

Headmaster



Welcome to the start of a new year. Whilst we were all hoping that COVID was a thing of the past, it has become clear that this will not be the case. Visitors still must sign in, and we must continue to comply with restricted numbers at some events and develop COVID safe plans. I hope you had the opportunity over the break to catch up with family. Like many families, we travelled interstate to see loved ones, dodging changes in border restrictions.

When planning the Centenary, we always viewed it as a "two year" celebration that encompassed the opening of All Souls School for boys in 1920 and St Gabriel's School for girls in 1921. St Gabriels, run by the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent (SSA) commenced on the 8th February, 1921. To commemorate the opening of Gabes, there was a morning tea on Saturday 13 February at Advent House, one of the original Gabes buildings. We thank the McKellar family for hosting this event, as Advent House is their private residence. Like many older organisations, there have been highs and lows along the way but we are still here as All Souls St Gabriels School, providing quality education to students from all over the north of Australia and beyond.

There has been a great deal of interest in the school over the break with our numbers from Pre-Prep to Year 12 now over 455 students including 206 boarders. Pleasingly, we have new enrolments in the range of secondary year levels, not just Year 7.

Students

Nothing is more satisfying to hear the good news stories from our Class of 2020 as they secure work, apprenticeships and university offers. Year

12 students graduated under the new system which included external exams for the first time in many years. There were 25 ATAR eligible students and of the students who consented to share their ATARs with the school:

- . 12% received an ATAR of 92 or above, placing them in the top 8% of the State
- . 24% received an ATAR of 80 or above, placing them in the top 20% of the State
- . 79% of eligible students who applied to QTAC received first preference.
- . Students will be studying at JCU, UQ, Griffith, UniNSW, & Australian Defence Force Academy in Occupational Therapy, Visual/Fine Arts, Music, Business, Communication, Engineering, Nursing, Teaching & Veterinary Science.
- . Students have also secured apprenticeships in electrical, mechanical, building & diesel fitting as well as full time and part time work.
- . Our highest performing student, Camryn Guldbransen received the Morris prize of \$1000.

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2021 Student Leaders

Back: Mr Darren Fleming, Sarah Milton, Lachlan Lathwell, Tio Hensley, Jasmine Elliott and Abbey Haines
 Middle: Hugh Barnicoat, Rily Goodwin, Ethan Cowan, Matthew McKellar, Andre Hill-Warner, Rylee Whelan and Hailea Wallace
 Front: Kevin Mutton, Claire Kempster, Grace Newnham, Piper Godfrey, Kayla Frost & Kacey Musk

Year 7 Camp

Despite looming cyclones in the north, we were fortunate to have all our Year 7 students back in time to attend the annual camp. The camp is a great opportunity for students from all over the state to get to know each other and some of their staff. Thank you to Mrs. Carol Shadforth for organising and co-ordinating the camp and to all the staff that attended.

Inter-House Swimming

On Monday 8 February, the annual Inter-House Swimming Carnival took place at the town pool. The carnival provided an opportunity for all students to represent their House no matter what their swimming ability. I always enjoy seeing the team spirit on show and the willingness of the students to support swimmers even if they are from a different House. There were some impressive swims and some great rivalries that emerged over the course of the day. Please see the sports report for all the results. Thank you to Mr Will Urquhart for organising the event and to the staff for their support on what was a very hot day.

Staff

Over the break we farewelled some staff who had been looking for new career opportunities. Unfortunately, the students and staff were unable to give them a proper farewell.

Melissa Peace (EA to Headmaster) has decided that after 16 years of exemplary service to the school she is going to step down from her role and pursue other interests. I imagine that will involve being as busy as ever but maybe having a bit more control of her time. Schools are busy places and the EA role is demanding and stressful. I am very thankful for all her hard work and support of the school and me personally.

We thank all the departing staff for their contributions to the School and to the Charters Towers community and we wish the new staff all the best.

Departed:

Yvonne Schaefer
Retired
Sue Brown
Retired
Marilyn Toohey
Retired
Kylee Smythe
Retired/ Columba Catholic College

Kate Thomson
Relocated
Ben Carter
Relocated to St Edmund's College, Ipswich
Kelsie Campbell
Relocated to Townsville
Shelbi Vienna-Hallam
Relocated to Chanel College, Gladstone
Caitlyn Oberg
Returned to WA
Sarah Smith
Columba Catholic College

Joining us in 2021:

Bec Dixon
Chad Senior Residential Boarding Supervisor
Will Urquhart
HPE teacher/Director of Sport (Sunshine Coast)
Renee Smith
Returning from maternity leave
Diane Austrai-Ombiga
Home economics teacher (Cairns)
Justin Power
Mathematics/HPE teacher (Nth NSW)
Sharna Carmody
Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator, English teacher (Townsville)
Cassie Windsor
Academic Registrar (Geelong)
Shania Richardson
HPE (Toowoomba)
Lachlan Glover
HPE (Brisbane)
Prue Clarke
Year 6 (Saudi Arabia returning from International school)
Jillian Schulz
Art teacher (BTC)

Changes to roles:

Carol Shadforth
Relinquished Year 7 & 8 Co-ordinator role
Deb Sellars
Appointed Year 7 & 8 Co-ordinator
Pia Taylor
Appointed Head of Health & Physical Education
Peter Turner
From Junior School to Senior School (Maths)
Jessica Twine
Resignation from After School Care
Tracey Atwell
Executive Assistant to the Headmaster



Burly Work Weekend

Thanks to the staff, students, parents, past students and friends who assisted at the annual Burly weekend. After all the rain, there was plenty of mowing and tidying up to be done. The major project was the replacement of the bell tower. Many thanks to Tom Hogg and Peter Lewty for their building skills and to Robert Peace and Damien Stoll for their support. It was also great to see new staff helping out, a great way to understand the ASSG spirit.

Darren Fleming

Heads of Department

Head of Arts

Mrs Kylie Kempster

Head of English

Mrs Suzanne Skirde

Head of Humanities

Mr Matthew Weston

Head of Mathematics

Miss Jess Marley

Head of Science

Mr Peter Wallis

Head of HPE

Miss Pia Taylor

Head of Design and Technology

Mr Joe Wivou

Indigenous Education Officer/

Head of Hospitality

Mrs Carol Shadforth

Deputy/ Academic Dean

Ian Dietrich

Busy beginnings ...

