



CHANEL COLLEGE

news

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

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From the Principal

I have just come in from doing my usual Thursday morning playground duty and have sat down to do the newsletter. I am running a bit late today, but I know the ever patient Mrs Meehan will understand. I had started this article earlier this morning, but after walking around and talking to our students my focus of today's article has changed.

I spoke with many Year 7 students this morning. They are so excited by their change in rotations this week and are looking forward to meeting their new teachers and learning about these new subjects. Some of them didn't want their friends to tell them what was in their new rotation because they wanted to be surprised.

This reminded me of a quote from Pope Francis. ***Allow yourselves to be surprised by God. Don't be frightened by surprises. They shake the ground from under our feet, and they make us unsure. But they move us forward in the right direction.***

We all experience surprises every day. Some surprises are lovely – an unexpected gift or card or a thoughtful gesture. These surprises make us feel good. For example Ms Logan's Year 7 English class that I was visiting today received an reply email from Morris Gleitzman the author of *Boy Overboard*, the book that they are studying. Other surprises can put us on the back foot and may not necessarily be welcome at the time. These are the surprises that make us feel unsure. Pope Francis' quote is comforting in that it reminds us that God has a plan for all of us. It is good for us to be open to the daily surprises that come to each of us and to take a "glass half full" approach to the way that these surprises shape us. Putting our trust in God and his plans for us will help us to move forward in the right direction.

P and F Meeting

I extend an invitation to all parents and carers to the P and F Annual General Meeting which is to be held on **Wednesday 18 March at 5.30 pm** in the College Office. All positions have been declared "open" therefore we are searching for enthusiastic people to take on positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each year families contribute money to the P and F in lieu of fundraising activities. This is your opportunity to put forward your ideas on how to best spend this money in order to benefit the College community. Please come along.

Year 7 and 8 Parents Wine and Cheese Evening and Year 7 and 8 Social

This recent event was a great success. Parents and staff had a lovely opportunity to chat over a few drinks and nibbles which were served with a smile by our Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students. Thank you to Ms Going, Mrs Herbert and Miss Kickbusch for assisting the students with their preparation and service. The music ensemble conducted by Mrs Sheather created a lovely atmosphere and the parents enjoyed the power point presentation which was put together by Ms Ryan. While all of this was happening the students were enjoying the Social which was held in the Drama Room.

A special thank you to Mrs Kenny and Miss Barbagallo for organising the evening and to our MC, Mrs Wales. Thank you also to Mrs Stewart, Mrs Cullen and Mr King for their behind the scenes support.



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God bless
S. M. Nap
Sharon Volp



Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

Project Compassion

Project Compassion is well under way and thank you for your support to date raising \$1178.20. Please encourage your child to contribute to this Appeal which supports aid and development programs around the world and helps to build a better life for the poorest of the poor. Last year, members of the Chanel College community raised \$2 380.50 for Project Compassion – *a fantastic effort!*

In 2015, we are aiming to raise \$3000.00. *Let's work together to reach this total!*

Pope Francis has invited "you to make space in your heart ... respecting the God-given rights of everyone to have access to adequate food." And with your ongoing support, we will continue to advocate for people's rights to enable all to have 'Food for Life.'

Mission in Action

Each Pastoral Care Group at Chanel is responsible for a Social Justice Activity during the year. The purpose of students being actively involved helps them to appreciate, what we so often take for granted and to become aware that many in our world do not enjoy the same comforts or opportunities for health, education and basic living needs. Activities may involve posters, competitions, quizzes or raising funds for their chosen social justice cause. The following letter from a former student, tells of just one social justice activity that students may be able to support or investigate.

"My name is Nadine Eckel and I graduated from Chanel College in 1993. I am currently living in Thailand and volunteering with a charity organisation called Destiny Rescue, who rescue children as young as 12 from sexual slavery. Once the girls are rescued we restore their lives by moving them into our Rescue House and looking after them, counselling them and educating them. Then we teach them a good trade that they can make a living out of like hairdresser, cafe/restaurant worker, nurse, jewellery maker or seamstress. I look after the administrative work for the Fundraising Team and I have been here for 6 months. I will be staying as long as God wants me to. Helping other people is the best feeling in the world and the most rewarding thing I've ever done. If you want to know more about Destiny Rescue you can go onto the website www.destinyrescue.org."



Buddies Day

Buddies Day, organised by St Vincent de Paul and supported by Chanel College, will be having their first outing for 2015 on **Sunday 15 March** meeting at East Shores. This year there are several outings planned and if your child would like to be a volunteer with this program and they are in Years 10-12 please encourage them to see Mrs Hore for more details.

