



Chairo
Christian School

LEONGATHA NEWS

Thursday 7 September 2017



Our campus production of Peter Pan was incredible!

Dates to Remember

September

Monday 11	Week 9 A Campus Assembly Year 6 World of Maths
Tuesday 12	Oral Health Sessions Prep–Year 3
Wednesday 13	Years 7 & 10 Immunisations Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 14	School Dental Check-ups
Monday 18	Week 10 B
Mon 18 – Fri 22	Year 10 Camps
Tuesday 19	French Excursion to Drouin
Thursday 21	Prep – Year 2 Zoo Excursion SSVGR Athletics
Friday 22	Meerkat Production Performance P-6 Term 3 Concludes (2.00 pm finish)

October

Tuesday 10	Term 4 Begins for Students Week 1 A
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Whole School News

One Big Story!

Over the two previous newsletters, it has been helpful (if not a little intimidating!) to think about the purpose of humans and education. You may well be sitting there thinking, 'Well, that's fine. It's good to ponder the big questions of life, but what about the everyday? How are we meant to live?'

This is a valid and important point. It's fine to have a belief about the big questions of life, but how do they impact on the ordinary and every day? How does it bring meaning and direction to living in the mess and majesty of everyday life?

At Chairo, we try to be serious about using the Bible to shape everything we think, do and say. It doesn't matter if we are planning a lesson for the classroom, organising a sports carnival, or having a conversation with a group of students. We want to have God's wisdom, found in the Bible, direct how we do all things.

We believe that the Bible is a story—a story of a King and His Kingdom. When we say story, we don't mean that the Bible is fictional or made up. We mean that it is a written account of a series of connected events, and that like all good stories, it has a beginning, middle and end.

It also has a main character (God!) and other characters (humans), and most importantly, a plot line. Again, like all captivating stories, the plot has twists and turns, and heads toward an intriguing climactic conclusion.

It is this story—the story of a King who loves and seeks to save his own people—that we use to inform and shape all that we do at Chairo, and by which all we do is tested. It provides the framework by which students and teachers understand all of life and this world.

You may or may not relate to this way of making meaning of life. It may be as natural as breathing to you, or it may be a new idea. You may be comfortable with and comforted by the story found in the Bible, or there may be another 'big story' that you use to understand your life and your world.

In the next newsletter, I will explore further how the 'big story' found in the Bible can be used to shape what we teach, and how we teach it, at Chairo.

Simon Matthews, Executive Principal

Governance News

Association General Meeting

The next general meeting of our school Association will be held at the Drouin East Campus on Thursday 9 November, commencing at 7.30 pm.

One highlight of the evening will be the launch of SP17, Chairo's new strategic plan that has been developed over the course of this year.

All parents and staff members are encouraged to attend what will be an informative and enjoyable evening, concluding with supper.

Full Membership

Full members of our school Association are able to vote at general meetings and nominate others for election to serve on the Board. Current parents who are Christians and fully supportive of our Articles of Faith, and have been associate members for at least one year, are able to apply to become full members. Application forms can be obtained by contacting the office at any campus.

Board Election

Do you know someone who you believe might be ready, willing and able to serve a term on the Board, commencing at the start of 2018? Perhaps that might even be you!

Full members of the Association are invited to prayerfully consider who they might be able to nominate (with the nominee's consent). To be eligible for nomination, the potential Board member needs to be a Christian who has been a Chairo parent for at least one year, and cannot be a staff member.

Elections will be held at the general meeting on Thursday 9 November. Nominations would be appreciated by the end of this term, although will be accepted until Tuesday 10 October. Forms are available from Caroline Weatherhead (cweatherhead@chairo.vic.edu.au) or Darryl Martin (dmartin@chairo.vic.edu.au).

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From the Senior Chaplain

Tuesday 31 October this year marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation. On that day, a young monk and university lecturer, Martin Luther, posted 95 *Theses* on the door of his church, and the world changed.

What were these ideas that changed the world? The first was that sinners like us are saved—made right with God—by grace alone. ('Grace' means something like 'a free gift that we don't deserve'.)

How are people saved? How are we made right with God? Is it by 'doing our best'? If we do our best to obey God and to not cause others any harm, is that good enough?

Luther could see that no matter how much we try, no-one is good enough for God. Not anywhere near good enough! After all, what does the Bible say about humans in our sinful state? *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live...* (Ephesians 2:1). We are no more capable of doing anything to save ourselves than dead people are capable of bringing themselves back to life!

