

Chanel news



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

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Brother John Venard Smith, RIP

On Wednesday morning we received the sad news that Br John Venard Smith, former Principal of Chanel College had died in Brisbane. Br John was Principal of Chanel College from the late 1980s until 1993 and was the last Marist Brother Principal of the College.

He was a well known and loved member of Star of the Sea Parish and the wider Gladstone community. He was living at Marist College Ashgrove at the time of his death – two weeks short of his 90th birthday.

Br John will also be fondly remembered for his "Battler's God" series of reflection books. His funeral will be in the Marist College Chapel, Ashgrove next Wednesday.

**Eternal rest grant to Brother John,
O Lord
and may perpetual light shine
upon him.
May he rest in peace. AMEN**



From the Principal - Dr Susan Bunkum PhD

At our first Assembly for the year, I had the opportunity to speak to your sons and daughters about their approach to school life in 2018. In particular, I urged them to avoid mediocrity. Rather than doing the bare basics, just enough to get by, I challenged all students to aspire, to dream and to aim for excellence. Inevitably, these three things will be different for each one of us, but, the important thing is that we aim to be excellent in everything that we do. I also introduced the notion that Chanel students are *Responsible, Resourceful, Respectful and Resilient Learners*. What this actually means for us will be 'unpacked' at Assemblies throughout the year.

Opening MASS

Our Opening Mass On Thursday 1 February was a special celebration to mark the beginning of our school year. This was a very joyful and prayerful occasion and one which celebrates our identity as a Catholic College. Our Year 12 Student Leaders were commissioned at this Mass and our Pastoral Care Representatives, Middle School Student Leaders and Cultural Leaders were also acknowledged and congratulated.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 12 February will be a student free day due to the Bishop's Inservice Day. This important annual event provides the opportunity for the staff from Chanel to join with the staff from Star of the Sea, St John's, St Francis, St Theresa's Monto, St Joseph's Biloela and the Parish. Please note that the College Office will be closed on this day.

P and F

All new and existing families are invited to attend our first P and F meeting of the year on Wednesday 21 February. We will begin with wine and cheese at 5.00 pm before beginning our meeting at 5.30 pm.

Sincerely

Susan Bunkum





Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

Bishop's Inservice Day

On Monday 12 February, Chanel Staff will join with staff from other Catholic Schools in our area and people involved in Parish Ministries to reflect with our Bishop and invited speakers. The focus for this year is *"What do young people in our Diocese need/want?"*

Year 7 Retreat Days

In week 5, Year 7 Students will experience a retreat day at St Patrick's Church in Calliope. This retreat gives students the opportunity to share and reflect on constants and changes in their lives as well as exploring their own uniqueness and that of other's. We hope each student will find this time fulfilling and enjoyable. The Retreats will be directed by Mrs Kim Green and each group will also be accompanied by their Religion Teacher as listed below.

Monday 19 FEBRUARY

CORE GROUP A – Ms Larney

Tuesday 20 FEBRUARY

CORE GROUP D – Mrs Wales

Wednesday 21 FEBRUARY

CORE GROUP B – Mrs Schneider

Thursday 22 FEBRUARY

CORE GROUP C – Ms Botica

Prayer Support Families

Thank you to the many people who have offered prayer support for our Year 12 Students. Senior students appreciate prayers offered for them during their final year of school which can be a stressful time for them. Thank you once again and you should soon receive your letter of introduction from your nominated student.

Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform 'outlet' is open each Wednesday in the Second Hand Uniform Shop located in Student Services Building during the 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 22 February – Mrs Miles' Year 12 CMT Class

Mass commences at 10.40 am in the Chapel. ***PARENTS/CARERS are WELCOME!***

Please Pray for ...

- Families in our school who are grieving the loss of loved ones
- People in our community who are unwell, receiving medical treatment, or recovering from illness.
- Our Year 12s as they embark on their final year of school
- People in our world who are denied an education

Praise and Thanks for ...

