From the Principal

Opening Mass

We enjoyed a wonderfully uplifting Opening Mass this morning after which we acknowledged and congratulated our Pastoral Care Representatives for 2014. These students have been nominated and elected by their peers to be the student voice in the College. We are looking forward to the Student Representatives Council’s contribution to “Let’s Make a Difference” during 2014.

The Pastoral Care Representatives for 2014 are:

- Morgan Rideout: MacKillop 1
- Madeleine Dooley: MacKillop 2
- Kearly Creighton: MacKillop 3
- Oliver Young: MacKillop 4
- Madeline Roscoe: MacKillop 5
- Nicholas Smith: MacKillop 6
- Jacob Hagedorn: Marcellin 1
- Sarah Waters: Marcellin 2
- Anneliese McGuire: Marcellin 3
- Jake Mellor: Marcellin 4
- Morgan Lewis: Marcellin 5
- Peter Jarzebak: Marcellin 6

- Tom Humble: Futuna 1
- Anjana Ehret: Futuna 2
- Jaiden Ward: Futuna 3
- Hannah Hooper: Futuna 4
- Lachlan James: Futuna 5
- Sarah Coleman: Futuna 6

- Alexandra Dickinson: McAuley 1
- Connor Mulhern: McAuley 2
- Jurak Massey: McAuley 3
- Toby Guinea: McAuley 4
- Patrick Sisley: McAuley 5
- Gabrielle Ward: McAuley 6

- Hamish McDermott: Stella Maris 1
- Abbey Wyatt: Stella Maris 2
- Aiden Parker: Stella Maris 3
- Jacobbe McBride: Stella Maris 4
- Chloe Canilao: Stella Maris 5
- Dania Lami: Stella Maris 6

Music Ensemble Leaders

Mrs Chapman also announced the Music Ensemble Leaders for 2014 and they were presented with their badges. Congratulations to:

- Peter Jarzebak & Maia Van Duin: Choir Leaders
- Noel De Torres & Siobhan Samuelson: Concert Band Leaders
- Ashley Fisser: Woodwind Ensemble Leader
- Brittany Mann: Drumline Leader

College Board Vacancy

The Chanel College Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month. We currently have positions available for parent representatives. The role of the Board is to develop College policies through a process of shared wisdom. If you are interested becoming a member, please contact Kym Williams, the Leadership Team Secretary, by Friday 14 February.

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 25 February from 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm. Our P and F is not a fundraising committee; however, it does make important decisions about how to spend the P and F levies that families pay each year. Please come along and give your input!

Student Free Day

Tuesday 18 February will be a student free day due to the Bishop’s In-service 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 and the Parish. Please note that the College Office will be closed on this day.

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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
Ms Dyer's Year 12 SOR Class – Thursday 13 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.

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.

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

Counselling Services
Chanel College offers counselling to students to help support those who may be dealing with difficult issues and need someone objective to discuss their concerns. Students who are stressed, anxious or are trying to handle serious problems are generally not able to focus on academic work so it is best to give them strategies so they can be fully present at school and have some fun away from their cares and worries.

Making an appointment to see me can be done by parents, Pastoral Coordinators, teachers, and of course by the students themselves. Students generally go to the Front Office to make an appointment while parents usually phone me. The students understand that counselling is confidential unless I am concerned for their safety in which case I will let them know we need to contact parents or an outside agency. This is generally done while your child is still with me. Chanel College offers a Brief Solution-Focussed Therapy approach but if I feel your child may need some more specialised, on-going treatment I will contact you and suggest he/she sees an outside specialist - psychologist or psychiatrist. I am more than happy to speak with parents about their children but you may have to leave a message on my phone as I do not like to interrupt a session with a child to answer the phone. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

All students also have Personal Development and Education (PDE) or Life Skills lessons as part of their Religion programme. In these classes developmentally appropriate lessons are delivered by their teachers on issues that are relevant to a particular year group. These PDE and Life Skills lessons focus on skill building and deal with communication, mental health, self-management, careers and decision making.
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve.
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.
   If your expectations are too high they may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home.
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time.
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes.
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. Skill children to work with others.
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate fully in class & school activities.
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience.
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school.
    Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10 point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place.

Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
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

LOCK YOUR BIKES!
To prevent THEFT please make sure you PADLOCK your bikes.

STUDENT ABSENTEE HOTLINE 4973 4791
Swimming Carnival is on this Friday 7 February. There will be a combination of 'championship' and 'participation' events so all students can get into the pool and have a go. The Championship events will be for those students wishing to go for Age Champion. Participation events are for those students who may not be the strongest swimmers but want to get into the pool to earn points for their house. At the end of the Carnival we will be announcing Age Champions, Champion House and the House Spirit award. It will be a great day and I encourage all students to be there and support their House Leaders.

