Dear Families

Term 1 gone – amazing – and indeed it was amazing!

Let me start with what is coming up after the holidays. For your calendars:

- **Tuesday 5 May** - **School Cross Country** - this is a school day, no exceptions. Regular classes in the morning and all students are required to participate in the Cross Country from approximately 1pm. Sign outs from school are not permitted. Students will have the option to participate competitively or to walk/run the course. Something for everyone....

- **Parent/Student/Teacher interviews Thursday 7 May** - from 3.20pm – a golden opportunity to hear face to face feedback. Your child understands it is our practice at CHSHS for your child to participate in the interview with you. The time spent is so much more meaningful when the main person participates.

**Formal Uniform days Term 2:**
- Wednesday 29 April and Friday 8 May for all students plus:
  - Year 7s and 8s – Monday 18 May
  - Year 9s – Tuesday 19 May
  - Year 10s – Wednesday 20 May
  - Year 11s – Thursday 21 May
  - Year 12s – Friday 22 May

- **For All Year 11 students - Thursday 21 May** - mandatory participation in the superb Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program [RYDA]. There are no exemptions from this day. Parents/Carers, you will receive a letter in your Report Card mail out regarding this day – so very well received by all Year 11s in previous years and it goes a long way to ensuring your child becomes a safe and respectful driver.

Has your child misplaced any lunch boxes, black leather shoes or school jumpers? It will be worth your while to go into our Textbook Office and paw through the many such items that have been recovered but have no name on them. They have all been washed and are ready for you to claim them.

**Congratulations and thankyou to our recently elected 2015 P and C Executive** – President Wayne Heading; Vice Presidents Alastair Webb and Kev Fowler; Secretary Tracey Kessels and Treasurer Charles Corbett. These very good selfless people, outside of their day jobs and family commitments, dedicate their energy and time to ensuring the very best is afforded to your children. As people they are delightful and it is an absolute pleasure to work with them.

**School Magazine** – Wow – sales have taken off. If you are thinking of purchasing one for 2015 [and you will love the quality of the product] I strongly suggest you order and pay as soon as you can. Orders will cease to be taken after Term 2. $25.00 – orders placed and payment taken at our Textbook Office. Remember – the memories of your child’s 2015 will be in that magazine. Think how much enjoyment you, and he/she, will gain from looking through it in years to come...

**Thankyou to you:**
- For understanding that our students are not permitted to text you to collect them during a school day. Our office staff do all of the parent contact should a child need to go home otherwise a parent could end up on the doorstep and our office staff have no idea why or whether going home will be approved.
- For ensuring you do not drive onto school premises during school hours – we have many students and when they exit the volume is overwhelming – very unsafe if cars were to be driven on site – hence a no go area.

**Our 2015 Student Leaders have just graduated Toastmasters!** What a pleasure that was – each year we budget for the wonderful Compass Toastmasters team to skill our young leaders over a period of 7 Tuesday nights culminating in their Graduation. Lots of families there at the Graduation to see the transformation of their children into confident, poised speakers. This means that when they stand up in front of very large groups at school and express thoughts, feelings, standards they are highly respected by students and staff alike. It is imperative that we do not just present a badge and leave them to it – skill is essential to their growth.

**Some great feedback:**
- At our February School Swimming Carnival, which was a resounding success with an outstanding % of attendance, Stonestreets bus company which transported all of our student shuttles on the day [and there were many] emailed: ‘I would like to thank you the teachers and students of CHSHS, for making the shuttles run so smoothly. They ran like clockwork and the students were the most courteous and well behaved of any students within the Toowoomba community whom we transport’.

- A couple of wonderful parenting stories:
  - A Mum and her daughter meeting with me around some inappropriate use of Facebook [discourteous and accusatory towards others] – the Mum explained her new process for checking her daughter’s Facebook activity – all problems solved.
- A Mum whose daughter was a concern at school for her aggressive behaviour towards others - the Mum explained how she realised it was actually her own behaviour at home that needed to change and that her daughter’s negative behaviours were modelled on her own. An incredibly positive change for her daughter since then.

Facilities update:
- Our Tuckshop courtyard is undergoing a major refurbishment with the pulling up of the old pavers and laying of new concrete and later stamped and coloured. $35500 worth and our students will love it.
- The access road from Lindgren street along the eastern aspect of our school leading to our Year 7 building - $130000 worth of engineer designed road, bitumen and seal including marked car parks - we will not have to touch it again and our neighbours will appreciate knowing there is no flood risk.
- Over these next weeks, courtesy of the previous State government Advancing our Schools Maintenance program - external repaints of S block; Library; Administration and Music blocks and internal paint of Music block - in the order of $100000 - greatly needed and very appreciated.