- All people, especially past students of Chanel, who are working in our world to ensure that justice and peace prevail.
- A smooth beginning to the school year for our new students, and the help given to them by other students
- People who volunteered to be a prayer support person/family for our Year 12 students.

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

2018 OPENING MASS



COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS



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Upcoming Events

Term 1

Week 3

Mon 5 February

- School Photo Day - FULL FORMAL UNIFORM

Wed 7 February

- Year 10 Information Evening 6.00 pm
- Year 11 Information Evening 7.00 pm
- Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

Fri 9 February

- INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Week 4

Mon 12 February

- STUDENT FREE DAY - Bishop's Inservice Day

Tue 13 February

- Student Representative Council Meeting

Wed 14 February

- ASH Wednesday House Liturgies

Thur 15 February

- Love Thy Neighbour Day

Fri 16 February

- Year 7 Social 6.30 pm
- Year 7 Parents Wine & Cheese Evening 6.30 pm

Week 5

Mon 19 February

- Year 11 & 12 Study Day

Wed 21 February

- P & F Meeting 5.30 pm

Fri 23 February

- Stations of the Cross at Star of the Sea

Week 6

Mon 26 February

- College Assembly
- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp - North Keppel Is.
- Year 9 Retreat at Riverside

Tue 27 February

- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp - North Keppel Is.
- Year 9 Retreat at Riverside

Wed 28 February

- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp - North Keppel Is.
- Year 9 Retreat at Riverside

Thur 1 March

- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp - North Keppel Is.
- Year 9 Retreat at Riverside

Fri 2 March

- Year 9 Retreat at Riverside
- Clean Up Schools Day

Sun 4 March

- STAR OF THE SEA MASS 6.00 pm

Week 7

Mon 5 March

- House Assemblies

Tue 6 March

- Student Representative Council Meeting

Wed 7 March

- Senior Years & Middle Years Assemblies
- Board Meeting 5.30 pm



College Photos

Monday 5 Feb

An envelope has been given to each student with their details. This envelope **MUST** be given to the photographer on Photo Day. Please follow the instructions on the envelope regarding correct payment procedure.

Academy Photography have online ordering if parents wish to pay and order before photo day.

It is essential that all students are in full formal uniform and all dress and grooming guidelines are strictly adhered to. Parents of students not in correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring in the appropriate uniform.

OFFICE CLOSED

Please Note: The College Office will be **CLOSED**

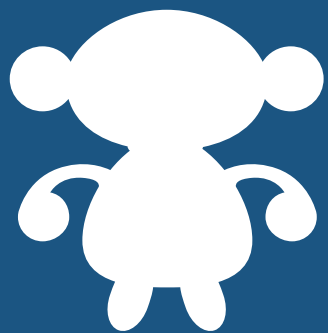
Monday 5 February 8.10 - 8.30 am

Due to Staff Photographs

New Staff



Christine Devine
Tuckshop Convenor



GROK LEARNING

During the final Year 8 Digital Technologies rotation for 2017, 13 Year 8 students competed in an international coding competition hosted by GROK Learning <https://groklearning.com> called Code Quest (Newbies) 2017 which ran for 5 weeks. GROK Learning has been developed by passionate educators and software engineers who want to make coding fun for everyone. They believe that a solid computer science understanding is vital for future generations to become the creators of tomorrow. The competition students participated in facilitated them to learn how to program in a friendly and fun Blockly visual environment while competing with students from around the world. They could also see how their programs look in Python.

During the competition there were over 5000 participants who submitted a whopping 70,784 programs! It was a truly international event with students from more than 400 schools around the world participating. Some of the locations represented included Australia, the United States, Belgium, the United Kingdom, and the United Arab Emirates.

