From the Principal

The Subject Selection Evening for Year 10 students on Tuesday night was very well attended. Congratulations to the Year 11 students on the fantastic job they did on the Subject EXPO. Our current Year 10 students have now been issued a task to start thinking about their future pathways. One of the pieces of advice that was offered was to think about what subjects you really enjoy.

We have all heard people urge us to “Follow your passion.” But what if you have no idea what you’re passionate about? And it pays to remember that the reality of following your passion is not always easy or quick. It takes effort and time to develop a direction in your life that you know is the one you want to follow forever, whatever it takes.

Perhaps what we should be doing is developing our passion, finding out where our interests lie and exploring them.

We can start by moving towards what we are interested in.

Career paths are developed, not discovered. Learning a new language could lead to a love of the food of that country and a career in cooking or writing or travel. Learning to play the violin can lead to loving another instrument or enjoyment of the world of music. Doing things you quite enjoy may lead to the one thing you are really passionate about. A first job can be an opportunity to begin the process. You may discover a talent for leadership or teaching others or keeping records or cleaning. Take the first steps and you have more chance of arriving at the destination you really want.

Look for purpose.
That means realising that we are hard-wired not only to gratify our personal desires but also to care for others. We often find ourselves when we are helping others. Ask yourself, “In what way do I wish the world were different? What problem can I help solve? How can I contribute?” You can try writing down your answers. Psychologists have found that writing about your values helps to motivate you.

Keep an eye on the finishing line.
Your first hobby or job may not last very long. You may try out lots of things before you discover your lifelong passion. You may even find several things that excite you at different times in your life. But the more you do and learn, the more valuable skills and knowledge you will find and the more doors will open to you.
The key is to give things a go and then give 100% to whatever you are doing. Life is a journey of learning and it can be surprising where we find the most important lessons.


Qld Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival
I had the pleasure of attending the performances last Saturday in Brisbane. Our ensembles played and sung very well at the Qld Catholic Schools’ and College’s Music Festival in Brisbane. The students were wonderful ambassadors for our College. The Choir, Concert band and Drumline were all awarded silver standard which was a fantastic effort. We are so proud of you all.

Thank you to Mrs Sheather for the wonderful work in preparing the students and to Mr Carseldine, Miss Barbagello and Mr Rose for accompanying the students. Thanks to Mrs Marsh, Co-Curricular Leader for all of her behind the scenes work on organising the tour.

God bless
S. M. Noy
Sharon Volp
Chanel SOS Mass and Youth Group - Sunday 21 August
You are invited to come and celebrate our Mass this Sunday 21 August at Star of the Sea commencing at 6.00 pm. After the Mass our young people are invited to join Youth Group with our Year 12 students in the Parish Hall.

National Evangelisation Team (NET)
The National Evangelisation Team will be presenting the Year 7 Retreat Day on Monday 29 August in the Marian Centre. Parent/Carer Letters were distributed to the Year 7 students this week, with information on what to wear and what to bring on the day. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided and tuckshop will not be available. Please take the time to read the letter so you and your child/ren are prepared for the day.

Service to the Community - Buddies Day
Buddies Day, organised by St Vincent de Paul and supported by Chanel College, will be having their next outing on 28 August, meeting at the Gladstone Botanical Gardens, near the playground. More outings are planned for this year and if your child would like to be a volunteer with this program, and they are in Years 10-12, please encourage them to see Mrs Hore for more details.

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 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
Mr Grealy’s Year 7A RE Class – Thursday 25 August
Mass is celebrated in the College Chapel at 10.40 am each Thursday. ALL WELCOME

An early Spring Clean!
Chanel Immersion Students are collecting items for the Kindergartens in Bagua. If there are any of the following that are no longer required in your home, please bring them to Mrs Hore’s room for the students to take to Timor Leste during the September holidays. Paper for craft for making paper planes … Books with animals, transport, food, professions eg nurse, teacher, flowers, colours, numbers, shapes, buildings, musical instruments ...
Tea sets and cooking/kitchen items, Clothes for drama/dress up, Animals, Shapes, Dolls, Hoops, Plasticine, Beads and string for threading, Blue tack, Paint brushes all sizes, Paint for children, any colours, Musical instruments Blocks, Tracks for cars/trains, Jig saws, Glue.
Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure. When school screening for Scoliosis was abandoned the Self-Detection Program as a practical alternative was introduced. The website, www.scoliosis-australia.org contains viable information about symptoms and treatment of Scoliosis.

Year 8 Geography Excursion to Tannum Sands

Fieldwork can be challenging at the best of times but when you’re on the beach front fighting 35 knot winds just keeping the sand out of your eyes is a battle. On Monday, between catching wayward hats and controlling field booklets which seemed to have a mind of their own, the students courageously completed four different activities collecting data on beach processes and human impact. The students' behaviour and work ethic was exemplary. Many thanks goes to the teachers who organised and ran the activities on the day.

