



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

On Friday we had a lovely day of celebration as we farewelled the Class of 2014. There were a number of special awards that were presented during the day.

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students:

Sisters of Mercy Leadership Award - Kelsey Smith and Kane Langdon.

Bishop's Award – Kane Langdon

Student Proficiency Award – Kane Langdon

Certificates of Appreciation were also provided to the students who have assisted in the Tuckshop throughout the year. Thank you to the following students:

Aiden Parker

Toby Guinea

Zed Scott-Johnson

Jaiden Ward

Milton Redshaw

Mitchell Stephenson

Gabrielle Ward

Diyar Lami

Erica Turner-Brown

Kane Langdon

Night Rider Program is an initiative that aims to eliminate social isolation in our community. The following students have made a commitment to visit residents of the Auckland Place facility to keep them company.

Diyar Lami

Kane Langdon

Brittany Mann

Buddies Day Program

Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to the volunteers who assist with the Buddies Day Program. These were presented by Mrs Kath Hore, on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Ben Dansie

Jacques Fermier

Diyar Lami

Kane Langdon

Thomas McCarthy

Brittany Mann

Dandy Menalabag

Emily Parker

Nicola Richards

Kelsey Smith

School Sleepover Initiative allows students to connect on a personal level with the issue of homelessness raising awareness or funds to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's work. Through 'sleeping rough' for one night, the School Sleepover Initiative hopes to give students a tangible experience of what it would be like to be homeless. Participants were, **Jacques Fermier, Matthew Hamilton, Kane Langdon, Thomas McCarthy, Brittany Mann & Kelsey Smith.**

Thanksgiving Mass

I would warmly like to invite everyone to our Thanksgiving Mass which will be held on **Monday 1 December at 9.00 am** in the Marian Centre.

God bless

S.M. Volp

Sharon Volp

House Person of the Year

The House Person of the Year is an award that was established in 2010 to recognise a student from each House who reflects what it means to be an exemplary Chanel College student and a member of their respective House. The recipients of this award are honoured with their names engraved on the Honour Boards in the Marian Centre.

Champion House

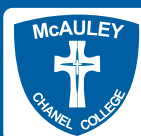
The Champion House competition aims to promote student enthusiasm for School and House activities and engender both spirit and pride. Students were awarded points for a number of activities, including:

Pastoral (wearing of House shirts on Mondays, perfect attendance at school, cleanliness of Pastoral Care Rooms)

Spiritual (Buddies Days, participation in the many justice activities that are promoted, attendance at SOS Masses),

Cultural (Spelling Competition, member of the Band, Choir or Drumline, public speaking, Chess competition)

Sporting (representing Chanel, Port Curtis, Capricornia or Qld in one or more of the many sporting competitions).



Champion House for 2014 MCAULEY

STELLA MARIS

The nominees are:

- SM1 Laura Kane
- SM2 Tristan Schneider
- SM3 Gabrielle Pashley
- SM4 Kiara Holzberger
- SM5 Chas Van Leeuwen
- SM6 James Hilder

WINNER: GABRIELLE PASHLEY

MCAULEY

The Nominees are:

- MC1 Alex Dickinson
- MC2 Zed Scott-Johnson
- MC3 Fraser Bishop
- MC4 Toby Guinea
- MC5 Tameeka Whitmore
- MC6 Alec Richards

WINNER: TAMEEKA WHITMORE

FUTUNA

The Nominees are:

- F1 Sophie Ovenden
- F2 Anjana Ehret
- F3 Carly Daly
- F4 Sidney Blake
- F5 Ashleigh McGregor
- F6 Sarah Coleman

WINNER: SOPHIE OVENDEN

MARCELLIN

The Nominees are:

- M1 Adam Keetch
- M2 Rebecca Lyden
- M3 Annaliese McGuire
- M4 Eden Johnson
- M5 Morgan Mathison
- M6 Sophie Nevison

WINNER: REBECCA LYDEN

MACKILLOP

The Nominees are:

- MK1 Brock Ramsay
- MK2 Madeline Dooley
- MK3 Keeley Creighton
- MK4 Demi-Anne Lisle
- MK5 Bianca Aird
- MK6 Courtney Ambrose-Robinson

WINNER: KEELEY CREIGHTON

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Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

Thanksgiving Mass

Our Thanksgiving Mass will be on **Monday 1 December** commencing at 9.00 am in the Marian Centre. Parents and relatives are invited to join the Chanel Community as we give thanks for the year that has been.

