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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

- **Parent/Carers of our Year 10 students** – looking ahead to an exciting time with our 10s ie Subject Selection evening for any student who is looking to enrol to Year 11 in 2018. The evening is **Monday 14 August from 6.00 pm to 7.20 pm**. Our students understand, if they are seeking enrolment to Year 11, their attendance on the night, in the company of a parent/carer, is mandatory. Our students also know they sit with their families on the night to ensure discussion happens easily. So much valuable information and advice is shared with families on this night – it is imperative to be there. Please set aside the date on your calendars. From 5 pm on that night in our Library - I suggest you arrive early to see this – is the Centenary Heights SHS Tertiary Expo. This is a display and series of presentations from representatives of tertiary and other career pathways. Really great information!

- **Student safety** – a reminder that our students riding bikes to and from school are required to wear helmets all the way. On the rare occasion where a student does not have a helmet we keep the bike overnight until a parent is able to collect it or the student comes with a helmet to wear. In such a case we work with the student to ensure he/she arrives home safely via an alternate method. On another matter relating to student safety – our students understand I expect them to go directly home of an afternoon unless they have family arrangements to meet elsewhere. Similarly I expect them to come straight to school – they are not to stop off in local skate parks or shops. Just recently police have advised us of incidences of both violence and provision of illegal drugs in local parks – as I say our students are to travel directly to and from school.

- **Great news** – our boys and girls senior basketball teams recently finishing 1st and

2nd respectively in the John Armstrong School Cup finals; our Choir finishing 1st in the Creative Generation regional final and students Coralee Brand, Melanie Kaye, Asa Belley, Monica Simmons and Cindy Cui having their Art works displayed at USQ as a result of their strong placings in the USQ Vision Art Works competition. Coralee's work was placed 1st from 100 entries. Well done to our students and staff.

- **Reporting for Term 2** – reports will be posted as follows:

- Year 7 – Wednesday 12 July
- Year 8 – Wednesday 12 July
- Year 9 – Thursday 13 July
- Year 10 – Thursday 13 July
- Year 11 – Friday 14 July
- Year 12 – Friday 14 July

With Parent/Student/Teacher interviews on Tuesday 1 August from 3.20 pm - 6.30 pm. Details of the online booking system will be posted with reports.

- **Full school uniform dates for Term 3:**

- Allschool - Friday 14 July & Wednesday 19 July
- Year 7 and 8 – Thursday 10 August
- Year 9 – Friday 11 August
- Year 10 – Monday 7 August
- Year 11 – Tuesday 15 August
- Year 12 – Wednesday 16 August

Best regards

Maryanne Walsh, Principal

CODE CAMP

CodeCamp 2.0 was a great success, with 25 students from Year 7 & 8 having a great time. Activities included Lego robotics, drone flying, Arduino electronics and Object Orientated Programming. Everyone slept the night in the library, and a total of 25 pizzas were consumed!

Special thanks to Amanda Kilgour, Paul Sykes, Travis McMicking, Jonathan Andress and our Year 11 helpers Joshua Klein and Ben Thompson.

John Harman, IT Manager



TUESDAY SPORT

As we all should know when a student here at our wonderful CHSHS is in year seven or eight he/she will be given a choice to choose from a variety of sports and will be permitted to attend that sport every Tuesday afternoon. Students will have a variety of sport choices if they want to play a 'paid' sport or a school sport (no fee). "Interschool sport is really good for me as it is fun and I get to have extra play with my friends," says one of my cohorts here in 'W' block or as I like to call it the 'Year 7 hangout'.

"The teachers who normally take me to tenpin bowling are really nice" says my other friend, "I really wish we could buy stuff from the canteen though," he continues. I think that instead of complaining it is best that we all be happy with what we have now. After all, after year eight the fun activity we have been granted will never come back. Hence, I think all year sevens and eights need to be happy with what they have now.

Anish Roy, Year 7 Student

LIBRARY NEWS

Darling Downs Readers Cup 2017

On Tuesday the 13th of June, students, Sarah Lyon, Franco Ferraro, Lilly Hanssen, Ryan Yong, Caiden Bartholomew and Flynn Walmsley attended the Darling Downs Regional Readers Cup, these six amazing students took home 1st place for the first time since 2012. Making them only the fourth state school to win in fifteen years! The team has spent the last two months reading the five allocated books and preparing for the competition. The team will now compete at the State finals in Brisbane on the 6th of September. Wish them luck!