The results have been forward to Chanel College and it is with great pride that well earned congratulations are extended to all 13 students for finishing in the top 60 competitors. Thank you for to the following students for representing Chanel College;

GOLD

Alexander Watts
Logan Mann

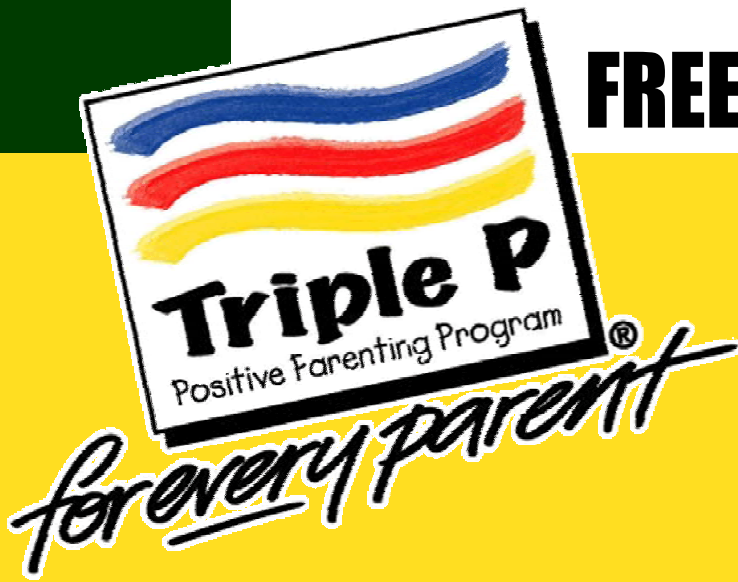
SILVER

Meljo Jose
Luke Sibley
Ali Allami
Matthew Long
Ryan Mansfield
Georgia Woolley
Luke Lilley
Dayia Rossier
Olivia Tudman
Alisha Mann
Kasi Richardson

For any students interested in the following upcoming competitions please contact Mrs Cameron jodie_cameron@rok.catholic.edu.au

Web Competition (Beginners) 2018 - 5 weeks, starting February 26
Web Competition (Intermediate) 2018 - 5 weeks, starting February 26





FREE PARENTING PROGRAM

Get this school year off to the best start possible! Set up your children for success – whether it's at the start, middle or end of their schooling years – with Triple P! Triple P is a positive parenting toolbox proven to help kids learn new skills, cope with stress, better handle their emotions, and communicate more effectively. You'll even notice the difference at home. Plus, it's free in Queensland. You can do it [online](#), in [large seminar or small group sessions](#), or [one-on-one](#).

Find out more about free Triple P Online at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/kids

2018 QMEA AMBASSADORS



2018 QMEA Ambassadors, Year 12 students Ainsley Childs and Travis Richmond enjoying their time spent at the Ambassador camp in Brisbane during the last school holidays.



THE CONOCO PHILLIPS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Over the last week of Holidays Myself and three Other students (Brianna Hume, Carley Wright and Ryan Lilley) participated in the Science Experience sponsored by ConocoPhillips. During the week we travelled to three different universities around Brisbane and participated in activities covering all aspects of science. The Lectures given provided us with great information as we prepare for our senior years of schooling. Being grouped with students of similar interest we were able to make great memories and learn some very catchy chants. The members of the YSA (Young Scientists of Australia) staffed this event and held a disco one night allowing us to connect further with other Brisbane participants. ConocoPhillips covered all of our travel and accommodation expenses. We are grateful for this and would like to say a big thank you to them for this opportunity!

Aimee Kane Year 11 Student

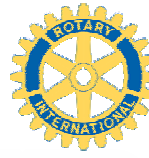
This experience has not only allowed us the opportunity to see what life on a university campus is like, but to also receive great advice from current university students about courses and life as a graduate. The whole program was amazing. We learnt of the endless possibilities and careers that science in university can offer us and it encouraged us all to pursue a possible career within this field. I do not only speak for myself but on behalf of all participants, a massive thank you to ConocoPhillips for providing regional students the opportunity to experience a taste of university life and science!

