

Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

6 March 2014

Dear Parents, Care-givers, Friends and Supporters of Catholic Education

I am taking the opportunity of your School Newsletter to make a statement in response to the Royal Commission Public Hearings held in Brisbane a couple of weeks ago. The hearings concerned the sexual abuse of children at a Catholic School in Toowoomba in 2007 and I was shocked and distressed as I listened to or read the evidence given at the Royal Commission. My heart went out to the victims of this terrible abuse and to their families. They remain very much in my thoughts and prayers.

As the Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton, I want to assure you that my highest priority is the safety of the children in our schools. To that end, Catholic Education in this Diocese has in place best practice Student Protection Processes that are very clear and very stringent. These Processes mandate that all personnel working in Catholic Education in this Diocese must participate in compulsory, regular student protection training to ensure they fully understand their responsibility to comply with the Student Protection Processes.

I would strongly encourage you to visit our website www.rok.catholic.edu.au where on the *Home Page* you can download a *Student Protection Brochure* and an *Integrity in Relationships Brochure*. Also on the *Home Page*, please click on the right hand tab *Student Protection* where you will be able to access a pdf document entitled *Student Protection Processes* that spells out comprehensively and definitively the Student Protection Processes that Catholic Education here in the Diocese of Rockhampton has in place and operating in our pre-prep/kindergartens, schools and colleges.

I hope by reading this very detailed document *Student Protection Processes* you will agree that Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton takes its stated commitment to student safety very seriously and makes it our highest priority. Furthermore, these Processes are in accord with Queensland State Government child protection legislative requirements and are supported by the Very Rev. Fr John Grace (Diocesan Administrator – Diocese of Rockhampton). In the effective implementation of these best practice Student Protection Processes, we work closely with parents. We are fortunate to have the services of a very dedicated, highly skilled and experienced Diocesan Student Protection Co-Ordinator, Ms Anne Czekanski.

If you have any concerns or would like more information regarding our absolute and uncompromising commitment to the protection of children in our schools, please contact your Principal or Ms Czekanski at the Diocesan Catholic Education Office here in Rockhampton on 49313600.

God bless you and your family and thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Education.

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Good News

Kath Hore Mission & RE Support Officer



1st Week of Lent

Project Compassion, Week 1, brings the story of Maristely.

An advocacy program in São Paulo, Brazil, enables *favela* (city slum) residents to gain legal deeds for their land, as well as securing access to basic services. A youth empowerment program is enabling young people from the *favelas*, like Maristely, to work for justice so that peace, rather than violence, rules the streets where they live. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides young people, like Maristely, with the opportunity to become leaders for justice. www.caritas.org.au

Project Compassion

Project Compassion has begun and thank you for your support to date raising **\$600.00**.

Last year, members of the Chanel College Community raised **\$2753.00** for Project Compassion – *a fantastic effort!!*

In **2014**, we are aiming to raise **\$3000.00**. *Let's work together to reach this total!*

With your ongoing support, we will continue to advocate for people's rights to enable all to "have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

Lenten Program

The Chanel Lenten Group meets each **Wednesday, at 3:35 pm** in the College Chapel to reflect on and pray the Diocesan Lenten Program "*Love one another as I have loved you*". All are welcome to attend.

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 in the past.**

SOS Mass and Youth Group

The first Chanel/SOS Mass for 2014 was held last Sunday at SOS Church. Thank you to all those students who volunteered to be musicians, singers, readers, greeters, etc – they did a fantastic job! Many thanks to Mrs Kane and Mrs Versic for the delicious supper they provided. The Youth Group participants really enjoyed and were grateful of all the food!

Please note that our Term 2 Mass is on **18 May**.

A big thank you to all students who supported our Year 12 Students, and attended a very successful Youth Group gathering after the Mass.

Year 9 Retreat

During the past two weeks, Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend a 2½ day Retreat at Riverside Retreat near Bundaberg and were met with many challenges. They learnt skills for bush survival, were challenged physically with both team and individual obstacle courses, canoed and as a team they problem solved to cross the water using islands and building pyramids. In addition, they also learnt the finer details of community living.

Some of the students' comments of what they enjoyed included: "*Rafting and friendship activities, it was great to see people come together with people they normally wouldn't.*" "*The fact that our activities were of the team building type which helped people to come out of their shells, get to know each other better and strengthen leadership skills and friendships.*" "*Everything that we did, all activities were fun and always kept me on my toes.*"

Buddies Day

Buddies Day, organised by St Vincent de Paul and support by Chanel College, will be having their second outing for 2014 on **Sunday 16 March** meeting at the Marina. 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.

Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform 'shop' 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 12B SOR Class – Thursday 20 March

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

Please Pray for ...