- Ryan Yong



E-books Have Arrived!

Students are now able to access e-books from the School Library. The free Wheelers ePlatform app will need to be downloaded first. You can then access the e-books either through the app simply by searching for Our School or you can access them through CMEweb, the online library search engine.

Further information is available from posters inside the library or simply grab a 'how to' bookmark. Don't forget that your library staff are happy to help. To access you will need a username and password. Your username is your individual school logon and the password is "Library1".



Tanya Butler, Teacher Librarian

EXTENDED ABSENCES

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/student-services/inclusive/exemptions/index.html>

JUNIOR SECONDARY & LANGUAGES

It is incredible to believe that we have reached the half way mark of the first year of high school for our Year 7 students – they are ‘old heads’ in our school now and will very shortly receive their first full report cards. Those studying German this semester, along with the Year 8 students, enjoyed a memorable German excursion to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary – a great way to end the semester. Both year levels were also fortunate to celebrate the final day of the semester with an ‘Activities Day’ run by our senior students which was postponed from the end of Term 1.



7M hard at work right up to the end of the term!

In the first couple of weeks of next term our Year 8 cohort will begin determining their learning pathway for the next few years at subject selection talks – during Pastoral Care lessons and parades. Curriculum booklets have been produced to give them and their parents all of the information they need to make the best choices.

Our Year 9 students will continue to study their chosen subjects in the second half of the year and do have a ‘window of opportunity’ to change elective subjects should they feel a need to in the first two weeks of next term.

Tim O’Connell, HOD Junior Secondary & Languages

YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY CAMP

Despite forecasts of rain, our Year 12 Geography students enthusiastically embarked on a three day field trip to Stanthorpe/Girraween National Park from 21 – 23 May. The rain held off and we enjoyed unseasonably warm weather for the duration of our stay.

Hiking was a highlight, with a history lesson on the Stanthorpe area at the summit of Castle Rock from seasoned campaigner, Mr MacGregor. Day two saw us visit world-renown Symphony Hill Wines where we were fortunate to receive a tour of the vineyard and winery, and hear viticulturalist Mike Hayes speak about sustainable practices within the wine industry. After several pages of notes, students left armed with information to assist them with their forthcoming assessment items. Students later carried out site observations and practised their geographical skills

to enable them to discern the most suitable site for a new vineyard and winery.

All students are to be commended on their maturity and teamwork in ensuring the camp ran smoothly, particularly with packing, setting up camp and cooking. Special thanks go to Mr MacGregor, coming out of retirement to organise and run the camp, and professional experience student, Miss McCulloch.



Stacey Schultz, Year 12 Geography Teacher

RELAY FOR LIFE

It was so pleasing to have 8 dedicated teams, or over 100 students from Centenary Heights participate in the 2017 Cancer Council Queensland’s Toowoomba Relay for Life, held on 20-21 May at Queens Park. Our team names included: FUNdraisers, Survival of the Fittest, Brauer, Speedsters, Centen, Sumo Sprinters, Sole Sisters and Jasper’s Team.

The initiative to host a ‘Colours for Cancer’ free dress day was suggested and developed by Tom Panitz and Jackie Marendy in order to raise money for the cause. This assisted our 8 school teams to raise an utterly impressive \$9260.10 for the Cancer Council. An outstanding effort from all students involved. Special mention to the Survival of the Fittest team which took out our school’s ‘Team Challenge’ by raising the most amount of funds - \$1629.25.

Of course this event could not have happened without the willingness of a wonderful bunch of staff who were so giving of their time and sleep to supervise the event: Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Hanna, Miss Zylstra, Mrs Beck, Mrs Andress, Mrs Lodder, Mr Russell and Jason Attwood. All of whom still successfully made it to work on the Monday.

