



Chairo
Christian School

TRARALGON NEWS

Thursday 3 May 2018



Kinder to Year 6 mums were treated to an evening of pampering and fun last night.

Dates to Remember

June

- Friday 8 Report Writing Day (Student Free)
- Monday 11 Queen's Birthday (Student Free)
- Saturday 16 Traralgon Campus Open Day

Not all campus events and activities are listed above. For more comprehensive information regarding upcoming dates, please refer to the Calendar on Linc.



Thank you to the students who represented Chairo at the Anzac Day service in Traralgon.



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Whole School News

What's in a Name? (Part 1)

A name often tells you something about the person or place, and this is especially true in the Bible. The best example of the meaning of a name in the Bible is *Jesus*, which means 'to save'.

Another example is *Abram* ('the father is exalted'), whose name was later changed to *Abraham* ('father of multitudes'). Similarly, his wife's name, *Sarai*, is thought to mean 'quarrelsome'. No doubt she was pleased when this was changed to *Sarah*, which means 'princess'. The name of their son, *Isaac*, was thought to mean 'one laughs', and his parents did just that at the thought of having a child at their advanced age.

When Chairo was about to start in the early 1980s, *Chairo Christian School* was selected, after much discussion and prayer, from a list of possible names submitted by Association members.

The root meaning of *Chairo* in New Testament Greek is 'rejoice'. It is part of a family of words to do with having joy, being joyful and rejoicing. At the time, I'm not sure whether we all appreciated the full meaning and significance of the word *Chairo*.

The Oxford Dictionary defines 'rejoice' as:

- to cause joy; make glad
- to feel great joy; to take delight in
- to make merry; to celebrate some event

If we think about these dictionary definitions, we may start to realise just how privileged we are to have a school such as Chairo.

But if we think of the word *Chairo* in a biblical context, it becomes far deeper and more meaningful. The IVP Bible Dictionary defines 'joy' as follows:

In both the Old and New Testaments, joy is consistently the mark of both individual behaviour and corporately the church. It is a quality and not simply an emotion. It is grounded in God Himself and indeed derived from Him. It characterises the Christian life on earth and also anticipates the joy of being with Christ forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the Old Testament, joy is related to the national and religious life of Israel. It is particularly expressed in noisy and tumultuous excitement at festivities, sacrifices and enthronements. Spontaneous joy is a prevailing feature in the Psalms, where it is a mark of personal adoration and corporate worship.

To be continued in the next newsletter.

John Ballantyne

Chairo Planning Committee 1979–1982

Chairo Board 1983–1994

Child Safety Update

Since the *Child Safe Standards* were first introduced into Victorian schools in 2015, Chairo has made every effort to incorporate these standards into the life of the school. We have recently approved a few small but important changes to our *Child Safety Booklet*.

We have incorporated the school's seven values into our *Statement of Commitment*. This statement, and the values that are now within it, emphasise that the safety of our students from all forms of abuse—particularly sexual abuse—is part of our commitment to striving to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

While we are aware of our legal obligations and work hard to satisfy them, our sincere and primary desire is to ensure the safety of Chairo students, and to hold anyone within the life of the school accountable should they infringe upon that safety.

We have also sought to make the process for reporting very clear in the section headed Reporting Concerns. Any member of the Chairo community who has concerns that a child may be subject to abuse is asked to contact a Child Protection Officer.

This is a matter of high priority and should not be postponed until there is further evidence, or for any other reason. The Commission for Children & Young People requires reporting when a reasonable belief has been formed. Their definition of this is 'more than suspicion':

There must be some objective basis for the belief. However, it does not require certainty. For example, a person is likely to have a reasonable belief if they:

- observed the conduct themselves;
- heard from a child that the conduct occurred; or
- received information from another source (including another person who witnessed the reportable conduct or misconduct).

The head of the organisation does not need to share the person's reasonable belief regarding the allegation. However, they do not need to notify the Commission about the allegation if it is plainly wrong or had no basis at all in reality.