- The people of the Ukraine and their government as they struggle for stability and peace
- Mrs Butterworth and others in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness.
- Justice in our world, that we will make a conscious effort to generously support Project Compassion throughout Lent.
- Our new Bishop, Fr Michael McCarthy, as he leads and guides all in the diocese.

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.
- The many opportunities given to our students to grow and strengthen their spiritual, emotional, physical and mental well being.
- A time to share, as a community, in fellowship and worship at Chanel SOS Mass and Youth Group.

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

An Active School is a Healthy School

Wednesday 19 March 2014 marks the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian students, just like yours, will ride, walk, scoot or skate to school, many for the first time.

National Ride2School Day is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging those who haven't started to give it a go. Students who ride, walk, scoot or skate to school on 19 March will be awarded House Points for their House.

Proudly participating in
National Ride2School Day
19 March 2014

RIDE 2 SCHOOL

Ride. **Walk.**
Scoot. **Skate.**

National Ride2School Day
Wednesday 19 March 2014
ride2school.com.au

RIDE 2 SCHOOL

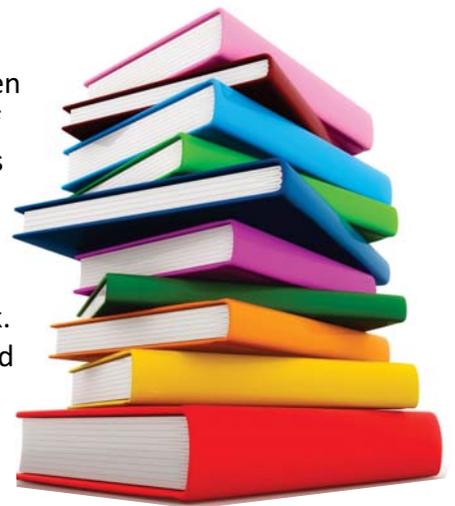
The graphic is a promotional poster for National Ride2School Day. It features a large blue background with white text. On the right, there are four colored squares: a blue square with a bicycle icon and the word 'Ride.', a pink square with a shoe icon and the word 'Walk.', a green square with a scooter icon and the word 'Scoot.', and a dark blue square with a skateboard icon and the word 'Skate.'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'RIDE 2 SCHOOL' and the event details: 'National Ride2School Day Wednesday 19 March 2014 ride2school.com.au'.

BOOKHIRE NEWS

Today students have been given a list of books they have on hire from the Bookhire Room. The heading on this list states **"Unreturned Loans as at 11/03/14"**.

This list has only been distributed so that students can check they have written the correct Barcode and Copy Number in their Organisers. I also suggested if students hadn't already recorded these numbers in their Organiser, students should paste this list into the Organiser on the appropriate page.

When students/parents collected books at the beginning of the year they were given instructions to write their names in the stamped area of each book. Unfortunately, I've had a number of books that have been lost by students and returned to the Bookhire Room and a majority of these books haven't had the students' names recorded. I've checked the computer and found who these books belong to and returned the books to the correct student.



Could parents please ensure their students have written their names in stamped area of their books and also recorded the Barcode (can be found on the back cover eg H99999 and also in red usually on the first page of the book) and Copy Number (found on the base of the book) in the Organiser.

Colleen Lowry
Bookhire Manager

Mercy Health & Aged Care



Deb Wright - Acting Director of Nursing Gladstone Mater Hospital
Sister Marie Duffy - Executive Officer, Mission Integration, Mercy Health and Aged Care, Central Queensland
Mr Peter Comerford - Executive Officer of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital Rockhampton
With some of our Year 9 Students

On Tuesday 11 March, Chanel College in alliance with the Mercy Health and Aged Care, Central Queensland launched a new Career Support Program for the students of Chanel College.

Many of our students seek careers in the Health Industry and the careers available in this industry are many and varied. From Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health [Speech Therapy etc], Hospitality, Tradespeople, Social Workers, etc, all working together to provide quality service to their clients.

To support students seeking a career pathway in this industry, Chanel College is partnering with Mercy Health and Aged Care, Central Queensland to provide a comprehensive support program for students as they pass through their journey at Chanel College. The program commences to all students in Year 9 and then will be

rolled out with different aspects of the program through Year 10 – 12.

The program commenced with Presentations at the College to all our Year 9s from Mr Peter Comerford, Executive Officer of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital Rockhampton and Sister Marie Duffy, Executive Officer, Mission Integration, Mercy Health and Aged Care, Central Queensland.

The next part of the program will be Career Cafes at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital Gladstone. These will be taster visits for the students in all facets of the Health Industry.

