Welcome to the 2014 College year! We have had an excellent start to the school year and it is pleasing to see the students return looking so refreshed and with such positive attitudes towards their studies. This year we have 102 Year 8 students commencing with us. Our current school enrolment is 540.

Our College theme for 2014 is “Let’s Make a Difference”. I shared this well-known story at assembly on Tuesday.

A man was walking along a deserted beach at sunset. As he walked he could see a young boy in the distance, as he drew nearer he noticed that the boy kept bending down, picking something up and throwing it into the water. Time and again he kept hurling things into the ocean. As the man approached even closer, he was able to see that the boy was picking up starfish that had been washed up on the beach and, one at a time he was throwing them back into the ocean. The man asked the boy what he was doing, the boy replied, “I am throwing these washed up starfish back into the ocean, or else they will die through lack of oxygen. “But”, said the man, “You can’t possibly save them all, there are thousands on this beach, and this must be happening on hundreds of beaches along the coast. You can’t possibly make a difference.” “The boy smiled, bent down and picked up another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea, he replied

“Made a difference to that one”

How can you make a difference this year?

Staffing Updates
I would also like to welcome the new staff joining us this year.

- Miss Alana Keys – PE/Maths
- Miss Kylie Kickbusch – Sports Coordinator
- Ms Jane Greenland – The Arts Coordinator
- Miss Paige McDonald – English/Humanities/RE
- Miss Ollivia Beveridge – HPE Coordinator
- Mrs Alison Whitehead – Enrolments Officer
- Mrs Marina McCosker – Tuckshop Convenor
- Mrs Aileen Bright – Tuckshop Assistant

Welcome back to Mrs Amiee MacBeath who has returned from maternity leave and Mr Stephen King who has returned from long service leave.

Mail Out Newsletter
Last week a newsletter was mailed home which contained some very important information regarding the start of the school year. If you did not receive this mail out, please contact the College Office.

Opening Mass
To celebrate the opening of the school year, I would like to issue a warm invitation to join us for our Opening Mass which will be held on Thursday 6 February commencing at 9.00 am in the Marian Centre.

P and F Meeting
I would like to invite all members of the Chanel Community to attend our first P and F Meeting for the year on Wednesday 19 February from 5.30 – 6.30 pm. Please put this in your diaries!

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Student Absentee Hotline: 4973 4791
Let’s Make a Difference – Chanel Theme 2014

Our theme for 2014 encourages us to live with a more compassionate awareness of the needs of other people. The way we live and love is what matters most. We all have the capacity to make a difference in our school, in our homes, in our social and sporting groups and in the wider world. Let us make 2014 a year when we look beyond ourselves and our desires and look to others and consider their needs.

Prayer Support

Following tradition, Chanel College families and/or individuals are asked to be involved in offering prayer support for our Year 12 students. This is a very important year and one that can be quite stressful at times for our young people. Each person or family who commits to pray each day, a prayer of their choice, for the student. This is a practical way of demonstrating our concern for our Year 12 students. Anyone who believes in the power of prayer is welcome to be a prayer support person/family. If you have not already received and returned your notice, and would like to participate, please leave your name and contact details at the College Office before Tuesday 4 February.

Connecting with Marists

Over the last weekend of the school holidays, our College Captains – Kelsey Smith and Kane Langdon, and Vice-captains – Sam Reynolds and Jacques Fermier, spent time at the Parish Student Leaders’ Gathering in Brisbane. They were given the opportunity to deepen their understanding of leadership, network with other Marist schools and participate in shared prayer and liturgies. Many thanks to Mrs Wales who accompanied them and we look forward to sharing their new found skills and ideas.

Invitation to attend Mercy Associate Presentation

Parishioners are invited to attend a Mercy Associates presentation from Sr Pat Wood rsm entitled “They Came By Boat - Refugees in Australia”. Sr Pat was a Pastoral Care Worker on Christmas Island for a short period in 2013 and still works with refugees in Rockhampton today. It will be held in the Parish Hall, Herbert Street, on Saturday 1st February. Morning tea will be held after the 8.30 am Healing Mass and the presentation will begin at 10 am.

