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TERM 2 (10 weeks)

MAY

Tue 5	Prep Mothers' Night 6:30pm
Wed 6	Primary Cross Country 9 to 11 year olds
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
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

TERM 3 (9 weeks)

JULY

Mon 13-Fri 17	Pupil free week for staff training
Mon 20	First day of school
Wed 22	P and F Meeting 7pm
Fri 24	Grandparents' Day
Tue 28-Wed 29	Middle School student led conferences 3:20-6:30pm
Tue 28-Wed 29	Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews
Thur 30-Fri 31	Primary District Athletics

AUGUST

Tue 4	P and F Meeting 7pm
Wed 5	Year 10 SET Plan Information night
Mon 10-Fri 21	SET Plan Interviews

COVER PHOTO

Middle School Captains Brooke Hughes and Harry Fullerton lay their floral tribute at the Beerwah RSL Cenotaph on ANZAC Day.



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PRINCIPAL ADDRESS



Welcome back to another exciting term.

It is with very grateful hearts that we received our new Year 1 and Prep buildings along with the brand new car park. I have been speaking to the staff and the students who are housed in our new areas and they absolutely love them. The whole project has been incredibly exciting and, like most projects of this size, has not been without its ups and downs, but we are very happy with the results. It is going to be a wonderful privilege to witness the further development of our College over the coming years.

In the next few months we will be starting construction for our new Year 2 buildings, which will be adjoining the new covered area called the OLA (Outdoor Learning Area). This new building will be a mirror image of the Year 1 classrooms and will complete our N Block.



New Zealand Study Tour

Last week Cheryl Bryers, David Heyworth, Jacq Vreeling and I had the privilege of joining with a group of 15 Australian Christian School leaders in a study tour to take an in depth look at some of the leading Christian Schools in New Zealand. Our study tour covered a good breadth of the country from Auckland to Christchurch.

Over the last few years New Zealand has developed a great reputation for innovative teaching and learning practices and for cultivating a truly Christian culture in their Christian schools. We visited six schools in total; Kingsway Christian School and Elim Christian College (both of these were in Auckland), Bethlehem Christian College at Tauranga, Laidlaw College which was a College specialising in teacher training, Middleton Grange School and Hillview Christian School in Christchurch.

At each of these schools the school leadership team generously gave of their time and their resources as they explained the ins and outs of how their schools worked in their own particular contexts. On some occasions we were also able to share a meal with them and extend the opportunity to network and hear some of their journey to the point they are at now.

We were able to gain a different perspective from each of the schools we visited. Here is just a sample of some of

the things that stood out for me but I am sure that my colleagues will also have different perspectives.

Kingsway School (about 1200 from P-12) is well-established but had just recently began the establishment of their new primary campus. The classrooms were designed to facilitate greater communal teaching and less traditional classroom teaching. This is an interesting trend so it was good to see such a model being enacted and hearing the honest positive and negative appraisal of the system by the teachers themselves.

Elim Christian College (about 1300 students) was established in 1988. It rose to international prominence when six students and a teacher from the school died in a flash flood while canyoning the Mangatepopo Stream in Tongariro National Park on 15 April 2008. It was a wonderful privilege to hear the principal speak about that harrowing time, how it affected the College but also how this event galvanised the community of Elim College and resulted in a stronger and more cohesive school. In this litigious culture it was also refreshing to hear that the parents who lost their children continue to be great supporters of the College and there were no law suits. Clearly the impact of this tragedy is still very raw and close to their hearts but as a school they have moved from strength to strength.

Bethlehem Christian College in Tauranga (1500 students) was a truly beautiful campus of 135 acres. The main focus of the principal's discussion with us was the recent audit that the school had undertaken to ensure that they were remaining true to their classification as an "integrated school of special character" as all of these schools are labelled by the government. The results of that audit were surprising and the outcome of that audit meant that very deliberate steps were taken in order to maintain their uniquely Christian character. This was an important, at times painful, but necessary journey which resulted in a new curricular approach and a new College plan.

Middleton Grange School (1500 students) has been operating for 50 years. I was very impressed how the use of monuments and landscape features contributed to reinforcing the values that school is based upon and serve as reminders to their students. This school was also doing some very innovative things in terms of their lesson planning and their classroom delivery. We were also privileged to join with the College in their Anzac service. It was quite a different Anzac service to the traditional one that we were used to but no less meaningful or impressive. As we left Middleton Grange it was the topic of some exuberant discussion.

Hillview Christian School was a P-6 school in Christchurch with a student population of about 500. Unlike Middleton Grange, which is also in Christchurch, Hillview was deeply impacted by the earthquake that struck there in February 2011. The Hillview experience was a study in how pivotal the role a school has to play for the community it serves when disaster strikes and it was fascinating to hear the principal discuss his recollections of how Hillview needed to respond on that terrible day. It was a timely reminder for us to ensure that our emergency procedures and our critical incident policy will be able to pass muster should a drastic incident occur. Hillview were also adopting an interesting discipline system which polarised the members of our study party but we could see the parallels between their system and our own Responsible Thinking Process.