- Dates have been set for **22 May, 28 August and 16 October**. Student will be divided into 3 groups and will attend 1 of the visits throughout the year.
- Career Cafe will go from 9.00 am to 11.00 am
- Looking to engage students in interactive/hands on activities where appropriate
- Students will be able to participate in a tour of the hospital

Later in the year we will be taking interested Year 9 students to Rockhampton to explore careers in Aged Care. Plans are then in motion for 2015 to have our Year 10s to be involved in Work Experiences. Then in 2016; 2017 for Structured Work Placements.

We are very excited to be partnering with Mercy Health and Aged Care, Central Queensland and we are very grateful for the time they are dedicating to ensure that this project is a success.



YR 9 RIVERSIDE RETREAT



sporting news

Kylie Kickbusch
Sports Coordinator

Volleyball has taken off this year at Chanel and our teams have been very successful. The Interhouse Competition has been a massive hit with 14 teams across the houses from Years 10 -12 being involved in the round robin event. It was great to see so many other students coming up during their lunch time to watch and support their houses and watch some exciting and close games. Marcellin and Stella Maris are the houses to beat with this week being the finale of the competition. Weeks 8 and 9 will see teams from Years 8 and 9 take the court for their turn at the Interhouse Competition.

Week 6 was also the week for the Interschool Volleyball Competition. The Open girls played at Tannum SHS and the Open boys at Gladstone SHS. Both teams played some exciting volleyball and close matches. They made the semi-finals, unfortunately lost in the first round, but came back to win the play-off for 3rd. Congratulations to the Open Boys and Girls teams on finishing 3rd in the Interschool Volleyball Competition. Thank you to Mr Davis for organising the teams and to Miss Beveridge and Miss Kickbusch for supervising the teams for the afternoon. Wednesday of Week 7 is the Junior Interschool Volleyball Competition and we wish our Year 9 and 10 Girls and Boys & Year 8 teams all the best in their games.

Last week students travelled very early in the morning to Mackay to compete for Port Curtis in the Capricornia trials for Basketball and Soccer. The Hockey students headed up to Rockhampton for their trials. From all accounts our students participated extremely well and put in some very good performances. Congratulations to the below students on being selected for Capricornia teams to compete at the State Trials later in the year:

Mercedes Ash 19 Girls Hockey
Belinda Ferris 19 Girls Hockey (shadow player)
Josh Hughes Open Boys Touch

Capricornia Trials on this week are for Netball, Rugby Union and AFL. Good luck to all Chanel students involved and I look forward to hearing how your trials went.

Interhouse Cross Country

3 weeks till the school interhouse Cross Country event on **Tuesday 1 April**. All students will participate in some manner; either running or assisting teachers with jobs on the day to earn valuable house points for their Houses. Hope to see some records broken and great levels of participation from the school community.

Ryan off to Las Vegas!

Year 8 Student, Ryan Stitt recently won the 18 years and under Central Queensland Secondary School golf title, beating out those with six years more experience on the fairways and greens. Ryan has been accepted into the World Masters of Junior Golf in Las Vegas!

Congratulations Ryan and best of luck from the Chanel Community.



Photo Courtesy of The Observer

Defence Force Recruiting are holding an Information Evening tonight **Thursday 13 March** in Gladstone.

We would appreciate your assistance with sending this information out to senior cohorts and family members.

Date: **Thursday 13 March 2014**

Time: **6.00 pm - @7.30 pm**

Location: **Mercure Gladstone - Corner Bell and O'Connell Street, Barney Point .**

Please RSVP to: **Penny Ross pross@dfr.com.au or by phoning 07 4726 0205**

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 attached to the form and taken to the Office for receipting and then the form is passed onto 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)

7 April to 11 April
14 April to 18 April
30 June to 4 July
7 July to 11 July
22 Sept to 26 Sept
29 Sept to 3 Oct
1 Dec to 5 Dec
8 Dec to 12 Dec

BRISBANE CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT EXPO

It's the best opportunity for Students and School-leavers to choose future career pathways and improve their employment prospects.

23-24 May 2014 Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre. Free Entry

www.ncee.com.au or Ph: 1300 667 121

Gladstone Ports Corporation have placements for the above dates as well. They have a separate form (Yellow) that needs to be completed and returned for the money to the Office.

Gladstone Medical Focus Program – Gladstone Hospital This is full at the moment.

QAL Work Experience We do not have a definite date for this so far. Once we have it, I will notify parents via the newsletter.