Thankyou to our teaching and non-teaching staff - yet again every one of them has in some way gone the extra mile to ensure your child has the best experience. I am always so thankful to them for the people they are and the fact that they continually commit to their own learning so they remain at the top of their game.

Finally our Year 7s and 8s - all 457 of them - have settled in superbly. I have acknowledged our older students in this transition. Apart from organising outside and inside lunchtime games and having a super time on Camp our older students have silently led this successful transition by their exemplary behaviour and welcoming spirit. It truly has been seamless and it is as is if our youngest students were always meant to be with us.

Enjoy the holidays with your children

Best wishes

Maryanne Walsh, Principal

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YEARN 7 & 8 CAMP

During Week 5 of this Term, 215 Year 7 and 130 Year 8 students, along with supporting staff and student leaders from the Senior School, travelled to the Runaway Bay Sporting Excellence Centre on the Gold Coast, for our annual orientation camp. To facilitate everyone having an enjoyable time and to get the most out of the camp, the values of T.R.A.C.K.S; talking, respect, acceptance, co-operation, kindness and support were central to all activities.

Over the course of both camps, teams of students were brought closer together and learned the importance of teamwork and supporting each other, while participating in a range of activities including Surf Safety, Sailing, SUPing, Cycling, Archery, The Amazing Race and Beach Games. It was great to see all students getting in and ‘having a go’ with a number students conquering their fears and trying activities for the first time.

After action-packed and tiring days out in the sun, students were kept equally busy at night carving up the Dance floor at the DISCO, getting their creative caps on for Atomic Egg and for the Year 8s, getting into the Sports House spirit for the inaugural O’Connell Games. Unfortunately, O’Connell Games was a ‘wash out’ for Year 7s, but it will be back bigger and better in 2016. Needless to say, all students slept very well each night!

A great time was had by everyone who attended. Special thanks must go to the 40 Year 10, 11 and 12 student leaders and 27 staff who made the camp possible and gave up so much of their own valuable time to attend. Thanks also to the 9 USQ students who gave up their last week of holidays to voluntarily assist.

Jeff MacGregor & Dave McMillan, Camp Co-ordinators
SCHOOL 2 SKILLS
The students at S2S are powering into the Term setting themselves up for a productive and exciting year. It is great to see that all students are now committed to work placements or work experience across a wide range of industries. These work placements are at the heart of the S2S program as they assist students to gain full time employment and most importantly work based experience that will lead them to their next challenges at the conclusion of this program. We look forward to tracking their progress this year.

In addition, the students are completing competencies in Certificate II Sport and Recreation and Certificate II Information and Digital Technology. The Year 12 class is on track to completing these Certificates by the end of Term 3.

A selection of Year 11 students are enrolled in Certificate II Hospitality. It is always a highlight of my week to visit the students at their Hospitality Course especially when they are practising their service skills. They make a great Lemon, Lime and Bitters - rated 10/10 by an expert!

Mrs Sloss, Mr Tracey and Mrs Moms are busy working with students and setting high standards to assist them to achieve success in the English Communication and Prevocational Mathematics. These subjects are essential to assisting each student to achieve a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12. It is crucial for all students to be present every Monday and Wednesday to ensure they do not miss out on valuable learning towards high achievements in these subjects. A reminder that if a student is not attending classes or work then Parents/Carers are required to inform the school or the employer in the morning of the absence.

I would like to offer my thanks to the teachers, parents and the students for ensuring that S2S is held up as the valuable option for our students’ futures. We are already witnesses to great change and exciting opportunity for our young adults.

SENIOR SCHOOLING Update

INESS has been helping schools and teachers work with children to create safe and constructive environments online for 7 years.

As the online world continues to become a bigger part of our children’s lives, INESS have launched a new programme for parents to access the resources and skills needed to foster these environments at home.

Internet Safe Families publish regular articles with information on social networking websites and apps as well as providing training materials to help parents build an open and supportive environment for their children at home.

Direct link to the sign up page is: https://forms.sign-up.to/33939/1250

INTRODUCING INTERNET SAFE FAMILIES

GENR8 PROGRAM
Congratulations go out to Kyle King and Caleb Impey from Centenary Heights State High School Toowoomba Flexischool campus and Jessica Hartwig and Jared Gorry from Centenary Heights SHS mainstream campus who have undergone a rigorous interview process to successfully secure work experience positions with local employers through the GenR8 program.

The GenR8 program organised by Training Queensland in cooperation with local businesses, targets Year 12 students who would like to learn more about and experience first-hand the world of work, particularly in the transport, logistics and supply chain industry. This industry offers students a diverse range of work experience from Administration through to Warehousing. Our students will undertake a Certificate II in Logistics which will earn each student 4 QCE points on successful completion of the course.

