

Headmaster



FAREWELL 2019

Term 4 has been busy as we compress all our activities into a shorter amount of time. It has been a productive year which seems to have flown past. We began the year with the devastating

flooding which impacted so many of our families on top of the drought that is still crippling vast stretches of Australia. Australians are a resilient lot but the relentless nature of the drought conditions are wearing our regional communities down.

Despite the difficult times, the school community has pulled together and has become even stronger. The students have had many successes which we spoke about at our celebratory functions at the end of the term. I am very proud of their achievements.

At the end of the year there are students and families that move and we wish those students and their families all the very best at their new schools.

END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

Semester 2 reports for Junior School and Years 7, 8 & 9 have been completed emailed to parents. Congratulations to all the students that aimed to do their best and thank you to the staff for their dedication in assisting our young people on their journey.

Congratulations also to our Junior School students. Each week I look forward to attending their assembly where I have an opportunity to hear their class presentations and present a range of awards. This year, Year 12 students took it in turns to come down to assembly and assist with the presentations which was a great initiative from the Seniors. Thanks to the staff for preparing the awards each week and for providing the gifts such as books, pencils and prize draws that the children look forward to.

The Junior School concert was full of excitement and energy and I thank the students for their performance and the staff for their dedication in preparing such a big event at the busy end of year. One of the last events was the Year 6 Graduation which was held at the Golf Club. The Graduation provided an opportunity for the Junior School to say good bye to the Year 6 students who were then welcomed into the Senior School by next year's Captains Michael and Camryn.

FACILITIES UPGRADES

We have achieved a great deal throughout the year in terms of facility upgrades. With such a big campus it does feel a bit like painting the harbour bridge. One major development was the rebuilding of the Millett Tennis Courts, named in honour of Frank Millett, past Deputy Head and ex Rat of Tobruk in WWII. The courts are first class and have pride of place at the entrance of the school. The Dr Jock Allingham lights, built in 2018, were officially launched at reunion weekend this year with a spectacular 20/20 game featuring past and present students. The school is

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Dux of the School for 2019, Sean Smith with his mother Jodie Collins

very grateful to the Allingham family for their support of the project.

There are a number of projects on the list for the Christmas break and hopefully we will get through most of them.

ENROLMENTS 2020

There has been strong interest in the school for 2020 and we will experience some growth. Boarding numbers will be in the 180s which is quite remarkable for a small country school. We remain the 4th largest co-educational Anglican Boarding School in Australia.

I would encourage families who have students to join us in 2021 to contact the school in the New Year to arrange for an interview in order to secure their position.

YEAR 12

Year 12 students finished on Friday 15 November with the Mass of God Speed and the Valedictory Dinner. Once again, we held the dinner in the Jim Rebgetz Centre, which was transformed from the location of Preliminary Prize Giving into a grand function room. Many thanks to Miss Jess Marley and her team of staff and students helpers. After the excitement of finishing, students now face the reality of job hunting, getting ready for apprenticeships to commence in the New Year and waiting for their results to be published.

We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing of their successes.

STAFF

As the year comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on further staffing changes, some of which have been previously announced.

Leaving us at the end of the year will be:

Denis & Margaret Riddle
Long Service Leave/retirement
Peta Polsen
Alison McGuire
Retirement
Kristen Leo
Minjar Gold
Matt Cuckson
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace
Tom Baldwin
Downlands College,
Toowoomba
Teneil Smale
Relocation Bundaberg
Natalie Mains
Relocation Tasmania

Jordan Bensemman & Renee Smith will be on Maternity Leave.

We thank all these staff who have contributed to the life of the school and the wider Charters Towers community and wish them well for the future.

Joining us in 2020 will be:

Roberta Hogg
English/Humanities
Sally Clark
Junior School Teacher Aide
Kelsie Campbell
HPE
Deb Jensen-Sellars
Junior School Music and Learning Enrichment
Jane Thomas
Science
Will Lukeman
English/Humanities
Peta Miliauskas
Year 3

We are still interviewing for residential relief staff, cleaning staff and Indigenous Support/Teachers Aide.

Changes to roles:

Marilyn Toohey returns from Long Service Leave and will teach Junior Secondary.

Tonya Peagham will move back to Pre Prep.

Beth Lessells will be Acting Year 8/9 Co-ordinator.

Matt Weston (Head of Humanities and Head of Feetham House).

Ron Sellars (Head of Page House).

Charters Towers Regional Council Performing Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee

This term, the Charters Towers Regional Council sought community members to help establish a new advisory committee to assist with the region's performing arts and cultural program.

The Performing Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee will provide advice to Council on arts and cultural issues that will shape the region and meet the interests of a variety of demographics.

Cr Graham Lohmann said the Committee will enable the community and Council to work together to improve the performing arts and cultural programs provided by Council in our Region.

"By establishing this Committee; it will allow us to work together in a coordinated approach to advise on future decision making on performing arts and cultural matters."

"The committee will be made up of community members with a wide range of interests, experience and understanding of the arts and cultural aspects of our Region. This will allow the Committee to provide informed quality advice to Council on the performing arts and cultural expectations desires and aspirations of our diverse community."

"Through the Committee, we also intend to support development of local performing arts and cultural capacity, encourage innovative arts forms and support the community's enjoyment of its performing arts and cultural interests," said Cr Lohmann.

Congratulations to Mrs Wendy Fleming who has been selected as one of four community representatives on the Advisory Committee.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

This will be my last opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all when we return in 2020.

Darren Fleming
Headmaster



Dean of School

Karen Storey

That's a wrap:

What a wonderful year we have had. At times, we were riding the roller coaster of emotions brought on by triumphs and tragedy but as always as a community, we can take great pride in the way we have stuck together and supported each other. Out of the tragedy of the Western flooding early in the year was borne a wonderful opportunity for our students and staff to give back to the affected communities through the Winton Service Trip. This was made possible by generous donations from both the Leo's and Zonta Clubs along with the willingness of students and staff to roll their sleeves up and help out.

As the year progressed, we saw many more examples of the School Motto at work. We also got to see many of our students achieve excellence, success and satisfaction across a range of academic, sporting, cultural, extra-curricular and community pursuits and activities. We again achieved a 'clean sweep' of the three major sporting carnivals, taking home the Inter-School Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Combined Aggregate trophies. Our Cattle Club was victorious, again winning the Champion School Trophy at the Charters Towers Show and the Equestrian team enjoyed many successes. In the Arts, ASSG students shone again. Throughout the year we were treated to many performances of all shapes and sizes ranging from students studying a Certificate IV in Dance thrilling us at Awards Day to Junior School students entertaining us with their singing at the Eisteddfod and everything in between. In addition we were treated to a celebration day where we honoured Br Robin's extraordinary commitment of 70 years Professed as a Brother; what a unique and exceptional achievement.

This year, a number of people provided these extensive activities to our students and have supported me in ensuring that our students a well-balanced array of opportunities. I would especially like to thank; Mr Lionel Hartig – Rural

Activities Co-ordinator; Mrs Kylie Kempster –Head of Arts, Br Nathan - Chaplain and Miss Pia Taylor –Secondary Sports Co-ordinator. Along with the many and varied teaching and ancillary staff we have at Souls these people make my job much easier and ensure that together we can provide the maximal experience and outcomes for our students despite our relatively small school size.

