

Queenslea Quarterly



Term 4 2018

Dear Queenslea Club members

I am pleased to share with you the final edition of *Queenslea Club Quarterly* for 2018.

Christ Church has much to celebrate and be proud of, with our rich history and our absolute commitment to delivering the best educational experience possible for every boy. In 2016, we commenced the journey to be the first school in Western Australia to receive accreditation with the Council of International Schools (CIS). CIS membership signifies our commitment to high quality, best practice education and global benchmarking. We recently welcomed eight CIS visitors to undertake a team visit. Each visitor spent time with members of our executive and five full days on campus engaging with staff, boys and parents. The feedback was very positive, with the team members commenting that our boys displayed confidence, are able to communicate on a number of levels and are extremely well mannered. The staff were recognised as being exceptional at their profession, delivering a broad curriculum and full range of co-curricular programs. Our Boarding program and management of all aspects of Boarding also received a high commendation.

The School works diligently to nurture strong networks between current and past students, and in August our *Future Focus* series offered Year 12 boys an opportunity to listen to the experiences and narratives of past students who have gone on to achieve in their diverse range of businesses and industries. The events are very impactful and the students learn of the opportunities and choices that present beyond Christ Church – more on this story later in the edition.

Each year our Music Department delivers an exciting program of performances and last month we saw eleven of our Year 12 musicians perform at *Soli '18*. Accompanied by Christ Church music students from Years 7 to 12 across a range of orchestral, jazz and rock ensembles, the phenomenal talent of our musicians was a true spectacle for all in attendance.

Our boys continue to bring home PSA titles and following on from the wonderful summer title wins in Rowing (Hamer Cup), Tennis (Corr Cup), Water Polo (Dickinson Shield) and Swimming (Tregonning Cup), our athletes claimed two extra titles in Term 3; the Ray House Cup (Hockey) and Moyes Trophy (Cross Country) – an impressive achievement.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition.

Kind regards

Alan Jones
Principal



Talented performers came together at The Regal Theatre in August to tell the tale of *Big Fish*, a fascinating musical directed by The Midnite Youth Theatre Company and based on the acclaimed film by Tim Burton. The production featured an ensemble of highly talented drama students from Christ Church Grammar School and neighbouring schools around Perth.



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New court a slam dunk for regional students



Students at Yakanarra Community School are the proud recipients of a newly constructed basketball half court, courtesy of the Christ Church community and our Service in Action students.

As a result of various fundraising initiatives, the school community contributed funds, labour and materials to construct the court, 60 kilometres south-west of Fitzroy Crossing.

"The local students are absolutely thrilled with their new half court, and we as a school are proud to have made a significant contribution to make it happen," says Director of Service in Action, Mark Tait.

"For close to a decade, Christ Church and the community of Yakanarra have shared a deep relationship which has seen the School's staff and students visit over past years to assist in different capacities."

"For example, one year we had a school librarian head up to help with setting up of the local school's library catalogue system."

"The relationship is reciprocal, with three of our Year 11s having recently returned from their Service in Action (SIA) tour in Yakanarra, and students from the local community school having visited Christ Church in past years."

"As part of SIA, the boys assist with various tasks and act as mentors for the local students while also getting to enjoy tours of the local natural landscape."

Christ Church's Service in Action (SIA) program inspires boys to achieve individual and collective excellence through the principle of serving others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. Service opportunities each year include local, national and international experiences such as working in remote Indigenous Australian communities and with vulnerable children in Cambodia.



Christ Church finishes top of PSA premierships ladder

It was an impressive season of winter sport with the two latest PSA premierships wins adding to Christ Church's winning streak.

Following PSA premierships wins in Firsts Tennis (Corr Cup), Water Polo (Dickinson Shield), Rowing (Hamer Cup) and Swimming (Tregonning Cup) earlier this year, the School's latest trophy additions include the Ray House Cup in Hockey and Moyes Trophy in Cross Country.

"Not only did we claim premierships in Hockey, Cross Country, Swimming and Tennis in 2017, this is our second year running for the most premierships wins claimed in the PSA competition," says Director of Sport, Anthony Lynch.

"All boys demonstrated great dedication, team spirit and sportsmanship in their respective codes across the winter season and they ought to be proud of their efforts."

"Other achievements included final placing of 2nd in both Rugby and Badminton."

"Since 1957, Christ Church has won a total 84 PSA premierships. That is, 41 PSA premierships between 1957 to 2004 and 43 PSA premierships since 2005."

"Last year's cohort labelled themselves the Goathort (greatest of all time cohort) – not sure they hold that mantle anymore as six premierships is the new best ever sporting outcome by the School since joining the competition in 1957."

