

Queenslea Quarterly



Term 4 2017

Dear Queenslea Club members

At the start of term I was pleased to announce the appointment of our new School Chaplain Reverend Nicholas Russell who commences in 2018. Reverend Nicholas joins us from Tara Anglican School for Girls located in Parramatta, Sydney. Father Frank and Reverend Nicholas will work together on a number of initiatives with Father Frank continuing to lead the Centre for Ethics in a part-time capacity.

Father Frank Sheehan has been a significant member of our community since 1985, serving the spiritual and emotional needs of staff, boys, families and the wider community. Last month the School introduced the Father Frank Sheehan Award, which recognises members of the Christ Church community who give selflessly to improve the lives of others. To find out more about this award and review the nomination details please visit awards.ccgswa.edu.au.

In August we held the opening night of our NAIDOC Art Exhibition '*Our steps forward - Stories shared through their love of football!*' Our Indigenous students captured their stories beautifully on football boots, which may seem a little unusual, but not for the boys who showcased their proud heritage on the black and white boots.

There were many PSA championship wins celebrated this term including cross country, hockey, swimming, tennis and cricket. We also finished in the top three in soccer, surfing, water polo and rowing. Interestingly, the last time the School had five premierships in one year was back in 1957!

We recently launched our new and exciting Year 9 program – The Making of Men. With over three decades of teaching experience, and as a parent, I know that Year 9 represents a significant phase in adolescent development and is when boys are ready to explore the range of new and exciting possibilities that life presents. Over the past year I have been working with one of Australia's experts in adolescent development Dr Arne Rubinstein, to scope a program specifically developed for Christ Church Year 9 boys. In 2018 we will launch our Rites of Passage program which I believe will deliver a life changing experience for our boys.

On a final note, if you haven't visited the campus recently, our Preparatory School build is on schedule with the footings and slab now constructed and walls going up. I invite you to take a glimpse the next time you are at the School.

Kind regards

Alan Jones
Principal



The School embraced NAIDOC Week celebrations in August with a range of activities for all students and staff. Led by our Indigenous students and Indigenous Program Co-ordinator, Michael Ralph, NAIDOC presents a special opportunity each year for us to highlight and reflect our commitment to the part we must play towards reconciliation.



The wonderful relationship between a father and son



Christ Church Army Cadets claim top ranks

Ten Christ Church Army Cadets and three cadet instructors participated in the Western Australian Army Cadet Brigade Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Course prior to the start of Term 3. The march-out parade took place with 75 cadets completing the course.

Completion of the course ensures cadets can qualify for the rank of Cadet Sergeant. Cadets are trained to deliver a period of classroom instruction, teach drill, receive, prepare and deliver orders, administer a platoon in the field, rifle drill and parade format.

"Collectively, our cadets performed very well with five of them finishing in the top 10, including CDT CPL Thomas McQuillan who received both the Student of Merit Prize and the Coursemanship Award," said Co-ordinator of Army Cadets, Captain Duane Nurse.

"I congratulate all involved in the course and on their successful completion. It was great to see a number of cadet old boys at the march-out parade, along with family and friends."

In recognition of his efforts, CDT CPL McQuillan received a Commanders Silver Commendation and a book.

Our Year 12 Father/Friend and Son Breakfast took place at Frasers Restaurant prior to the end of Term 2, bringing together over 300 fathers and sons for this very special occasion.

Organised and hosted by our Parents' Association, guest speaker Jonathan Doyle spoke on the importance of the father/son relationship and most importantly, always being there for each other.

"Though you may not believe this, God chose you, specifically, to be a father to your son. He knew that despite all your human limitations you were still the best man for the job. Have confidence. Back yourself. You were meant to be doing this," said Jonathan at the breakfast.

"While your son may not tell you today (though I hope he does), the truth is he desperately needs you." These were among several key messages that Jonathan shared throughout the morning.

Jonathan Doyle is an author, global speaker, motivator, businessman and entrepreneur who has spoken around the world to more than 300,000 people on topics such as peak performance, relationships and leadership.

Incredible talent showcased at the State Theatre Centre

Over 2000 attendees were drawn to the State Theatre Centre of Western Australia in early August to witness the impressive and colourful production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, the Biblical story of 'Joseph', his 11 brothers and the coat of many colours in a magical musical full of unforgettable songs.



