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Our Citipointe

Our students, parents and staff form the fabric of our Citipointe Christian College community. Our students work hard achieving their personal best and it is through these pages that we celebrate their successes.

We hope that this new magazine ‘Our Citipointe’ will be shared around your family, friends and work places. If you would like another copy please feel free to ask at the office.

Thank you for being a part of our Citipointe community.

Pastor Ron Woolley
HEADMASTER

We invite submissions to ‘Our Citipointe’ magazine from students, parents and staff. Submit articles to the Development Office via email: devoffice@brisbane.coc.edu.au

Pastor Mark & Leigh Ramsey
Citipointe Church Brisbane
Families in the College have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative paver to include an inscription of a family member who is or has been part of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) which consists of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

The commemorative pavers will be an integral part of the memorial. Cost per paver is $55.00 and allows for up to 3 lines of text (see sample below).

Register your family paver online at http://brisbane.coc.edu.au/my-citipointe/memorial/

The Headmaster Ps Woolley is delighted to announce the College has received a small grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs through the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants program. This grant will assist the College to develop an area within the Secondary school to establish an ANZAC Centenary Memorial.
Innovate or Perish was the catchy title of an article published recently by The Australian (2 May 2015). The story quoted two of the nation’s most senior business leaders — National Australia Bank chairman Michael Chaney and Rio Tinto iron ore boss Andrew Harding — as having “urged Australian companies to embrace innovation and technology or risk going backwards in the modern global economy”.

If industry needs ongoing innovation, so does education and schooling - of the right kind.

Recently, we used the 2015 biennial ACS’ study tour to Canada and the US to look at innovations overseas. Mrs Helen Moore and Mrs Ruth Gravestein accompanied me as did Ps Brian Mulheran, Dean of the School of Ministries at Christian Heritage College.

What we saw was innovation on a grand scale. We’re presently thinking through the application to Citipointe of what we saw …because we want the benefits innovation can bring.

Parents of children at any stage of schooling must be thoughtful about preparing them for their future vocation. Our travels confirmed to us how valid, and on-target, are some of the opportunities Citipointe has developed to benefit your children.

One we are pursuing with real interest is the area of the humanities - an area frequently undervalued. We are cooperating with an initiative at Christian Heritage College.
establishing a Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts (led by Dr Ryan Messmore, Executive Director of The Millis Institute). This will provide opportunities for students to develop a deep and connected education in Western thinking. Mrs Moore will be advising secondary students of some great opportunities for those interested in this direction.

I have previously cited a Sydney Morning Herald article on Gail Kelly, former EO of Westpac Bank, who highly valued her education in the liberal arts (she was a Latin teacher early in her career) for teaching her how to think. Not really the background you would expect of the senior executive of a world-class financial institution, and yet...?

We visited a Research Institute (Canada) and the campuses of three liberal arts colleges (US), spending quality time with researchers, university presidents and senior professors. I have no doubt that a liberal arts background is an incredibly good foundation on which to build a vocation.

We also looked closely at some very interesting S.T.E.M.\(^2\) initiatives. Some years ago I made our College Executive aware of a US Government white paper on S.T.E.M. as well as a later paper on Creativity. We took both these into account when developing the concept plan for our future Centre for Creativity. From this we developed the theme: it’s not just S.T.E.M. it’s S.T.E.A.M. where A=Arts.

The programs within our ASPIRE and XP classes provide an excellent background preparation for talented students to develop an appreciation of how they might develop their education and vocational aspirations further.

We believe there is potential to develop S.T.E.M. / S.T.E.A.M. at Citipointe into something quite unique...which fits well with the advice above, “to embrace innovation and technology or risk going backwards in the modern global economy”.

**Pastor Ron Woolley**

**HEADMASTER**

\(^1\) Associated Christian Schools

\(^2\) An integrated approach to Science Technology Engineering Mathematics
Do we define moments or do moments define us? There are moments that exist in the quiet of the mind, untouched by the world. A sudden burst of clarity that overruns the static: the silent epiphany that changes the course of human history. But what is remembered, and what is forgotten? Who decides?

The Gallipoli Campaign is often heralded as the birthplace of the Australian national identity. Why this moment? It was not, by military consensus, a successful campaign, and is even seen by some as one of the greatest Allied failures of World War I. However, it is this moment that is remembered as a proud turning point in Australian history.

And what of the moments that are lost to the sands of time? The events that were of significance to someone at some point in time, yet are forgotten in “history’s page”?