Once again, the start of the year has been rather hectic in the senior school.

Academic Heads of Department (HODs)

The changes to our teaching staff from 2020 (as listed by Mr Fleming in his article) have meant two changes to the Academic Heads of Department. We congratulate Miss Pia Taylor for her appointment as HOD HPE and Mrs Shadforth for adding Hospitality to her Indigenous Education Officer HOD role. A full list of Academic HODs is included in this edition of our newsletter.

School–Home Connection

All teaching staff have been instructed to make email or phone contact with all families of students in their care. By now, you should have a connection to all of your children's teachers in Years 8 to 12 for this semester. Year 7 Teachers have waited until after the Year 7 Camp to make contact with their classes. This has been happening this week and will continue in the coming days. To further assist with the school–home connection, I have included in this edition of The Phoenix Rising a list of Academic Heads of Department. If you have any specific subject questions it is always best to start with your child's teacher before seeking advice from the Head of Department; however, you are more than welcome to include them in any correspondence. The roles of Year Co-ordinators (Years 7 & 8 Mrs Deb Sellars, Years 9 & 10 Mrs Jordan Bensemann and Years 11 & 12 Ms Sharna Carmody) will also be a strong connection between school and home.

Academic Awards

The 2020 Years 7 & 8 rotation subject awards were presented at our first assembly of the year. These included any additional Merit Awards, any changes to Academic Medal calculations, and Subject Dux Prizes. We needed to wait until the end of the school year to calculate these recipients as students had only just started their final set of subjects when

Awards Day results were due (Monday Week 4 Term 4). It was pleasing to see many students recognised for their strong efforts in these subjects in 2020.

The 2020 Semester 2 Academic Awards and Headmasters List awards for 2020 Years 7-9 have also been presented in recent days. It is always great to see so many hard working students receive recognition for their academic efforts and achievements. The list of recipients and the award criteria are listed in this edition of The Phoenix Rising. I encourage all current students to read the criteria and aim to be on the lists for this semester.

As the new senior system is now fully rolled-out in Years 11 & 12, academic awards for senior students will be presented at the beginning of Terms 2 & 4. This recognises their end of a 'unit' of work at the end of Terms 1 & 3 in the new system. Students in Years 7-9 will continue to be eligible for academic awards at the end of a traditional 'semester'. Students in Year 10 will be eligible for academic awards at the end of Terms 2 & 3. This accounts for their Year 10 subject achievements, prior to commencing their senior studies in Term 4.

Academic Reporting

Once again this term, a progress style of academic report will be provided to parents of students in Years 7-9 in both Terms 1 & 3; plus Term 1 for Year 10. It includes detail on academic progress as well as information on effort and classroom behaviour. This progress report provides more information to parents and students in a timely fashion mid-semester and will form the basis of deeper conversations at Parent / Teacher Interviews in Terms 2 & 4. The fact that a formal report is provided mid-semester, allows for intervention and support to be targeted before the start of the second half of a semester.

Students in Years 11 & 12 continue to study courses under the new senior system. This will mean that their academic progress reports will be distributed at the end of Terms 2 & 4 – and a full academic report will be provided at the end of their study of the new 'units' in Terms 1 & 3.

Senior Curriculum Process Review

Heads of Department and the Senior Leadership Team have reviewed the processes and expectations surrounding Year 12 students study program in Terms 3 & 4. We felt the new processes went extremely well last year. Once a detailed plan is finalised for this year, Year 12 students and their parents will be contacted directly. The information will also be relayed to all in our School community via a future edition of our newsletter. Please feel free to speak with me regarding aspects of the new senior system. I certainly appreciate your questions that may trigger more planning necessary at a school level over the next couple of years, as we transition to a new norm.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT LIST

**Based on results from
SEMESTER 2, 2020
Awarded Semester 1, 2021**

Students in Years 7 - 9 who receive an Academic Achievement Certificate have received an A in the majority of their academic core subjects (only A's & B's allowed), and no achievement level of less than a C in non core subjects (only one C allowed).

Name	Year Level
Hannah Brown	Year 7
Emma Coleman	Year 7
Tamzin Finger	Year 7
Shakira Fogarty	Year 7
Rose Harper	Year 7
Joseph Newnham	Year 7
Lucy North	Year 7
Shelden West	Year 7
Connor Atkinson	Year 8
Lauren Atwell	Year 8
Tyler Godfrey	Year 8
Georgia Gostelow	Year 8
Miranda Jonsson	Year 8
Luke Keough	Year 8
Hunter McKellar	Year 8
Charlette Deem	Year 9
Tiarra Fogarty	Year 9
Seth Guldbransen	Year 9
Olivia Haines	Year 9
Annabel Ruyg	Year 9
Karen Squair	Year 9

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED MERITS AFTER THE FULL SUBJECT ROTATION 2020

YEAR 7	
STUDENT	SUBJECT
JADE COWAN	TEXTILES
JAE MOSSMAN	STEM
KEELY READ	STEM
SHARNIE STEVENS	TEXTILES
LEARNNA CAMPBELL	TEXTILES
APRIL KEOUGH	STEM
JENNIFER LAVERY	STEM
LUCY NORTH	FOOD AND NUTRITION
RORY BARR	TEXTILES
RORY CLARK	TEXTILES
ASHLEIGH ELLIOTT	TEXTILES
YASMIN MUSK	TEXTILES
EMMA COLEMAN	STEM
DANIEL WEARING	FOOD AND NUTRITION
YEAR 8	
STUDENT	SUBJECT
MONTANNA MILLER	MUSIC
CLANCY STRETTON	MUSIC
COREY MUSK	MUSIC
BARNEY HENSLEY	STEM
ELLA LEAKE	MUSIC
ERIN WILKINSON	MUSIC
EMILY MAXWELL	MUSIC
ANNA MILTON	STEM
HARRISON KEOUGH	MUSIC & DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
TAITUM HERRING	MUSIC

