

Queenslea Quarterly



Term 1 2017

Dear Queenslea Club members

Welcome to 2017 and I hope that you and your loved ones enjoyed a wonderful festive and holiday season.

This Quarterly reflects on the final term of 2016. Last year, the School completed another exciting and productive year and I trust you will enjoy reading this edition and selected stories chosen to highlight the breadth of the Christ Church experience.

Our 2016 cohort achieved outstanding results and the maximum possible ATAR of 99.95 was achieved by two of our students. We also had nine of our boys achieve a General Exhibition, awarded to the top 50 students in the State. I am truly proud of these achievements and the efforts of our students and teachers.

We are a school blessed with an engaged Alumni or Old Boys' Association. Throughout the year there are many events that bring our current and past students together to share experiences. In November, a group of old boys returned to dig up a time capsule they had buried back in 1988, and it proved to be an interesting time for them and our current Year 6 boys who watched on with interest before burying their own capsule to be opened in 2045!

Service to others is a significant part of the School's fabric and the Sony Camp is one of the events that we hold each year in order to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Our Year 11 and 12 students work together with students from MLC to facilitate three days of fun activities for children with special needs. This type of interaction is one that delivers incredible benefits to all parties involved.

Every year in Term 4 the Senior School Art Exhibition is held, showcasing the magnificent work of our Visual Arts, Design and Media students. This year those who attended were treated to photography, ceramics, prints and painting from exceptionally talented students.

The Midnite Youth Theatre Company celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2017 and has a fabulous year of productions planned. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the performances.

Kind regards

Alan Jones

Principal



In the final weeks of Term 4, 190 Year 10 students returned home from their 11-day Venture in the Walpole-Nornalup National Park. In its 26th year, the experience was challenging and exhilarating for the staff and students involved.



Top boys' school for the third year in a row



Outstanding results have been achieved by our 2016 cohort. These results have been a culmination of the efforts of our hard-working students, extraordinary teachers, and supportive parents and significant family members.

The maximum possible ATAR of 99.95 was achieved by two of our students – congratulations to Leo Li and Ananthakrishnan Koloth.

Principal Alan Jones said the School was proud of its students' performance. "I am delighted with the overall success of our students. One of the special things about Christ Church is that we are an academically inclusive school – we value diversity and accept boys of all abilities. So many of our boys have demonstrated academic excellence and achievements across the co-curricular and sporting arenas. With a median ATAR for the entire year group of 92.35 (State Median 80.85) it is evident that the focus on customising the curriculum to suit the abilities and interests of boys delivers results."

This year, nine of our boys achieved a General Exhibition, awarded to the top 50 students in the State. Congratulations to Bennett Anderson, Leo Li, Nicholas Pizzino, James Blaxill, Ananthakrishnan Koloth, Thomas Waring, Devin He, Thomas Robins and James Borshoff.

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A time capsule for 2045

In 1988, the Year 7 class buried a time capsule with notes and memorabilia that was exhumed in November 2016. With much intrigue and laughter, 12 old boys came together for the historic occasion (one flying from Hong Kong) to attend and uncover the letters and magazines, amongst other forgotten treasures.

In Term 4, the Year 6 Class of 2016 continued this tradition, burying their own time capsule to be exhumed in 2045.

"The burying of a time capsule is a special moment, when the present is buried and made into history. This is a moment in time when you can't help but think about how you will turn out in 40 years, and how not only your life, but the world around you will have changed," said Samuel English (Year 6).

"In our time capsule we have included items that show what life is like for a Christ Church boy in 2016. Every Year 6 boy has completed a questionnaire, responding to different questions about himself, and written a self-addressed letter. The Year 6 cohort also suggested items to be included, such as the latest *Mitre* which shows what we have been up to in recent years, parts of the current school uniform, photographs of the students and the School, and a canteen menu to compare with the future menu," said Kenneth Lo (Year 6).



Year 11 and 12 students supporting Sony Camp

Year 11 and 12 students from Christ Church and Methodist Ladies' College returned to the School in December to run the 11th Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp.



The three-day camp provided students with an opportunity to care for a child with special needs, treating them to a fun weekend of activities and providing some much needed respite for parents, guardians and siblings.

