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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Families

1. Congratulations to:

- **Our Choirs** – both Choirs were simply amazing at the recent Toowoomba Choral Eisteddfod with our Gospel Choir taking home 2nd place. What never ceases to amaze me when I have the pleasure of viewing the performances from all participating schools, is the level of class and quality that underpins such events. It is just a treat! Well done to our students and their teacher Mrs Heidi Law – our school community is justifiably proud of you.

- **Our Year 11 Sport and Recreation class and their teacher Mrs Chrissie Bartlett** – as part of the program of learning in Sport and Recreation, our students officiated at the recent Toowoomba District Primary Schools Cross Country. Incredibly positive and unsolicited feedback has been coming in from so many quarters – here I name a couple – last week, at the annual Rankin dinner for student leaders and their Principals, a gentleman from The Glennie School leaned over to me to say ‘your students officiated at the primary cross country the other day – they were absolutely amazing!’ He went on to describe their manner with the younger students, ability to communicate with staff from other schools and capacity to take charge of the running of the event. An email that came through soon after the event from the organiser, a teacher at Toowoomba East SS ‘Congratulations and a huge thank you for the help and support received from your students. They conducted themselves in a professional manner, being organised and willing to help with any task they were asked to perform. They were also proactive and took initiative when they could see things needed to be done’.

- **Our students Kyrna Crump and Izak Shepherd** who both came first in their respective groups at the recent Cross Country for students with disabilities – so very well done!

- **Our full school community for an outstanding school cross country experience.** Well done yet again to organising teachers Frank Dowling and Chrissie Bartlett so ably assisted by our staff and student Sports Captains and Vice Captains.

2. Thank you to:

- **All 8 teams of students who will participate in the annual Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer research on the weekend of 20 and 21 May.** Many of our student participants juggle their work, sporting, cultural and school commitments to walk through the night and sleep out in Queen’s Park in order to raise funds. We, again this year, represent the largest contingent of school students in the district. I thank also our supervising staff Catherine Andress, Jason Attwood, Chrissie Bartlett, Tiffany Beck, Chrissie Lodder, Matt Russell and Jess Zylstra – a huge commitment from them!

- **Our Interact Club of students and their organising teacher for the Lifeline Can Appeal, Mrs Sandy Feldman.** Our annual school drive began on 4 May with the process being our students bring in to school whatever can/cans they have on Thursdays and Fridays. They are stored in our hired container and presented on full school parade at the end of the appeal period to Darling Downs Lifeline CEO Derek Tuffield. As Derek says ‘the difference this drive makes to families who really struggle is immeasurable.’ If you are in a position to assist in this way, please have your child bring in a can or two. The record, achieved in 2016, is 7625 cans – immensely satisfying as our students and staff continue to support our school desire to look for ways to assist those in need.

- **Toowoomba East Rotary** – members Glen Postle and Harry Spencer drove our 3 students – Year 11 at our Flexi School - Daniel Mawhood, Anna May McCarthy and James Cook to and from the RYPEN camp held at Camp Duckadang. This was fully funded by Rotary and focussed on engendering leadership qualities and teamwork. In my chats with Daniel, Anna May and James, they have taken so much out of the experience and rate it as immensely successful. They will, on 1 June, address the lunch of Toowoomba East Rotary members with their thanks and feedback. I have no doubt they will do a great job. I take the opportunity to acknowledge Toowoomba East Rotary who are such a tremendous community partner to us in so many ways.
- **Our student leadership group** - a large number of our students have volunteered for the second year in a row to work at the annual Toowoomba Camelia and Garden Show on the weekend of 15 and 16 July. All funds go to the Toowoomba Hospice, the most fabulous organisation to which, for 3 years now, our student leaders have donated $4000 of their raised funds to Adopt-a-Room.

- **Our P and C Executive** - they do such a marvellous job and in between their own work and family lives. It was P and C Day on Friday 12 May and our student Captains and Vice Captains accompanied me to the workplaces of our Executive to give a small donation of our thanks - coffee vouchers!

