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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Awards Night was amazing. An auditorium of 1500 people with a mix of proud students, families and teachers. Only the second time in the history of our great school, and that is a 50 year history, where there has been more than 1 Dux, two in fact. Again, unique, is the fact that 4 other students were within 1 point of the Dux. Dux aside, what is an absolute joy to watch is the capacity of our student leaders to run the night so very well including all leaders who delivered speeches with such aplomb. Apart from the rightful celebration of students, their service and achievement, this really is a night to brief families on the activity that goes on in a school of our size. I acknowledge here the staff who plan for this night so far ahead and ensure, to the closest detail, that it is run smoothly and of the highest quality.

If not already, to all of our families, **please join QParents** – as I have communicated a few times earlier this year, from the start of 2019, we will be moving as a school to communication through QParents. I will still send my update emails out but for all other information, you will need to have joined QParents. Through this you will be able to access your child's report card each Term, your child's school timetable and attendance record. You will be able to check your school fee account as you wish and update your contact details should you change address, phone number – it really is a one stop shop and, once joined, so easy for you to navigate. Currently we have around 40% of our families joined. Earlier this week you were sent by our office staff an invitation to join. With that invitation was your QPAO reference code. To join just click on the link within the invitation email and follow the prompts from there. Have handy with you sufficient points of identification – driver's licence number etc. To confirm, from Term 1 2019 report cards will be loaded to QParents for your access as opposed to emailing or posting.

Student attendance at school – a reminder that, as per state government policy, students are required at school on every gazetted school day. I do follow that policy very strictly as you would expect of me. Please encourage your children not to put you in a difficult position such as asking for a 'day off' because they say 'we have finished assessment', 'we are not doing anything' – that resonates with 'I do not have any homework'

which of course is never true. In terms of taking holidays in school time, as I have communicated earlier this year, the only such time off that I approve is of an emergent or urgent nature and in such cases our families have been good enough to give me sufficient information to make an informed decision. It goes without saying that I do not approve early departure or full day absences for students to attend such things as commercial concerts eg Taylor Swift and other popular artists. With regard to the last day of the school year you will see in many schools the attendance drops off. At our school we run an alternate program on that day. I really appreciate the support you give to our teachers and myself.

Walker Awards – last week this night was a special! The awards, named after previous Principal Bob Walker who was a devotee of the Arts, are a wonderful showcase of student talent in Year 12. Students show their major assessment work and the words going through my head watching were clever and talented. Great to see Year 12 student Asher Wighton also receive an Empire Theatre Youth bursary this week as he furthers his passion and significant ability in the area of Film.

Mayoral Awards – each year these awards are inspirational and this year, no different. Our CHSHS awardees Selena Laverty, Melissa Bowie and Santener Sakina proudly received their awards at the ceremony a fortnight ago. The criteria stipulate acknowledgment to students who have shown exceptional resilience and courage in the face of great adversity to rise and forge towards a great future. The Mayor and Toowoomba Regional Councillors always prioritise this night – a wonderful celebration.

On the January 2019 student free days all of our teaching and non-teaching staff [232 in number] will participate in the first two of a four day course in **Trauma Informed Practice [TIP]**. It is delivered by the Berry Street Childhood Centre in Melbourne and their team will come to us at CHSHS to deliver. Having completed this program myself it will underpin a better understanding of our students and how to deal with their various significant life challenges so they are able to grow and learn despite the struggle. I am ever conscious of what our staff support with our students in terms of mental/emotional upheaval and at times the poor choices adolescents make which have the potential to derail their futures.

If we understand better, we teach better, we relate better and we are able to look after ourselves better in the face of such difficulty. Many of our staff are parents and/or grandparents as well – these learnings have definite positive carry over. I invite you to go to the Berry Street website and look up the program – it will give you good insight.