DUX OF SUBJECT—YEAR 7

DANIEL WEARING	VISUAL ART & TEXTILES
ROSE HARPER	STEM
SHAKIRA FOGARTY	TEXTILES & FOOD AND NUTRITION
SHELDEN WEST	DRAMA

DUX OF SUBJECT—YEAR 8

MILLI GOODWIN	MUSIC
LUKE KEOUGH	ECONOMICS & BUSINESS
MADISON SIMMS	ECONOMICS & BUSINESS
MIRANDA JONSSON	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
GEORGIA GOSTELOW	STEM

HEADMASTER'S LIST

Based on results from SEMESTER 2, 2020, Awarded Semester 1, 2021

(Students on the Headmaster's List have effort ratings of 1 or 2 in all subjects, and at least half of all these ratings must be a 1)

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Reese Barkworth	Madison Simms	Regan Barkworth
Clancy Brassington	Connor Atkinson	Jalen Barry
Hannah Brown	Lauren Atwell	Erin Blennerhassett
Leearnna Campbell	Layla Bailey	Trezjhan Brackenridge
Rory Clark	Lacey Barnicoat	Meg Brassington
Emma Coleman	Jaydi Cameron	Leeah Campbell
Sam Cowan	Tammazin Chong	Mitchell Candy
Ashleigh Elliott	Cameron Dart	Brandy Corlis
William Elliott	Steven Davidson	Bryce Cowan
Tamzin Finger	Wynita Deem	Bailey Cowan
Shakira Fogarty	Ben Dickson	Charlette Deem
Lincon Foot	Ellah Dixon	Tiarra Fogarty
Rose Harper	Jacalyn Elliott	Mitchell Fox
Alaina Heuir	James Geeves	Darcy Frost
Ruby Hunt	Tyler Godfrey	Seth Guldbransen
Megan Inkerman	Milli Goodwin	Olivia Haines
Emily Jackson	Georgia Gostelow	Mallee Hill
April Keough	Steve Hare	Hannah Jenkins
Grace Kirkwood	Barney Hensley	Annabel Ruyg
Hannah Knuth	Taitum Herring	Liam Ryan
Jae Mossman	Charlotte Jesberg	Walter Shadforth
Yasmin Musk	Angus Jonsson	Kye Smollett
Joseph Newnham	Miranda Jonsson	Karen Squair
Izzy Paskins	Caleb Kadiko	
Max Smith	Harry Keough	
Sharnie Stevens	Luke Keough	
Cate Trevor	Ella Leake	
Della Walsh	Mahava Leo	
Daniel Wearing	Darby Linton	
Shelden West	Mickey Luke	
Jack Wharton	Hunter McKellar	
	Erik Michaelis	
	Montanna Miller	
	Anna Milton	
	Dru Mossman	
	William Murphy	
	Matilda Peagham	
	Rowena Stephen	
	Rheannon Read	
	Karlee Searle	
	Darnelle Steedman	
	Emily Stevens	
	Clancy Stretton	

Dean of School

Karen Storey

Welcome

2021 has commenced with the usual flurry of excitement and it was great to see many old and new faces on campus for the Burry Work weekend, meet and greet, boarding orientations and Prefect installation. I am sure I am not alone when I say that I hope this year is a little more 'normal' than 2020 for our students, staff and wider community. I have no doubt that whatever 2021 has in store for us that it will be an enjoyable, successful, and memorable one. I look forward to meeting new and reuniting with old faces as the year progresses.

Information overload

In the next week students will receive a lot of information including key dates, unit overviews, homework setting schedule, uniform requirements, class expectations and much, much more. Much of this information will likely be internalised (not passed on) or forgotten until students require it. As parents and caregivers I am sure that this can become frustrating and result in many morning arguments. The best advice I can give to parents who are unsure is to ask questions. At ASSG there are no stupid questions. If you **require information we will be only too happy to assist. For those who have secondary students** a list of their email addresses appears on this page.

School Photos

Information relating to school photograph orders will be posted out in the coming week. You should also receive information via email and on the School's Facebook page this week. The first of our two photograph days will be held on Wednesday 10 March. All students will be required to wear formal uniform on this day with senior students (Y11 and 12) requiring blazers. Female senior students are required to wear court shoes for their photographs. Online orders are due by Tuesday 9 March, however, those wishing to return the envelope and payment to the school are asked to do so by Monday 1 March. Your co-operation in adhering to these dates is most appreciated.



Dean of Students

Wendy Fleming

Welcome back to a new and exciting year as we this year acknowledge our heritage from St Gabriels and celebrate our future pathways. I am pleased to be working within the framework of our Pastoral Care Team to ensure that we can care for students in a positive, proactive manner.

Seniors

YLead is a Youth Leadership conference that was held in Townsville prior to school starting. Matt McKellar, Piper Godfrey, Sarah Milton, Andre Hill-Warner and Tio Hensley gave up some of their holiday time to stay at JCU with other school leaders from this region and to get ready for their leadership roles this year. Their feedback about this valuable experience was very positive and they have started the year strongly as our leaders.

All the Seniors participated in leadership activities at the MPC at the end of Week 1. This was their chance to work together as a team as well as working with their respective Heads of House in preparation for the upcoming Inter-House carnivals. There were messages about planning, preparation and teamwork as they strive to manage their commitments throughout this year.

We encourage all students to work together in a respectful manner. This includes having respect in and around school for everyone (staff and students) as well as being respectful in the dorms. It is great to see our students working together to make a strong start – helping the new students find their way around the campus, sharing our school's special routines, enjoying the rain and the green campus. The Year 7's presented '2021 Senior' badges to their Year 12 buddies during Week 1, then it was great to see the Seniors come to farewell the Year 7's as they headed off to camp in Week 2.

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Pastoral Care Team

Wendy Fleming
Dean of Students

Welcome back for 2021. For those families new to our school the role of the Pastoral Care Team is to support the wellbeing of students at ASSG. This team works closely with the rest of the boarding staff and teaching staff to ensure that our students are cared for. We welcome Ms Sharna Carmody as the Year 11 & 12 co-ordinator. Ms Carmody joins us from Cathedral School in Townsville. We also welcome Mrs Deb Sellars to the team as the Year 7 & 8 Coordinator. Mrs Sellars has moved into the secondary school after working in the junior school last year. Mrs Bensemann has returned into the slightly different role of Year 9 & 10 Coordinator.