Interfaith Network Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Gladstone Region Interfaith Network (GRIN) will be held in the Parish Hall next **Tuesday 17 March from 5.30-6.30 pm**. Everyone is invited to come along and be part of this interfaith sharing. After the meeting, and in honour of St Patrick's Day, Fr Alikei will be cooking up a Hangi – with potatoes! Please notify the Parish Centre (4972 1025) if you will be attending the Hangi.

SOS Mass and Youth Group

Many thanks to all students, parents and staff who joined together in worship at our SOS Mass last Sunday, it was amazing!. A huge thank you to Laura Kane and her band of Year 12 helpers for their organisation of Youth Group - over 30 young people came together for some social time with games and supper. Also a special thank you also to Mrs Versic and Mrs Kane for providing a delicious supper.

Lenten Program

The Chanel Lenten Group will be meeting each **Wednesday, at 3:35 pm** in the College Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

Second Hand Uniform Outlet

The Second Hand Uniform 'outlet' is open each Wednesday in the RE Resource Room during the 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

Mrs Goodwin's Year 11SOR Class – Thursday 19 March

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

Please Pray for ...

- Justice in our world, that we will make a conscious effort to generously support Project Compassion.
- All communities that are still rebuilding their lives and livelihoods after the recent cyclones.
- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness.
- Andrew Chan, Myuran Sukumaran, and other people due to be executed, that mercy and compassion will prevail and their lives will be spared.

Praise and Thanks for...

- All people, especially past students of Chanel, who are working in our world to ensure that justice and peace prevail.
- The enthusiasm of our young people participating in worship and youth group.
- Students who have volunteered to be part of the Buddies Day program.

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

Message from the Assistant Principal Pastoral Care - Alison Wales

Research shows that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. To maximise opportunities for learning, students at Chanel College must attend school regularly and punctually. Commencing the day with a routine and attendance at Pastoral Care helps students to be settled and remain connected with the expectations and arrangements for the day. It is important for all students to arrive on time to school and class.

Student Lateness

Parents are required to notify the College by telephone (by 8.40 am) if a student is going to be late for school and provide the student with a written, signed note. Students who are late will report to the Office and register their lateness electronically with their student ID card. The student lateness register will produce a late slip which a student must hand to the teacher when entering class, or the Pastoral Care Teacher, for recording. **Lateness without a reasonable excuse is unacceptable** and consequences will be addressed by the House Pastoral Leaders. If lateness to school becomes a regular occurrence, students will be asked to make up the time during lunchtimes.

ID Cards

The majority of students have now been issued with their own Student I.D. Card. These are required to be presented by the student when signing in late at the office.

Prohibited Substances/Areas

Pressure packed deodorants are a banned substance at the College. Students are not to bring them to school. Visiting Kin Kora Mall before school or during school times without written permission from parents is also not allowed. During Exam Week students are to travel directly to and from school and not via the Mall or McDonalds. Year 10, 11 and 12 students have also been advised that if they have an exam in Session One and Three, they must remain at the College.

Casual Dress Day

Next Friday, March 20 is Casual Dress Day at the College. The Student Representative Council has organised the Casual Dress Day to raise awareness of the National Day Against Bullying and Violence. The theme for the day is "Bright and Happy". Students are asked to bring a Gold Coin for wearing casual dress. Monies raised will go towards Project Compassion. Please refer to page 12 of the Student Organiser for the College's rules for casual dress. Students wearing inappropriate clothing/footwear will be sent to the office to phone their parents to bring some more appropriate clothing/footwear in to school for them. They will then return to class once they comply with our rules.

**BULLYING.
NO WAY!**

**TAKE A STAND
TOGETHER**



Join in and celebrate
**NATIONAL
RIDE2SCHOOL
DAY 2015**
**RIDE WALK SCOOT SKATE
FRIDAY 13 MARCH**

Students who ride, walk, scoot or skate to school on 13 March will be awarded House Points for their House.



David Kobler Seminar

YOUR CHOICEZ
Students Parents Teachers

David Kobler from Your Choicez visited Chanel College on **Monday 9 March** to speak to our Year 10 students and parents. Separate sessions were held for the boys and girls to discuss issues such as teens in a hyper-sexualised society. A parent session was held in the evening to discuss the challenges facing our teens. David has been visiting Chanel College for 3 years. It was pleasing to note that 100% student attendance was achieved for both sessions on Monday.

Parent Feedback

We attended the information night on Monday with David Kobler. We found the night very informative and at times confronting, but nonetheless more confident in talking about the topics with our teenage children. We would highly recommend this information evening to all parents with teenagers and look forward to attending next year.

