

28 November 2019

Rejoice!



Staff members at Leongatha wound back the clock as part of celebrations for the final day at the campus for Year 10 students.



Chairo
Christian School

... the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'

Luke 2:10 NIV

GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of the Chairo Association was held in The Balfour at the Drouin Campus on Thursday 14 November, with just over seventy people attending.

Local pastor (and Chairo parent) Steve Jones shared a devotion about student transformation based on Ezekiel 37:1–6 and students Esther Clarke and Seth Calway performed a couple of songs.

Head of Teaching & Learning at Drouin, Shelly Beamish, reported on this year's CEN ITEC Conference, while Pete Wells and Judy Linossier thanked and farewelled long-serving senior staff members Jane Ward and Pete Hill.

Roger Simons reported about the school's current financial position and capital expenditure for 2019, and also spoke about the budget and proposed capital projects for next year. Simon Matthews shared about the importance of partnership at Chairo and spoke about a new Partnership at Chairo brochure before showing a video about our core value of partnership.

Jeff Calway thanked Chris Dean and Allan Piening for their service on the Board, noting that both men had resigned during the year due to other commitments, and thanked Ian Gawler for his service to the school over many years, including as Chairman of both the Finance Committee and Board Development Committee.

The election of Board members was conducted, with Louise Hood being re-elected to serve a further three-year term and Justin Groenewaldt being elected to commence in January and serve a three-year term.

Guest speaker Michelle Dempsey from CEN (Christian Education National) spoke about the things that she delights in at CEN schools and then commended

Jeff Calway for the way in which he had led the school as Board Chair and thanked him for his service.

The meeting closed with past-Chair Denise Spink thanking Jeff for his long and active Board service and highlighted some of the key stages of Chairo's growth during his time on the Board. Presentations were made to Jeff and his wife Merron, and the evening concluded with an enjoyable time of fellowship over supper in the Bray Gallery.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

In the previous edition of *Rejoice!*, I spoke about the new document recently released by the Board titled *Partnership at Chairo*. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to view this document, I encourage you to review it at chairo.vic.edu.au/pdf/Enrolment/Partnership%20at%20Chairo.pdf.

Expectations for Parent Conduct

In addition to this partnership document, the Board has also developed a *Parent Code of Conduct* that will come into effect from the commencement of 2020.

While the partnership document details how the school and parents/guardians will work together to nurture and educate children, the *Parent Code of Conduct* seeks to clearly and specifically set expectations about how parents/guardians will conduct themselves within the school community.

But Why?

You may be wondering why there is a need for such a document at this time. The first reason is simply that new Victorian legislation that came into effect this year requires all registered schools to have, display and communicate such a document.

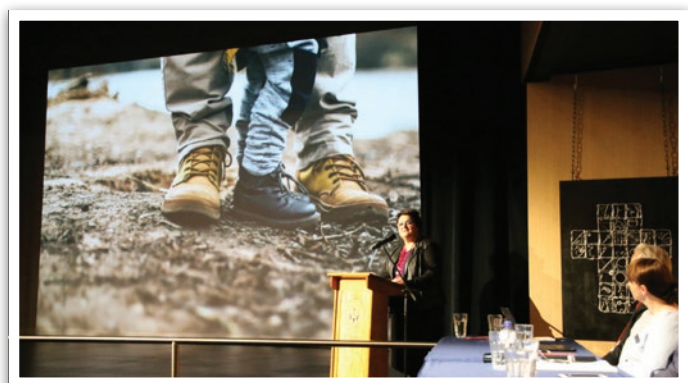
But this is not the only reason that the Board felt this would be a helpful and instructive document to develop and implement. The Board, in its attempt to lead with clarity and purpose, felt that the time was right to introduce a clear set of expectations for parents and guardians across the school, much like we do for staff members and students.

As you would know from living in a family, and being a part of other communities, it is a whole lot easier to communicate and understand clear expectations from the beginning, rather than trying to understand and argue about what is meant and expected after the fact.

For this reason, the Board embraced this opportunity to be clear and consistent in spelling out their expectations in this area of our school.

This document will come into effect from the beginning of 2020 and will form part of agreements for new enrolments from that point onwards. I would encourage you to have a look at this new document for yourself at chairo.vic.edu.au/pdf/dl/Parent%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf.