The Pastoral Care Team are working within a framework based on the principles of Positive Psychology and the school has joined PESA (Positive Education Schools Association) so that we can share resources and ideas with other schools who have embarked on a similar journey. If you are interested in finding out more, you can go to <https://www.pesa.edu.au/>

As part of the transition to secondary school, Year 7 have just completed a four day camp at Camp Fairbairn near Emerald. During this camp the focus was on teamwork and getting to know everyone in the group, including the staff. Thank you to Mrs Carol Shadforth for her sensational organisation of the camp as well as Mrs Deb Sellars for her input. Thanks also to Mr Mark Gibson, Mr Alan Shadforth, Miss Shania Richardson and Mr Jordan Dietrich for coming along. Special thanks to Alice Lawrence for being the amazing cook.

Whilst many parents and students are excited about this year, there can be anxiety. To help deal with the range of emotions faced by our students throughout the year we encourage parents to keep us informed about events or situations that may have an impact on our students' ability to cope.

Psychologist

Ms Sarah Smith departed at the end of 2020. We have been negotiating with Leading Change Psychology from Townsville to provide services for our school throughout 2021. All Souls St Gabriels School staff worked with Leading Change Psychology last year as part of our EAP – Employee Assistance Program. We are now working through the process of extending these services to students as well. Leading Change has psychologists visit Charters Towers every week and are also able to provide telehealth services if required. The Pastoral Care Team are currently mapping out the referral process for appointments to ensure these services may be accessed. Parents who would like more information about access to these services may contact Mrs Wendy Fleming (Dean of Students) or the ASSG Clinic, particularly if there is an immediate need for this support. Further details will be made available shortly to school families.

Tips for dealing with homesickness

As with the start of every year we see many students who are away from home for the first time, or may be having some difficulties settling back in after the long break. Some students may be homesick on their first night away, but others may not experience homesickness until after the initial excitement with starting, or being back at school wears off. Often this may not occur until the third or fourth week when the reality of boarding kicks in.

The following are tips that many students have found helpful in managing their homesickness:

- 1) Homesickness is normal. Your child should give themselves time to get used to school.
- 2) Encourage your child to get involved with other students, classes, and activities.
- 3) Make contact with your children. Phone calls may make the feelings worse in the first couple of weeks, so be careful. Talk to your child's Senior Resident for feedback about how to support them.
- 4) Talk! Encourage your child to talk about their feelings with a friend, senior resident, or teacher.

Most importantly there are many staff at ASSG to help your child manage. Remember to keep communicating with teachers and the boarding staff so we can all work together.

If you have any questions or concerns about mental health or wellbeing issues please contact a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Pastoral Care Team

Mr Darren Fleming	Headmaster
Mrs Wendy Fleming	Dean of Students
Mr Darren Guldbransen	Head of Boarding
Mrs Deb Sellars	Year 7-8 Co-ordinator
Mrs Jordan Bensemann	Year 9-10 Co-ordinator
Ms Sharna Carmody	Year 11-12 Co-ordinator
Mrs Carol Shadforth	Indigenous Education Officer
Sr Kate McCartney	School Nurse
Sr Terri Hensler	School Nurse
Ms Flo King	Administration

Chaplaincy Team

Darren Fleming

At the commencement of each term, we hold a welcome service for all staff on Travel Day and then a service for both staff and students on the first day of term. At the start of the year, this service presents the Class of 2021 to the School and "makes" and "inducts" the Prefects and "installs" the School Captains.

Earlier in the day, the new Year 7 students had an orientation session in the Chapel to help them understand what was going to happen at the afternoon's service and what are the attributes of a faith-based School and in our case, an Anglican School.

We were very appreciative that Fr Kenneth Lay, Archdeacon and the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St James, was able to spend the entire day with us at the School. Fr Kenneth also joined us last week to conduct a service.

The search for a full time Anglican priest to take on the role of Chaplain is ongoing with both the Bishop and Archdeacon assisting us in the process. A booklet explaining this important role is available on the website and on the Anglican Schools of Australia website.

Sunday evening Chapel has continued this term and we have moved to the earlier timeslot of 5.30pm, before the evening meal rather than after. Year 12s have conducted the first two services and I appreciate their support.

Junior School Chapel has also commenced and we thank Mrs Janey Dickson for preparing the children's liturgy each week.



School Prayers

In our thoughts & prayers;

Lord God, we pray for the lives of our past students Raymond Lewty (1949-1950, Page House), Russell Matthews (1949-1953, Page House Captain & Prefect) and Ruby Polsen (2009-2018) Chad House. May their souls rest in eternal peace.



Sport News

Will Urquhart - Director of Sport

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING

The year started off with a bang with the Inter-House Swimming Carnival on Monday 8 February. Everyone adapted well to the new format of a day carnival and the carnival went off without a hitch. Well done to all the competitors who certainly gave their all with many great performances. Well done also to all students who were in attendance and supported their houses with great pride. A big thank you to all the staff involved in official duties. They are all an integral part of the carnival and there wouldn't be a carnival without them.

Age Champions

12 Years Girls	Age Champion	Annie-May Johnson
	Runner-Up	Olivia Geoghegan
12 Years Boys	Age Champion	Clancy Twine
	Runner-Up	Henry Jesberg
13 Years Girls	Age Champion	Jennifer Lavery
	Runner-Up	Ruby Hunt
13 Years Boys	Age Champion	Max Michaelis
	Runner-Up	Shelden West
14 Years Girls	Age Champion	Hanna Saunders
	Runner-Up	Anna Milton
14 Years Boys	Age Champion	Ben Dickson
	Runner-Up	Dan Olver
15 Years Girls	Age Champion	Karen Squair
	Runner-Up	Charlotte Jesberg
15 Years Boys	Age Champion	Sam McCartney
	Runner-Up	Tristan Lathwell
16 Years Girls	Age Champion	Tiarra Fogarty & Ella Dietrich
	Runner-Up	Mia Dickson
16 Years Boys	Age Champion	Jed Marshall
	Runner-Up	Hayden Smith
Open Girls	Age Champion	Sarah Milton
	Runner-Up	Olivia Titley
Open Boys	Age Champion	Lachlan Lathwell
	Runner-Up	Jimmy McDowall

House Champions

Girls		
1 st	Chad	1354
2 nd	Becket	1196
3 rd	Alban	940

Boys		
1 st	Feetham	1274
2 nd	Ramsay	1244
3 rd	Page	1097

Combined		
1 st	Becket & Feetham	2740
2 nd	Chad & Page	2451
3 rd	Alban & Ramsay	2184



Inter-House Swimming Age Champions

Back Row: Ella Dietrich, Tiarra Fogarty, Sarah Milton, Lachy Lathwell & Jed Marshall
 Middle Row: Jennifer Lavery, Hanna Saunders, Karen Squair, Samuel McCartney, Max Michaelis, Ben Dickson
 Front row: Clancy Twine and Annie-May Johnson

Inter-House Swimming Photos



Science Department

Peter Wallis

Head of Science

From the Blackboard to the Smartboard - Science: into the Future!

