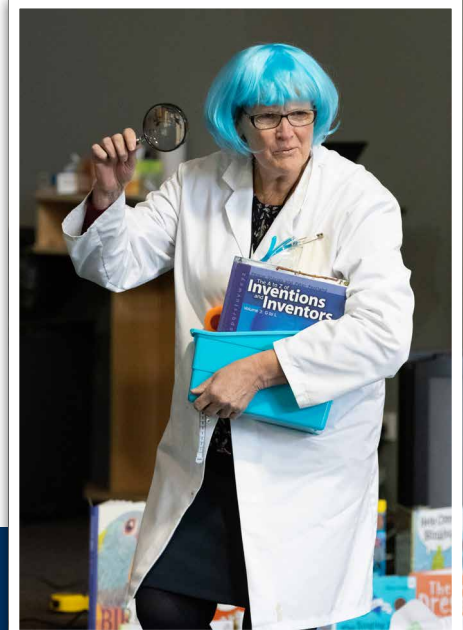


23 August 2019

# Rejoice!



The Pakenham Campus production of *The Pajama Game* showcased the talents of many students and staff members.



Chair of  
Christian School

*Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 CSB**

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVERY STUDENT

In the previous edition of *Rejoice!*, I talked about the hope that we have as a school: *To see Christ's redemptive impact in the world through the capability, character and commitment of our students.* I trust that you were able to see just how big that hope is.

As with any big hopes, it is easy to want quick, or even instant, results. However developing the capability, character and commitment of anyone doesn't occur overnight. As people who work in partnership (parents/guardians and the school), we need to remember this as we work together in the development of every student.

**Firstly, we need to be prepared to work over a long period of time.** I don't know about you, but God has been working in and on me—refining, shaping, sanctifying—over a very long time, and He isn't finished yet! This is the same for our students.

I recall the day that I watched, as a proud and excited dad, as my first child took his first steps. It was easy to think that he had finally made it, after twelve long months, having achieved the task of walking. Yet his stability, speed and safety took many more years to develop and perfect, little by little.

Whatever the capability, character trait or commitment we are talking about in a student, slow progress or development, over time, will be the reality. As those watching on, working in partnership, we will need to encourage each other that it will take time.

**Secondly, we need to be prepared for failure along the way.** Again using the example of my son's growth as a walker on two legs, failures along the way are to be expected. They didn't just occur in his walking, but as he learnt to hop and jump and skip and run ... and run while kicking a ball! And even when he and I thought that he was quite skilful (think Year 9 athletics), there were still falls, trips and slips when trying to put it all together (think almighty tangle with a hurdle in the final of a steeplechase event!).

No matter the age and stage of our student's development, attempts that end in seeming failure will be what we need to expect, and also prepare our own children for. This is all part of the journey.

**Finally, we need to believe that God is at work.** While the failure to safely navigate a hurdle in a race seemed like a major catastrophe at the time, God was quietly working out other things in the life of my son—patience, acceptance, dealing well with disappointment and so on. What I saw as success (a quick race, staying with the pack, finishing toward the front) was in fact very shortsighted. God had other (even bigger and better) outcomes for my son. He was preparing him for the race of life, not success in a school carnival.

I am discovering that the times when I feel most disappointed or let down by particular outcomes are in fact the times when God is working silently and sovereignly to do a bigger work. Again, we need to encourage each other, as partners, that God never fails. He is working all things out for good for those who love Him.

**Simon Matthews, Executive Principal**

## CLAY TOPIC – PURITY

My wife and I have been watching the SBS series *The Hunting*. It is a harrowing and tragically realistic account of teenage online behaviour, including 'sexting' and its consequences.

It makes me glad that the next topic in our series of homeroom devotions, with which we will finish this term, is **purity**.

In the Bible, to be pure is to be 'clean', or 'without sin', or 'acceptable to God'. The foundation and source of our purity is God Himself, who purifies us in and through Jesus Christ:

*... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ... If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* **1 John 1:7–9**

It is Jesus who makes us pure. Jesus' followers then seek to 'become what we are'; we live lives that reflect the purity that God has won for us in Christ.

How can parents help their children to be, and to remain, pure in this decadent world?

First and foremost, we can model the joy and blessings of purity in our own lives. The Psalmist prays: *You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.* **Psalm 16:11**

If that is true, then a life of purity is the *best* life. How can we show our children that we believe that, and that we live by that?