We welcomed over 70 Year 7's to our School in 2019, our biggest intake in the time I have been here. The first few weeks were what could only be described as 'busy' while they found their feet, but beyond that it was like they had been here the whole time. I would personally like to thank Mrs Carol Shadforth, Year 7 Co-ordinator, for all her work in making their transition to Secondary schooling such a smooth one.

While we farewelled a small senior cohort at the end of the year the Senior Class of 2019 should be immensely proud of the legacy they have left at ASSG. Many of them would say their most memorable achievement was continuing the Inter-School Cross Country Winning streak, however, I believe the rapport that they built with all students (from Pre-Prep right up to their classmates) is what made them special. Our senior class spent a considerable amount of time in the Junior School getting to know the younger students along with the staff. This is a legacy we hope to see continued by our senior cohorts the future.

Next year we see a major shift in education in Queensland with the reintroduction of external senior exams. While our current Year 11 students have already done much preparation to ensure that they are ready when Term 4, 2020 rolls around I know these exams will be met with some angst when the time finally arrives.

In addition to these changes All Souls St Gabriels School will also celebrate 100 years of providing vital education to young people in the North. 2020 is shaping up to be a busy and exciting time for our School and I look forward to being a part of the celebrations and history that are associated with these centenary celebrations.

Beginning of 2020:

Classes resume for 2020 on Wednesday 29 January, with the boarders travel day being Tuesday 28 January. Formal uniforms are required to be worn on the first day of classes and as is traditional, the Prefect Induction has been scheduled for 1:30pm on Wednesday 29 January. Parents and friends are invited and more than welcome to attend.

Please ensure that students return to School with all required articles of uniform and equipment required for classes. It is recommended that students just bring a couple of books and their writing equipment for the first day until they receive timetables.

The first Saturday of Term 1 will see students dive into the swimming season with our House Swimming trials to be held at the town pool. Details of these trials will be communicated to students in their tutor groups and House meetings on day 1, Term 1, 2020. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Dean of Students

Wendy Fleming

Seniors

At the final Prefect/Captains meeting for this year, there was an opportunity to reflect upon the journey undertaken by these school leaders. Amber Aspinall, Adam Hensley, Mackenzie Clark, Jordan Dietrich and Casey Flanagan commenced their roles prior to the start of the school year by attending YLead in Townsville. This conference enabled the five of them to clarify a cohesive approach as school leaders for 2019. They distilled the message "Respect Through Unity" as an overarching goal. Through their concerted efforts we have certainly seen stronger links between Junior School and Senior School, through their Tuesday lunchtimes spent in Junior School, a roster of Seniors who attended the weekly Junior School Assembly and support for Junior School activities including Eisteddfod, and House Carnivals. This year's Seniors have also taken

responsibility for the overall organisation of a series of events including Water Day, RUOK Day and Indigenous Literacy Foundation Great Book Swap and shared reading. Their message to the incoming leaders is to make sure you allow a lot of time to organise events and don't leave them until the last minute.

Another hallmark of our Seniors this year has been the cohesiveness and support as an entire group – truly epitomizing Respect Through Unity.

Luke Kennedy

Year 11 and 12 students were able to hear from Luke Kennedy, a motivational speaker whose charismatic manner and strong message resonated clearly with many students. Some of their responses included:

- After listening to Luke I went home and got rid of my social media
- I bought his book even though I don't normally read 'cause what he said made sense
- His message was strong and powerful, like he was really talking to me

Luke's book, Stabbed Ego: A Thugs Journey to Enlightenment, was available for purchase on the day and many students took advantage of that opportunity to have their own copy. Thank you to Lynette Nelis from Charters Towers Police for her advocacy of Luke as a suitable speaker for our students.

Year 7 Orientation

Incoming Year 7 students have been welcomed to ASSG and the Year 11 students showed strong leadership in the way they cared for and interacted with the new students. Thank you to Mrs Shadforth and her team who ensured that this orientation process ran smoothly.

Deputy

Ian Dietrich

The sounds of summer ...

As this edition of our newsletter is published the sounds of summer are being heard – test cricket, Christmas carols and people talking about holidays. To quote a well-known musical "these are a few of my favourite things". These are, however, accompanied by the sounds of busy teachers finalising marking and reporting, staff completing end of year paperwork tasks and my sore head ticking away at a timetable for the next calendar year!

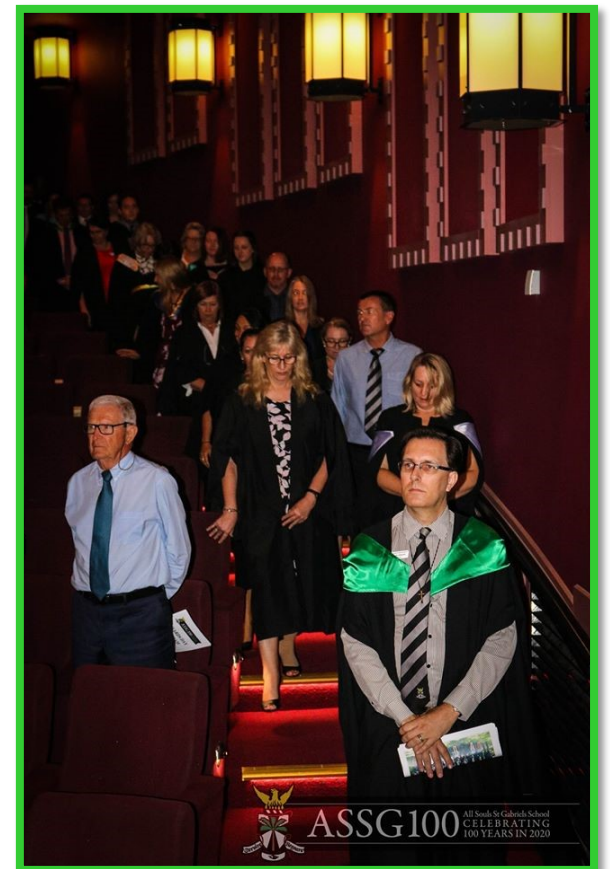
Staff allocations for 2020 in the Senior (and Junior) School teaching ranks is well underway. As more and more of the staffing jigsaw puzzle is known, I am able to attempt to do the best I can for our students and staff in the timetable allocations for 2020. Middle and Senior Management staff who have been involved with the recruitment process over the past few months are excited about the additions to our teaching team.

Finalised teacher allocations in the Senior School will not be known until the start of the school year in January, as there are often unforeseen changes to staffing that pop-up over the Christmas break.

It was great catching-up with many families during November who travelled to the school for the end of year events and celebrations. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's education journey. To the Year 12 graduates and their families, thank you for being a part of my eldest son's senior schooling journey.

I wish everyone a blessed, family-filled and relaxing break.

Remember the reason for the season.



Pastoral Care Team

Wendy Fleming

Thank You

The Pastoral Care Team has once again been a strong, supportive group throughout this year. They have dealt with a myriad of situations, ridden the highs and lows with members of our school community, and continued doing this right through to the very end. To the team, thank you and well done. We particularly thank Mrs Jordan Bensemann and wish her all the best as she and her family prepare for their new addition in 2020.

Doing Deals with Kids

It's time to focus on the holidays, with time to refresh and energise and spend time with families. However, for parents it may be time to reflect on communication and not rely on doing deals as a survival strategy for the summer holidays. Have you ever said something like this to one of your kids? "If you eat all your dinner up, I'll let you use my iPad for five minutes." Many kids under the age of ten would empty their plate in an instant with that incentive. But it's a tricky game you play when you start to do deals with kids to win their cooperation. This would also mean you need to be prepared to keep dealing with your kids, as they soon learn that if they hang out long enough, Mum/Dad or whoever will offer me a juicy enticement.

