On Tuesday the staff of Chanel joined with the staff from our Catholic Primary Schools and Parish Staff to participate in the Annual Diocesan Inservice Day. The theme was “Go Make Disciples”. Leesa Jeffcoat, Director of Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton, shared with us some insights regarding Pope Francis. There is so much to learn about our Pope, for example he likes The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings. According to TolkeinBrasil, Pope Francis says JRR Tolkein is a contemporary author worth reading and he has read his works himself. His Holiness mentioned the author during his 2008 Easter message to Argentine teachers. He used Frodo and Bilbo as examples of hopeful heroes who are called to walk a path in the unfolding drama between good and evil. He also has a master’s degree in chemistry, philosophy and theology from the University of Buenos Aries. When he was young he was employed running tests in a chemical laboratory. Before becoming the Archbishop of Buenos Aries he was a teacher of theology, philosophy, literature and psychology.

On April 10 last year during my sabbatical leave I was privileged to attend one of the first Papal Audiences conducted by Pope Francis in Rome. It is hard to capture in words what it felt like to be in the crowd. I was excited, inspired and I could feel the Holy Spirit at work. I love Pope Francis' humility and his ability to connect with his audience. I also find him to be very wise. Below is an extract from his address on April 10 2013. I found these words encouraging and I hope that you do also!

"God is our strength! God is our hope! Dear brothers and sisters, we must be the first to have this steadfast hope and we must be a visible, clear and radiant sign of it for everyone. The Risen Lord is the hope that never fails, that never disappoints (cf. Rom 5:5). Hope does not let us down — the hope of the Lord! How often in our life do hopes vanish, how often do the expectations we have in our heart come to nothing! Our hope as Christians is strong, safe and sound on this earth, where God has called us to walk, and it is open to eternity because it is founded on God who is always faithful. We must not forget: God is always faithful to us. Being raised with Christ through Baptism, with the gift of faith, an inheritance that is incorruptible, prompts us to seek God’s things more often, to think of Him more often and to pray to Him more.

Being Christian is not just obeying orders but means being in Christ, thinking like Him, acting like Him, loving like Him; it means letting Him take possession of our life and change it, transform it and free it from the darkness of evil and sin.

God bless
Sharon Volp
Year 9 Retreat Week 5 & 6
Year 9 Students will be attending a Retreat at Riverside Retreat, Bundaberg from 26 February to 7 March. This is a Retreat to challenge them to achieve personal and team goals as they do various activities learning many 'bush' skills.

Prayer Support
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.

Stamps for the Sisters of Mary MacKillop 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 in the past.

Second Hand Uniforms
The second hand uniform 'shop' is open each Wednesday in the RE Resource Room 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
Mrs Goodwin’s Year 12A SOR Class – Thursday 27 February
Mass is celebrated in the College Chapel at 10.40 am each Thursday. ALL WELCOME

Please Pray for ...
- Civilians in Middle Eastern countries as the political unrest continues to cause pain and suffering.
- A year during which we will make a difference to someone each day.
- Mrs Butterworth and others in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness.
- Our Year 8 students as they participate in their Retreat Days this week and next.

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.
- People who volunteered to be a prayer support person/family for our Year 12 students.
- Our students who so willingly volunteer to step up to help others.

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

YEAR 11 & 12 STUDY AT HOME DAY

Monday 24 February is the Queensland Studies Authority Moderation Meetings in Rockhampton. This is where Year 11 2013 work is reviewed and ensured standards are being met. We have several of our staff who are members of subject panels that will be meeting on this day in Rockhampton. To support staff attendance at these meetings Year 11 and 12 students will have a STUDY AT HOME day. Year 11 and 12 students already have many assignments that they can complete at home on this day.
Year 10 Bronco Visit
Learning about Life Skills for when they Finish School

HEART DISSECTION
Year 12 Biology students completed a heart dissection as part of the Animal Physiology Unit. They dissected the heart and identified all the structures which had recently been studied in class.
Congratulations to all our 2014 Pastoral Care Representatives

**FUTUNA**
Hannah Hooper
Anjana Ehret
Jaiden Ward
Tom Humble
Sarah Coleman
Lachlan James

**MacKILLOP**
Madeline Dooley
Nicholas Smith
Madeliene Roscoe
Oliver Young
Keeley Creighton
Morgan Rideout

**Stella Maris**
Gabrielle Ward
Connor Mulhern
Toby Guinea
Jurak Massey
Patrick Sisley
Alexandra Dickinson

Hamish McDermott
Chloe Canilao
Aiden Parker
Jacobbe McBride
Abby Wyatt
Dania Lami

**Marcellin**
Annaliese McGuire
Jake Mellor
Morgan Lewis
Jacob Hagedorn
Sarah Waters
Peter Jarzebak

**Music Ensemble Leaders 2014**
Maia Van Duin
Peter Jarzebak
Brittany Mann
Siobhan Samuelson
Ashley Fisser
Noel De Torres
What a busy start to the school year it has been for sport at Chanel. Trials for Port Curtis have been coming and going thick and fast and I am very proud to say that Chanel has been very well represented at these trials. This week’s trials were for the Boys and Girls Hockey, 18 Years Boys and Girls Basketball and 19 Years Boys and Girls Soccer. Good luck to all students trialing and many thanks to the parents/caregivers and teachers who go along with their students to support and supervise at these trials. Just another reminder to all, that students must have seen me before the trial to get their names nominated and then been given a medical form that must be signed and returned before the trial date, otherwise they cannot attend the trial/s.

