From the Principal

Pope Francis during an address in St Peter’s Square in Rome on May 11 2014 said

The Evangelist John presents us with the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. In contemplating this page of the Gospel, we can understand the kind of relationship Jesus had with his disciples: a relationship based on tenderness, love, mutual knowledge, and the promise of an immeasurable gift: “I came,” Jesus said, “that they may have life, and have it abundantly”. (Jn 10:10) This relationship is the model for relations between Christians and for human relationships.

I invite everyone to place their trust in the Lord who guides us. But he not only guides us: he accompanies us, he walks with us. Let us listen to his Word with minds and hearts opened, to nourish our faith, enlighten our conscience, and follow the teaching of the Gospel.

I have always loved the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Perhaps it is because it resonates with my own background of growing up on a farm, surrounded by animals. In this address, which was presented on the Fourth Sunday of Easter last year, Pope Francis asked us to pray for the Shepherds of the Church, for all Bishops, including the Bishop of Rome, for all priests, for everyone to help us to be good shepherds. He shared this writing of St Caesarius of Arles, a Father of the first centuries of the Church.

He explained how the People of God must help the pastor, and he gave this example: when a calf is hungry it goes to the cow, its mother, to get milk. The cow, however, does not give it right away: it seems that she withholds it. And what does the calf do? It knocks with its nose at the cow’s udder, so that the milk will come. It is a beautiful image!

I have watched calves do this to their mothers many times on the farm, but I love the way Pope Francis has used this image...

“So also you must be with your pastors”, this saint said: always knock at their door, at their hearts, that they may give you the milk of doctrine, the milk of grace and the milk of guidance.

May we always be willing to “knock at the door” and be open to the Lord’s guidance and grace.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

A reminder that a Parish Mass will be held in the Marian Centre on Sunday 5 June at 9.00 am to celebrate our Golden Jubilee. The Mass will be our Term 2 Star of the Sea Mass. I warmly invite all members of our community to attend. Students may wear good casual clothes on this occasion. Please bring along a plate of food to share for morning tea.

Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project (ECSIP)

This term Chanel College is participating in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project which closes tomorrow. We would really like to hear your views. Please fill in the survey as per the link that has been emailed to all families. We only need 14 more parents to complete the survey to reach our target!
Year 10 Retreat
The feedback and comments from our Year 10 students who attended Retreat last week were very positive and indicate that their time at Retreat was both enjoyable and rewarding. Some of their comments included – “This retreat was extremely helpful, I built a lot of new relationships, mended old ones and improved current ones and it has been one of the best retreats.” “The retreat was fun, interesting and overall an amazing experience and personally it helped me get out of my comfort zone a little more.” “Two of the sessions helped me - Bush dancing and I’m Special Session, both helped to build new friendships and I danced with new people and challenged myself and I learnt some positives that others see in me.” “I didn’t like doing the bridge building, it was OK but maybe give a little more variety in the materials and less time.” “This was a great retreat, awesome teachers, what would be better would be shorter lectures and more hands on experiences.”

Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to assist with the preparation of the meals at Tanyalla, your assistance was greatly appreciated by the students, Chanel Staff and Jenny and David Wilson.

10 May – World Fair Trade Day
The World Fair Trade Organisation represents Fair Traders from grassroots through to the G8 and is the authentic voice of Fair Trade, having driven the movement for over 20 years. It is the only global network whose members represent the Fair Trade chain from production to sale. ‘Be an Agent for Change’ is the theme for the 2016 World Fair Trade Day celebration and this challenges each of us to be active as a consumer, a producer, a lobbyist or even an events-organiser to raise awareness of injustices in the business world and to bring about positive changes. For more information visit www.wft.com

Second Hand Uniform Outlet
The Second Hand Uniform ‘outlet’ is open each Wednesday in the RE Resource Room during 1st Break. Sports uniform items - $5 each, formal uniform shirts, shorts and skirts - $10 each.

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 10 SOR Class – Thursday 19 May
Mass is celebrated in the College Chapel at 10.40 am each Thursday. ALL WELCOME

Oral Health Service Mobile Dental Van
REMINDER any outstanding forms MUST be returned to the College Office ASAP. The dental van is due and needs to have a certain number before providing this service.
Last Tuesday and Thursday our Year 10 students participated in the Love BiTES Program. Love BiTES is an educational program focusing on the development of relationships and violence prevention. The program is about preventing domestic and family violence and sexual assault. It was designed by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN).

