



CHANEL COLLEGE

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

From the Principal

It is with some sadness that I write this final newsletter article. The last few weeks have been quite emotional for me as I have been preparing to leave Chanel to take up my role as Principal at Mt St Michael's in Brisbane. I would like to thank everyone for the lovely notes, emails, letters, flowers, gifts and kind words that members of the community have shared with me. I have been especially moved by the Farewell Mass that was held at school a couple of weeks ago and the Parish Farewell Mass that was held here on Sunday. Thank you to Ms Dyer for her very thoughtful reflections on my time here at Chanel. Over the last nine years the Chanel Community has become my "family" here in Gladstone and I have felt truly privileged to be a part of your lives. Thank you to each and every one of you.

One of my favourite hymns is "Here I am Lord" and the word of the chorus are

**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I will certainly always hold the people of the Chanel College community in my heart.

May God preserve and bless you and grant you all the graces and precious gifts reserved for this Holy Season

Catherine McAuley December 1837

If we were to put into "ordinary terms" the meaning of Christmas, perhaps it might look something like this:

"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts.

It's not wrapping presents, it's being present and wrapping your arms around the ones you love.

It's not getting Christmas cards out on time, it's sending any card, anytime, at the right time.

It's not having the best Christmas light display, it's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart.

It's not Santa coming down the chimney, it's Jesus coming down from heaven and giving us the gift of Himself." Author unknown.



Stage 2 of Chanel College Masterplan

I am pleased to announce that the building of Stage 2 of our Masterplan will commence on Monday 5 December. This stage involves the refurbishment of the old administration building and staff rooms into a Student Services Area. These services will include the Uniform Shop, Print Room, Counsellor's Office, Careers Officer Office, Inclusive Curriculum Facilities and new offices for the Pastoral Leaders. The old Manual Arts area and Drama Room will be refurbished into our New Arts Precinct. It is anticipated construction will be completed by the end of May 2017.

School resumes on **Monday 23 January 2017**. Look for our mail out newsletter in mid January which will provide further details regarding the commencement of 2016. This newsletter will also contain the 2017 College Calendar to assist in planning your year.

God bless
S. M. Nap
Sharon Volp





Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

Second Hand Uniforms

Over the holidays if you are sorting uniforms please consider saving and donating any items that are no longer required by your child/children. The Second Hand Uniform Outlet will operate again next year and 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.

Celebrating life at Chanel

Our Thanksgiving Mass was held last Tuesday morning. Year 7, 8 and 9 students, parents and staff, came together to celebrate and give thanks for the many achievements and contributions of our students. Focusing on our theme for this year 'Rejoice and be Glad' the Mass was a time to pause and reflect on what we have achieved over the past 50 years and to give thanks to our Saviour for all the blessings we have received. At the end of the Mass Futuna and Marcellin students made a presentation of hampers to St Vincent De Paul and this reminded us of others in our community who have so little and the true spirit of Christmas. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our many appeals throughout the year.

Service to the Community – St Vinnies Buddies Day

Last Sunday three 'big buddies' joined with seven 'little buddies' for a fun day climbing the rock walls at Tannum Fitness Centre. For a special end of the year outing we all enjoyed a tasty lunch thanks to KFC. This is a wonderful outreach for our students and very rewarding for all involved. Many thanks to the big buddies, who cared for the little buddies keeping them engaged, safe and happy.



Thursday Mass

Thursday Lunchtime Mass will resume in 2017



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
- Those members of our community who are leaving, that they go from Chanel continuing to live justly.
- A happy and joyful holiday for all students and staff and a safe return for the 2017 school year.
- Peace in the hearts of all people this Christmas

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
- All the opportunities we have had in 2016 to work, laugh, learn and play at Chanel.
- Our big buddies who give their time to the St Vincent de Paul Buddies Program
- Jesus, the reason for the season.
- The gift of each other.