In a divided, postmodern world we ache for identity, searching for something that unites people across cultures, time and space. Some argue that it is not a single moment that defines, but a mutually experienced series of events on humankind’s timeline into the future, the great unknown.

How will we define this week’s moments? How will they define us? Only time will tell.

The above quotation is the student written preamble for the 8th Humanities Research Day.
Symposium for Youth (HRSY) held at Bond University in May this year. The Humanities Symposium is a collaborative conference between Diocesan Girls’ School, Hong Kong, Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore and Citipointe Christian College. It is a significant and prominent academic extension program run jointly with the two overseas schools, with each school hosting once every three years. When Citipointe has hosted the symposium in previous years, the program won a Queensland Education and Training International (QETI) Award for Excellence. It is a unique leadership experience offered by the College.

The Symposium challenges academically thriving high school students from these three countries to foster passion and enthusiasm for the Humanities. This annual tri-national event encourages these young people from different cultures to share their ideas, thereby broadening their horizons and raising their awareness of global issues. Students from these schools research a specific field of study to compose and present a research paper related to one or more of the strands of the Humanities within a set theme. Now in its 8th year, this student-organized Symposium focussed on the theme of ‘Defining Moments’. The preparation program for Citipointe Christian College students is run through our Year 10 Extension English class and into Year 11. These extension students spend a semester developing and refining their research and presentation, with the best papers being selected to represent the school at the Symposium which this year is hosted by Citipointe Christian College.

At the Symposium, students from the three schools are treated to keynote addresses from eminent speakers: Dr Ryan Messmore from the Millis Institute of Christian Heritage College, the Honourable Penelope Wensley, former Governor of Queensland, John Marsden, well known author, Dr Judy Smeed from QUT and Professor Regina Ganter from Griffith University. They also hear the research papers from their peers, and engage in conference activities ranging from debates and forums to team building and high ropes games, while enjoying a taste of tertiary life at Bond University.

In addition, our Citipointe students are responsible for the organization and management of this event, assisted by our HRSY Staff Team. They work constantly for 6 months to coordinate an international event and realise how much creative thought, efficient communication and team effort are needed for this week long activity to be a success.

This Citipointe academic activity certainly fosters all aspects of leadership through global partnerships.

Mrs Helen Moore
HEAD OF SECONDARY

Student leaders at the 8th Humanities Research Symposium for Youth
‘How is my child doing?’ and ‘Where is my child in the class?’ are two of the most frequent questions parents ask in an attempt to understand and support their child’s learning.

The answers to these questions lie within a complex interplay between several factors - the concept being explained, the teaching by the educator, the student’s engagement with the learning experience and the assessment that illustrates the depth of knowledge retention and understanding.

Citipointe continues to improve and increase communication so that students can access information from home in order to prepare for lessons and review concepts to cement their learning. Blackboard, although continuing to be constructed, has provided a useful platform through which home and school can communicate.

Student results are communicated through diaries so that parents are informed as to achievement on specific assessments. Parents and teachers are encouraged to schedule meetings at any time to discuss the particular tests that may require explanation.

This year, as assessments are completed, marked and moderated (teachers within the year level agree on type and quality of answers) year levels will be sending these tests and accompanying Standards (marking sheet) home as soon as possible, so that parents can see specifically where their children were successful and in which elements they struggled.

This process has normally occurred during Portfolio Evenings where parents have been invited to come and peruse the student portfolio of assessments. This change in process means parents are informed much sooner and closer to the time the assessment was conducted. Feedback effectiveness is increased with the aim of more targeted intervention by teachers and better informed parents.

Teachers will write specific feedback comments on student work as well as the Standard to facilitate conversation between parent and child on what was done well and where improvement can be made.

Feedback provides the student with choices to accept, modify or reject the information given. The goal is to answer the 3 feedback questions:

• Where am I going?
• How am I going?
• Where to next?

While we all appreciate hearing positive comments, praise can be ineffective in producing a change in achievement because praise is often general and may not contain specific learning-related information. Praise may encourage greater effort but specific information on what action needs to be taken or skills that need further development usually lead to more learning and progress.

As all participants engage in this dialogue through the use of feedback, the goal is for our students to be informed, feel inspired and experience increased motivation to ‘press towards the goal’.

Mrs Ruth Gravestein
HEAD OF PRIMARY
I often tell our students and their parents that learning English requires far more than sitting at a desk studying. Of course, students need to work hard on reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary development, but this is only 50% of the work required. The other 50% is speaking and listening practice.