If doing deals with kids to get cooperation is a strategy you use then it should be a strategy of last resort (to use when your mother comes to visit; when you are exhausted; or when you want to finish that fencing job), not the first one you use when you want your kids to behave well.

Here are 5 alternatives to 'doing deals' with kids:

1. Catch them doing the right thing: Make a bit of a fuss when your kids behave as you want.
2. Reward them after the behaviour you want, instead of using bribery prior to the event. Show your appreciation afterwards. The order of events makes a huge difference!
3. Manage: There are times when a child or teen needs to know that "No means no" rather than "No is just a suggestion". A message delivered with firm body language, a still head and a clear, flat voice without intonation indicates to a child or teen that you are serious and that no further communication is to be entered into.
4. Let consequences be your friend: Let your actions, or lack of action, do the talking. It may be difficult to use this method, but be resolute so your child sees that you really mean what you say and do.
5. Focus on you, not them: The simple shift from telling them what to do, to telling them what you will do, makes a massive difference.
6. Nothing works all the time so parents know they need to have a number of different strategies at their disposal when they want cooperation from their kids.

Good luck and enjoy your family time throughout the holidays.

News from The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Denis Riddle

Award Centre Leader

Latest Award holders

Congratulations to the following students who have completed a level of the Award recently:

Silver Grace Newnham

Bronze Sally Frohloff, Ella Dietrich, Lachlan Lathwell, Owen Elliott, Georgie Jonsson, Ella-Beth Stretton, Amelia Wearing and Charles Newnham.

This year has seen a "bumper crop" of students finishing their Award level. This has been especially evident with the Year 9 students finishing off their Bronze within the year – well done. A number of additional students have finished their requirements, but are waiting for final approval from the State Award Operating Authority.

Signing off

After 20 years assisting or leading the Award at ASSG, I am signing off. It has been a thrill and a privilege to be involved with so many keen students who have journeyed and persisted in completing a certificate and badge. Some 250 students have completed a Bronze, Silver or Gold (with 45 completing the trifecta of Awards) in my time.

Thank you to the School community who have been so supportive in enabling the Award to continue to function. In 1965 we were the first school in North Queensland to run the Award. We are one of only two northern schools still involved since D of E took off in the 1960s. Long may student names be added to the Gold Honour Board in the Halse Hall.

Best wishes to all involved with the Dukes life adventures.

School Chaplain

Bro Nathan-James

It is perhaps the service that I most look forward to each year. At the Mass of Godspeed we meet as a community to acknowledge the end of 12 years of schooling for our seniors and to send them into the world with our prayers and God's blessing. It is a service of celebration and fond farewells as we thank the students for their contribution to the school and trust that we have effectively prepared them in mind, body and spirit for the next phase of their lives as they move on to further education, training or employment. To our seniors of 2019 we wish you well and look forward to hearing about your future pursuits.



Casey – thanks for your support and service

Although I formally thanked Casey for this support and service at the Mass of Godspeed, I wanted to take this opportunity to again acknowledge his efforts as the 2019 Chapel Prefect. The role of

Chapel Prefect continues to evolve, expanding the involvement of the incumbent in the weekly services. Like his predecessors Casey adapted seamlessly to the changes. During Br Robin's absence due to illness, and later convalescence, Casey took on the role of the Minister. This meant he became responsible for leading a substantial part of the service, as well as reading the Gospel; this in addition to already assisting at the altar during the Eucharist. I am very grateful for the ease with which Casey took on the additional responsibilities. I also wanted to acknowledge and thank Casey for the way he conducted himself in the role of Chapel Prefect. His dedication, leadership, humility and positive role modelling, I believe, lead to reaffirming the role of Chapel Prefect as significant and sought after leadership position within the school. The number and quality of candidates for the 2020 Chapel Prefect was extraordinary. Casey, I wish you well for your future. I thank you for your support and service this year.



Chapel Prefect Elect 2020

The Chapel Prefect Elect for 2020 is Kurtis West. Kurtis is a local Charters Towers young man and proud member of Ramsay House. As I stated earlier, the number and quality of candidates for next year's Chapel Prefect (indeed all leadership positions) was exceptionally high this year. It would not have been easy making the decision to appoint the leadership team for 2020. There were certainly a large number of leadership candidates who would have easily and genuinely filled the role of Chapel Prefect. I believe Kurtis could also have effectively filled other roles as well. He is a humble and compassionate young man who has demonstrated a strong ability to lead others as a true servant leader. It is perhaps particularly special to have Kurtis as the 2020 Chapel Prefect as he was the first incumbent of the newly introduced Junior School Chapel

Prefect in 2014. Kurtis has always been a great support whether through music in the Chapel, as a Crucifer, or when assisting me leading Chapel Services on Cadet Camps. I look forward to his leadership and Ministry next year.



School Prayers

In our thoughts & prayers;

- ♦ We give thanks for the contribution and legacy of our 2019 students. We pray that we have served you well in preparing for your future. We ask God's blessing upon you and your lives.
- ♦ We pray for travel mercies for all our students, staff and families over the holiday period.
- ♦ We pray for all staff and students who will be leaving us this year and wish you well for your future. We especially give thanks and pray for Margaret and Denis Riddle for their longstanding commitment and service to the school and community.
- ♦ We give thanks for the life of Ken Symonds, educator and friend. We pray for his family and friends as they mourn his passing. May he rest in peace.
- ♦ We pray for the family and friends of Past Student Geoff Burry, and all who mourn his loss. May he rest in peace.

The Arts

Kylie Kempster
Head of Arts

2019 Ends With a Bang!

Just because the year is winding up, doesn't mean the Arts Department has slowed down any! If you attended All Souls St Gabriels Annual Awards Day you will have heard and seen our Stage Band and Concert Band, as well as Claire Kempster, Shelden West, Camryn Guldbransen, Lucy Lefevre and Heidi Whelan represent us admirably. Claire and Shelden's rendition of the Rhianna song "Stay" and Camryn, Heidi and Lucy's dance to Andra Day's "Rise Up" were highlights of the ceremony. The Mass of Godspeed which followed later in the day was enriched by the accompaniment of Kuage Koglkia and Ella Dietrich, along with our ever-present Miss Croker. Taryn Woodard joined Kuage, Miss Croker and Mr Sellars, along with some of our enthusiastic A-Team teachers, to serenade our departing Seniors and their families during Communion with the old spiritual "Oh Happy Day" and "Shine" by Chris Rupp.



Miss Croker conducts Kathryn Squair, Ella Dietrich and Erik Michaelis



Miss Croker conducts our Year 1 and 2 Choir



Ella Dietrich with musical friends

Our Year 9 and 10 Music students, together with our Junior School Choirs, visited the Dalrymple Villa during the last week of school to give a concert to the residents. This was very well received, with many requests for a longer program and a return visit!

Ella Grace and the Music Faces Rock the Pre-Prep

Year 9 Drama student Ella Dietrich enchanted Mrs Riddle, Mrs Limkin and the pre-prep class with her Theatre in Education assessment item. Ella Grace and her Musical Faces (Melody the Flute, Harmony the Guitar and Tika-Tika the Castanet) sang, danced and read a story around the theme of accepting differences.

