

CHAPLAINCY @ BRACKEN RIDGE



STATE HIGH SCHOOL TERM 3 /4 2022

Term 3



For the last handful of years, a motivated student has taken it upon himself to run a fundraiser for brain cancer research. At the beginning of Term 3 teams competed in an obstacle course to raise money for the charity. Chaplaincy is all about getting involved - even doing summersaults! Photo evidence provided. Well done to this student!



THANK YOU!



CHAPPY BREKKY-SUPPORT!



I would like to send a big thank you out to Dion and Cassandra Saab, from Coronis Real Estate, who recently offered to finally support Chappy Brekky. This means I have been able to extend my roster into more weeks of the school term. Awesome!

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The Sand castle competition blew the judges expectations!



SPLASHOUT CENTRAL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP 2022 was a blast. Camp filled up fast and we needed a waiting list system as it was so popular. 65 students (19 from BRSHS) and 21 leaders had an incredible week at Coolum making memories and having fun. I keep getting asked at school "When is the next camp?"



KOKODA CHALLENGE – August 2022. My team of senior students and I hiked 48km to raise money for the Kokoda youth foundation. I'm very proud of my team who invested many hours in training before the event and battled the weather to finish in 15 hours.

One of many stories...

Chappy brekky has been a part of the school landscape for so many years it might be easy to overlook its impact. A few weeks ago when on stage at assembly advertng the Christmas appeal I made a quick announcement, "Chappy Brekky won't be on next week as I will be away on Bio camp." A loud "aww" was heard across the entire school. For me that is incredible feedback of the value that is placed on the breakfast program. I am also always blown away around graduation time when I heard students reminiscing so fondly of Chappy Brekky. It makes its way into their graduation speeches! It's much more than a simple sausage and bread. Its community!

Term 4

This year our school joined forces with the Brisbane Basket Brigade to collect sweet treats for their Christmas appeal. Big thanks to all the staff and students who contributed. These goodies will help put a smile on the face of people in our city doing it tough this Christmas.



CAMPS

In Term 4 I was fortunate enough to be a part of both Year 7 Camp Part 2 and Biology/Marine camp on Moreton Island. When it comes to building relationships and rapport with students nothing comes close to a camp. Being outdoors is a passion of mine and such a blessing to be able to share this with our kids in a different context.



Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week is always a big deal at Bracken Ridge. Being a part of the Wellbeing team here at school means working with the team and working together to engage students in fun and educational initiatives. Local youth organisations were invited in and they set up some fantastic stalls promoting mental health for our students. Freshly popped popcorn also helped get the message across.

EDGE

Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower:
1 & 1/2 hours per day, 2 days per week, for 8 weeks.

Chaplaincy was a part of two programs this semester. As a co-facilitator of the RAGE program we journeyed with a group of Yr 7 & 8 girls learning about anger and how to better manage this powerful emotion. Knowledge is indeed power.



Blue Edge is a blue light (QLD Police) initiative that aims to break down barriers between young people and the police as well as encourage healthy mindset and life style. The main event was PT sessions with a qualified PT twice a week for 8 weeks! I felt the burn of the PT myself and encouraged the students to push themselves.



The every day

As the Chaplain I have had the privilege of being a part of many adventures and special events this semester. These events are important to get my face out to the entire cohort and build rapport with students outside the class room. But the bread and butter of Chaplaincy is one-on-one relationships. Either continuing to foster a supportive relationship with the same student who pops by my office most days or maybe having a tricky conversation for the first time because we have noticed a student is not themselves. Consistency, confidentiality and care are a part of the every day.



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