Simon Matthews, Executive Principal



FINDING BALANCE WITH YOUR TEENAGER

Being a parent is hard work. We are responsible for raising young men and women to understand God's purpose for their life and to live in accordance with his teachings.

Proverbs 22:6 reminds us that we are to 'train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it'.

So how do we find the balance between trust and freedom, especially as our babies grow and become teenagers?

If we rule with too much authority and forget to lead with love, we are likely to see some form of rebellion. However, if we give too much freedom and not enough direction, our children are likely to feel unsupported and may lose their way.

Annie Wylie, from Reach Out Australia, describes seven tips for setting clear boundaries for teenagers. Details for each suggestion can be found at themodernparent.net/trust-versus-freedom-finding-balance-with-your-teenager.

- Boundaries and curfews should grow with your teenager
- Be clear about your expectations
- Let them choose their own hobbies
- Let them decide their own look
- Give them areas where they are in control
- Include them in big decisions
- Give them opportunities to develop experience

Biblical parenting requires us 'to establish an atmosphere in which God's wisdom, patience and grace can be applied' (allaboutparenting.org).

We need to exercise our own self-control when providing discipline and keep the example that God sets for us at the forefront of our mind. Our children need to learn how to make responsible decisions, even when we can't be there.

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. **Hebrews 12:11 NIV**

Let us work towards producing a rich harvest in the lives of our children.

Jane Ward, Head of Teaching & Learning (Pakenham)

UNIFORM SHOP EXTRA DAYS

The Perm-a-Pleat uniform shops at the Drouin and Pakenham campuses will be open on extra days from this week until school resumes next year. Details are available via the Uniform page on the school website.

Drouin: chair.vic.edu.au/pdf/Uniform/Permapleat%20Drouin%20Extra%20Hours.pdf

Pakenham: chair.vic.edu.au/pdf/Uniform/Permapleat%20Pakenham%20Extra%20Hours.pdf

CLAY TOPIC — SUBMISSION

To end the year, all students have been exploring *Submission* as the topic for their class devotions.

In the Bible, the way things work is that leaders exist in order to *serve*, following the example of Jesus (John 13, Mark 10:42–25). The people they serve then *submit* to those servant leaders. In other words, they accept and support the leadership and authority of the people whom God has put over them to serve them.

That is *totally* counter-cultural. As our culture continues its drift away from its Christian foundations, we are slowly losing hold of the biblical idea that leaders exist to serve, and that those under them should prayerfully support and uphold them in their leadership.

But God's word teaches us that submission and being Spirit-filled go together!

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:18–21 ESV

For our students, submission almost always equals obedience (Ephesians 6:1–4). But more than that, it equals *willing*—even *joyful*—obedience, knowing that God calls us to submit to those who serve us because it is a blessing to do so.

My prayer is that, in our community, those who lead will lead with faithfulness and servant-heartedness, and that those who submit to them will do so prayerfully, willingly and joyfully.

Medon Loupis, Senior Chaplain

ESAFETY GIFT GUIDE

Be smart and secure when choosing tech gifts for children and young people this year with the eSafety Gift Guide at esafety.gov.au/parents/gift-guide.

The guide helps inform parents and carers about what to look out for with tech gifts and provides practical advice on how to stay safe, including setting strong passwords, turning off location settings and limiting the amount of personal information shared.

Check the safety of popular tech gifts like drones, smart toys, smartphones, tablets and even wearables for pets before making your purchases this holiday season.