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. 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.

New Students' Day & Second Hand Uniforms

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 8 and 9 students, will welcome our 2015 Year 7 and Year 8 students to Chanel.

On this day, Second-hand uniforms will be available for purchase from 10.00 to 11.30 am in the RE Resource Room (near the Library). Money raised supports the work of various missions both nationally and internationally.

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

Thursday Mass

Mass will not be celebrated in the Chapel on Thursdays until next year.

We are very fortunate to be able to have Mass celebrated each week in our College Chapel. Thank you to Fr Kevin and Fr Aliko for their commitment to these Masses and their willingness to visit the classes as part of their preparation.

Please Pray for ...

- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness.
- Civilians in Syria and other Middle Eastern countries as the political unrest continues to cause pain and suffering.
- All students as they continue to engage with their final assessments and exams for 2014.
- Year 6 and Year 7 Students as they visit Chanel next week in preparation for Years 7 and 8.

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.
- Our beautiful environment and the people who care for it.
- The many donations and time, money and goods given to our justice activities throughout the year.

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.

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

Oh, so serious!

When Malcolm Dix found himself taking life too quickly and too seriously, he decided to take a dose of his own medicine.



Everywhere I go I hear from parents that they are too busy, too stressed, and have too much to do and not enough time. Many social observers say parents seeing themselves as 'time poor' is at epidemic levels, a belief that is only compounded by technology that enables us to be connected 24/7.

At one point I personally had to take some time to stop and honestly reflect upon my own life and that of my family. It didn't take long for me to see that I too had become caught up in the 'busyness' of life.

I knew that for the sake of my kids and my family, I had to make a change but it requires a day-in day-out conscious level of commitment – a commitment to practise joy, fun, patience, forgiveness, silliness, bad dancing and reflection.

Currently I'm doing seven things to calm my life down and that of my family while trying to create more space for my children to simply enjoy their childhood. (Some of the following I'm sure you already do but it's taken me a while to figure them out).

My strategies to slow down and not be so busy are as follows:

1 Eat together as a family at the table at least four nights a week

There has been more and more written about the importance of families eating together and the positive effect it has on children and adults alike. I have to say I'm enjoying it.

2 Avoid watching the nightly news

I've stopped watching the news and to my surprise the sky never collapsed as I had feared. I'm a much happier man not watching the oh-so-depressing' news.

3 Turn off the TV and sit around an open fire

I've constructed a simple fire pit in our inner-city backyard and every second weekend my partner, the kids and I toast marshmallows, listen to funny songs, talk and look up at the stars. Who needs to go camping to enjoy the outdoors! My eldest boy (13 years old) is also learning to set a fire and his younger brothers are learning a lot about flames, hot coals and what happens to marshmallows when they are left in the fire for too long. Meanwhile my 16-year-old daughter will stare at the flames for an hour thinking about who knows what ... but for me this is better than seeing her staring at social media or watching mindless television.

4 Dance together

I've made the conscious decision to start dancing in the kitchen with my kids at least three times a week. I can't dance to save myself, however I have three boys and if they are ever going to learn to dance and be comfortable with moving their bodies, I suddenly realized I have to lead the way. This parenting caper sure can be humiliating at times, but we wouldn't have it any other way.

5 Exercise together

I exercise with my kids at least four times a week, usually at the local park kicking the footy, throwing a frisbee, running with our dog and so on. I have realised that the best way to get them all moving is by moving myself too.

6 Explore nature together

I've started spending more time in nature with my kids by taking them to the river, the hills, lakes, nature parks. I keep it local, with the occasional longer drive on weekends. I contacted my local council and found so many fun things to do as a family in my local area that I never knew existed ... who would have thunk it!

7 Limit your own social networking

I have severely reduced my time spent on social media such as Facebook, Twitter etc. My personality type could disappear into social media and never come back so I knew I had to significantly change my ways and, once again, it's all about positive role modelling for my kids.

