

Library Links - Marilyn Dempster - Teacher Librarian

This term we have been busy buying more books for your leisure reading especially for the older readers as our school population matures. These books will be labelled with a Young Adult sticker on the spine.

Chancellor State College will be entering Year 8 and Year 9 teams into the Readers' Cup this year. We'll keep you updated on this exciting competition.

Students are encouraged to take library books home over the coming holidays. Lists of new titles are available on the Resource Centre pages of the school website but here are a few to get you going:

I, Coriander by Sally Gardner
Kingdom of the Golden Dragon by Isabel Allende
Twists of Gold by Michael Morpurgo
Young Zorro by Jan Adkins
Aristotle's Nostril by Morris Gleitzman
The Diamond Girs by Jacqueline Wilson

Happy reading.



GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS

ARE YOU RAISING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN?
HAVE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN COME TO LIVE WITH YOU?

A FREE SUPPORT SERVICE is available to Sunshine Coast grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren.

Information and Advice

Encouragement and Support

Links to other organisations for further help

Assistance to cope with new parenting challenges

Opportunity to meet other grandparent carers

Free social/recreational activities for grandparent carers and grandchildren.

For more information, contact Donna at

Community Solutions Inc on 07 5477 5955

or Dominic Towler, our Guidance Officer on 5453 3222

Community Solutions Inc is a non-profit, non-Government community organisation. All client information is kept confidential.

Grandparents As Parents is funded through the Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services, and the Telstra Foundation.

International Visit – Sheree Lyons - International Homestay Coordinator

Twenty-one students from Unesco Osaka, Japan are currently attending the Middle campus and enjoying home stay with Chancellor families. Thank you to all the wonderful families who expressed interest in this tour. We will be hosting additional study tours in July and August this year, so if you would like more information about the International home stay program, please contact me.
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Chancellor Rugby – Troy Ascott

The Chancellor State College Rugby Union Committee urgently require coaches for the U13 boys and Year 7 boys team. Without coaches we will be unable to field teams in these age groups. If you are able to coach one of these teams, please contact Troy Ascott at school. In the past, students have thoroughly enjoyed their participation in interschool Rugby Union.

Lap Tutors required for our Learning Assistance Program – Norith Ladner, Learning Support

A tutoring program within the school will provide assistance to students struggling in academic areas. This program will be coordinated by the Student Services Department. It will utilise the skills and expertise of volunteers for one or two sessions each week. Volunteers will tutor predominantly in the areas of literacy and/or numeracy for Year 7 students. As our school is committed to providing the best possible outcome for all our students, this program is seen as an integral part of the learning process for students in need. If you feel you could give some time to this program, please contact the school on 5453 3222 and leave your name and contact details and times of availability.

National Youth Week Event

This term, from the 3rd - 7th of April, Chancellor State College Secondary campus will be celebrating National Youth Week (NYW). NYW events are held all over Australia and are an opportunity to celebrate what it means to be a young person today.

Chancellor State College will be hosting a range of activities at break times on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Activities include: a karaoke competition, sausage sizzle, slogan competition, beading/jewellery making, streamer-throwing competition, handball competition and crazy hair day.

The week will be run through activity management via the school's portfolio groups. These include the cultural, welfare, environmental, enrichment, sports, and community portfolio groups.

A big thanks must go out to the numerous local businesses who chose to sponsor our event. These include: Chancellor Gourmet Meats, Chancellor Park Brumbies, Australia Zoo, Beach Beat, Joyce Mayne Electronics, and Buderim Dominos. All proceeds made during this week will be donated to the Relay for Life cancer charity.

Health Advice

Recently there have been a number of gastrointestinal illness outbreaks involving schools around Brisbane, with reports of viral gastroenteritis within the community. Please take note of the following advice.

-Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should be kept home from school or child care until there have been no symptoms for at least 24 hours.

-Adults with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay away from workplaces until there have been no symptoms for at least 24 hours.

-Always wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after going to the toilet, gardening and handling animals, and before and after handling food.

