NEWS from the HEIGHTS

Term 1 APRIL 2020

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Dear Families

Well – what a Term!

Parents of Year 7-11 students inclusive – you will receive an email today 3 April advising that your child’s Term 1 report card has been loaded to QParents. Please download it and discuss with your child. You will see communication early Term 2 coming either from me, Heads of Year, Deputy Principals seeking to arrange a meeting [socially distanced] or phone interview in company with your child if the application to learning and/or attendance at school has not been as required. These are always great interviews as we work together to ensure your child and our student is the best person and learner possible. If not yet on QParents, and 92% of our families are, please contact our school office on 4636 7500 and one of our staff will walk you through the process - so easy

As with everyone else I have no idea what circumstances with Covid19 will look like after the holidays. We are well set up for online learning. All of our staff, as I have previously communicated, will be using the platform our students know and understand ie Class One Note. It is imperative that we use only the one platform so families are not confused and are able to best assist your child while learning from home. I advise you strongly to set a structure each school day for your child, monitor that structure and continually ask to see what has been achieved. Our staff will be working a normal school day in terms of hours and will of course take their breaks as required. Given that any number of a teacher’s usual 125 students [5 classes] may wish to ask questions online of a teacher at any time, I advise that our teachers will aim at a 24 hour turnaround in terms of providing answers to questions. If earlier, that is great but this remote learning arrangement has to work effectively for both teachers and students

Great work with facilities happening over the holidays – the earthworks and shed construction will happen for our new grounds shed – many thanks to our hard working P and C for this finance. The shed will then house new and high-tech grounds equipment purchased by our school – so very important given our staff care for 19 hectares of undulating area. At the same time, solar panels are being installed on top of E and W blocks making us more energy-efficient and reducing our Utilities bills. Due to this work, the access road from Lindgren Street to W block will be closed from Monday 6 April to Friday 24 April inclusive

Please be aware that our pool is closed for the foreseeable future and our Hall is closed to external bookings for the time being. Our external tennis and basketball courts are not open for public use as requested by our employer the Department of Education and the rationale behind this is to ensure gatherings of more than 2 people are avoided

School will resume on Monday 20 April. Have the best holiday with your family. Again, I thank you sincerely for the respectful and caring manner in which you have interacted with our staff, both non-teaching and teaching, as we navigate uncertain times. Your patience and kindness is greatly appreciated

Best wishes

Maryanne Walsh, Principal
It is with sadness that we farewelled the inimitable Mrs Sandy Feldman at the conclusion of 2019. Sandy’s contribution to our school community – both in classrooms and beyond – for 34 years left a lasting legacy of industrious service, creativity, commitment, kindness and compassion for others. We at Centenary Heights are forever shaped because of Sandy’s example and investment.

With Mrs Feldman’s departure, the difficult decision was made to no longer have the Centenary Heights SHS Interact Club operating within the school. For a few years now, the large projects that the club organise, which are wonderfully supported by our whole school community, have been left to decreasing numbers of members to coordinate, dedicated though as they have always been. Our Interactors have been a very visible, active group of students over many years, but with the changing size of our school, and the emergence of a strong Student Council, the decision was made to disband the Interact Club. The many projects that Interact previously co-ordinated have now been passed to the Student Council to facilitate. There continues to be opportunities for those students who would love to be a part of a service club like Interact to be active with the planning and running of projects, as they join in with the Student Council for specific events as “Friends of the Student Council”.

Our fabulous Student Council Representatives currently meet every Friday at first break. Our meetings involve lively discussion and interaction as many creative and insightful ideas are shared around the room. For our first event this year, Valentine’s Day Roses, we enlisted the help of our Friends of the Student Council. It was encouraging to witness the key group of young people who took up this call and shared the load of preparing for this big event. Other projects that the Student Council will coordinate and run in 2020 includes: Shave For a Cure, Lifeline Can Appeal, Jeans for Genes, Bandanna Day/CanTeen, Bookweek, Mental Health week plus any other student driven projects that the team would like to adopt in 2020.