Instead: *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved* (Ephesians 2:5). We are not merely undeserving—we're incapable. We are simply not able to do anything—anything at all—to save ourselves. Our restored relationship with God through Jesus is entirely God's gift to undeserving sinners.

In other words: we are saved by grace alone. That is one of the four great truths that literally changed the world, and that is one of the pillars that Chairo stands on. As we approach 31 October, we will explore some of the other wonderful biblical truths that are our heritage.

Medon Loupis, Senior Chaplain

Careers at Chairo

Current Vacancies:

Head of Junior School (Pakenham)

Executive Officer (Pakenham)

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Campus News

Primary Fresh Start Awards

Congratulations to the following primary students for receiving a Fresh Start Award:

Prep

Best Caring: Daniel Cetera for caring about our environment and conscientiously picking up papers left in the playground.

Best Learning: Tilly Krausz for listening to instructions and completing work conscientiously, and for diligently doing her homework every day.

Best Play: Gracee Dillon-Western for inclusiveness during play and making her friends feel valued in games.

Year 1/2

Best Caring: Lachie Ellen for always using kind words in class and encouraging others.

Best Moving: Koby Quinisan for playing in a safe and sensible way about the classroom and the playground.

Best Manners: Samantha Pornasder for remembering to use 'please' and 'thank you' in the classroom.

Year 2/3

Best Caring: Jesse Pearce for speaking kindly, showing politeness, and being respectful to students and teachers.

Best Playing: Bella Cornehls for including others in play, and for being kind and considerate to others during class games and in the playground.

Best Manners: Wesley Mapleson for using kind words, displaying kind action and treating everyone with respect.

Year 4/5

Best Caring: Roberta Winmar for being helpful and responsible during the Peter Pan production.

Best Learning: Stephen Gardener for persevering during challenging tasks and doing his best in the classroom.

Year 6

Best Learning: Chad Cornehls and Levi Boucher for efficiency and diligence in completing maths activities.

Best Caring: Will Davies for assisting younger students during the Peter Pan performance.

Uniform in Term 4

There will be a three week period at the start of Term 4 when students may choose to wear either summer or winter uniform, depending on the weather.

From the commencement of Week 4, Monday 30 October, full summer uniform only must be worn by all students.

Please note that hats must be worn outdoors in Term 4, regardless of which uniform is being worn.

40 Hour Famine – Backpack Challenge

With the busyness of *Peter Pan*, the 40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge seems a long time ago!

There are some wonderful stories of students getting together and sharing the experience over the challenge weekend, and there are whispers of some amazing totals being raised.

Now it is time to go back to your sponsors and collect all the money for your hard work! Please make an effort to have all your money returned to the office by 15 September. We have a fundraising thermometer in the front office, and it certainly will be exciting to see that red line rise over the next week!

School Dental Visits

On Tuesday 12 September, the school dental team will be conducting oral health sessions for students from Prep to Year 3, informing them of oral hygiene and general dental health.

On Thursday 14 September, the dental van will be visiting our campus and performing check-ups. These will be for those students who have returned the application form and are eligible to receive this service.

Bus Program

Primary students had the opportunity to learn about safer bus travel this week. Classes discussed the importance of considering others, and their own safety when using buses and other transport. Students were encouraged to be consciously aware of the risks and rules associated with public transport.

Virtual Reality

On Wednesday 6 September, Years 2/3 and 4/5 enjoyed their journey to other places with Virtual Reality.

Year 2/3 experienced Australia's indigenous culture, observing fascinating Aboriginal group performances in full 360 view, and Aboriginal life pre 1788, led by a local Indigenous Pamagirri guide.

Year 4/5 were taken around our solar system and discovered fascinating facts about planets such as Mars, Saturn and Earth, as well as learning about meteorites, the moon and sun. The Virtual Reality workshops were unique and out of this world!



Theatre Experience for Primary Students

Throughout Term 3, library classes for Primary students have focussed on the theme 'Celebrate Books' and the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week Awards.

In culmination of this unit of work, we have booked Meerkat Productions to visit and perform their original adaptation of *Gary* by Leila Rudge, a CBCA Shortlisted Picture Book of the Year.

This forty-minute musical production, for all Prep to Year 6 students, includes original songs and puppetry, and will take place on Friday 22 September at 11.30 am.