-Always dry hands thoroughly after washing and rinsing.

Message from Queensland Parks and Wildlife

Camping on the Sunshine Coast Hinterland this Easter?

Many families head to forest camping areas around Kenilworth, Amamoor, Jimna and Brooyar for the Easter break. It is a great time of year to go camping and these camping areas are the most popular in Queensland.

To manage the high demand for campsites, sites must now be booked on-line at www.qld.gov.au/camping or by phone 13 13 04.

Camping areas include Charlie Moreland, Booloumba Creek Areas 1, 3 & 4, Peach Trees, Amamoor Creek, Cedar Grove and Glastonbury Creek.

These convenient booking options are available 24 hours a day. Hit the net and book your next camping adventure today!

Cafeteria - Rosemary Shepperd

I would appreciate volunteers to help in the Cafeteria on Friday 7 April when the College hold their annual Cross Country.

If you are interested, please phone me on 5453 3242 for more information. Thank you.

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Secondary Campus News

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Look out for the Newsletter on our Website
www.chancellorsc.eq.edu.au

We aim to have the newsletter on the website by 6.00pm on the Thursday the newsletter is published.

UNIFORM SHOP

- Located at the Secondary Campus near the Cafeteria
- Open Monday 8.00am - 11.00am and Thursday 2.00pm - 3.30pm
- Orders may be left at the Administration offices outside these times. Order forms are available.

The Uniform Shop is operated by the Uniform Sub-Committee of the P&C Association. The Sub Committee meets on the Monday prior to the P&C meeting at 11.00am in the Uniform Shop. Everyone is welcome (babies and toddlers too!)

Since our last newsletter the Middle and Senior school teachers have had the pleasure of three International Student Tours – Higashi Fuguoka Junior High School, Tomeikan Junior High School and, just this week, UNESCO Homestay Student Tour. These enriching experiences create an environment that encourages our school community to develop empathy, understanding and tolerance of different cultures. Further it provides us with an opportunity to develop international friendships and of course learning in a different, real and relevant way. Thank you to students, families and teachers who have embraced these opportunities to learn and grow from our International Program.

The Premier will officially open the Senior School on Tuesday, 4 April 2006. This week numerous Middle and Senior School students have been involved in the preparations for the Opening – choir, school band, Portfolio ministers, students demonstrating ICT skills in Robotics and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) performances, art gallery displays and many more. This celebration has required a team effort – congratulations for demonstrating a culture of participation and enthusiasm. This celebration is to open our new facilities, though more importantly it is about recognising the future opportunities that Chancellor State College will offer our students into their future years of senior schooling and beyond.

Over this week and next, parent teacher interviews will provide the opportunity for teachers, in partnership with parents, to understand and support the learning directions and outcomes for our students – your children. We trust that these evenings have provided an opportunity to progress the partnerships needed to support and guide students in these years of learning. Of course, if time or availability for interviews was an issue, please contact our teachers or Admin in the near future to progress an alternate meeting time.

Finally the Admin team wish to request your support with the following management issues linked to safety and security for all:

- Student Absences. If you are away on a school representative sports team, rolls will be marked and your permission letter will explain your attendance or otherwise. If, however, you are representing at a Regional or State level in sport, not linked to a teacher and a team at school, your parent must sign and send a letter to the office to that effect.
- Skateboards and scooters are not permitted at school because of safety issues linked to your child and pedestrians.
- Mobile phones are not encouraged at school, because of linked socialisation issues, camera use/misuse etc. If students must have a mobile phone they MUST be turned off at school, and held on the person so to discourage loss or theft (There is no school insurance for loss or theft of these items in schools).
- Please encourage your child to wear a bike helmet when riding to and from school.

