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

From the Principal

At our Golden Jubilee Parish Mass that was celebrated on Sunday 5 June 2016 the following reflection was read by Darcie Holgate-English

In 1977, two years after Stella Maris College founded by the Sisters of Mercy and Chanel College founded by the Marist Brothers were amalgamated as Gladstone Catholic High School, "To Live Justly" was chosen as the motto for the College. Taken from the writing of the Old Testament Prophet Micah, Chapter 6 Verse 8, this motto has always given a clear direction to our community and has inspired both staff and students to involve themselves in many practical expressions of its very powerful, but challenging, message.

"To Act Justly" emphasises the values of stewardship, justice, integrity and peace. It means that we understand that the life we have is a gift from God, and we must be good stewards of that gift. It also means that we understand that all the resources of this earth must be shared in a fair and equitable way.

Acting justly in everyday life is not easy, even in schools. It is at the foundation of all that we do at Chanel College and underpins our Pastoral Care Procedures, our Behaviour Management Plan and our Academic Curriculum. It is at the heart of all our interactions with one another.

Although we often fail, this is our challenge – we are called to act with justice, to love and serve one another and to walk humbly with our God.

East Timor Immersion Experience

Today Alex Botica, Connor Kenny, Courtney Doherty, Gabrielle Pashley, Hannah Grove, Jaime Holzberger, Kiara Holzberger, Patrick Sisley, Mrs Mills, Mr Carseldine and Mr O'Mara depart for East Timor to participate in an Immersion Experience in a small remote mountain village called Baguia. They will experience the reality of life as it is lived by the majority of people in our world: without running water, with little access to electricity, basic accommodation and facilities, limited choice in food and with little phone contact. They will walk four hours to the Aleita School to meet with children, teachers and parents. This school is made of split bamboo, has a dirt floor with lengths of bamboo for seats and desks – a far cry from the conditions we consider to be essential here at Chanel College.

At Monday's assembly our community commissioned the team and I presented them with a Cross as a constant reminder of Christ's mission to the world and that they take Christ with them as their guide and inspiration.

Thank you to all members of our community for the generous donations of supplies that our pilgrims will be taking to Baguia.

Term 3 Concludes

A very busy Term 3 concludes tomorrow. Thank you to all staff and students for your contributions this term. I would like to wish everyone a happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone when school resumes on **Tuesday 4 October 2016**.

God bless
S. m. Nap
Sharon Volp





Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

East Timor Immersion

Many thanks to everyone, who so generously donated items for the orphanages and preschools in East Timor. Each of the 11 team members, who are going to East Timor, have a large bag of books, puzzles, art and craft supplies, sportswear, toys, clothes and lots of other goodies to deliver as they visit the various places.

The eight students and three staff will be immersing themselves in the lives of the people in the remote mountain village of Baguia, East Timor. They will experience the reality of life as it is lived by the majority of people in our world: without running water, with little access to electricity, basic accommodation and facilities, limited choice in food and with very limited phone access and no internet!

The group will take the four hour mountainous walk to the Aleita School to meet with the children, teachers and parents. Chanel College, led by Marcellin House, have made financial contributions to the cost of building a new school. A big improvement from a school previously made of split bamboo, with dirt floor with lengths of bamboo for seats and desks.

We look forward to seeing photos of the newly improved school and their other adventures. We wish the students, and the accompanying staff, God's speed and a safe trip.

Stamps for Mary MacKillop International (Sisters of St Joseph) in Peru

Please remember to save your used stamps and send them in to the College. Futuna 1 are collecting used stamps to raise funds for The Sisters in Peru who need financial support to enable them to continue their work with disadvantaged and marginalised children. **Thank you to all who have donated so far.**

Second Hand Uniform Outlet

We have in stock many junior uniforms, especially boy's shirts and shorts in bigger sizes, all in good condition. Formal uniforms sell for \$10 per item, sports uniforms - \$5 per item and jackets - \$25 each.

The Second Hand Uniform 'outlet' is open each Wednesday in the RE Resource Room 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 6 October - Ms Ord's Year 9C RE Class

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

ALL WELCOME - Families, friends, fellow students!!!

Please Pray for ...

- A world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love
- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness.
- Students and staff travelling to and experiencing life in East Timor
- A safe and restful holiday for all students and staff and their families

Praise and Thanks for...

- All people, especially past students of Chanel, who are working in our world to ensure that justice and peace prevail
- Students who gave their best, teachers who went beyond the call of duty for their students and parents who supported our college this term
- A term that offered many opportunities for our students to serve and to grow

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

**STUDENT ABSENTEE
HOTLINE 4973 4791**

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Parenting the family underdog

Raising talented kids is relatively easy, but parenting children and young people who struggle can be a significant parenting challenge.

One of the unwritten laws of family life is that talent and ability are unevenly distributed between siblings.

In most families there is one child who seems to have more than his or her fair share of ability. Everything this kid turns their hands to – whether schoolwork, sport or socialising – is done successfully and effortlessly.

If you have such a child then there is a fair bet that another of your children struggles in the same areas. For these children, achieving success takes more effort and concentration than it does for their sibling.