Annie Cast Named... The Dream Team!

Please look at our Facebook page to see our dream cast of the 2020 school musical *Annie*. We will have over 50 students from both the Junior and Senior School on stage, as well as many individuals who have volunteered to be part of the backstage crew.

Thank you A-Team!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the Arts Team. Our dedicated teachers Miss Leslie Croker, Mrs Wendy Fleming, Miss Caitlyn Oberg, Mr Stephen Price and Mr Ron Sellars, along with Mr Tom Baldwin and Mrs Beth Lesells, have given freely of their time and talents, well beyond what would be expected. We also thank our wonderful instrumental music tutors, Mrs Jaime Richards, Mrs Deb Sellars and Miss Levena Stewart, who have contributed to the outstanding success of our department this year. And of course we must thank our talented, hardworking and enthusiastic students, without whom there would be no department, led by Arts Prefect extraordinaire Jordan Dietrich.

A Word From Our Outgoing Arts Prefect, Jordan Dietrich...

2019 has been an absolute blessing. I am glad to call Souls my school and my family. I was honoured to be the Arts Prefect this year and help lead with the amazing A-Team in many different artistic areas. I believe that even though our school excelled in many competitions and never failed to showcase amazing projects and performances, the real reason Souls' Arts Department continues to flourish is because of the willingness of everyone to give things a crack. But this is only made possible because of the encouraging environment that's been created. The A-Team consistently inspires people to want to give the Arts a crack. Watching this happen has been awesome. But my time as Arts Prefect has come to an end and though I'm sad to pass the position on, I am forever grateful that I was a part of this growing family. Shout out and good luck to Holly Deans, the 2020 Arts Prefect, I'm hyped to see how you'll take on the amazing leadership. And now I'll gladly be an audience member and watch to see what the ASSG Arts Department does next.

And Introducing Our New Arts Prefect, Holly Deans

Congratulations to 2020 Arts Prefect Elect Holly Deans! Holly plays keyboard in the Stage and Concert Bands, as well as being a key member of our Vocal Ensemble. She played Dorothy in the 2018 school musical *The Wiz*, and has just been announced as playing the part of Grace in our 2020 school musical *Annie*. Holly was also awarded Dux of Year 11 Drama this year.



Work Experience and VET Update

Glenda Lyon

Work Experience & VET Co-ordinator

Wow, what an amazing and rewarding year. As I write this, our Year 12's have graduated, Years 7 - 11 exams have been completed and a skeleton of students are here at school enjoying an Alternative Program of activities.

Industry Compliant Courses

As we assist students with resumes, cover letters and future career planning, we have recently noticed that more and more trades-based employment opportunities are asking for each applicant to be compliant to the chosen industry. For example, the Construction White Card Course, relates to the building and construction and mining industries. Trades within this area include plumbers, roofers, gas fitters, electricians machinery operators and so on. Under today's legislation, this card does not expire and is valuable for being jobset ready. This course is offered annually at school by face-to-face trainers from a local Registered Training Organisation (RTO), Jenagar. Jenagar has supported our school for a few years now and we encourage all students to undertake this training when offered. The White card has been introduced to students enrolling in Skills and Technology subject. Participation in this course certainly enhances the safety knowledge in the work rooms here at school and when going to the Dalrymple Trade Training Centre for individual courses on offer.

With the new senior curriculum structure in Term 4 2020, there is an opportunity to provide a variety of short courses for students to be jobset ready. We will updated options for publication early in 2020.

Unique Student Identification Number (USI)

This is a number required for all vocational education and training while at school, afterschool and as an adult learner. Without this number a person cannot participate in a registered VET course. It becomes as important as a drivers licence number: no licence = can't drive, no USI number = no VET training.

It is an easy process for students to create a USI. Search the words "CREATE USI" and follow the prompts on the main website. You will require identification to complete the process. The school does record this number in student files, so we can access it for future VET courses your child may begin. If you create a USI, please email it to me at glyon@allsouls.qld.edu.au

Work Experience

Don't be alarmed if your child does not know what they would like to do after they leave school. After all, did you? Did your pathway work out for you and have no hitches in the process, and take a different direction within your journey?

For all students, work experience is a such a vital part of goal setting and preparation for life beyond school. Experiencing the tasks and expectations of real work has assisted students to choose the subjects while at school to enhance their employability. Should you like more information and options for your child, do not hesitate to contact me.

All Souls St Gabriels School would like to acknowledge local and distant businesses who support our school and students through our Work Experience Program. During 2019, 95 students participate in many career pathways.

We would like to thank the following businesses:

A & D Auto Electrical	Charters Towers
Charters Towers Regional Council	Charters Towers
Charters Towers Veterinary Clinic	Charters Towers
Croydon Childcare	Croydon
Elders	Rockhampton
Emerald Veterinary Clinic	Emerald
Ernest Henry Mine	Cloncurry
Exquisite Beauty	Charters Towers
Gold City Veterinary Clinic	Charters Towers
Griffiths Pharmacy	Charters Towers
GPH Mechanical	Emerald
Hastings Deering	Townsville
Hughenden Council Library	Hughenden
Hello Pretty Nails and Beauty	Charters Towers
Hi-Tech Solutions	Charters Towers
Kenny's Auto Electrical	Townsville
Minjar Gold	Charters Towers
Peak Downs Mechanical	Clermont
TLC Chiropractors	Charters Towers
Towers Motorcycles	Charters Towers
Townsville Equine Centre	Kelso

If you would like your child in Years 9 to 12 to participate in the Work Experience Program during the school holidays in 2020, please encourage them to see me. They can meet with me at the Student Services office at morning tea and lunch time. Parents, please feel free to contact me for information and how to take up this opportunity.

School-Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Work Experience is a great opportunity for students and employers to consider starting a School-Based Apprenticeships (SBA) or Traineeships (SBT). This leads to future employment for the student.

Examples of recent success stories for ASSG include:

- Chekoda Bethel has completed 2 years part time hairdressing at Sisbella Hair and Beauty while attending school. Since her graduation this year, Chekoda has continued working at Sisbella to complete her hairdressing apprenticeship.
- Gemma Stevenson completed her Work Experience with How Bizarre Hair in Charters Towers. Gemma experienced a change in her employment into 2019 and has been working part time at How Bizarre Hair, she will continue in 2020 to complete her apprenticeship.

Congratulations girls.

Recent VET Achievements

I am so overwhelmed by excitement when our students are so pro-active in their future endeavours. This is an example of what students can achieve when they apply themselves during their schooling.

Peter Walsh, 2019 Year 12 graduate, worked hard to achieve results, never letting an opportunity slip by. Peter completed his Certificate II Engineering in 2017, Certificate II Automotive in 2018 with TAFE Qld North at the Dalrymple Trade Training Centre and Work Experience at various places including Minjar Gold, RM Repairs, plus also volunteered with the Restorers Club here locally in Charter Towers. Peter was aware of the challenges he faced in gaining an apprenticeship after he graduated, but was determined to find one. This was definitely not an easy task, Peter participated in the DTTC Trade Expo where he spoke with Willmar Sugar Representatives, who were very encouraging about Peter applying for an apprenticeship with their company.

