PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Families

1. If not already may I suggest you sign up to Q Parents? You are able to register online qparents.qld.edu.au and then scan and download the free iPhone App. It allows you to access your child’s timetables and class times, attendance record, invoice and payment details, make online payments and a number of other functions.

2. Some big events have taken place in recent times and a number coming up [remember you are able to access our school calendar on the website as well as check within our Newsletters for upcoming events]:

- The School Cross Country was a major success with students at both the school and Keameys Spring venues. A magic afternoon for exercise. Many thanks to staff Frank Dowling, Gerard Hobson and Chrissie Bartlett for the smooth organisation of such a major event.

- Our ANZAC services at both our Flexi School and mainstream campuses were straight class - our students were superb with their understanding and respect shown for the nature of the occasion. Well done to our staff Samantha Baker and Donna Brown for ensuring the preparation and the events themselves were absolute quality. Our staff member Tim Ryan each year puts together the most amazing display of ANZAC memorabilia with our students coming with their teachers to pore through it - highly instructive. Our school representatives who spoke at the various ANZAC ceremonies around Toowoomba have received many accolades.

- Our inaugural Coding Camp was also a great success - a night and a day last weekend where the focus of participating students was on programming, robots and computer builds. Sincere thanks to our Network Administrator John Harman and willing staff, Amanda Kilgour, Seamus O’Phee-Devoli, Chris Ernst, Travis McMicking and Brendan Vines.

- The first of our Year 12 Music Excellence Program concerts was beyond exceptional. Congratulations to our Music Excellence students and their teacher Mrs Heidi Law. Great to see so many families and Year 12 peers there.

- Parent/Student/Teacher interviews were again a real success. My thanks to our teaching staff for their level of preparation and also to so many of our families who availed yourselves of the opportunity to gather further information about your child’s learning.

- Our students represented our school in the Candle lighting ceremony in the grounds of the Empire Church Theatre – this is an annual event hosted by the Domestic and Family Violence Action group and Relationships Australia. It serves to acknowledge and honour the lives of those lost as a result of domestic violence – 26 to date this year alone. Our Toowoomba community is galvanised in its approach to educating our community regarding this scourge and our School community is very much on board.

- The opening of the Flexi School Intergenerational Mentoring Hub - recently named the ‘Glen Postle Community Hub’ – this facility, next to our Flexi School, will allow for our students to benefit even more from a growing mentoring relationship with members of Toowoomba Older Men’s Network [TOMNET]. A super program where the TOMNET mentors pair up with our Flexi students in sharing stories, listening to each other and our older citizens sharing the wisdom of their years. A highly valued component of the success of our Flexi School.

- The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness [RYDA] day for all of our Year 11s was fantastic. Student feedback was again wonderful regarding the content and format of the day. It is imperative that we invest in the safety of our young people and this program has no peer. For those few students who missed out on the day [only 8 out of 310] I have scheduled a make-up day and those students will attend with one of our teachers. Such is the importance of the day, no-one can miss out.

- Our Musical ‘The Wiz’ performances started on Thursday 19 May with the matinee at 10.30am and night performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Students and staff have been toiling away in readiness to put on superb performances - it would be just wonderful to see as many of you there as possible. It really is great to see how our Musicals bring families out for a night together.

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ARTWORK ON DISPLAY

Congratulations to the following Art students whose work has been selected for display in the Common Room, Admin building. Your work will remain on display for approximately one month and can be viewed by family during school office hours. Meg West, Victoria Stehr, Savannah Titasey, Alex Fisher, Piper Weatherall, Riley Banwick, Mackenzie Alderdice, Marie Buchan, Neema Ndagano, Stephanie Trevisiol and Andrew Corbett. Well done on producing work of this standard.

YEAR 6-7 PARENT INFORMATION
EVENING
MONDAY 6TH JUNE 6PM-7:30PM
Centenary Heights State High School Hall

Designed to ease the transition into High School, this event will include the sharing of critical information as well as address individual queries.
Our Schools ANZAC day service was held on Friday 22 April. It was organised by Ms Brown who did an absolutely marvellous job in organising the service. The service was conducted with the utmost respect as we gathered in remembrance of the men and women who sacrificed their lives so that we could have ours. Thank you to Miss Emily Cavanagh, one of our Year 12 students, who did an amazing job in delivering the main address for the day and to our official party for having made the effort to join us on that day.

Our Vice-Captains, Bianca Fowler and Harry Yong attended several ANZAC day services at Westhaven and Newhaven nursing homes. Bianca recited a poem about our Anzacs while Harry delivered a speech on what the spirit of Anzac meant to him. They both did exceptionally well.

Nikara and I had the pleasure of attending the Mothers Memorial Service on ANZAC day to lay a wreath on behalf of Centenary. I was honoured to be asked to conduct the “Passing of the Torch” segment of the service, while Nikara had the privilege of delivering the main address for the day. She did an absolutely amazing job and it was a beautiful commemoration to the men and women who have served and are still serving. The feedback from multiple community members has been incredible.