Over the next week we also have Culminating day on Thursday 6 April. We trust many of you will be able to come to the school to view the work on display. Our school Cross country is on 7 April. Parents, spectators are more than welcome. All students will be encouraged to participate.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Easter vacation,

Leanne Jensen-Steele – Secondary Campus Principal

CHANCELLOR STATE COLLEGE – P&C COMMITTEE
The P&C Committee meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the Computer Lab (L Block), Secondary Campus

Executive

President: Karen Shelley
Secretary: Nancy Wagner
Treasurer: Michael Asmussen

Vice Presidents: Tony Powell
Lyn Parker

College receives Water Grant to re-use stormwater for field irrigation



Peter Slipper presented certificates and plaques to local recipients of Community Water Grants at a function on Thursday 23 March

Chancellor State College were successful in their application for a Water Grant to irrigate the new sports fields.

"While the Sunshine Coast has been blessed with some significant rainfalls, most of Australia remains short of water, and these projects highlight the need for all of us to remain vigilant in conserving our most precious resource," Mr Slipper said.

Updates on Year 9

Year 9 "The Web of Life"

Students in Year 9 have covered a diverse unit including biology, botany and environmental education. Students have written feature articles on an introduced animal or plant. These incorporated research and writing skills as well as considerable IT and layout skills. Students are currently working on an INS group task that aims to demonstrate a biological or environmental system. HWB, English, Maths and ELO assessments are helping to keep them very active. Congratulations to the students for the way they have embraced the demands made on them this term. Please visit www.chancellorsc.eq.edu.au/home/skihl1 to view some of their quality work.

Financial News – *Gail Russell*, Registrar

Holidays are nearly here! As we prepare for the break and the end of the term we finalise financial processing for this term, ready to roll into Term 2. Part of this process is issuing statements to our parents and customers for their information and attention. We will be posting statements home early Term 2 and encourage parents to check these and phone the office if you would like more information. While we make every effort to ensure our records are accurate, if you do think an error has occurred please contact us with your concern.

Our office will be closed from Monday 10 April and will reopen on the Student Free Day Tuesday 18 April. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Senior School Snippets - *Barry Dittman*, DP Senior

Mid Semester Feedback and Parent Teacher Interviews

All parents should have received by mail a feedback sheet outlining student progress this term. In some cases our teachers have also indicated that interviews may be necessary. If you would like to meet with your child's teachers; interviews can be booked for Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th of April through the office.

Senior School Tours:

On Thursday April 6th we will be hosting Senior School Tours in conjunction with our Middle School ELO culminating day Activities. Tours will run at 9am and 10am. If you would like a tour of the facilities please register your interest at the school office.

Negotiated Time Off

As part of our Alternate Learning Opportunities program on a Wednesday a number of students have taken advantage of the Negotiated Time Off option. Some of the success stories include: A student who completes a part time work shift being offered extra training to allow them to take on greater responsibilities at their work place A work placement student being offered a traineeship with the firm where they have been doing the work placement If you would like further information on this option please contact Barry Dittman at the Secondary Campus.

Upcoming Events:

Term 2 will see 25 students taking part in a state wide trial of the i-track online mentoring program. Our students will link with business professionals once a week to discuss learning pathways and career aspirations. During Term Two all students will complete their Senior Education and Training Plan (SET plan). Parents and Carers will be involved in the registering of this plan with the Queensland Studies Authority. More information to come. Term Three events include a Year 10 Leadership Camp and Work Experience for all students. More information to come.

Middle School Messages – *Leasa Smith*, DP Middle

Meeting with Parents

Congratulations to all parents who have taken advantage of the opportunity to meet with teaching staff to discuss student progress and achievements for the term as part of Parent Teacher Interviews this week or through informal meetings throughout the term. Communication and partnerships between home and school are a vital component in ensuring positive student engagement in the complex adolescent years, so it is wonderful to see parents and teachers engaging in conferences focused on maximising student potential. If you were unable to make an appointment to meet your child's teacher, please consider making one early next term!

It's time to Celebrate

Our Senior School will be officially opened by the Premier on 4 April 2006.

Do you know what is coming up?

Year 7 students will be heading to camp at Mapleton during the first week of Term 2. Don't forget to finalise all payments as soon as possible. This is a fantastic part of the curriculum on offer to our students. Team building and personal development are the key themes of the camp.