Our international students are often shy and feel embarrassed about making mistakes, so they are typically quiet and reserved when speaking English. A girl from Taiwan once told me that she is not herself in Australia – in Taiwan she is talkative and outgoing but in Australia she is shy and reserved.

On top of this, most of our students have come to Australia alone, without family or friends, with little or no knowledge of the language or culture. Many were brought up by their grandparents and their cultural backgrounds respect and venerate older generations.

All of this inspired us to begin an adopt-a-grandparent program for conversation practice and to help our students develop a sense of belonging. Our Assistant Academic Manager, Mrs Sue Harker, developed this program at the beginning of the year and it has flourished under her care.

Citipointe Seniors Pastors Stuart and Anne Sudholz were approached to see if their Seniors group might be interested in participating and they responded with great enthusiasm. They told me that developing a program like this had been on their hearts for a long time, and I felt immediately that the Lord was in it.

The Seniors meet with the students in the International College once a week for about 50 minutes of activities, and afterwards join Mrs Harker for afternoon tea and a short debrief session. The joy and enthusiasm of the Seniors has been truly wonderful.

After the first session, one of our young Korean boys walked out of the classroom saying, “That was the best lesson ever!” Each week the students look forward to meeting with their adopted “grandparents” and the Seniors tell me they’re just as excited and look forward all week to the precious time with their international student.

Each student and his “grandparent” work on an activity designed by Mrs Harker, usually asking each other questions on a particular theme and writing down each other’s answers. In this way they take turns speaking and listening actively, and they get to know each other’s likes and dislikes, hobbies and interests, life experiences and family members. Then they chat, or learn a new skill – one grannie taught her student to knit – or read together if time permits.

The joyful bubble of voices and the happy atmosphere are delightful. Most of all, both Seniors and students feel loved, valued and appreciated. We are so grateful for our generous, kind-hearted Seniors who have committed themselves to this program. They are having a profound impact on young lives. If you or a family member would like to join this program please contact me on 0418 811 399 or lmyers@brisbane.coc.edu.au.

Dr Lillian Myers
HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL
This year being the ANZAC Centenary of Gallipoli has helped us all to stop, reflect and remember the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

It has been a milestone in Australian history. In most ceremonies of remembrance there is a reading of an appropriate poem. One traditional recitation on ANZAC Day is the Ode; this poem finishes with “We will remember them”. We hope you will take the opportunity to commemorate a loved one in the ANZAC Centenary Memorial to be erected later in the year (see Page 3).

Philanthropy is one of those words that can be hard to say, spell and often act upon. It is a Greek term which directly translated means love of mankind.

Philanthropy is: The effort or inclination to increase the wellbeing of humankind, as by charitable aid or donations. Love of humankind in general. Something, such as an activity or institution, intended to promote human welfare.

Citipointe Christian College, since its humble beginnings has relied upon the philanthropic support of the College community to see many projects around the school campus completed.

I had the pleasure recently to give a tour of the school to our new inductee to the Alumni Hall of Fame, Wing Commander John Haly (Class of 1994). As we walked past the swimming pool he said, Wow, I see the pool finally arrived. We sold so many chocolates to raise funds for the pool over many years. We never did get to actually swim in it as it was commissioned after we left.

This reminded me of the many past families who have sown into the College resources that you enjoy today. They gave to future generations and in this we remember the financial sacrifices they have made.

Recently you received details about the 2015 annual project Keeping our children safe - the redevelopment of the Wecker Rd car park, hopefully to be completed during the summer break at the end of this year. This will enable the College to complete the first stage of the 30 year master plan which will be revealed over the next twelve months.

I encourage every family to give to the school building fund this year.

God bless you in your giving.

Deuteronomy 16:17: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee. (KJV)
May marked the 38th Anniversary of Citipointe Christian College. The Foundation Day Assembly was a celebration of all that God has done and is continuing to do in the College community.

Wing Commander John Haly (Class of 1994) returned to Citipointe to receive the Alumni Hall of Fame Award for Excellence in Service to the Australian Defence Force. John showed the students inspiring video footage of Super Hornet jets and encouraged them all to dream, work hard and continue to persevere to reach their goals.

Thank you to the performance students who showcased their talents and hard work and all the staff and students who made this assembly such a success.

We thank all those families, past and present, whose generosity, foresight and prayers build upon the foundation stones to make Citipointe Christian College a blessing for generations to come.

