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

## From the Principal

### Year 12 Graduation Day

Tomorrow is a milestone for our Year 12s as we farewell them from our College Community. The day will commence at 9.00 am with a whole school assembly to present and acknowledge our Graduates. Lunch will be served for the Year 12s and their families at 11.30 am in Lavalla Court. Our Graduation Mass will commence at 1.00 pm.

### Co-curricular Awards Assembly

On Monday we recognised and congratulated the Chanel students who have been involved in the various co-curricular aspects of the College. 2014 has been a busy year which has provided our students with many opportunities to shine. Some of these activities have included: Public Speaking, Chess, Goldings Showcase, Woodwind Ensemble, Concert Band, Drumline, Choir and *The Pajama Game*

It was wonderful to enjoy the musical talents of our students as they showcased some of their pieces from throughout the year. The Concert Band played a stirring rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody". The Choir sang a haunting rendition of "Defying Gravity" from "Wicked the Musical", featuring Maia Van Duin and beautifully accompanied by Ms Sue Podger on the piano.

It has been a joy to witness the development of these groups throughout the year. Thank you to all members for your commitment to the ensembles.



God bless

*S.M. Volp*

Sharon Volp

Congratulations to the following students who received special awards:

**Most Valuable Female Choir Member** – Maia Van Duin

**Most Valuable Male Choir Member** – Peter Jarzebak

**Vocal Encouragement Award** – Naomi-Jon Redshaw

**Woodwind Ensemble Most Valuable Musician** – Ashley Fisser

**Concert Band Most Valuable Musician** – Noel de Torres

**Concert Band Most Valuable Brass Player** – Thomas McCarthy

**Concert Band Most Valuable Woodwind Player** – Alexandra Lennon

**Concert Band Most Valuable Percussionist** – Liam McCarthy

**Drumline Most Valuable Musician** – Brittany Mann

**Most Improved Musician** – Lucy Perrett and Khatya Da Silva Martins

**Instrumental Music Encouragement Award** – Lachlan Pacheco

**Most Entertaining Musician** – Thomas McCarthy

**GISMA Music for Life Award** – Khatya Da Silva Martins

**Extraordinary Contribution to Music** – Thomas McCarthy,

Samantha Reynolds, Jacques Fermier, Noel de Torres, Brittany Mann

**Public Speaker of the Year** – Kane Langdon

**Chanel Spelling Challinj Winner** - Connor Rose

I would like to thank Mrs Chapman, Mrs Sheather, Mrs Marsh, Mrs Kenny, Mrs Greenland, Miss Barbagallo, Miss Spollen and Mrs Staunton for all their hours of hard work throughout the year to ensure that students have the opportunity to participate in these activities.

Deacon Andrew Hogan will be Ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Michael McCarthy on **Wednesday 3 December at 7:00 pm** at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton. This will be a joyous and significant event for our Diocese and all are welcome to attend. For those who are unable to attend in person, you can view the ordination via live stream on YouTube. The direct YouTube link for this event can be accessed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiOfKutRnJc> or alternatively you can find the event via the St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton YouTube channel.

Please note some locations throughout the diocese are organising a public viewing of the Ordination in School or Parish communities. Please contact your Catholic school or Parish office for further details.

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**Student Absentee Hotline: 4973 4791**



# Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

## Mission at Chanel

Marcellin and Futuna Houses (until Friday) are accepting any donations of food (tinned/packet) and toys for our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Each PC group have been assigned a family to collect for and any gifts would be gratefully received by the family. Please give generously to support the needy families in our community.

## Celebrating Time at Chanel ...

All are invited to attend the Graduation Mass in the Marian Centre **Friday 21 November** commencing at **1.00 pm** to help celebrate the gift our Year 12 students have been to our College and to wish God's blessing on our students as they enter the next phase of their lives.

## Movers & Shakers

**Movers and Shakers is back in 2015!** This training program has been running since 1990 and is a key strategy in developing young leaders. In 2015, Movers & Shakers will take place from **7-11 April** at the **James Byrne Centre, Toowoomba**. Any current Year 10 or Year 11 students who are interested in attending please see Mrs Hore. The program costs include accommodation and food and Chanel College will contribute towards these costs for each student who attends. **Early bird discounts apply before 13 February 2015.**

## Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform 'shop' is open each Wednesday at first break (during the School Term). Money raised supports the work of various missions both nationally and internationally.