Gary is a book about a pigeon unable to fly but who dreams of exploring the world—until the day he falls into an adventure of his very own. This little pigeon will encourage students to look beyond limitations and embrace their differences.

We hope that the students enjoy this performance and the wonder of storytelling, the magic of seeing real actors unravel a story before your eyes, and the sheer delight of seeing a live performance.

Margy Bishop, Library Teacher

Car Boot Sale and Market Day

We will be holding a Car Boot Sale and Market Day on Saturday 21 October from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm on our grounds in conjunction with the nationwide Garage Sale Trail.

We are now accepting applications for car boots and outdoor stalls at \$15 and indoor stalls at \$20.

The goal of the Garage Sale Trail around Australia is to promote reuse and recycling of valuable resources, and help to ensure that those resources don't end up in landfill before their time.

This event will have loads of pre-loved and recycled goods. There will also be craft, local produce, baked goods, student run stalls, new goods, hot food and free activities for children including face painting, jumping castle, popcorn and fairy floss.

Community News

Korumburra Cricket Club

The club would like to invite any boys and girls who are interested in playing cricket in Kookaburra Cricket's junior teams (U12, U14 or U16) to training on Wednesday 13 and 20 September at the Korumburra Drill Hall at 4.00 pm. All current players and any new players who wish to go along are most welcome.

If you have any queries, or would like further information, please ring Allan Summerfield on 0418 766 135 or 5655 2709.

Peter Pan – A Great Performance

Production is a huge undertaking, but so worth the effort. To witness the learning and growth in our students is very special. Teamwork, resilience, perseverance, compassion, problem-solving, patience, dedication, tolerance and determination were all required to experience the joy of personal and community success.

My biggest delight though, was seeing our entire student body working together. The cast on stage, props crew, ushers, cleaning, sound, lighting, decorations, choreography, hall set-up, makeup, class ensembles... everyone played an important part in creating a magnificent show.

Thanks again and again to our talented students, dedicated staff and supportive parents. It is such a blessing to be part of our school community.

Christine Hibma, Production Manager



Its so cool that students big and small get to work together to put on one AWESOME show! Everyone's hard work paid off so much! I can't wait to do another production.

Rebecca Lunn, Year 6.



I enjoyed practising after school and lunch times. We had lots of fun and it was really memorable. **Joseph Rysko, Year 5**

It was good to see how well everyone worked together on stage after practicing together for so long. **Anton Shields, Year 8**

Peter Pan was a wonderful experience that filled our imagination. I had fun with everyone. **Shekinah Hart, Year 9**



Even though I wasn't on stage, we all worked as a team and did really well. **Jack Noorbergen, Year 10**

I thought Peter Pan was a good opportunity for kids to do something that they don't do every day. It was very fun taking part in it. I thought all the main cast was brilliant.

Chad Cornehl, Year 6



What I loved about Peter Pan is I got to act and sing with friends. **Levi Boucher, Year 6**

I liked Peter Pan because everyone in primary could get involved and we could get dressed up in costumes.

Ethan Caarels, Year 6

My highlight was seeing students from across the school working together to achieve something amazing. It was a fantastic insight into how a community like Chairo Leongatha works every day.

Anthony Collier, Leongatha Campus Principal







Leongatha Little Athletics

Come and join the fun and fitness at
Leongatha Little Athletics!



Our season starts Saturday 7th October at 9.15am-12 noon
at Leongatha Velodrome.

Come and try before you register.

We welcome Under 6 - Under 16 athletes.

On Track Skill Development Program for 5 - 7 year olds.
(Athletes must have turned 5 before 30/9/17)

To register online visit www.lavic.com.au

and select Leongatha Centre

or email us at leongathalac@gmail.com

President: Ben Cruickshank 0438551976

Registrar: Linda Richards 0417821482

We look forward to seeing you there!

Addiction

There is a way out



Listen to how a hardened police detective came to know God through interviewing a serial murderer and how his career has been guided to new and interesting roles as an 'Ethical Hacker' and Global Chief Security Officer.

Hear how during these intensive work periods that the stress of losing his son to drugs, kidnapping and prison bought absolute despair to him and the family.

Finally how his first born son's addiction was beaten and a complete restoration of his life. This will be a father and son testimony of how low life can get.

St Peters Church Leongatha
Sunday 24 September at 5.00pm

