PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

1. I begin the end of our Term 3 with the most sincere acknowledgment of my colleague and a member of our teaching staff, Garry McMahon who, after 38 years teaching at CHSHS and a total of 46 years of teaching overall, will finish in the profession this Friday 20 September. Garry is the most revered of educators. While his teaching subject areas have been Maths and Science, specifically Chemistry and high level Maths and the knowledge of his craft second to none, he would be the first to say he is a teacher of the complete child first and foremost as opposed to a subject. His greatest strength is his ability to form relationships so very well with his students and certainly his colleagues. He has worked tirelessly as a Mentor and in the development of new staff to our profession and across our school in so many extracurricular areas. He organically gives of his time and self and all of his students over the years and colleagues alike, myself included, have reaped the benefit of this great man.

2. Earlier this term it was again my pleasure to be present to celebrate with families the graduation of more of our students through the University of Southern Queensland [USQ] Head Start program. This is where eligible students opt to study a subject at USQ over a semester in a course of their choice. If the student passes the subject the credits attained go towards the time off in the course should the student wish to go on after school and study at USQ. Apart from that it is such a wonderful way to experience University life for the first time.

Congratulations to:

- Mia Wheatley - Australian Legal System
- Jessica Tickner - Foundation Psychology A
- Bhan Carelse - Human Anatomy and Physiology 1

3. Term 3 Report Cards – Friday 20 September Parents/Carers of students in Years 7-10 and in Year 12, you will receive the email to confirm the report card has been uploaded to your QParents account and for Year 11 students, the email will be sent Friday 11 October.

4. School Social - Thursday 24 October from 5.30pm and finish at 9.00pm. There is an early checkout at 8.00pm for students in Year 7 and 8, if parents/carers wish. This is such a great fun occasion for our students and I am always so thankful to our staff who give of their time to supervise. The Year 11 students in our student leadership team are the ones who take the lead with this initiative and my goodness, they do a great job – every attention to detail is high quality. Parents/Carers of our youngest students in Years 7 and 8 – please know your child will be safe with our older students just as they are in a regular school day - every year it is a delight to witness what a good time our students have at this event. Our students understand they are required to show current school ID card to gain entry.

5. First required formal uniform day for Term 4, for all students in Years 7-12, is Friday 11 October.

6. Parents/Carers of our current Year 10 students moving into CHSHS in Year 11 in 2020 – a reminder that the parent/student interviews with a range of our staff occur on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 October in our Hall. By now you will have received the initial letter outlining the detail of these interviews and what to bring. I emphasise, as your child knows, that to begin the interview he/she is required to table his/her study planner and talk about what is in it and how it will work. This shows commitment to the course of study chosen as your child begins the post-compulsory years of schooling. If the Study Planner is not present to start the interview the appointment will be rescheduled.

Remember your child’s best chance of success in what is both an enjoyable but rigorous final two years of schooling is to select subjects in which he/she is interested and either has a demonstrated success while in the Year 10 Taster equivalent subject or has a true desire to commit to the intent and rigour of the subject. At the moment we have subjects selected for each returning student however those subjects are not entered into our system until after the interview. Any questions feel free to contact our main office staff on 4636 7500
7. Some great events upcoming at CHSHS:

- **Friday 11 October 7pm** in our Caldwell Performing Arts Centre, our bands perform as does our Choir along with our Year 12 students who have studied the subject Music Extension. Gold coin donation and we welcome everyone – the standard is supreme.

- **Friday 25 October 7pm** in our Caldwell Performing Arts Centre we have the Performing Arts Showcase – again bands, orchestra, choir, vocal ensemble, strings and student performance in the disciplines within performing arts.

A reminder that school resumes on **Tuesday 8 October** as opposed to the Monday 7 October which is a public holiday.

Best wishes

Maryanne Walsh, Principal

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**SCIENCE UPDATE**

Term 3 is a busy term for the Science Department as Science Week is a significant event within the calendar. Science Week celebrations included the annual STEM fair on Thursday 8 August displaying 30 different demonstrations by our own students to the school community including activities such as edible bubbles, chemical traffic lights, hovercrafts, robotics, holograms and dry ice bubbles. Alongside of these displays was the Agricultural Farm Experience with students interacting with ducklings, piglets, lambs, chicks and calves. These experiences were shared on the 9 August with a visit to primary students at Middle Ridge with the Year 9 Maths Science Extension (MSE) students presenting their displays and sparking an interest in Science amongst the younger students.

Science Week celebrations extended into sessions available to students during breaks and were organised by our student ambassadors participating in the UQ Science - Science Ambassadors Program. They conducted activities including Slime making, Water Rockets, Microbiology, a presentation from a visiting Astrophysicist, Science Quizzes, Elephant Toothpaste and the classic Coke and Mentos display.

