.

Islander Day

It was fantastic to see so many students supporting this fund raising activity. All students in Secondary were given the opportunity to wear something that would show their support of our Pacific Island communities. The money was originally earmarked for our Mission Trip to Fiji that will be occurring in the September school Holidays. Instead, after we saw the devastation in Vanuatu from cyclone Pam, we decided the money raised should go to help these people. Over \$500 was raised on the day.

Coming up next term:

Week 1:

Year 10 Work Experience

Week 1 of next term, the Year 10 students will be doing work experience. Rarely students forget these important events and turn up for school. Any student who does this will need to go home as there will not be any Year 10 classes happening.

ANZAC Day March – 25 April

We have a very proud tradition of participating in our

local Beerwah ANZAC Day march and service at Beerwah. Whilst it is not compulsory to attend, it is a fantastic thing for our students to demonstrate their respect and gratitude to our veterans in this way.

The students will have to arrive by 9.10am at the corner of Mawhiney and Free Streets, Beerwah. Students are expected to wear full formal uniform including blazers.

Week 2:

Parent Teacher Interviews – 29 & 30 April

With your reports this week, you will receive a letter detailing how to book a parent teacher interview that are scheduled for Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 April. In most situations, I encourage you to involve your child at these interviews so they can hear first-hand ways in which they can work at improving in their work. If you or a teacher wishes to discuss something of a confidential matter then the student can be excused for a short time to allow this to happen.

Cross Country Carnival – 30 April

This will be happening on Thursday 30 April. All students should now have a House Shirt for this event. This event will not go all day but students will be expected to wear

Week 3:

Study Skills Seminars – 4 May

Earlier this term we had our Senior Students take part in a study skills program with our partners, Elevate Education. In Week 3, they will be returning to do a second session with our students. In the evening there will be another opportunity to listen to one of their presenters. The feedback I received the last time he spoke to our parents was outstanding. Please place this date in your diary and try to come along.

I trust you have a wonderful Easter Break with your family. If you get a chance, check out this amazing music video that tells the story of Easter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5diqGpttHDk>

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School



Agricultural Science – Show Time!

Agricultural Science has just become even more exciting with the announcement that students will have the opportunity to show stud cattle at the Kilocoy, Woodford, Maleny and Caboolture shows! This amazing opportunity would not be possible without the Ferris' who are allowing students to assist them to show their stud cattle. Students will be learning about grooming, clipping and basic husbandry and then be judged in the handlers' class at each of the shows. This is set to be an amazing learning experience for the show team students.

Back on the Agricultural Science plot, students have been



very hands-on planting loads of seeds and seedlings that will be kept in the very best environment within the newly built grow tunnel. Students have been planting masses of vegetable seeds and once at seedling stage, the students are planting them out in the horticultural plot. It would seem there is no limit to their enthusiasm, with the students planting in rain and blazing sun!



Jade King, Head of Agricultural Science



Future Pathways



Work Experience Year 10

Year 10 students have their week of work experience beginning the 20 –24 April. **So don't come to the College first week back after the school holidays – your employers are**

waiting for you!

The University of the Sunshine Coast: A FOCUS.

Update #1 – Parent Lounge at USC

Have you visited the USC Parent Lounge yet? It's packed with resources to help you support your kids through the transition to university life and learning. Go to usc.edu.au/parents for more info.



Also Go to the parent lounge toolkit at <http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/schools-and-parents/usc-parent-lounge#toolkit>. This website has been placed on the College's Connect website. It has excellent information for:

- Getting into UNI
- Programs
- Costs and financial support
- University life, accommodation and transport

The University of the Sunshine Coast has a Career Profiler

program that matches skills interests to University degrees. Take the University of the Sunshine Coasts [My Brilliant Career Profiler](http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/student-support/careers-and-employment) to match yourself with the university degree that will help you shine. <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/student-support/careers-and-employment> .