*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

NO MASS next Thursday 27 November

**Graduation Mass is on Friday 21 November at 1.00 pm** in the Marian Centre and you are cordially invited to join the Chanel Community as we celebrate and farewell our Year 12 students.

### *Please Pray for ...*

- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness.
- The people of Syria and Iraq as their political struggles continue.
- Year 12 students as they come to the end of their time at Chanel that they will safely celebrate their transition into life beyond school.
- Women and children who live within the context of violence and abuse, especially domestic abuse.

### *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.
- Parents and friends of our College community as they continue to support our students.
- The many donations given to Marcellin and Futuna's Christmas Appeal for St Vinnies.
- Those who work in any way to eliminate violence.

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

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: As advised in the 5 June Newsletter, the following is applicable for 2015.**

**Years 7 – 9 will be identified as the Middle School. Years 10 – 12 will be identified as the Senior School. Therefore, students in Year 10 next year will be wearing the white shirts for their formal uniform.**

# When things go wrong at school

Submitted by: MICHAEL GROSE



Every parent wants the best for their children, and that includes having great experiences at school.

Despite best teaching practice things do go wrong at school. Most kids experience learning difficulties from time to time. Conflict and peer rejection are a normal part of school-life. The developmental nature of childhood means that there will always be some turbulence, particularly around key transition ages, such as the start of adolescence.

During these times young people frequently experience a dip in their learning as well as significant relationship difficulties. Kids will often come home from school with grievances, and call on their parents for assistance.

Your approach as a parent when your child has difficulty at school makes a huge difference to their resilience, and their future relationships with teachers and peers.

Here's a six point checklist to help you stay focused and be effective if your child experiences difficulty at school.

1. **Stay calm and rational**

It's natural as a parent to protect, or defend your children, particularly when you think that they've come in for some unfair or poor treatment. But acting when you are full of emotion is not always smart. Rather than getting on the phone straight away to organise a meeting at school, take your time to think through how you might assist your child.

2. **Get the all facts**

Once you've calmed down, then get the facts about the situation. Kids are faulty observers and often only see one side of a story when there's a problem with a teacher or a fellow student. They sometimes can't see that perhaps they may have contributed inadvertently to a dispute at school, or perhaps said something that may have upset a teacher. It's the job of parents to help kids process what happens in an incident, so that all the facts emerge and understand their place in any problem. Ask good questions to help the full story emerge.

3. **Assess whether to go to school or not**

Kids, like adults, like to vent and will benefit from having told their side of a story to trusted source. Often problems can be dealt with at home, simply by talking through an issue, and giving kids some common sense tips to help them cope. If your child has a recurring problem that he can't solve himself, or you think adult intervention maybe needed to sort out a relationship issue with a teacher or peer, then consider meeting with your child's teacher or House Coordinator.

4. **Go through the right channels**

Approach the school calmly, going through the school office to make an appointment. If you have already established a relationship with the teacher concerned, then it's often easier to approach them directly.

5. **Look for solutions rather than blame**

Parent-teacher meetings usually get nowhere when either party blames the other. State the problem as you see it and view your child's teacher as an ally, not a foe. "I'm really worried about Jeremy. He's been acting strangely lately and I need some help" is the type of approach that will elicit a helpful response. Talk about your concerns and keep the discussion focused firmly on what's best for your child. Listen to your teacher's viewpoint, valuing a different perspective.

6. **Stay in touch**

Be realistic with your expectations, remembering that some problems can't be solved to your satisfaction, nor will they be resolved straight away. Be prepared to work alongside your child's teacher over the long-term, which means you need to keep communicating with each other.

Parenting is easy when things are going well, but testing when your children struggle or experience difficulty. Stepping back and taking a long-term, reflective view is often the best approach when your child experiences difficulty at school



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.