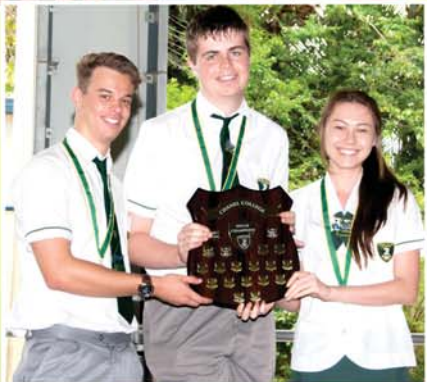
So there you have it, my strategies for simplifying and calming my family life. As a result I'm happier, less stressed and far more 'present' for everyone which, in turn, is having a positive effect on my kids.

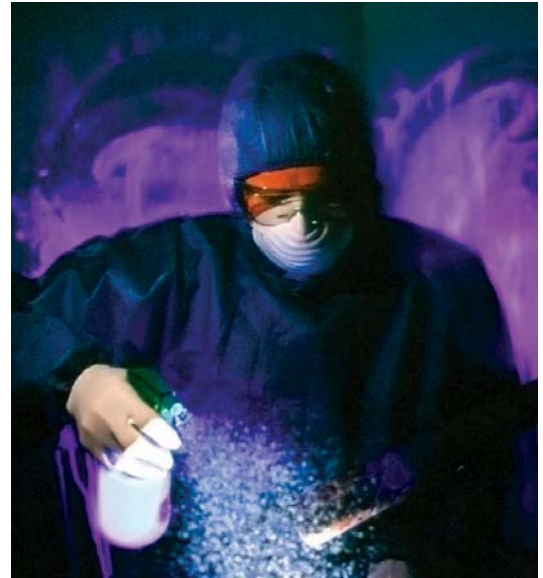
Malcolm Dix



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. You'll be so glad you did.







ROCKHAMPTON

QUEENSLAND POLICE EXPO

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12

9AM – 9PM **FREE ENTRY**



ROBERT SCHWARTEN PAVILION

Exhibition Road, Wandal, Rockhampton

For further information regarding this Expo, please contact the Rockhampton Crime Prevention Unit on 4932 3692 or CrimePrevention.RKH@police.qld.gov.au.

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From the Mathematics Department

As the end of the year is fast approaching, please allow me to wish all parents a restful break from the business of supporting your students with their Mathematics. Thank you for your communications over the year. It has been a pleasure sharing your students' education.

One of the greatest discussion points has been the changing face of Mathematics learning that is evident in the Mathematics classroom of 2014, and of course into the future. A very rewarding aspect of being a Mathematics teacher in 2014 is the development of teaching strategies that move away from the very routine delivery that has been the methodology in the past. The Australian Curriculum not only allows for a variety of learning and teaching strategies, but mandates it. We read of activities that support students to be successful learners embracing literacy, numeracy, information and communication technology (ICT) capability, and critical and creative thinking. There are also the capabilities that develop ways of being, behaving and learning to live with others, personal and social capability, ethical understanding and intercultural understanding. How far removed is this from how Mathematics was traditionally delivered, often referred to as "Chalk and Talk"? The Australian Curriculum drives the College work programs which in turn direct the activities of the classroom. So it is not uncommon in the classroom to find students using technology and other resources to research, to investigate, to problem solve, to develop hypotheses and then later to prove or disprove these hypotheses.

I look forward to 2015 and the opportunity to teach the returning students and the new Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Linda Rippingale

Mathematics Learning Area Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS FOR WEEK 9

Closed Monday 1 December

Open Tuesday 2 December

8.00 am - 12.00 Noon and 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Open Wednesday 3 December

8.00 am - 12.00 Noon and 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

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 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

2015 - Term 1

Tue 27 January

TERM 1 COMMENCES
for Years 7, 8, 11 & 12

Wed 28 January

TERM 1 COMMENCES
for Years 9 & 10

- Whole School Assembly 8.50 am
- Year 7 & 8 BYODD 6.30 pm

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

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees were due 17 November 2014. Please use your numeric code for reference when paying. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your account, please contact the Finance Office to make arrangements.
Finance Office Manager Ph: 4973 4714