It has been a long time goal of mine to introduce smartboard technology into the Science Department here at All Souls St Gabriels School. Ever since I first saw the emerging technology used in the classroom back in the early 2000's I've been excited about their potential to enhance the teaching and learning of our students. However, at that time I was still spluttering through clouds of chalk dust, ending lessons looking like Casper the friendly ghost: Smartboards seemed a distant dream. In addition, the breathtaking price and many technological limitations left me questioning the value for money smartboards posed. In recent years, prices have become more acceptable, our own use, and indeed reliance, on technology such as the computers, The Internet, IPADS, online teaching and learning platforms etc has meant that now is the right time to embrace new opportunities.

This year I am pleased to announce the introduction of two brand new 86inch 4K touch screen smart boards into the Science Department - not a microgram of chalkdust to be sneezed at! Below is a graphic from their brochure that outlines some of the capabilities.



(Source: <https://www.clevertouch.com/au/education/impact-range/impact-plus>. 7/2/21)

From these devices, that can be used in the same way as a standard projector and media presenter, my classroom diagrams, notes, equations and general scribbles can also be instantly saved and emailed to students or saved on-to Google Classroom for student access. Class notes can be saved so no more having to waste time redrawing/re-writing important information from previous lessons. At the touch of the screen, these notes (and any others saved from previous lessons) can be instantly brought back to life in front of the class. The potential for revision here is exciting, especially in light of the new senior syllabuses high exam weighting.

They can record sounds from practical investigations, link to staff computers or directly to the Internet. I can now pause a media clip at any point and use the graphic as a base onto which many new annotations and explanations can be added as a layer. With increased connectivity, multiple devices such as computers, microscopes and cameras can be used with ease toggling back and forth between devices as required to help explain concepts and techniques. The large screen size means no longer do we need to see crowds of students around the demonstration desk with students jostling for position to get the best view; they can see it all from the comfort of their own chair.

With further training, I am confident that we will become more familiar with the use of these boards and exploit their potential to the full. It is my hope that in the coming years the other 3 labs can be installed with the same type of technology, and as other staff from different departments get to use these boards, I am confident that there will be more to come in a classroom near you!

The Arts

Kylie Kempster

Head of The Arts

After a tumultuous 2020, we look forward to a more normal year in 2021. We would like to welcome all new students, staff members and their families to the Arts, and extend our warmest wishes for a creative and fulfilling year.

The Arts Staff this year includes:

Mrs Kylie Kempster	Head of the Arts and Drama teacher
Mrs Wendy Fleming	Senior Music teacher
Miss Leslie Croker	Instrumental Music Coordinator teacher
Mr Stephen Price	Junior Music teacher
Mrs Deb Sellars	Music and Voice teacher
Mr Ron Sellars	Music and Instrumental Music teacher

We also welcome to our department:

Mrs Jillian Schulz	Visual Art teacher
Mr William Lukeman	Drama teacher
Mrs Renee Smith	Visual Art teacher

Our Arts Prefect for 2021 is: Claire Kempster

MUSIC ALREADY IN THE SWING

One of the great pleasures of working in the Arts staffroom is hearing the sweet sound of students creating music, and Mr Price's Year 9/10 class certainly brighten up a rainy morning this week. Can't wait to hear what they come up with throughout the term!

VISUAL ART STUDENTS GET CREATIVE

Meanwhile, in Room 13, the Year 9/10 Visual Art students were getting creative in a quieter way. New Visual Art teacher Mrs Jillian Schulz has made a great impact in a short time, winning our students over with her wealth of experience and passion for the subject.

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS

There are a wealth of opportunities for all students in the Arts, regardless of whether they are enrolled in classroom subjects. Instrumental students are encouraged to join the All Souls St Gabriels School Concert Band or Stage Band. Rehearsals will start in Week 4, with Concert Band practices scheduled for Monday afternoon until 4.30pm, and Stage Band rehearsals held on Friday from 7.30am until the commencement of the school day. Year 7 students will be introduced to the fun and rewarding experience of being part of a band on Monday evenings during Prep time (6.30 - 8.00pm). Instrumental and voice lessons are also offered at highly competitive prices with experienced, qualified teachers. Handbooks, including enrolment form, are available at the Student Services office or from Miss Croker, as well as on the All Souls St Gabriels School website.

Mrs Schulz has also taken up the popular Less Talk More Art session on Tuesday after school until 4.30pm for those who would like to nurture their creativity in a friendly, supportive environment.



Mr Price and his Year 9/10 Music Class rock out



Year 9/10 ready to unleash their creativity

Junior School

Tina Akers

Head of Junior School

Great start to the year

We have enjoyed a successful couple of weeks and are looking forward to a positive, safe and healthy year ahead. The classrooms look amazing and are alive with the excitement of learning. It has been a pleasure to see the children's positive attitude and great enthusiasm as they renew friendships and settle back into the school routines. I am sure if we maintain this level of energy and willingness to achieve our best, 2021 will be a very productive and successful year.

We have a strong team of professionals in the Junior School. This year we extend a warm welcome to: Miss Prue Clarke (Year 6) and Mr Stephen Price (Music). Junior School Staff have high expectations for every student to achieve their best and care enough to expect more. We delight in watching each child grow, as they share experiences, develop friendships and celebrate their achievements. Each day we take on the shared responsibility of the academic and emotional development of our young students. As the school day begins, teachers connect with their students through conversation and observation. Teachers check in on how their students are feeling and if they are ready to learn. From these small interactions between teachers and students, staff convey they are listening and care about their students, acknowledging they are important members of the class and our School. They provide an environment which engenders a feeling of safety and mutual respect.