Sale of Second Hand Uniforms

The Student Social Justice Group, through the sale of second hand uniforms last year, raised over $3000.00. The money was donated to the Sisters of St Joseph to assist the work of the Mary Mackillop Foundation in Peru and East Timor, The Marist Sisters educating disadvantaged children in Bangladesh, The Mercy Sisters assisting with education in Papua New Guinea, refugees from the Syrian Crisis and closer to home – schools in our Diocese affected by the January 2013 floods. The ‘shop’ will continue to operate in 2014 and will 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

Ms Dyer’s Year 12 Study of Religion Class will commence this year’s masses on Thursday 13 February – Commencing 10.40 am in the Chapel. PARENTS/CARERS are WELCOME!

In space astronauts cannot cry, because there is no gravity, so the tears can’t flow.

Because of the rotation of the earth, an object can be thrown farther if it is thrown west.

In 1859, 24 rabbits were released in Australia. Within six years the population grew to 2 million.

Please Pray for …

• Civilians in Middle Eastern countries as the political unrest continues to cause pain and suffering
• All our new students and staff as they commence their journey at Chanel College
• A year during which we will make a difference to someone each day
• People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness

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
• A safe return to school after a relaxing and renewing holiday
• The wonderful country we live in celebrating together

If you have any requests for either of the above prayers, please leave your request at the Office.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
CAR PARK TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

With the increased enrolment numbers there is more traffic entering the College grounds in the afternoons. Traffic is generally cleared by 3:30 pm, but delaying your pick up will allow you faster access to the College.

For the safety of all of our children could you please adhere to the following management plan. Either side of the traffic island as you enter St Peter Chanel Drive is divided into two lanes. The inside lane, closest to the traffic island, is a clearway for people to exit once they have collected their children. The outside lane, closest to the office, is the designated “pick up” zone. Please remind your children not to cross St Peter Chanel Drive to access their vehicle. The only point where the road is to be crossed is at the pedestrian crossing.

The head of the queue for picking up students is on the Dawson Highway side of the traffic island. Those parents parking in the pick up lanes are requested to move around to the other side when the queue advances or if space is available.

Thanks again for your support on this very important issue.

Wendy Hjorth
Office Manager

PLEASE NOTE
Please be aware of your speed whilst in the College grounds.
Speed Limit is 10 km/hour.
Thank you for your Cooperation

OFFICE CLOSED
Please Note:
The College Office will be closed
Monday 3 February
8.10 - 8.30 am
Due to Staff Photographs
Wendy Hjorth
Office Manager

Marist Student Leaders Gathering
By Kelsey Smith

On Friday the 24th of January, the College Captains and Vice Captains of Chanel were accompanied by Mrs Wales to Marist College Ashgrove in Brisbane to attend the Marist Student Leaders Gathering of 2014. The Marist Student Leaders Gathering is an annual event that is hosted by Marist Youth Ministry on behalf of Marist Schools Australia. It was a three-day gathering which provided a unique environment for student leaders from Marist Schools across Queensland to encounter and be equipped to live out leadership in the Marist way.

We had a wonderful time meeting other like-minded students from Marist Schools all across Queensland and sharing our ideas and goals for 2014. We learnt very valuable information and gained a lot of insight on how to lead as Jesus did and what the true meaning of leadership is.

Thank you Miss Volp for allowing us to go and for attending our special Mass and Dinner on Saturday night.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the organisers of this fantastic event and I would like to especially thank Mrs Wales for taking the time out of her holidays to accompany us to Brisbane and allowing us to take part in such a valuable experience.

Congratulations
2014 Australia Day Young Sportsperson Award
Tallis Stanhope
Year 8 Chanel College Student

OF FACTS

111,111 x 111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321
It takes 8.5 minutes for light to get from the sun to earth.