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

FAREWELL



Departing Staff

Sadly as we end our year I would like to thank those staff who have been confirmed as not returning to Chanel next year.

Mr Aaron Earnshaw joined the grounds staff in March this year. He has worked hard to ensure that our beautiful Chanel environment is maintained. We wish him and his family best wishes as they relocate to Bundaberg.

Mr Andrew McCaskill commenced with us at the beginning of this year. In his role as E-Learning Curriculum Leader he has been committed to developing the technological skills of both students and staff. Mr McCaskill's other passion is volleyball and he has been very actively involved in coaching Chanel teams for the town competition and the volleyball tour to Brisbane. We wish him well as he and his family relocate to Melbourne.

Miss Bridget Clarke commenced at Chanel in 2015 been with us in the teaching areas of Religious Education, Humanities and English. Her gentle nature and genuine concern for our students has been very much appreciated. Miss Clarke has been enthusiastic about the promotion of our Eco-Warriors and consequently making the Chanel environment a greener place. We wish her all the best as she relocates to Brisbane next year.

Miss Megan Davis commenced at Chanel in 2015. She has been an enthusiastic art teacher who has encouraged students to always give their best. She is gifted in the areas of Media Arts and has clearly shared this passion with her students. She has been actively involved in the College's extra-curricular program including this year's College Musical as a Production Assistant. We wish Miss Davis all the best as she takes up a position in Brisbane next year.

Mrs Sonya Logan commenced at Chanel in June 2013 as a teacher of Religious Education, Humanities and English. She established the Environment Committee which is now known as the Eco-Warriors. Most recently she has fulfilled the position of Acting Marcellin Pastoral Leader. In this role she has successfully organised events such as the Year 10 Social and the House Challenge. We will miss her Irish accent around Chanel! We wish her God's blessings as she commences a new position in Brisbane.

Mrs Jo Sheather commenced at Chanel in 2012. As our first official appointment to the position of MacKillop Pastoral Leader, Mrs Sheather has worked with the students to develop the MacKillop House Spirit and has watched with pride as her House has grown. As our music teacher, she has given countless hours to the development of the music program – conducting choirs, mentoring bands and ensembles. She has been involved in numerous music tours to Brisbane and has supported our students as they have participated in Eisteddfods. She has also been the Musical Director in a number of Chanel College and Combined Schools' Productions. We wish Mrs Sheather safe travels as she and her family relocate to Mackay.

Mr Josh Carseldine has been a teacher of science and maths and first joined Chanel in 2008. At the conclusion of 2012 he left Chanel to gain some industry experience and he had a welcome return this year. Mr Carseldine's contributions to our community have been extensive during his association with the College being involved in the sporting program (coaching volleyball), the music program (playing in the College band, participating in musicals and attending music tours) and this year participated in the East Timor Immersion Experience. We wish him all the best as he takes up a teaching position in Brisbane.

We sincerely thank these staff members for sharing their gifts and talents with our community and their dedicated service to the College. We wish them every blessing for their future endeavours.

career news Leanne Crane
Careers Pathways Officer

Year 9 Career Day

Santos
GLNG



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Gladstone Ports Corporation
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Rio Tinto



Gladstone Radiology

On Monday Chanel's Year 9 students were involved in a Careers Day which started with a Harbour Cruise around the Gladstone Harbour past all the LNG projects. Santos who sponsored the harbour cruise gave the students a very informative presentation on how the 3 projects actually work on Curtis Island.

Students also toured the campus at CQ University Gladstone. Guest speakers from Bechtel, Gladstone Regional Council, Gladstone Radiology, CQ University, Gladstone Ports Corporation, Rio Tinto and EQIP each gave the students a presentation on different career paths and an understanding of careers in the Gladstone area, preparing them for their transition into senior schooling.

Chanel College would like to take this opportunity to say a **Big Thank You** to all the companies that made the day possible and gave up their time to explain to the Year 9 students their career opportunities.

