Chaplaincy Report

For School Leadership, P&C, CST, and SU Australia (via FDM)

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Date:	18/5/2026
School/s:	Chapel Hill State School

Recent Highlights

- Recent Crafting Connection Night May 7th – successful and great feedback – but lower numbers (73) and profit- just over $1000 – some leftover materials for future events

Report from This Period

ONGOING INITIATIVES	UPDATES
1. Community Engagement *Can include donor nurture, community and church connections, newsletters, events, extra-curricular activities like camps, excursions, coaching sport, etc.*	
• Zoom catch up with Rev Karen monthly established • Involved in helping at kids holiday camp at Riverlife in upcoming July holidays • Coordinate preps donated cans to deliver to Helping Hands Inc community van which goes out to Ipswich and supports those in need. • Crafting Connection Night May 7th – big community and connection building event for CHSS. Event completed newsletter article • Help at Trash and Treasure at Fete June 23. • Run craft wellbeing station at Family Fun day 25th Juy- need some parent helpers to assist.	**Crafting Connection Feedback**: -"First of all, thank you so much for an amazing night! we had the best night! I forgot how much art with your child can be fun and connecting! We will continue our art at home, a great opportunity to connect again!" -"I had a great night, exceeded expectations!" -"Amazing choice of projects, loved the nibbles they were a perfect addition and lovely people, great conversation" -"Thank you for the time and effort put in for a lovely evening of connection. I hope you also feel valued and supported in your role at CHSS. We really appreciate you. I managed to talk to a friend of mine who I haven't seen around lately and she shared with me how her and her kids have been going through a very difficult time. She was grateful that … had been able to come and talk to you and get some support, and said it had made such a difference."
2. Social & Emotional Support *Can include pastoral care, group programs, lunchtime activities, positive behaviour learning, breakfast clubs, etc.*	
• Support family dealing with challenging living situation – food and emotional connection/support • Support children facing family loss/ difficult circumstances • Lunch craft sessions for safe and friendly space and supporting kids facing friendship challenges • Individual chats with some students	Feedback from a parent "Thank you for taking the time to talk with …. they seemed a lot happier after the chat." -Teacher also provided excellent feedback from my class discussion – "what you covered was perfect- really hit the mark."

3. General Wellbeing

Can include practical support, staff wellbeing, cultural support, spiritual support, etc.

• Food support for student ongoing with provision from Tuckshop and stored in my room -next to classroom • Staff morning tea provided blueberry slice from event surplus • Family connection and wellbeing crafting connection event May 7th	Supplies restocked and ready to go.

4. Mentoring

Can include developing supportive relationships for, with, and among students, goal-setting workshops, etc

• Flock of friends group (6x yr 5) and several (4) seniors meet first break every Tuesday to go over craft for the juniors and explain helping techniques and discuss encouragement, how to foster positive atmosphere, create safe and friendly space	Kids that help are very keen to be involved and gaining confidence as they interact with the juniors.

5. Educational Support

Can include helping in classrooms, supporting students at risk of disengagement, helping with transitions, movement breaks, etc.

• Support several students and classes on a regular time slot where there are significant challenges and no teacher aide is working with them at that time. • Ran two friendship discussion sessions with one class having some friendship issues	Coordinate with both Naomi O'K and some class teachers. Had a referral following a class friendship chat, for one-on-one discussion, "as the content resonated so well" and then able to go a bit deeper with that student. And two other referrals from that same class after this as well.

6. General Work & Administration

Can include planning for programs or events, communicating with staff, team meetings, pastoral care notes, reports etc.

- Completed newsletter article
- P&C attendance at each meeting and report
- CST term 2 report

7. SU Australia Contribution & Responsibilities

Can include CST meetings, in-service days, SU Camps, cluster meetings, mentoring chaplains, fundraising events, school holiday plans.

-Crafting Connection raised just over $1000 profit- may money still not in accounts yet. There will be surplus materials to use again for future event – so save costs for future.
-Riverlife School Holiday program assistance July 6-8
-Pizza Meal deal organised for June 23 – details on QKR
-Inservice completed 12/5/26
Funds from event have not all been finalized as some tickets bought in April shown but tickets in May not processed
-CST meeting Tuesday 19/5/26

Professional Development *(2 weeks per year, pro-rata)*	**Professional Supervision** *(min 1 per term)*
Completed: - mental health first Aid Online listening skills workshop – free in March (1 hour)	Date of Most Recent Session: 19 Feb Date of Next Booking: **4 June**

Dates to be confirmed school holiday July (Drumming Workshop as per plan) Upcoming: Inservice day in holidays 10/7/26	

Upcoming in Next Period

1. Key Areas of Focus / Goals

What are you working towards? Where are you up to, as noted in your workplan?

- Pizza Meal deal – Tuesday June 23 – need parent helpers
- Active Connection Night – sept 4th – Family Games Night – organise raffle prizes and, games and food and sponsorship for the night – need parent volunteers- blue card required!!!
- Deliver Helping Hands the cans being donated from Preps – 100 days prep on July 17
- Staff soup day to be held Tuesday 14th July first break – Chappy cooks soup and garlic bread provided to welcome back to term 3
- Pick up and deliver Prep cans to Helping Hands on Monday July 20th– organisation has agreed to photo of cans being received and writing a brief letter of thanks

2. Events / Programs

What is on the calendar, what is being planned

- Drumming workshop during holidays – date to be confirmed
- Active Connection Night Sept 4 – organise activities, food, raffle prizes brushfire booking

3. Church Visits / Community Engagement

Confirm who, what, when, and where.

- Next Chappy breakfast at Riverlife – date not confirmed
- Active Connection Night – Sept 4th
- Deliver cans – Helping Hands Inc – July 20th

4. Issues to Discuss Further

Ideas for the future, concerns, support needs, resources, training needs etc.

- $5000 deposited in each school on 25/2/26 from combined Chaplaincy account to individual school accounts so less fundraising required.
- Fix the donation QR code as didn't work at recent event – SU finance aware but not rectified
- Love to have additional parent rep on Chaplaincy committee meeting
- Need to close down second CHSS account that was for Myla- still has about $240 in it to be transferred to main CHSS account.

Recent Photos - *Share some photos of what has been happening lately*

Note: Please only use photos that have SU photo permission, or do not identify students.



