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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

As we close for Term 3, **report cards** will be emailed on Friday 21 September.

Parents of Year 10 students, a reminder of the Senior Education and Training Plan [SETP] **interviews taking place on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 October** in our school Hall for those students who are returning to begin Year 11 in 2019. For the families of those students confirmed as moving into Year 11 in 2019, you have received your letter of invitation and many of you have already made your booking online – thank you. Participation in the interview, with your child, will affirm subject selection to begin the year. Once the interview takes place, subjects will be entered into our system. These are such enjoyable and instructive interviews where great advice is given as to the best suit of subjects selected given previous application and attendance. It is imperative that we take every care to ensure your child is set up for success from the outset. Please be sure to bring to the interview all items outlined in the letter and ensure your child has completed his/her well completed Study Planner [they have been working on this in Pastoral Care lessons] as without this, which begins the interview, the interview will have to be rescheduled. If you are having any trouble with booking your interview please call Lyn in our Textbook Office on 4636 7576. Please note that you will have received an invitation last week, sent to your email, to join QParents. QParents is the online communication method, designed by the Department of Education, for families to stay connected with schools and their information eg your financial account, your child's report card, attendance etc – a real 'one stop shop'. At the SETP interviews we will have laptops there for you to join up to QParents such is the importance of being organised to start Term 1 2019. Please remember to bring 100 points worth of identification as well as your invitation code which was recently emailed to you on Wednesday 12 September.

All families with children continuing on at CHSHS 2019 – regarding QParents [see my comment in the above item], report cards in 2019 will be accessible only through QParents unless a family does not have access to the internet in which case we will print a copy. For those who have not yet joined please be sure to act on the invitation that was sent to your email address last week.

Order your 2018 School Magazine now. This is a lifetime memory of a year in the life of your child. Excellent value at a cost of \$30. Orders close at the end of Week 3 of Term 4 - Friday 26 October. Please

phone our Textbook Office on 4636 7576 to place your order.

School Trivia night – Friday night 26 October from 6pm – Venue our Flexi School Hub, corner of Chalk Drive and Hume Street. The inaugural Trivia night we held earlier this Term was such a fun night and a real success. If you are keen to participate please phone our Flexi School office on 4614 4100 from day 1 Term 4 ie Monday 8 October. Be sure to act quickly as there is no doubt the event will be popular.

The passing of Professor Glen Postle AM – Glen was co-founder of our Flexi School. At the age of 76 and after a three and a half year battle with cancer, Glen passed away Monday 10 September. He was a true legend of our Toowoomba community and indeed of our School. He was an innovator and such a caring man. He and his good mate, then Senior Guidance Officer with the Department of Education, Ed Bradbury, created Flexi in 1998 after they noted the number of young people disengaged from schooling and marginalised in society. His wonderful community group, Toowoomba East Rotary, worked alongside Glen to move Flexi from a small room in the Bell Street mall to where it is today, a superb complex on the corner of Chalk Drive and Hume Street. Centenary Heights State High School took Flexi over in 2004 and, apart from our partner in Toowoomba East Rotary, we have since partnered with Toowoomba Regional Council, Toowoomba Older Men's Network and the University of Southern Queensland. Our graduate students go on to fulltime work, further study either at USQ or TAFE or into fulltime apprenticeships. They create lives for themselves, with support from our teaching and non-teaching staff and wider community partners, that are nothing short of inspirational. We have moved over time from what used to be called alternate education to what is now known as Doing School Differently. Our Flexi School has been the recipient of multiple Australian awards for its innovation and inclusivity none the least being \$500,000 from the National Australia Bank in its Schools First program and a further \$20,000 as the winner of the Department of Education Showcase award. All of this has come to fruition through Glen's leadership where he has traded on his stellar reputation in the Toowoomba community and wider education community to shine a light on what is the most amazing educational concept – our Flexi School.

Enjoy your children over these holidays.

Best regards

Maryanne Walsh, Principal

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 the student 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.