Lightning strikes the earth about 8 million times a day.
sporting news

Kylie Kickbush
Sports Co-ordinator

Swimming Carnival 2014

Our Swimming Carnival is to be held on Friday 7 February at the Gladstone Aquatics Centre. House Spirit is building around the College in anticipation of this annual event. Which House will win this year?

Students need to be aware of the following:

House shirts are compulsory for all students. Students are able to wear their own shorts provided they are appropriate for a swimming carnival and spending all day in the sun (ie: no high cut denim shorts). House shirts and the College hat are to be worn when students are not swimming.

All students must have a wide brimmed hat on as they enter the pool. Students will not be allowed to enter without a wide brimmed hat and they will be sent back to the College on the bus to collect their College hat. Hats are not to be worn whenever the student is not swimming. Footwear must also be worn whilst entering and leaving the pool.

Students are not permitted to bring electronic devices (Ipods, cameras and mobile phones), streamers or glass bottles/containers. Please be reminded that this is a compulsory school day and that normal school rules do apply.

If a student needs to leave the Swimming Carnival early, a signed written note from their parent/caregiver must be provided and presented to their Pastoral Care Coordinator. The student will then be issued with a Pass out.

School will officially finish at 3:00 pm on Friday 7 February, if parents are unable to meet this deadline please advise your child to take the Chanel bus back to the College.

I am looking forward to hearing the war cries and seeing our students enjoying the friendly rivalry between each House.

Port Curtis Trial Dates

Below are a list of sports and trial dates for Port Curtis Events coming up. Interested students will need to put their name on the sheets outside the staffroom or see Miss Kickbusch. Nominations need to be in by Friday 31 January.

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Tuckshop Menu 2014

See tuckshop board for specials

* Note: Prices are subject to change.

Volunteers are always welcome

Tuckshop Contacts: Marina & Aileen

Ph: 4973 4707

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11 Paterson Street, Gladstone Qld 4680

Pre-Ordering is appreciated
TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our College tuckshop is in need of Volunteers. If you are interested in helping, no matter how little time you can spare, please see our tuckshop convenors to express your interest. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated and valued.

Thankyou
Marina & Aileen
Ph: 4973 4707

COLLEGE PHOTOS

Photo Day is on Monday 3 February. Students are required to wear their formal uniform on this day. All envelopes are required to be returned whether or not photos are being ordered. Individual photos will also be taken on Monday as every student receives a Student ID card which is required for use in our College.

Assistant Principal
Pastoral Care
Alison Wales

LOCK YOUR BIKES!

To prevent THEFT please make sure you PADLOCK your bikes.

STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?

Available for you are:

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 2

Mon 3 February
• House Assemblies
• School Photos - Formal Uniforms Only
• Year 8 2015 Enrolment Applications Open
• Port Curtis Trials - Tennis, Softball & 19y Cricket
• Capricorn Swimming Nominations Due

Wed 5 February
• Musical Production Workshop 3.30 - 5.00 pm Drama Room
• Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 6 February
• OPENING MASS
• Capricornia Trials - Water Polo
• Musical Production Auditions 1st Break

Fri 7 February
• Inter-House Swimming Carnival

Week 3

Mon 10 February
• Whole School Assembly
• Capricorn Trials - Tennis, Softball & Cricket
• Inter-School Cricket
• Year 12 Marine Studies Camp

Tue 11 February
• Year 12 Marine Studies Camp
• Port Curtis Trials - Volleyball & Touch
• Musical Production Auditions 1st Break
• Student Representative Council Meeting 10.40 - 11.30 am

Wed 12 February
• Year 12 Marine Studies Camp
• Musical Production Auditions 1st Break
• Year 10 Info Evening 6.00 pm
• Year 11 Info Evening 7.00 pm

Thur 13 February
• Year 12 Marine Studies Camp
• Musical Production Auditions 1st Break

Fri 14 February
• Year 12 Marine Studies Camp
• Valentines Day