It was wonderful to have so many new students start at the Leongatha Campus this year.

Dates to Remember

**February**
- Monday 13: Week 3 A
- Mon 13 – Fri 17: Meals on Wheels
- Tuesday 14: Years 9–10 Swimming Carnival
- Friday 17: Primary Regional Swimming
- Monday 20: Week 4 B
- Campus Assembly (Years 9–10)
- Monday 27: Week 5 A
- School Photo Day
- Tuesday 28: SSV Swimming

**March**
- Friday 3: SSV Volleyball
- Monday 6: Week 6 B
- Mon 6 - Fri 10: Campus Assembly (Year 6)
- Year 7 Canberra Camp
- Year 8 Coolamatong Camp
- Monday 13: Week 7 A
- Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 14: 2018 Prep Information Evening
- Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews
- SSV Swimming
- Monday 20: Week 8 B
- Campus Assembly (Years 7–8)
- Tuesday 27: Week 9 A
- Monday 30: Secondary House Athletics Carnival
- Friday 31: Last Day Term 1 (2.00 pm finish)

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Whole School News

Welcome to 2017

Welcome to a new school year! I trust that the start has been positive and productive for all members of the Chairo Christian School community.

It is a real privilege to have commenced in my role as the new Executive Principal at Chairo. I am very pleased to report that my predecessor Rob Bray and his wife Sharon have made a strong transition to southern NSW where Rob is now Principal at Nowra Christian School.

My wife Veronica and I have loved our move to West Gippsland over the summer. After 27 years in Tasmania, I have ‘returned home’ to Victoria and am thoroughly enjoying settling into my new position. For the past nine years, I have served as the Chief Executive Officer of Christian Schools Tasmania, which operates four schools across Hobart.

I have been struck by a number of very exciting things as I have commenced settling in at Chairo. Firstly, I have been extremely pleased (and very blessed) by how welcoming colleagues, families and students have been. This is a wonderful quality in any community, but especially in a school. If you are also ‘new’ to the Chairo community, I trust you have also been made to feel very welcome and valued.

It has also been delightful to experience the passion of those working across our campuses. Whether it was people renovating and refurbishing buildings, preparing notices, lists and forms, or turning up to start-of-year professional learning, there has been a tangible sense of excitement and purpose. People seem genuinely committed to and passionate about serving within Chairo. Again, I trust that you have had the opportunity to experience this vital quality in the staff members that you have already met this year.

I have also been impressed by the preparedness of everyone for the start of a new school year. From early January, our schools have been busy places with people getting learning spaces and technology and timetables and equipment ready for the return of students and families. Equally, it was delightful to see so many students, many with families in tow, turning up on the first day with uniforms, bags, books and attitudes ready for a new year. How exciting to see everyone across our community being prepared for a great start!

It has been a delight to see students—from Kindergarten to Year 12—turning up ready to learn. I have no doubt that they were also excited about seeing friends again and playing around the beautiful grounds that we have, but as I spoke with and watched students, they were genuinely ready to commit to another year of growing and learning. This is a credit to the parents and carers who have provided rejuvenating, restful opportunities over the recent well-earned breaks, and have also prepared students physically and emotionally for a positive return to school. Well done!

And finally, it has been humbling to see staff members and families working in partnership to show Jesus to our students. This has happened as people have greeted, and shared, and cared, and prayed, and worked and served together. It is a privilege for me to be in a community that takes seriously this command to ‘love each other’, and in doing that to show Jesus to each other and the watching world—including our students!

I would love the opportunity to meet families more personally. I hope to be able to do that by participating in a number of events at each campus, and would certainly welcome the opportunity to speak with all families about their experience of Chairo.

I hope to be able to catch up in person over the coming weeks and months.

Simon Matthews, Executive Principal

Outlook 2016

The end-of-year magazine for 2016 has arrived from the printer today and copies will be distributed by the middle of next week to all 2016 families via the eldest child in each family.

