



# CHANEL COLLEGE

# news

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TERM 2 WEEK 2  
ISSUE 47

*"To act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your God"* Micah 6:8

## From the Principal

This Sunday's Gospel story is a very well-known story where two of Jesus' disciples are walking on the road to Emmaus when an unknown traveller joins them. The discussion of the two disciples leaving Jerusalem is heated and loud - loud enough to be overheard. They are throwing backwards and forwards their ideas on what had happened to Jesus, struggling to make sense of the past few days. This is what the unknown traveller hears and when he interrupts, their response borders on rudeness. The traveller responds insultingly: he calls them foolish and slow. They have missed the point of the Scriptures and missed the point of what the Christ would be about. As he teaches them, their conversation is so intense that when they arrive at their destination, they all but physically stop him from leaving them. Then, in the quiet interlude of the blessing, the scales drop from their eyes. They recognise Jesus, he disappears, and then they're off, hearts burning, into the night and back to Jerusalem where it's all excitement with everyone telling each other their story.

The drama of the two disciples is our own unless we constantly try to wonder at the richness of God's love working in our world. In Scripture and in our lives we see God working in various ways. The one event can affect people differently in multiple different ways. If we allow our understanding of events to be determined by our hopes and needs, we simply will miss the central mystery of life: God's love working through all events for our good, a love that can bring grace where sin abounded, hope where despair had reigned and life where death had seemed to conquer.

(Adapted from prayasyoucan.com.au)



God bless  
*S. M. Volp*  
Sharon Volp

### ANZAC Day

I was so proud of our students and their support for the various ANZAC Day Services around the region. The choir sang beautifully during the Dawn Service in Gladstone which was attended by approximately 6000 people. Thank you to Mrs Sheather for the fantastic job she did preparing the students and to Miss Barbagallo for conducting them on the morning. Thank you to the students and staff who participated in the marches at Boyne-Tannum and Gladstone; you were wonderful ambassadors for the College.

### Year 7 2015 Enrolment Information Evening

We held a very successful Year 7 Information Evening on Tuesday. Thank you to the students and staff who assisted on the evening. A reminder that the first round applications close on **Friday 9 May 2014**.

### Year 8 Elective Subject Selection Evening

A reminder to Year 8 students and parents that this Information Evening will be held on **Monday 5 May** in the Marian Centre commencing at **6.00 pm**.

### Reports

Parents should receive Term 1 reports early next week. Details regarding the Parent-Teacher Interview evenings which will be held on **Wednesday 14 May** and **Tuesday 20 May** are included with the report.

### Year 8 2015 Enrolments

Offers were posted to all families who have completed the enrolment process in the last week of last term. To secure your place for 2015, please ensure that paperwork is returned to the College Office by **Friday 16 May 2014**.

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**Student Absentee Hotline: 4973 4791**



# Good News

Kath Hore Mission & RE Support Officer

## Year 10 Retreat

Year 10 Students will be attending their Retreat at Tanyalla Conference Centre, Tannum Sands during Weeks 2 and 3.

Retreat 1 will be held from **Thursday 1 May to Friday 2 May.**

Retreat 2 will be held from **Monday 5 May to Tuesday 6 May.**

Retreat 3 will be held from **Wednesday 7 May to Thursday 8 May.**

This Retreat offers the opportunity to reflect and develop relationships with their peers, family, self and God.

A big thank you to the parents/carers who have offered to assist with the catering and a roster has been emailed to the volunteers.

## Honouring the ANZAC Spirit ...

The College Choir, Student Leaders and several other Chanel students paid homage to those who have given their lives so that we may live in freedom. In actively participating in the Dawn and main Anzac Day Ceremonies, both in Gladstone and Boyne Island, they also acknowledged the many who have returned from wars and those currently fighting for or engaged in keeping the peace in the various trouble spots in our world. Many thanks to the students, and their parents, who represented Chanel on ANZAC Day.

## Stamps for the Sisters of Mary MacKillop in Peru

Please remember to save your used stamps and send them in to the College. The Sisters in Peru need our support to enable them to continue their work with disadvantaged and marginalised children. **Thank you to all who have donated so far.**

## Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform 'shop' is open each Wednesday during first break.

*If you have uniforms your child no longer requires - all donations are gratefully accepted and many thanks to those who have already sent in donations.*

## Thursday Mass

Thursday 8 May - Mrs Ryan-Salter's Year 11A SOR Class

Mass is celebrated in the College Chapel at 10.40 am each Thursday.

**ALL WELCOME – Families, Friends, Fellow students!!!**

### Please Pray for ...

- Mrs Butterworth and others in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness.
- Safety and enrichment for our students on various excursions/retreats.
- Innocent victims in Syria, the Ukraine and other countries experiencing war and conflict.
- Victims of the recent tornadoes in USA and the people involved in the rescue effort.