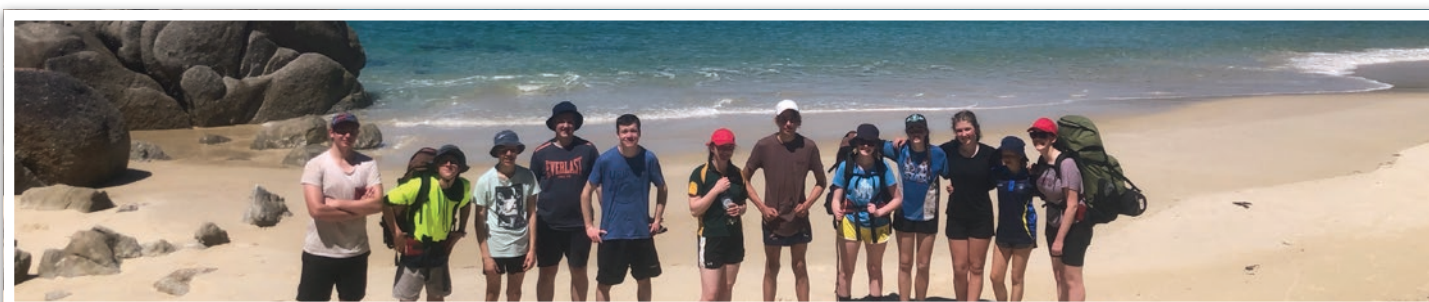
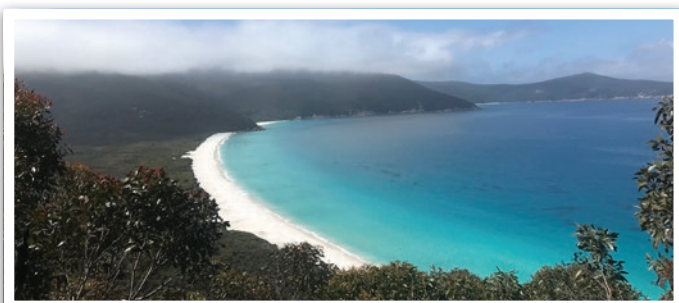
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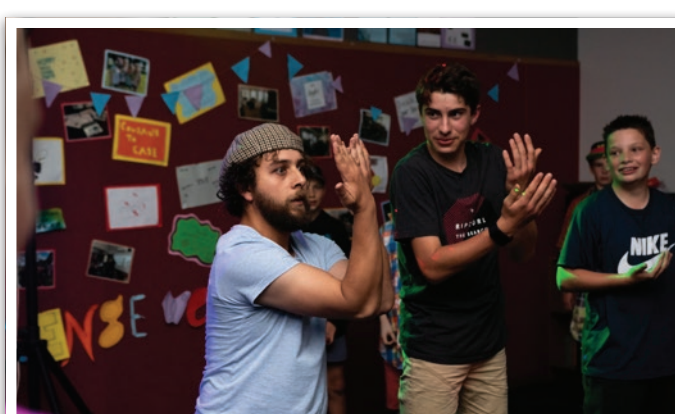
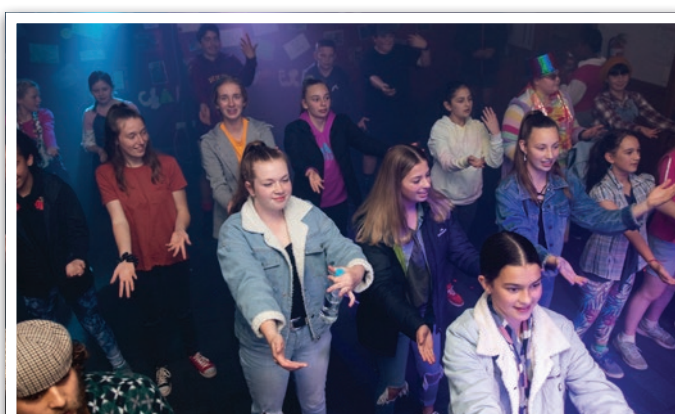
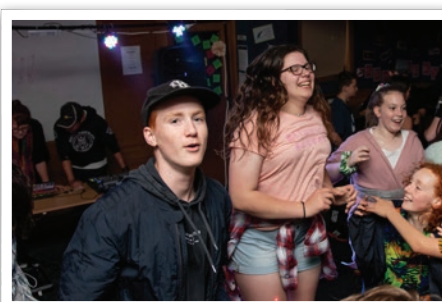
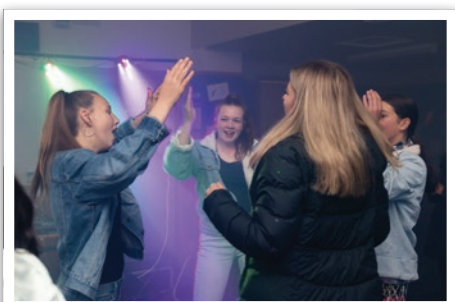
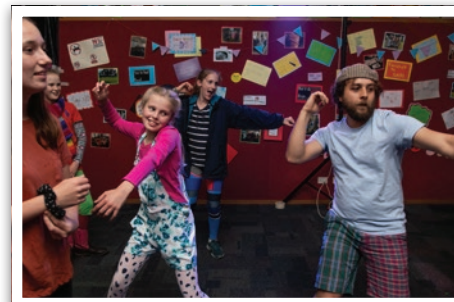
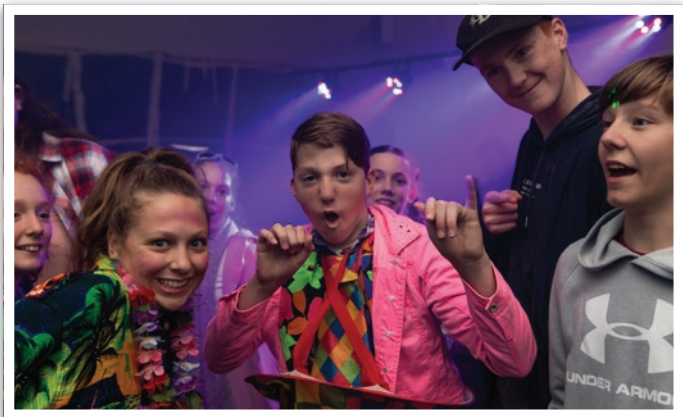