# 2014 CO-CURRICULAR CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

# Awards



Extraordinary Music Contributions  
2010 - 2014



Music Awards



2014 Music for Life  
Khatya Da Silva Martins



Chanel College Woodwind Ensemble  
Leadership Award 2014  
Ashley Fisser



Chanel College Musical Production  
The Orchestra



Chanel College Musical Production  
Participation



Chanel College Drumline Commendations



Chanel College Concert Band Commendations



Chanel College Instrumental Music  
Encouragement Award 2014  
Lachlan Pacheco



Chanel College Concert Band  
Leadership Award 2014  
Slobhan Samuelson & Noel De Torres



Chanel College Junior Public Speaking



Chanel College Senior Public Speaking



Chanel College Representatives  
Gladstone Independent Schools Music Association



Woodwind Ensemble



2014 Public Speaker of the Year  
Kane Langdon



Chanel College Drumline  
Most Valuable Musician 2014  
Brittany Mann



2014 Public Speaking Chairpersons



Chanel College Representatives  
Golding Showcase Gladstone Regional Museum & Art Gallery



Chanel College Choir Commendations



Most Valuable Choir Members  
Choir Vocal Encouragement Award



Interschool Chess Participants



Interschool Chess Finalists



## BOOKHIRE NEWS — NOTICE TO ALL YEAR 8 TO 11 PARENTS

On **Monday 17 November** all Year 8 to 11 students were given a list of all books they have on loan from the Bookhire Room. Attached to this list are instructions regarding what is expected of students this week and during exam week. The following points are outlined in the instruction sheet that is attached to each student's list.

### YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS ONLY PLEASE NOTE:

- ∅ When students receive their form they are requested to check their book numbers are correct and if there are any problems students are to see me immediately.
- ∅ Any books not required for studying should be returned from **Monday 17 November**. This will help with some of the last minute rush to return books. It certainly would assist Bookhire staff at this extremely busy time of the year.

### During Exam week:

- ∅ It is the responsibility of the individual student to make sure he/she returns their Text and Class Set Books to the Bookhire Room after each exam is finished.
- ∅ ALL outstanding/damaged books must be returned or paid for by **FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER**. The cost of each book can be found on the list which is given to students.

### YEAR 8 & 9 STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- ∅ When students receive their form they are requested to check their book numbers are correct and if there are any problems students are to see me immediately.
- ∅ Year 8 & 9 students are required to return the Text and Class set Books during the last week of school. These books need to be returned by **FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER** and outstanding/damaged books must be paid for by this date. The cost of books can be found on the list which is given to students.

PLEASE NOTE: **It is not good enough to simply return a book.** It is important that students return the correct numbered book which was issued to the student originally. If a student returns another student's book, the book will be marked off against the correct student's name.

Letters requesting payment for outstanding/damaged books will be forwarded to parents with the Academic Reports.

It would be appreciated if parents could encourage students to be diligent with this task at a very busy time of the year so that we can all have a happy ending to the students' final days for 2014.

Colleen Lowry (Bookhire Manager)

## Upcoming Events

### Week 8

#### Mon 24 November

- Year 8 - 11 EXAMS

#### Tue 25 November

- Year 8 - 11 EXAMS

#### Wed 26 November

- Year 8 - 11 EXAMS

#### Thur 27 November

- Year 8 - 11 EXAMS

#### Fri 28 November

- Year 8 - 11 EXAMS
- Term 4 Concludes for Years 10 & 11

### Week 9

#### Mon 1 December

- Year 8 & 9 House Challenge
- Thanksgiving Mass 9.00 am

#### Tue 2 December

- Year 8 for 2015 New Students Day

#### Wed 3 December

- Year 7 for 2015 New Students Day

#### Thur 4 December

- Year 8 & 9 Picnic Day

#### Fri 5 December

- Term 4 Concludes for Year 8 & 9 at 12.00 noon

*Happy Holidays*

## IT SERVICES

We wish to notify all members of the Chanel Community that as of the 28 November no further repairs will be received by IT Services due to upcoming holidays. Should a Chromebook or Laptop require repair, IT Services ask that you contact us at the beginning of the school year in 2015. IT Services will endeavour to return repairs from our repair agents before the 5 December and we ask that students acknowledge notices with their names for repair returns to assist in a speedy return of repairs.

Anthony Winter - IT Services

*Goodbye!* YEAR 12  
& GOD BLESS