Over 30 students volunteered as companions and assistants, supported by a large team of Christ Church and MLC staff. They were responsible for 24 children over the course of the camp and quickly learned about the challenges and demands of caring for a child with a disability.

Service Captain for 2016 and recent graduate James Borshoff said, "It was a privilege to work with the children over the three days. Caring for them for 24 hours a day meant we quickly learned about the challenges and demands involved in caring for a child with special needs. I am pleased that we gave the parents and primary carers respite."

The children enjoyed activities which included face painting, water activities in the CCGS pool, surfing at Port Beach, cooking, a fire truck visit, music, art and science activities and a disco night. Family members were invited to attend a Christmas lunch on the final day, which included a visit from Father Christmas.

Many thanks to past and present staff and students from Christ Church and Methodist Ladies' College, who dedicated time to the camp. The children had a fantastic time, which would not have been possible without the support of these selfless individuals.

Exceptional art in the Senior School

The Senior School Art Exhibition, held in Term 4 each year, showcases exceptional work by our Visual Arts, Design and Media students.

The 2016 exhibition included interactive elements via projections, movies, soundscapes and levitation sculptures. These, along with refined artworks in the form of photography, painting, prints and ceramics, made for intriguing viewing and provided an insight into the creatives here at Christ Church.

"It was a fabulous display of diverse talent in a plethora of art forms, all designed to communicate with clarity and control. The Year 12 cohort provided strong and challenging resolved works that will inspire our future creatives in the School", said Pam Yordanoff, Head of Art.

Christ Church will have three works on show as part of the Year 12 Perspectives exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. George Gare, Christian Wong and Jack Retallack are among WA's top art students selected in this year's exhibition on display from 28 January to 2 April 2017.

We are also pleased to share that recent graduate Tom Pennell, has been chosen for Media Perspectives 2017, a brilliant showcase of top talent from Year 12 media students across WA.

Tom's five-minute short film, a modern interpretation of TS Eliot's *The Love Song of J Alfred Prufrock*, will be screened at Innaloo Cinemas on 15 March, Grand Cinemas Bunbury on 29 March, and Reading Cinemas Mandurah on 10 May. "I think the greatest aspect of J Alfred Prufrock being chosen for screening with Perspectives is that it provides an opportunity for young filmmakers to gain exposure in the film industry. For me, I'm stoked with such an outcome because the steps between amateur and professional filmmaking are colossal, as such, any exposure is good exposure", said Tom.



Monkey! A play of great wit, humour and magic

The Midnite Youth Theatre Company's production of *Monkey!* opened in spectacular fashion last term.

Made popular by the 1970s Japanese television series, *Monkey!* told the hilarious story of Monkey and his unlikely friends Pigsy and Sandy, as they accompanied the monk Tripitaka from China to the Buddha of the Western Heaven, in search of the Sacred Scriptures of Enlightenment.

"*Monkey!* went far beyond the cult television series that so many of us ran home from school to watch in the 70s and 80s," said Director Trina Di Crescenzo.

"As children we delighted in the absurdity and nonsense of it all, not realising the fun and frivolity was based on the stories of Sun Wu'k'ung, the Monkey of the Mind, dating back to sixth century China. These stories came from a text so sacred that in parts of China, rituals of handwashing took place before a single chapter could be read."

Performed by Year 7 and 8 students from Christ Church, MLC and St Hilda's, *Monkey!* was executed with great wit, humour and empathy with costumes and sets to rival a professional production.

"The Year 7 and 8 students were the perfect age group to tackle this production, with childlike energy that was a delight to work with," said Ms Di Crescenzo.

"Their performances were brave and adventurous, playful and spirited, the perfect combination for this magical production."

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Dates to diarise

The Arts

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

The Midnite Youth Theatre Company
15 to 17 March 7.30pm
18 March 2.30pm 7.30pm
Subiaco Arts Centre
Book here

The Centre for Ethics

Sense of Adventure

Malcolm Hay
15 February 7.30pm
RSVP: 9442 1705

Other events

Magellan Explores 2017

Faith Maydwell and Paul Wright
25 March 4.30pm
RSVP: 9454 7412

Creating Resilient Families

Andrew Fuller
6 April 7.30pm
Book here

Easter Service

Frank Sheehan
16 April 9.30am
Christ Church Chapel