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Celebrating 2019

As we approach the end of the 2019 school year, I am thankful for the many ways in which parents and guardians have partnered with staff members to support our students in their learning. It's wonderful to see how much has been achieved by everyone this year.

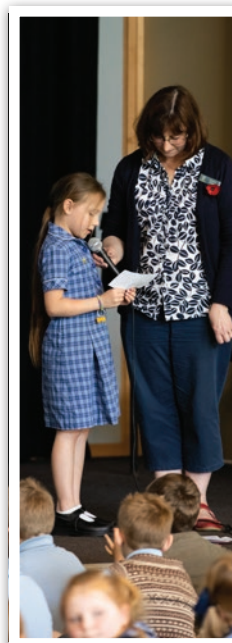
These achievements extend from the academic to sporting endeavours, creative arts, performing arts and the numerous camps, excursions and events that have taken place.

I had the opportunity to visit the BATS team at Maryborough last weekend as they took part in the annual Energy Breakthrough event. It was evident that the success of this experience is due to the hard work, dedication and collaboration of students, staff members and parents/guardians. It was a beautiful example of how we achieve so much because of the dedication of so many who work as a team, both upfront and behind the scenes.

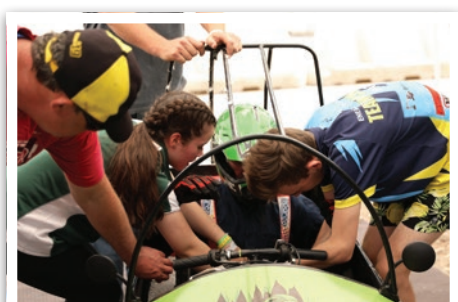
Our students have learnt much, and many have grown in their faith and demonstrated great character, over the year. We recently congratulated our Year 12 students at their Valedictory Dinner for completing their educational journey and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of all our students in the coming weeks.

May the upcoming holidays be a time of rest and refreshment for you and your family. This Christmas, may you find a quiet place in your heart to worship the Lamb of God ... to celebrate the coming King.

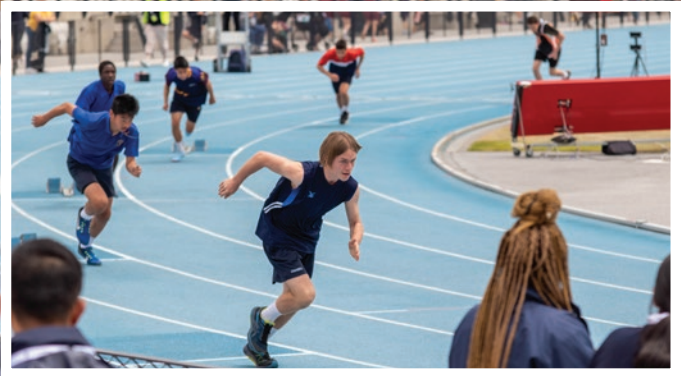
Judy Linossier, Principal

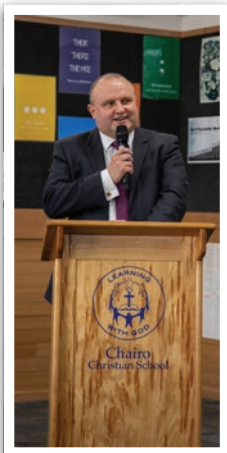






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