Parent Access to Linc

New parents should recently have received login information for Linc, our learning management system. An email was also sent last week to all parents regarding how to access Linc if you don’t know your username or password.

Remember, there’s a link to Linc on the school website. If you’re having any problems signing into Linc, please contact Leslie Borg at the Drouin Campus (lborg@chairo.vic.edu.au).

In addition to all of the teaching and learning information, and details about the work requirements and progress of your children, parents will need to use Linc to read important news, book parent/teacher interviews via PTO, find canteen price lists, etc.

Chairo Buy, Swap, Sell

We have recently launched a Buy, Swap, Sell group on Facebook specifically for Chairo families. The group functions as a collective place to advertise second hand uniform items, text books and general school supplies. It is also a great place to find something that your child may require. The group can easily be found by simply searching for Chairo Buy, Swap, Sell on Facebook.
Finance News

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

School Fees – Statement of Accounts
All accounts have been sent out to families. If you have not received your statement of account please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible.
• Quarterly payments will be deducted this week
• First monthly deduction is from 23/2/17 (cards) or 24/2/17 (bank account)
• Yearly-in-advance is due 3/3/17

Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF)
The Victorian government funding for student camps, sports and excursions is available to parents with an eligible Victorian concession card.
Families were sent application forms in November to apply for 2017 funding. If you hold an eligible concession card but have not yet completed an application, please contact the Finance Office.

School Payment Commitment Form and Conveyance Forms
The School Payment Commitment form carries over each year. If you want to change the way you pay your school fees, you will need to contact the Finance Office as soon as possible.
Conveyance forms for car or bus travel also carry over each year unless there have been changes to your circumstances. Please contact the Finance Office if you have changed address or travel arrangements, or if you don’t believe you have filled out a Conveyance form.

Unknown Deposits
Two unknown deposits were received in January, amounting to $1000 and $400. If you believe these were your amounts, and it has not shown up on your statement of account, please contact the Finance Office with details of the deposit, including date and description entered.

Finance Office Contact Details:
Phone: 5625 0117
Email: schoolfees@chairo.vic.edu.au

From the Senior Chaplain
Welcome back for 2017, and to our new families, welcome for the first time! I pray that God will use Chairo in 2017 to bring your child into a deeper relationship with God through His Son Jesus, the Saviour of the world.
I love teaching students of all ages about ‘teaspoon prayers’. Teaspoon prayers are a very simple way of helping students to structure their prayers. In recipes, ‘teaspoon’ is shortened to TSP:
• T is for thanks. We begin our prayers by thanking and praising God – for who He is, for what He’s done, for the specific blessings in our lives and for Jesus, through whom we can come to God as our perfect Heavenly Father.
• S is for sorry. We confess our sin to God and admit that we have rejected Him, ignored Him and fallen short of the standard that he requires of us.
• P is for please. We ask God for the things that are on our heart, taking care not only to ask God for things concerning us directly, but to pray for others as well.
Of course, there are other models of prayer that are equally helpful, but I love teaspoon prayers for their simplicity. Everyone from Prep to Year 12 can benefit from remembering TSP in their prayers.
This leads me to invite you to our Parent Prayer Groups for 2017! We would love you to join us for parent prayer at Leongatha or Drouin on Mondays, and Pakenham on Tuesdays. Arrive when you can, leave when you must. If you have young children, you are more than welcome to bring them with you.
Whether you come to our parent prayer meetings or not, thank you so much for your prayer support for Chairo in 2017! The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16
Medon Loupis, Senior Chaplain

Careers at Chairo
Current Vacancies:
Double Bass Tutor (Pakenham)
Guitar Tutor (Pakenham)
chairo.vic.edu.au/careers
Welcome to the 2017 school year! I trust that you enjoyed the summer holidays and that you’re feeling refreshed and energised for all that is to come. The Colliers spent some of the break as part of the Scripture Union team at Apollo Bay. This was a rich and rewarding time. The rest of it was dominated by work around the property including, but not restricted to: spraying thistles, introducing new steers to the herd, spraying more thistles, introducing new pigs to the menagerie, spraying even more thistles and introducing new guinea fowl to the flock.