Update #2 – Friday Night Sport Talks at USC

USC's Friday Night Sport Talks are about sharing sport, health and wellbeing knowledge across the community. These lively half-hour chats with USC sport and health science staff, students and accomplished athletes continue until July. The talks are happening on 24 April, 29 May, 12 June and 31 July from 5.30pm to 6.00pm in the recreation room at the USC Sports Stadium. The talks are free to attend and BBQ food will be available for purchase on the night.

Places are limited so contact Tania Stevenson to RSVP at tstevens@usc.edu.au or 5459 4823.

Upcoming events

- Year 10-12 'Health Heroes', 1 May Careers in Health. If you are interested in attending this event, let your Year Coordinator, and/or Mr Nash know.
- On 13 May Year 10 night, 6.30pm in the College Theatre – Feedback on Work Experience, Careers Program, SET PLAN process, refer to the Careers Events, Expos and Open days Calendar on Connect.

I would like to thank Mrs Melanie Parker for her assistance with the Future Pathways Program this term and wish everyone a blessed and safe Easter.

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Co-ordinator

Library News



Library Hours

Please note the Library will be closed over the holidays and will reopen in Term 2.

Prep –Year 3 Bug Club Upgrade

Bug Club is migrating to an exciting new platform which is compatible with iPads. It includes a large range of additional readers and new Bug Club worlds and rewards for students to enjoy. The existing platform will be switched off at the start of April and be unavailable over the holidays. Pearson has apologised for any inconvenience caused by this down time. We look forward to exploring the new platform and all it has to offer in Term 2.

Promoting Holiday Reading with Secondary Students

Everyone loves a great story – whether it’s a fantastic movie, a ‘can’t put it down’ novel or a well-told tale from a funny storyteller. As we approach holidays, it’s a good opportunity to get back into the groove of a great story and to take time to enjoy it! During the school term there’s a bit of pressure to get through the daily homework, assignment research and set reading tasks, that sometimes our students miss the pleasure of reading just for fun.



The excitement of being stuck in a great story is wonderful; you get drawn back into the book just to find out what

is going to happen next in the plot, or to your favourite character. When I hear the comment ‘I don’t like reading’, I often think that the person has missed finding the right book/story to get them hooked on a reading journey that excites and interests them. In working with older students, I encourage them to keep searching for a great book for them. Inspiring teens to read can be challenging but so worth it when you see they are held captive by a great read!

Holiday time gives a bit more scope to try some incentives to connect our young people into the world of creativity, action or adventure. Books that have inspired movies often have a bit more intrigue for teenagers. Getting them hooked on a series or favourite author also seems to engage them in continuing to read on. For families that travel over the holidays, listening to an audiobook for part of the journey is also a good way to connect with a great story.

Where can teens find great materials to read for fun? Our College library has a growing collection including a range of popular series and authors and our team is keen to help connect the right book to the right reader. Local public libraries on the Sunshine Coast have an even wider range of resources and the staff can help find the right book, graphic novel, audiobook or eBook suited to a range of readers. There are a number of websites that keep teenagers connected with the latest books on offer. [Inside a Dog](#), sponsored by the State Library of Victoria, is all about books for teen readers and includes book reviews, discussions on the news blog, author interviews and more!

So, over the holidays, do yourself a big favour – take some well-deserved time-out and get connected to a great story and remember – reading for fun is never a waste of time!

Vanessa McKellar and Beryl Morris
Primary and Secondary Teacher Librarians

Sport News

GCCC Cross Country Coming Up

Early next term the GCCC Cross Country Championships will be held so students are training hard to get fit for these races. Primary students are racing around Australia with 4W and 6M currently in the lead. Year 2W are the Junior leaders, but it is a very close race this year with all classes very enthusiastic.



The Secondary Cross Country is to be held on Thursday April 30 and the Primary Cross Country (9 – 11 years) on Wednesday May 6 at the Beerwah Sports Grounds. The Prep to 8 year old Cross Country races are to be run on Friday May 8 on the College oval.

We do appreciate parent support and help on these days so if you are available to help, please let your child’s class teacher know or contact the College office. Of course we love cheering parents too, so do come along to watch the action if you are available.