We were further reminded of the earthquake prone nature of the 'shaky isles' as we experienced a tremor in Christchurch. We discovered that the epicentre of the quake was several 100 kms away but nonetheless an interesting end to our day.

It was an incredibly valuable tour and I would like to thank Christian Schools Australia for organising the trip, all of the schools involved, our College board for allowing us this opportunity and for Mrs Mitchell and Mr Steffler for their expert leadership of the Primary, Middle and Senior schools while the management team was absent.

Mike Curtis, Principal

Introducing Bert Kasselmann



I would like to thank the Glasshouse Christian College community for the wonderful, warm welcome I have received since arriving here in the middle of February. It has been a whirlwind of blessings and changes for our family but we are very excited to be a part of all the exciting things happening here at the College.

I have been privileged to have lived quite an exciting life so far. I grew up in the beautiful subtropical mountains of South Africa as a young farm boy never dreaming that I would get to see and experience so many things. I studied Psychology, Languages and Education at the University of Pretoria where I met my amazing wife, Marlice.

After teaching in South Africa for a few years we decided to travel and ended up teaching in Taiwan and the United Kingdom where we saw and experienced the wonders of Asia and Europe. Our daughter Lizé was born in England and we decided to find the best place in the world to raise

a child. That is Australia of course!

I was really blessed to have spent my first six and a half years in Australia working for Calvary Christian College where I taught Christian Studies, Life Skills, English, History and Geography. My son Philip was born here and is currently in Prep.

All these teaching opportunities have given me the privilege of teaching children from the age of four in kindergarten to Year 12s right at the end of their secondary schooling.

I believe that God has placed all of us here, at this time, for something very special. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you to empower the exceptional young men and women in our care.

ANZAC Day Service at GCC

Glasshouse Christian College held its ANZAC Service on Friday 24 April and it was a very special event. This year the College was privileged to have a catafalque party which lent a special dignity to the service.



Primary and Senior School captains led the service which included songs from the primary choir; a poem presentation by senior students and a rhyme by students in Years 1 and 2. Then, Briony Spencer in Year 6 read a beautiful poem she wrote herself called, 'A call for war'

Guest speaker Mr Gavin Smith from the Beerwah-Peachester RSL Sub Branch spoke on why the Great War was called great and students learned a different meaning to the word. "It was called the Great War because of the great many people who died," Mr Smith said. "More people died in the Great War than all other wars combined and that is more people than twice the current population of Australia" he added.

After the traditional wreath laying, there was an added component to commemorate the special centenary of ANZAC Day. Nine



students wore the badges of fallen soldiers and laid a poppy at the cenotaph as the soldier's details were read out.

Once the official service was closed the special guests were treated to a morning tea of ANZAC biscuits and cake in the new Year 1 staff room. For more photos click [here](#).

Watoto Children's Choir visit Beerwah

Friday 24 April was a busy day for our College but what a day! After the fabulous Anzac Day Service, we had some very special visitors all the way from Uganda in Africa.

The Watoto Children's Choir arrived after a long bus journey from Hervey Bay and promptly began cheerfully greeting people and preparing for their concert. Once the children were on stage they were transformed from shy, quiet children to lively, vibrant performers.



The concert is a brand new production for 2015 called 'Oh, What Love' and is a salute to a new Africa. It takes you on an emotional journey from utter despair to joyous celebration as the children share their stories through dance, song and testimony.

The children's energy was contagious and selected Glasshouse Christian College students were invited on stage to dance with them.

Two concerts were held during the day for the College students and then at night a special concert was opened up to everyone. Glasshouse Country Baptist Church was packed to the rafters for the Friday night. After each concert the Watoto Children lined up outside the church and 'high-fived' the students and adults as they left the building.

All of the Watoto children are orphans and back in Uganda they live in families of eight children with an assigned 'mother'. Each family lives in a small community and all the children go to school. The organisation relies on child sponsorship and donations to support the children.

Our students brought in gold coin donations to the concerts during the day and a love offering was taken up at the church concert Friday night. For more photos click [here](#).

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



As you know from my email which was sent out before the beginning of Term 2, Mr Curtis and Heads of School were in New Zealand on a study tour from 19 – 25 April. We visited six Christian schools and Laidlaw College (Christian Tertiary Institution) in the North and South Islands during the week.

There were some stand out moments during our visits to these schools. Some had amazing buildings and facilities while a few had basic buildings but they all had the same thing in common – they were passionate about their commitment to provide excellence in teaching and learning through Christian education.