Dave McMillan, Coordinator

LIFELINE CAN APPEAL

We hope everyone read the Toowoomba Chronicle article on 3 June showcasing the wonderful effort this year for our annual Lifeline Can Appeal!!! In this the 15th year of collecting, our school community donated over 5100 non-perishable food items to Lifeline for distribution in the Darling Downs region; a wonderful effort! Once again, MELCO STORAGE supported us with our holding of the food offering a container free of charge for the month of May. Thank you again for this ongoing community involvement, partnering with us to help Lifeline help others 'doing it tough'. The Interactors each year do all the organising, collating totals and displaying of the food before presenting to Lifeline on parade; students and anyone else with a caring heart collects food over the month of May for Lifeline to use as they see the need; and the need is great! Thanks to everyone who donated and remember – *IF WE ALL GIVE A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!!* Thanks Interact members for your service and commitment to helping others. The PCG winners for the most collected were:- 12H - 379 items; 7A - 242 items; 10H - 200 items; 8E – 175 items . WOW!! Fantastic! **CAN** we top this next year? YES WE **CAN**!!

Sandy Feldman & Jessica Zyslra, Interact Coordinators



INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

During first break on 28th April, one of our biggest CHSHS's cultural event, 'International Food Day' was held in front of W block and S block. The food was prepared by our Senior Hospitality students, directed by Ms MacNellie. More than 10 different cuisines were cooked and served from all different countries. Our senior students, cooked the food from their love of 'diversity'. The food produced were of excellent standard and many students were happy to donate a few coins to try some of the unique dishes. Students and staff were amazed by all the different tastes and textures they haven't experienced before. With great support, within half an hour, most foods were all sold out. All the donations will be donated to our local community. It was a great opportunity for Centenary Heights students to try something different from their normal foods and experience 'Cultural Diversity' in an exclusive way. Special thanks goes to Ms MacNellie who organized all the cooking and set-up for this event.

Sei Jeong & Coralee Brand, Cross-Cultural Captains

This year's production Amelia Bradshaw Turns Eight by Michael Butler was a great success. With three public performances and a Year 7 performance, all audience members were treated to a night of entertainment that was a times funny and thought provoking.

Through the rehearsal process and performances, students had the opportunity to work on and develop their acting and stage crew skills. With the performances being held in the Armitage Centre at the Empire Theatre, students also experienced life in a professional theatre space. The uniqueness of the set design and staging of this play attracted the attention of the Empire Theatre technicians and volunteers with all of them commenting excitedly about this.

Congratulations to all students and staff involved on what was a great experience for all. Thank you also goes to those members of the school community who supported us at our performances by being a terrific audience.



Amy McAleer, HOD Performing Arts

Managing Type 1 Diabetes in Children: A Parenting Perspective

Being a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes can be extremely stressful. The University of Queensland is seeking parents of children with type 1 diabetes to take part in a research study that will explore factors that could help or hinder parents in managing their child's diabetes. If you are a parent of a 2- to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you! By sharing your experiences (confidentially) you will help us identify better ways for health care professionals to support parents and families. To complete the online survey, please go to: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1/>. For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Jade Grambower at j.grambower@uq.net.au or call Dr Amy Mitchell at the Parenting and Family Support Centre at The University of Queensland on (07) 3346 1202.

SPORT REPORT

Term 2 has continued to bring about some excellent sporting participation and results for CHSHS. Recently we had our Under 15 and Open Boys Futsal teams compete at the South West Queensland School's Futsal Championships. Our Under 15 team and the Open Boys A team both made it to Semi Finals but were unsuccessful in tightly fought finals. Congratulations goes to the boys on team efforts and showing the highest level of sportsmanship. Special thanks must go to Mr Stefanowicz and Mr McMicking for taking the teams to this competition. Also, we must mention ex-student Hayden Webb who also gave his own time to assist in coaching the boys leading up to the event and on the day. Several of our students have been invited to represent the South West Queensland area in the National Futsal Competition later in the year.

Recently we had 40 students attend the Darling Downs Cross Country Trials. Students ran particularly well with a number of personal best times. A number of our students have made the Darling Downs Cross Country team from this event. Congratulations to the following students:

Kyrna Crump, Harry Erbacher, Emily DeBortoli, Jack DeBortoli, Izak Shepherd and Lilly Hanssen.



