



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

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day is celebrated on 8 August. MacKillop House will celebrate this special feast day tomorrow. Mary MacKillop was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy. She worked with families that lived in isolated areas of Australia. Many of us have felt the impact of her enormous work, having been educated or cared for by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She was noted for her trust in the providence of God and miracles of healing have been attributed to her. She was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on the 17th October 2010.

Happy Feast Day MacKillop!

Staffing Update

Welcome to Mrs Helen Versic who joined the staff this week as Staff Services Officer in the Print Room.

Year 11 Leadership Applications

Year 11 students are reminded that the written applications for leadership positions in 2016 must be submitted to the Print Room by 9.00 am on **Monday 17 August**.

Twilight Music Concert

Our College Ensembles have been very busy rehearsing for the Queensland Catholic Schools' and Colleges' Music Festival which will occur in Brisbane on **Saturday 15 August**. On **Monday night 10 August at 6.00 pm** in the Marian Centre there will be a concert showcasing their talents. Please come along and support.

Year 9 and 10 Subject Selection for Years 10 and 11 2016.

An information evening for current Year 9 students will be held on **Tuesday 18 August** commencing at 6.00 pm to discuss subject selection choices for Year 10 in 2016. This will lead into the subject displays which will be available for viewing from 6.45 pm.

Current Year 10 students may also view the subject displays from **6.45 pm**. The Year 11 2016 Information Session will commence at **7.30 pm**.

Masterplan Update

On Friday the College Leadership Team will be involved in the "start up meeting" as we enter into the construction phase of Stage 1. There will be some major disruptions to access to the College, due to the re-development of the College car park. We will communicate this information as soon as possible.

Maggie Dent

quietly improving lives



A reminder that Maggie Dent is presenting "Real Kids in an unreal World" on **Monday 24 August at 6.00 pm** at St Francis and **Tuesday 25**

August at 6.00 pm here at Chanel. I thoroughly recommend Maggie to you as a speaker. Please contact the appropriate school offices to RSVP.



God bless
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Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

Years 8 & 9 Retreat Dates

A reminder of the rescheduled dates for the Year 8 and Year 9 Retreats.

Year 9 Retreat will be held at PCYC Capricornia Coast Leadership Development Centre from **Wednesday 19 August to Friday 21 August** – permission forms were sent out in Term 1 and an update letter was emailed to parents in Week 1 of this term.

Year 8 Retreat will be held at the Capricorn Caves from **Monday 24 August to Wednesday 26 August** – permission forms and information letters were distributed to students on Wednesday.

Please contact Mrs Hore if you have any concerns regarding either of these retreats.

National Evangelisation Team (NET) – Billets Needed

The National Evangelisation Team will be in **Gladstone 13-15 September** this year and for one day they will be presenting to our Year 8 students. While in Gladstone, they will be requiring accommodation for **3 nights – 13, 14 & 15 September** - and we are looking for volunteers to billet these young people. The Team has 4 male and 6 female members and in the past they have preferred to be billeted in twos or threes. If you are able to help, by providing food and accommodation for the NET members, please contact Mrs Hore at the College ASAP.

Year 10 ACTS

Last week, eight Year 10 students attended the annual A Chance To Serve (ACTS) Camp at Cooe Bay Yeppoon. During their three days at the camp, the Year 10s worked with students from various Catholic schools in the region. Students explored the concept of leadership, spirituality and social media through various activities. Everyone engaged whole-heartedly in all activities and made strong friendships with students from other schools. The Year 10s have been challenged to take the concepts and ideas they have learnt on ACTS Camp and apply them to life here at Chanel College. Many thanks to Ms McDonough for accompanying the students.

Second Hand Uniform Outlet

We have in stock many junior uniforms, especially boy's shirts and shorts in bigger sizes, all in good condition. Formal uniforms sell for \$10 per item, sports uniforms - \$5 per item and jackets - \$25 each.

The Second Hand Uniform 'outlet' is open each Wednesday in the RE Resource Room during 1st 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

Ms Ord's Year 9 RE Class – Thursday 13 August

Mass is celebrated in the College Chapel at 10.40 am each Thursday. **ALL WELCOME**

Wisdom Words

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." - Dalai Lama

Please Pray for ...

- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness.
- The many displaced people seeking refuge in foreign countries that they will be accepted and given the help they need.
- Humanitarian workers as they strive to bring relief to the hungry and oppressed and tirelessly work for justice and peace.

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 care and time given by staff and parents for the Parent/Teacher interviews.
- Students who step out of their comfort zone in order to enhance their spiritual and personal growth and to serve others.