SCIENCE Update

The much loved Science Fair was held in Term 3 and is the highlight of National Science Week. Over 60 students presented displays, demonstrations and activities for the enjoyment and education of the whole school community. The fair allowed us to highlight our new aquaponics set-up and animal shelter and to further promote our links with Wilsonton Ag Centre. Activities included Lava Lamps, Conductive Play Dough, Spheros and a Petting Zoo.

The Year 9 MSE (Maths Science Extension) students extended this great experience to our local primary school also presenting to students from Middle Ridge SS. Students demonstrated their chosen presentations to the students throughout the day, and gave the younger students a great hands on experience they would not have otherwise had.

In addition to the Science Fair, Term 3 saw our agricultural students involved in the 'Cows Create Careers' program. Our visiting calves were the first visitors to our newly developed shelter that will allow for future visits from livestock to further develop our understanding of the importance of Agriculture to our society. The Year 9 Agriculture class have been involved in the hand rearing of calves for six weeks as well as a number of projects which were submitted to the dairy industry for judging. The projects submitted were a credit to the students.

Another highlight of the term for Ag students was an excursion to the EKKA. Features of the day were the livestock exhibitions and judging with particular interest shown in the beef cattle, horses, poultry and animal nursery.

Our Year 10 MSE classes entered the annual Hermitage Research Centre Competition – the theme this year was "Game of Drones". Students conducted investigations related to use of drones for data collection in agriculture. This included setting up plant and crop trials and coding for drones to collect data, amongst other tasks. In Term 3 we were notified that of the 280 schools participating, CHSHS took out the Overall 1st Place. Congratulations to all students and staff involved and especially to individual winners Ria Biccoco, Sathmi Wanniarachchi and Hollie Russon.

This year 72 students participated in the 2018 ICAS Science competition. Congratulations to students achieving Distinctions - Top 10%: Arwen Nugteren, Luke Daley, Jack Bunter, Rhyanna Wallace, Ruixing Lin, Muhammed Abdilrahmin, Samuel McMicking and Nia Saleh.

Also in Term 3 Year 10 and 11 students travelled to the University of Queensland to participate in the annual "Experience Science" program; attending a lecture and participating in practical workshops relating to chemistry, biology & physics.

Finally, Congratulations to Year 11 student Prayag Subedi who has been selected with endorsement by our local Rotary Club to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra, January 2019. This 12 day residential program promotes careers and education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through a range of hands-on workshops, visits to industry and science sites, keynote speakers and discussion forums.

Jodie Beauchamp, HOD Science



ART Update

The Art Faculty ran a whole day excursion for Year 10, 11 and 12 students to the Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane on Monday 23 July to view the exhibition "Curious Affection" by renowned artist Patricia Piccinini. This exhibition occupied GOMA's entire ground floor with a retrospective of her most recognizable works from the past 20 years, and a suite of immersive multisensory installations. Known for her imaginative, yet strangely familiar, lifelike hybrid creatures, Piccinini challenges viewers to think about their place in a world where advances in biotechnology and digital technologies are challenging the boundaries of humanity. This was an amazing exhibition that staff and students enjoyed due to the surreal and dreamlike qualities of the staged artworks.



On Wednesday 15 August, students from Year 8 and Year 9 participated in an excursion to Ipswich Art Gallery and Queens Park in Ipswich. The gallery featured exceptional nineteenth and early twentieth century Australian silver and gold objects drawn from the National Gallery of Australia's significant collection of colonial decorative arts and design. Also on offer was the exhibition "Wind Tubes" where students were able to experiment with the physical effects of wind on a large variety of objects.



At midday students travelled to Queens Park to visit the Environmental Education Centre and the Ipswich Nature Centre (zoo). At the Ipswich Nature Centre students were able to follow the boardwalk as it meandered through authentic habitats for native animals including wombats, wallabies, emus, quolls, snakes and bilbies. In the afternoon, students made use of this beautiful setting to complete drawing activities.

As a faculty we look forward to continuing to build on our relationship with the wider art community and celebrating the remarkable achievements of our students.

Andrew Warrell, HOD Visual Art & Home Economics

50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Throughout the course of 2018, there have been numerous initiatives coordinated to celebrate 50 years of Centenary Heights State High School.