Second, we teach the *consequences* of purity:

*Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?*

*Who may stand in his holy place?*

*The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol*

*or swear by a false god.*

*They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Saviour.* **Psalm 24:3–5**

Our culture says that God is a cosmic killjoy whose rules are a straightjacket. But God's people know that it is our secular culture that is the prison, and that God, in Christ, is the Great Liberator. May we and our students know, and be empowered to practice, the joy of purity.

**Medon Loupis, Senior Chaplain**



## CHAIRO COOKBOOK — TRIED, TESTED AND TRUE

A book that includes the story behind a little cookbook published thirty years ago to raise money for Chairo has placed in the top three in a prestigious international award.

The *Chairo Family Recipe Book* was produced in 1988, just five years after the school began, and featured simple recipes contributed as part of a range of activities to support the school in the early years.

Author Liz Harfull tells the Chairo story on a couple of pages in her latest book, *Tried Tested and True*, which celebrates Australian community cookbooks and the volunteers who compiled them.

The collection of stories and classic recipes recently received a prize in the **Gourmand Awards**, the food culture equivalent of the Olympics. The 2019 round honouring the world's best food and wine publications attracted thousands of entries from more than 200 countries.

*Tried Tested and True* was the Australian winner in two categories, and was then shortlisted at an international level for the food heritage category and claimed third prize.

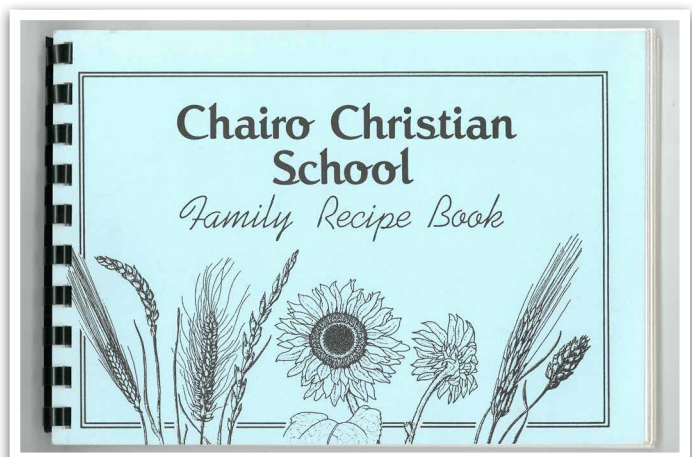
As part of her research, Liz reviewed close to one-thousand community cookbooks, visiting public and private collections, op shops and secondhand book stores across the country.

The best-selling author from the Adelaide Hills eventually selected about sixty to feature, including the Chairo book, which she came across in the State Library of Victoria.

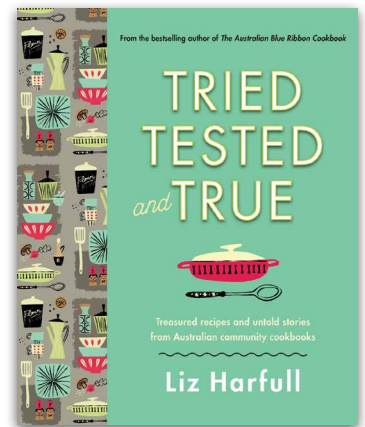
'My focus was cookbooks produced to raise money for worthy causes, covering a period of about 100 years, starting in the 1890s,' Liz said.

'Many of the books were humble publications but they were popular because they came with a promise. People knew the recipes would be reliable because they were usually donated by people with a reputation for being excellent home cooks.'

Liz said a classic example was the meatloaf recipe with a cheesy topping that she featured in *Tried Tested and True*, as the signature dish representing the Chairo cookbook.



It was originally contributed by parent Kath Jarred, who also helped to teach craft and provide additional support for a disabled student at the school. Kath shared with Liz some extra tips for making the recipe and her memories of Chairo in those early years.



*Tried Tested and True* is available through Australian bookshops (RRP \$39.99) or direct from the author. For more information, visit [lizharfull.com](http://lizharfull.com). There is also a copy in the library at the Drouin Campus.

## CAMPS AT CHAIRO

We have a history of offering a rich and diverse camps program at Chairo. Our camps range from the city to the sea, exploring the mountains and discovering more about our amazing country.

Camps are often seen as times of fun and adventure, but the rationale behind a strong camps program is broader than just the games and amusement. The experience offered by Chairo camps extends beyond the capacity of the classroom walls.

Many teachers and students have commented about the value of deepening relationships on camps, as the group members learn to build trust in one another and increase their understanding and appreciation of the differences between individuals. Camps allow students to engage with selected curriculum outcomes and gain a deeper understanding.