Brianna Hume Year 11 Student





National Youth
Science Forum



2018 NYSF AMBASSADORS

Over the Christmas holidays, myself and Tian Kingsbury had the once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. This program is for students entering Year 12 who have a keen interest in the STEM subjects; Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. For two weeks we were exposed to things we could only dream of, we saw a particle accelerator, a museum full of body parts, got to meet Nobel Prize winner, Brian Smidcht, and talk to Rolf Landua from CERN, one of the biggest scientific research centres located in Switzerland.

At the program, we were split into interest groups, I was a part of the Medical group while Tian was in the Engineering group. Being split into these groups was a great way to get insight into what life would be like in these professions and aided us in making important decisions about what we want to do in the future. This program wasn't just about science, we were also taught life skills, how to develop good study habits, all about university and even life after University. Tian and I thoroughly encourage every Year 11 who is interested in STEM to apply and to ask us any questions. It truly was the best two weeks of our lives to date.

However, we wouldn't have had this opportunity if it wasn't for the support of our amazing science teachers, Mr Fisser and Mrs Shahgholi and our Rotary Clubs. The Rotary clubs are the backbone of this program and cooked hundreds of sausages and burgers so we could attend. So to the Rotary clubs of Port Curtis and the Rotary Club of Gladstone, our sincere thanks goes out to you and everyone who made this possible.

Ainsley Childs Year 12 Student



Career News

Leanne Crane
Careers Program Officer

Work Experience

Justin Crick - Year 10 Student

Justin took the opportunity at the end of Year 9 to participate in work experience at Ergon Energy. He had a great week and with the knowledge he gained is now able to make wiser choices to help with his career path. We would like to say a big thank you to Ergon Energy for giving our Chanel College students this opportunity.



See below for some of the 2017 Year 12 students who are off to a flying start with their chosen career pathways

ADFA students (Australian Defence Force Academy)

Michael Poli and Cooper Stakenburg can't wipe the smiles off their faces as they have just been accepted as Mechanical Engineers in the Navy. Their Rank is Midshipman. There were 9 people accepted for roles with ADFA from Cairns North Queensland to Agnes Waters and Chanel College are so proud to have 2 students chosen from our College. Congratulations to Michael and Cooper all your hard work has certainly paid off and we wish you all the very best for the future.



Patrick Cullen

Patrick only started his Mechanical Apprenticeship this week at Boyne Smelters. Patrick did work experience every opportunity he had at Chanel College and it has certainly paid off. Congratulations Patrick we wish you all the very best for the future.

Courtney Ambrose Robinson

Courtney was very excited when she was offered an Electrical/Instrumentation Apprenticeship at Queensland Alumina Limited. Well done Courtney we wish you all the very best for the future.



Ben Nugent

Ben is a very busy person these days he is working at Coles Supermarket, Ground Control, completing his Horticulture course at CQuni and volunteering at St Vincent de Paul once a week. Congratulations Ben, Chanel College is exceptionally proud of you and for the services you provide to our Community.

Liam Gifford

Liam has just started his Mechanical Apprenticeship at Score. This is wonderful news Liam all the work experience that you did while at Chanel College has paid off. We wish you all the very best for the future.



Career News

Leanne Crane
Careers Program Officer



GUIDE THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

A career in the Australian Defence Force offers incredible job progression and unique life experiences for your students and loved ones. Plus they'll make life-long friendships and have a chance to see the world. There are over 250 roles available, all offering world-class training, fantastic job security, free healthcare, generous superannuation and a competitive salary.

As a valuable influencer of Gladstone's students, job seekers and community, Defence Force Recruiting would like you to invite you to our:

PARENTS & TEACHERS DEFENCE CAREERS NIGHT

Date: Tuesday 13th February, 2018

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Gladstone Mercure – Cnr Bell & Connell Street, Barney Point QLD 4680

Registrations are essential. Email cpttownsville@dfr.com.au to secure your seat.

CALL 13 19 01 OR VISIT DEFENCEJOBS.GOV.AU

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PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Marian Centre Chanel College

YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING 6.00 PM

YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING 7.00 PM

All relevant students and their parents/guardians are urged to attend as vital information for senior years is discussed.