To the parents/carers of our Year 12 students – if this child is your last through our great CH, I thank

you sincerely for walking the journey with us. I wish you well as you navigate the world of no school lunches, no pick-ups/drop offs at school, no exam time meltdowns and no ironing of Formal uniforms. To a little degree you may be able to reclaim your lives...

Best wishes

Maryanne Walsh, Principal

2018 SOCIAL

The social committee poured their hearts and souls into pulling together this year's social with the hope of making it a night to remember. This year, to the excitement of many students, the original and much requested theme of memes was chosen. This year drew in over 300 + students and raised a whopping \$1084. This night would not have been possible without the help of our amazing staff, dedicated student body and those who did not have anything better to do on the night. The students absolutely loved their time spent playing games, getting pictures taken at the photobooth and showing off their dance moves to their friends and the rest of the school. This year the students were able to join in on a little extra fun with our meme costume competition which saw some amazingly creative students who managed to recreate iconic meme legends like Bob Ross and Kermit the frog. We all absolutely enjoyed bopping to some sick beats while kicking back and celebrating something that we all know and love and look forward to seeing what surprises will be waiting for us at next year's social.

Andrew Corbett & Kyran Cook, 2018 Social Committee



2018 STUDY TOURS

Centenary Heights was fortunate to host four study tours this year. We had over 60 students and 4 foreign teachers visit our school in Terms 1 and 3. The tour groups typically spend about one week here at school with us. One of the tour groups from Japan however, enjoys the program that our school offers so much, that they spent over two weeks here.

Each of the visiting students were paired with two Centenary Heights students to help integrate them into the school and assist them in classes and finding their way around campus. Our students play a vital role in helping to immerse the visiting students in English. These student volunteers are what makes the study tour program so successful.

On the first day of the tour, we host a morning tea for the visiting students. This is a perfect opportunity for the students to try some real Aussie snacks and get to know their "buddies" a little better. During the time the students are with us, we try to pack in as many activities as possible. This year we have had sports lessons down on the oval, cooking classes, and integration time in the classroom. Every tour ends with a farewell party during which the visiting groups may choose to put on demonstrations of traditional activities from their countries whether it be singing,

dancing, or arts and crafts. Sometimes, the students just want to hang out and swap Instagram accounts and enjoy the last bit of time together. We farewell each group with a massive pizza party, nothing makes teenagers happier than the sight of pizzas lined up on a table, no matter from which country they come.

The International Student Program team was very excited for the arrival of the tour groups this year. We believe that the opportunities and advantages provided to our school through hosting these tours is invaluable. The insight that our students experience into how people in other countries live and learn is so important in our interconnected world and these study tours are a real world reminder of the importance of international education.

Three of the schools that visited have been coming to Centenary Heights for a number of years now and the final school visited Australia for the first time and we hope to see them again soon. These strong relationships show just how rewarding building bridges with other countries can be and we are excited for what next year holds!

Colin Nutter, Study Tour Coordinator



50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS - CARNIVAL FLOAT

On Saturday, 22 September the School entered a float in the Carnival of Flowers Parade. The float and procession represented the trends in music, hair, accessories and the school uniform in each decade from 1968 - 2018.

In 2018, the parade theme was 'The Secret Garden'. The 'Centenary Heights Secret Garden' was a pond, full of life, with a live band that rocked the audience with a soundtrack of hits from the last 50 years. While the School Ute was transformed into the 'Centenary Heights Memory Garden' showcasing class photos through the years of students and staff.

The creation of the entry involved over 100 participants including past and present students, staff, parents and future students. Thank you to everyone involved in this project, especially the Creative Director Jodi Robinson, Music Director Christy Parker and Walking Group Coordinator Rachael Mayers. This project was supported by Toowoomba Regional Council.

Julie-Ann Whittaker, Administration Officer - 50 Year Celebrations



PERFORMING ARTS *Update*

As 2018 comes to a close, we are just as busy within the Performing Arts as when the year began. Students have been involved in TYME (Toowoomba Youth in Music Education) Festival, Showband Tour, Performing Arts Showcase, Walker Awards, Centenary's Got Talent, Shakesfest ... and the list just never seems to end.