There is always a sense of optimism and newness at the beginning of any year, and 2017 is no different. I recently introduced two new staff members to the community: Simon Mathews, Chairo’s new Executive Principal, and Katelyn I’Anson, our Years 1-2 teacher. Tim Hibma has also joined the staff team as a teachers’ aide. We have also welcomed 25 new students to the campus! A warm welcome to all the new staff and families.

As always, if you ever have any queries, feel free to contact me through the school office.

Anthony Collier, Leongatha Campus Principal

Partnering with Families
At Chairo, we passionately believe that the best outcomes for our students are achieved when school and family are on the same page. To ensure we are working toward the same goals and creating the best opportunities for your child to grow, we need to be communicating well with each other.

The school provides parent teacher interviews, end-of-semester reports and Linc as formal communication about your child’s progress. From time to time, teachers may also speak with you in person, over the phone or via email with a note of encouragement or an area of concern.

We greatly appreciate hearing from you if you have any concerns, questions or information that may support your child’s learning. Whether that is personal, medical or educational, we encourage you to contact your child’s classroom teacher. For small matters, a short note in the student’s diary, an email or a phone call to the office are usually sufficient. If the discussion is more serious, please phone the office to arrange a meeting.

We ask that you take all matters to your child’s classroom teacher as a first point of call, as they know your child best and will be interacting with them on a daily basis. If you feel the matter requires further attention, or for some reason you are not satisfied with the response from your initial meeting, please make an appointment to see the Deputy Principal, Christine Hibma or the Principal, Anthony Collier.

Information Booklet
Each family has been given an Information Booklet today. Please take the time to read it and become familiar with some of the day-to-day procedures and requirements that apply to school life.

Prep Attendance
A reminder to parents that Prep students will be attending school on the following days:
- Week 3: 13, 14, 16 and 17 February
- Week 4: 20, 21, 23 and 24 February
- Week 5: 27, 28 February and 2, 3 March
- Week 6: 6, 7, 9 and 10 March
- Week 7: 14, 16 and 17 March

Parent Teacher Interviews
Interviews were held for Primary students on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend but would like to chat with your child’s teacher, please contact the office.

Secondary interviews will be held on Thursday 16 March. Letters will be sent home closer to the date.

Uniform
Please read the Student Appearance Policy and uniform requirements to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. These documents are available on the Chairo website.

Wendy will be available for uniform fitting on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm. Please call Reception with any enquiries.

Office Help
If you are able to help with collecting mail and making small purchases on Thursdays or Fridays, please let Wendy know as soon as possible.

Change in Reception
You may have noticed that there has been a change in Reception. Karen will be looking after Reception on Monday to Wednesday, while Wendy will do this on Thursday and Friday.

Bushfire Plan
It’s a good idea at this time of the year for all families to be familiar with Chairo’s procedures for dealing with the risk of bushfire. Information can be found in the Community section on the school website.

Hats
A friendly reminder that Chairo has a clear Sun Protection Policy, which stipulates that hats are compulsory for all students in Terms 1 and 4.
School Photos
The date for our school photos is Monday 27 February. All students are required to wear full, correct summer uniform. If you have any queries with regard to the uniform requirements, please contact Reception.

Photo order envelopes have been sent home with students. Please make sure the correct money is enclosed, as the office is unable to give change.

School photographs for 2017 will be taken by Spargo Photography. To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines:

• Write clearly on your child’s envelope (block letters preferred).
• If possible, don’t use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope. If this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
• For online orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the online Order# section on the envelope.
• All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
• Do not use one envelope for multiple children.
• Students without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.
• For family/siblings and friends portraits, see the school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
• Do not place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.
• We will only photograph family/siblings with a completed family envelope.