We saw 21st century learning in a variety of classrooms and in others – a very conservative approach to education.

I have personally always loved New Zealand and this love was reinforced during this study tour. I discovered that the hearts of individual teachers in these schools beat with the same rhythm as our staff here and that their passion to teach God's Word, His love and Grace to their students was a reflection of our own school in Australia. We were also so impressed to observe first hand the excellent pedagogy and cutting edge educational practices being delivered with the same passion in classrooms we visited.

Another highlight on our tour was the timing. For the first time in fourteen years I was unable to be present for the Anzac Day school assembly and ANZAC Day march and services in Beerwah and this brought a measure of sadness. However, it was wonderful to be part of the New Zealand aspect of ANZAC at this special time and to experience the sense of mateship and the strong ties which were birthed in such pain and human loss so long ago. We were honoured to have been able to attend a special ANZAC performance at a large school in Christchurch in their theatre. I was so moved to hear the presentation by the students and between tears "feel" the pain and agony of mothers and sweethearts, the mateship and sense of adventure expressed by the diggers and the sense of longing expressed in letters from soldiers who feared they may never see their new baby being born back home.

All our students here at GCC received a poppy and Anzac biscuits on Friday and this was happening also at one NZ school we visited.

The final experience we will all remember was a 6.3 earthquake in Christchurch late Friday afternoon as our

study tour group from various states in Australia was reflecting on the week and having a time of prayer:

Our chairs were moving and we looked at each other in amazement. We had seen the devastation from the 2010 earthquake just that afternoon. However there were no casualties or major damage in comparison to the recent terrible earthquake in Nepal. Please pray for the people there as they face this tragedy and the aftermath of grief.

We have staff in the College who have connections with Nepal and my own grandson spent time assisting in an orphanage in Kathmandu in January/ February this year. He became so fond of the delightful children there that he has now become a leader in the children's church where he worships.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the Anzac march last Saturday. Your support of this continues to be a distinctive of Glasshouse Christian College and is a proud tradition which honours those who gave so much so we can enjoy such freedom in this wonderful nation.

Cheryl Bryers, Head of Primary

Mothers Day Chapel



We would like to invite you to a special P-2 Mother's Day Chapel on Wednesday 6 May at 12:15pm.

The students will arrive at the church at 12:30pm so we would love it if all our lovely guests could be seated before that time.

Refreshments will be served on the church verandah after Chapel.

Kitchen Garden News



An unusually hot start to Autumn meant that some of our plantings in KG didn't go according to plan! Classes raised lots of seeds into seedlings that were planted out late last term. Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and other winter crops were planted in our beds only to succumb to the heat as they shriveled and died. Plan B had to come into play; we had to purchase seedlings and try again, this time with more success. All we have to do now is keep the white cabbage moths away before their caterpillars start munching our second attempt! Gardening, like many things, has its trials and tribulations!

Cooks made Anzac biscuits and learnt the story of the humble biscuits origins. Women would make the biscuits and send them to the soldiers in WWI as they would stay fresh and edible for many months to be enjoyed by the soldiers.

Our theme in KG for this term is 'The origin of our food'. Classes are learning about fresh whole food and processed foods and the reasons as to why many foods are preserved and processed and some of the techniques used. We have experiments set up involving fresh tomatoes, tomato sauce and semi dried tomatoes and we will observe the changes that occur to each over the next few weeks.

We are still looking for donations of adult sized gumboots; if you are able to help please let me know. For more photos click [here](#).

Until next fortnight, Happy Gardening!

Mandy Ward, Kitchen Garden Coordinator

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Music Youth Exchange to China

During the Easter holidays, Year 8 student Hamish White (tenor saxophone), travelled to Xiamen in China to be part of a 10 day Music Youth Exchange through the Sunshine Coast Sister Cities Association.



Seventeen teenagers from ten different schools were chosen to represent the musical youth of the Sunshine Coast. They had been rehearsing as a band every weekend in anticipation of concert performances in Xiamen. They performed at the Xiamen Music School, the International Children's Palace (a 10,000 student extra-curricular school), and on a grand stage outside a local shopping mall. Chinese instrumental students also joined them on stage for some songs.

The students were hosted by local families and discovered the complexities of communication in a non-English speaking household. A group of Xiamen student musicians will visit us next year. If you're a talented instrumental student, this tour experience will be available again in 2017 for those aged 13-17 at that time. For more information please ask Mrs Penny White.



122nd QLD Eisteddfod, April 3-5, Brisbane Town Hall

The Easter weekend saw adult and junior choirs from around Queensland converge on the beautifully refurbished Brisbane Town Hall to compete against each other. Year 5 student Cara Bales sings with Oriana Youth Choir on the coast and they were awarded 'Highly Commended' in both Youth Musical Theatre and Intermediate Choral Contest, competing against much older and larger choirs. Well done Cara and what a great experience.