### Praise and Thanks for...

- Civilians and defence personnel working to rebuild lives and to bring peace, unity and justice in many parts of the world.
- All those people who work with our youth to ensure they are given the opportunity to reflect on and live out their faith.
- The safe and politically stable country we live in.

*If you have any requests for either of the above prayers, please leave your request at the Office.*



The most common name in the world is Mohammed.

The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing her hands in jelly.

"Goodbye" came from "God bye" which came from "God be with you."

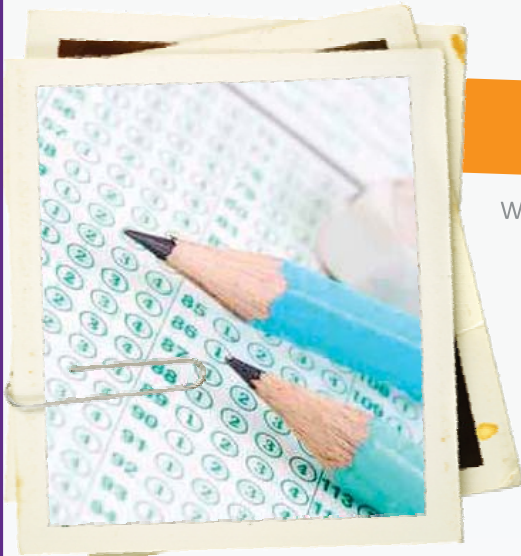
On average, there are 178 sesame seeds on each McDonalds BigMac bun.

# Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

## *Building parent-school partnerships*

WORDS Michael Grose

### Helping students get ready for the NAPLAN tests



The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

**During the second week of May Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The stated purpose of this testing program is to gain an overall picture of educational attainment levels to assist education policy and decision-making.**

The program first implemented in 2008 has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You've probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seligman discovered more than a decade ago,

through his research into children's thinking styles, how closely a child's explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids. The impact of a parent's explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard.

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It's better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It's also worth remembering that many children don't stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

**Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:**

**1 Take your cues from your child:**

If your child doesn't worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn't exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test..

**2 Focus on doing their best and trying hard:**

Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results.

The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

**3 Listen to any concerns they have:**

If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a 'get over it' response. "Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them." Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.

**4 Give them some relaxation ideas:**

Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

**5 Help them retain their perspective:**

One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what's the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

**A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it's going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.**



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at [parentingideasclub.com.au](http://parentingideasclub.com.au). You'll be so glad you did.



# ANZAC DAY SERVICES

*Lest We Forget*



**Dawn Service**



**Boyne Tannum**



**Gladstone**

# sporting news

Kylie Kickbusch  
Sports Coordinator

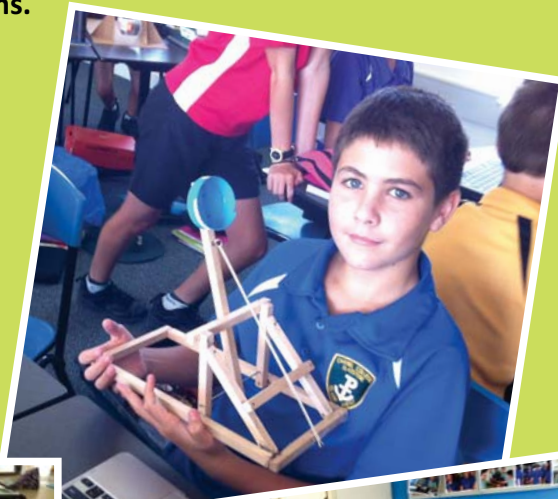
We are back into the swing of sporting events already this Term. Port Curtis trials start on **Thursday 20 May** for the following sports. As per school procedures, students need to nominate by filling in the forms in the red folder found outside the staffroom. From there I will issue consent forms to be taken home and signed by parents/caregivers. It is important that signed consent forms are brought in by the date stated on the front of the form. PC trials open for nominations now are:

- 19 Years Golf (nomination process only, no trials)
- 15 Years Boys Rugby Union (nomination process only, no trials to be held at this stage)
- 15 Years Girls and Boys Basketball
- 15 Years Girls and Boys Football (Soccer)

The Port Curtis Cross Country Carnival will be held at the Gladstone Golf Course next **Tuesday 6 May**. Chanel College has had a reputation of bringing the biggest squad to these trials each year and consequently at the end of the day, taking out the carnival as Overall School Champion. I hope to see as many of our Top 10 runners from our College Interhouse Carnival compete on the day. Again students will need to have brought in their signed consent forms to attend on **6 May**. As a school squad we will walk over to the golf course leaving the school at **11.30 am**. Good luck to all runners competing on the day.

For the best part of Term 1 (and for the footy boys the later part of last year), our QISSN Netball Team and Confraternity Rugby League team have been training hard for their respective competitions to be held in the first week of the coming school holidays. These students have been eagerly attending before school and afternoon training sessions to ready themselves and the team to take part in the annual QISSN and Confraternity Carnivals. This year the carnival is being held on the Gold Coast for both sports. Good luck to the students involved and keep up the enthusiasm and sportsmanship you are already displaying to your coaches and fellow team mates.