The new Interact/Student Council amalgamation are looking forward to carrying on the outstanding traditions and projects which form a strong core to the caring culture of our great Centenary Heights! In addition, and in honour of our forerunner, we will continue to shout loud and clear the Mrs Sandy Feldman motto - “If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!”

Rachael Mayers / Jessica Zylstra, Interact Co-ordinators
Term one has heralded a great start to this year and we welcome our new staff member, Mrs Roberts, who will be teaching a Year 8 art class each term. On Friday the 28th of February, the Visual Art Faculty facilitated a whole day excursion to GOMA (Gallery of Modern Art –Brisbane) to view current exhibitions and works from the permanent collection. 57 students from Year 10, 11 and 12 participated in this experience.

The exhibition “Water” allowed students to walk across a vast, rocky riverbed created by Olafur Eliasson with a creek meandering through the middle of this remarkable indoor landscape. They were also able to view life-sized animal sculptures from around the world, gathered together to drink from Cai Guo-Qiang’s brilliant blue waterhole. Adventurous students enjoyed the challenge of traversing a cloud of suspended gymnastic rings in a participatory artwork by William Forsythe. Students were also able to enjoy a video installation that showed the impact of global warming on the small Pacific nation of Tuvalu. This showed the tides rolling in over roads, backyards, gardens and shops as bystanders could only watch on helplessly. “Water” explores the vital element which sustains all life on Earth. From major immersive experiences to smaller-scale treasures by Australian and international artists, the exhibition highlighted this precious resource and sparked conversations about the environmental and social challenges we face today.

The exhibition of student work is essential for the Visual Art Faculty to celebrate the achievement of our talented students. Currently work from Year 10 Visual Art students is on display at the Common room in the Administration building. Students were required to test glaze recipes of their own creation by producing a series of test tiles. The results of these complex experiments were then photographed and enlarged from a three by six centimetre sample to an A3 sized artwork. By presenting these prints in a series of 15 images we can enjoy and appreciate the craft and design abilities of our students. At the start of next term we will feature a collection of Year 8 artworks from the 3 classes that studied Art in Term 1. This will be on display in the exhibition space at the entrance foyer of the Administration building. To complete this work students were required to reimagine a famous artwork by Van Gough, “Bedroom at Arles”. Congratulations to the students who had work selected for this exhibition.

Andrew Warrell,
Head of Department Home Economics & Visual Art
Over the course of 7 weeks and shortly after their election to Leadership positions within the CHSHS community across a range of fields and year levels, I had the privilege of witnessing the start of each of our Student Leaders’ Toastmasters’ journey... that in itself was reason enough, as you would well know, to be proud of their accomplishments.

What has followed since the 4 of February has been a journey of growth, confidence, self-development, reflection and pride as in the first week some quietly shared their fears of even being able to speak in front of their peers, let alone the courage it would take to speak in front of a school of 1734 students and then, as they did, their families on their graduation evening! Frankly – their concerns were but a normal response to a fear many struggle to overcome...the art of public speaking!

After the initial settling of nerves and realising the weeks ahead were not for the faint-hearted the student leadership group embraced the weekly speeches, round robins and table topics as we learned a little more of their passions and quirky interests – all ably facilitated by themselves and our ever-supportive Compass Toastmasters team.

Centenary’s leaders are chosen for a broad range of roles – and after listening to them throughout their Toastmasters course, we were left in no doubt about the depth this student leadership team offered in their readiness to honour the CHSHS tradition of service within this school community... and I am sure will see some of them become future leaders within their broader communities.

As the weeks passed, their sense of self and self-confidence soared to new heights as their nerves dissipated, the reliance on notes reduced and the um and ah counter was kept less busy. Their well-considered responses to some sensitive topics, laced with a touch of good humour further indicated the depth of this leadership team.

