



Chairo
Christian School

DROUIN NEWS

Thursday 1 February 2018



Welcome to Chairo, Preps of 2018!

Dates to Remember

February

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| Friday 2 | JS Family Picnic, 6.00 pm |
| Monday 5 | Years 2-4 Swimming Lessons |
| Wednesday 7 | Years 2-4 Swimming Lessons Student Device Rollout & Information Evening, 7.00 pm |
| Thursday 8 | JS & MS Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Friday 9 | Years 2-4 Swimming Lessons MS House Swimming Carnival |
| Monday 12 | JS Photo Day Years 2-4 Swimming Lessons |
| Tuesday 13 | SS House Swimming Carnival JS & MS Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Wednesday 14 | Years 2-4 Swimming Lessons |
| Thursday 15 | MS & SS Photo Day |
| Monday 19 | Years 2-4 Swimming Lessons |
| Mon 19 – Tues 20 | OES Unit 1 Thomson River Trip |
| Tuesday 20 | Tarago Swimming (Years 4-6) VCAL Information Night & BBQ |
| Thursday 22 | New Parent Coffee & Dessert Evening |

Wed 21 – Fri 23

Year 5 Allambee Camp
OES Unit 3 Field Trip
SSVWG Swimming (Years 7-12)

Tuesday 27

March

Thurs 1 – Fri 2

Years 7-9 Quестаcon Science Program

Mon 5 – Fri 9

Year 8 Coolamatong Camp

Tuesday 6

SSVWG Swimming (Years 4-6)

Wednesday 7

Years 7 and 10 Immunisations

Monday 12

Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 15

SSV Regional Swimming (Years 4-12)

Friday 16

OES Unit 1 Abseiling

Mon 19 – Sat 24

Open Week

Tuesday 20

SSVWG Tennis, Softball, Volleyball and Baseball (Years 7-12)

Saturday 24

Open Day



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Whole School News

Welcome to 2018

Welcome back to a new school year. I trust that over recent weeks, you and your children have had an opportunity to be prepared for the exciting and challenging year that lies ahead.

I wish to particularly welcome students and families who are starting at Chairo for the first time. We are so thrilled to have you as part of our school community, and we trust that you are blessed and a blessing in our special community.

Of course, 2018 is an especially momentous year for us because of the long-awaited launch of our campus in the Latrobe Valley. A big Chairo welcome is extended to each and every person at Chairo Traralgon. It is exciting to have been presented with this wonderful opportunity to continue the good work of Flinders Christian Community College, and we pray that everyone will quickly feel accepted, valued, encouraged and supported as members of the Chairo community.

As I welcome you to the start of another school year, I am very pleased to share briefly about the results of those who completed their education at Chairo at the end of last year.

Having completed VCE at our Pakenham Campus, or VCAL or VCE at our Drouin Campus, 2018 will be an exciting year of opportunities and challenges for about 75 young adults who graduated in 2017.

'We are proud of all of our graduating VCAL and VCE students', said Drouin Principal, Judy Linossier. 'They are a fine group of young people who led our campus well, and we are confident they will now transition successfully into the next stage of life'.

Pakenham Principal, Pete Wells, commended the many students who worked diligently to satisfactorily complete their VCE, enabling a 100% completion rate at the campus. He said: 'We are pleased to see our students graduating with many possibilities for further study, work and service'.

As many members of the Chairo community will already be aware, including from posts on our Facebook pages and reports in local media, our duxes for 2017



were Esther Battersby (95.30 ATAR) at Pakenham and Jacob Smeaton (98.85 ATAR) at Drouin.

Congratulations to both Esther and Jacob on achieving such excellent results. Ranking in the mid to high 90s is a significant achievement and only comes as the result of a deliberate commitment to make the most of every opportunity during the VCE years.

It is pleasing that Esther and Jacob completed all of their schooling at Chairo. They have both been involved in a wide range of extra-curricular activities over the years, and have each been excellent contributors to their respective campus communities.

Esther's advice to other students undertaking their VCE is to get as much done as they can in class, and to find help when necessary to make sure they understand everything being taught along the way.

Jacob reflected that completing more than 65 practice exams had been instrumental in ensuring that exam conditions became second nature to him and there were no major surprises when he sat his final exams.