In addition, the students will have the opportunity to participate in a 20 week structured work placement with a local employer, with the ultimate aim of securing permanent employment at the end of the program. Our students look forward to working for the following employers who are supporting our students in this part of the program- Chess, TNT Express Toowoomba, Fibre Cycle and BMS Mitre 10.

Well done to all of our students who were successful in this program and commiserations to those who applied but were unsuccessful - we know that you did your best.

For those students currently in Year 11 and who might be interested, the GenR8 program will be on offer again in 2016. See Mrs Hearnden to find out more and to register your interest.

Sandra Hearnden, HOD Senior Schooling
The International Student Department continues to thrive in 2015. This year we have over 20 International and Study Abroad students from a number of countries and regions, including China, Japan, Korea, Norway, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. We will also host several Japanese Study Tours, which further enriches the cultural diversity of our school. The Japanese students are thoroughly enjoying themselves which would not be possible without the cooperation and support of the teaching and non-teaching staff at CHSHS. In particular, we would like to express our gratitude to the enthusiastic CHSHS students who volunteered to become buddies. They showed great maturity and dedication during these tours. Last but not least, we would like to thank all of the homestay families for their wonderful work.

Any parents interested in becoming homestay families please contact Homestay Co-ordinator Kim Scott at CHSHS.

Tong Shen, ISP Co-ordinator

First Term almost gone! It has really flown by for not only the students but staff as well and already it feels as if the Year 7 students have always been with us. It is really pleasing to see our new students, both Year 7 and 8, venturing out more around our school and getting involved in what we have to offer – debating teams, choir, chess club, lego club, sporting competitions, sporting trials, and the list goes on.

We recently presented our Year 7 and 8 Class Captains with their badges, met to discuss their roles and began gathering ideas around what they can bring to our school. Along with the election of our two Student Council Representatives in Keeley Crothers and Rocco Wighton we have developed a really strong group of young leaders.

By the time you read this newsletter you would have likely read your child’s first high school report card. It was a real pleasure to read how well all of our students have settled in and are coping with the curriculum demands as well as the day to day routines required for high school.

As a part of our Pastoral Care Program for Junior Secondary (Years 7 to 9) we recently hosted Lorin Nicholson, ‘Blind Guitarist’ as he is commonly known. He is one of the best motivational speakers in the land and gave some really good advice to our students about ‘having a go’ and never thinking you can’t succeed - truly inspirational.

Tim O’Connell, HOD Middle Schooling & Languages
On the evenings of Wednesday 11th February and Thursday 12th February, the Year 7 and 8 Meet and Greet BBQs were held. This was an opportunity for families of all our Year 7 and 8 students to come along to the school and meet their child’s teachers and other parents. The evenings began with each class meeting in their pastoral care room, where their transition teachers presented and spoke to the families and answered any questions they may have had. Parents/carers could then have a better understanding of how their child’s transition into high school is progressing. After that, everyone moved to the hall for a BBQ which was cooked and served by our excellent Student Leaders. During this, the families were greeted by Heads of Year and had the pleasure of listening to some great guest speakers: Wayne Heading (P&C President), Helen Montgomery (Manager of Bus Queensland) and Karen Smith (nutritionist). Thank you to everyone who came along and made the evenings a great success; families and staff thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Kathryn Gorton & Jennifer Cowan, Year 7 & 8 Assistant HOY

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health.

Centenary Heights State High School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support your child at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone (07) 4636 7500.
What a wonderful start to the sporting year with our Annual Swimming Carnival. A new format proved to be successful. Thanks especially goes to Mr Frank Dowling and his helpers for providing an opportunity for bringing competitors together for some team work, fun and spirit. Results from the day are as follows:

**CENTENARY HEIGHTS SHS - SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS 2015**

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A reminder that all current sporting trials will be advertised on the website. We do have two different representative bodies this year. The Central Zone trials are held for any student turning 12 in this school year. All other students turning 13 to 19 all trial through the Toowoomba District pathway. All trials are advertised on Student Notices for the ten days prior to nominations closing. No late nominations are accepted for trials. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Chris Bartlett, Sports Co-ordinator

**SPORT Report**

**Parents/Carers**

Are you planning an extended time away from school for your child (e.g. holiday; medical intervention etc.)? For any period of time over 10 consecutive days you are required to follow an official process.

Education Queensland has a policy - Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling and Compulsory Participation - which needs to be followed if your child/children will be absent from school for this period of time or longer.

Fact Sheets providing further details and Application Forms may be requested from the school office. For any further information please visit http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/inclusive/exemptions/index.html

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