Joané Grobler, Bailey Townsend, Wing Commander John Haly, Jadon Beaumont

Citipointe Goes Country – Bush Dance

Cowboy hats, straw bales and tartan shirts decorated College Hall for Citipointe’s annual Bush Dance with students, parents and staff dancing the night away. Organised by the Parent Connect team it was a night of fun and dance with the very talented Beefa’s Bush Band providing the entertaining music and coordinating the dance moves throughout the evening. Highlights of the night include the limbo competition (various physio appointments needed afterwards) and the nutbush dance led by our very own Mr Shield who was in full swing.

Thank you to everyone who attended on the night and made it a great success.

Mrs Glenda Fitz-Payne
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
While industry leading technologies are employed to protect the digital experience of Citipointe Christian College students whilst on campus, it is a simple fact that they will be exposed to an increase in technology and internet access throughout their lifetime... beyond what is probably imaginable. On campus access will only make up a small portion of this increased exposure.

A student spends approximately 76% of their average school week not at school. Given about 50 - 60% of this time is sleeping or eating, there still exists a significant portion of time that children often have access to technology of some description.

For this reason the section dedicated to Safety at home on the Learn@Citipointe (learn.coc.edu.au) website talks about a three pronged approach to ensuring their safety.

Be Prepared Be Aware Be Involved

Knowing what your child is accessing online or virtually participating in is critical in ensuring their safety. Being prepared to have a conversation with your child and explain the reasons you may choose to restrict their online activities gives more credibility to the decision than simply saying (as I am guilty of, many a time) “No... Because I said so.”

Being aware of trends and potential risks can help inform these discussions. It is alarming the degree of social media incidents that occur in society with children between the ages of 10 - 12. Not only do experts such as Susan McLean, a leading cyber-safety expert and chief presenter for Cyber safety solutions, agree that social media is extremely damaging for pre-teens, but even the social media sites themselves indicate in their terms and conditions that users must
be over the age of 13 (for most sites) or in some cases 18. If the social media sites acknowledge that children under the age of 13 do not have the maturity to deal with the social and emotional issues that can occur as a result of social media use, then why do so many Primary School aged children have Facebook, Instagram, Kik, Snapchat, Movie Star Planet… (it’s a long list) accounts? Predominantly, I believe, because parents are unaware their children are in breach of these sites’ terms and conditions or even simply unaware of what it is their children are signing up to.

This leads nicely into the notion of being involved. Take practical steps such as setting up computers in family friendly spaces. Don’t put them behind the closed doors of the bedroom. In your family discussions have your children show you the things they are interested in accessing and using their devices for. Set clear family rules such as NO TAKING iPADS TO BED. There is a host of common sense and practical approaches that can assist and provide information about ensuring your child’s digital well-being.

For more information and resources on cyber safe practices please visit the following websites:

learn.coc.edu.au/cyber-safety/home
commonsensemedia.org/parent-concerns
cybersafetysolutions.com.au/resources.shtml
internetsafefamilies.com

Mr Daniel Smith
HEAD OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (PRIMARY)

Year 5 ASPIRE Students Enter the World of Engineering

Tiaan du Plessis, Ethan Thandroyen, Yara Vreven

Students in Year 5 ASPIRE are enjoying the challenge of hands-on investigations into engineering. They started with investigating what makes a structure strong by building towers out of different materials such as cards, cups, and spaghetti. They discovered that triangles are very stable shapes, and then built on this knowledge by constructing geodesic domes, gaining greater understanding of compression and tension. Knowledge of the scientific concepts of force, gravity and friction were all important skills developed as they built a catapult and a marble run. Throughout the process, the Year 5 ASPIRE students worked in collaborative groups led by their ‘project manager’, drew designs and plans, and reported on their findings. Brisbane’s future designers may be right here!

Mrs Zita Horton
YEAR 5 ASPIRE TEACHER

Science Guest speaker – Naomi Graffin Class 2008

Natasha Parsons, Naomi Graffin and Dana Lee

The Science Department had the pleasure of welcoming Naomi Graffin Class 2008 (nee Hartshorn-Smith) as our first guest speaker for 2015.

Naomi is a qualified Veterinary Scientist currently working in Toowoomba. During her visit to the science department she discussed “The Journey of Studying and Working as a Vet”. Naomi had the students captivated with images and stories of animal emergencies and rescues. Students soon realised that Veterinary Science isn’t just stories of cute cuddly kittens and puppies, but often consists of many sleepless night, hard work and more often than not, satisfying results. Naomi encouraged our students to work hard and to follow their dreams.