Destiny – Achieving your Dreams

Some Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been nominated to attend a seminar coordinated by AFL Queensland and presented by AFL Youth Ambassador Jason McCartney. Jason became an inspiration to countless Australians, as the media chronicled his recovery from burns to 50% of his body and a near fatal induced coma resulting from the 2002 Bali attacks, to his return and exit from the AFL game. The seminar is designed to motivate the youth of today and provide them with the necessary tools in order to live their dreams. Attendees will learn about the necessary skills to take control of their destiny by understanding decision-making, leadership, support networks and goal setting. The intention of the seminar is to motivate individuals to help enable them to achieve what they want to achieve.

Let's get active!

Sport is an important part of life at our college. Futsal and ALF teams have recently participated in interschool competitions. Congratulations to the coordinators of these events: Mr Onions, Mr Jones, Mr Jackson and Mr Smith and our very energetic participants!

ELOs on Display

Don't forget to drop in and see the exciting work generated through the Middle School's Elective Learning Opportunities program on Thursday 6/4/06. This is a wonderful day for students to showcase their learning and celebrate their successes for the term.

All the best for a safe and relaxing Easter Vacation.

Senior Core Curriculum - *David Thomson*, HOD Research & Discovery *Wendy Machin*, HOD World & Change

The past 10 weeks have seen the majority of Year 10 students make a commendable start to their Senior schooling, with many achieving some commendable results both within and outside of the classroom. One example of outstanding achievement this term has been Anna Kennedy's recent success in a state wide competition involving an audition for a role in a short film to be produced by Queensland students. The film, which transforms a Shakespearean scene into a modern day Australian setting, will be premiered at the V111 World Shakespeare Congress and the Cine Sparks Film Festival in August. Congratulations Anna!

The positive attitudes are evident in the following reflections of one individual and shared by the majority of the cohort.

"My name is Melissa Pike. Term one in the Senior School has been new, exciting and challenging. Each senior student has had four core subjects, these being English, Humanities, Maths and Science. As well as these subjects, we have also studied two electives.

English this term has focused on ourselves, our opinions and where we are at the current stage of our lives. We have completed spoken and written tasks as well as participating in a multitude of class discussions and lectures. Next term some of us will study Shakespeare for the first time, whilst others will be involved in a novel study. We'll be keeping our ears open for those budding Romeo and Juliet's! My Humanities focus this term has been Geography. I have had many lectures and have adapted well to a new style of learning. Assessment has included an hour long exam on based on information gained from lectures and a multiple choice exam. I'm excited about the prospect of studying Ancient History next term. Science was exciting and challenging for me this term. In chemistry, we were given an unknown substance and in small groups, we carried out tests to discover what the substance was. I loved the hands on approach to science and found it interesting to see how chemicals reacted and why. I am looking forward to next term during which we'll be studying Biology. For the first time I really enjoy maths and I am learning more quickly than ever have before. In the Senior School I learn different things every day. We have many more tests and assignments than what we did in Middle School but the challenge is exciting and the teachers are excellent. I love Senior School."

Student Services - *Ron Harrison*, HOD SS

The last newsletter article outlined some of the programs Student Services have established to support some of our students. I would like to highlight some of the events that are coming up to help with parenting teens and pre-teens, plus other events designed to improve student life on the Secondary Campus.

There are two **Parent Forums** that have been organised for the college coming up next week and early Term 2. **Healthy Eating and Body Image night** is Thursday 6th April in the Lecture Theatre. The cost will be a gold coin donation, child care will be available. **Mums and Daughters** night is on May 4th, the presenters are Alison Lee Bruer and Noleen Lynn Sonderegger from Family Challenge. The FREE night will be for both mums and their daughters from Years 4 to 10. Look out for a flyer in the next newsletter.

A group called Brainstorm will perform on May 4th. They will be performing to our Middle School "Verbal Combat" designed to highlight the affects of people not able to get along. The morning will culminate the My Journey activities all Middle students have been working on which has focused on relationships, resilience and the Habits of Mind used to help.