Just as it is easy for parents to marvel at the talented child, it's frustrating and, at times, heart-breaking to watch another child struggle to attain even mediocre levels of success at school, sport or leisure activities.

It's harder still when you know that no matter how hard this child tries they just can't be as successful as their sibling, who continues to get all the glory and accolades from relatives and friends.

As a parent it's important to be realistic about what each child can achieve. Keep your expectations in line with their ability and maturity, and avoid making comparisons between siblings.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child for whom success at school, sport and other common childhood activities just doesn't come naturally.

1 Be your child's cheerleader

Kids who have to work really hard to achieve need someone in their lives who is able to boost their self-confidence, particularly when they are struggling. Make a fuss over small successes so they can puff up their chests every now and then.

2 Focus your comments on contribution, improvement and effort

It's difficult praising kids when the results aren't there but you can always focus your comments on their contribution to the team. Focus on things improvements shown in reading or the effort they are making at art.

3 Remember that persistence pays

Children who persist learn an important life lesson – that is, success in most endeavours takes effort. Those kids who sail through their childhoods without raising a sweat can struggle when eventually they do have to work long and hard to succeed.

4 Help kids identify their strengths

Kids are like niche marketers – they define themselves by their strengths.

"I am a good reader" or "I'm sporty" or "I'm really good at art" are some of the labels kids will use. As they move into adolescence the number of options for success opens up, so help them find one or two areas that they enjoy and can easily achieve success in.

5 Don't put kids on pedestals

It is difficult living in the shadow of a superstar so avoid making a huge fuss over the achievements of a particular child – it makes life difficult for those who follow. Recognise results but balance that by focusing equally on the efforts of the others as well.

Raising kids who find life a breeze is easy. However, parenting the underdog who takes longer to mature or who must put in 110% effort to achieve is challenging for any parent. It requires parents to focus on kids' strengths, be liberal with encouragement and have realistic but positive expectations for success.

Michael Grose



Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my **FREE** weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.



Chanel Eco-Warriors

Tree Mural

A successful initiative in Term 3 for the Chanel Eco-Warriors was our school-wide Tree Mural. Thanks to the artistic talents of Year 8 McAuley student, Hannah Gorton, who created the tree for our mural, our initiative involved each Homeroom writing their environmental pledge, in terms of what they will do to promote environmental awareness at Chanel College. With 30 environmental pledges showcased on our Tree Mural, it was an important and collaborative representation of how we can all do our part in keeping a clean and sustainable environment at Chanel College. The Tree Mural will be on display in the Library for the remainder of Week 10, and for Term 4, 2016. Thank you to all Homerooms for contributing your environmental pledges, and a big thank you to Hannah Gorton for creating this impressive artistic design for our school community.



Miss Clarke, Mrs Logan and the Chanel Eco-Warriors

The Chanel Life Savers do it again!

Did you know 16 year olds can give blood and that 1 blood donation can save 3 lives? A 16 year old can donate blood once per year. A 17 year old can also donate once per year. At 18 years of age it then becomes 4 times per year.

Why should I donate blood?

Safe blood saves lives and improves health. Blood transfusion is needed for:

- women with complications of pregnancy, such as ectopic pregnancies and haemorrhage before, during or after childbirth;
- children with severe anaemia often resulting from malaria or malnutrition;
- people with severe trauma following man-made and natural disasters; and
- many complex medical and surgical procedures and cancer patients.



Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person — the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components — red cells, platelets and plasma — which can be used individually for patients with specific conditions.

Join the Chanel Life Savers once per year and save 3 lives. Easy!



Year 7 Food Technology



Employment Opportunities

Please see Mrs Crane for more information if you are interested in any of the following Employment Opportunities.

Warehouse Operations Traineeship, NRG, Gladstone

Gladstone Area Group Apprentices Limited (GAGAL) is a not for profit Group Training Organisation, offering equal opportunity employment in the above available position.

We are seeking an enthusiastic candidate to commence a 24 month Traineeship – Certificate III in Warehouse Operations to be hosted at NRG Gladstone Operating Services.

Areas of responsibility and competency to be covered in the Traineeship include:

- General housekeeping, Receipting, Stock locating, Stock Maintenance/Replenishment, Forklift operation, Order Picking, Packaging, Checking and Dispatch.

Personal attributes required for success in this position include:

- Ability to work in a team environment, a logical approach to problem solving and a commitment to promoting and maintaining a safe work environment.

The successful applicant will have experience with computers and the Microsoft Office suite of programs, especially Outlook, Word and Excel; together with excellent written and oral communication skills.

A 'C' class manual driver's licence and good driving record will be highly regarded. Some practical, hands-on work experience in this field would be also considered advantageous.

A written application, with cover letter addressing the above criteria, along with a resume including education results and employment history should be sent to: atr@gagal.com.au

Applications close 3.00pm Friday 16 September 2016 Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Rockhampton Regional Council Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Rockhampton Regional Council is now recruiting for Apprentices and Trainees to commence in January 2017.