Peter and I worked together to get his resume, cover letter and photos of his personal accomplishments together and Peter submitted his resume and he was notified with in 4 weeks for an interview. ASSG has built a great relationship with Charters Towers Regional Council Human Resources Unit and their Manager, Peter took the opportunity to have a pre interview with their team. This interview gave him feedback on how to focus on his strengths and how to improve his weaknesses in readiness for his upcoming interview. Peter did very well at the Willmar Interview and was asked to complete a medical immediately. He passed the medical and received notification of placement for 2020 to commence in January!

Central Queensland University (CQU) offers the Start Uni Now (SUN) program for school students, who have a direction of career choice. This can be considered as an alternate pathway to gain your career. There are guidelines for entry and studies, such as subjects you are studying while at school and the grades you are achieving for enrolment. This is an opportunity for students not wishing to go straight to University after graduating, who also wish to learn and earn while studying. This is also discussed with the Careers Team here at ASSG for best outcomes.

Grace Bailey gained entry in July 2019 to study Primary Education through the SUN program. On passing her first subject for free, she has gained direct entry to CQU after recently graduating. This is working in her favour accepting employment in Western Australia in between Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing, she is able to study online anywhere in Australia and receive paid work in her role as a Governess. Grace has said *"It's the best and continuing with such supportive mentors and lecturers, I am so excited"*.

April McLean was enrolled in the SUN program in November 2018 and chose to study Nursing. April enrolled in her first unit for free and passed, giving her direct entry. April then proceeded to enrol in a second unit of study. On graduating, April has submitted necessary paperwork to continue her studies and attending practical placement in Townsville. April has said *"The SUN program has given me the opportunity to be mentored with by an experienced group of people at CQU. The flexibility and positive feedback is encouraging for my continuation. I'm so happy that I chose this course"*.

Kacey Musk has been accepted in the SUN program in November this year. Watch this space and we will keep you updated on her achievements.

If you would like to research this opportunity and have a look at what's on offer go to [**cqu.edu.au/sun**](https://cqu.edu.au/sun)
Remember to discuss this with the Careers Team at ASSG.

Charlee Keleher continues her studies in Cert IV Veterinary Nursing with Open Colleges. This is a 2 year course she commenced in May 2018. Charlee has gained employment in her home town after graduating. Well done Charlee.

Zoe Donaldson commenced her Certificate IV in Beauty during Year 11 this year. She will continue studying through 2020 to complete this.

Charters Towers School of Distance Education offered various subjects to study at school this year. This was co-ordinated with the DTTC and available for study over a 2 year period. John Durack – Certificate II Information Digital Media and Technology. Brandon Finger, Camden Finger, Dakota Gough and Sophie Keough will continue their Certificate III in Agriculture during 2020. Chloe McGrath and Mitchell Underdown Year 12 students were able to complete this certificate as they could credit transfer units from their Certificate II Agriculture, from the previous year.

Kate Jonsson, Indy Schaefer, Casey Campbell and Jemma Mafrici will continue their studies in Certificate III Business during 2020. This is not an easy task and much needed work placement was co-ordinated to pass some units of work.

Zoe Donaldson and Reese Herring commence their Certificate II in Visual Arts and will continue in 2020 to complete the course. Reese will be receiving an award at Charters Towers School of Distance Education for her efforts and dedication to studies in this subject, for 2019. Well done Reese!

Jordan Dietrich completed a Certificate II Music Industry through the Townsville Creative Technologies Centre (TCTC) this year. He travelled to Townsville once a week to complete face-to-face training. This course formed part of his successful application to Griffith University's, Conservatorium of Music, Bachelor of Music (Creative Music Technology) course, commencing in 2020. Well done Jordan for focusing your senior studies toward your career goal.

If you believe your son or daughter could benefit from work experience, starting a career specific external study course and / or begin a school-based apprenticeship, please contact me at school to begin the conversation.

Glenda Lyon
VET Co-ordinator

From the Academic Dean ... Ian Dietrich

The School would like to thank Glenda for the many extra hours of work and care she puts into this part of our School. Our students have many opportunities to trial and extend their experiences in their chosen field.

On behalf of the School and the long list of students who have benefited from these courses, experiences and opportunities – thanks Glenda.



Camden Finger at Grahams
Plant Hire Emerald



Cody Bucklar at TLC
Chiropractic Charters Towers



Riley Easton at Towers
Custom Cabinets, CT



Lachlan Lathwell at Elders
Rockhampton



Sophie Coffison at
Hello Pretty Skin
and Beauty



Jordan Dietrich with his
Certificate II Music
Industry

Rural Activities

Dakota Gough & Sarah Suhr

Year 11

The Year has drawn to a close and we farewell our Rural Activities Prefect and Equestrian Team member Charlee Kelleher as she embarks on an exciting life after School. Friday 1 November saw the rural activities students celebrate another successful year with a presentation evening. During the evening, we enjoyed a number of speeches and awards and gifts were presented.

Congratulations to all of the following students who received rural activities awards for 2019:

Award/s	Recipient/s
Cattle Club Best Attendance Cattle Club Hardest Tryer	Charlotte Deem
Cattle Club Most Reliable	Luke Stevens
Cattle Club Most Improved	Matilda Peagham Matthew Thompson
Cattle Club Most Successful, Cattle Club Most Committed, Cattle Club Highest Overall Achiever	Dakota Gough
Cattle Club Up and Coming	Lauren Atwell Riley Davison
Cattle Club Junior Achiever	Lauren Atwell
Cattle Club Senior Achiever	Camden Finger
Equestrian Team Best and Fairest	Charlee Keleher
Equestrian Team Most Improved Senior	Sarah Suhr
Equestrian Team Most Improved Junior	Carley Shephard

At the All Souls St Gabriels School annual Preliminary Prize Giving Ceremony the following students were recognised:

Award	Recipient
Equestrian Team Best and Fairest	Charlee Keleher
Equestrian Team – Most Improved Senior	Sarah Suhr
Equestrian Team – Most Improved Junior	Carley Shephard
Cattle Club Best and Fairest	Dakota Gough
Cattle Club – Most Improved Junior	Lauren Atwell
Cattle Club – Most Improved Senior	Camden Finger

At the All Souls St Gabriels School annual Awards Day the following students were recognised:

Award	Recipient
Bob Katter Award for Commitment to Rural Activities (Y7-10)	Luke Stevens
Scott Burgess Prize for Commitment to Rural Activities (Y11-12)	Dakota Gough

Congratulations to all the students who received awards and to the rural activities students who made this the most enjoyable year possible for both the Cattle Club and Equestrian team. 2019 has been another and successful year which involved many trophies and some commendable results, however, none of this would be possible without the amazing team that has helped and supported us through 2019.

To everyone who has helped out over the year, without you we would not be able to do what we do, so thank you. Most of all we would like to say a massive thank-you to Lionel; you have been an amazing instructor. We wish the All Souls St Gabriels School Community a safe and happy Christmas and remember it's never too late to join the rural activities team. I look forward to seeing you again for another fun and rewarding year in 2020.