In the adult competition, our Music Assistant Penny White sang with Sunshine Coast Oriana Choir and competed in five categories including Modern, Sacred and Madrigals. After a couple of days and nights of tough competition, Oriana was proud to again be named Grand Champion Choir for the third year in a row. (In sporting terms, it's like winning the State of Origin!) Oriana are currently

looking to recruit male Tenor voices, so if this is you and you're over 16 please enquire with Mrs White. As further incentive, Oriana has some amazing travel opportunities coming up in the next 18 months too!

Penny White

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Great Camps



All Middle School students have been on camp for the first week of this term. The Year 7s have been to Canberra and were able to attend the 100 years ANZAC Gallipoli service in the nation's capital. The Year 8 and 9 students have been on Outdoor

Education camps. If you chat with them you will hear of stories such as reaching the summit of mountains after carrying their packs laden with the gear and food required to stay overnight – eyes shining and proud. We all know though that for many there are concerns and stresses related to camping that are far bigger in their minds to conquer than the mountain summit. It is overcoming and working through their fears and issues and coming out on top that makes these camps such valuable and life-impacting experiences. I would like to publicly thank our dedicated staff for their willingness, enthusiasm and professionalism in making these happen – with no extra remuneration except the thanks they see in your child's eyes. Our Year Level Coordinators will write about these camps with photos over the next few newsletters.

Reports, Parent Teacher Interviews and Goal-setting

This week, students have taken stock of their academic progress so far by looking at their interim reports and then resetting their goals for this semester. I encourage you to discuss these with your children and work out how you can best support them on this part of their journey. I hope you were able to touch base with some of your child's teachers this week at the Parent Teacher Interviews. Remember, all our teachers are only an email away and would be happy to communicate with you regarding any concerns or queries you may have. Please check the school 'Connect' site to access the Assessment Calendars and individual subject notes and assessments etc.

Study Skills Parent Information Night

After our very successful Study Skills Parent Information Night last term – which was geared towards parents of students in Senior School – we will be holding a similar night this Monday,

4 May, at 6:30pm in the Theatre. I highly encourage and recommend all parents to attend this informative and helpful presentation.

Uniform

Please remember we are now in the winter terms. For boys this means wearing a tie, shirt tucked in and black belt. Only school jumpers are allowed. Winter scarves must be maroon, bottle green, black or white. No patterns are acceptable. Beanies are not permitted. Week 3, Thursday (next week) will be a 'Hair Day' where we will check that the hairstyle is in keeping with our College Uniform Policy.

A School of Special Character

You may be aware that our school management went on a study trip to New Zealand. Coming back to our school – rather than seeing a myriad of things that need to change – I was greatly encouraged by such things as: A staff member who mentioned how lovely ALL our kids were as they were on playground duty; and encouraging comments and feedback from the community in response to their observation of our students on camp.

I believe we do live with the 'end in mind' and endeavour to not just create clever individuals but thoughtful young people who know their heavenly Father. While our school and community is definitely a 'work in progress', let's hold dearly to what we have and keep working together. Our lives are not a performance but about a relationship that we have with our creator God and each other. I look forward to working with our students and their families this term and into the rest of this year.

Jacqueline Vreeling, Head of Middle School

French Cafe Excursion

We had a wonderful visit to Le Relais Bressan in Flaxton. The students ordered their afternoon tea in French as well as bought some delicious homemade chocolates made on site. They were very impressed with the 2kg Rooster made entirely of chocolate.



The Gallic rooster (French: le coq gaulois) is an unofficial national symbol of France as a nation, as opposed to Marianne representing France as a State, and its values: the

Republic. For more photos click [here](#).

French Theatre Group Incursion

A French Theatre group Cultural Infusion will be coming to the school to bring some French culture to our Secondary French students (Years 7-10). There is no cost to parents for this incursion.

Date: Wednesday 3 June

Time: 11am-12pm at the Chapel on School Campus

LES BATONS FRANÇAIS

We follow Jacques and Pierre's journey across France as they try to fulfill their wish of finding true love!

This fun comedy-theatre show touches on many French icons and literature, such as Cyrano de Bergerac, the Three Musketeers and the farcical style of Molière and much more.

Through a series of skits and sketches, the students will be immersed in the culture of France.

This incursion will help students to:

- develop intercultural knowledge and language awareness
- develop an understanding of some of the differences in how people eat and dress, sign and gesture and say things
- identify a cultural icon, geographic feature, famous building or cultural practice
- inspire interest in and respect for other cultures

We hope that the students enjoy this experience and that it inspires them in their French studies.