This exciting opportunity will allow you to gain essential work experience skills and kick start your career. You will gain a qualification whilst also boosting your resume and getting paid at the same time. Council offers competitive salary, benefits, work life balance and a 9 day fortnight. Application is online.

- Apprentice Electrician x 1 position
- Apprentice Mechanic x 2 positions
- Apprentice Arborist x 1 position
- Business Administration Trainee x 8 positions

All applications close 25 September 2016

Australia Post Christmas Casuals, All Locations

The countdown to Christmas has already started at Australia Post and we're once again offering our family and friends the chance to work with us during this busy season. We're looking for friendly and motivated people to work casually in our mail and parcel facilities across Australia between October 2016 and January 2017.

For more details about the positions and everything else you need to know, check our Job Descriptions and Support & FAQ's sections.

To register your interest, select your state under the job you're interested in and click 'Apply now' to begin.

Then simply tell us:

- the job you want to apply for
- your preferred work location
- when you're available to start

If you're shortlisted for a position, we'll get in touch with you about six weeks before your chosen start date with more information.

<http://auspost.com.au/christmas-casuals.html>

SCHOLARSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES

AIEF-BHP BILLITON TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP (2017) APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

AIEF-BHP Billiton Tertiary Scholarships aim to support the next generation of industry leaders from the classroom to careers. The scholarships are awarded to outstanding Indigenous students studying engineering, science and other mining related degrees and provide up to A\$30,000 per annum for accommodation, living and educational expenses.

The scholarships cover:

- The cost of accommodation up to a maximum of A\$22,000 per annum (open to students living in residential (college) and non-residential (private) accommodation).
- An annual stipend of A\$2,000 per annum for textbooks and education expenses.
- A living allowance of A\$6,000 per annum.

AIEF-BHP Billiton Tertiary Scholarship Students also receive unique career development opportunities including:

- One-on-one professional development support from AIEF.
- Career development workshops with BHP Billiton.
- The opportunity to apply for BHP Billiton's Australian Undergraduate and Foundations for Graduates Programs.

UWA Masters of Professional Engineering student Travis says his scholarship "is more than just money. You get mentoring as well, so you've got someone to fall back on when you're starting out at university and really need support and later, when it's good just to know that the support is there. Through the Undergraduate Program, I got to see how everything operates across a mine site and learn a lot of things they don't teach you at university. It was a pretty big step but it all made sense by the end of the program."

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Defence Force Trade Careers Information Session

When: Thursday 15th September

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: Leichhardt Hotel,

Cnr Denham & Bolsover Street, Rockhampton

RSVP: cpttownsville@dfrc.com.au Walk ins welcome

Considering a trades career with the Navy, Army or Air Force? Come along to an Information Session to learn more about the trade jobs available in the Australian Defence Force.

The Navy, Army and Air Force are now recruiting for a wide range of positions such as Electronics Technician in the Navy, Vehicle Mechanic 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 and subsidised accommodation

QAL - Careers Day

On Tuesday, 13 Chanel College students from Year 11 and 12 attended a Careers Day at QAL. The information day was designed to widen their understanding of Career opportunities and Traineeships at QAL in all fields. During the day, students attended information sessions on Career Opportunities, Traineeships, Code of Conduct for students as well as a site tour of the plant. Chanel College would like to thank QAL Personnel for such a wonderful day and giving the students a great overview and opportunity to see and explain what possibilities are available for their future careers.



School Fees

School Fees were due **1 September 2016**. If you are having any difficulties in paying please contact the finance office.

Phone: 4973 4711

Email: finance@chanelcollege.qld.edu.au

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McAuley Feast Day
7th October 2016

upcoming events

Week 10

Fri 16 September

- East Timor Immersion Experience
- Marist Solidarity Coin Trail Challenge

Term 3 Concludes

Term 4

Week 1

Mon 3 October

- QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tues 4 October

TERM 4 COMMENCES

- Whole School Liturgy.

Announcement of 2017 Student Leaders

Wed 5 October

- Year 9 Subject Selection for Year 10 in 2017 Evening

- Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

Week 2

Mon 10 October

- SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Tue 11 October

- Student Representative Council Meeting First Break

Fri 14 October

- Year 10 Social 6.00 pm

Week 3

Mon 17 October

- **STUDENT FREE DAY**

- 2017 Student Leader Retreat

Tues 18 October

- 2017 Student Leader Retreat

Middle Years Student Leaders Announced

Wed 19 October

- P & F Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 20 October

- **Years 7 - 12 Awards Night**
6.30 pm

Sun 23 October

- Star of the Sea MASS 6.00 pm

Week 4

Mon 24 October

- Student Representative Council Final Meeting & BBQ
First Break

Tue 25 October

- Senior Public Speaking Competition

Wed 26 October

- Junior Public Speaking Competition

Farewell to Year 12s in Pastoral Care

Fri 28 October

- Senior Years & Middle Years Assemblies
- Shakespeare After Dark/Art Exhibition

Week 5

Mon 31 October

- Year 12 Retreat

Tue 1 November

- Year 12 Retreat

Wed 2 November & Thur 3 Nov

- Year 12 Retreat

Fri 4 November

- Year 12 Retreat

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