The Love BiTES program consists of two interactive educational workshops on Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault awareness followed by a creative workshop in the afternoon that consolidates the information from the morning sessions. Throughout the day our students were encouraged to develop their skills in identifying safe, healthy and equitable relationships. The facilitators also explored conflict resolution and advised our students how to access support services within our community if required.

The Coordinated Community Response to Domestic and Family Violence (CCR) is a multiagency organisation promoting awareness throughout the community through a number of events throughout the year. This month is Domestic and Family Violence Awareness month and the CCR can be accessed on their Facebook page where they share the Love BiTES art work and what activities that are happening within the community.

The Community Campaign Artwork which our 2015 Year 10 students created is now on display at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and has been used to promote Domestic and Family Violence Awareness month in Gladstone.

Our current Year 10 students have again produced some wonderful artwork during the afternoon creative session. This artwork will be used in the 2017 campaign.

The facilitators are all members of the Coordinated Community Response to Domestic and Family Violence Committee. Thank you to the following facilitators for presenting the Love BiTES program to our Year 10 students:

Kate Brodie, Nicolle Mayers & Craig Shields, Youth Workers at Roseberry Community Services
Sergeant Vicki Dredge, Domestic & Family Violence Coordinator, QPS
Sam Pyke, Queensland Police Service
Shayle Arnold, Ozcare
Natalia Muskat, Director of Welcoming Intercultural Network

Parents Please Note
Traffic Management Plan

The new DROP OFF and PICK UP arrangements at the College, have been designed to ensure the safety of our children. Please park in the yellow striped area ensuring that you drive to the furthest point when dropping your children off so as to maximise the space and therefore increase the efficiency. Parents who arrive early must park so that efficient use of the yellow area is maintained and if requested to move by a member of staff they should do so. If the yellow area is full with vehicles, then parents should use the normal parking bays. Double parking or parallel parking is not allowed. Only those parents who have children on crutches, wheelchairs or who are injured should proceed to the front parking area closest to the Administration Building.

Mr David Fisser
(Workplace Health and Safety Officer)
Canada Wide Science Fair

My name is Isabella Aitkenhead and I am in Year 12. I previously attended Session A of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in February 2016 in Canberra. After the NYSF there were several opportunities presented to the students who attended. One of these opportunities was the NYSF International Program. Each year after the NYSF sessions at the beginning of the year, the 400 students who attended were able to apply to the various international programs of the NYSF. Out of those who applied only about 40 students were selected for the 7 programs.

For the Canada Wide Science Fair International Program, only six NYSF students were selected. I was lucky enough to be one of these six students. I will travel to Montreal Canada, on 13 May and attend the Science fair until the 25 May. The Canada Wide Science Fair is a showcase for the next generation of entrepreneurs, academics, scientists and technologists; minds that will tackle and solve some of the most challenging issues facing our planet. For the 500 finalists, participation at CWSF is a great achievement and a life-changing event. The NYSF students will stay at one of the major universities in Canada, McGill University, and will judge at the fair. This is an extremely valuable opportunity as it will allow me to network with other scientists of my age, and the leading scientists from all over the world. It will also allow me to promote Australian science internationally. This experience will be one that I will never forget.

Chanel College would like to wish Isabella all the best for this fabulous opportunity and can’t wait to hear all about it when she returns.
UQ Science Ambassadors

This year four students from Chanel were chosen as University of Queensland (UQ) Science Ambassadors. After a lengthy screening process, Year 11 Students, Sam and Joe Romagnolo, Shelby Colebrook and Abi Meehan were selected as this year’s UQ Science Ambassadors. They will actively promote anything related to Science at the College and also take ownership of the implementation of the activities. We wish them well as they start their year promoting Science.

St Peter’s Mothers Day Morning Tea

Ms Emerick’s choir was a huge success at the St Peter’s Mothers’ Day Morning Tea! Congratulations to the talented students who delighted all of the mothers, many of whom live in aged care residences in the Gladstone Region. Pictured are Brianna Sieminski, Isabella Wood-de-Melo, Maddison Samuel, Tamsin Leask, Imogen Whiting, Nicola Bradshaw, Cecilia Schultz, Angelica Carino and Georgia Ulini Paulo. Girls, you were so wonderful that there were tears in the mothers’ eyes alternating with smiles on their faces! Many thanks also to Ms Emerick for her inspiration and expertise!