You can see above, families, that we rightly place ongoing emphasis as a school community on the notion of giving of yourself to be aware of and assist with the needs of others - as it should be when tasked with influencing young lives to go and become contributing members of society.

3. **Parents/Carers** - seeking your goodwill in cooperating with the Council signage on South Street outlining the area that is a 2 minute pickup/drop-off. Especially at the end of the school day we see a number of cars waiting outside that signage which is in fact no parking. As Council advises, such practice has the potential to clog traffic moving down South Street and also blindside other drivers. At my request Traffic Officers have attended the area and will continue to do so at random times in order to keep our students safe and be respectful to our business neighbours. As a courtesy to you, the Traffic Officers have asked me to advise that they will issue on the spot fines now that they have attended initially to warn. I am hopeful this practice of parking outside designated areas will cease not from the threat of fines rather that you understand it compromises student safety and local goodwill. There are other areas in surrounding streets to wait for your child - I suggest you set up an alternate meeting area.

4. **CHSHS 50th Anniversary in 2018** - if you are a past student with photos or stories and/or a person who would like to be involved in the organisation, please check out our website as plans are now beginning to shape.

5. **NAPLAN** - the annual NAPLAN testing went smoothly with the very deliberate process in our school being to ensure students understand this is something that will assist us to guide them through future years and the assessment itself is not to be daunting. A range of early student feedback confirms mission accomplished.

Best wishes

Maryanne Walsh, Principal

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**ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**

On Friday 21 April, the School Community gathered at a Battlefield Memorial to pay their respects to those fallen while servicing our Country. The Service was led by our four School Captains who also spoke about what Anzac Day means to them as young adults and how they will ensure the memory and spirit of the Anzacs will live on. Major Nigel Carter, Senior Instructor of Conduct After Capture at the Defence Force School of Intelligence, Canungra, was the guest speaker and spoke about the importance of commemorating not celebrating during Anzac Day Services. Our service was supported by our Army, Air Force and Navy Cadets who represented their Cadet Units and school with immense pride. The Senior Concert Band and Music Extension class played and sang to create an atmosphere of remembrance. Year 12 student, Shamee Hamson, played the Last Post and Rouse again this year with such professionalism, that many shed a tear while she played.

Thank you all students and staff who were involved in the service and helped to ensure our School Community remembered the fallen in such a respectful manner.

Amy McAleer, HOD Performing Arts

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**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
On Friday of Week 3 we had a special lunch to congratulate/celebrate all students in Year 7 and 8 on Gold Level – a massive 386 students in total being the most ever. An excited ‘bunch’ of Year 9 students who received outstanding Report Cards at the end of Term 1 last week had a celebratory luncheon with their Heads of Year and teachers – wonderful to see our students so appreciative of the recognition.

The Friday prior to this, one hundred and twenty students (over one hundred of these were in Year 7 & 8) enjoyed an excellent Chinese excursion to Southbank in Brisbane to celebrate Buddha’s Birthday. This day included a host of activities including Tai Chi, Music Workshop, Chinese Art, Tea Drinking Ceremony and an outstanding performance by Taiwanese Diabolo artists. As we have come to expect the conduct of our students was outstanding and an absolute pleasure to take them on such a big trip.

Tim O’Connell, HOD Junior Secondary & Languages

It has been an exciting and eventful start to the year for English students at Centenary Heights in 2017. Students have had a number of opportunities to view productions to not only encourage an appreciation for literature and the arts, but to consolidate classroom learning as well. The renowned Grin & Tonic Theatre Company have performed for Years 12, 10 & 9 students. 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 Lunatic, the Lover, the Loon”, a series of excerpts from Shakespeare’s tragedies and comedies, was performed for Year 9 students. The live performances are always entertaining, and help students to gain an understanding of the power of Shakespeare’s language and themes.

On 30 March, 40 students and 4 staff travelled to Brisbane for a performance of the critically-acclaimed “My Fair Lady.” Dame Julie Andrews directed the play, and enthusiastic responses from staff and students highlighted it was ‘must-see’ performance. Thanks to Mrs Donna Parkinson, who organises a yearly theatre excursion to the Queensland Performing Arts Centre – you have excelled this year in providing a great opportunity for both staff and students! Thanks also to Ms Hindmarsh, Ms Mayers and Mrs Law who accompanied the students.

