# This Month

## SEPTEMBER

**Mon 2 – Fri 6**
- **CAMP WEEK**
  - Year 6&7 Keppel Island
  - Year 8 Boyne Island
  - Year 9 Fairbairn Dam
  - Year 10 Work Experience
  - Year 11 Leadership

**Tue 3 – Wed 4**
- QCS Testing for Senior Students.
- QCS Breakfast both days

**Fri 6**
- Year 4&5 Sleepover

**Tues 10**
- Strathcona Exchange concludes

**Wed 11**
- 7-12 Assembly 11.15
- White Balloon Day
- Uniform Committee Meeting
- P&F Meeting

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Our Contemporary Dance National Finalists
Dance & Glee Club Stars!

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Dance Star & Glee National Championships

Congratulations to our Contemporary and Glee teams who have just returned from a weekend on the Gold Coast where they competed at the Dance Star & Glee Nationals. The girls did exceptionally well, placing 3rd in Contemporary Dance and 1st in Glee! What an amazing effort to have both teams come home with medals! Placing at Nationals is a huge achievement.

Huge congratulations to Taylah Kinsey for competing in one of the most difficult sections of the whole competition, Secondary Open Soloist. She did herself and her school proud!

The girls of the 2013 Schoolaerobics, Dance Star and Glee teams have done a tremendous job this year, rehearsing hard and performing like champions! Well done to everyone!

P-6 Girls Grammar Going Wild

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Girls Grammar was full of an assortment of animals on Friday 16 August. No the Rockhampton Zoo hadn’t released their animals, the Primary girls were celebrating RSPCA Day by dressing up as their animal of choice. The costumes were outstanding, and displayed at our parade held in the CAB Undercover area at midday.

The wonderful Primary staff also got into the spirit, dressing up and helping out. Thanks to the Primary Council and Primary Prefect, Keely Harker for organising such a fantastic day. All money raised will be donated to the RSPCA.
P-12 Cross Country Fun Day

Kelsey Godwin-Smith
Head Girl & Williams House Prefect

Wow! What a day! Not only was the cross-country this year just about running, it was also about coming together as a school family.

It was definitely one of the best days all year. Everyone joined in from staff members running the track to the senior girls running with the younger girls. We had the Prep to Year 6 racing around the obstacle course so many times that everyone lost count.

This year’s Cross Country was held at the school. Yes, that did mean that we had to run up several hills! It was a very special atmosphere that involved the whole school community. Parents, staff, Primary and Secondary school students all came together to celebrate a wonderful event.

William’s house was undefeated! Even with the amazing competition from all Houses, none of them could top William’s score. Smith House received the Spirit award for excellent (and loud) support of their House throughout the day.

It was a very memorable and special day for the Girls Grammar community. Thank you to all the staff for organising the day, to students for participating and to parents for your continuous support.

I couldn't have been more proud to be a Girls Grammar Girl.

Congratulations to our Age Champions:
9 years – Sophie Thompson
10 years – Tahlee Kuhl
11 years – Katie Skinner
12 years – Olivia Harwood
13 years – Grace McCosker
14 years – Jasmin Dwyer
15 years – Tayla Wines
16 years – Natalya Schumacher
Open – Kate Hudson
ELC Daffodil Day Awareness

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In recognition of Daffodil Day, Prep and Year 1 girls made their own daffodils and participated in a colouring-in competition. Winners of the competition received 'real' daffodils (purchased by Mrs Hayes) to support the Cancer Council.

Equestrian Achievement

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Our small equestrian team consisting of Steffany Sykes, Sarah Laxton, Tyla Cringle & Emily Lang represented Girls Grammar at the annual interschool gymkhana held at Alton Downs Pony Club Grounds on the weekend of 24 and 25 August.

Approximately 170 riders from other Central Queensland schools competed also. Our Girls Grammar girls rode well, won lots of ribbons and represented the school with pride.

Chat to a Champ Connections

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Look who flew into our classroom! On Friday 9 August the Year 4 and 5 classes were involved in 'Chat to a Champ', which is a program for schools leading up to the Winter Olympics in Sochi next year.

Jana Pittman, dual Olympian and first time Winter Olympian spoke to our classes via web video conferencing. The girls were very excited and prepared questions to ask Jana.

The students will have further opportunities to chat to Jana in the lead up to the Winter Olympics. They will even get a chance to talk to her while she is at the Olympic Village in Sochi.
Junior Debating Champions

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Congratulations to the Girls Grammar Junior Interschool Debating Team which won the Rockhampton Final against Heights College.

The Junior Debating Team on the night included Shantelle Sanders, Shannon Graddon and Tamsin Attwill.

Year 8 & 9 Oratory Winners

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Congratulations to the students in Year 8 and 9 who competed in the 2013 Girls Grammar Oratory Competition.

All speakers were very entertaining and confident in their presentations.

Year 8 & 9 Oratory Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 8
Winner - Lucy Davison
Runner Up - Lauren Pacey
Highly Commended - Josie Bradford & Caitlin Bartlett.