State Youth Lifesaving Championships

Patrick McKenzie competed at the recent State Youth Surf Lifesaving Championships. He had a fantastic weekend with his Under 13 Sprint Relay Team winning a Silver Medal. A very exciting result as with 16 teams in the event, it’s one everyone wants to win.

Individually, he also competed in the Sprints and Flags events and got through to the Semi’s in both of these races.

Patrick’s excellent results are a reflection of how hard he has trained in the lead up to this event.

Matthew Beattie, Head of Secondary PE & Sport



Amy in winning District Team!

Amy Trevan has won a Sunshine Regional title as a member of the Glasshouse District Junior Softball Team. After several weeks of training the senior and junior teams competed in Noosa in the three day regional carnival. Amy's team was unbeaten

going through the round robin stage and then won the final decisively against Redcliffe.

Laura Vobr was also playing in the senior team which also played really well. They were only beaten once in the round robin games and then were narrowly beaten in the final by Noosa. The pitching of the winning team was outstanding and the Glasshouse team did really well to get bat to ball and score three runs in the final.



Both girls improved their softball skills and learned lots about game play at a high level.

Noah Top Run Scorer

Noah Woolston has finished off the 2014/2015 cricket season in style. He plays for the Caboolture Sports Club and won the Under 12 Boys' trophy for the most runs scored in the season. Noah scored 275 runs for his team which was a great achievement.



Little Athletic State Championships

The Queensland Little Athletics State Championships were held recently and at least twelve GCCC students competed representing their Little Athletics Clubs and Sunshine Coast Region. Lainey Grieve was outstanding in her Under 9 girls high jump event gaining a silver medal.



Lainey jumped a personal best height of 1.13m to place second against tough competition.

Shelby Daunt also excelled winning the bronze medal in the Under 11 girls 1100m race walk. Shelby trained regularly at the Caboolture club where they specialise in race walking.

There were also several other students who placed in the top six places. Laura Vobr placed 4th in discus and 5th in shotput against girls who broke State

Caitlin – Top Eight in State



Caitlin Moore continues to climb up the state rankings and has now gained a top eight placing. Caitlin represented the Sunshine Coast at the Queensland Schools State Swimming Championships this week and swam in six individual events and also in a relay.

It was in the 100m freestyle race where Caitlin really excelled. She qualified 10th for the final with a two second personal best time so was certainly on fire. Caitlin then finished in eighth place against the top swimmers from around Queensland. The level of competition was amazingly high with very professional swimmers competing. Caitlin's mum said she had never seen children swimming so fast!

Caitlin trains really hard at the Pelican Waters Swimming Club in Caloundra and was excited to see all her hard work paying off. Caitlin also finished 11th in the 200m individual medley and 13th in the 100m backstroke, swimming a 4 second PB in both events. She gained top 20 placings in all her 50m events.

During the Christmas holidays Caitlin also swam for the Wide Bay Region at the QLD Club State Titles. Her freestyle relay team finished in second place which was fantastic.



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records! Amy Trevan came 6th in discus and Sophie Trevan 5th in 200m hurdles. Lainey also placed 6th in the very competitive 70m final. Thomas Thow gained 5th place in U17 100m final and 6th in triple jump.

There were many outstanding athletes competing at the championships from all over Queensland so our students can be very proud of their achievements. More photos [here](#).

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Softball was a blast!

We all know how to play softball a whole lot better now and we love it! That was the reaction of the Year 5 and 6 students who have been playing softball against other Glasshouse District schools on Friday afternoons.

This year Friday Interschool Sport is for Year 5 and 6 students and softball was the first sport played. It is great to have this competition spread over three weeks as the students find their weaknesses the first week, practise them before the next competition week and then enjoy the improvement in the next games.

All the teams had a mixture of wins and losses but week two was great for us when we won all but one game. The competition is played as a round robin and then teams play off for final placings in the last game of the competition.