Sporting News

Kylie Kickbusch
Sports Program Leader

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY

TIME: Pool opens 8.30 am
Roll marked 8.45 am
Events begin 9.00 am
Carnival finishes 3.00 pm



TRANSPORT: If possible all students are to be dropped off at the pool (8.30 am) and picked-up (3.00 pm) from the Pool. If students are unable to organise transport directly to the pool they are to come to Chanel. The Student's will be taken to and from the pool by the Chanel Bus. In the afternoon all students who need to catch buses from Chanel College will be returned to the College in time to do so.

UNIFORM: All students must be wearing their House shirt, a wide brimmed hat and footwear (thongs or shoes)

- Shorts must be appropriate for a Swimming Carnival (board shorts allowed).
- All students **MUST** wear sunscreen throughout the day (this will be supplied for you)
- Footwear **MUST** be worn while entering and leaving the aquatic centre and pool (thongs are acceptable).
- String bikinis are not appropriate wear for a College swimming carnival
- 1 piece togs for girls and swimming shorts for boys to be worn when in the water
- Bring a towel, food/snacks, sunscreen, zinc + plenty of water

HATS: **Wide brimmed hats** **MUST** be worn all day.
Your hat MUST be on your head as you enter the pool otherwise you will be sent back to the College by bus to collect your College hat (and an infringement will be issued).
NO CAPS ALLOWED

FOOD: Very limited food is available from the Pool Canteen. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch and snacks.

- Bring water bottle

RACES: **Competitive 50m Races**

- Only students wishing to go for Age Champion need to swim in these races

NO heats – all competitive races are FINALS (fastest time overall from all competitive swimmers in the age division will get the points for first place).

Participation Races

- all students can compete to earn 1 House point
- will be held after the competitive race for each age division
- students can use floaties for these races

PARENTS/SPECTATORS

- **Parents and/or spectators attending, will be required to pay the pool entrance fee of \$2.70 before entering the pool facility.**
- **Parents and/or spectators can sit at the chairs and tables behind the shallow end. They will not be permitted to enter the swimming pool area.**

EARLY DEPARTURES

- **Students will only be allowed to leave the aquatic centre early if they are collected by their parent/s and have a signed note.**
- **Students leaving early – need to have a Pass Out prior to the carnival or a signed note on the day if they are leaving the pool early. Parents MUST pick up students leaving early from the entrance of the aquatic centre.**

STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

Do you need help with Assignments or Homework?

Available are:

Resources, Support Material, Friendly Faces

Struggling to understand or getting behind with your school work? Let our friendly staff help you.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am.

Also First Break every day except Thursdays.

HOMEWORK & ASSIGNMENT HELP

Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator:

Ms Jennifer Carlyle on 4973 4739

CAREERS ADVICE

Confused about Career Paths or have Work Experience enquiries?

Make an appointment to see our friendly advisor.

Careers Pathways Officer:

Mrs Crane on 4973 4738

AROUND TOWN

**Souths Hockey Sign On Day, Saturday 10th February
2.00 - 5.00 pm Gladstone Hockey Fields, Dawson Hwy**

Gladstone Junior Rugby League GIRLS ONLY CAMP

Special Guest: Chelsea Baker (Australian Jillaroo)
Chelsea will join in the drills and share their experience of playing for QLD and Australia

You will be required to bring your sleeping bag/sheets, pillow or swag, training gear.

DATES: 9am Saturday 24th February to 1pm Sunday 25th February 2018

VENUE: Briffney Creek Junior Fields

Accommodation will be provided at the High Performance Centre and all meals will be supplied by Gladstone Junior Rugby League.

To register go to www.playnrl.com

Contact: Rod Dahl

Phone: 0448 813 666

Email: rdahl@nrl.com.au

Emergency Services Day &

SPORTING CLUBS INFORMATION AND SIGN ON

**Sunday, February 11, 8am-1pm
PCYC Gladstone**



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