As we are committed to providing a quality education for all our students, ongoing communication with parents is essential. In addition to celebrating the achievements of

each child, we appreciate the conversations we have with parents and guardians and value the feedback we receive. This is one of the many ways to identify areas for improvement. The feedback can be as simple as a few spoken words at drop off or pick up time, or a quick, direct email to the teacher or administration at the end of the day. Working together, our aim is to develop confident and resilient students by providing a diverse range of learning experiences and challenges which encourage curiosity, excitement for learning, thirst for knowledge and connectedness to our community.

It was wonderful to see so many parents/guardians attend the Junior School "Meet the Teacher" parent information evening. The involvement of parents within our School community remains a key aspect to the successes we will celebrate throughout the year.

Our School has a rich history of collaboration that we will continue to respect and value as we move forward. Working together, we will build upon the excellent reputation All Souls St Gabriels School has within the wider community.

Year 6 Leadership Day on Magnetic Island

Student leadership is an experience, which is highly valued by our School community. As leaders in the Junior School, the Year 6 students will be given many opportunities to demonstrate their leadership and work together at various School and community events.

On Wednesday, 17 February, the Year 6 class travelled to Magnetic Island to participate in a number of activities designed to develop their understanding of what it means to work together as a team to achieve a common goal. They participated in a variety of tasks that require them to co-operate with their peers, show commitment to a task, display empathy and understanding of others while celebrating personal achievements and group success. The day also provided the opportunity for the students to demonstrate they are safe, respectful learners.

Thank you to Miss Clarke, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Weston and the staff at Apex Camps for organising this great experience. Our thanks are also extended to the crew on the Sealink ferry.



Staff Professional Development

Prior to the students returning to start the academic year, Junior School Staff were busy taking part in professional learning, as we embark on the implementation of a Literacy program for Pre-prep to Year 6. The program written by Diana Rigg (who has extensive experience as a Classroom Teacher, Specialist Literacy Teacher and Speech Pathologist) in collaboration with a team of Speech Pathologists and Occupational Therapists, is designed to translate the latest research from around the world into classroom best practice. There will be some small, subtle, but highly significant changes to our current Literacy teaching and learning practices and homework expectations. More information will be provided by class teachers as the term progresses.

We are all excited about the year ahead, and look forward to another great year of academic, cultural, physical and spiritual growth for all our students, staff and community. Please don't hesitate to contact the Junior School Office

(juniorschool@allsouls.qld.edu.au or phone: 4788 2242) if you would like to make an appointment to discuss any aspect of your child's learning and wellbeing.



From the Dorms

Welcome

2021 holds a lot of hope for many of us, it's a new year with new opportunities. And as we welcome everyone back for the new school year, we cross our fingers that this one will be better than the last, on many levels. Despite last year's challenges, we are happy to report that our boarding numbers have increased. It's great to see so many new faces getting around campus, and to know our dormitories are almost at full capacity. To all our families: we're very grateful you chose our school for your children, and we look forward to sharing all their achievements and milestones with you.

New Dormies

Our boarding team is joined by a couple of new faces this year as well. We'd like to introduce our newest members, and wish them all the best; you're joining an awesome team with a wealth of knowledge to share.

Mrs Bec Dixon is our new Chad Senior Resident Supervisor. Bec and her family join us from Gregory Downs, west of Charters Towers. But Bec is no stranger to our Souls family and the boarding lifestyle. Her daughters, April and Ellah, have been boarding in Alban for 6 years. Bec is a welcome addition to our team, and we know she'll be a valuable asset to our little community and girls boarding.

Mr Peter Wallis has joined us as the new Ramsay Relief Supervisor. Peter and his family have been with the ASSG community for 6 years and have two daughters in junior school. Peter is a teacher and also the head of our school Science Department. He has done boarding in a past life, so comes to us with experience in both areas of our school. We extend a warm welcome to Peter, and wish him all the best in boarding.

Year 7 Camp

It's great to see how successful our process of integrating the Year 7 cohort has improved. Due to our 'orientation' program, our Year 7's arrive much more settled, knowing what to expect and who to turn to for support. This was evident in the lead-up to their annual school camp. No sooner had they arrived and unpacked into their bays, then they found themselves re-packing for a 4 day adventure at Camp Fairbairn near Emerald. It's a fantastic

opportunity for the kids to really bond, build on relationships with their fellow class-mates and begin their journey through senior school on the right foot. The week is packed full of activities like canoeing, orientation, obstacle courses and sports – all designed to help them learn about team building, resilience and connections. They returned to us unscathed but exhausted – which only proves the week was a success!

Inter-House Swimming Carnival

We held our Inter-House Swimming trials in week one, followed by the Inter-House Carnival in week 3. It's the first major sporting event for the year, and we were impressed by the enthusiasm of everyone to get in, have a go and support their house-mates. From this carnival our Inter-School team is chosen and they will start preparations to take on the other schools. One of our best assets, is the sportsmanship and team spirit that we bring to everything we are a part of. The Inter-House Swimming Carnival was again proof of this. A huge congratulations to Becket/Feetham who took home the overall champions Aggregate Trophy! Congratulations also go to Chad and Feetham who were the winning girls and boys Houses. All the results can be found in the sports pages of this newsletter.



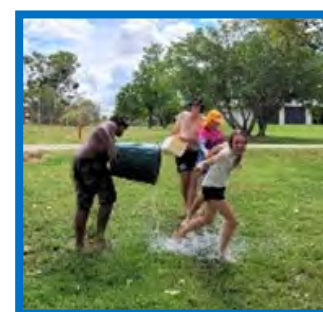
Year 12 Seniors

Our Year 12 class have had a busy couple of weeks as well. There is a certain amount of unspoken, added pressure to redeem the 'senior' year after all the Covid setbacks of last year. They've settled into their new roles within the school and are enthusiastic about putting their stamp on their final year here. The Senior Badge Presentations and Prefect Inductions were held in the first week back, and it's been great to see them stepping up to the plate and fulfilling their roles. Their major commitment at this time of year is undoubtedly their ongoing support for other students. They're proving to be great role models and it's a pleasure working alongside them, teaching and guiding the younger ones. Keep up the great work Senior Class of '21.