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

**STUDENT ABSENTEE
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Catholic schools of Gladstone present

Real Kids in an Unreal World

with Maggie Dent



Building Resilience and Self Esteem in Today's Children (10 Resilience Building Blocks)

Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life — the good, the bad and the ugly. Popular Australian parenting author and educator Maggie Dent published her bestselling book, *Real Kids in an Unreal World* to help guide parents in raising children who are happy, healthy, strong, kind and resilient. In this seminar, Maggie will explore her common-sense, practical model of 10 building blocks for resilience. She will present practical, common-sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home or classroom/centre, which will make a big difference to your children's cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

Session 1: Monday 24th August, 2015

- St Francis Catholic Primary School Hall, Tannum Sands

OR Session 2: Tuesday 25th August, 2015

- Marian Centre, Chanel College, Gladstone

Time: 6pm-8pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

RSVP: By Wednesday 19th August. to: St Francis School Office on 4973 3600 (for Session 1) OR Chanel College School Office on 4973 4700 (for Session 2)



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Maggie Dent
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On Tuesday 4 August, 9 Year 10 Chanel College Students attended the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program run by QMEA, at CQU. STEM, is designed to aid students in expanding their knowledge in many technical fields, such as Geology and Engineering, through interactive and engaging activities. The students learnt how to find, identify and collect core samples through an activity that allowed them to extract copper from a rock sample. Other engineering activities such as creating a structure to hold a payweight and levelling the land to be rehabilitated, proved to be a challenge for many. On an industrial work site it is also important to control environmental factors and restrictions such as the PH of the water as well as noise. This was tested in an activity using PH detectors and sound recorders. Overall the day was a good experience to learn new skills and find out about job opportunities in the minerals and energy sectors.

On behalf of the other students I would like to thank Mrs Shahgholi and the QMEA for giving us this opportunity to broaden our knowledge.

by Abi Meehan Year 10 Student



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Chanel Photography



Last weekend 1-2 August saw 19 students and 6 teachers wandering the school with photography paraphernalia capturing the life that lives within the College. Students from Years 7 to 12 with a shared passion for photography spent a total of 12 hours learning skills and techniques for a variety of photography styles. Learning everything from portrait to trick photography there was something for everyone no matter what skill level you were at or what kind of camera you owned. Through a photo editing course taken by Miss Davis and Phone Photography shown to us by Miss Ord we learnt that while there are always limitations, the possibilities are endless if you just explore. Portrait photography with Mrs Sheather taught us about our camera settings and how manipulating a little bit of light can change the whole outcome of a photo. Talking composition with Mrs Cameron and Landscape photography with Mr Boge also helped us understand how to capture images that would be highlights of our photography journey.

Parker: *"It was fun and it was something new to try."*

Ryan: *"Something new for beginners, I enjoyed this experience."*

Joe: *"I enjoyed this weekend; I liked learning about all the functions of my camera."*

The photos produced by the group were truly extraordinary. We learnt so much and can continue to develop our skills over our broad range of interests, right from Macro photography to urban landscapes. Throughout the day we got to test our new skills around the school, searching high and low for good photos that told a story. There will be a display of the work from the weekend, so keep an eye out!



We plan to make this an annual workshop and all are welcome. It was also decided on the weekend to run a silent auction of our work to raise money for charity so keep an ear out for more information about this as well.

From the students of the photography group workshop 2015.

NAPLAN Results

This week we have received the NAPLAN results for our Year 7 and 9 students. We are very proud of our students and their outstanding results. We have achieved above the State Mean [Preliminary Results] in all the Year 7 and 9 tests and above the National Mean [Preliminary Results] in all the Year 7 and 9 tests, except for one in Year 9 which was just below. Our students are to be congratulated on their efforts.

The purpose of the data is to use it meaningfully so that teaching and learning programs can be devised to enhance our students' strengths. Our teachers work with the data and other data gathered by the College to work with our students to improve their outcomes.

At Chanel College, we do not consciously set out to prepare the students for the NAPLAN Test, although we do give them a practice for 'this is what it will be like'. Rather, we make every effort to ensure that our work programs cover those elements of literacy and numeracy. All Years 7 and 9 students sit the NAPLAN Tests in Literacy and Numeracy unless a parent withdraws them.

We will be sending our families their child's own personal report with their achievement in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy in the mail over the next week.

sport news

Kylie Kickbusch
Sports Program Leader

Capricornia Track and Field Trials

The Port Curtis teams will travel to Rockhampton on Monday (secondary school) and Tuesday (primary – 12 year old students) to compete at the Capricornia trials. Chanel is very well represented at both trials, which should be great days of competition. The trials this year have moved down from Mackay, so the less travel should benefit all students who will be attending. All track and field events will be run on the one day, so some students will have jam packed schedules. We wish the Chanel students all the very best for the trials and hope you run, jump or throw your way into the Capricornia team.

Sports Awards – Monday 12 October

It seems a while away, but this year's Sports Awards presentation will be held in **Term4, Week 3 on Monday 12 October**. This presentation will be held in the Marian Centre starting at **8.50 am**. Team awards for the Chanel sporting teams (Marist Basketball, QISSN Netball, Confraternity Rugby League, Town Netball and Town Volleyball), Port Curtis representatives and Half and Full Blue certificates will be presented on this day. The big awards, where students are asked to nominate, will also be presented. This year with the introduction of Year 7 into high school, the awards will be split into Middle Years (Years 7, 8, 9) and Senior (Years 10, 11, 12) awards for the Athlete of the Year, Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year. Nomination forms, with all award selection criteria, can be found on the Student Google site. Students will need to download and complete the form then submit it to me personally, or by email. Nominations are due by Friday 22 August. Only nomination forms submitted by the due date will be considered for the awards - late nominations will not be accepted. Please check the Student Google site for the form and selection criteria.