Online Pre-Order
We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child’s photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child’s envelope.

To order click on the following links:
• Individual Photograph Packs
  spargophoto.com.au/schoolpacknamed
• Family Photograph Orders
  spargophoto.com.au/schoolfamily

If you have any inquiries, please call 5942 5234.

Headlice Info
Head lice are extremely contagious. Early treatment is recommended to kill head lice and their eggs and to limit school and family contamination.

95% of lice are transmitted through close head-to-head contact and by sharing objects such as hats, hair brushes, head bands, pillows and towels.

Ensure that you and your household are protected from head lice this season by taking the necessary preventative steps to keep head lice away.

Below are four crucial steps to keep our school head lice free:

• Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
• Discourage children from playing with each other’s hair
• Don’t share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
• Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other children

Book Club
Our school is participating in Redgum Book Club. The current catalogue can be viewed at issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/redgum_catalogue_term_1_2017. You will find many more great titles on their website that you can order this term, with books starting from $2.00.

The catalogue closes on 27 February. Ordered books will be delivered free to the school during the week commencing 13 March. Every book order will earn resources and books for our school.

How to place an order:
• Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at redgumbookclub.com.au
• Email your order with your credit card details to: orders@redgumbookclub.com.au
• Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and fax to (02) 9997 5850

Meals on Wheels
Meals on Wheels is a service that is greatly appreciated by the elderly in Leongatha. A variety of clubs/churches/schools in the area volunteer to deliver lunches for four weeks per year, just one week per term.

We would dearly love to continue to be a part of this blessing to others in our town and show that Chairo is a caring community. We would be so grateful for your help. One parent and two students collect meals, with a list of addresses, at approximately 11.15 am from the hospital and deliver the meals, which takes around one hour. Please contact Wendy if you are able to help.
**Town Bus Prices**

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It is an offence to travel without a ticket. Please have correct change if possible. For further enquiries, please phone Westernport Buslines on 5662 2891.

**Westernport Bus Line Prices**

Casual travellers Leongatha to Wonthaggi:
- Single $4.50
- Return $9.00
- Weekly $36.80

Casual travellers Leongatha to Inverloch:
- Single $4.00
- Return $8.00
- Weekly $32.00

**Second Hand Uniform for Sale**

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**Community News**

**Netball**

Interested in playing netball? Join St Laurence Netball Club where skills, development and fun go hand-in-hand in a friendly and welcoming environment, catering for all ages and skill levels. Lots of fun for beginners, junior and senior players. Netball is a great game which encourages the development of:

- general co-ordination, including hand-eye co-ordination and ball skills;
- improved fitness;
- learning to play as part of a team;
- sportsmanship;
- skills that can be used in other sports, ie. basketball, volleyball;
- self-esteem through encouragement;
- learning game rules and learning to umpire;
- social skills
- learning to follow and understand concepts and team strategies, problem-solving skills; and
- playing with friends.

Matches are played each Saturday at the Leongatha Netball Courts (Leongatha & District Netball Association, Recreation Reserve, Roughhead Street, Leongatha). Junior ages start from age 8 (age 11 and under section) through to senior levels. Boys are also encouraged to participate up to the age of 15.

The season commences in April and continues through to late August. Registration day will be held at the Leongatha Netball Court Clubrooms on Friday 24 February, between 4.00 and 6.00 pm. All players, including new and beginners are welcome. Uniform selection (purchase or hire) is to be made this day together with payment of fees. All members of the community are welcome, and are invited to join our club. The club is not restricted to those affiliated within the Catholic community or associated schools.

For all enquiries or further information, please contact Angelique Dunlevie on 0438 166 124 or at stlaurencenc@gmail.com.