Weekend fun

On Saturday 6 February, all our boarders participated in a water fight on Mattingly Oval. It was a great afternoon of high-jinx, combat and highly guarded tactics between all 6 dorms. Containers of any description were filled with water-balloons and every tap and hose was heavily defended. All in all it was a great afternoon of fun, and something the kids are keen to do again soon.



Dormitory Staff: Alison Barnicoat, Darren Guldbrandsen, Jake Diery, Dawn McGill, Vanessa Herring, Jenny Cantle & Bec Dixon

Alban highlights

Welcome back to our returning, and new, Alban families. It's been a great start to the year and wonderful to see so many new faces.

Although our Alban Seniors have been fulfilling their new roles for a few weeks now, we want to congratulate them on their successful positions:

House Captain: Jasmine Elliott
Agricultural Prefect: Kayla Frost
Senior Prefect: Abbey Haines
Senior: Tosha Pearson
Senior: Nikkaya Cameron

You have our full support and we know you will guide and lead us to the best of your ability through 2021.



We welcomed 6 new girls into Alban Dormitory this year. Year 7 - Hayley Fox; Sharlee Pedersen; Maude Pambegan; Zenada Luke & Mavis Baira. Year 10 - Bryar Darwin. We look forward to sharing the next chapter of your school journey with you!

Congratulations to one of our Alban Year 12 Seniors, Nikkaya Cameron. Nikkaya is completing a Certificate III in Business with Westpac Bank, and will attend her apprenticeship while finishing Year 12. Well done Nikkaya!



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Becket highlights

Welcome back to my Becket families. For the first time in a while, we have a full dorm and the happy chaos is a wonderful change. We're very excited to see so many new Becket faces.

Becket has a few interior décor additions, and the girls are very pleased with the new look.

My 2021 year 12 seniors, Tahlia Flanagan and Tamea Sexton, are off to a good start. They have been very supportive of our newest Year 7's, dormitory staff and Becket girls. I'm so glad to have Tahlia and Tamea as Becket role models.



New games... new Foosball table... and new kitchen shelves!



New way of swimming!



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Chad highlights

I would like to welcome everyone back for another wonderful year at All Souls St Gabriels School.

A special welcome the newest members of our Chad family:

Year 7 Chenille Bengaroo and Georgia Clay

Year 8: Etelka Hari

Year 9: Danni Eastaughffe and Hanna Saunders

Year 10: Georgia Dakin and Tjakana Richards-Hari

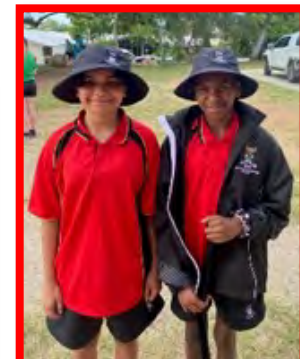
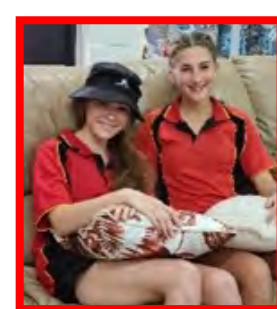
The girls are settling into dormitory life very well and are picking up the daily routines.

Chad dorm is looking great after the holidays with a few décor changes to freshen things up.

A special thank you to Alison, my dormie partner, for showing and teaching me the ropes, as well as all the other dorm staff that I have relied on for backup. You are all amazing at what you do!

We have had both our Inter-House Swimming Trials and Carnival in the last two weeks. You can find the results in the sports pages.

Our two Year 7 girls came back from camp with interesting recounts of their adventures! It was so good to hear their stories and see them relaxed and enjoying time with their class-mates.



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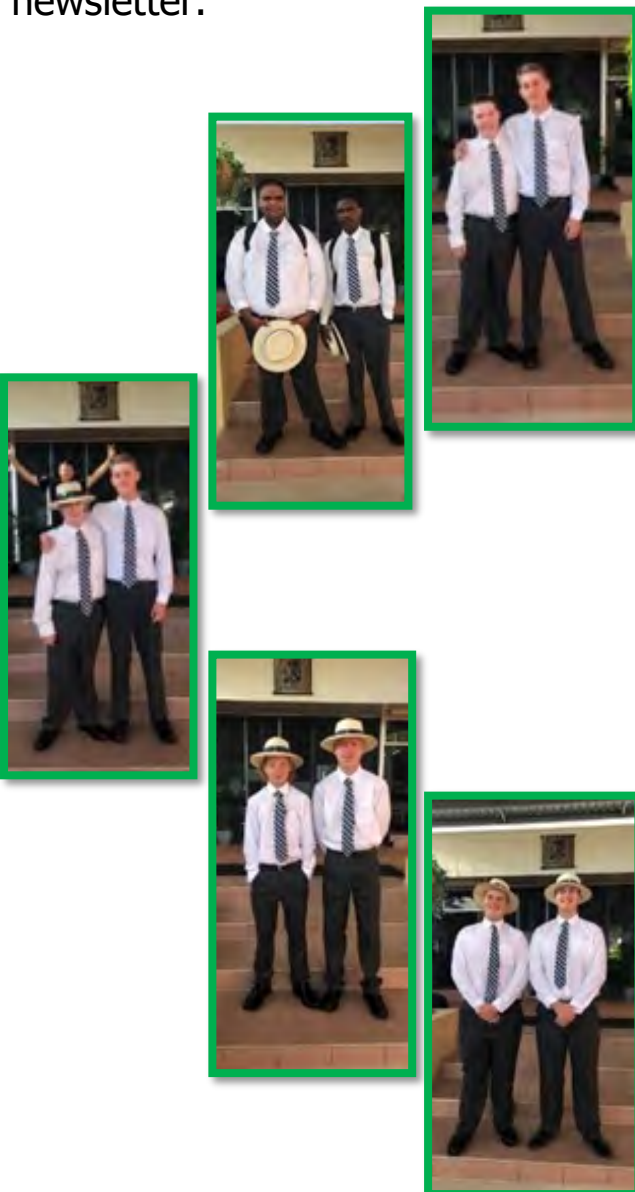
Ramsay highlights

I would like to welcome everyone back for another wonderful year at All Souls St Gabriels School, and in particular Ramsay Dormitory. It's great to see most of last year's crew back again, and a special welcome to all the new boys.