In the lead-up to the 2017 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. Ask your children what they wrote for their topic this year.

Kathleen Hannant, HOD English

Recently, on the 3 of May 2017, I had the chance to experience the Year 10 History excursion to the historical Newstead House and the MacArthur Museum House in Brisbane.

At Newstead House, which was a headquarters for American soldiers while stationed in Australia, we had a taste of what it was like to be in Brisbane back in WWII. Later in the day at the MacArthur Museum we not only learnt the history of WWII but also got to look at the many artefacts on display.

This excursion is a must in your Year 10 schooling year and I strongly encourage all future Year 10 students to go and truly experience what it was like back in WWII.

Jacob Byrne, Year 10 History Student

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
On the 28th of March 2017, one of our biggest school events, Harmony Day Celebration was held in our school Hall. This year’s Harmony Day theme was “Everyone Belongs” which was the highlight of the day. This year we had a variety of performers wishing to perform and introduce their own unique culture through speeches, dance, songs and traditional instruments.

The ceremony began with a video produced by the two cross-cultural captains presenting a selection of languages spoken in our school which was exciting for students and staff to recognize the amount of cultural diversity in Centenary Heights State High School.

During the ceremony speakers were organised to celebrate cultural diversity and inform the students and staff about different cultural experiences. Our guest speaker was Tai Soo Kim Watson who has spent the last ten years in Life Line and worked as a Chairman for four years. She presented an unquestionably touching speech and was also humorous for the audience.

This year we had the largest volume of participation throughout Harmony Day. We had new performances this year that were never performed in previous years which was exciting for the students and staff. The performances included our Indian students performing a Bollywood dance, African senior and junior dances, Chinese fan dance, and a PowerPoint introducing Chinese cuisine and lastly our senior student Jasper Pflaum playing bagpipes. This year was the first time Centenary Heights had introduced Indigenous culture into our Harmony Day celebration with the cooperation of our indigenous captain Lidia Kelly. Our Indigenous students performed an amazing traditional dance with the harmony of a Didgeridoo. The whole atmosphere of the performances was thrilling and enthusiastic for all students and staff.

One again, huge thanks to every student who participated in the Harmony Day Celebration including the audience and staff who helped out. Especially big thank you to all the performers who had been practising every day before the ceremony, their effort undoubtedly was shining on the stage.

At Centenary Heights State High School, we value the diverse culture that our school has as well as appreciating and respecting everyone in our community.

Sei Jeong & Coralee Brand, Cross-Cultural Captains

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On Thursday the 20th of April two hundred and fifty-eight Year 11 Students from our mainstream and Flexi School campuses attended the RYDA program at the Toowoomba Race Course. RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) is a national road safety education program and the day was organised by the Toowoomba branch of Rotary.

Students were divided into groups and attended six interactive sessions designed to challenge the way they think about road safety. Activities included a speed/stopping distance demonstration to see just how much further it takes to stop when just going 5-10 km/h faster than the speed limit, being able to identify in advance hazards and distractions whilst driving. The police spoke to students about the key risks they see every day that lead to accidents or infringements and how the choices we make may determine the outcome when a motor vehicle is involved. Students were given powerful presentations by people affected by serious road accidents, by a person whose physical mobility was permanently affected by her being in a car accident where she was a passenger, and by hearing from fire and rescue and ambulance officers who are usually first on scene to a car accident.

The organisers complimented our students on their engagement in the program and the thoughtful questions that they asked the presenters. At Centenary Heights SHS we believe our students will make better decisions if they are well informed through programs we offer like RYDA and in line with this, all of our Year 11 students participate annually in this program. As staff and parents we can only trust our young people will make good decisions in situations they may find themselves in as they grow and join our driving community.