For example, students don't just learn in their classrooms about Canberra's history, government and voting. They understand these ideas better as they experience our nation's capital for themselves, enter the Houses of Parliament and participate in a mock ballot count. At Sovereign Hill, students better grasp Victoria's gold mining history. At Phillip Island, they learn about wildlife and the ocean.

When students participate in the many outdoor adventure camps offered at each campus, such as hikes at Wilson's Promontory, they learn to challenge themselves, persevere and work together as a team.

At Coolamatong and Mill Valley Ranch, some camps have an indigenous education session and some learn about environment and sustainability, while others focus on skills in the bush, on the water or even on horseback.

Regardless of the location, camps provide a real life opportunity to connect with curriculum concepts, together with having a memorable, fun and challenging experience!

**Naomi Bakker, Head of Teaching & Learning (Traralgon)**

## GOVERNANCE NEWS

### Board Changes

Christopher Dean, who commenced serving on the Chairó Board in 2012, resigned in June this year because he is now undertaking training in Melbourne in preparation for overseas mission work. Chris played an extremely important role on the Board for more than seven years. New Board member Marcus van Heijst has now replaced Chris as Treasurer.

### Association General Meeting

The next general meeting of our Association, which operates all Chairó campuses, will be held at the Drouin Campus on Thursday 14 November from 7.30 pm. All parents/guardians and staff members are encouraged to attend what will be an informative and enjoyable evening. More information will be provided soon.

### Full membership

Full members of our Association are able to vote at general meetings and nominate others for election to serve on the Board. Current parents/guardians who are Christians and fully supportive of our Articles of Faith, and who have been associate members for at least six months, 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 2020? 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 Chairó parent for at least six months, and cannot be a staff member.

Elections will be held at the general meeting on Thursday 14 November. Nominations would be appreciated by the end of this term, although will be accepted until Tuesday 8 October. Forms are available from Caroline Weatherhead (cweatherhead@chairó.vic.edu.au) or Darryl Martin (dmartin@chairó.vic.edu.au).

## SIBLING ENROLMENTS

If you have younger children that you would like to enrol to commence at Chairó in 2020, 2021 or 2022—whether for K3 or K4 Kinder, Prep or other year levels—please contact Fiona Powell on 5625 4600 (Drouin East and Drouin), Hannah Sollberger on 5942 5632 (Pakenham), Wendy Nyhuis on 5662 4355 (Leongatha), Tonya Russell on 5173 0500 (Traralgon) or email your enquiry to enrolments@chairó.vic.edu.au. It is important that families do this as soon as possible so we can reserve a spot for you before offering places to new families.

## EXIT REQUIREMENTS REMINDER

Parents are reminded that a full term's notice is required if you wish to end your child's enrolment at Chairó for any reason. If this notice is not given, fees for the notice period will be charged unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If financial pressures are a concern, you are encouraged to contact our finance department prior to contemplating change. In most cases, we are able to assist families to continue to enjoy and benefit from a Chairó education. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Contact Details

Has your address or any other contact details changed? It's important that the school has current information for all families.

### Facebook

Are you following us on Facebook? We have pages for each campus, and regular posts provide a bit of a window into the school.



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### Buy and Sell

Have you joined the Chairó Buy and Sell group on Facebook? [bit.ly/chairobuyandsell](https://bit.ly/chairobuyandsell).




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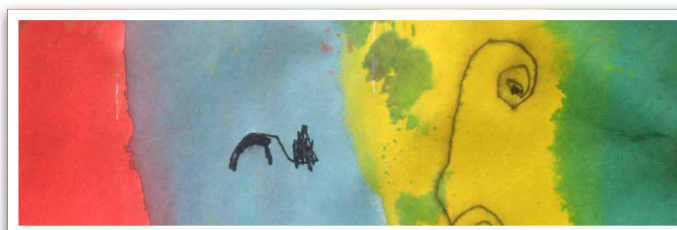
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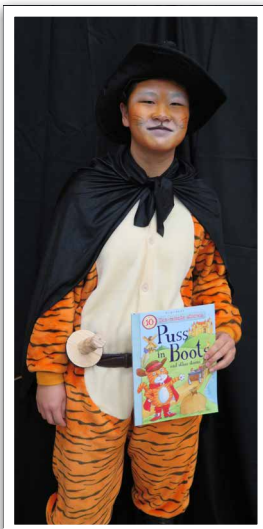
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## DROUIN & DROUIN EAST

### A Busy Term

So much has happened in the first half of Term 3! Thank you to all students, parents/guardians and staff members who have worked together to achieve such wonderful outcomes.