Preparations for our Community Fair are well underway and it is sure to be a day full of entertainment, side show alley rides, food, drink and market stalls. We are fortunate to have the support of the following sponsors: [Southtown Shopping Centre](#), [Hutchinson Builders](#), [BOQ Rangeville](#), [Zen Landscaping Queensland](#), [Hannas](#), [Total Wellness Massage](#).

'Unlimited Ride Armbands' are fantastic value at only \$30 if pre-purchased before the Fair. Armbands will be sold at the Fair for \$40, or \$6-\$7 per ride.

We welcome parents to volunteer and assist at the Fair. Below are the links to the volunteer schedules. If you can assist, please click on the relevant link and complete the necessary details.

1. Setup/packdown: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044cabab2aa4fe3-setup>
2. Rides/Armbands: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044CABAB2AA4FE3-armband
3. BBQ Stall: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044CABAB2AA4FE3-bbqstall
4. Hot Chip Van: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044CABAB2AA4FE3-hotchip
5. Outdoor Movie: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044CABAB2AA4FE3-outdoor
6. W Block Green Room: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044CABAB2AA4FE3-wblock

Centenary Heights State High School has a float entry for the Carnival of Flowers Parade to commemorate its 50th year. If you happen to be at the parade, please keep an eye out for us and give us a big cheer as we progress. The parade commences at 3pm on Saturday 22 September. This project has been supported by Toowoomba Regional Council. Many people have volunteered their time to see this project come to fruition. We thank Mrs Robinson and the float creation team for their hard work, Mrs Christy Parker and her musicians for their many rehearsals and Ms Rachael Mayers and her team of walkers for their enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support of the 50 Year Celebrations.

For further information on the 50 Year Celebrations please refer to <https://centheighshs.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/Communitypartnerships/Pages/Centenary-Heights-State-High-School-50-year-celebration.aspx> or email at CHSHSturns50@centheighshs.eq.edu.au

Tracey Kessels & Julie Whittaker, 50 Year Celebrations

HUMANITIES *Update*

This edition's news is devoted to our incredible results in the recent Geography and History competitions. It is of course fantastic to see our students do so well but more pleasing in my view was the huge participation rates. We had 96 entries in the History competition and 123 entries in the Geography comp, the largest number of entries in our school's history!

In regard to the results, they were truly amazing. In History we had 14 merits, 25 credits and 11 distinctions. 3 students attained the highest possible level of achievement – high distinctions. Well done Muhammed Abdilrahmin (Year 8), Sam McKeon (Year 7) and Chelsea Golding (Year 10).

In the Geography competition, we had 29 credits, 13 distinctions and 16 high distinctions – Benjamin Boland, Ella Findlay, Isaiah Flerchinger, Brianna Martin, Sam McKeon, Muhammed Abdilrahmin, Joseph Fry, Sam McMicking, Aidan White, Jack Bunter, Sarah Lyon, Dharma Macdonald, Elliot Pflaum, Cayleb Fidge, Jaiden Fidge and Jing Jie Wong. Particularly noteworthy was Caiden Bartholomew in Year 8 who achieved the highest result in the school's history – top 1% in Australia!

Once again, well done to all competitors on their involvement this year. We look forward to seeing even more competitors next year.

Alex van Dorsselaer, HOD Humanities

NEW CHAPLAIN

My name is Jason Berry and I am the new Chaplain here at Centenary Heights (CHSHS).

I have been in Toowoomba all my life and in fact graduated from CHSHS in 2011. I currently work 3 days at CHSHS and one day at our CHSHS Flexi School campus (Mondays).

I started working at CHSHS in term 2 and have been loving every moment so far. The biggest highlight for me has to be simply, the students. Every single one of them are amazing young people, who I believe can make a difference in our Toowoomba Community, given the chance. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to be someone they can talk to about anything and genuinely listen to everything that makes up their world.

My average day can consist of one-on-one appointments with students, lunch time rapport building, team building activities/competitions, sitting in on classes supporting specific students, networking with Toowoomba support services, participating in school events, and working alongside all CHSHS staff to set their students up for success.