Our Agricultural students completed their paddock to plate experience in Science Week with a shared ‘pig on the spit’ and finished celebrations with a visit to the EKKA. This term also sees our visiting calves as part of the ‘Cows Create Careers’ Program and students involved in scientific investigations related to animal growth and feeding programs.

Group Highlights included our continued previous successes in the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF) Research project competition. This year the theme was Pest Invaders and Centenary was named overall school winner in the Senior Division thanks to the great work of the Year 10 MSE class, with a number of individual winners contributing to our schools overall successful result. These included:

- DAF Paul Johnston Memorial Senior Science Award – Kate McGilvary with a $1000 prize towards tertiary studies.
- DAF Ag Science Award Runners Up – Sienna Darvall, Abigail Duggan, Ailin Vojdani.
- DAF Highly Commended Award – Lexi McEvoy, Arsha Tenson.
- QUT Most Outstanding Poster: Highly Commended – Kate McGilvray, Ranbo Cong.

The end of this term sees all Year 7 Science students visiting the Wilsonton Agricultural Field Centre completing activities related to sustainability and renewable resources.

Just a snap shot of the great activities related to Science this term...

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Jodie Beauchamp, Head of Department Science
**JUNIOR SECONDARY & LANGUAGES UPDATE**

All our best wishes for Year 10 student Elly Herde who represents our school and Queensland at the 2019 Queensland Student Study Tour to Jiangsu, China (2019 QSSTJC) during the upcoming holidays. The tour is for 13 days and will be the first time Elly travels overseas – an incredible opportunity.

Students studying Chinese and/or German were again enrolled in the Education Perfect online program designed to enhance their language study – a priority for the budget every year. The results were again outstanding with Year 10 student Sarah Lyon finishing 35th in the world in the 2019 World Series Language Championships answering 17569 questions.

In the last week of Term 3 we had over 100 students, predominantly in Year 7 and 8, visit Chung Tian Temple in Brisbane and dine at a ‘fancy’ Chinese restaurant to cap off the occasion. Added to this were 15 senior students who study German taking part in the Languages and Cultures Trip to Melbourne during the first few days of the holidays. Great students, great opportunities.

*Tim O’Connell*, Head of Department Junior Secondary and Languages

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**HUMANITIES UPDATE**

What an exciting year this has been for the Humanities Department. Our students have been involved in a wide range of wonderful activities, both within our school and the wider community. Furthermore our students have performed incredibly well in the History & Geography competitions and also the USQ Mooting competition.

This year we had more entries than ever in the Australian Geography competition with well over 130 participants. Added to this impressive achievement is the outstanding results of our students with 24 high distinctions, 17 distinctions and 31 credits! As an extra treat we were also informed that two of our students – Jack Bunter (year 10) and Caiden Bartholomew (year 9) were placed in the top 1% in Australia. Rhyanna Wallace (year 10) was also placed in the top 1% nationwide but was given the additional honour of achieving the highest score for a year 10 student in Queensland. Wow!!

We also ‘smashed it’ in the Australian History competition, with extremely high participation rates and outstanding results. We were awarded 3 High Distinctions, 13 Distinctions, 14 credits, 18 merits and 20 participation certificates.

These results are amongst the best in the state and are testament to the wonderful work the Humanities teachers are doing daily within their classes.

Secondly, over the course of terms 2 & 3, three of our senior Legal Studies students have been working with Mrs Barton as part of the USQ Mooting competition. This event requires students to take part in mock court proceedings in which they take on the roles of either barrister or solicitor in front of a trial judge or magistrate.

The standard in this competition is incredibly high and draws competitors from all around the state of Qld. Our previous best result was a quarter final finish but this year we went above and beyond, defeating Corinda State High School in the final.

It was my great pleasure to attend this final alongside Miss Walsh, Miss Frew and of course, Mrs Barton and her star team – Jaidyn Paroz, Kyran Cook and Lily Pederick. The students were simply outstanding and were complimented on their argument and presentation by the presiding judge, Supreme Court Justice Peter Davies. As a lovely bonus, the team received a $1500 cash prize and amazingly, Jaidyn and Kyran (as our year 12 members) were given one year Law scholarships to the University of Southern Queensland. Brilliant work guys!

My sincere thanks also to Mrs Barton for her tireless work with the team and also Professor Simon Young (from the Law Faculty at USQ) who was not only our mentor but is also a parent here at Centenary Heights. Well done all!