Mrs Natsha Parsons
Science Department
TERTIARY ENTRANCE REPORT

Citipointe’s Class of 2014

In the previous newsletter, we reported on the Class of 2014’s OP results. This term we report on tertiary entrance information for the same alumni through the two graphs provided.

- The first shows information about which tertiary institution was chosen, while
- The second graph shows which of ten defined fields of education was chosen

Queensland University of Technology was the preferred institution in 2015, followed closely by The University of Queensland, and Griffith University.

Society and Culture was the preferred Field of Education, followed closely by Health, Natural and Physical Sciences and Creative Arts.

NB QTAC does not provide information on Visa students, as their applications are dealt with directly by the universities and colleges.

1 Society and Culture (e.g. Law, Economics, Psychology, Sport & Recreation)
2 Health (e.g Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Naturopathy, Speech Pathology)
3 Natural and Physical Sciences (e.g. Mathematics, Physics, Laboratory Technology)
4 Creative Arts (e.g. Music, Graphic Design, Communication & Media Studies)

Year 11 Physics Excursion

Safer Driver Training

Year 11 Physics students attended the Safe Driver Training Excursion at Willowbank Raceway as part of their physics in motion unit.

“During the excursion I learned more about the importance of speed limits as well as the importance of tyres on a vehicle. The excursion improved my knowledge and gave me a deeper understanding of the dangers that can occur when driving. The physics behind driving was interesting and the difference in braking distance, between varieties of velocity is extraordinary. The excursion contributed to my knowledge of physics and for me personally, was extremely fun. Not only did the excursion improve my knowledge, but it also gave me an adrenaline rush as I was privileged enough to be a passenger in the car and experience the danger of driving at high speeds. I would not trade this experience for anything.” - Denicke Zietsman

YEAR 11 PHYSICS
Over 70 Secondary students participated in the Choral and Dance Camp at Brookfield. Intensive ensemble rehearsals and specialist sessions culminated in a wonderful concert. Students also participated in devotional time and activities such as swimming, table tennis and study.

The Choral students enjoyed a session with specialist Justine Favell who is a highly regarded choral accompanist and specialist with groups such as Biralee and the Brisbane Chorale. Students learnt about the physical side of singing, including posture and breathing techniques, and mastered four songs in four-part harmony.

Ignition Dance Company students had a workshop with Gareth Belling who has choreographed for the Queensland Ballet, Expressions Dance Company and many international Dance festivals. Again, there was a focus on technique and students learnt some very challenging sequences during this session.

Students returned home tired but with a great sense of accomplishment from their two days away.

Some results from the camp were showcased at Spiritual Focus Week, and more can be seen at the Choral Concert (June 11) and Moving Images (October 22).

Mrs Samantha Couchman
HEAD OF SECONDARY ARTS

Congratulations to Jessica Gray (Year 4) who received the highest result in Queensland for her AMEB Speech and Drama exam. Jessica performed and was presented with the Sister Mary Leonard Memorial Award at Qld Parliament House. Thank you to Miss Horton and the Citipointe Speech and Drama program for helping Jessica to achieve this result.

Miss Brittany Dale, SPEECH AND DRAMA TEACHER
An excerpt from the speech given at the ANZAC Assembly, Citipointe Christian College 24 April 2015.

Gallipoli was a tactical defeat, but the achievements of the ANZACs were to be measured other than on the battlefield. It was not just that Australian and New Zealand soldiers were serving overseas in the name of their fledgling nations for the first time. By their commitment, their courage and their comradeship, the ANZACs set standards that inspired their countrymen for generations to come. The legends they established gave fresh voice to new feelings of national pride in both young nations, and the news of their suffering, on reaching the homes of anxiously awaiting families, brought people together in ways they had not known before. For Australia and New Zealand, ANZAC is our own day.

...But it was Gallipoli which gave us pride, not in war, but in knowledge that ANZACs, when put to the test, would not fail. That spirit and tradition sustained our forces in many later battles and trials, and in many ways, sustains us now. The Gallipoli tradition laid down the rules and still helps us today to face new challenges.

The men and women who forged the ANZAC spirit made sure that those who led them earned their respect. They all understood the values of independence, freedom and fairness and - above all - possessed a willingness to defend these things if need be. Because freedom only survives as long as people are willing to defend it.

That is the spirit ANZAC handed down to us. If we lose that ANZAC spirit, we lose all.