Year 9
Winner – Tahlia Kelly

Maths Team Challenge

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Maths Team Challenge was held at North Rockhampton State High School on Wednesday 7 August. Girls Grammar had seven teams from Years 7 to 10.

The girls thought quickly and analytically, battled valiantly and worked effectively as a team during the competition. Our Year 9 team earned second place (out of 25 teams). This team included: Tahlia Kelly, Maddison King, Tiffany Baker, Sophie Harwood and Alexandra Thompson.

Well done to all the students who competed on a fantastic effort. Many thanks go to the Year 12 students and Mrs Lacey who supported and assisted the competitors.

QAMT Year 8 Quiz Teams

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On Thursday 22 August, Girls Grammar entered two teams in the Queensland Association of Mathematics Teachers Year 8 Quiz.

There were nine teams in the competition. The Girls Grammar teams included: Caitlin Bartlett, Josie Bradford, and Courtney Smith, and: Emily Lang, Lauren Pacey, and Rayne Sterritt.

The quiz consisted of five rounds, testing mathematics in estimation, mental calculations, short response, written extended problem solving, and history & general knowledge.
Although neither team placed, the girls worked effectively and strategically throughout the five rounds. Well done girls on this outstanding effort and on a fun night of Mathematics challenge.

Science Week Celebrations

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The theme for 2013 Girls Grammar Science Week celebrations was ‘A Century of Australian Science’. This year the Science Committee celebrated with a display of historical equipment in the Library and a series of lunchtime events. Monday’s challenge was to build the tallest marshmallow and spaghetti tower capable of holding a great Aussie icon – a Tim Tam.

On Tuesday students explored the sciences involved with some foods. Students squealed in awe at the Mentos and Coke fountains, marveled over Red Cabbage Indicator and bubbled with enthusiasm when producing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda volcanos.

Wednesday’s scavenger hunt was a hit with the Primary school students, as they chased cryptic scientific objects.

On Thursday, Mrs Lacey was a crazy volunteer demonstrating the Van De Graff Generator. Teachers were also involved in the fun with a Science Challenge issued each day. It was great to see such enthusiasm about Science!

Indigenous Careers Expo

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INDIGENOUS CAREERS EXPO

Our Indigenous students were invited to attend the FOGS Indigenous Careers Expo this year with a focus on exploring their career options and how to gain employment. Students attended motivational workshops, met with recruiters and employers and received careers show bags.

Many of our girls met former and current rugby league players who were there to promote the event and encourage employment and training for Indigenous students. The girls had a fantastic day and took away some valuable lessons about how to get their dream job!

Superb NAIDOC Celebrations

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NAIDOC Assembly at Girls Grammar was an extraordinary event this year. Jacquela Passi and Yvette Williams were MCs for our assembly and they had the opportunity to introduce some amazing cultural performances and heartfelt speeches.

The Year 9&10 dance group performed a contemporary Aboriginal dance, symbolising
the work and life of women in traditional Aboriginal society.

The Torres Strait Islands dance group performed three dances from the Torres Strait and provided some beautiful vocals and percussion to accompany their well-rehearsed dances, led by Catherine Noah.

The Aboriginal dance group followed the lead of Shiquea Creek. They added some high energy vocals and percussion to an incredible variety of dances. Jacquelena, Catherine and Michelle Houeix created an inspiring collection of images from the Torres Strait and discussed their love and knowledge of their islands, language and culture.

Madison Gordon gave an inspiring speech about Aboriginal culture and the organisation of tribes and languages throughout Australia.

The girls also had the opportunity to share and celebrate their culture with the Primary students in the afternoon.

The NAIDOC celebrations culminated in the awarding of the ATSI Prefectship to Yvette Williams for her efforts promoting her culture and supporting the ATSI Council. Well done Yvette and congratulations to all members of the ATSI Council for a very moving and thoughtful day.

Music Gala Extravaganza

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On Friday 23 August the 2013 Music Gala was held in McKeague Hall. Audiences were treated to performances by students from our Prep to Year 12. A variety of ensembles including string, choirs, keyboard, percussion and flute, concert band and stage band performed on the night.

This year the program has extended to 15 ensembles and all ensembles were showcased at the Gala where they presented a wide variety of music from classical to contemporary.

The night was a huge success and reflected the dedication and talent of musicians from all year levels.
ICAS Computer Competition

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ICAS is the International Competition and Assessment for Schools.
The ICAS Computer Secondary School test is offered to students in Years 9 and 10. The Primary ICAS test is offered to students in Years 3 to 5. We congratulate all students who were nominated to compete.
The skills and understandings tested in ICAS Computer are challenging and cover general computing knowledge, word processing tasks, graphics, multimedia, internet and email reasoning, spreadsheet and data base analysis as well as programming functions.
We are delighted to announce the following results. Tahlia Lawrie in Year 4 received a Credit Award and Micheala Klopper received a Distinction.
In Year 5 Elouise Campbell received a Credit, Jayme McKellar received a Distinction.
Isla Houston in Year 6 received a Credit.
Tahlia Kelly in Year 9, Tamsin Attwill and Hannah Lear in Year 10 achieved Credit awards.
ICAS can provided detailed feedback for students who participate in the testing. It also provides girls with formal testing experience. Well done girls.