Jamie & Michelle Overend – Parents

We both were fortunate enough to experience a David Kobler presentation on Monday night. Not really knowing what to expect, David's perspective on current issues and struggles our young teenagers face was at times very confronting, very real and to us, very important. Such a topic as sexuality and its surrounding issues can be hard subjects to raise with our children. David gave us positive parenting strategies to help our kids through their teenage years with confidence and strategies to help our children with healthy decision making relating to such sensitive topics. His honesty and openness when relating to his own personal life experiences was very impressionable. Thank you for allowing us to be part of such a wonderful program. We would recommend future seminars to all parents of teenage children.

Mark and Sharon Manski - Parents

Student Feedback

Before going into the David Kobler presentation I was skeptical of what I was going to see. Was it just going to be another boring talk about what I should and shouldn't do? I was really surprised when he came out with some hard hitting statements, and how easily they related to my life. He was an engaging speaker, and kept us entertained with interesting videos and statistics. He taught us that even though bad things happen, it is about the personal choices we make, and that can make a difference. He taught us skills that will help us later in life, and ways in which we can get help if we ever need it. The David Kobler presentation was a very insightful experience, and I was glad that we were able to talk to him, and that he was able to teach us so many great things.

Bailey Hoare - Yr 10 Student

I walked into the David Kobler presentation thinking I would have heard all this before, but I was extremely happy to learn this was not the case. David exposed the class to the real facts not just the candy coated ones that we have all been previously presented with. He explained how vulnerable teens of today really are. He told us that even though it is still our choice regarding relationships and no one should be judged for their decision, there were still certain situations to look out for. He helped us understand if confronted with these situations, there are ways to handle them. There were also many other great topics, such as peer pressure, body image and how to discuss what is bothering us. The way he explained it made sense and really does make you think twice about your actions and the consequences. David Kobler executed this presentation in a very insightful and exciting way to help us gain knowledge in our everyday actions, relationships and how we need to be more reverent.

Abi Meehan – Yr 10 Student



David Kobler Recommendations

Below are some helpful websites for Parents to visit for more information

Parenting Websites

www.teenbrave.com

www.puberty.com

www.focusonthefamily.com

www.choicez.com.au

If you would like to know any of the Filtering / Accountability Software websites, please contact the College Office and we can supply you with David's recommendations.

BOOKS

Books on Raising Boys

Fathered by God – John Eldridge

The New Manhood – Steve Biddulph

Bringing Up Boys – James Dobson

Books on Raising Girls

Reviving Orphella – Mary Pipher

The Butterfly Effect – Danielle Miller

Bringing Up Girls – James Dobson

career news

Merrin Cale
Careers Officer

Work Experience 2015

A reminder that all Holiday Vocational Placement application forms for the Easter School Holidays must be returned to Ms Cale by tomorrow, Friday 13 March to ensure placements can be secured.

All work experience forms already handed to Ms Cale will be completed and returned to students via their homeroom roll in the next two weeks.

If there are any parents that believe they or their businesses/places of work could be of assistance with work experience placements, please contact Ms Merrin Cale on 4973 4738, or via email: merrin_cale@rok.catholic.edu.au

School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships

For those senior students wishing to gain an apprenticeship or traineeship, I strongly suggest making an appointment with GAGAL. Once registered with GAGAL you will already be in the applicant pool for upcoming available positions. When registering with GAGAL please keep in mind that there are many more apprenticeships other than Diesel Fitting or an Electrician, and be prepared to be flexible in your choices.

For further information on School Based Apprenticeships of Traineeships please contact Ms Cale.

White Card Course

Thank you to all the students that successfully completed their White Card Course this week. You all worked so diligently on the task. Congratulations on your first industry ticket.

There will be another White Card Course that will be run later in the year, dates yet to be confirmed.

Defence Force Visit

Considering a career with the Navy, Army or Air Force? Come along to an Information Session to learn more about jobs available in the Australian Defence Force. The Navy, Army and Air Force are now recruiting for a wide range of positions such as Combat Systems Operator in the Navy, Rifleman in the Army, and Avionics Technician in the Air Force. In these jobs you will be able to work with some of the country's most advanced and highly technical equipment and hardware. You will also receive many great benefits such as free healthcare subsidised accommodation.

When:

Thursday 19 March, 6.00 pm

Where:

Centrepont Motor Inn, 131 George St, Rockhampton

ADF GAP YEAR



CALL 13 19 01 OR VISIT
DEFENCEJOBS.GOV.AU/GAPYEAR

THE GAP YEAR CHALLENGE

The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24*, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

The life skills and job training that you will acquire during your Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake.

When would I start?

The Gap Year program will commence in January/February 2016.

What jobs are available?