Nyengela Mwajuma and Maria Mbaindene competed at the State 15 Girls AFL Championships at Maroochydore last week. Both ladies played extremely well. Nyengela played so well that she has been selected to represent Queensland in the National Championships in Perth at the end of July. Congratulations to Nyengela on outstanding commitment to her chosen sport AFL.

Melissa and Laurent Becheler-Weickhardt recently competed at the National World Karate and Kickboxing Association Championships. Melissa placed 1st in Extreme Martial Arts, Non-Contact Sparring and Semi Contact Sparring whilst placing 2nd in Synchronised Kete Demonstration and in the Individual Kete. She was also the Female Individual Kete National Champion. Laurent was placed 1st in Individual Kete and 2nd in Semi Contact Sparring. Congratulations to these students on their fantastic results.

Congratulations to our Open Boys and Girls Armstrong Auto Group Basketball Competition teams. This competition was held over the last weekend in May. Our Open Girls played a fantastic tournament with only 6 players and remained undefeated throughout the entire event. No other team came close to beating the girls. Well done ladies on continuing your run of winning this event. Our Open Boys also played this whole tournament with 6 players which was a massive effort in itself. The boys made the Grand Final but unfortunately did not win, however, this is still an awesome effort from the boys. Special thanks must go to Mr Hobson and Mr Natalier on their continued efforts in regards to training and preparing these students before and during this event.

A number of our students competed in the Inaugural Darling Downs All Schools Golf Competition on June 4. One of our staff members, Mr Alex van Dorselaer organised and ran the competition. The event was extremely well received by schools in the Toowoomba Region. Our team competed admirably and will be back again next year. Congratulations to Alex on a great idea executed exceptionally well.

Our 13yr Athletic Trials began on Tuesday June 13 and continue on June 20 and July 11. These trials are for students to compete against others in their House Groups for selection to compete in our Annual Athletics Carnival in Week 5 next Term, August 8 and 9. 12yr Athletics Trials will be held in Tuesday Afternoon Sport for the first four weeks of Term 3. All other age groups will complete their nominations in House Meetings in Week 3, Term 3.

Chris Bartlett, Sports Coordinator



ENERGY SAVVY FAMILIES PROGRAM

East Creek Community Centre (43 Kitchener Street Toowoomba) in partnership with Ergon and QCOSS (Queensland Council of Social Service) are promoting the Energy Savvy Families Program to help families with managing their energy bills. The program involves:

1. Installing a new digital meter at no cost. (permission is not required from the landlord of rented premises)
2. Families will receive monthly bills rather than 3 monthly bills, which is more manageable on a tight budget.
3. As a part of this program families can also access the Home Smart portal, which is an online website that allows families to track their energy usage and set daily budget limits.
4. Download Reduce Your Juice app to smart phones and tablets and play games that teach energy efficiency tips. Fantastic prizes can be won such as energy efficient packs, \$100 IGA vouchers and a \$1000 appliance from Good Guys.

Just a few points of eligibility:

- Families with at least one dependent child
- Have a suitable power board (Ergon Energy will determine this at a later point)
- Only the registered account holder can apply
- Family to have an e-mail address

If interested in being part of this program, please ring East Creek Community Centre, 43 Kitchener Street on 46392755 or e-mail energysavvy@eastcreek.com.au. **Registrations close on the 30th June.**

INTRODUCING INTERNET SAFE FAMILIES

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>

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVER

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the department does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver.

Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents. Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker for more information about student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

For more info visit: <http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/school-life/health-wellbeing/accident-insurance-cover.html>

mark your diaries

JULY

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| 10 | First Day of Term 3 |
| 11 | Year 10 Immunisations |
| 14 | Creative Generation Excursion
Experience Science @ UQ Excursion |
| 18 | P & C Meeting @ 6pm |
| 19 | Year 10 Mock Interviews |
| 20 | Year 10 USQ Careers Day |
| 27 - 28 | Pedal Prix |

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| 1 | Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews |
| 4 - 6 | Red Lions Soccer
Senior Schools Cup Volleyball |
| 9 | Athletics Carnival |
| 10 | Red Food Day & Free Dress Day
Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Fair |
| 12-13 | All Hallow's Touch Carnival |

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