Opti-MINDS Winners

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On Sunday 25 August, our two teams of unashamedly excellent girls participated in the regional finals of Opti-MINDS at CQUiversity.

Shantelle Sanders, Shannon Graddon, Alana Green, Lydia Strohfeldt, Sophie Markey and Alexandria Rogers competed in the Social Sciences category and won their division, qualifying for the State Finals in Brisbane on the 12 and 13 of October.
Our Science Engineering team of Ulani Brown, Emma Kennedy, Melanie Cox, Grace Kennedy, Hannah Green, Tiffany Baker and Amy Rowlands were also superb, finishing with Honours in their division. Congratulations to all the girls on their creative and enthusiastic involvement in Opti-MINDS this year.

Champion Rowing Team

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SCHOOL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 9 of August the Girls Grammar Rowing team packed up our boats and departed for Townsville accompanied by Hannah Mounsey and Joel Morrison. The team was contesting championship events for girls in Years 8, 9 and 10 on the Riverway course, based at the Townsville Grammar School Boathouse.
To reach the medal finals the girls raced heats, semifinals and finals over the weekend. Penny Thelan, Meredith Fay, Bonnie Allen, Caitlin Ryan, and Racquel Clark represented Girls Grammar in the Year 8 events in single sculls, double sculls and quad sculls.
They had their most competitive rows so far this season narrowly missing finals in the single scull and quad sculls. The improvement of the Year 7 and 8 rowers has been significant this term and they are close to a breakthrough performance.

The Year 9 rowers Ulani Brown, Melanie Cox, Tiffany Baker, Grace Kennedy and Emma Kennedy also competed very successfully. Ulani raced in the single scull and in a very exciting heat she missed qualifying for the final by just one second. Tiffany and Melanie, plus Emma and Grace raced in the Double sculls. Tiffany and Mel missed the final, also by a disappointing one second. Emma and Grace rowed some excellent races to eventually win the Gold Medal in the final by six seconds.

Later in the program they all combined to race the Year 9 Quad + Cox. They won their heat and finished third in the final with a bronze medal.

As a challenge, the Girls Grammar Year 9 crew raced in the Year 10 Quad event. They achieved another third place in the final. This success had everyone excited and represents our most successful result at a championship regatta for many a season.

Thank you to the attending staff for all the help, encouragement and bus driving that made the trip enjoyable and successful. We are now preparing for the Rockhampton Schools Head of the River and Qld Schools Championship Regatta at the end of Term 3.
Village Festival Yeppoon

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Several of our Girls Grammar Primary students attend the Central Queensland Circus School. Our students Merryn Lawrence, Summer Whitehand, Mikaela Cheers, Emma and Georgie Dawson attend Circus School every Saturday.

The flying circus school is for all ages, they learn a range of skills such as clowning acts, trapeze, balancing and aerobatics.

These girls performed in two shows under the guidance of Jacinta with the Flying Circus at the Village Festival held in Yeppoon on Saturday 17 August.

OSHC Holiday Fun @ RGGS

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June/July Vacation Care was a fantastic holiday with the girls. All the girls were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to their parents.

It was one of the best holidays ever. We visited the Cinema, went to Mt Morgan Railway Museum and enjoyed an amusement park here at the school. We had fun making a lot of ‘vintage’ inspired crafts and heaps more.

September Vacation Care will commence on Monday 23 September and conclude on Tuesday 8 October. The program will be emailed to parents and will also be on the school website 2 weeks prior to the break.

Community Notices

[Image of Water Polo Queensland advertisement]
SECURE YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY

A generous donation from the Littleton family will see ‘Littleton Plaza’ become the heart of Girls Grammar. This contemporary space will connect the Luck and McKeague buildings with landscaped gardens, seating and viewing platform. The removal of the old Science building will open Littleton Plaza to Paterson House and the Terrace. McKeague Hall is being refurbished and opened onto a deck adjoining Agnes Street. New learning spaces are being created in the Undercroft. A new flight of stairs will provide access from the carpark to the Plaza and a new entry will be created from Agnes Street.

Littleton Plaza construction and McKeague refurbishment will commence in October 2013. The Grand Opening Celebration will be in conjunction with Foundation Day, 19 April 2014.

SUPPORT GIRLS GRAMMAR

We invite all members of our community to participate. For $200 you can have your name engraved on one of the Littleton Plaza pavers as a lasting record of your valued support for the school. The paver will be permanently installed in Littleton Plaza. You can record your name and graduation year, a memorial to a loved one or celebrate a family connection with Girls Grammar.

Please use the form attached to register your requirements.

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