Mrs Staunton
Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Leader
Chanel KINGS continue to rule Gladstone Chess!

On August 11, members of the Chanel Chess Club participated in the final Gardiner Interschool Chess Tournament for 2016 at CQU’s Gladstone campus. Chanel’s team managed to take the top three prizes (yet again!!) for the day with Thasindu Chandrasekara (year 8) being awarded the top senior school player, Kyle Stevens (year 11) second and Aish Chandrasekara (year 11) third on the day.

Don’t forget, everyone is welcome to come to the library on Tuesday for the whole of First Break (bring your lunch!) to learn to play Chess or hone your skills.

Check you later!

Mrs Botica

Chanel Seniors Visit Edenvale Seniors!

Twenty-six Year 11 and 12 students volunteered to spend some time helping out and socialising with residents of Blue Care Edenvale at their Carnival Day last Friday. From face painting to stall holding, serving food and ice-cream to singing, looking after the farm animals to popping balloons, our students were wonderful. It was a privilege to be able to spend some time with the residents and to help create some new memories. Special thanks to the many parents who transported students in their cars and to Blue Care Edenvale for making us so welcome.

Kath Hore and Wendy Marsh.
Directing Workshop Senior Drama
Today the Senior Drama class were privileged to have Travis Dowling from Queensland Theatre Company, take a directing workshop. This experience was invaluable for the students – Travis has previously studied and directed Waiting for Godot, amongst many other productions including the text our students will direct for their upcoming assessment. He provided them with a deeper understanding of the play and some clear processes to use as a director. Thanks QTC and thanks Travis!

Queensland Catholic School’s Music Festival
Chanel College took 24 fabulous musicians to Brisbane over the weekend to perform at the annual Music Festival at Villanova College, Coorparoo. The event included 14,000 performers from Queensland, NSW and Victoria and was an amazing experience for our musicians. Three ensembles performed on Saturday, Drumline, Concert Band and the Girls’ Choir. Each group performed to their absolute best and were awarded a Silver Medal in each category – an amazing effort. This is the first year that any Chanel Choir has received higher than a Bronze and the second year that the Concert Band has received a Silver medal. A truly fantastic effort from each student. Each ensemble had the opportunity to watch some “A” level ensembles perform and this was really inspiring for everyone. Something to work towards in the future!
Special thanks must go to Mr Rose, our bus driver for the trip, Mr Carseldine and Miss Barbagallo, our musical support tutors. Thank you for making this trip so amazing! We stayed at Marist Ashgrove and ate the most gigantic meals over the weekend, thanks must go to the wonderful staff there as well. Thank you to Mrs Marsh for her organisation, everything went exactly to plan! Also thanks to Miss Volpe for her continued support of our attendance at this event, it is only with school support that we are able to rehearse, prepare and attend this great event.
During Week 7 all ensembles will be starting to learn new repertoire. This is a great opportunity to come along and join in the fun. Everyone is ALWAYS welcome and we love seeing new people in our weekly rehearsals:

Monday lunch Chanelaboce
Monday 3:30-4:15 Concert Band
Tuesday 7:30-8:30 Girl’s Choir
Tuesday lunch Drumline
Wednesday 7:30-8:15 Woodwind ensemble
Sports Awards – Monday 10 October
This year’s Sports Awards presentation will be held in Term 4, week 3 on Monday 10 October. This presentation will be held in the Marian Centre starting at 8.50am. Team awards for the Chanel sporting teams, Port Curtis, Capricornia, QLD and Australian School Sport representatives will be presented. The big awards, where students are asked to nominate, will also be presented. 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, under the ‘Sports’ tab now. Students will need to download and complete the form then submit the form to myself, or email me their completed form. Nominations are due by Friday 26 August. Only nomination forms submitted by the due date will be considered for the awards, late nominations will not be accepted.

Capricornia Track and Field Trials
On Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 August students who made the Port Curtis Track and Field team will travel to Rockhampton to compete at the Capricornia Track and Field Trials. These trials are being held at Emmaus College and for the first time, will have all competitors from 10 Years – 19 Years of age. Congratulations to the Chanel students who have made the Port Curtis team and we wish you all the best at the trials.

Interschool Soccer and Basketball
This is the first week for the Chanel teams in the Interschool Soccer and Basketball competitions. We have 3 teams in the Soccer (Year 7/8 Boys and Girls & Year 9/10 Boys) and 2 teams participating in the Basketball competition (12-14 Years boys and girls).