Pool opens at 8.30 am and rolls will be marked at 8.45 am
Carnival finishes at 3.00 pm.

Last week a number of students attended Port Curtis trials for Tennis. They performed really well and represented the school in an outstanding manner. Congratulations to Kyle Stevens Year 9 student who was selected for the Capricornia Tennis team to compete in Rockhampton on the 10 February.

Best of luck to students who will be attending Touch and Volleyball trials in Week 3.
Please remember that no student can attend Port Curtis Trials without first submitting their medical forms to me by the due date.

I am looking forward to the Swimming Carnival on Friday. If any parents would like to come down to help assist with timekeeping, please come down and see me at the pool.

This week in Year 8 History we continued our introduction to Medieval Europe with activities where students embarked on a journey of discovery to learn the difference between Primary and Secondary sources of historical information.

Students learnt about the different ways historians – in their roles as detectives, judges, storytellers and philosophers – interpret different types of written and non-written sources from the past including written accounts, artefacts, maps and other sources.

Their journey will continue in the following weeks examining medieval society, the period from 500-1500CE, in which many great and exciting developments, changes and discoveries took place leading up to the Renaissance and Enlightenment.

Mr Anthony Constance
Work Experience 2014
Work Experience 2014 is going to be very busy. Placements will be at a cost of $60. 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 copied and handed to SANE. 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
Dates
31 Mar – 2 April (3 Days)
15 – 17 Sept (3 days)
Students have preferences of Nursing, Administration, Physio, X-ray, Pathology, Pharmacist, Community Health and Surgery. These forms are a lilac form.

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 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.

BRONCO’S & ANGLO AMERICAN
The Bronco’s and Anglo American will be at Chanel College Wednesday 12 February speaking with the Year 10 Students, about Career Development. After lesson 6 the Bronco’s will be heading to the oval for a kick around.
TAFE still have some courses open for enrolment for 2014.

**SIT20112 Certificate II in Tourism** (1 year course)
Currently working on plan of delivery possible Wednesday On Campus with some Online components.

**ICA30111 Certificate III in Information, Digital Media Technology** (2 year course)
Currently working on plan of delivery On Campus with some Online components.

**HLT32412 Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance** (2 year course)
On Gladstone Campus, Wednesdays, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm alternating between campus and Placement in Health facility. (A suitable Placement will be required to complete this course)
Due to the Vocational Placement component for the Allied Health program student’s must be in Year 11 or 12 unfortunately it does not matter if they are 15 and in Year 10 they cannot enrol until they are in Year 11.

**AUR20512 Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology** (18 month course) -
On Gladstone Campus starting dependent on numbers, Tuesdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**CPC10111 Certificate I in Construction** (1 year course)
On Gladstone Campus starting dependent on numbers, Tuesdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**MEM10105 Certificate I in Engineering** (1 year course)
On Gladstone Campus starting dependent on numbers, Tuesdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

These courses listed below are Full Fee Paying. Full details and a pricelist for Fitness, Business, Hairdressing and Beauty is outside my office. Please note some courses require additional materials to be purchased.

- **BSB30412 Certificate III in Business Administration**
  Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday

- **SIH20111 Certificate II in Hairdressing**
  Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday

- **SIB30310 Certificate III in Fitness**
  Monday, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm or Tuesday, 5:15 pm - 7.00 pm (Video Conference)

- **Certificate III in Beauty Services**
  Tuesday and/or Wednesday

Flyers for these courses are outside my office.

**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 your child is interested in one of these can you 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. Working in the food industry there are traineeships attached to them. Retail Traineeships are a good option.
NOTICE: 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.

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.

Thank you
Marina & Aileen
Ph: 4973 4707

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 3
Mon 10 February
- Whole School Assembly
- Capricornia 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 am - 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
- MASS TODAY
- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp
- Musical Production Auditions 1st Break

Fri 14 February
- Valentines Day

Week 4
Mon 17 February
- House Assemblies
- Year 8 2015 Information Evening 5.00 pm
- Inter-School Cricket

Tue 18 February
- Bishop Inservice Day

Wed 19 February
- Year 8 Retreat Group A
- Musical Production Call Back
- Port Curtis Trials - Hockey, Rugby League, 18y Basketball, 19y Soccer
- P & F Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 20 February
- MASS TODAY
- Year 8 Retreat Group B
- Musical Production Call Back

Fri 21 February
- Year 8 Social 6.30 pm
- Year 8 Parents Wine & Cheese 6.30 pm