My passion is encouraging, motivating and inspiring all young people to see the potential within themselves and make them understand that their value does not change, despite their past or present circumstances. I firmly believe that every young person matters and given the opportunity, can succeed in whatever that put their mind to.

Thank you Centenary Heights for giving me the opportunity to be a part of cheering on our next generation.



Jason Berry, Chaplain

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday 3 August 2018 was the annual JEANS FOR GENES DAY where students and staff wear their jeans for a gold coin donation. Another example of our school community supporting the Children's Medical Research Institute for genetic research into childhood illnesses. \$660 was donated (which was \$60 more than last year!) Great effort everyone who supported this cause!

Here's a SNAPSHOT of some of those students who supported this charity event at school.

Sandy Feldman & Jess Zylstra, Interact Coordinators



NDIS SUPPORTED SCHOOL TRANSPORT DISCUSSION PAPER OUT NOW

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out across Australia, stakeholder feedback is being sought to inform how supported school transport could work in the NDIS or whether current arrangements should be retained. Visit www.engage.dss.gov.au and click on the NDIS Supported School Transport tab to have your say. To allow time for governments to consider the outcomes of the consultation process, the Queensland Government will continue to deliver school transport assistance for students with disability until at least 31 December 2019.

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>

SPORT Report

SCHOOLS CUP HOCKEY

On September 20, our younger students will be participating in the Schools Cup Hockey competition. We wish the students the best of luck with this event. Students, with Mr Stefanowicz, have been very busy preparing for this event.

DARLING DOWNS

Congratulations to the following students on their selections into the Darling Downs Track and Field team for 2018.

Jay Gacia, Jonathan Matthews, Sophie Laverty, Katerina Raeli, Cody Batham, Matthew Thomson, Jai Gordon and Lilly Hanssen.

RED LIONS SOCCER FINAL

On September 5, St Mary's College travelled to Centenary Heights SHS to play the Semi Final in the Red Lion Soccer competition. Our boys got off to a flying start with the first goal of the game. St Mary's were then under a bit of pressure for most of the first half. Unfortunately, they then began to play better as a team and scored. The scores were levelled. Another couple of goals were then scored by St Mary's. The CHSHS team really did play well but just could not get the ball through the St Mary's goal keeper. An unfortunate loss meant no progression to the Grand Final this year but it is a testament to the boys and Mr Osborn that they made Semi Finals in their first year in the Trophy competition instead of the Plate. Well done boys and Mr Osborn for the effort you have all put into training and preparing for this ongoing event.

SCHOOLS TENNIS COMPETITION

Recently our Schools Tennis team competed in the Annual Schools Tennis competition. The event, held at the James St courts, is played in Fast 4 format. Plenty of tennis was played on the day with the boys not receiving much of a break between games. The boys came second in their pool and advanced to the Semi Finals. A semi final win over Toowoomba Grammar School number 2 team placed the boys in a great position heading into the Grand Final. Unfortunately the boys went down in the Grand Final but definitely made Toowoomba Grammar 1 work hard for their win. This is a great result for the boys. Congratulations to Oliver Dalziel, Harry Erbacher, Konrad Crowell, Elijah Mathewson and Joseph Fry on their efforts in the school Tennis team. A massive thank you to Miss Zupp for all of her hard work in preparing and training the team for this event.



SOUTH WEST ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Six CHSHS touch football teams, on a very cold and windy day, participated in the annual South West All Schools competition. This competition involves schools not only from Darling Downs Region but from schools in the South West Region and Brisbane and Gold Coast regions. This annual event allows our teams to test out the skills that they have developed throughout their training. All teams had wins on the day proving that touch football at CHSHS is still strong. The 13 girls and 15 girls teams made Semi Finals. Both teams unfortunately were narrowly defeated in these games. All CHSHS teams performed well on the day and are all looking good to head to the Qld All Schools competition fully prepared. Special thanks to staff who have been diligently training these teams for over two terms. Thanks Mr Dowling, Mr Sykes, Mr Grealy, Miss Rackemann, Miss Vorpapel, Mr O'Connell and Mrs Bartlett.