We are grateful to parents/guardians of students at the Drouin and Drouin East campuses who attended parent/teacher interviews to receive feedback about their child's learning, and to find out how they can continue to partner with teachers.

Thank you to the many parents/guardians and students who braved the rain to attend the Senior School Expo in order to gain a greater understanding of Senior School subject offerings and programs.

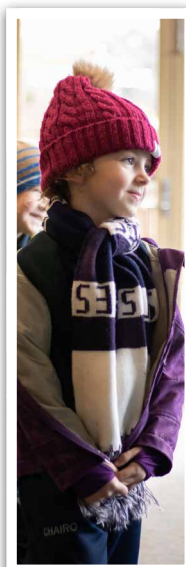
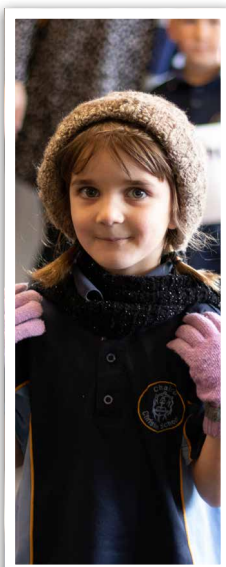
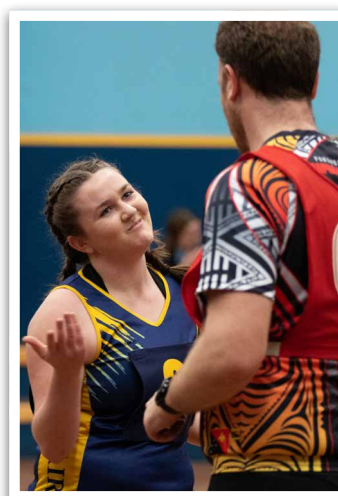
There have been multiple sporting events, an interschool chess tournament, various excursions, an author visit, ten and twenty year reunions, swimming lessons, first aid training for Year 8 students, National Science Week, Book Week, Father's Day stalls and more.

We continue to be grateful for The Balfour, which has been the venue for wonderful performances such as the Hohidiai Choir and the Middle School production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. And Junior School students have been busy getting ready for their concert, which will be held in The Balfour later this term.

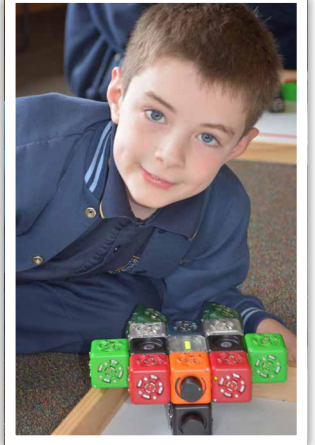
Next week, Years 7 and 8 students will be involved in Challenge Week, Year 10 students will be doing work experience and Year 11 students will be skiing and snowboarding at Mt Hotham. Before the term has finished, students will also be involved in activities such as ArtzFest, Junior School Indonesian Day, VCE Music Recital, Year 8 camp at Coolamatong, Year 10 camps, Senior School Cultural Day and Senior School Social.

We still have much to look forward to in the weeks ahead!

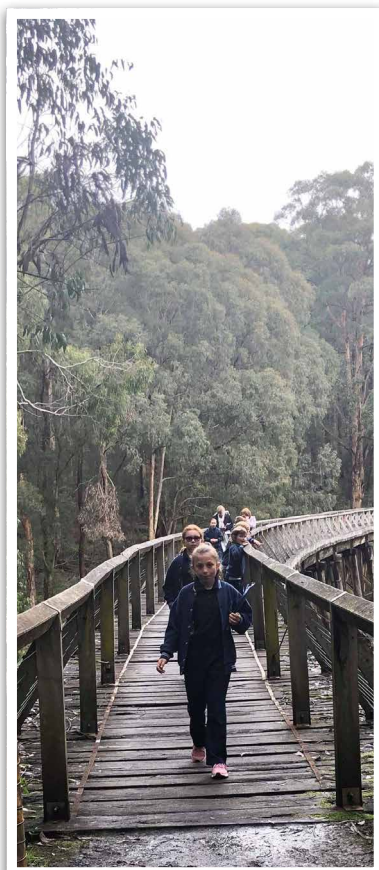
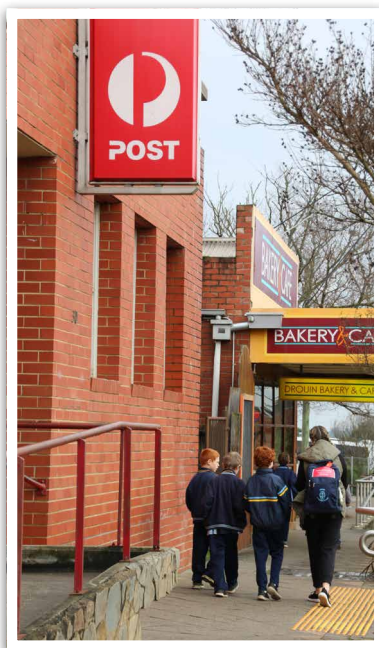
**Judy Linossier, Principal (Drouin)**