Basketball:
The 12-14 Years Girls basketball team played against Toolooa SHS on Wednesday. They started the game with only 4 players, but they did not let this deter them. The girls played strong defence (Christine was unstoppable under the basket pulling in rebound after rebound), when they got the turn-over ball they dribbled strongly down the court (Angelica was lighting up the court and pulling off fantastic lay-ups, whilst Bella was determined to take the ball strong and feed into the key) and shot amazingly well (Hannah top scored and hardly missed a shot, and Chery chipped in with shots from the free-throw line). Congratulations on a great team effort girls in your first game, winning 60 – 6.

Soccer:
The Year 7/8 Boys team played Toolooa SHS on Wednesday in their first game of the competition. They were eager to play and very enthusiastic to get the comp underway. Unfortunately the boys went down in the game, but played their hearts out and did themselves proud. The Year 9/10 Boys travelled to Gladstone SHS to play their first game. Due to the opposition players being on a school excursion, the game ended in a forfeit to Chanel. They did manage to have a scratch match with some of the Gladstone players to build on team work and plays for next week’s game against Biloela SHS. We wish both these teams all the best for their games against Biloela in Biloela next week. A reminder to players and parents, the permission forms for this game need to be handed to the office by Monday 22 August.
We had a great start to National Science Week where on Monday, Queensland Aerial were kind enough to visit our College and display their great collection of Drones. They explained and showed how they worked and it was exciting to see first-hand just how far development has come since the old Box Brownie Camera. These small remotely operated drones can produce some of the most fascinating High Definition videos and Aerial photography you can imagine. If you would like to know more about Queensland Aerial you can jump onto their website and get all the info you need.  www.qldaerial.com.au

Tuesday was all about Robot Coding where Mr Hodgson explained some of the technical side to making computerised robots work. Mr Hodgson also holds a class at First Break every Tuesday for those interested in learning more about this fascinating technology.

Wednesday we were able to see some of the little Robots in action where Mr McCaskill and Mr King put on a great display in the library. We watched two robots programmed to follow a map and they did this with such precision. We were also lucky enough to see a SPHERO work. This is a toy that was in the shape of a ball and it could be programmed to move, to change colours and follow different directions. It is really exciting to think what the future will bring with all this ever improving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. I hope that we have “Ignited your imagination” a little.

Please don’t forget tomorrow Friday at first break in Lavalla you can get involved and help make a Robotic Fish.

On behalf of all the UQ Science Ambassadors we would like to thank those that helped with our Science Week demonstrations, Queensland Aerial, Mr Fisser, Mr Hodgson, Mr McCaskill and Mr King.

Abi Meehan
UQ Science Ambassador
Duchesne College Visit to Chanel College
23 August 2016

Duchesne College is a Catholic women’s residential college within the University of Queensland for young women from rural and regional areas. The Deputy Head of Duchesne College, Clare Goodwin, will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 23 August from 10.30 am – 11.20 am**, presenting to any students interested in studying in Brisbane next year. The presentation will cover the transition from secondary to tertiary education and the accommodation options available to students moving to Brisbane for tertiary study, including on campus accommodation. The session is a good opportunity for students to ask some questions about life at UQ and the other universities in Brisbane and the benefits of living on campus. While she is here, Clare will also interview students who have already applied to reside at Duchesne College next year. For any students planning to apply to reside at Duchesne College that would like to be interviewed while Clare is here, please submit your applications online this week (www.duchesne.uq.edu.au)

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**STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE**

**Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?**

**Available for you are:**
- Resources & Support Material, Friendly Faces.

**HOMWORK ASSIGNMENT HELP**
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am.
- Also First Break every day except Thursdays.

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**upcoming events**

**Week 6**
- Fri 19 August
  - Senior Years and Middle Years Assemblies
- Sun 21 August
  - Star of the Sea MASS 6.00 pm

**Week 7**
- Fri 26 August
  - CAFE CHANEL

**Week 8**
- Tue 30 August
  - Year 12 QCS TEST
- Wed 31 August
  - Year 12 QCS TEST

**Week 9**
5 - 9 September

**Year 7 - 12 EXAM WEEK**

**Week 10**
- Mon 12 September
  - Middle Year Student Leaders Applications for 2017 due to Print Room by 9.00 am
  - Student Representative Council Meeting First Break
- Thur 15 September
  - McAuley Feast Day
- Fri 16 September
  - Marist Solidarity Coin Trail Challenge

**Term 3 Concludes Term 4**

**Week 1**
- Mon 3 October
  - QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tues 4 October

**TERM 4 COMMENCES**
- Whole School Liturgy, Announcement of 2017 Student Leaders
- Wed 5 October
  - Year 9 Subject Selection for Year 10 in 2017 Evening
  - Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

**Week 2**
- Mon 10 October
  - SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY
- Tue 11 October
  - Student Representative Council Meeting First Break
- Fri 14 October
  - Year 10 Social 6.00 pm

**Week 3**
- Mon 17 October
  - STUDENT FREE DAY
  - 2017 Student Leader Retreat