Lee-anne Gordon, Secondary French Teacher

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Things Past... Year 11 & 12 Senior Exam Block & QCS Practise

At the end of last term our Year 11 and 12 sat their end of term examinations in our Exam Centre. The Exam Centre is formed by opening rooms L8-L11. The picture to the right what it looks like with all students focussed on their work. For most exams the room was probably only half full and this allowed a great opportunity for students to work without distraction. This method of assessment helps

prepare students for QCS examinations as well as formal examinations held at University.

After the exam block was finished, the Year 12 students then sat for their practise QCS exams. Mr Rob Maguire, one of our Senior English teachers is also a QCS accredited marker and was able to mark the extended writing task over the holidays. The results of this practise exam will be discussed with the students in the QCS practises coming up.



Term 1 Results

Our students have achieved great results in Term 1. In Senior, 30 students will be awarded Achievement Certificates for effort and a further 32 will be awarded Achievement Certificates for their overall results. To be issued a certificate, students must achieve Very Good in effort for all but one of their subjects or they must achieve an A grade in at least half their subjects. These certificates will be handed out at the Week 3 Assembly. This is very encouraging and I applaud those students who have been awarded these certificates.

Year 10 Work Experience

Last Week our Year 10s participated in Work Experience. They were involved in a wide range of activities and all those I have spoken to have said it was a very positive experience, helping them to better plan their future career pathway. You can see their photos in the [Future Pathways newsletter article](#).

Management Review of Schools in New Zealand

Over the past week, our school management team reviewed six educational institutes in New Zealand. Each school we visited had a special character and it reminded me of the special character of Glasshouse Christian College. This is why I love working at this school. What each child and staff member contributes here helps create the special character of GCC. It was fantastic to see the God who we serve is so richly blessing the schools in New Zealand in the same way He is blessing us.

Happening this week...

Parent Teacher Interviews

I hope you were able to make the most of the Parent Teacher Interviews that were held this week. This is a great

opportunity to start a dialogue with your child's teachers and to ensure that we are working together in partnership to help your child achieve their potential. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers at any stage. The easiest way to do this is through our College Portal – iLearn.

Interhouse Cross Country

The Interhouse Cross Country Carnival was meant to be held this week on Thursday. However, the heavy rain prevented the competition from going ahead. When it is finally held, results will go towards the Legacy Shield competition. We also have a Challenge of the Minds competition later this term that will also contribute to House Points. Students will need to be dressed in House uniform for both these days.

Year 12 “Seize The Day” Study Awards for Cancer Sufferers

For Year 12 students who have personally had to deal with cancer or who have had a close family member affected by cancer, there are a number of grants available for between \$200-\$2,500 available to assist them to continue post-secondary education. Any one interested in applying for these grants should check the Cancer Council website www.cancerqld.org.au

Uniform Confusion...

Blazers are now compulsory in Senior School.

There appears to be some confusion with Uniform expectations, especially in relation to the blazers. Below is the relevant section from our uniform policy that can be downloaded off the College website:

What to wear and when

- The sports uniform is to be worn on those days when students have sport and practical HPE.
- Dance students are expected to bring a change of clothes for their lesson and wear the designated uniform outside of lesson time.
- Secondary boys must wear ties and have their shirts tucked in during Terms 2 and 3. Ties must cover the top button of the shirt.
- For senior school students the College blazer must be worn instead of the College jumper with formal uniform. Long grey trousers must be worn with the blazer on formal occasions and when directed by the College leadership.
- Hats must be worn during outside activities and during

all breaks.

- For senior school students, the formal hat must be worn with the formal uniform and the sports bucket hat should only be worn with the sports uniform. For middle school students, the sports bucket hat may be worn with either formal or sports uniform. However, when students are on excursions, they must wear their formal hat with the formal uniform.
- Senior students may wear the sports hat when playing sport in formal uniform on the oval at lunch times.
- School jumper may be worn with sports uniform.
- The College tracksuit or any part thereof can only be worn with the sports uniform and not the formal uniform.
- House shirts are to be worn for a variety of house based sporting and other activities. No other coloured shirt is permissible. Only the designated house shirt is permitted during interhouse competitions and when directed by College leadership.

We have given students this week to sort out their uniforms but from Week 3 students dressed in the wrong uniform will be issued demerits.

Hair check

Students in Secondary will be inspected on our Hair Check Day. This will occur on a Thursday and students whose hair needs attention are then given until the following Monday to get it attended to. A letter will be sent home with the student if their hair requires attention.

If you have any question in relation to uniform or hair then please contact me.

David Heyworth, Head of Senior School

Agricultural Science News

Cattle Handling

The beauty of studying Agricultural Science means that there is always something to be involved in, and the holidays are no exception.