*Alex van Dorselaer*,
Head of Department Humanities
Friday 2 August 2019 was the annual **JEANS FOR GENES DAY** where students and staff wear denim jeans and/or jackets for a gold coin donation. It is just another example of our school community supporting the Children’s Medical Research Institute for genetic research into childhood illnesses. **$515** was donated this year. Great effort to staff and students alike who supported this cause! The challenge was, “Who can do double or triple denim?!”

Here’s a **SNAPSHOT** of some of those who supported this charity event at school.

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**SPORT REPORT**

**TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Sunday August 19 saw six of our CHSHS Touch football teams descend upon Kearneys Spring Sport Complex in Toowoomba for the annual South West All Schools Touch Football Tournament. We had some enthusiastic and excited players ready early and happy to get on with the day. They trained hard, were fit and ready to show their skill on the touch field. Results are as follows:

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Special thanks goes to our parent supporters who helped cheer our teams on and even assisted with warm ups.

Thanks also to Miss Rackemann, Mr Sykes, Mr O’Connell and Mrs Bartlett for their time in preparing teams and coaching on the day.

All teams are now looking forward to attending the Qld All Schools competition in October.
CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to Izak Shepherd who placed 10th overall in the National Cross Country. The QLD “Open AWD” team came first overall as well. Izak also competed in the ‘open AWD time trials and placed first overall by 1 second. Qld came second in the overall competitions, only 10 points behind NSW. Well done Izak!

DARLING DOWNS
Well done to Beau Harvey who was also selected in the Darling Downs Track and Field team to compete in the 1500m at the Queensland School Sport 10-12 years Track & field Championships. Beau ran strongly and achieved a personal best time.

It was great to see so many of our athletes competing at the 13 – 19 years Darling Downs trials recently. Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Darling Downs athletics team to compete at the State Championships in Cairns:

- Lilly Hanssen
- Corey Lenton
- Matthew Thomson
- Sophie Laverty
- Katerina Raeli

TSSS
Well done to all of our TSSS athletes who competed well at the recent carnival at Harristown SHS. Our female athletes aggregate score placed 5th overall and our male team placed 4th overall. A number of our athletes placed strongly and tested their ability against athletes from a range of other schools.

MOUNTAIN BIKING
Congratulations to Ella de Noyer who placed first in the Mountain Biking Australia National Championships. Well done Ella!

SOCCER
The Open girls soccer team competed in the Grand Final on Wednesday August 21 in the Red Lions Soccer tournament against Highfields State Secondary College. They came up against a strong opponent on the night and were defeated. We are proud of how hard they fought back in the second half of the match despite being behind on goals and having minimal to no substitute players. We are more proud still of how the girls handled themselves with grace in defeat and acknowledged their opponent on their achievement.

Special mention also to the Open Boys team who made it to the semi-finals before being defeated in the grand final qualifier.

VOLLEYBALL
Well done to our Senior girls volleyball team who recently competed in the Senior Girls Schools Cup three-day tournament on the Gold Coast. The girls competed so well throughout the weekend. They represented themselves, their families and their school community with great dignity. The team won 4 of their 6 scheduled games and they did their duties with great maturity and responsibility. We came 7th in our pool of 12 schools from around Queensland. Thank you to Mrs McKeon and Nick Von Xanten for coordinating this trip.
**NETBALL**

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Vicki Wilson netball team who won their division. Special thanks to Mrs Bartlett and Brittni O’Kane for their coaching and support. Congratulations to our Division 1 Junior team who came 3rd and Division 2 who made the quarter finals and placed 7th out of 20 teams. Thank you to Ms Braddick and Ms Waite for coaching the junior teams and to Elizabeth Hickey and Charlotte May for umpiring.

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**RUGBY LEAGUE**

Our school rugby league teams have recently competed in a series of friendly games against some of our local schools. The Under 13 boys defeated Highfields at home however lost to Wilsonton in an away game last week. The Under 15 boys lost a narrow game against Wilsonton last week as well. Our Junior Secondary girls team competed strongly however lost by a narrow margin against Lockyer Valley last week.

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**BASKETBALL**

The Open Boys basketball team recently competed for the AAG cup held at St Mary’s College. The boys drew Pool B, and won both of their Saturday games to finish 2nd in their Pool. We came up against St Mary’s in the Semi-final, and it was evident that our opposition played with a lot of structure in their offence and defence. Centenary put in a valiant effort to only lose this game by 7 points. With a young team, most of who are in Year 11 this year, the boys are feeling positive and enthusiastic about what 2020 will bring for basketball at Centenary. Thank you to Mrs Szerstuk for managing the team for the tournament.

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**TENNIS**

Well done to our boys and girls tennis teams who competed at the recent Tennis Queensland Secondary School competition. Thank you to Mr Joseph for coordinating these teams.

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