Per ardua ad alta (through hard work to the top) is the motto of Centenary – families witnessed their loved ones do just that over those weeks in balancing their many school and extra-curricular activities with Toastmasters. As Robert Greenleaf said, “Good leaders must first become good servants” and they served by demonstrating leadership in action as Year 7 Camp leaders; sports captains at the school swimming carnival; arranging the order and delivery of roses on Valentine’s Day to raise funds for our school’s student in India and to share an act of kindness toward a peer.

This time has only further instilled a refreshing sense of confidence in the next generation and their ability to serve with excellence which will in tum mean their generation can lead with excellence — Onyi Anyado

As the student leadership team of 2020 graduated, their families were able to witness their loved ones showcase their talents and in particular, their newly enhanced public speaking skills of which we as a school, their families and most importantly themselves can be truly proud.

As Richard Branson said:

THE FUTURE NEEDS PASSIONATE, HAPPY AND CONFIDENT YOUNG LEADERS, WILLING TO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO AND STAND UP FOR THEIR CONVICTIONS.
- RICHARD BRANSON

This Student leadership team has certainly delivered.

Meg Ting, Teacher
There are 300 grade 7s filling the school, everyone with two bags each. Teachers and leaders are fanatically trying to mark rolls and people are running late. Oh, and it is raining. Absolutely pouring. This was the morning of the first day of camp, where students headed off to Runaway Bay for four, similarly rainy days.

Despite a bit of a rough start, camp cannot be described as anything other than an overwhelming success. The 10 designated camp groups, the Wallabies, Kangaroos, Diamonds, Kookaburras, Baggy greens, Socceroos, Opals, Southern Stars, Hockeyroos and Dolphins participated in everything from archery and beach games to raft building and, the overwhelming favourite, stand up paddle boarding! I have to admit, despite the vast amounts of resilience, leadership and determination learned on camp, for my group at least stand up paddle boarding really exposed the lack of coordination in this year's grade 7s - and I am sure they would agree! Along with these activities was the annual awesome atomic egg challenge and the disco, which despite the grade 7s constant and very real obsession with Tic Toc, was massively fun.

Over the four days we, the grade 7s, senior leaders and teachers had the opportunity to learn, to grow and to have fun. I know that the camp leaders and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing each and every grade 7 student push outside of their comfort zones a little bit every day.

So, on the morning of the fourth day, with the sun finally shining, 300 sleep-deprived, sunburnt and exhausted kids loaded onto the buses and we returned to school. As a camp leader I did not know what to anticipate during those four days but it is safe to say that the memories made, and friendships formed will be remembered forever. This cohort of grade 7s are mature beyond their years and I cannot wait for them to do big things at Centenary.

Sophie Lyon, School Captain
On the first day of school we were so pleased to see eight new international students join us here at CHSHS. We welcome Mopune Opu Pangheem, Chuitkarn Kunpakorn, Chaoyon Kunpakorn, Mina Taguchi and Vivi Cen to join our year 11 cohort as well as Motoharu Tatusno, Haochen You and Chongyun Xie to join us in year 10.

The students adapted to the school program quickly and are proactively taking part in different activities held by our school, especially Motoharu and Chuitkarn who have become two valuable members of our school’s basketball team.

In week 5 our international students participated in a Beach Safety program on the Gold Coast enjoying the sun, sand and surf for the day. They learnt about the importance of staying safe on the beach and participated in a range of activities such as wading, dolphin diving and body surfing as well as basic skills of rescuing others. This knowledge is especially essential for the students who may consider staying in Australia for a long time.

Thank you for the students who volunteered to mentor our new long-term international students and the students who volunteered to be buddies for our study tour students. Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus our two study groups from Japan withdrew but we believe the situation will improve soon and we will see them in the future.

I also need to thank the many host families from within our school community who kindly volunteer to host international students for both long-term and short-term programs. Without such wonderful host families, the international student program is not possible.

