Principal’s Note

Congratulations students! Since the commencement of 2017 your attendance rate has been exceptional at 97.5%. Thank you parents for ensuring your child has the best opportunity to succeed.

The Leader’s Investiture Ceremony was held at the school last Friday to induct our 2017 leaders. Thank you to parents and carers for attending the ceremony. We were privileged to have as a guest speaker Cr Kerry Hayes, Mayor of Central Highlands regional Council who emphasised our new values of Success, Teamwork, Attitude and Respect with a focus on the importance of teamwork. Thank You Mayor Hayes.

Our 2017 School Leaders Ruben Cutts, Kyle Vogler, Jack Probert and Georgie Coburn

Our 2017 Sports Captains Baley Beard and Harvey Jones (Bradman), Sydnie Gounder and Campbell Allen.

Parent meet and greet will be held this Wednesday 15 February commencing at 5.00 – 6.30pm in the Cook House. This is an opportunity to meet teachers and discuss any concerns you may have. A discussion will be held on the expectations around assessment and some instructions on how you can support your child. Student work will be on display and our student peer mentors will be conducting guided tours of the school. A sausage sizzle will be on offer for your family to enjoy. See you there!
Unfortunately the outcome of the P&C Annual General Meeting held on Monday 6th February was that there were no nominations for the executive committee. The impact this has had on the school community is that the tuckshop and uniform shop have ceased to operate until a committee is formed. Another meeting is set for Thursday 16th February 6.30pm in the Cook House. Throughout the year P&C fundraising activities contribute to: purchasing new equipment to enhance student learning, discounted excursions, meet and greet opportunities for families and donations made to students at awards evening. Please support your school community to ensure this service can continue. If you have any questions please contact the school and ask to speak to the Principal.

Regards
Jackie Sinclair
Principal
Acknowledging positive behaviour

If we aim to have a happy, healthy school where everyone feels safe and everyone is able to get the most out of the opportunities here we need to think of ways that the school values influence our everyday routines. At Capella SHS we acknowledge the students upholding our school values at all times at school. Students who demonstrated qualities of being a successful learner in every subject were awarded “Hero awards”. We are proud of our “Hero award” winners for the week.

Authentic learners

The term authentic learning refers to a wide variety of educational and instructional techniques focused on connecting what students are taught in school to real-world issues, problems, and applications. The basic idea is that students are more likely to be interested in what they are learning, more motivated to learn new concepts and skills. Year 7 students are looking at maximising the availability of potable water from fresh water sources in Queensland. The students enjoyed learning the hand on separation techniques in science and shared some valuable ideas.
Keeping the tradition alive

Capella State High School continues to celebrate student birthdays on junior school parade. The tradition has been around for a while and is enthusiastically supported by our senior teacher Mrs Riley. Year 8 students sang the celebratory choir.

We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you on the “Meet and Greet 2017” day at CSHS on 15th February 2017.

Should you have queries or concerns in relations to your child wellbeing, please contact me.

Pooja Beotra
A/Head of Junior School

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**Instrumental Music**

Welcome back to another busy year for the Instrumental Music Program. This year, student’s will have the opportunity to perform at several school and community events including parade, end of year concert, Central Highlands Festival of Bands and the Central Highlands Eisteddfod to name a few.

Please remember to pay your invoice and return all paperwork as soon as possible so that your child can take their instrument home (school instruments). If your child is new to the program this year, please ensure that you purchase the equipment on the equipment list asap (we do not have a music shop in the district so you will need to order from Mackay/ Rockhampton etc.). It is also important to name all equipment as books etc. are often left behind and can not be returned to their owners if not clearly named.

As I work across six schools I find the best form of communication to be email. If you have any questions or would like to follow up on your child’s progress throughout the year please email me at lhild7@eq.edu.au.

Thanks

Leanne Hilder
SENIOR SCHOOLING

Students and Sport
Sport provides many great opportunities for students and recently many students have been off trialling for different events. Students and parents are reminded that students need to catch up the class work missed when participating in school sport. Students are encouraged to see teachers prior to their absence to get the work they will miss therefore students can complete this work and on return to normal classes be up to date. Please contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student.

Leadership Day
Thank you to Capella Aquatic Centre and our Senior Skilling Teachers for making our Senior Leadership day possible. The feedback from students has been that they had a great day interacting with people outside their friendship groups and learnt some new skills.

Career Planning
Parents and guardians are reminded that Senior Schooling is the time to start thinking and talking about with your students their future direction. Many students will need to make choices to enable them to participate in further study and training.

If your student is thinking of going on to university study, students should be starting to investigate university options. University websites are a great source of information. Students should be looking at course options, accommodation plans and what OP is needed to gain entry into the course. Some courses also require extra process such as auditions, interviews or portfolios. These requirements can be found on the university websites. If students are thinking of studying Medicine or Dentistry they may be required to sit the UMAT test (Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test).

If your student is considering any of the Defence Forces it is highly recommended that they contact the recruiting office. There are many tests and processes that students need to complete and follow. They are suggested to start the process as soon as possible as they many not meet medical requirements and can therefore start to plan an alternative if this is the case.

If your student is having problems or needs some guidance, Matt Martin, our school Guidance Officer is available on Wednesdays, there is a wealth of information in the library and I am also able to assist.

Kylie Burns
Head of Department – Senior Schooling
A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto www.msp.com.au to enter your child’s shootkey.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write “Mum’s order” or “Dad’s order” on top of your envelope.

To order a sibling or friends photo, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school.

If your child has been photographed in a special group (ie sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

Keep smiling!!!