Santos, CQ University, Bechtel, Gladstone Ports Corporation, Gladstone Radiology, Gladstone Regional Council, Rio Tinto and EQIP.





Justin is "Shaw" to gain from his Traineeship

Congratulations to Justin Shaw on his Part-time, School Based Cert II Traineeship in Heavy Automotive Workshop with J.J Richards Gladstone. Well done Justin your hard work has paid off.



**Attention Careers Advisers,
IT Teachers & all Year 9-12 students
interested in Technology**

Big Day In™ at



THE UNIVERSITY
OF QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA

Save the Date!! Thursday 8 June 2017



Sports News

Kylie Kickbusch
Sports Program Leader



Sporting Overview of 2016

Over the course of this year we have had **81** students represent Port Curtis in various Sports, along with **24** students who represented Capricornia, **4** students who represented QLD and **1** student who has National honours in their respective Sports. That is a credit to the extraordinary amount of sporting talent and dedication among the student body.

2016 also saw history being made in the Interhouse Carnivals – for the first time one House made a clean sweep of all three Interhouse carnivals. Congratulations to Futuna House on being Champion house in the Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals.

Our sporting season started in Week 3 of the year with the Inter-house Swimming carnival. It was a perfect day full of competition, fun, friendly house and competitor rivalry and outstanding swimming talent. Records were smashed in the 50m races with Joel Rickard setting new 12 Years boy's records in all 4 races and for the second year in a row, Lachlan Pacheco broke the butterfly record for his age group. The highlight of the carnival were the participation races. Students swam the length of the pool with their friends, some with the aid of floaties, pool noodles or swimming rings all in the name of fun and getting into the pool to cool off. The 2016 seniors were a class above and did the participation races as a cohort, giving loud and proud renditions of the College war cry, cementing their strong leadership and sense of fun for the entire College to see. Congratulations to Futuna House on being crowned Champion House and to Stella Maris House for taking out the House Spirit award.

The Inter-House cross country carnival this year was blessed with fine, sunny weather and perfect conditions for a fast race. The runners were ready for a big race and our student numbers were outstanding. All competitors ran, jogged or walked the 4 km course around Lions Park – again displaying fantastic team, house and College spirit. Futuna House made it two carnivals in a row, winning the Cross Country and Marcellin House winning the Spirit Award. Five race records were broken and one overall course record broken at this year's event – making it the fastest cross country for some time. Nick Crane (12 Years Boys), Lachlan Blake (14 Boys), Tallis Stanhope (15 Boys), Tom Smith (Open Boys) and Rhiannon Baxter (Open Girls) all set records. Congratulations to all these runners – you have set the bar for the runners in the years to come.

The Inter house athletics carnival is the last of the big three Interhouse competitions. It marks the final chance for students to represent their House in the College Sporting arena and is a fun and exciting way to end Term 2. The highlights are the 100 m, high jump, 4 x 100 m relays and Chanel Gift races. These were very closely contested and some outstanding times were recorded. Congratulations to Braiden Harrison (16 Year Boys) for taking out the Chanel gift for the 4th straight year. Numerous records were set in the throwing and jumping events which again highlights the outstanding sporting talent we are lucky to have at Chanel. Congratulations to Futuna House on being crowned Athletics House Champions and doing what no House group has done before them, claim all three Interhouse carnivals in one calendar year – a great team effort by all students from Futuna. MacKillop House took home the Spirit Award for their costumes, participation, student helpers and cheering over the carnival. At the Port Curtis Athletics trials, Chanel College had over 50 students representing the College. We came 2nd in the overall Champion school and had 4 boys named age champions – Jess Sharpe (13 Boys), Joseph Vale (16 Boys), Trey Keyworth (17 Boys) and Jaiden Eddy (19 Boys).

At the Port Curtis Trials three boys were crowned age champions **Tallis Stanhope (15 Boys)**, **Lachlan Blake (14 Boys)** and **David Shaw (18 Boys)**. Chanel College took out the 'Overall Points Trophy' and 'Percentage Points Trophy', a long standing tradition at the College demonstrating our students' willingness to represent their school and be involved.