Michael Bowden, Head of Year 11
ISP BEACH SAFETY EXCURSION

The International Students Program has a plan for international students to have at least one excursion each term. The Beach Safety Excursion is often the first excursion and the most important one as part of international students' personal safety plans. On Wednesday, March 29th, international students attended the Beach Safety Workshop at Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast. The purpose of this workshop was to provide students with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of surf safety in Australia. The workshop was hosted by Surf Life Saving Queensland.

Fortunately, we had great weather during the workshop. The Community Awareness and Multicultural Programs Coordinator, Scott Harrison, hosted the workshop on the day. The international students were very well behaved and engaged in the activities. Students learned about beach safety in Australia and had various fun warm up activities on the beautiful Burleigh Heads beach.

The fun did not stop there. Students then had an amusing surfing lesson and free swim time in the sea, followed by a short stop-over visit at Harbour Town shopping centre for lunch. Then we returned to school safely before 5pm. Sincere thanks to our fabulous and multi-talented Homestay Coordinator, Kim Scott for driving the mini-bus to and from the Gold Coast. It was a long day trip but it is safe to say that everyone had a great day at beach!

Rita Hsu, ISP Coordinator

YOUTH PARLIAMENT

On Wednesday May 4 I had the great pleasure of accompanying 4 of our Year 12 students as they participated in the Queensland Youth Parliament. This event is designed to give students the opportunity to not only visit and see what it is that our state politicians do, but also to take part in a full day of simulated parliamentary business – specifically debating a new piece of legislation and also presenting adjournment debates on important state issues.

Blake Hohenhaus, Samantha Pederick, Melanie Kaye and Brianna Moloney were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Centenary Heights is honoured to be one of the few schools that receives an invitation to this event every year and once again, our students were beautifully presented and incredibly enthusiastic. Both Samantha and Brianna put forward excellent amendments to the Bill (which related to environmental education and the extension of year 12 to two years) while Blake spoke about protection for religions under state Law while Melanie raised concerns surrounding the proposed Adani coal mine. At the end of the day, Blake was also given the additional honour of an encouragement award for his involvement in the parliamentary process – one of only 6 individual awards given out on the day!

It was an outstanding day and I was very proud of the students and appreciative of their organisation and engagement in the event.

Alex van Dorsselaer, HOD Social Sciences

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
SPORT REPORT

CHSHS has had yet another busy sporting start to the term. Day 1 saw our 12 year old Yr 7 students trialling for the Central Zone Cross Country team with 12 of these students attending the Toowoomba Cross Country on April 28. Congratulations to Jarred Tate on his selection into the Central Zone team to compete at the upcoming Darling Downs Cross Country trials.

Our Junior and Senior Boys AFL teams competed at the AFL Gala Day in Week 2. The Junior boys competed well on the day considering they were so much smaller than other teams. Our Senior boys were undefeated on the day and ended the day as Champions. They will now head to Maroochydore later in the year to compete in the State AFL finals series.

Josie and Krista Hughes competed at the National Field Archery Championships in Mudgee over the Easter weekend. Josie won Gold in the Junior ABA target and Gold in the Junior 3D target round. Josie was named in the QLD team for both events where they placed first in both. Krista received a Silver medal in the U12 Girls Division ABA and Gold in 3D target.

Our T20 junior Cricket team play in the Grand Final of the Darling Downs competition this Thursday at CHSHS. All welcome to come along and cheer the boys on.

Congratulations to Max Harding who has been named in the QLD U21 Hockey team to compete at the National Championships in Wollongong in July.

Congratulations to Olivia McDermid who was selected to represent Queensland in the 19 Years Netball Championships in Melbourne later in the year.

A number of our students have made Darling Downs Sporting teams this term. Congratulations to the following students:

Krista Hughes (Netball), Callum McCurley-Ault (Hockey), Riley Stone (Golf), Casey Evans (Football), Billy McBean (Rugby League), Phoebe Hinz (Basketball), Dylan Fry (Basketball), Jami Parker (AFL).

The annual Fun Run and Cross Country events were held last Thursday afternoon. Results are as follows:

**HOUSE RESULTS**

1st - Kenny  
2nd - Curran  
3rd - Swartz  
4th - Thompson

**AGE CHAMPIONS 2017**

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Chris Bartlett, Sports Coordinator

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