Vicki Wilson Cup

The last hooray for the 2015 QISSN team was the Vicki Wilson Southern Corridor Netball competition. It was held last Wednesday 29 July at the Biloela Netball Courts. It featured high schools from Emerald, Tannum Sands, Biloela and current QISSN Champions The Rockhampton Grammar School. The girls were primed for a big day and started with a big win over Tannum SSS. Game 2 was the big game – Rocky Grammar. Grammar started with 3 of their strongest starting 7 on the bench and the Chanel girls took it right up to them, trailing by only 3 at half time. Grammar made changes, putting their strongest 7 on the court, but our girls held their nerve going down by only 10 goals (the closest any team got on the day). The lunch break proved to be the nemesis for the Chanel girls, because after that, their game did not click and they didn't manage another win. Despite this, 2015 has proved to be the most successful year for the QISSN team and we congratulate the 9 girls on their dedication, spirit and fantastic netball they have played all year. Thanks to Mrs Johnson for umpiring at the carnival and to Miss Keys for being our bus driver.



Year 10 Structured Workplace Learning

All Year 10 students will be participating in their Vocational Placement next week. Please make sure you are respectful at all times. Ask lots of questions. Make the most of this opportunity. Pick up a broom if there is nothing left to do. Be pro-active. Don't expect you will be doing the work of the manager, or supervisor – you are there to learn! Most of all enjoy this week of work placement, you may find this is the career for you!

You will be receiving a visit from a teacher at some stage during the week, and your teacher will be checking to make sure you have been completing your log book. Please fill this out every day.

Holiday Vocational Placements

Now is the time to be thinking about your Holiday Vocational Placements. The green application form can be collected from the door of the Careers Office, and must be returned to the College office with payment by **Friday 7 August**.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships for 2016

Apprenticeships and Traineeships around the region are beginning to be released. Local papers and company websites are a great way to find these apprenticeships and traineeships.

Please ensure when applying for these apprenticeships and traineeships that you get somebody else to peruse your application. You do not want to miss out on getting to the next stage because your application contained spelling mistakes, or obvious grammatical errors!

YEAR 10 ACTS CAMP

ACTS Camp 2015 was something that this year's group of Year 10 students were eagerly anticipating and the camp fulfilled every expectation. This year's group of students included Hayden Bradshaw, Marcus Currie, Bianca Aird, Sami Green, Abi Meehan, Paris Whelan, Katelyn Oliver and Shelby Colebrook (me) as well as Miss McDonough who was the supervising teacher. The camp was held at the PCYC Leadership Centre in Yeppoon. We left during second period on Wednesday 29 July and arrived back at school on Friday 31 July. We were lucky enough to be travelling with the Shalom College students from Bundaberg and grew to know them more as our

days at ACTS progressed. We stopped off at McDonalds (a tradition of ACTS Camp) on the way and once again on the way back home. Once all of the school groups had arrived we gathered for the first time to begin. The next morning, Miss Mac, our group of girls and the other students (minus Hayden and Marcus...still asleep!) walked down to the beach at 6.00 am to watch the sunrise. We got glimpses of its rays eventually but the clouds kept blocking our view.

Throughout this journey we learnt a lot about ourselves and how we can be leaders for others, how our attitudes can influence the people around us in so many ways and how with just one simple action, you can make a difference to someone's day. Most importantly, it was a place where we could make friendships and meet people who we would not have met without this opportunity. We became closer to the ones who shared the experience with us. This was made known to us when we received affirmation cards from our peers on the last day of camp.

ACTS Camp is a great experience and I encourage all to try it in the future and for those who missed out this year you still have the chance to try it next year. I also want to thank all the teachers who made this possible, our parents and to Miss Mac for coming along with us. *by Shelby Colebrook (Year 10)*



A Chance To Serve

Year 9 Visual Art

Students prepare their 'Creature Feature' Sculptures in preparation for an Installation and Photography.



upcoming events

TERM 3

Week 5

10 - 14 August

- Year 10 Structured Workplace Learning

Mon 10 August

- Year 8 Geography Excursion
- Twilight Music Concert
6.00 pm Marian Centre

Tue 11 August

- Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

Fri 14 August

- Year 11 Marist Forum
- Aurecon Bridge Building

Week 6

Mon 17 August

- Student Leadership Applications 2016 Due

Tue 18 August

- Year 9 Subject Selection for Year 10 in 2016 - 6.00 pm
- Subject EXPO - 6.45 - 7.30 pm
- Year 10 Subject Selection for Year 11 in 2016 - 7.30 pm

Wed 19 August

- Year 9 Retreat
- P & F Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 20 August

- Year 9 Retreat

Fri 21 August

- Year 9 Retreat

Week 7

Mon 24 August

- Year 8 Camp

Tue 25 August

- Year 8 Camp
- Maggie Dent Parent Information Evening 6.00 pm

Wed 26 August

- Year 8 Camp

Fri 28 August

- Whole School Social