Presented by our Midnite Youth Theatre Company, the production attracted plenty of praise as audiences were in awe of the visual spectacle, costumes, lighting and the incredible talent on stage.

"Congratulations to all involved in this fantastic production - the performances were incredible and we just loved everything about it," said Christ Church Facebook page follower, Catie Robins. "Last night's performance was fantasti! The energy and new age spin on an old classic was refreshing and so entertaining. The costumes, props and choreography were first class," said Christ Church teacher, Renee Whitcher.

Past Midnite performers and previous *Joseph* cast members Bodi Ledwij, Angus Willoughby and Erin Hutchinson were among notable guests who came to watch the production in its third adaptation, having first enthralled audiences in 1999 and then again in 2007.

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AFL stars visit Christ Church

Junior and Senior School boys from the Peter Moyes Centre (PMC) were flying high this term following a visit by star West Coast Eagles players Josh Kennedy, Luke Shuey, Fraser McInness and Mark Hutchings.



The visit was part of the West Coast Eagles community development program which involves their players meeting with students at various schools around Perth. Australian rules football continues to be popular among today's younger generation, making it a valuable tool in engaging with students and achieving positive educational outcomes through sport.

Preparatory School Sportsmaster Brady Leckie said "It was a great opportunity to have the Eagles come in and speak with our PMC boys. To see Julian Pizzino in his element, grilling the players on statistics and game play was a highlight of the session. The memories he will have from speaking to Josh Kennedy and giving him advice on how to play against a fullback are priceless."

"The smiles on all their faces and being able to interact with elite sportsmen from our national game was just terrific to see. We are very appreciative of Dave Lindsay, manager of the school programs for the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC), for making the visit happen. Dave has worked for many years in the PSA system and has a great understanding of the work that happens in our PMC."

The West Coast Eagles have been actively supporting the WA community since the club's inception in 1986 and support a number of educational programs which seek to encourage participation at school and promote important life messages.

Christ Church boys go to court

A group of our Visual Arts students made an appearance in court this term for all the right reasons.

Earlier in the year, boys from Years 8 to 11 collaborated over many hours to create a special large scale artwork for Magistrate Felicity Zempilas of the Perth Magistrates Court. Representing the benefits of a healthy ecosystem where everyone plays a part, the artwork was inspired by the concept and visual language of a bee colony – working together as a community for the greater good.

It was the boys' privilege in August to visit Magistrate Zempilas and see the unveiling, following the installation of the artwork in the Start Court.

Start Court is the Adult Mental Health Diversion and Support Court at Perth Magistrates Court and is directed at people who are experiencing mental health issues and have been charged with criminal offences.

"In Start Court, we try to create a safe and the environment for our program's participants, so our team can build a relationship of trust with them. Participants can be with us for six months and come in quite regularly to discuss their progress, so they become familiar with the courtroom," says Magistrate Zempilas.

"Before receiving this magnificent artwork from Christ Church our court was quite a sterile and imposing place. Courts do not usually contain art, with the exception of the Drug Court in the Perth Magistrates Court."

Year 11 Visual Arts student Aidan Mangano said "It was great to see the artwork in a completely different environment and the impact it creates, not just visually but in terms of setting a positive mood within the court."

"The collaborative nature of designing and constructing such a large scale work meant that each boy had a hand in building the unified piece. It allowed our Year 11 Art Committee leadership team the opportunity to mentor the younger creative members and the final result provided the Start Court with a startling, engaging and inspiring contemporary artwork," said project lead and Head of Art, Pam Yordanoff.

As a show of appreciation, each of the boys recieved a gift from Magistrate Zempilas which included a jar of fresh honey.



Dates to diarise

The Arts

Get Smart

The Midnite Youth Theatre Company

1 to 4 November 7.30pm

Drama Centre, Christ Church Grammar School

Book here

The Centre for Ethics

Religion and the Arts with Professor Ted Snell

Thursday 9 November 7.00pm

RSVP: Teresa Scott on 9442 1705

Blackwood by Iain Grandage

Performed by Sara Macliver (Soprano), Allan Meyer

(Principal Clarinet, WA Symphony Orchestra) and Graeme Gilling

(Head of Keyboard Studies, UWA School of Music)

Sunday 19 November 3.00pm

Chapel, Christ Church Grammar School

Book here

Other events

Remembrance Day

Thursday 9 November 8.30am

Chapel, Christ Church Grammar School

Book here