SENIOR VICKI WILSON NETBALL

On Sunday September 9, our Senior Vicki Wilson Netball team competed in the Senior Vicki Wilson Netball competition at St Mary's College. The girls had to play seven games throughout the day. They played game on, game off for the day. Some very tired ladies pushed through and finished the day in style. Whilst we lost a 4 games and drew 3, this team was consistently competitive in all of their games. We lost a player to injury early on in the day which meant the girls had to step up and dig deep physically to maintain their intensity. We ended the day in 6th position. This was a great display from a group of girls who clearly love playing netball. It is always to see such positivity in athletes.

JUNIOR VICKI WILSON NETBALL

This weekend is our Junior Vicki Wilson Netball competition. We wish the girls all the best and will let you know the results.

SPORT Report contd.

AAG AUTO GROUP BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Recently our Under 15 Boys team competed in the Armstrong Auto Group Basketball competition. The team consisted of only five members – just enough to take the court. These brave and courageous young men played so well that they made the Semi Finals for this event, narrowly going down at full time. A great attitude and positive teamwork goes a long way – as demonstrated by these young men. Congratulations on a great competition and special thanks to Mr Curthoys for his coaching and preparation of the team at this event.

RUGBY LEAGUE "FRIENDLY'S"

This term we have had many "Friendly" games of Rugby League against other schools in our District. This has provided a wonderful opportunity for our boys and girls to play football against other schools. Many of our players do not play in the local competition so are provided with an opportunity to play a sport they love. So far this term, the teams have played Wilsonton SHS, Lockyer District and Stanthorpe. It is wonderful to see so many of our students playing for fun and enjoyment rather than playing for the need to win. Thanks to Costa and Mr Marshall for the fabulous work they do with our boys and girls.

POLICE V STUDENT TOUCH FOOTBALL GAME

Our annual Police versus student game of Touch in conjunction with Child Protection week was held last week. The CHSHS students were keen to avenge the trophy this year. Our Under 13 mixed team played the first half and were very convincing in their game play. A great attitude and team involvement saw the students up 2 to 1 at half time. It was then time for our Open mixed side to take the field. This team capitalised on a firing Police side and won their half 2 to 1 also. A 4 to 2 victory for the CHSHS students sees the students being added to the Trophy for 2018. We extend a special thank you to our Police for taking part in this event. They have passed on that they love the event and look forward to participating each year as the students get to see them in a different light. A great game and a great result. Touch was the winner.



LIONS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

For many years the Lions Club of Toowoomba has been conducting a sausage sizzle at the AWD (Athletes With Disability) Darling Downs Athletics carnival. This year it was decided to give an encouragement award to an outstanding participant. This year, in its inaugural year, the award has been won by one of our students, Kyrna Crump. We are exceptionally proud of this achievement for Kyrna who is a very dedicated athlete.

Chris Bartlett, Sport Coordinator

HAVE YOU JOINED QPARENTS?

Would you like access to your child's timetable, attendance and assessment planners with the click of a button? Then join QParents! Give the office a call today on (07) 4636 7500 for information on how to register. Do not forget - from 2019 the only way to access your child's report card is on QParents!

mark your diaries

OCT		22	Student Free Day
8	First Day of Term 4	30	Awards Night @ 6pm
10-11	Year 10 SETP (Senior Education & Training Plan) Interviews & CPR	NOV	
11	'Oktoberfest 4 Teens' Excursion	4	50th Celebration Community Fair
12	Full Formal Uniform Day - all students	5	Full Formal Uniform Day - Year 9
16	P&C Meeting @ 6pm. (Venue: our Flexi School campus, cnr Chalk Dr & Hume St)	6	Full Formal Uniform Day - Year 10
17	Full Formal Uniform Day - all students	7	Full Formal Uniform Day - Year 11
17-19	Show Band Tour	8	Full Formal Uniform Day - Year 12
		9	Full Formal Uniform Day - Year 7 & 8
			Year 10, 11 & 12 Gold Level Ceremony