As Esther, Jacob and the other members of their cohorts leave us, my hope is that they will each find that they have been well-prepared through their years as Chairo students for the opportunities and challenges that will come their way during 2018 and beyond.

Regardless of academic results, and offers of further study or work, let us pray that we see Christ's redemptive impact in the world through the capability, character and commitment of our 2017 graduates.

Simon Matthews, Executive Principal

That I may know Him **Philippians 3:10**

The Ruddock Review: Religious Freedom

In December 2017, the Prime Minister announced that Phillip Ruddock would head up an Expert Panel that would examine whether Australian law adequately protects the human right to freedom of religion. This review is on a quick time-frame as submissions are due in by Wednesday 14 February. More information can be obtained from: pmc.gov.au/domestic-policy/religious-freedom-review

Chairo parents are encouraged to write to the Expert Panel (or email religiousfreedom@pmc.gov.au) and explain why Christian education is important to you.

Additionally, on behalf of the school, I will be writing to the panel to tell our story of why Chairo was first established; how faith shapes our educational expression; and why religious freedom provides the essential framework for the realisation of those goals.

Simon Matthews, Executive Principal

From the Senior Chaplain

Welcome to 2018 at Chairo, and a special welcome to those families who are joining our school community.

All our students take part in daily classroom devotions, led by their class or home group teacher. Our devotions program is called Clay: Biblical Character Training.

Isaiah 64:8 says: *Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.* Our aim, and our prayer, is that under God we will help all our students to be 'the work of God's hand'—moulded and formed into the people God wants us to be.

Each term, there are two Clay topics. The first topic this term is ACCEPTANCE. Romans 15:7 says Christ has accepted you. So accept one another in order to bring praise to God.

What the Bible means by 'acceptance' is what we would call 'inclusion'. God's people are to 'include' one another, in order to bring praise to God. No matter who we are, we are precious to God—He created us, and He died for us. In fact, Jesus died for us so that we could be included into His presence and His community (Ephesians 2:11–22). So God's people are to include those whom God has included.

Our commitment is that every student at Chairo will be included. We want every student to feel 'at home' here, to know that they are loved by God and by the staff members and students in the Chairo community.

Please join me in praying that Chairo will be, more and more, an accepting community, in which every member knows that they are loved, valued, accepted and included.

Medon Loupis, Senior Chaplain

Finance News

School Fees – Statement of Accounts

Accounts have been sent out to families this week.

Please note:

- Quarterly payments will be deducted 8/2/18 (cards) or 9/2/18 (bank a/c)
- First monthly deduction is from 22/2/18 (cards) or 23/2/18 (bank a/c)
- Yearly-in-advance is due 2/3/18

Four-Year-Old Kinder Subsidy Form (Blue Form)

The four-year-old Kinder Subsidy is a Victorian Government Allowance provided to families that have a child attending four-year-old kinder and hold an eligible Victorian Government concession care (e.g. Health Care Card). If you think you may be eligible and have not applied or for further information, please contact the Finance Office.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF)

The Victorian government funding for student camps, sports and excursions is available to parents (or students aged 16 or over) with an eligible Victorian concession card.

Families were sent application forms in November to apply for 2018 funding. If you hold an eligible concession card but have not yet completed an application, please contact the Finance Office.

School Payment Commitment and Conveyance Forms

The School Payment Commitment form carries over each year. If you want to change the way you pay your school fees, you will need to contact the Finance Office as soon as possible.

Conveyance forms for car or bus travel also carry over each year unless there have been changes to your circumstances.

Please contact the Finance Office if you have changed address or travel arrangements, or if you don't believe you have filled out a Conveyance form.

Finance Office Contacts

Phone: 5625 0117

Email: schoolfees@chairo.vic.edu.au

Drouin Campus News

A Note from Judy

Welcome everyone to the start of the 2018 school year! We especially welcome our new staff members, students and families, and trust that it won't take long before you feel part of the Chairo community.

We are committed to building a God-honouring culture at Chairo and encourage students to live the whole of their lives under the Lordship of Jesus. This includes the way they wear their school uniform and their general appearance.