Sporting Overview of 2016

Once again, Chanel teams have represented the College in all Interschool sports in 2016, with teams in the Town Volleyball and Netball competitions, the Marist Basketball Carnival, QISSN netball, Confraternity Rugby League, Senior Schools Cup Volleyball and All Schools Touch Football competitions.

Outside of the school sporting arena Sarah Chivers Year 12 recently competed in the World Moto Championships in Europe in August and September. Not only is Sarah a champion in Australia, she finished an astonishing 35th in the World, meaning she is the 35th best rider not just for her age but in the World. This is a phenomenal achievement and we congratulate you Sarah on this absolutely amazing achievement.

Congratulations to our top athletes who were awarded major awards at the College Sports Award Presentation:

- 2016 Pierre De Coubertin award recipient - **Rhiannon Baxter**
- Middle Years Athlete of the Year - **Sophie Duff**
- Middle Years Sportsman of the Year - **Nick Crane**
- Middle Years Sportswoman of the Year for - **Sophie Duff**
- Senior Athlete of the Year - **Sciara McKenzie**
- Senior Sportswoman of the Year - **Sidney Blake**
- Senior Sportsman of the Year - **Ronan McGuire**
- Year 12 Champion of Champions - **Rhiannon Baxter**

We are very lucky here at Chanel to have so many sporting opportunities – though none of these would be possible without the tireless work of the HPE teachers and staff who take on the role of team coaches/managers/convenors or coordinators. Thank you very much to all staff for giving up your valuable time to allow our students these opportunities and for your guidance and expertise in coaching the team. Thank You from all at the College.



CQ Capras 2017 Expressions of Interest Academy Representative Positions Players

The CQ Capras are seeking expressions of interest for playing positions in the 2017 Representative Academy Program for Under13s to Under 16s. These Academy Programs will be run in conjunction with the Gold Coast Titans and form an important part of our pathway through to the CQ Capras ISC team and the Gold Coast Titans NRL team.

Please forward all applications to academy@capras.com.au. **By Friday 6 January 2017**

The Academy Programs will commence in early 2017. Training / Game dates will be confirmed to the successful applicants.

www.capras.com.au

Ph: 07 4922 5388 Email: admin@capras.com.au

BOOKHIRE NEWS

YEAR 7, 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 Mrs McAlister immediately.
- Year 7, 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 **THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER** and outstanding/damaged books must be paid for by **FRIDAY 2**. 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.

If students have books in their possession that are not listed on the list given to them please return them as it may belong to another student.

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 2016.

Beth McAlister (Bookhire)

upcoming events

Term 4

Week 9

Thur 1 December

• Year 7-9 Picnic

Fri 2 December

**TERM 4 CONCLUDES FOR
YEARS 7 - 9 at 12.00 Noon**

*Merry
Christmas*

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1

Monday 23 January: TERM 1 COMMENCES

(Year 7, 12 & New Students at 8.30 am) & (Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 at 10.30 am)

Friday 31 March: TERM 1 CONCLUDES

Easter Dates 2017

Friday 14 April (Good Friday)

Sunday 16 April (Easter Sunday)

Monday 17 April (Easter Monday)

Term 2

Tuesday 18 April: TERM 2 COMMENCES

Friday 23 June: TERM 2 CONCLUDES

Term 3

Monday 10 July: TERM 3 COMMENCES

Friday 15 September: TERM 3 CONCLUDES

Term 4

Tuesday 3 October: TERM 4 COMMENCES

Friday 17 November: TERM 4 CONCLUDES (for Year 12 Students)

Friday 24 November: TERM 4 CONCLUDES (for Years 10 & 11 Students)

Friday 1 December: TERM 4 CONCLUDES (for Years 7, 8 & 9 Students)



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