So here we stand today, along with thousands of others in schools throughout New Zealand and Australia, to honour great men and women and a great tradition. We gather, as we shall always gather, not to glorify war, but to remind ourselves that we value who we are and the freedoms we possess, and to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who contributed so much in shaping the identity of this proud nation.

Lt Peter Hollyock
SECONDARY TEACHER
Citipointe New Home for Air Force Cadets 215 Squadron

Citipointe is now host to the Australian Air Force Cadets 215 Squadron, and we welcome them to their new home.

The Australian Air Force Cadets is a youth-oriented organisation administered and actively supported by the Air Force with the aim of developing young people in leadership and good citizenship in an aviation-oriented environment.

AAFC 215 SQN exists as a sub unit of 2 Wing in South East Queensland. Through regular weekly parades each Monday evening between 5.45pm and 9.15pm and planned weekend and school holiday activities the SQN offers opportunities to teach valuable life skills and you develop qualities including leadership, self reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication.

It also provides young people the opportunity to experience life in the Air Force. Some of the activities undertaken by the AAFC include ceremonial activities, survival, bush craft, flying, adventure training, firearms safety, senior First Aid, aeromodelling, navigation and training.

Guest speaker George Cunningham and teacher Mr David England
QUEENSLAND SWIMMING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Swimmers

The Chandler Aquatic Centre held the QLD Championships earlier this year. The following swimmers excelled in their events and managed outstanding results.

Louisa Ballard placed 4th in the 100m breastroke, Jazmine Booth a gold medal for the girls’ 4 x 50m freestyle and Isabelle Miskeljin a silver medal for the 100m butterfly. These results, along with a number of other top 10 placings in the State are outstanding results at such a high level of competition, of which the girls and their families should be very proud. A big congratulations to Isabelle who qualified to represent QLD in November at the National School Championships.

Mt Gravatt District
Swimming Trials

Citipointe’s swimming squad contained eleven budding competitors ranging from Year 5 to 7. The first event of the day was Breaststroke and a positive trend was observed throughout the morning with several students achieving top four positions in their race. The PE department was ecstatic when it was announced that several of our stars had gained selection in the Mt Gravatt District team to compete at the Metropolitan East Trials. A strong and tight knit sporting culture has been forming in Primary sport over the last few years and we were delighted with the dedication and attitude of all our swimmers.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Ann Marie Chng for her role as team manager.

The following students were selected to attend the Metropolitan East Swimming trials:
Louisa Ballard - 50Br, 100Br, 50Fr, 200 IM,
Jazmine Booth - 50Fr, 100Ba, 50Fly, 50Ba, 100Fr,
Joshua Catingub - 50Fr,
Jesse Coleman - 50Ba,
Isabelle Miskeljin - 100Ba, 100Fly, 200IM, 50Fly, 50Ba,
Sophia Miskeljin - 50Br, 100Br,
Benjamin Morris - 50Br, 100Fr, 100Br.

Congratulations and well done to each team member on an outstanding performance!

Mr Jay Pearson
HEAD OF PRIMARY SPORT

2015 Pacific School Games

Congratulations to swimmer Samantha Duffy who has received an invitation to compete for the Queensland Team at the 2015 Pacific School Games in Adelaide (Nationals).

Photo: Samantha Duffy
Lucia Lassman has qualified for the Australian Youth swimming team to compete in Singapore later this year. Lucia will also be representing Australia at the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa in September. This is a huge achievement and one step closer towards Lucia’s goal of competing for the Australian Senior Swimming team.

Lucia has been the Australian Champion in each age group in the 50m Butterfly event since she was eleven years old! She trains at least eight sessions per week / up to three hours each session - this is the epitome of dedication and hard work and Lucia is “pressing towards her goal”. Congratulations Lucia.

Citipointe Swimming Club: A Splashing Success!

Citipointe Swimming Club’s 2014-15 season was celebrated recently at their annual Trophy presentation evening held in College Hall.

In front of their very proud families, the Club’s 2014-15 Age Champions were presented with trophies by Mr Dean Le Petit, HPE Teacher. All Club members were then recognised and awarded trophies to reflect their progress in the pool throughout the season.

Citipointe Swimming Club operates every Wednesday evening in Term 4 and Term 1, providing opportunities for children and their families to come together to compete and have fun. The club is supported by an enthusiastic team of volunteer parents who love the sport of swimming.

Club nights provide opportunities for swimmers to race and become familiar with the rules and procedures surrounding swim meets. Club members range in ages and abilities from children in learn to swim classes through to swimmers competing at regional levels and chasing state honours.

