

From the Principal

Fee Discounts - 2017 INITIATIVE

In 2017 Catholic Education will introduce a new school fee discount to further support families in our schools. Our policy on school fees states that, no student should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents/carers/guardians to pay the prescribed fees.

From Term One 2017, parents/carers with an eligible means-tested Australian government health care or pensioner concession card will automatically receive a 70% discount on tuition fees (does not apply to school levies). This initiative is intended to assist those families who genuinely lack the financial capacity to pay tuition fees in full.

For Catholic schools to operate effectively and provide high quality education, a reasonable fee structure is essential to meet the shortfall between the basic costs of running a school and the amount funded by governments. School fees include tuition fees and levies. Levies vary from school to school and may include items such as a Building Levy, Parents' & Friends' Association Levy, Information Technology Levy, and other subject and general levies. The new Concession Card Discount applies to tuition fees only.

Catholic Education strives to keep all fees as low as possible. The new Concession Card Discount initiative will be offered in addition to the Family Discount arrangement that presently exists in schools.

Furthermore, new or existing parents, who are experiencing financial hardship, and may or may not hold a concession card, are encouraged to discuss alternate fee discounts directly with the school principal, who will treat the situation confidentially.

Further details on the new Concession Card Discount eligibility criteria and general fee information for 2017 are available on the Catholic Education website **www.rok.catholic.edu.au**

Staffing Update

Welcome back to Mrs Lorraine Johnson who was enjoying some long service leave for the first seven weeks of Term 3.

Thank you to Mrs Lyn Herbert for the great job as Acting Assistant to the Principal – Curriculum during this time.

Thank you also to Mr Mervin Wakefield for his contributions as Acting Design Technologies Curriculum Leader.





Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

Child Protection Week - 4-10 September

"Launching on Father's Day every year National Child Protection Week, supports and encourages the safety and wellbeing of Australian children and families through events, programs and resources.

The campaign aims to provide communities and individuals with practical information on how to embed primary prevention messages into social discourse. It also provides a platform for communities to be empowered, resourced and mobilised to take action at a local level.

Most of us recognise that child protection is vital to ensuring that children in our communities, families and schools are safe, nurtured and protected. Sometimes this means acknowledging that children are neglected or harmed in these same places. That is hard to acknowledge. As such, children continue to experience child abuse and neglect in our society.

In order to stop child abuse and neglect and ensure child protection in our society, we all need to play our part. Our role as adults is to pay attention regardless of the way children tell us what is happening for them. Child abuse and neglect only continues when those able to do something, do nothing." For more information and resources visit http://childprotectionweek.org.au/

East Timor Immersion

On Thursday 15 September nine Chanel students, Patrick Sisley, Connor Kenny, Devin Da Silva Martins, Gabrielle Pashley, Alex Botica, Kiara Holzberger, Hannah Grove, Courtney Doherty and Jaime Holzberger under the guidance of Mr Carseldine, Mrs Mills and Mr O'Mara will begin their two week East Timor Immersion Experience, when they fly out of Gladstone.

The students 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!.

They will make the four hour walk to the Aleita School to meet with the children, teachers and parents. This school has been greatly improved as Chanel College, led by Marcellin House, have made financial contributions to the cost of building a new school. This is a big improvement on a school previously made of split bamboo, with dirt floor and lengths of bamboo for seats and desks. We look forward to seeing photos of the newly improved school.

At assembly next Monday there will be a Commissioning Rite for the team going to East Timor and all are welcome to attend. We wish the students, and the accompanying staff, God's speed and a safe trip.

Thursday Mass

Thursday 15 September - Mrs Logan's Year 10B 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
- The safety, freedom and protection of all children
- Students and staff travelling to and experiencing life in East Timor

Praise and Thanks for...

- All people, especially past students of Chanel, who are working in our world to ensure that justice and peace prevail
- The efforts of the students given to their studies and exam week
- The dedication and commitment of all Chanel staff providing a safe environment where students feel valued and supported

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

RUSK?

A conversation could change a life.

calls on Australia to reconnect to prevent suicide



RU®K?

Today is **R U OK?Day** and **R U OK?** is calling on all Australians to reconnect with someone they've lost touch with, as new research from the suicide prevention charity reveals one third of us have unintentionally lost contact with four or more family members or friends.

Released on the 8th National Day of Action (Thursday 8 September), the research shows that 24 per cent of us have stopped talking with four to eight loved ones, and a further 10 per cent of us with nine or more people.

R U OK? Campaign Director Rebecca Lewis said that today's the day to make a promise to change that.



"As a community and as individuals, we're stronger together and it's important that we make more time for the people we care about," Rebecca said. "Use today as an opportunity to start a conversation with someone you were once close to, as well as reach out to anyone you're worried about. Then, make a commitment to be there for one another throughout the year."

R U OK? is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life. R U OK? Day is a national day of action, held on the second Thursday of September each year. But every day is the day to start a conversation. Conversation tips and crisis numbers can be found at **ruok.org.au**









School Fees

School Fees are due 1 September 2016. If you are having any

difficulties in paying please contact the finance office.

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upcoming events

Week 10

Mon 12 September

- Middle Year Student Leaders Applications for 2017 due to Print Room by 9.00 am
- Student Representative Council Meeting First Brea

Thur 15 September

- East Timor Immersion Experience
- McAuley Feast Day
- Year 12 University Experience Day

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 (TBC)
- · 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