While acknowledging that what is within the heart is more important than what is seen on the surface, it is important to recognise that actual appearance is usually a reflection of heart attitudes. *The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.* 1 Samuel 16:7b

One very practical way in which parents can partner with us is by ensuring that their children are wearing the appropriate school uniform and that their appearance reflects positively upon the school.

Please refer to the *Student Appearance Policy* on Linc or the school website for clarification of expectations regarding student appearance including school-approved uniform, hair, jewellery and make-up.

Please make particular note of the following things:

- Girls only may wear matching plain gold or silver sleepers or studs in their ear lobes, with no more than one per lobe
- Socks should be the correct colour and non-branded
- Garments worn under shirts, skirts and dresses (e.g. T-shirts, skivvies, shorts) should not be visible
- Boys need to have neat, tidy hair that does not touch the eyebrows, collar or bottom of the ear

As there are differences in expectations in different sections of the school, please ask the appropriate Head of School if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping our students represent their school well by wearing their uniform well.

We hope that 2018 will be a year in which your children flourish at Chairo.

Judy Linossier, Principal

New Parent Coffee & Dessert Night

All Drouin and Drouin East parents whose children have commenced at Chairo this year, or commenced during 2017, are invited to attend a coffee and dessert evening at the Drouin East Campus on Thursday 22 February, from 7.30 pm. This will be an opportunity to meet other new parents, as well as some staff members and Board members. Invitations will be distributed shortly.

Ficifolia Festival

Chairo participates in Drouin's Ficifolia Festival street parade most years, with many members of the school community walking behind the big yellow CHAIRO letters. Our involvement requires a significant commitment by staff members and families, and planning usually commences before the end of the previous year. While this is always an enjoyable community activity, it has been decided to take a break from walking in the parade this year.

Device Rollout and Information Evening

All Years 7 and 10 students and families, as well as those in Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 who are new to Chairo in 2018, are required to attend a device rollout and information evening from 7.00 pm on Wednesday 7 February in Tyson Hall. The evening will include information sessions and workshops for students and parents on responsible ownership, network usage and cyber safety. New devices will also be distributed to students.

Chairo PARENT PRAYER

DROUIN CAMPUS

Mondays, 9.00–10.00 am

Central Administration Building

Parents are warmly invited to attend,
whether regularly or just when available

Prayer requests can also be emailed
to prayer@chairo.vic.edu.au or text
Melissa Rumble on 0439 694 444 or
Medon Loupis on 0448 560 643

Senior School News

House Swimming Carnival

The Senior School House Swimming Carnival will be held at the Drouin outdoor swimming pool on Tuesday 13 February. Students will be bused to the venue, and first events will start from 10.00 am.

Canteen facilities will be available for hot lunches and snacks. Sports uniform must be worn to and from school. However, students may change into their house-coloured tee shirt upon arrival at school.

Students are reminded to bring their bathers, towels, drink bottles, lunch, snacks, canteen money (if they wish) and house-coloured attire. Parents are more than welcome to come along to spectate. If you would like for your child to be dismissed from the pool, please bring a note to give to your child's homeroom teacher.

Middle School News

A Note from Annette

Students started well yesterday. All classes seem very settled with their new teachers, with lots of smiles all round. I think we are all very thankful that we were able to commence school with bearable temperatures, rather than enduring the heat we had earlier in the week.

Students and staff members had a fun assembly in the courtyard, where we played one game to challenge our three new teachers and another to focus on our Clay topic of *acceptance*. We also welcomed and congratulated our house captains.

There is nothing like the feeling of opening new books and pencils, and setting up your school equipment. This took up a chunk of time during the first day. Students also played fun games and did activities designed to build a positive culture in classrooms and to help students get to know each other.

Please make sure you have read the newsletter that I emailed out to all families a week ago. There are important dates and information in there that are coming up soon, such as parent teacher interviews and a computer information night that all Year 7 parents need to attend.

We are looking forward to a busy and educational term ahead!

Annette Martin, Head of Middle School



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Junior School News

A Note from Janet

A big welcome back to all our students and families at the Drouin East Campus! We trust that God has kept you safe over the holiday break and has blessed your family with some special memories.