Awards Day 2019

Academic Prizes

Junior School

Academic Achievement Year 1	Lilly-Ann Hensler
Consistent Effort Year 1	Isabell Machin
Academic Achievement Year 2	Lilah Plant
Consistent Effort Year 2	Nyssa Bowley
Academic Achievement Year 3	Abbey Polke-Chalfont
Consistent Effort Year 3	Rebecca Galvin
Academic Achievement Year 4	Grace Turner
Consistent Effort Year 4	Ben Kirkwood
Academic Achievement Year 5	Annie-May Johnson
Consistent Effort Year 5	Dale Beatty
Consistent Effort Year 6	Rory Clark
Dux of Junior School	Shelden West

Year 7

Advanced Mathematics	Connor Atkinson
LOTE – German	Lauren Atwell
Foundation Mathematics	Lauchlan Butler
Intermediate Mathematics	Milli Goodwin
Music	Erik Michaelis
Health	Madison Simms
Science & Food and Textiles	Georgia Gostelow
English & Humanities & Social Science	Luke Keough
Dux of Year 7	Luke Keough

The Dux Award for the following Year 7 subjects will be presented at the start of 2020 - Design and Technology, Drama, STEM & Visual Art. This is due to the fact that the one-term course was not completed by all students in year level at the time of calculating awards.

Year 8

Most Consistent Effort & Improvement in Literacy	Bryce Cowan
Health	Erin Blennerhassett
Drama	Meg Brassington
Foundation Mathematics	Charlette Deem
Visual Art	Seth Guldbransen
STEM & Science	Lucie Taylor
Design and Technology	Taryn Woodard

English, Mathematics & Humanities and Social Science

Dux of Year 8

Alexandra Holt
Alexandra Holt

The Dux Award for the following Year 8 subjects will be presented at the start of 2020 - Economics and Business, Food and Nutrition, Music & Textiles. This is due to the fact that the one-term course was not completed by all students in the year level at the time of calculating awards.

Year 9

Foundation Mathematics	Tooya Gorringer
Visual Art	Sienna Johnson
Design and Technology	Charles Newnham
STEM	Jackson Peagham
Intermediate Mathematics	Jade Stoll
Health & Economics and Business	Caitlyn Elliott
Physical Education & Food and Textiles	Olivia Titley
English, Advanced Mathematics, Science, Music & Drama	Ella Dietrich
English, Advanced Mathematics & Humanities and Social Science	Ella-Beth Stretton
Dux of Year 9	Ella-Beth Stretton

Year 10

Food and Textiles	Piper Godfrey
Design and Technology	Hayley Grant
Visual Art	Abbey Haines
Intermediate Mathematics	Alana Kelly
Foundation Mathematics	Amber Smale
Drama	Heidi Whelan
Music	Rylee Whelan
English, Science, Economics and Business & Humanities and Social Science	Sarah Milton
Advanced Mathematics, Health, STEM & Physical Education	Grace Newnham
Dux of Year 10	Grace Newnham

Year 11

Drama	Holly Deans
Essential Mathematics	Brandon Finger
Food and Nutrition	Daphne Gallasch
Sports and Recreation	Luka Hall
Visual Arts in Practice	Kate Jonsson
Essential English	Sophie Keough
General Mathematics	Jemma Mafri
Building and Construction Skills	Indy Schaefer
Information and Communication Technologies	Austin Smythe
Physical Education	Sarah Suhr
Modern History	Brooke Tindall
Music	Kurtis West
Visual Art & Hospitality Practices	Reese Herring
Chemistry, Physics & Mathematical Methods	David Walsh
English, Specialist Mathematics, Biology & Economics	Camryn Guldbransen
Dux of Year 11	Camryn Guldbransen

Year 12

Physical Education	Amber Aspinall
Modern History	Grace Bailey
English Communication	Chekoda Bethel
Information and Communication Technologies	Jakarhlee Clow
Music Extension	Jordan Dietrich
Drama	Jorden Ford
Recreation	Brock Johnson
Hospitality Practices	Gemma Stevenson
Home Economics	April McLean
English	Ainsley Murphy
Visual Art in Practice	Charlotte Mye
Visual Art & Economics	Thea McMahon
Music & Home Economics	Kasey O'Donoghue
Building and Construction Skills & Mathematics A	Patrick Washington
Mathematics B, Mathematics C, Chemistry, Physics & Biological Science	Sean Smith
Dux of the School	Sean Smith

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Scholarships

Dr J Allingham Scholarship (2020 - 2025)	Joseph Newnham
Roy & Elizabeth Warsop Scholarship (2020 – 2021)	Matthew McKellar
Burry Mills Bursary (2020- 2025)	Tamzin Finger
CC Hurt Memorial Mathematics Scholarship (2020)	David Walsh
CC Hurt Memorial Mathematics Scholarship (2020)	Camryn Guldbransen
The Don Roderick Memorial English Scholarship (2020).....	Camryn Guldbransen
The Robert Mills Music Scholarship (2020)	Kurtis West
Sisters of the Society of Sacred Advent Scholarship (2020 - 2025).....	Rose Harper
The Board of Governors of St Gabriels Scholarship (2020 – 2021).....	Sarah Milton
The Rhonda Graffin Music Scholarship (2020)	Cody Bucklar
The Rhonda Graffin Music Scholarship (2020)	Erik Michaelis
Smithy Duncombe Scholarship (2020 - 2025).....	Ashleigh Elliott
The Reverend Professor John Moses Humanities Scholarship (2020)	Brooke Tindall

Major Sporting Prizes

GIRLS

Maff Family Trophy (Best All Round Junior School Sportswoman; 10 - 12 Years) ...	Yasmin Musk
Carrolyn Carthew Trophy (Best All Round Junior Secondary Sportswoman; 12 - 13 Years)	Anna Milton
Kate Dunn Trophy (Best All Round Junior Sportswoman; 14 – 15 Years)	Piper Godfrey
The Kev Briody Cup (Best & Fairest Open Girl Touch Player)	Kacey Musk
Jesse Billiau Trophy (Best Open Softballer)	Vivienne Elliott
Neville Lowe Memorial Trophy (Sportsmanship and Endeavour)	Vivienne Elliott
Anthony Trophy (School Tennis Champion)	Amber Aspinall
Headmaster's Award (Most Improved or Most Consistent Effort in Sport by a Senior Student)	Amber Aspinall
Titley Trophy (Best Open Netballer)	Luka Hall
Jill Arden Trophy (Open Swimming Champion)	Luka Hall
Bullock Trophy (Open Cross-Country Champion)	Luka Hall
Pollard Trophy (Open Athletics Champion)	Luka Hall
Kate Wish Prize (Best All Round Senior Sportswoman)	Luka Hall
Edna Allingham House Cup	Chad

Boys

Maff Family Trophy (Best All Round Junior School Sportsman; 10 - 12 Years)	Rory Barr
Dolph Francis Trophy (Best All Round Junior Secondary Sportsman 12 - 13 Years)	Cam Trevor
Junior Ranclaud Cup (Best All Round Junior Sportsman; 14 – 15 Years)	Lachlan Lathwell
The EG White Cup (Open Swimming Champion)	Harry Titley
Headmaster's Award (Most Improved or Most Consistent Effort in Sport by a Senior Student)	Patrick Washington
Stan Paull Cup (Best Rugby League Player 1st XIII)	Myles Gostelow
Bishop Were – JM Allingham Cup (School Tennis Champion)	Cody Bucklar
McIntyre Cup (Sportsmanship and Endeavour)	Casey Flanagan
Agar Trophy (Best Cricketer 1st XI)	Casey Flanagan
Norman David Lloyd Memorial Trophy (Open Cross-Country Champion)	Todd Thorn
The Howard Lowe Cup (Best & Fairest Open Boy Touch Player).....	Todd Thorn
Fynan-Anthony Cup (Open Athletics Champion).....	Todd Thorn
Senior Ranclaud Cup (Best All Round Senior Sportsman)	Todd Thorn
Witherspoon House Cup	Feetham