Citipointe Swimming Club members often make up the top three Age group positions at both the Years 1 – 3 and Years 4 – 6 swimming carnivals.

A number of these students train all year round, representing the College and Swimming Club at local, regional and State-level swim meets:

- **2015 Mt Gravatt District Swimming Trials:** Benjamin Morris (1st in 50m breaststroke), Nitchet Longchari and Logan Burns
- **2015 Metropolitan East Swimming Trials:** Benjamin Morris (8th in 50m breaststroke)
- **2015 Brisbane Sprints and Brisbane Junior Metropolitan Championships:** Benjamin Morris (finalist in breaststroke), Logan Burns and Jordan Burns
- **2015 Qld Sprint Titles:** Benjamin Morris and Logan Burns.

Eight of our College’s Primary School students will be representing Citipointe Swimming Club during the 2015 Winter short course season: Benjamin Morris, Logan Burns, Belinda Owen, Caitlyn Smith, Sasha Osborne, Jordan Burns, Teesha Manage and Emma Owen.

More information about Citipointe swimming club can be found on the club’s website www.citipointe.swimming.org.au or by emailing Club President Larry Morris at citipointeswimclub@bigpond.com
Volleyball Australia

Three Citipointe students have been selected for Volleyball Australia’s Queensland Elite Development Program (QEDP). This program provides athletes with access to world class Volleyball coaching, technique and skill development combined with strength & conditioning and athlete management.

The following athletes from have been selected into the QEDP:

- Grace Convey (Tier 1 squad)
- Simon Hannotte (Tier 2 squad)
- Bianca Lynch (Tier 3 squad)

Bianca has also been selected for Volleyball Australia’s Junior Women’s Development Program scheduled to tour Christchurch and Wellington in New Zealand.

Volleyball Queensland

Bianca Lynch and Joel Wass played for Metropolitan East in the Queensland School Sport Volleyball State Championship. Congratulations to the Metropolitan East boys for winning gold and well done to the Metropolitan East girls who placed 4th.

Joel has also been selected to play for Queensland at the 2015 School Sport Australia National Championship. Bianca Lynch has been selected for Volleyball Queensland’s U/17 Women’s Program.

Although reducing her competition level to focus on her Year 12 studies, Grace Convey’s commitment to Volleyball has been outstanding, representing Australia in the U17 World Beach Volleyball Championships and captaining the Australian team at the Asian Youth Indoor Championships over the last 12 months.

Beach Volleyball

Simon and Grace represented Queensland at the Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships recently and also attended the Australian Junior Beach Volleyball team selection camp.

Simon will also compete at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships in September.

Congratulations to the students on all their hard work and dedication to achieve this honour.

Mr Daniel Wolfik
HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT
THWANÉ FOUCHE

STEEPLECHASE

Thwané Fouché (Year 10) has had an outstanding year excelling in Cross Country, Steeplechase and other long distance events.

Steeplechase combines different skills into one race: distance running, hurdling, and long jumping. Normally held over a distance of 3000 metres, runners must clear 28 hurdles and 7 water jumps. This year Thwané has competed in the Steeplechase at both State and National levels.

The QLD Junior Athletics Championships were held in March, and Thwané competed in the Under 17yrs Girls 2000m Steeplechase, Under 17yrs 1500m and the Under 17yrs 3000m, placing 2nd, 3rd and 3rd respectively.

Thwané then competed at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships held in Sydney, placing 4th in the Under 17 2000m Steeplechase and 8th in the Under 17 3000m. Congratulations Thwané for such outstanding results at a National level.

Thwané also placed 2nd in the 16 year Girls 4km cross country race at the QLD All Schools Cross Country Championships. Due to Thwané’s success she has been selected to be part of Queensland Athletics A Squad for the 2000m Steeplechase and the Q Squad for the 3000m. We wish Thwané every success in the future as she continues to pursue her athletic goals.

Mr Daniel Wolfik
HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

RISING HOCKEY STAR

When David Hubbard started playing hockey in 2010 he had no idea where the journey would take him. Upon arrival in Brisbane in 2013, he joined Easts Hockey Club and was selected into the Brisbane U 13 1st team as an U12 player. In 2014 he represented Qld U13 in Adelaide where he was voted by his team as their players’ player. As a result of his efforts in Adelaide, he was selected to trial for the U15 Qld team as an U14 player and was fortunate enough to make the U15 Qld 1st team. This saw him participating in the National tournament in Hobart earlier this year.