**Volleyball**

Volleyball is starting soon at the Leongatha SPLASH Stadium. Senior games start on Thursday 9 February and junior competition starts on Thursday 16 February. Individuals are welcome. For more details, phone Tom BH 56581043 or Mandy AH on 56624395 or 0418 361 240.
Leongatha Lyrebird Girl Guides
Why not try Girl Guides? Feel free to come and try it at Leongatha for two free weeks to see if it is for you. Lyrebirds meet Wednesday 5.00 to 6.30 pm for girls in Year 1 and above. If you are interested in giving Guides a go, please contact Chris Oliver on 0428 644 397 or at coliver@guidesvic.org.au.

Leongatha Basketball Autumn Season
Registrations are now open for juniors and seniors at leongathabasketball.com.au. Registrations close on Friday 10 February, and the season commences on Monday 20 February.

Monday nights: girls U10, 12 and 14, boys U17 and senior men. Tuesday nights: boys U10, 12 and 14, girls U17 and women. Children must be 7 years old prior to commencement of the season. Enquiries to Dan Monaghan on 0458 641 234.

Host an Exchange Student in July 2017
WEP Australia is a not-for-profit organisation offering Australian families the opportunity to voluntarily host an overseas high school exchange student. Host a student from Argentina, Belgium, France, Germany or Italy! WEP students are wonderful role models, have their own spending money and attend school full-time. Enrich your family dynamics and make 2017 fun for the whole family.

Request a free information pack at wep.org.au or SMS ‘HOST’ to 0428 246 633 or 1300 884 733. Alternatively, you can email info@wep.org.au.

Chairo provides advertisements within the parameters of our Advertising Policy as a community service. The inclusion of any advertisement is not necessarily an endorsement by the School.
Leongatha Knights Football Club
Registration Day

Where: Home Ground
Mary MacKillop College

When: Sunday 12th Feb 2017

Time: 10am - 1pm

On the day you can register online, purchase uniform, free BBQ, meet the 2017 coaches, join in a friendly soccer match

AGES
Under 6  Under 15 Girl
Under 8  Under 16
Under 10 Senior Womens
Under 12 Senior Mens
Under 14 Reserve Mens

SIGN UP BY FEB 12TH
New and current players are urged to register online at registration day or earlier by visiting leongathaknightsfc.com.au or contact us for enquiries on lknightsscommittee@gmail.com
Join Our Club

South Gippsland Miners A Grade, B Grade and our undefeated U13 team are proud to invite all FUTURE PLAYERS, supporters and anyone interested in Baseball to come and join our club. Check us out on facebook, or email your interest today. All are welcome and we invite anyone interested in joining our club to visit our website or Facebook page and say hi......today! For more information please contact Col Knox—Vice President on 0419570961.

Baseball is low impact, for all guys and girls.....

Our season starts in APRIL 2017 and we are calling all players to contact us now.

COME AND TRY DAY
FRIDAY 24/2/17 AT
our home ground
Leongatha Secondary college/ Federation Training oval, (Imperial cricket ground)
Nerrena Rd, Leongatha

JUNIORS U10—U16 FROM 4PM TO 5.15 & SENIORS FROM 5.30PM TO 6.45
CLUB MEETING TO FOLLOW
ALL WELCOME

www.southgippslandminers.com.au

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS
STARS GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE
Summer 2017

Girls aged between 11-18 have more opportunities than ever to play cricket this summer.

The focus of the Stars Girls Cricket League is to provide the opportunity for girls to have fun with their friends within a team setting, offer a place where girls can improve their skills in a welcoming environment, and play in a girls only cricket league.

4 week season commences 12th February

Come and Try session

4 - 5:30pm, Monday 6th February
at Leongatha Primary School Oval / Town Cricket Club, Leongatha

Register to play at Playcricket.com.au


Games
Monday
b/w 4 & 6pm

Leongatha Primary School Oval / Town Cricket Club
(Access off Horn Street)

All protective equipment provided

FURTHER INFORMATION
ROB WOOD
0408 820 582
robwoodgcc@outlook.com.au

or
Greg Mattingley
0419 546 015
quoll1972@gmail.com

Leongatha & District Cricket Association