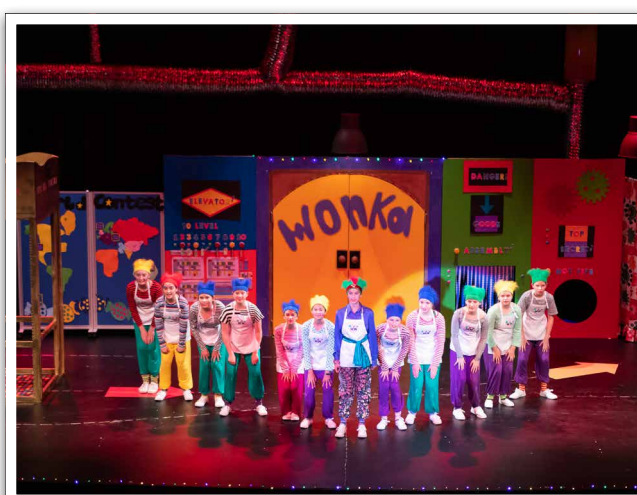
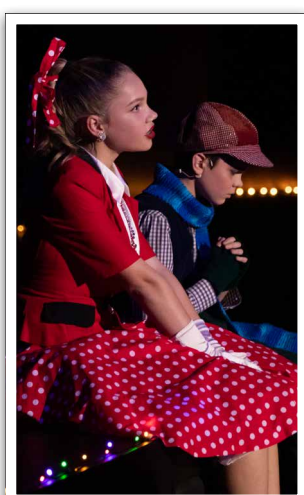
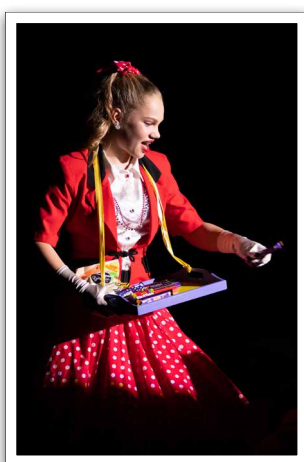




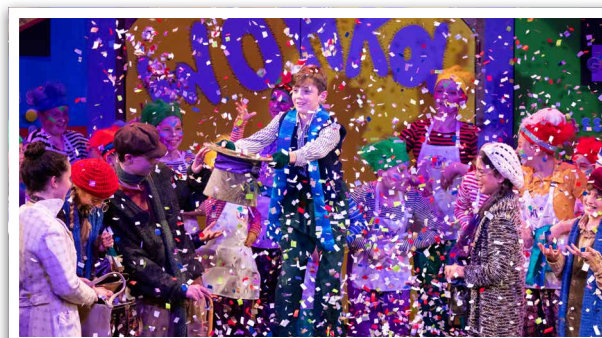




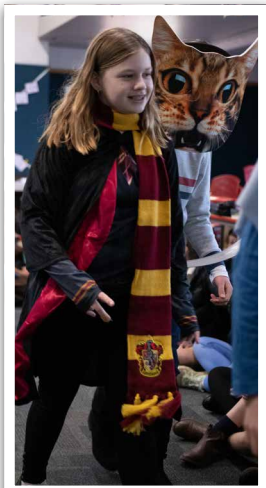
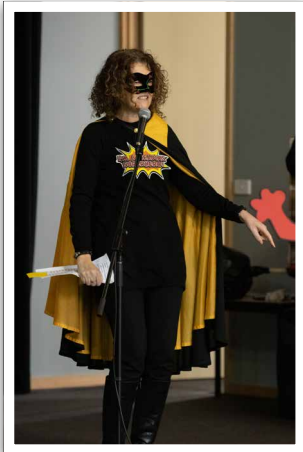














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