Touch Football continues to be a sport in which Chanel continually excel and again gained many numbers in this year’s Port Curtis teams. Thanks to Mr Davis and Miss Keys for coaching on the day and to Miss Keys who will be the 15 Boys coach. Players to make the team are:

- Connor Mulhern 15 Boys Touch
- Daniel Larose 15 Boys Touch
- Keaton White 15 Boys Touch
- Sidney Blake 15 Girls Touch
- Morgan Mathison 15 Girls Touch
- Carly Hill 15 Girls Touch
- Charlee Bohan 15 Girls Touch
- Taylor Langdon 15 Girls Touch
- Joshua Hughes Open Boys Touch
- Jack Breadsell Open Boys Touch
- Justin Cridland Open Boys Touch
- Hanna Barnsley Open Girls Touch

Congratulations to you all and best of luck at the Capricornia trials on Thursday 27 February.

Port Curtis trials coming up:
- 16 Girls AFL – nomination only
- 18 Years Boys Rugby Union – nomination only
- 15 and 19 Girls Netball – Tuesday 25 February
- 15 Years Boys AFL – nomination only
- 18 Years Surfing – nomination only
- 19 Years Golf – nomination only

The inter-school cricket trials got underway on Monday and will continue next Monday with the final to be held in the afternoon. Nominations are being called for the inter-school Volleyball Competition. Students need to write their names on the nomination sheet outside the staffroom.
Work Experience 2014

Work Experience 2014 is going to be very busy. Placements will be a cost of $60 per placement. The money needs to be attached to the form and taken to the Office for receipting and then the form is passed onto myself. Forms will then be copies and handed to SAIN.. These forms are in a wall stand outside my office.

Holiday Work Experience Dates are:-(Green Form)
7 April to 11 April
14 April to 18 April
30 June to 4 July
7 July to 11 July
22 Sept to 26 Sept
29 Sept to 3 Oct
1 Dec to 5 Dec
8 Dec to 12 Dec

Gladstone Ports Corporation have placements for the above dates as well. They have a separate form (Yellow) that needs to be completed and returned for the money to the Office.

QAL Work Experience – We do not have a definite date for this so far. Once we have it, I will notify parents via the newsletter.

Gladstone Medical Focus Program – Gladstone Hospital
This is full at the moment.

Year 10 Work Experience

Dates for this are 11 August to 15 August. This is a changed date from previous years. Forms will be sent out later in the year for this placement. A letter will be attached with information. If your child is interested in veterinary Work Experience please go ahead and contact the Vets to gain placements for your child. These spots fill up fast. Do not contact Gladstone Ports Corporation as they are only doing work experience placements on the holidays. Being a friend doesn't help as placements are collated in the work experience area and under the control of a coordinator. QAL, Boyne Smelters and Rio Tinto Yarwun do not take work experience for this placement. Students are able to go outside Gladstone so if you have relatives and close friends in an area where your child has an interest please talk with them to see if your child is able to stay with them while they attend. A list of career pathways offered in Gladstone is outside my office as well.

If you would like to speak to me regarding any work experience please either contact the office or email me.

POSITIONS VACANTS

Best and Less
Best and Less have School Based Traineeships being offered to Year 11 students interested in retail sales. If you would like more information of these please come up to my room or email me.

School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships
If you child is interested in one of these please let me know. Students are able to undertake these from Year 10 onwards. Some students have turned their after school job into a school based traineeship.

Retail Traineeships are a good option.
NOTE: CHANGES TO UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Please Note:
The College Uniform Shop hours have changed. These hours are current until further notice.

Mondays 8.15 am - 11.15 am
Thursdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

This unforeseen change is due to illness, we appreciate your understanding.

Gladstone Independent Schools Music Association Inc.
GISMA will hold their AGM Tuesday 18 February, 7.00 pm at the McDonalds Meeting Room.

As there are a number of helpers retiring from the committee this year we require more parent support to ensure the workshops continue. Without this support there will not be any workshops held this year.

The Music Workshops are to be held at the GECC in July this year and are a terrific experience for all children whether they are just learning or are more experienced with their instrument. Please come along and show your support.

For more information or to indicate your support contact President Bernadette Le Grand 0407 129 611, email: gismamusicworkshop@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page Gladstone Independent Schools Music Assoc Inc.

STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE
Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?
Available for you are: Computers & Printers, Resources & Support Material, Friendly Faces.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT HELP
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am. Also First Break everyday except Thursdays.

Contact Chanel College's Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs Robyn Jurd on 4973 4739 or Career Officer: Mrs Mellor on 4973 4738

Upcoming Events

Week 5

Mon 24 February
- Whole School Assembly
- Year 8 Retreat Group D

Tue 25 February
- Year 8 Retreat Group C
- Port Curtis Trials - Netball
- Music Cast Announcement 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
- 16y Girls AFL Nominations Due

Wed 26 February
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname A to G
- Interschool Volleyball

Thur 27 February
- MASS TODAY
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname A to G
- Capricornia Trials - Volleyball & Touch

Fri 28 February
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname A to G
- Year 8 for 2015 Enrolment Applications Close

Week 6

Mon 3 March
- House Assemblies
- Inter-School AFL
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname H to N

Tue 4 March
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname H to N

Wed 5 March
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname H to N
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname O to W
- Year 11 ACTS
- Ash Wednesday House Liturgies
- Interschool Volleyball
- Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 6 March
- MASS TODAY
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname O to W
- Year 11 ACTS
- Capricornia Trials - Soccer, Rugby League, Basketball, AFL

Fri 7 March
- Year 9 Retreat-Surname O to W
- Year 11 ACTS
- Capricornia 15y Boys AFL Nominations Due