Over the two weeks break, Isabella Cornell and Dakotah Davis chose to immerse themselves into loads of practical learning on cattle washing and grooming in preparation for the Handling Completion at the Kilcoy show. This was made possible due to Steve and Bianca Ferris welcoming the students to their property and allowing them to show cattle from their impeccable Black Angus stud "Sirref". The students gained an enormous amount of confidence in handling cattle as well as a significant understanding of all



that is required to show stud cattle.

The Kilcoy Show day was an all-round amazing experience for the students. Watching the cattle being judged enable the students to see different cattle breeds and gain understanding of various judging classes. Sirref's Black Angus cattle were exceptional and the Ferris family had some great achievements on the day. Both Isabella and Dakotah showed great courage stepping out into the very first time, they confidently went out and competed against many very experienced handlers. Both girls did themselves proud and came away with a greater understanding of what is required to handle and show stud cattle. A massive thank you to the Ferris Family and all their gorgeous cattle for making this possible! For more photos click [here](#).

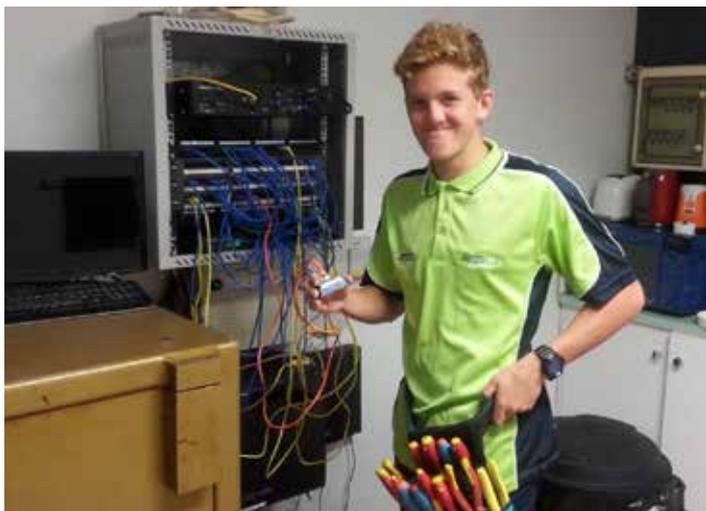
University of Western Australia

On another exciting note, all of the Agricultural Science students have completed the University of Western Australia's Agricultural Economics, Environment and Nature course. Whilst obviously at a much higher level than their senior studies, all students did exceptionally well. In particular, Taylor Olsen, Taylah Holt and Cooen Oosen each achieved an exceptional 'Distinction' after a grueling exam. The students should be very proud of themselves for the effort and dedication it took to complete this course and do so well! Congratulations to each of you!

University of Queensland Sunflower Competition Update

The sunflowers are growing like crazy with various different fertilising methods being employed. This year it looks as though height has taken precedence over weight, with plants heading for the clouds. The students are looking forward to the weigh-in day on 19 May at UQ Gatton where they will get to participate in small workshops, take a tour of the Gatton campus and learn about the many career opportunities in the agricultural industry.

Jade King, Head of Agricultural Science



FUTURE PATHWAYS NEWS

Work Experience

Our 72 Year 10 students spent the first week of Term 2 engaged in Work Experience as far south as Brisbane west and as far north as Yandina. The initial feedback from employers and the teacher visits has been very positive. There will be a **compulsory information evening for Year 10 students and their parents on Wednesday 13 May at 6:30 – 7:30pm** in the Theatre. Feedback from the employers will be given by Sustainable Partnerships and information will also be given on the SET PLANNING process by the Head of Senior, Mr David Heyworth and the Dean of Studies, Mr Rob Steffler.

Focus: Flight Option

Private Pilot Licence Information Evening

When: Tuesday 13 May 2014, 6pm – 8pm

Where: Flight Options Flight Training Centre, Sunshine Coast Airport, Mudjimba QLD 4564

Flight Option is hosting a FREE information evening at Flight Options Flight Training Centre focusing on what is required to obtain a Private Pilot Licence (PPL). Places are limited to 15 per session, please contact Flight Options to book your spot:

Email: training@flightoptions.com.au

Phone: 1800 896 616

Website: www.flightoptions.com.au/flight-training

Discussion topics will include:

- What do I need to do to obtain a PPL?
- What training will I need to complete?
- What theory will I need to complete?
- How long will it take to get a Private Pilot Licence and can I complete my training around my work commitments?

- How much will it cost?
- Are there any eligibility requirements?

QUT Parent Information Sessions

These sessions will be held at QUT Gardens Point Wednesday 6 May 2015 6pm-7:30pm and QUT Caboolture, Wednesday 20 May 2015, 6pm-7:30pm. The sessions will cover:

- making course and career decisions
- gaining entry to university
- life as a university student
- transition to university and support for students
- study costs and financial support
- resources for parents and students.