Navy Gap Year, Army Gap Year (Administration Clerk, Artilleryman, Driver, Rifleman, Unit Quartermaster) and Air Force Gap Year.

What would I do during my Gap Year?

After completing basic recruit training and your specific trade training, you'll be immersed in the Navy, Army or Air Force lifestyle while continuing to learn on the job. You'll learn valuable skills, meet new friends and may even receive recognised qualifications to help progress your future career.

To find out more information about the ADF Gap Year program please visit

defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear

* Navy applicants must be aged between 18-24 years old as of 8 April 2016. Army applicants must be aged between 18-24 years old as of 31 May 2016. Air Force applicants must be aged between 18-24 years old as of 11 April 2016.

sporting news

Kylie Kickbusch
Sports Program Leader

Capricornia Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who were last week selected to represent the Capricornia Region at the State Titles next term:

Yasmin Ramsay	15 Girls Netball
Kiah Guinea	18 Girls Basketball
Ronan McGuire	19 Boys Hockey
Morgan Mathison	19 Girls Hockey
Rhiannon Baxter	19 Girls Hockey

Port Curtis Representatives

The following students have successfully made the Port Curtis teams to compete at the Capricornia Trials on Tuesday 17 March:

Andrew Walker	19 Boys Soccer
Connor Rose	19 Boys Soccer
Jacobbe McBride	19 Boys Soccer
Jake Mackay	19 boys soccer
Sam Wright	19 Boys Soccer
Mitchell Stephenson	19 Boys Soccer
Angus Ure	15 Boys AFL
Fraser Bishop	15 Boys AFL



mecha mecha

On Monday during first break, Lavalla Court was alive with the pulsating drums, rhythmic guitars and ephemeral strains of the violin of the music group, Mecha Mecha. Appearing at Chanel through collaboration between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council, these exciting musicians

performed all lunchtime to demonstrate the magic of music. Spontaneous applause from the students, moving in time to the beat, was evidence of the popularity of this group of inspirational young people. We thank them for taking time to share their unique brand of music with us.



Vision 2035

What will the teenagers of Gladstone Region need or want over the next twenty years? This is a question that has been explored by Chanel College students through a recent community outreach project at our Library. As part of the "Vision 2035" campaign, launched by Gladstone Regional Council, Gladstone Ports Corporation, Rio Tinto Alcan, Australia Pacific Corporation and Conoco Phillips, students were able to write or draw their visions of Gladstone's future on a "Vision Board". These contributions will be displayed at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, along with those produced by other local schools. The best examples will then be selected to make a tour of the local Public Libraries. Thank you for all the wonderful suggestions that were made over the last few weeks.





CLOWN



The Year 9 Drama class are honing their clowning skills in long awaited anticipation of their performance for the Star of the Sea prep students, in Week 10. Many of their learned skills are being demonstrated: make-up, costumes, slapstick and routine structure – these kids are hilarious!



Religion students in Mrs Botica's and Miss Davis' classes practice some Tai Chi warm up exercises as they learn about the ancient Taoist tradition that combines body and spirit.

Notices

IMMUNISATION NEWS

Immunisation for Year 8 Boys and Girls will be Wednesday 18 March. These students are permitted to wear their sports uniform on this day.



CATCH UP Immunisation will also be done on this day.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES HAVE STARTED

Rehearsal Times

Monday: 11.00 am - 11.30 am String Ensemble - Music Room

Monday: 3.30 pm - 4.45 pm Concert Band - Marian Centre

Tuesday: 7.30 am - 8.30 am Choir - Music Room

Wednesday: 7.30 am - 8.30 am Woodwind - Music Room

Friday: 11.00 am - 11.30 am Drumline - Music Room

Any enquiries to Mrs Jo Sheather
Email: JoAnne_Sheather@rok.catholic.edu.au

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please note that School FEES are DUE on 20 March. If you are having any difficulties in paying please contact the finance office.

Finance Officer: Leigh Clarke

Phone: 4973 0711 Email: finance@chanelcollege.qld.edu.au

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 everyday except Thursdays.

Contact Chanel College's:

Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs Robyn Jurd 4973 4739

Career Officer: Ms Cale on 4973 4738

upcoming events

Week 7

Fri 13 March

• Ride2School Day

Week 8

Mon 16 March

• House Assemblies

Wed 18 March

• Year 8 Immunisations

• Chanel Spelling Chalinj

• P&F Meeting 5.30 pm

Week 9

Mon 23 - Fri 27 March

YEARS 7 - 12 EXAM WEEK

Week 10

Wed 1 April

• Cross Country

Thur 2 April

• Easter Celebrations

• TERM 1 CONCLUDES

Term 2 Commences Monday 20 April