Thank you again to all of those who played a part in our school service and the services on Anzac Day. They were all exceptional tributes to our soldiers both past and present.

Jared David, School Captain

This year Centenary Heights State High School celebrated Harmony Day with a special school parade held on Tuesday 12th April.

Kiki Sun, a Chinese Year 12 student played a traditional Chinese instrument; the Guzheng. Kiki has been learning and playing this instrument for the past 12 years and it really showed as she wowed the audience with her talent. A trio of Year 11 Chinese Language students followed with Aneesh, Angela and Charlotte doing a Chinese fan dance to the musical accompaniment of a Chinese instrumental orchestra version of “River Dance”! This was met with warm and enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Finally, Ayaka Ono, a Japanese Study Abroad student, showcased for us a Japanese traditional dance, that was not only beautifully done but accompanied by an entertaining slide-show presentation of the dance, her outfit and the significance of the dance in Japanese culture.

Each of the Harmony Day performers was exceptional. Their talent and their willingness to showcase their culture to our whole school was a highlight.

This year’s Harmony Day parade was a genuine testament to the cultural sharing and appreciation we at Centenary Heights pride ourselves on and it perfectly showcased the “Everyone belongs!” message for 2016.

Jeff Usher, International Student Coordinator

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.
2016 has been an exciting year for the Art Faculty. On the 11th of March, Year 11 and 12 Art students went on excursion to the Gallery of Modern Art and the Queensland Art Gallery at Brisbane. The students were able to view the 8th Asia Pacific Triennial. Established in 1993, the Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT) is the Queensland Art Gallery’s flagship international contemporary art event. It is the only major series of exhibitions in the world to focus exclusively on the contemporary art of Asia, the Pacific and Australia. Next term, we look forward to inviting Year 9 students to view artworks from the historic collection at the Ipswich Regional Art Gallery. Later in the day they will have lunch at Queensland’s oldest park and visit the Environmental Education Centre and the Ipswich Nature Centre.

The staff of the art faculty is committed to displaying student work to our school community and the general public. We have a partnership with Credit Union Australia and each month we select new works for display at this shop, which is located on level one of Grand Central Shopping Centre. Please take the time to view these works when you next visit Grand Central. Parents of students who have work selected for display are informed by a personal letter of congratulations that lists the time and dates when the work will be on exhibition. The foyer of the Administration building at Centenary State High School features a display area for two dimensional artworks and three dimensional works are exhibited on the counters of the office. Next month ceramic sculptures produced by Year 10 students in the style of a biomorph, feature in this space. A biomorph is a sculpture that could have been produced randomly by natural processes such as erosion or crystallisation. Consider the work featured on this page that appears to molten lava that has formed in the shape of a lion. If you visit the administration building this month you will see beautiful irregular patterns created and skilfully painted by Year 9 students such as the work displayed on this page by Liberty Owen.

This year we welcome Mrs Tracy Winmill, an accomplished artist to the teaching staff of the Art Faculty.

Andrew Warrell, HOD Art & Home Economics

Liberty Owen

CODE CAMP

On the night of Saturday May 7, we ran our first ever Code Camp in the School Library. It was attended by 35 Year 7 & 8 students and a great time was had by all.

We setup stations with Arduino based robotics, Raspberry Pi mini computers and Python programming in the main lab. Some companies that use Python as their base language include Walt Disney Feature Animations, Google, Yahoo, Industrial Light & Magic & NASA. We also had a programmable Parrot Racing Drone named “tuk tuk” in the main library area.

We managed to consume 32 pizzas, so obviously all that programming made everyone hungry!

A big thanks to Amanda Kilgour, Travis McMicking, Jason Willy, Dave McMillan, Seamus O’Phee & Chris Emst as staff helpers, and also Tristan Bellingham, Alex Hanson & Thomas Upton as our student helpers.

Stay tuned for Code Camp II....

John Harman, IT Manager

ENGLISH News

In the lead-up to the 2016 NAPLAN tests for Year 7 and Year 9 students, both year levels have completed persuasive writing tasks in Term 1, followed by an introduction to narrative writing in Term 2. This year students were required to write a narrative response to the theme of ‘signs’, and judging by teachers’ conversations with students, some interesting narratives have been written!

During Term 1, our Year 12 and Year 10 students viewed productions of some of Shakespeare’s most well-known plays by the Grin & Tonic Theatre Company. In the year of Shakespeare’s 400th birthday, Year 12 students viewed segments of Macbeth and Hamlet in readiness for their Term 1 assessment. Year 10 students viewed Romeo and Juliet, which they are currently studying in class. The live performances are always entertaining, and help students to gain an understanding of the power of Shakespeare’s language and themes.

This term Year 7 students will be working to construct multimodal texts on the theme of “Inspiration”. We look forward to seeing what inspires our students, and the creative ways in which they can demonstrate this.