As this is the last Performing Arts report for the year, it is timely that we acknowledge the dedication of our Year 12 students and wish them well for the future. These students were publicly acknowledged at our recent Awards Evening where they received Performing Arts Commendation awards. These students include:

Gold: Rhys Keane, Joshua Smith, Lillian Carland, Jemma Melia, Prue Russell, Nicholas Tam

Silver: Tom Panitz, Joshua Eastment, Jing Jie Wong, Joselle Ysa Odtuhan

Bronze: Jacob Asmussen, Abbey Weston, Joshua Munster, Asher Wighton, Raff Viola, Ruby Sanders, Catherine Evans, Alora Simon, Arwen Nugturen

No matter what the future holds for all of these students, I know that they will carry with them treasured memories and practical skills for the rest of their lives.

Congratulations to Rhys Keane who was awarded the R Walker Award for the Performing Arts at our recent Awards Evening. Rhys' passion and dedication to the Arts is truly inspirational where every performance, rehearsal, workshop or showcase is met with excitement.

Thank you to Performing Arts Captain, Joshua Smith, who has worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that all Performing Arts events are well supported, promoted and run smoothly. His efforts are so valued and his passion for the Arts is evident in all that he does.

Good luck to our Christmas Choir which is preparing for the upcoming tour of local Nursing Homes and to our Strings students who are performing shortly at Rangeville State School's String Evening.

As we do not stop, it is timely to note that 2019 Creative Generation State Schools Onstage and MOST (Musically OutSTanding students) nomination forms are due to be released shortly. Likewise, planning for our School Production in 2019 is also about to start. Information on these events will be advertised on student notices.

No Performing Arts event is able to run without the dedication of an amazing group of teachers. I am always in awe of the creative learning that occurs in our classrooms and the willingness of all staff to make the Arts available to all students. The teachers' commitment to their students extends to many hours outside of school to provide a range of opportunities. Thank you all for your time, commitment and most importantly your support of our students.

Amy McAleer, HOD Performing Arts

SPORT Report

SCHOOLS CUP HOCKEY

On October 28 to October 30, our Boys Hockey team competed at the Qld All School's Hockey Competition. This competition was held at Glendale Park, Toowoomba. Round games were played over Sunday and Monday with Monday afternoon holding Semi Finals. Our team ended up second in their pool which meant they played their Semi Final against St Mary's College Maryborough. This was such a close game and when full time sounded, it was a draw. A penalty shoot out would now decide the winner. Unfortunately our boys went down. A bronze medal play off game was then played on Tuesday with our boys playing brilliantly to win this game against Carmel College. Congratulations to the team on an outstanding competition and result. This is a young team and they will be back to go one step further in 2019.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Anderson for giving up her time to support the boys to get to this competition. We must also say a special thank you to Rachel McCormick for giving up her time to umpire for our team. Without this, the team would not have been able to participate.



DARLING DOWNS

Congratulations to the following students on their efforts at the State Track and Field Championships. We are now waiting to hear how many of these students will gain selection into the Qld Track and Field team.

Santener Sakina – Gold in Long Jump, 100m, 200m, Silver in Shot Put
Chrispine Wilondja – Gold in Shot Put, Long Jump, Silver in 100m, Bronze in 200m
Kyrna Crump – Gold in Javelin, 1500m, 400m, Silver in Shot Put and 800m
Jai Gordon – Silver in 100m, 200m
Lilly Hanssen – Silver in 400m and a State Record
Matthew Thomson – Silver in Long Jump

Congratulations also to Sophie Laverty and Izak Shepherd who also competed at State Championships with wonderful results and personal bests.