It is lovely to see our students refreshed and rested, ready to embark on the new school year. An extra welcome to our new students and their families. We trust that you will all feel welcome in our school, and pray that you will build friendships quickly within the community.

This term, we are happy to welcome Hannah French (ELC teacher), Jacqui Johnson (Year 2 teacher), Janene Williams (librarian) and Suzie Scali (office) to the Junior School family. We look forward to getting to know them!

The following well-known staff members are still with us, but have changed roles: Eleanor Carpenter is now a learning support teacher and Anna Wiggs is a learning support assistant for Prep.

We have many events planned for Term 1, kicking off with our Family Picnic on Friday evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet new families, and to reconnect with current families. Classrooms will be open for viewing between 6.30 and 7.00 pm, and teachers will also be available to introduce themselves. Tea and coffee will be provided, but please BYO picnic meal to share with your family.

At Chairo, we aim to honour God by working in close partnership with parents. Classroom teachers are available before and after school, and are keen to help you in any way. You are also welcome to make a time to see me if the need arises. I will try to make myself available at Chairo Café on Friday mornings, so please introduce yourself to me.

Think of ways to encourage one another in outbursts of love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24

Janet King, Head of Junior School

Canteen

The canteen at Drouin East will operate each Friday in 2018. As they say, many hands make light work! If you are available to help out, please contact Rachel Ball on 0403 822 845. A current price list is available on Linc and the school website.

Afternoon Busing

In the afternoon at Drouin East, the teacher on bus duty marks off each bus student on a roll. If your child catches a bus, we expect them to be on that bus unless we receive notification from you, ideally before 1.30 pm. If we do not hear from you, then we will assume your child is to get on the bus.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We conduct Parent Teacher Interviews in Terms 1 and 3 to allow parents the opportunity to meet, and talk to, their children's core teacher and to discuss their children and how they are progressing on their educational journey.

This term, 15-minute interviews at Drouin East will take place on Thursday 8 February from 3.30–5.30 pm and on Tuesday 13 February from 3.30–8.30 pm.

All interviews will be booked online via Parent Teacher Online. A letter will be sent home in the coming week with further instructions regarding the booking process.

Transportation

Please note that the bus loop is strictly a no-drop-off zone. It is solely for our bus services. The drop-off zone in the lower car park is also a strictly no-standing zone. Please do not park and leave your car in these areas at any time.

If you are picking up someone else's children, or having your child picked up by someone else, the office needs either written or verbal confirmation of the arrangements. We cannot release children into the care of non-custodial adults without this permission.

Assemblies in Term 1

As Term 1 is very busy, with many different activities planned, we are unable to run our usual assemblies. Instead, we will be running mini assemblies on a Monday afternoon from 2.30–3.10 pm. For more information, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Car Park Safety

It is important to remember a few things:

- There are many young children moving around the campus. As we know, children can be unpredictable and do not always look where they are going.
- The speed restriction in our car park is 10 km/h.
- Even though drivers are aware of other cars when backing out of a car park or pulling out of the drop off zone, we need to be particularly aware of pedestrians.
- The car park is a busy place so please take the extra time to ensure all children and parents are safe and cared for.
- If you intend to have extended conversations with another parent after pick-up ensure that your children are safely seated in your care.
- Please refrain from leaving any children unattended in your car.



CHAIRO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DROUIN EAST

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR

Family Picnic!

Friday 2nd February 6-8pm

Bring a picnic dinner with your family. This is a great time to meet new families and spend time with one another!

BYO EVERYTHING. TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED



SWIMMING LESSONS YEARS 2-4

**SESSION 1 DATES/TIMES: MON 5, WED 7,
MON 12, TUES 13, FRI 16, MON 19**

10:30-11:15AM: 2KMR
11:15-12:00PM: 2JJN
12:30PM-1:15PM: 3LST
1:15PM-2:00PM: 3/4 FB
2:00PM-2:45PM: 3/4 DW

SESSION 2 DATES/TIMES: FRI 9 & WED 14

10:30-11:15AM: 3/4 FB
11:15AM-12:00PM: 3/4DW
12:30PM-1:15PM: 3LST
1:15PM- 2:00PM:2KMR
2:00PM- 2:45PM: 2JJN

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