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Service and Other Major Prizes

Charters Towers Regional Council Award for Junior School Captain	Georgia Mann & Rory Clark
The Larpent Family Prize (Best All Round Girl in Junior School)	Georgia Mann
The Headmaster's Award for Reading (Junior School)	Hannah Brown
The Charters Towers Regional Council Citizenship Prize	Alaina Heuir
The Goldfield Ashes Junior Sportsmanship Award	Alaina Heuir
The Junior School Cultural Award	Shelden West
The Jenkinson Prize (Best All Round Boy in Junior School)	Shelden West
The ME Taylor Award (Best All Round Girl in Year 7)	Lauren Atwell
The CW Taylor Award (Best All Round Boy in Year 7)	Luke Keough
The W Titley & Co Award (Most Involved Male Boarder in Year 7)	Luke Keough
The Katie McKelvie Memorial Prize (Most Involved Female Boarder in Year 7)	Erin Wilkinson
The Arthur Shephard Prize (Academic Effort in Year 7)	Georgia Gostelow
The Academic Effort in Year 8 Award	Lucie Taylor
The Hi-Tech Solutions Prize for STEM (Year 7 – 9)	Lucie Taylor
The Shane Knuth MP Prize (for Academic Effort in Year 9)	Ella Dietrich
The Chappy's Welding Prize (for Academic Effort in Year 10)	Sarah Milton
The James Cook University Academic Encouragement Award	Sarah Milton
Track True Wheel Alignment Prize (for Improved Academic Achievement; Years 7 - 11)	Paige Candy
The Bob Katter Award (for Commitment to Rural Activities Year 7 - 10)	Luke Stevens
The Scott Burgess Memorial Award (for Commitment to Rural Activities Year 11 - 12)	Dakota Gough
The QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award	Angela Chevathun
The QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award	Rae Evans
The HD Green Memorial Prize (Best All Round Boy Proceeding to Senior)	Matthew McKellar
The EB Rankin Memorial Prize (Best All Round Girl Proceeding to Senior)	Grace Newnham
The Australian Defence Force 2019 Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award Year 10	Grace Newnham
The James Cook University Academic Encouragement Award	Grace Newnham
The Australian Defence Force 2019 Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award Year 12	Casey Flanagan
The Jackie Koglkia Leadership Award	Savanna Beale
The John Gardner Memorial Award (for Commitment to Senior VET)	Charlee Keleher
Academic Achievement – Non OP Eligible Student	Patrick Washington
The All Souls' and St Gabriel's Past Students Association Prize for Service (Awarded to the Son or Daughter of a Past Student)	Vivienne Elliott
The Crest Prizes (for Service to the School)	Angela Chevathun
	Jordan Dietrich
	Casey Flanagan
	Thea McMahon
	Kurtis West
	Ainsley Murphy
	Michael Meteyard
	Grace Bailey
	Holly Deans
	Jordan Dietrich
	Jordan Dietrich
	Casey Flanagan
	Adam Hensley
	Amber Aspinall
	Thea McMahon
	Thea McMahon
	Thea McMahon
	Sean Smith
	Sean Smith
	Sean Smith
The Harland Prize for Music	
The Headmaster's Award for Writing (Senior School)	
The CJ McIntosh Award for Writing (2019)	
The Stella Lavendar Prize (for Endeavour in Historical Research)	
The Everard-Shepley Perpetual Cultural Award	
The CD Smith Prize for Best Senior Debater	
The Caltex Prize (Best All Rounder)	
The Vincent Webster Memorial Prize (for Chapel Prefect)	
The M Mattingley Memorial Prize for the Boys' Captain	
The Edna Allingham Memorial Prize for the Girls' Captain	
The Phillip Aspinall Prize (for the Most Improved Academic Student Senior)	
The Proxime Accessit (Runner-up to Dux of the School)	
The Propsting Prize (Student with the Qualities of a Rhodes Scholar)	
The Hi-Tech Solutions Prize for STEM (Year 10 – 12)	
The Allan Maxwell McLean Memorial Prize for Excellence in Science	
The Nimmo Prize for Dux of the School for 2019	

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Junior School

Tina Akers

Head of Junior School

Once again we have come to the end of a very successful year at ASSG Junior School. Thank you to everyone: teachers, parents, support and ancillary staff, who have all worked hard to provide the best opportunities for our students to grow and their learning to flourish. I feel very privileged to work in such an exciting and vibrant school. A school that is more than just a place of teaching and learning, it is a place that fosters a sense of curiosity and respect, and provides opportunities for students to experience wonder and joy. All Souls St Gabriels School offers great opportunities for all our students to become confident, thoughtful young people.

I would like to acknowledge all of our students for their achievements throughout the year. We have appreciated their strengths, talents and involvement in the many and varied activities we have shared over the semesters.

Thank you to the parents and guardians. We appreciate all you do each and every day for your children. Your support has helped make our School a wonderful place of learning, friendship and family. To those families who are leaving us for new places, we wish you all the very best. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of the Junior School staff and students, I would like to wish Mr and Mrs Riddle all the very best. We thank Mrs Riddle for leading, guiding, supporting, caring and inspiring our youngest students throughout the many years of service she has given to All Souls St Gabriels School.



Mrs Peta Polsen

We are very sad Mrs Polsen will not be returning to keep us all on our toes next year. On behalf of the Junior School staff, students and parents I would like to thank Peta for everything she has contributed to the teaching and learning, and extra-curricular activities at All Souls St Gabriels School. We have appreciated her sense of humour, her patience and creativity. Mrs Polsen will be dearly missed by us all.

Mrs McGuire is looking forward to enjoying her retirement. We have appreciated her sharing her knowledge and love of music. Teaching students to play the Ukulele has also been a highlight during lunchtimes. Thank you Alison, we wish you all the very best.



Mrs McGuire with Torino and Isabella

As the year comes to a close, I wish the Year 6 students all the very best as they move on into the next phase of their education. We will miss their leadership, cheerful faces, friendship and the support that they have given to our younger students throughout the year. At the time of writing this newsletter, the Junior School staffing for 2020 is as follows

Pre-prep:	Mrs Tonya Peagham, Mrs Colleen Limkin, Mrs Jenelle Cragg
Prep:	Mrs Rachel Marshall, Mrs Desley Fittock
Year 1:	Mrs Janita Reardon
Year 2:	Mrs Laura Heuir
Year 3:	Ms Peta Miliauskas
Year 4:	Mrs Jane Turner
Year 5:	Mrs Jane Dickson
Year 6:	Mr Peter Turner
LOTE:	Mrs Melita Dunn
JS Music & Learning Enrichment:	Mrs Deb Jensen-Sellars
Library:	Mrs Beth Silverwood
Educational Assistant:	TBA
HPE/Sport Co-ordinator:	Miss Melissa Browne

I look forward to the many new experiences, challenges and opportunities that 2020 will bring us, and hope as a community, we can continue the positive partnership and dialogue between home and school.

On behalf of all the JS staff I would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable, restful and safe holiday. May the Festive Season fill your families with joy and happiness.



Recreation Report...

Dawn McGill - Recreation Officer

These last couple of weeks have been full of activity with the school with the seniors leaving and connected fun time with them. The final Sunday saw the year 10 11 and 12s have a shopping trip down to Townsville. We stopped at Stockland and had time to do some early Xmas shopping. When we had finished there we headed to the strand to have a ice cream and coffee and stretched our legs.. A big thank you for our drivers and dormies so these outings become a combined effort from everyone. Also thanks to flo and Gully who keep on top of the permission sheets as they keep coming in. Thank You.. Hanging on "The Strand" with...