Anyone within Chairo who isn't sure whether they have a reasonable belief or not should discuss this with a Child Protection Officer.

If you haven't read our *Child Safety Booklet* recently, please download it from Linc or the school website in order to refresh your knowledge of the contents.

Judy Linossier, Acting Executive Principal



New Staff Q&A: Lydia Tweedie

What is your role at Chairo?

I am filling in the big shoes of Ben Subban as Head of Junior School at Pakenham, and I am also the Junior School Learning Support Coordinator. The two roles keep me pretty busy.

What do you love about working at Chairo?

The diversity of my role makes life interesting. You never know what a day will look like, which students you will encounter, what parents will need to see you, or what help and encouragement you can provide to other staff members. Knowing that God has purposed this space for me at this time is humbling.

What were you doing before coming to Chairo?

I came to Chairo Pakenham after working for four years as Head of Student Services P-12 at Donvale Christian College. Prior to that I worked at Northside Christian College as Deputy Principal.

What is something that not a lot of people know about you?

Having Austrian descent, I make a pretty mean schnitzel and play Austrian folk music on my piano accordion. I have also played in bush bands with my husband.

What are you passionate about?

Seeing people using their giftings brings me much joy. If I can play a part in their life journey with a prayer, encouragement or a successful idea then I feel fulfilled. Serving as a pastor for many years, I can't help myself in that role in schools as well.

Where is your favourite place to visit (and who with)?

My husband Glenn and I enjoy travelling, whether for pleasure or missions. We travel well together and just love watching TV to spot a place we've visited to say, 'I've been there'. But a highlight was living in Cambridge



in England for two weeks while Glenn studied at the local Bible college. I walked every nook and cranny, and was often mistaken for a local. The food was good, too.

What's the best meal you've ever had?

Just recently we visited Charcoal Lane in Gertrude Street, Fitzroy. It offered an amazing menu of Australian flavours and the meals were sensational. I never thought that I would try eating an emu chorizo sausage or pepperberry flavoured dip!

Who would you most like to swap places with for a day?

There's no-one in particular that I'd like to swap places with. I am pretty happy with the life that God has given me. But there is a part of me that has always desired to live overseas in Europe for longer than a term's break.

If you were a crayon, what colour would you be and why?

My crayon would be a royal blue. It reminds me of the vastness of the ocean and the sky and the wonders of their Creator. It also happens to be a favourite colour in my wardrobe.

Who inspires you?

It's not one person who inspires me but the nature of a person who lives out their life faithfully, simply and creatively in honour to God. That being said, I am blessed each day when I encounter such wonderful people in my life's journey. Their testimony is powerful.

Sibling Enrolments

If you have younger children that you would like to enrol to commence at Chairo in 2019, 2020 or 2021—whether for Kindergarten, Prep or other year levels—please contact Tina Lewis on 5625 4600 (Drouin East and Drouin), Elise Groenewaldt on 5942 5632 (Pakenham), Wendy Nyhuis on 5662 4355 (Leongatha) or Tonya Russell on 5173 0500 (Traralgon), or send an email to enrolments@chairo.vic.edu.au.



Annual General Meeting

The Chair AGM this year will be held in the library at the Drouin Campus on Thursday 24 May, commencing at 7.30 pm. All parents/guardians and staff members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Among other things, at the meeting we will be celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Pakenham Campus and forty years of Christian education in Leongatha!

All families and staff members should have received an email earlier this week with a number of attachments related to the meeting.

From the Finance Office

Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF)

The CSEF is Victorian government funding for eligible concession card holders. The amount funded is \$125 for primary age students or \$225 for secondary age students. If you have recently received a Victorian concession card and have not yet applied for the CSEF, please contact the finance office for details. Please note that students who are aged 16 and over and have their own concession card may be eligible to apply.