Yao Wu, International Student Coordinator
Our Year 7 students have picked up the pace even more after their busy start to the year. In just a few weeks they have adjusted well to High School life, quickly learnt how to navigate around our campus and programs, already know their teachers well and made many new friends.

Understanding these new processes and getting to know each other better has culminated in PCG Classes electing Class Captains and the Year 7 Student Council Representatives. Congratulations to Ayesha Saleh and Micah Walmsley who are our 2020 Year 7 Student Councillors – the other year levels finalized their candidates late last year.

Our Year 8 students have also settled on their class captains who have begun the year with vim and vigour.

Tim O’Connell, Head of Department Junior Secondary

2020 NEXT STEP SURVEY

Next Step is a statewide post-school destination survey of all students who completed Year 12 last year in Queensland. Insights gained from Next Step assist schools to review and plan their services for students, and school system personnel to evaluate education policies as they affect the transition from school to further study and employment.

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2019. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2020.

Further information on Next Step is available online at www.qld.gov.au/nextstep or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.
I would like to begin this newsletter article by announcing that ALL representative sport from school to District to Regional to State has been cancelled at this stage. There is no discussion regarding rescheduling of these sporting events.

Whilst this is very disappointing for our young athletes who work very hard in their sporting endeavours, I think we all understand the enormity of the decision made which of course relates to the outbreak of Coronavirus. Any student who has made a Darling Downs team this year will still be acknowledged accordingly.

DARLING DOWNS
Congratulations to the following students on their selections into various DD Teams:
• Ben Scholl (Golf)
• Erika Sneath and Casey Evans (Soccer)
• Oliver Harding, Tom Campbell, Elijah Mathewson, Will Reading and Sophie Laverty (Hockey)
• Callum McCurley-Ault was a shadow player for Hockey
• Corrin Nugteren and Cody Vines (Squash)
• Lachlan Greenbury, Taj Gordon and Beau Robinson (AFL)
• Natalie Bullpitt and Krista Hughes (Netball)
• Asim Suyal (Football)

Congratulations to Joseph Fry who has been selected in the Australian Under 15 Boys Cricket squad. Joe will attend a camp in June/July for final selections to be made. A wonderful achievement Joseph.

We would like to acknowledge the following students on their selection into various representative sports that are club based, not school sport based:

Congratulations to Taj Gordon and Lilly Hanssen who have made the Queensland Track and Field team which was to compete in Sydney at the end of March. This was based on their excellent results from the Queensland event in Brisbane.

Congratulations to Olivia Lack who is representing Team Australia in Roller Derby in Canada in August.

FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL
We had 3 teams that successfully made it through to Friday Night Basketball Semi Finals. Congratulations to our Yr 7/8 Boys, 9/10 Girls and 9/10 Boys who made it that far. The competition finals have unfortunately been cancelled.

FUTSAL GRAND FINAL
Congratulations goes to our Yr 9/10 boys Futsal team on their successful Grand Final win in the Tuesday Night Futsal competition held at Downlands College. Well done boys on getting your final in in time and playing so well. Congratulations to Mr Harman for his wonderful coaching and providing the boys with opportunity.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SPORT
We continued with our Tuesday Afternoon Sport program up until Week 9. We have adjusted our activities to have allowed us to follow Coronavirus suggestions and social distancing as best we can. We are hoping that whilst in isolation, students will be able to draw on some of the sporting activities they have participated in though the Tuesday Afternoon Sport Program to help them work to their daily physical activity recommendations.

Chris Bartlett, Sports Coordinator
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If you’re concerned, visit your GP or call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).
SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS - 4636 7500
The School Office is open Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.15 am and 3.45 pm.

TEXTBOOK OFFICE OPENING HOURS - 4636 7576
The Textbook Office is open Monday to Friday - 8.15 am to 3.00 pm.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS - 4636 7514
The Uniform Shop is open during school terms on the following days:

Monday 8:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday 8:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Friday CLOSED

Please note: The shop is closed on pupil free days and the last Thursday of each term.

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