Year 10 Work Experience

Dates for this are **11 August to 15 August**. This is a changed date from previous years. Forms will be sent out later in the year for this placement. A letter will be attached with information. If your child is interested in Veterinary Work Experience please go ahead and contact the Vets to gain placements for your child. These spots fill up fast. Do not contact Gladstone Ports Corporation as they are only doing work experience placements on the holidays. Being a friend doesn't help as placements are collated in the work experience area and under the control of a coordinator. QAL, Boyne Smelters and Rio Tinto Yarwun do not take work experience for this placement. Students are able to go outside Gladstone so if you have relatives and close friends in an area where your child has an interest please talk with them to see if your child is able to stay with them while they attend. A list of career pathways offered in Gladstone is outside my office as well.

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

School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships

If your child is interested in one of these can you please let me know. Students are able to undertake these from Year 10 onwards. Some students have turned their after school job into a school based traineeship.

If you are working in the food industry there are traineeships attached to them. Retail Traineeships are a good option.

Positions Vacant

McDonalds are looking for casual staff. Drop in your Resume or hop on their site www.mcdonalds.com.au/careers.

Defence Force Visit

The Defence Forcing will be visiting Chanel College on **Friday 14 March at 12.00 noon**. They will talk to students from Year 10 upwards. Students interested will need to put their name down with Mrs Mellor prior to the talks as names need to be given to teachers for class absences. If students are interested in Army, Navy or Air Force or even interested in ADFA they need to attend. You gain vital knowledge from these talks that prepare you for enlistment and university pathways. I only have a few names down so far so please come and see me as I will need to email teachers for absent students.

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P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I extend an invitation to all parents to the P and F Annual General Meeting which is to be held on **Wednesday 19 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.

Ms Sharon Volp
Principal

Peter Pan Musical

2014 Combined Schools Musical, "Peter Pan" for TWO PUBLIC PERFORMANCES ONLY, on **Friday 28 & Saturday 29 March** at 7.30 pm. Showcasing the talents of 130 students from 19 different schools. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 adults, \$12 students and \$50 family (2 adults & 2 children). You can book online at www.gladec.com.au or phone the Box Office on 4972 2822.

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.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are **PAST DUE**. 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. **NOTE:** When paying through College bank account, please use ParentCode as your reference.

Finance Office
Ph: 4973 4711

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 on **4973 4739** or Career Officer: Mrs Mellor on **4973 4738**

Upcoming Events

Week 8

Mon 17 March

- St Patrick's Day
- Year 7 for 2015 Enrolment Applications Open
- MacKillop House Morning Tea
- House Assemblies
- Interschool AFL

Wed 19 March

- Ride2School
- Interschool Volleyball
- P & F Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 20 March

- MASS TODAY

Fri 21 March

- National Day Against Bullying
- Capricornia Trials - Surfing

Week 9

Mon 24 March

- Year 8 - 12 EXAMS
- Whole School Assembly
- Combined Schools Musical

Tue 25 March

- Year 8 - 12 EXAMS
- Yr 8 & 9 attending Peter Pan
- Combined Schools Musical

Wed 26 March

- Year 8 - 12 EXAMS
- Combined Schools Musical

Thur 27 March

- MASS TODAY
- Year 8 - 12 EXAMS
- Combined Schools Musical

Fri 28 March

- Year 8 - 12 EXAMS
- Combined Schools Musical
- State Honours Ensemble Program (Middle Years)

Sat 29 March

- State Honours Ensemble Program (Middle Years)

Sun 30 March

- State Honours Ensemble Program (Middle Years)
- Marist Basketball Carnival





CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Diocesan Administrator

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW CATHOLIC BISHOP OF ROCKHAMPTON

I am delighted that Bishop Elect, Michael McCarthy, has been appointed as the Bishop of Rockhampton by Pope Francis. I am confident that we will all feel fortunate and blessed and that he will be welcomed by the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese as their next Bishop.

Bishop McCarthy will bring to the role an impressive pastoral background forged from his various parish appointments in the Brisbane Archdiocese. He also served the Church as Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary at Wavell Heights and at Banyo, which trains priests for Queensland and overseas. He presently fills the role of Vicar for Clergy in the Archdiocese and he is also Parish Priest of Hendra. Prior to becoming Vicar for Clergy, Bishop McCarthy was the Director of Continuing Education of Clergy in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Earlier he had been the Missions Director for the Archdiocese where he and I first made acquaintance. We continued that association through work in the Marriage Tribunal of which he was a Judge.

Bishop Michael has an engaging personality a dynamic spirit and appealing zeal. He will be a great asset to the Diocese of Rockhampton and surely build on the wonderful spirit created in the Diocese by Bishop Brian Heenan. I look forward to our working closely together in the times ahead.

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Michael will take place in St Joseph's Cathedral at 11.00am on Thursday 29 May 2014.

Diocesan Administrator

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Very Reverend John F Grace