Wolsey raise over \$10,000 for homeless youth

On a cold Friday evening, ten of our Anglicare Ambassadors from Wolsey House participated in the largest school sleep out in Australia, raising over \$10,000 for youth homeless support.



The Anglicare WA School Sleep Out this year involved a total of 215 students from 14 schools across Perth at Optus Stadium, raising \$67,800 in funds.

Scott Chrystal, Assistant Head of Wolsey House says, "Our participants are to be extremely proud of what they have achieved as a group and thanks to their efforts, many homeless youths across Perth will benefit from life-changing support."

"The boys got to experience for just one night what many young Western Australians endure every night, and get a genuine glimpse into the lives of homeless young people and the issues they face on a daily basis."

"Special recognition goes out to Lachlan Yu, Jes Bromley, Isaac Yeo, Matthew Gamble, Henry Chandler, Joshua Fry, James Lamb, Mark Morris, Thomas Dempster and Jack Tempra for braving the cold."

The WA School Sleep Out supports Anglicare's Street Connect program, which aims to connect with marginalised young people who gather regularly in public places and assist them with making positive life changes.

Old boys and Year 12s look to the future

A panel of old boys were on campus in Term 3, sharing information about their journey since Christ Church with our Year 12s as part of the Old Boys' Association Future Focus series.

Guest speakers Mark Crawford ('11) and James Culleton ('12) spoke on various topics such as development of social skills, building networks and tips for employment during the session.



Some of the advice was:

- Take a few risks while you're young and opportunities will open up
- You can get caught up doing nothing! Avoid inertia, do something – anything – but don't procrastinate
- Meet new people and doors will open
- Always say yes when offered opportunities, you never know where it will lead

Christ Church Grammar School Alumni Co-ordinator Deborah Hill commented, "It's invaluable for the students to learn about the challenges faced by old boys and the skills needed to find purpose and happiness beyond Christ Church."

"The old boys enjoy the chance to share their journey, reflecting on how far they have come since school and our students benefit from hearing about how others have pursued opportunities and factors that have influenced them along the way."

Lachlan Zhou said, "My key takeaways from the talk were: have a desire for life-long learning, be proactive in your search for opportunities and never say no, enjoy the journey and consider what kind of life you want to live."

Attendee Milan Murdock said, "I found the breakfast really interesting and got a lot of information that will definitely help me in the future. The old boys had some good stories to share and some great advice on what to do when finishing school, such as trying new things and not just sitting around."

Other panellists included old boys Dave Allen ('00), Henry Roberts ('14), Sam Brophy-Williams ('02), James Heaton ('11) and David Payne ('78).

UWA teaching students receive a lesson from Year 6 'experts'

Recently, our Year 6 boys were the 'experts', delivering presentations on their latest projects to first and second year pre-service teachers at UWA's Graduate School of Education.

The visit followed a partnership study which our Year 6 teachers have been conducting with the University of Western Australia in the area of differentiation.

"Lecturer in Differentiation and HASS at UWA, Dr Gemma Scarparolo is working closely with our Year 6 teachers to explore how boys respond to having choice in their learning. As such, our teachers created a Choice Board Learning Inquiry that catered for a range of abilities and also challenged the boys," says Acting Years 5 and 6 Co-ordinator, Mrs Sally Mackinnon.

"The Year 6 boys have been researching the concept of ethical consumerism in depth as part of our HASS program, using the Challenge-based Learning Inquiry Framework to investigate and tackle this real-world problem. The framework is collaborative and hands-on while also developing a range of 21st Century soft skills such as collaboration and teamwork, creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving. Purposeful use of technology is also enhanced, along with skills in researching, analysing and publishing."

"Integral to the Challenge-based Learning Inquiry Framework has been inviting experts into the classroom to provide the boys with current knowledge and experience. This has included a Skype call from Fair Trade Australia, a guest speaker from OXFAM and talk by Darren Lowman, founder of Greenbatch – a local company involved in recycling plastic bottles."

Year 6 Teacher Claire Clemons said, "This project has encouraged the boys to become global citizens and taught them how they can be responsible consumers. By working alongside the Graduate School of Education, the boys have been given the opportunity to share their learnings and the experience has proven valuable in allowing the boys to reflect on what they have learned, how they learn and what they could improve on next time."



Dates to diarise

School events

Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day

26 October 8.00am

School Chapel

Christ Church Grammar School

Senior School Remembrance Day Service

8 November 8.30am

School Chapel

Christ Church Grammar School

The Arts

Peter Pan



The Midnite Youth Theatre Company

31 October to 3 November 7.30pm

Drama Centre, Christ Church Grammar School

Book here

Into the Woods



The Midnite Ensemble 18-25 Production

28 November to 1 December 7.30pm

1 December 2.00pm

Studio Underground, State Theatre Centre of WA

Book here