Not only has he been fortunate enough to play for Qld in outdoor hockey, in January this year he played for the Qld U13s Indoor hockey team in Canberra. He is really grateful for the opportunities the Lord has given him and hopes to one day play for Australia. He is pictured with the current Kookaburras captain, Mark Knowles.

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Congratulations to Caitlin Parr and Sam Parr who were part of the Queensland Under 15 Underwater Hockey team that came fourth at the Australian Underwater Hockey National Championships held in Sydney recently.

Caitlin has also been accepted as the first Queensland Under 15 female player to make the Australian Under 19 team which will compete in the World Underwater Hockey Aged Championships in Spain later this year.
QLD ATHLETICS PRIMARY SCHOOL RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Citipointe entered a girls and boys 4x100m relay team into the 2015 Queensland Athletics Primary Schools Relay championship held recently. Our track stars were very excited to be competing in their first circular relay championships and to be running under lights at a major qualifying meet like the Queensland Track Classic.

The girls started solidly with Stella Guyatt running the first leg and establishing a great position. Jazz McGreevy received the baton and rocketed the team into a strong position as she passed the baton on to our third runner, Jasmine Morrison. Jasmine held her form well on the final curve and the team was well placed to approach the final straight. Finally, Maryanna Hicks fought hard through to the finish line. The girls did very well and placed 5th overall. Congratulations girls!

Each member of the boys’ team qualified at the 2014 Metropolitan East Primary Schools 100m trials. Christopher Choi had the honour of leading the team and set a blistering pace. The baton was handed to Tiaan Du Plessis who extended the lead. The third runner, Antioch Faitala, increased the lead before passing the baton on to our final runner. Upon receiving the baton, Ryan Elliot’s turn of pace and acceleration down the straight was astounding and he was able to finish well over 20m in front of the nearest competitor. The race commentator praised the ‘impressive, fluid (baton) changes’ of the boys. It is rare to see such a dominant performance by a team amongst quality competition, indicating the tremendous degree of talent this team possesses.

It was a tremendous night and both teams thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the chance to compete alongside and meet Track and Field stars like Sally Pearson.

Set no limits (Philippians 4:13)

Mr Jay Pearson
HEAD OF PRIMARY SPORT

District Cross Country

South District Secondary School Sport is comprised of 14 schools who work together to provide just over 10 000 students the opportunity participate in higher levels of sporting competition as well as representative honours.

After many years of running the South District Cross Country at Stolz oval, Priestdale, 2015 saw a venue change to Citipointe Christian College.

Despite not having any major changes in elevation, the Citipointe Christian College course has many short pinch climbs which make it challenging for all runners. To further add to the challenge, the forecast called for an east coast low to move in and bring 300mm of rain. It was decided that we would go ahead with the event and we saw some excellent racing.

Results were tight with Cavendish Road State High School just beating Citipointe Christian College by a small margin. We look forward to hosting the same event next year and hope to see continued improvement in our College results.

Mr Peter Hollyock
SECONDARY TEACHER SECRETARY – 5TH DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORT DRPC
Christian Heritage College has announced the appointment of Dr Sue Starling as Dean (elect) of the School of Education and Humanities.

Dr Sue Starling’s appointment will include a transition induction period with the current Dean (Dr Robert Herschell).

In announcing Dr Starling’s appointment, CHC President, Professor Darren Iselin, acknowledged her many years of academic and organisational leadership: “Dr Starling comes to CHC with many years as an educational leader, including seven years as Principal of Flinders Christian Community College in Victoria. Through her practical experience and specialised academic study, she will make an outstanding contribution to our School and build on the foundation of almost thirty years of Christian teacher education at CHC.”

Dr Starling is a specialist in the Understanding by Design pedagogical framework, and speaks widely on this topic. Her Masters thesis was entitled Competence in Initial Teacher Education: Storied Accounts of Teachers and her PhD from Flinders University was titled Silent Rivals in Christian Education and the Shalom Perspective.

“It is a real privilege to join the CHC team and continue the outstanding teacher education work established by Dr Rob Herschell, a respected colleague,” said Dr Starling. “CHC has an excellent reputation in the field and I am very much looking forward to being part of the next exciting phase of development and growth.”

Professor Darren Iselin
President CHC
CITIPOINTE GOLF DAY
Friday 28 August at Redland Bay Golf Club

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Term 4
Tuesday 13th October
Meet at Science Centre 5.00pm

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