Upcoming events:

- **1 May** Health Heroes. This is open to Year 10-12 students interested in pursuing careers in health and allied health areas.
- **7 May** David Hails will be in attendance to talk at the Senior Assembly about Careers in the Defence Forces.
- **13 May** 6:30pm -7:30pm Year 10 Information Night, Preparation for SET PLANS.

On the 28 April, David Heyworth and I attended a breakfast meeting for Careers Advisers and Administrators organised by QUT. In his address Professor Peter Coaldrake discussed Graduate Outcomes and stated that teamwork, interpersonal skills, motivation, cultural fit, communication and problem solving are the top five skills employers are looking for.

Paul Nash, Future Pathways Coordinator

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 on a rostered basis.

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

May is National Family Reading Month

May is National Family Reading Month and we are encouraging students and families to take part in the following reading activities:

- Read More in May Competition – See http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/competitions/NFRM_2015.asp for more details and look out for the Reading Log on the Library Weebly.



- Share a Shelfie Competition
- Premier's Reading Challenge (Prep -Year 6)
- Library and Information Week 25 – 28 May
- National Simultaneous Storytime Wednesday 27 May (Prep – Year 6)
- Primary Author Visit with Kim-Michelle Toft on Monday and Tuesday 15 & 16 June



Premier's Reading Challenge (For Prep – Year 6 Students)

The PRC is about to commence at GCC again!



The Challenge is an initiative for all Queensland students from Prep – Year 7 and this year we are going to encourage everyone to participate by completing the Challenge during school time. The Premier is challenging every student from Prep to Year 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 6 to read 15 books, between May and September 2015. Students who complete the Challenge will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Over the last two years participants also received discounted theme park tickets. Keep an eye out for further details about the Challenge to follow shortly.

Make sure you read more in May!

Vanessa McKellar, Head of Library Services

SPORTS NEWS

Volleyball SCISSA Champions

Our 7/8 boys' volleyball team consisting of JD Theron, Patrick McKenzie, Aiden McKellar, Josh Bull, Ronan Martin, Bailey O'Brien, Damien Tomokino and Ric Kompanie managed to win the SCISSA Grand Final last night in an absolute nail biter against Suncoast Christian College.

GCC won the first set convincingly 25/21 however faltered and lost the second 17/25. The boys dug deep to stage a comeback in the 3rd set to run out winners 25/17.

This team has played exceptionally well throughout the term, managing to play teams from every Sunshine Coast Independent school and remain undefeated.

Congratulations to the coach Mr Pienaar and the boys on winning our schools second SCISSA premiership!



Middle School Term I Sports Report

The Friday Middle School Sport program has consisted of a wide range of diverse sports and activities throughout Term I.

Games across such sporting pursuits as softball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee and futsal have been tightly contested ensuring a fairly even competition. Participating schools throughout the term were Glasshouse Christian College, Suncoast Christian College, Caloundra Christian College, Caloundra City Private. GCC have also taken part in practice matches with Pacific Lutheran College.

Points acquired by schools have been based on the number of games won, and it was Glasshouse Christian College and Suncoast Christian College that finished on top of the ladder.

Overall Term I Results

- 1st Suncoast Christian College
- 2nd Glasshouse Christian College
- 3rd Caloundra City Private
- 4th Caloundra Christian College

The finals were extremely close across the board. GCC won softball very easily and volleyball was close with SCC and GCC winning two games each. SCC gained the ascendancy at futsal winning two games to one and again pulled ahead of GCC by winning the majority of the ultimate frisbee games.



Competitive competition aside GCC students also had the opportunity to take part in such recreational activities as cable water skiing, stand up paddle boarding and swim squad.

We look forward now to Friday Sport in Term 2. Students have had the opportunity to nominate their preferences and will be placed in one of netball, T10 cricket, oztag, basketball, mountain biking, golf, athletic and cross country club and indoor rock climbing. More photos [here](#).

Triathlon Athletes

On March 31 GCC triathletes performed exceptionally well recently in the recent "Roberts Road Challenge." The Triathlon held in conjunction with Beerwah State High School, began in the morning at the pool. Participants put in some valiant performances with Andrea Little finishing in 4th place to record our best result. All of our students demonstrated amazing endurance across all three disciplines.



Other participants from GCC on the day were Bailey Siebenhausen, Georgia Childs, Fion Richard-Williamson, Elliot Stevens, Samuel Taylor, Jack Grigor, Stephanie Freeman and Emily Logar.

We are certainly very proud to have such a talented group of determined athletes represent our school. For more photos click [here](#).

P AND F NEWS

Hi Everyone

Hope you all had a lovely break from school routine, and refreshed for Term 2.

The P and F kick off Term 2 with a fundraiser at the Maleny Wood Expo, running a food stall. It is this weekend 2 and 3 May at the Maleny Showgrounds. Come on up and support us. We are selling pies, sausage rolls, soups, slices, and drinks. Make a day of it; there will be lots of displays and demonstrations. The goes from 9am – 5pm and costs \$15 entry with children under 16 free. There is free parking. Hope to see you there.