The boys are settling into dormitory life very well, and are picking up the routine, thanks to the older boys for showing them the way.

The Year 7 boys went off to camp, and to say they were excited, is an understatement. They went down to Camp Fairbairn as a team building exercise and to make new friends. They had a stack of fun!

We completed our Inter-House Swimming Trials and Carnival, with our boys doing a stellar job. It's good to see the boys coming together and showing some great House spirit so early in the term. A special mention to our Ramsay House Captain, Lachy Lathwell, who took out the Open Boys Age Champion! We are all so proud of you mate – well done and well-deserved! All the results can be found in the sports section of this newsletter.



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Feetham highlights

Welcome back to all the old boys, and I would like to welcome our new members to Feetham Dormitory: Ben Leake, Brodie Clark, Dustin Allen, Lachlan Saunders, Tom Linton, Tyson Johnson, Angus Walker and Xavier Lord. The guys are slowly starting to settle in. It is very tough leaving home, but I know the boys will start to enjoy it very soon. A big thank you to the boys that have been here to support and look after those who are homesick.

Congratulations Feetham Boys! You did yourselves proud at the recent Inter-House Swimming Carnival. Not only did you win highest point score for the boy's Houses, but you also brought home the win for the overall swimming champions Aggregate Trophy alongside Becket. We'd also like to congratulate our sister House, Becket! Well done to all the houses as well as all the support people who were involved.

A word from our Feetham House Captain, Ethan Cowan: "I would just like to say congratulations to our boys on a well-deserved win at the Inter-House Swimming Carnival. You guys did a great job, you put your best effort in, and gave it your all so we could bring home the bacon for Feetham!"

The boys were very busy last weekend between the Feetham outdoor cricket competition, and playing touch up at O'Keefe Oval under the lights. With the return of the year 7's from camp, the boys are starting to get back into the swing of boarding life, with school and sport starting to ramp up. Let's go get 'em Feetham boys!



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Page highlights

Welcome to our new boarders in Year 7 and welcome back to all our returning boarders. This year has a positive feel in Page Dormitory and we have a good leadership group with our Year 12s. They are organized and motivated to keep our culture of involvement, tolerance and compassion going and to help instill the values of our boarding house in the younger students.



The House spirit at the Inter-House swimming carnival was strong for Page House and every event had competitors in our lanes. Despite the result there is a sense of pride amongst the boys that they competed to the best of their ability and that is all anyone can do.



I am confident that this year will be a great year in Page boarding and that our new boarders will become comfortable here and begin to enjoy the fun parts of being in a boarding House.



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Rural Activities Report

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Rural Activities Prefect

The rural activities area is thriving; there is plenty of green grass and lots of water ready for a busy 2021. Both the Cattle Club and Equestrian Team are quite eager to start their training and learning with Lionel as the show season starts soon. Both clubs are excited to go and compete in numerous events this year as COVID-19 stopped a lot of our events from happening last year.

On Sunday 7 February Cattle Club and Equestrian team members spent their morning at the School's adjustment paddock where we learnt more about judging cattle, handling the new calves and demonstrating how low stress stock handling is an important skill when moving stock. A big thank you to Mrs Wendy Amos and Mrs Bec Dixon for coming and helping out, Lionel for making our excursion possible and our two fabulous cooks, Ellah Dixon and Charlette Deem, for preparing meals for us throughout the day. The day was filled with lots of laughs, good stories and, perhaps, a quick dip in the trough.

We have already welcomed new members to both Cattle Club and Equestrian Team this year and are always encouraging new faces to come down to the Rural Activities area and join us. Cattle club meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and Equestrian Team meets on Mondays and Wednesdays 3.30pm till 5.00pm.

All the best for an amazing 2021.

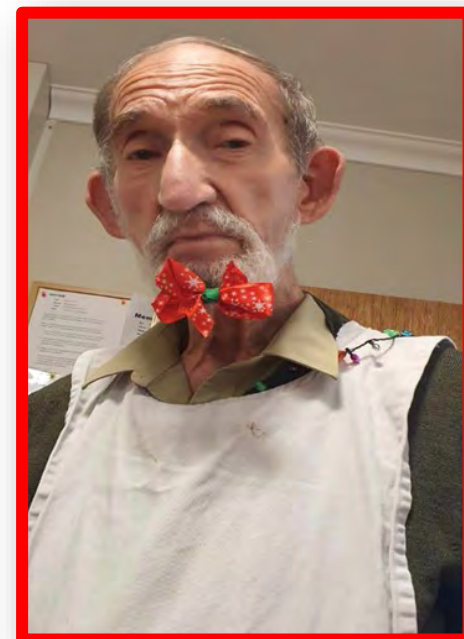


Glenda Lyon

This is a little note from Brother Robin, from one of my many visits. I asked if he would like to write something for the first 2021 Pheonix Magazine. He was quite chuffed that I asked. Now, while I was to write it in his speech, and have the punctuation correct, I was in no position to rewrite it.

While the picture looks serious, his recall of the Christmas Party at the Villa was full of fun and laughs that he thoroughly enjoyed. You may ask about the bow in his beard? The ladies got a bow in their hair and he made statement that he also has hair..... on my chin, one of his more cheeky moments. He reminds me regularly of his past times at school and his life to which I sit and listen, even if it was only yesterday.

He is being well cared for at the Villa.



Bro Robin Warsop B.S.B.

Greetings and Salutations,

Presents and cards, piles in Room 3 at the Villa waiting to be investigated. Who's remembered me? People move, come and go.

A funny hat I wore, which would have been worn by the King of Elves, ears attached. No Christian observation as it had to be acceptable by all people.

NOW! Moving on Number 10, I miss sitting on my verandah, smoking my pipe, watching, green waves of the hills. 37 pictures hanging, lining the walls, many books on the shelves, part of my collection.

BUT! I grieve various artifacts from other lands of my collection, which are spread around my house.

YES! I've been occupied and time for tapestry is limited, they will come.

Go with God my Brothers and Sisters