Tosha and Tamea



John and Davin



Luanna and Dakota



Piper, Ainsley, Kev, Riley and Tio

P & F

Kim Donaldson - P & F Secretary

Just like that another year is just about over and done with. For my family, next year will be our last year having a student at ASSG. Our journey started in 2010 with Tessa, continued with Rhys and will be finishing with Zoe in 2020. During this time I have been involved where ever I could with school activities and it has been a rewarding experience to be able to see first hand my kids grow and mature in their school environment. Whether I was watching from the Lions Food van while serving at sports days, hiking or driving through the bush helping supervise Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, making costumes for musicals or just hanging out with my kids in the dining room cause that was the time I had available to pay them a visit. each time I was impressed and humbled to see what how much my kids and their mates and school friends were developing into people we would all be proud to know.

As other boarding parents will understand, we missed a lot of our teenage childrens lives because we knew going away for their schooling is the best opportunity we can give our kids. This doesn't mean we can't be involved in their school life, even if it has to be from afar due to distance and one of those ways is by getting involved with the All Souls St Gabriels Parents and Friends Association.

If you are a day parent, your lives will be just as busy and it is easy to think, 'I don't have time for that' and 'someone else will do that', but, you need to take time for the important things in life, and your children and their school are important and to put it bluntly, we are missing 'someone else will do that' at present, so we really need parents and friends in the ASSG community to step up and become involved.

As per usual, all positions will become vacant at the AGM, but, in particular, the current treasurer no longer has children at the school and while she has been doing a fantastic job for the past 6 years, I am sure she would like to retire and pass on the role to someone who has kids at the school. We are also lacking a Vice-President at present and it would be great to have a full executive going into the busy year of celebrating 100 years as a school.

As we will have either teleconference or web conference facilities up and running for the P&F meetings next year, it won't matter where you live, you will be able to be involved by attending meetings and even take on executive roles if you are so inclined. Then, when you are able to come to school activities, you will have some parents you already 'know' to join in with at events. As we all know, many hands make light work' and we could do with a lot more hands to take the pressure off the current hardworking committee.

So, if you think you may like to take on any of the executive roles, feel free to contact me to find out more about what they involve. Otherwise, keep an eye out in this column as to when meetings are being held and how you can join in along with other ways you can assist the group and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you in 2020.

Kim Donaldson - ASSG P&F Secretary

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Next Meeting: 5:30pm 3rd February 2010 @ the ASSG Library

From the Dorms...

And just like that, the 2019 academic year is done! It's been a demanding few weeks since our last newsletter with so much happening.

Our Recreation Officer, Dawn, organised a treat for the Year 10, 11 and 12 kids. They slipped down to Townsville for a day out with some retail therapy at Stockland's, followed by a couple of hours spent chilling on the Strand. We'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'thank you' to Dawn, and everyone involved in organising these outings. It takes a lot of planning and we're all very grateful. Please see Dawn's recreational article for more information.



Left to right: Angela Chevathun, Vasenai Dabea, Charlotte Mye, Rae Evans and Dawn McGill... enjoying the ocean breeze on The Strand.

The final two events that mark the closure of Year 12, are our Mass of God Speed and the Valedictory Dinner. And true to form, our Year 12 students did it in style. It was great to see our elegant young ladies handsome young men. The whole school assembled for the Mass of God Speed, where we officially farewelled our fearless leaders. A few tears were shed, and many a sigh of relief as we all realised that we'd made it... and that was just from the staff! The seniors were pretty excited too, as they shared one final victory war-cry on the Quadrant lawn. The seniors and their families then celebrated the evening with a Valedictory dinner in the Jim Rebgetz MPC building. It was a great way for them to end their time as a student here; just hanging out one last time reminiscing about their years at All Souls St. Gabriels School. So we say to you, class of 2019, all the very best for wherever your road leads!

Forever a Gabes Girl and a Souls Old Boy!

So, it's out with the old and in with the new. Our 2020 leaders were announced in week 7, and we'd like to congratulate all our new seniors on a job well done, so far. It's not always an easy thing to put yourself out there and nominate for a leadership role – risking it all for the glory or the fall. But we congratulate those who deservedly received leadership positions. We wish you all the very best as you lead our school through its 100th year celebrations in 2020. We look forward to supporting you, as you uphold the All Souls and Gabes traditions, and put your stamp on new and exciting endeavours for our school.

The 2020 school production of "Annie" was announced recently with much excitement! The publication was soon followed by days of auditioning for each character, and it was great to hear that many of our boarders were appointed roles, a few of which are main characters. Congratulations to all those involved and all the very best. We look forward to opening night next year.

Farewells

It is always sad at this time of year when we have to farewell members of staff, especially when they work as closely with the kids as we do in boarding.

This year we say goodbye to Mr and Mrs Riddle, and celebrated the 19 years that they've devoted to All Souls St Gabriels School. Denis and Margaret have not only taught and mentored in a teaching capacity, but they've also been a huge presence within our boarding community.

Teneil Smale is also leaving us, and Teneil has been a major part of our girls boarding in recent years having been Senior Resident in Alban Dormitory for a number of years and before dropping back into a relief supervisor role in both Becket and Alban for the past two years. Teneil was also a teachers aid in Junior School before coming to work in boarding so she has left a very lasting impression at our school.

We wish you all the very best on the next chapter of your lives and "we would thank you from the bottom of our hearts, but for you all our hearts are bottomless".

Well, that's a wrap for 2019. Our boarding staff would like to extend a heartfelt 'thank you', to all the parents and families who support them in their role of caring for your sons and daughters. We wish everyone a wonderful, safe Christmas and a fantastic New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2020. Until then, take care.

From the Dormitories...

Some of the Page boys chilling in common room after the exam block was complete.



Some more Page boys cooling off in the Charters Towers heat. Where there's a will, there's a way!

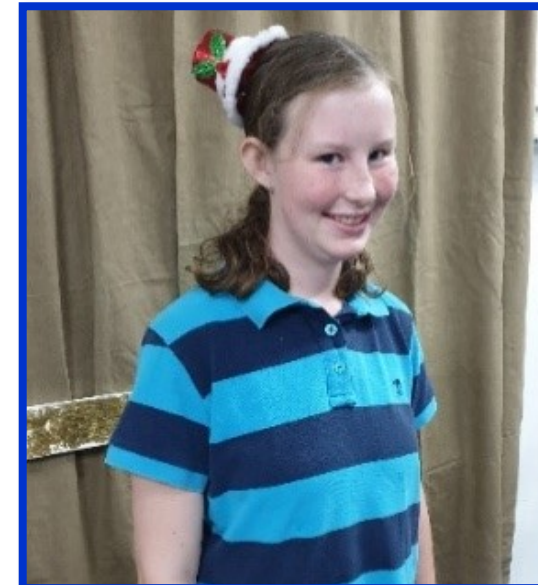




Ramsay boys playing pool footy



Weekend BBQ at Ramsay



Yvonne with Vas and Charlotte



Becket Seniors: Mackenzie Clark,
Rae Evans, Angela Chevathun
and Da'Sharhae De'Landelles
for all their support and help
throughout the years,
and I wish you all
the very best



Farewell Class of 2019