Kathleen Hannant, HOD English

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS

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
At a point in time where a large number of students in the Year 11 cohort are gaining their Learner and also Provisional Licences, it was appropriate that on Thursday 5th May, all Year 11 students participated in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day.

Across the day, students participated in 6 different sessions:

- Hazards and Distractions
- Speed and Stopping
- Rights and Responsibilities on the Road
- After the Crash
- Genevieve’s Story
- Personality Test

These sessions were delivered by a range of presenters including Police Officers, a Paramedic and a crash survivor who were all very effective in getting their message across. In fact, 97% of attendees have recommended involvement in the RYDA program to future students. Needless to say, our school approach of participation in this program being compulsory for all Year 11 students will continue well into the future.

The Year 11 students are to again be congratulated for their excellent conduct and engagement on the day. It was very pleasing to receive such positive feedback from the organisers including “Not only was it the biggest group that we have ever had through the program, but they were also the best behaved and the most attentive group that we have had.”

To conclude, in a post RYDA survey, an attendee wrote: “The most valuable thing I took away from the day was to be very careful when driving, don’t speed, don’t have drugs or alcohol in your system, don’t text and drive, don’t have noisy friends with you and be very careful when overtaking. Just be careful with everything.” Excellent advice!

Dave McMillan, Head of Year 11

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**RYDA DAY**

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**JUNIOR SECONDARY & LANGUAGES**

**Junior Secondary**
Half way through term two and students are well and truly in the thick of learning. Almost all subjects have distributed assessment and your youngest students are learning the value of our drafting process and meeting due dates.

After the publication of the first report cards for 2016 student behaviour levels have been distributed with students achieving Gold, Green, Grey or Purple as a product of their effort and behaviour. The Gold Level recipients in Years 7 and 8 have been celebrated with a sausage sizzle cooked by their Heads of Year.

Another impressive contribution from our Junior School students in last month’s Cross Country with a few of our future Olympians setting new records. This athletic prowess will continue for the Year 7s and 8s with their Friday lunch touch football competition.

The Year 7 Student Council Representatives are hard at work rehearsing their hosting duties for the Year 6-7 Parent Information Evening on June 6th at 6pm in our school hall. I am sure the outcome will reflect their impressive commitment.

**Languages**
The Chinese Classes have had a very exciting term with tasty cooking demonstrations and Buddha’s Birthday Celebrations at Southbank. Our students participated in Tai-Chi instruction, Lion Dancing, Painting and many more cultural experiences. The students were, as always, exemplary, ambassadors for our school. Well Done Students.

German Students are looking forward to their opportunities to explore their subject further during excursions next month.

Louise Willson, HOD Junior Secondary & Languages

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**YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

On Friday May 6, four of our Year 12 Social students - Nathan Harvey, Jasmine Herdman, Jessie Reis and Josh Rognoni - attended the very prestigious QLD Youth Parliament, held at Parliament House in Brisbane. The purpose of the day was to give senior students a taste of what it would be like to be a member of State Parliament and to be involved in the passage of a Bill to final legislation. We were very honoured to be invited back as there is great demand to be involved and Centenary Heights has been present for many years consecutively.

The (fictional) Bill for the day focussed on the need for greater environmental action by the QLD Government, specifically calling for a two year senior, during which time students would take part in a range of environmental projects. The Bill also called for the banning of plastic packaging at school and also a ban on private transport to and from school (to be replaced by subsidised public transport).

The day was truly excellent and it was clearly evident that our State is in good hands, if the Youth Parliament is anything to go by. Nathan, Jasmine, Jessie and Josh were wonderful ambassadors for our School and they were truly professional in their conduct and presentation. At the conclusion of the day they met with QLD Education Minister Kate Jones and the Speaker of the House, Peter Wellington. As you can see from the photo, they were beautifully attired also!

Alex van Dorsselaer, HOD Social Sciences
SPORT Report

We have had an exciting start to Term 2 in regards to Sport. Our Under 15 Rugby League team have begun their De Vere Cup Rugby League campaign. The team is playing in a competition against teams from Toowoomba and the greater Brisbane area. Two games have been played already with a close loss to Haristown and a more convincing loss to St Mary’s College. Next games are up against Woodbridge at home and then Redlands away. Boys have been playing with great character and thanks again to Costa and Peter Sykes for their efforts with the boys.

CHSHS is also currently involved in the Friday Night Girls AFL competition against other schools in Toowoomba. The girls have been playing exceptionally well for the first time in a competition such as this. Mixed results at this stage but getting better each week. Games are played at Rockville Oval on a Friday evening from 5pm until 6pm if you are interested in coming along.

Recently a number of our boys competed at the State Softball Championships in Brisbane. The boys played exceptionally well and represented CHSHS superbly. The team ended up winning the Presidents Series. Well done gentlemen.

**2016 CROSS COUNTRY: OVERALL RESULTS**

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**CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS**

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Congratulations to Lilly Hanssen and Brielle Erbacher for breaking records at this event.

Chris Bartlett, Sports Co-ordinator