**Interschool hockey, basketball and rugby league have been cancelled for this Term due to lack of team nominations and numbers for these competitions.**



Year 8  
Medieval  
Models



# Career news

Jaye Mellor  
Careers Officer

## Work Experience 2014

Work Experience 2014 is going to be very busy. Placements will be a cost of \$60 per placement. The money needs to be included with the form and taken to the office for receipting and then the form is forwarded to myself. Forms will then be copied and handed to SAIN.

These forms are in a wall stand outside my office.

## Holiday Work Experience Dates are:- (Green Form)

30 June to 4 July

7 July to 11 July

22 September to 26 September

29 September to 3 October

1 December to 5 December

8 December to 12 December

## Year 10 Work Experience

Forms and an accompanying letter will go out to the students in Week 3 of this term. I will endeavour to gather the students together as a group to talk with them about this process prior to handing out the paperwork.

It is very important that we follow the procedures as this placement is an important step in the student's career pathway choices. If your student is interested in an education pathway this is the placement to utilise as after this all placements will be in the school holidays.

In some areas students may only be doing housekeeping duties but while they undertake these duties we need for them to understand and observe the work that is going on around them. Encourage them to see that this is one of many opportunities ahead of them for work experience. If they find out they are not enjoying this placement then that is something that they have learnt so they then can say it's not what they want to do.

Some students will not get their first or even second options as it will depend on the number of students interested in various areas. If there is an opportunity for your student to stay with family in another town and a placement can be organised there, please use this opportunity.

If you would like to speak to me regarding any work experience please either contact the office or via email.

## White Card Course

This course will be run at Chanel College online on **Tuesday 20 May**. Forms are available from the office and from a plastic sleeve outside my room. Cost is \$39 for the course. Students will need to bring their school ID as it will need to be verified by a JP for them to complete this course. If the student has lost his/her ID then they will need to bring their passport or their birth certificate to be verified. Forms to be returned by **Monday 19 May**. This course is open to Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students.

# University OPEN DAYS 2014

## UQ OPEN DAYS 2014

### St Lucia

Sun 3 August: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

### Ipswich

Wed 6 August: 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm

### Gatton

Sun 17 August: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

### Brisbane Campus

Sat 26 July: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

1100 Nudgee Road, Banyo

## QUT OPEN DAY

### Gardens Point

Sun 27 July 2014: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

## GRIFFITH OPEN DAY

Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank  
Campuses

Sun 10 August 2014

## UNIVERSITY OF SUNSHINE COAST

Sun 10 August 2014

## JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY

### Cairns Campus

Sun 27 July: 12.00 pm - 4.00 pm

### Townsville Campus

Sun 24 August: 12.00 pm - 4.00 pm

# notices

## HAVE YOUR MEDICAL DETAILS CHANGED?

If there has been any changes or updates to students **MEDICAL DETAILS** eg. Asthma, Allergies etc, could you please notify the College Office as soon as possible with any **NEW INFORMATION**. Ph: 4973 4700

## NOTE: CHANGES TO UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Please Note:

The College Uniform Shop hours have changed. These hours are current until further notice.

**Mondays 8.15 am - 11.15 am**

**Thursdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm**

This unforeseen change is due to illness, we appreciate your understanding.

## STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?

Available for you are:

Computers & Printers, Resources & Support Material, Friendly Faces.

### HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT HELP

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am. Also First Break every day except Thursdays.

Contact **Chanel College's** Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator:

Mrs Robyn Jurd on **4973 4739**

or Careers Officer: Mrs Mellor on **4973 4738**

### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$25/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$20/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

### STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 1, 2014

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at**

[www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au)  
**by 31 May 2014.**

**Late applications cannot be accepted.**

## Upcoming Events

### Week 3

#### Mon 5 May

- Whole School Assembly
- Year 10 Retreat
- Year 8 Elective Subject Selection Evening 6.00 pm

#### Tue 6 May

- Year 10 Retreat

#### Wed 7 May

- Year 10 Retreat
- Year 11 Biology Field Trip
- Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

#### Thur 8 May

- Year 10 Retreat

#### Fri 9 May

- Year 7 for 2015 Enrolment Applications Close

### Week 4

#### Mon 12 May

- House Assemblies

#### Tue 13 May

- Year 9 NAPLAN Testing
- Student Representative Council Meeting - First Break

#### Wed 14 May

- Year 9 NAPLAN Testing
- Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00 pm - 8.30 pm

#### Thur 15 May

- Year 9 NAPLAN Testing

#### Fri 16 May

- Acceptance of Offers Year 8 for 2015 Due

## SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are Overdue. If you have not received your statement please contact the College Office. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your account, please contact the Finance Office to make arrangements. Please remember to only use the school account to pay school fees. Any other payments please make at the Chanel Office.

**Finance Office Manager Ph: 4973 4714**

### Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