Community Representatives Needed

Chanel College is calling for persons to act as Community Representatives to assist with the administration of the 2016 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. These are paid positions. This year the test will be held on Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31 August. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity please contact the Chanel College Office for more information by Wednesday 18 May.

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (*$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 1, 2016
Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2016. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Students with Disabilities
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?
Interhouse Athletics Carnival
Not long now till the final and biggest Interhouse carnival of the year – Athletics. The athletics carnival will be held on the last 2 days of Term 2, Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June. It will be two jam packed days of fun, competition and a lot of laughs. More details about the program of events will be released once they have been finalised. Pre-carnival events will be run before the Interhouse carnival and students will be notified through the morning notices when these will be taking place.

Port Curtis Representatives
13-15 Years Football (soccer) and basketball trials were held this week. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Port Curtis at the Capricornia trials at the end of the month:
Jessica Buenen 15 Girls Football
Dylan Walz 15 Boys Football
Lachlan Pacheco 15 Boys Football
Luke Knight 15 Boys Basketball
Isaac Blackaby 15 Boys Basketball
Thasindu Chandrasekara 15 Boys Basketball

Interschool Netball and Rugby League
For our teams, this was the first week of games. It has been a long wait but finally the teams were able to showcase their skills against Tannum for the Rugby League and Toolooa, Gladstone SHS and Biloela SHS for the netball. Chanel has entered 1 team into all age groups for each of the competitions and will be represented by strong teams in these divisions.
At the netball on Wednesday the Open team went down to Toolooa by 1 goal. It was a very tight game and exciting to watch. The Year 9/10 team won both of their games as did the Year 7/8 team.
The Open Boys rugby league team had a narrow 18-20 loss to Tannum High. This team is made up of most of the Confraternity team, and they are using this competition as a warm-up for their comp during the holidays. The Under 15s have a strong, fast team who played with guts and glory yesterday in a beaten team. They were undermanned but this did not stop them from playing with fantastic College spirit and putting up a good fight against Tannum. Unfortunately the 13s will have to wait till next week to play their first game. They won on forfeit this week.
Good luck to all teams for next week’s games and a big Thank You to the teachers and coaches for looking after the teams.
Year 7 Quoin Island Excursion

Last Wednesday, all Year 7 students went on a retreat to Quoin Island. We visited the Turtle Rehabilitation Centre and played multiple games and activities. I really couldn't fault the day at all and found all the activities a great way to develop teamwork and challenge communication styles. Even though it poured down rain and we got covered in sand, it was a great day I know will stay with me for a long time.

Quoin Island Turtle Rehabilitation Centre is Gladstone’s first permanent marine turtle rehabilitation facility. We were lucky enough to be able to feed 4 rehabilitated Green Sea turtles and we learnt about the centre’s biggest and smallest relocated turtles. We also learned the dangers that fish hooks and lines pose to a healthy turtle population.

Quoin Island is home to around 100 Pretty-Faced Wallabies. We were fortunate enough to feed and pat them and even see their baby joeys.

On behalf of Chanel College, I would like to thank Richard and Allison, our guides for the day, Curtis Ferry Services and the ferry crew. On behalf of Year 7, I would like to thank Mr Rose for organising the day and Mrs Cameron, Ms McDonough, Mr Hayes and Mr Wilson for supervising our visit.

Olivia Tudman SM5
Notices

upcoming events

Week 6
Tue 17 May
• Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
Wed 18 May
• P & F Meeting 5.30 pm

Week 7
Tue 24 May
• Stella Maris Feast Day
• Red Shield Appeal
Wed 25 May
• Senior Years & Middle Years Assemblies
Fri 27 May
• High School Musical Performance at GECC
• Year 7 for 2017 Enrolment Applications Close

Café CHANEL
Sat 28 May
• High School Musical Performance at GECC

Week 8
Mon 30 May
• Chanel’s Got Talent Heat 1
Tue 31 May
• Chanel’s Got Talent Heat 2
Wed 1 June
• CHANEL DAY
Fri 3 June
• Student Representative Meeting (First Break)
• “Back to Chanel” Wine & Cheese Evening 6.30 pm

Sat 4 June
• Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Sun 5 Jun
• Golden Jubilee Celebrations

IMMUNISATION NEWS
Year 7 & 8 Immunisation

Tuesday 17 May

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