Buy a Brick

We are doing an exciting fundraiser; something that everyone can be a part of. Information went home this week about how you can commemorate your child/ren's years at GCC. If you missed it, "[click here](#)" for all the information. This is something you don't want to miss being a part of.



Mothers Day Stall

Next Thursday 7 May, we are running our annual Mother's Day stall. A flyer went home this week with all the details. If you missed the flyer, "[click here](#)" for all the information. If you can help on the stall, please email P and F to below email address.

Trivia Night

Just want to say a big thank you to the Rainbow Team who gave a late donation of their "2nd" prize



winnings to the P and F from Trivia night. Very much appreciated.

Next Meeting

Our next P and F meeting will be held Wednesday 6 May (note its not our usual Tuesday night) 7pm in College library. Everyone is welcome, please join us.



Mothers' Day Stall

The P and F Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday 7 May.

Each class from Prep – Year 6 will have an opportunity throughout the day to come down to the stall with their class and purchase some great gifts.

If parents are concerned about younger students handling money could you please put the money in an envelope with your child's name on it and hand it to the class teacher.

The friendly stall volunteers will be more than happy to help your child make purchases when they arrive.

Middle School and Senior students will be able to make purchases during their lunch breaks.

We have a wide range of gifts available ranging from 50 cents to five dollars.

If any parents can spare some time to help at the stall between 8:30am-3pm could you please email: pandf@glasshouse.qld.edu.au.

Buy a brick and pave the way to learning

This is an exciting fund raiser that is open to all current and past families of Glasshouse Christian College. You can buy a personalised brick from \$30 to commemorate your children's/ time at GCC. More more information, please click [here](#).

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Single name
or message paver
COST: \$30



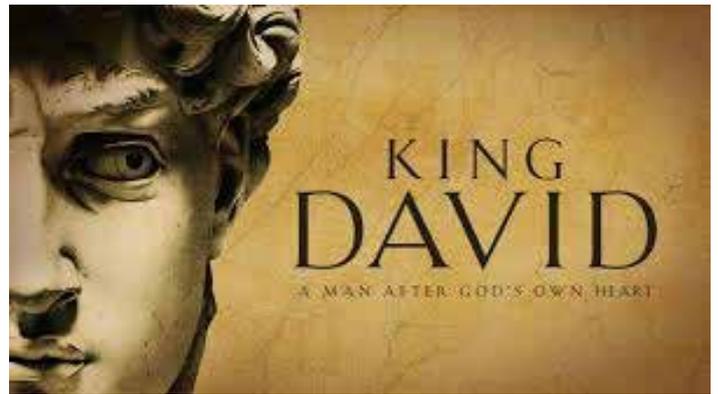
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Family double
paver set
COST: \$55



OPTION 3
Single paver with
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CHAPPY CHATTER



David was an achiever. His rule and reign of Israel went over pretty well most of the time. He got some nice feedback over the Goliath incident, he wrote a good chunk of what's called the Psalms, and was described by the Lord as 'a man after God's own heart' (Acts 13:22).

So there's nothing David couldn't do, right? Well, oddly, God specified that David wasn't the man for the job of building His temple. Go read about it in 1 Chronicles 28:6-7. David could have piped up: 'Actually Lord, how'd You feel about me taking this one? I mean, I've got the runs on the board, don't you think it's best if I handle this?' But he didn't.

David knew God better than to try to push his own plans on Him. So what about us? Well, making our own plans isn't wrong, in fact, it's positively good. Taking them back to God to get checked out is what makes them best. In 1 Chronicles 28:2 David gets his plan-correction from God, and in verse 20 he gives us a great example of how to handle that correction-with wisdom, grace and love.

Is God the lead-planner in your life decisions? And if you get a nudge from him to change tack, how willing are you to change? The best achievement the Bible describes is a life fully submitted to God. Got plans? For work? For time with mates? Even for the weekend? Great. Now ask God what changes He'd make, and listen out for a response. (Keep your bible open, He likes to answer with it most times.)

Bless you,

Chappy Michelle



OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 16 MAY
10AM – 2PM

- Student led campus tours
- Dance, Drama and Music performances
- Science shows and interactive displays
- Free morning tea
- Meet the Principal and teaching staff
- Free jumping castle and animal farm for young children
- Free train rides around the campus



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But I am like a green olive
tree in the house of *God*.
I trust in the steadfast love
of *God forever and ever*.

Psalm 52:8

STOP PRESS!

Transport Assistance Scheme

You may be eligible for bus fare assistance from the government. To find out more please visit [Non Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme](#).

Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2. Please refer to the following brochures and the [NGSTAS website](#) for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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