Congratulations to Tyler Spinks, Joseph Fry, Michael Weldon and Bridgette Wainwright on their selections into Darling Downs Futsal, Cricket and Water Polo teams. We wish them all the best at their upcoming State Championships.

QLD ALL SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL

At the end of last term, our Senior Boys Volleyball team competed in the Qld All Schools Volleyball Competition. An enthusiastic group of 8 boys, along with Mr Curthoys headed to the Gold Coast for a weekend of volleyball. The boys excelled in the competition and won all round games heading into finals. A win in the Semi Final saw them into the Championship game for their division. They outplayed and outsmarted their opposition with a wonderful Grand Final game. State Champions for their teamwork and effort was the end result. Special thanks to Mr Curthoys for supporting the boys and coaching them to this win. Thanks also to Nic Von Xanten for his persistence in getting the team there. A superb result gentlemen.

SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Our school volleyball team continues to excel in their Tuesday night competition. The girls have been playing so well that they have made it through to the Semi Finals in coming weeks. Good luck to the team, Nic Von Xanten and Miss Zylstra in their finals games.

RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

The Broncos Gala Day, held last Friday, saw the majority of 230 girls attend the opening ceremony. What a picture it was to see the grand stand full, girls on the side line, media in attendance, listening to key personnel deliver some important messages around female sport and the game of rugby league. CHSHS sent two teams along to this event. What a wonderful experience the girls had and the opportunity was taken by them with both hands. One of our teams made the Grand Final and won



so were champions for the day. Our second team, equally as exciting, ended the day in third position. This is a testament to the girls for their hard work at training and to all teachers who go beyond your job description in ensuring the girls have an opportunity to play the game of rugby league. Seeing the girls representing their school, alongside their mates is the highlight of these days and because of your efforts you make it possible. Thanks to Mrs Schultz, Mr Marshall and Costa for your efforts in getting the girls to the Gala Day so well prepared.

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QUEENSLAND ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Week one this term saw our six All Schools teams head to Brisbane for our annual Old All Schools competition. Some very excited students boarded the bus on Wednesday afternoon ready for what lay ahead. Their two terms of hard work ready to be tested. Whilst we made it through Thursday and Friday's games all play was abandoned on Saturday afternoon due to the weather and the safety of students playing in the conditions and on unsafe fields. A wonderful experience was had by all for the few days that we did play. Below is a rundown of how our teams fared.

U13 BOYS - The boys ran into a very good team in their first game losing to Cleveland but after that took total control of their next three games winning comfortably – two of these games were very late in the day in the pouring rain. It is obvious that the boys will be bigger and better next year and are certainly encouraged to continue playing Touch.

U13 GIRLS - The girls played their pre-tournament game against Fairholme College the girls fought hard to finish the game with a 2 all draw. At the tournament, the girls started well with a 3-0 win over Unity College. The girls played their best game of the day against Palm Beach Currumbin but unfortunately lost 4-0. The girls were disappointed after their 2-0 loss in their third game. Unfortunately, due to the weather the girls did not play their three remaining games.

U15 BOYS - The boys played their pre-tournament game against St Joseph's, going down 6-2. On the first day, we played St Andrews Anglican winning 5-2. The second game was against Coolum SHS, where we unfortunately squandered a 3-1 lead to end up drawing 4-4. On Saturday, we came up against Ambrose Treacy College, losing 6-2, before finally playing the best performing team in our pool, Ignatius Park. They were an excellent team, giving us a hiding to the tune of 8-0. However, despite the wide margin, the boys performed really well in this game, managing to hold them out for quite a while before conceding the first try.

U15 GIRLS - The girls demonstrated a valiant effort in all four of their games. They had a 9-2 defeat against All Hallows, a 6-1 defeat to Coombabah SHS, a 4 all draw to St Andrew's Anglican, and a strong 7-0 win against Siena Catholic. The girls demonstrated great teamwork and determination throughout each game.