The most successful players were three students who volunteered to play for Peachester State School as they were short of players. Dylan Bruggemann played every week for them and was rewarded as their team won the B Boys' competition! Mitchel Tidy and Clancy Warner also played one week each for them. Peachester were very grateful for the help given by these boys.

The A girls' team was our most successful team contesting a final against St Michael's for first and second place. St Michael's were too good for our girls but our girls finished in second place which was a great effort.

The B Boys and B girls' teams both finished in third equal and the A boys finished fourth overall.

Teams have been committed to lunchtime practises for most of the term and have really enjoyed improving skills and game play each week. We all really appreciate the

support given by parents who came to watch the games played and often ended up helping out as well.

Next term Soccer and Netball will be played at Interschool

Sport and trials for these teams will be held early in Term 2. For more photos click [here](#).

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P and F News



Hi Everyone

Here we are at the end of Term 1. The Primary school students enjoyed the end of term disco last Friday night, dancing with their friends. It is such a great night for the kids, and you could see the joy on their faces. A big hit for the night was the rendition of "Let it Go" belted out by the Prep to Year 2 students. It's not a kids' occasion without a little bit of Frozen. I did see a few boys with fingers in ears or running a mile when this song came on so I should probably say it was belted out mostly by the girls. Thanks DJ Kingy for a song play list well put together for all ages. More photos [here](#).



I would like to thank all the helpers, too many names to mention, but you know your help is appreciated as the night can't happen without lots of parents lending a hand, Jayne Hinds and I can't thank you enough. I'm looking forward to the next Primary disco at the end of Term 2. Mark it on your calendar – 12 June.

The P and F had a great fundraiser last week with the sibling photos. Thanks so much to Paul Briton who donated

his time and discs of photos so that the P and F could raise money for our College. Also thanks to Kelly Yeo and Shondra Britton for coordinating everyone each morning so that we could keep to the time schedule. Great job all round. The discs will be distributed early in Term 2.

Next term we have a few things organised by the P and F that we will be needing volunteers for. First thing is the weekend of 2 and 3 May, where the P and F are having a food stall at the annual Wood Expo in Maleny. If you can help for a few hours on either day, please email your details to P and F email address below.

We also have the Mothers' Day stall in May, barbecues for the College Open Day on 16 May and athletics carnivals in June. So lots of help and helpers are needed.

We have a big fundraiser planned for Term 2 that all families can participate in and will be a fabulous way for families to "leave their mark" on our College. Watch this space for further details on how you can "pave your way" into our College future.

Our next P and F meeting will be held Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm in College library. All welcome.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

Lynelle Sim, P and F President

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Chappy Chatter

Over the past week or two I have visiting PC classes and sharing a quick encouragement with the students.

First I would unroll a long piece of string and ask the students to tangle themselves up in it. This was usually met with a flurry of excitement as the students wrap themselves (and sometimes their tables, chairs and even fans) in the string!

Once the class was thoroughly tangled I would point out that this string could symbolize two things for their class:

The first thing it could symbolize are feelings of unforgiveness, resentment, bitterness and anger. These things don't stop with us but affect others as well. When we harbor these feelings in our hearts, they entangle us and everyone around us. Soon an entire class can be drawn into the same tangle of problems. The class is defined by these hurtful characteristics.

The second thing the string could symbolize is the exact opposite. It could symbolize the way the class loves each other, cares for each other, forgives and encourages one another. The class could be bound together by these things just as powerfully as by the negative things we discussed before.

I then encouraged the students to realize that it is their choice which of these things will define their grade as they continue through the school year. Are they going to tangle themselves together by hurting and fearing one another? Or by showing love towards one another?

The truth is that each grade has the opportunity to choose which type of string they will be bound together by.

But don't we all?

This truth is not only for our students, but for our families and friendships and work places.

What kind of string is defining your relationships? Is it a string of bitterness, resentment and anger? Or forgiveness, encouragement and love?

In the bible it says:

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." -Ephesians 4:31-32

Mick Spann, Youth Pastor

Glasshouse Country Baptist Church