UPDATE FROM YOUR P&C – *Karen Shelley*, President

I am pleased to report that your P&C has been successful in procuring a Gambling and Gaming Benefits Fund Grant of some \$30 000 to build a fitness circuit around our campus. Thanks so much to Murray Lyons for his assistance in obtaining this grant, it will be a tremendous facility for our school community.

We have decided to trial a new senior school shirt, same style as the current design only in a poly cotton fabric instead of the 100% polyester that we now have. This was prompted because of concerns voiced by some of our parents. After the trial period we will survey the students and parents involved to ascertain how comfortable, wearable and washable the new fabric is and then determine what our future fabric will be. If you would like to have direct input on uniform issues, please feel free to join the P&C Uniform Sub-Committee, Chaired by Sharnie McKay.

I would like to encourage all parents to attend a P&C meeting. I realise that parents are very busy and have many commitments, but please consider finding time to at least see what goes on at a meeting. The P&C is a small band of dedicated parents and we are trying our best to make our school a better place for all our kids. Your assistance, comments and ideas would be most welcome and valued!

Middle School Curriculum - *Troy Ascott*, HOD Teaching & Learning.

Year 9s Visit the Mooloolah National Park

On 9th and 16 March, our Year 9 students visited the Mooloolah National Park to experience its unique "Wallum" environment. The National Park, found within 500 metres of the school's entrance, is home to a unique set of plants and animals that are highly adapted to their sandy, acidic environment. After beginning on higher ground on the Kawana Way, students pass through a lightly forested area containing Casuarinas, Banksia Aemulas and Melaleucas among other species before passing through a very visible tree line and into "True Wallum." The Wallum plants on the lower reaches of the national park amaze and dazzle with their ability to survive this acidic, swampy environment. An amazing adapter is the Sundew, which makes up for a lack of nutrients in the soil by luring insects with its sugary secretions only to have them stick to the plant and be absorbed through the release of a special enzyme. The banksias, leptospermum and acacias are familiar Wallum plants, with hardy adaptations to survive the nutrient-poor environment.

Hopefully, we will be able to learn even more about this unique environment in the years to come.

Sports Pitt – *Tony Guilfoyle*, HPE Teacher

Zone Swim Carnival 2006

Congratulations to all the students who represented Chancellor at the recent Zone Swim Championships. Whilst our personal results were modest, it was pleasing to see the effort of students in our relays. We gained no worse than 4th and placed 2nd in both the 14 years Boys Freestyle and 15 years Girls Freestyle. A special thank you must go to a number of Year 8 and 9 students who had to backup in relays in older age groups. It makes the results more special. Congratulations to Jarrod Heath and Brodie Mitchell for coming 3rd in the 13 years Age Champions and Natasha Harrison for her 1st placing in the 15 years Girl Championship.

Surf Life Saving Branch Championship

Congratulations to John Moran and Madi Blackburn on their recent gold medal performances at the Sunshine Coast Branch Championships. Well done.

Netball Stars

Congratulations to Caitlyn Barr on being selected in the Central Zone U15 Netball Team. Congratulations to Courtney Kerr, Briana Marsh-Neville and Sarah Kramer who all made the Sunshine Coast Netball Associations State U13 Team.

Athletics

Congratulations to Miriam Smith who placed 3rd in the Girls 14 years age group (and 4th overall in the race) at the State Triathlon Championships recently. She has been selected in the Queensland Triathlon Team to compete in Victoria.

Water Polo

Congratulations to Nick Cornthwaite on his selection into the Regional Water Polo team, which will contest in the State Trials. Congratulations to Sarah Kramer who made the U16's Rep Sunny Coast Water Polo team.

AFL

On the 28th of March, 13 Year8 girls participated in the first Jonothan Brown Cup for AFL. The girls set the standard of competition for the day, showing exemplary skill, determination and teamwork. The girls were undefeated for the day and now progress to compete against the best teams from other regions at Zillmere on April 26th. Congratulations to all girls on a fantastic effort!!