OPEN BOYS - The boys were fortunate enough to play four games. Although conditions were not great, the boys had mixed results. On Thursday, the boys played Aquinas College and Bundaberg SHS with a draw 1-1 and a loss 4-2. Friday saw the continual down pour of rain but the boys soldiered on playing Cleveland SHS, losing 4 – 3 in a tight game, and coming away with a 2-1 win over Coombabah SHS. All boys had a great time away and played some exceptional touch.

OPEN GIRLS - Whilst the girls were placed in a very tough pool, the girls never gave up the focus and will to play for each game. Such a great group of young ladies who continued to encourage each other to play the best they could. Valuable life lessons were learnt this touch season.

Well done to all of our teams who represented the school proudly. Their commitment and effort was to be highly commended.

Special thanks must go the staff involved in the All Schools campaign, Mr Tim O'Connell, Mr Frank Dowling, Mr Mal Grealy, Mr Peter Sykes, Miss Karen Vorpapel, Miss Georgina Rackemann, Mr Hayden Bartlett and Mrs Chris Bartlett. Staff have voluntarily given up their lunch times, before and after school and weekends to train and coach the students for these carnivals.



WOMEN IN SPORT BREAKFAST

Each year ACPHER puts on a Women in Sport Breakfast promoting women in sport and their achievements across the State. CHSHS sends a group of 8 Yr 11 students each year who have represented their school or been involved in sport in the school over their years at CHSHS. This year Miss Rackemann and Ms Vorpapel took the girls to Brisbane for a wonderful breakfast with female role models such as Rugby League player Ali Briggenshaw as guest speakers. From all accounts it was a wonderful morning followed by a tour of the Queensland Academy of Sport at Mt Gravatt.

Chris Bartlett, Sport Coordinator

CENTENARY'S GOT TALENT

After nominations and heats occurred throughout the term, in dance, drama, music and film categories, the Centenary's Got Talent finals took place on the last day of Term 3, featuring performances from our five finalists. Thank you and well done to all our participants, with a huge congratulations going to our winner, Kanishq Chandwana. A massive thanks also to our three judges Mrs Hanna, Mr Sykes and Ms Frew.



ART ON DISPLAY

The following Year 9 students have their stylised illustration artworks on display in the CHSHS Office foyer: Harry Young, Corina Brillembourg Avila, Ashdyn Lance, Thomas Foord, Bree Benbow, Taya Rundle, Ollie Rattray, Zoe Ezold, Marissa Cummings, Zoe Sieders, Claire Brettell, Elysia Herde. Congratulations!



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

On the last week of Term 3, we took the students down to the Gold Coast at Burleigh Heads for a beach safety excursion. We typically take the students to learn about beach safety at the beginning of the year when it is still nice and hot; but we had to postpone it due to the Commonwealth Games.

The students had a great time learning about beach safety and the importance of knowing what the different flags flown at the beach mean. After a short safety briefing, the students were able to participate in a number of beach games. There were a couple of different races through the sand, some intense rounds of tug of war and a competition to see which team could fill a bucket using only a sponge the quickest. Now, the water temperature that day could be described as exhilarating, but none of the group hesitated when it was their turn to wade out in the surf and practise their life saving techniques. The students finished off their time at the beach with a quick session of boogie boarding. We would also like to give a big thank you to Mr Usher who drove the bus on very short notice!



Colin Nutter, Study Tour Coordinator

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.

mark your diaries

NOV

12 Red Food Day
Free Dress Day
16 Year 12 Graduation & Formal
Last Day of Term 4 for Year 12
20 P&C Meeting @ 6pm
21-23 Year 10 Exams
23-28 Year 11 Exam Block

30

Year 10 & 11 Gold Level Excursions
Last Day of Term 4 for Year 10 & 11

DEC

5 Year 7, 8 & 9 Gold Level Ceremony
6 Christmas Choir Excursion
11 Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day
13 Year 7, 8 & 9 Gold Level Excursions
14 Last Day of Term 4

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