Kinder Subsidy Form

If you hold a Victorian concession card and have not yet applied for the four-year-old Kinder subsidy, please contact the finance office for further details.

Conveyancing

If you have changed address and have not yet notified the school, please contact reception at the relevant campus and provide new details, including the date that you moved.

Finance office contact details are:

Phone: 5625 0117

Email: schoolfees@chairo.vic.edu.au

Campus News

Uniform Ordering Options

If you are wanting to order uniform items, you can do so in one of three ways:

- Order and pay online by going to chairochristianschool.permapleat.com.au/shop/ for free delivery to the Traralgon Campus.
- Come in to the Traralgon Campus for a fitting on Monday to Thursday (8.15–8.45 am or 3.15–3.45 pm) and we will fax the order through for you. You will then be contacted for payment by the Drouin Campus.
- Visit the uniform shop at the Drouin Campus during opening hours in school terms (Tuesdays 8.00 am – 12.00 pm and Thursdays 1.00–5.00 pm). Take your purchase home on the day.





Mum's Night

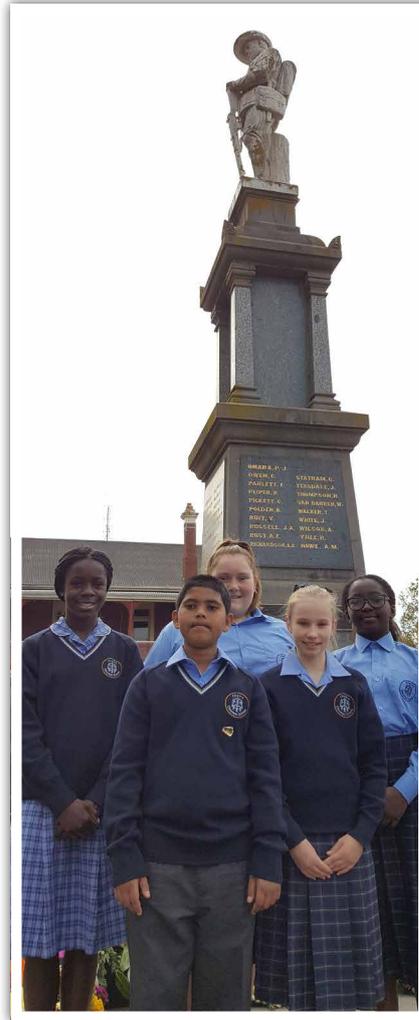
Our Traralgon mums were treated to a beautiful evening of pampering and fun last night at the annual Mum's Night for Kinder to Year 6. This night is held each year to create an opportunity for students to bless their mums, and to spend quality time with them doing a variety of fun activities.

This year, Prep students ran a hand pampering session, and also made a mock photo booth and had fun dressing up and using different props.

Years 1 and 2 students got creative with mums in a 'design your own newspaper outfit' activity, where some spectacular designs were created, while Years 3 and 4 students spent the evening making craft hearts together with the mums.

Students in Years 5 and 6 blessed their mum's by spending the afternoon on Tuesday cooking slices that were then served at the end of the night as a 'high tea'.

Thank you to the students and teachers who put in so much love and care to ensure that all the mums who came along felt loved and valued. We wish all our mums a very special day on Sunday 13 May.



Anzac Day

A whole campus Anzac Day service was held for students and staff members last Tuesday, during which we remembered those who have fought for our country.

Student representatives also took part in the Anzac Day Service in Traralgon, beginning with a march and ending with a service at the Kay Street Cenotaph where students laid a wreath to honour our fallen soldiers. Thank you to Abbey Rhimes, Kenzie Irvine, Tobi Onibokun, Roshan Josraj and Joanne Adetifa who represented Chairo so beautifully and for staff members who also attended.

It has been very special to have the wonderful display of poppies and slouch hats visible as you walk into the school. These were lovingly created by students from Prep to Year 6 under the guidance of Mrs McGowan.

