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## Honouring the Anzac Spirit

In a reverent and moving service, the St Stephen's community gathered on Friday 22 April to commemorate the 101th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Inspired by the address of Wing Commander Danny Pieri to pay tribute to those who fought bravely so that we may enjoy peace, student leaders paid their respects at the College's Anzac Memorial.



**Laying of the wreath:**  
*Matthew Cheesman, John Tomerini,  
Tulani Lea'uanae and Maddison Leonforte*



*Kate Wilcox, Rebecca Hermanus, Wing Commander Danny Pieri,  
Mrs Ida Pinese, Vivek Kolala, Christopher Stack*



*Abbey Chester and Alexander Fogale*

*(See page 4 for more photos)*

# NOTICES

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### NAPLAN

10-12 May

### P & F Meeting

10 May

### Wheelbarrow Race

13-15 May

### Year 12 Rec Camp

24-27 May

### Board Meeting

2 June

### Block Exams

10-16 June

### Athletics Carnival

23 June (12:30 pm - 3 pm)

24 June (All day)

## TERM DATES 2016

Term Two: April 11 - June 24

Term Three: July 11 - September 16

Term Four: October 4 - November 18 (Year 12)  
October 4 - November 25 (Years 7 - 11)

## ATHERTON PARISH YOUTH LED MASS

**Sunday 29th May @ 5.30pm**

**St Joseph's Church, Atherton.**

**Join us for some food and fun after Mass.**

All Invited!

To help with catering please write your name on clipboard in church foyer if you are staying after Mass. A donation towards food would be welcome.

Bring along a sweet plate to share.

If you wish to participate in the mass in any way

Please contact:

Atherton Parish: Kylie Akers 0417 007 432 or

Rhiana Meaney 0439 113 461



## CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS?

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address.  
Email: [office@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:office@sscc.qld.edu.au) or phone 4086 2500.

## MATHEMATICS TUITION

Students seeking help with their Mathematics may attend a tuition/homework class on Tuesday and Thursday lunch time in MCR. Mr Ellison will be in attendance on Tuesdays and Miss Sugars will be in attendance on Thursdays to assist students at both Junior and Senior levels with any difficulties they may be experiencing. All welcome!!

## CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

**Room: S8**

**Monday and Tuesday Recess 2**  
**Thursday morning before school**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



## ENROL NOW FOR 2017

All new students must have an enrolment interview; this includes those who already have siblings attending St Stephen's Catholic College.

Contact Mrs Denise Morrow to arrange an enrolment interview.

Phone: 4086 2523

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's,

The collective responsibility of governments, school sectors, individual schools, parents and the broader community is the achievement of educational goals for young Australians as outlined in the Melbourne Declaration. These goals focus on Australian schooling promoting equity and excellence, and on assisting young Australians to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens. In the day-to-day operations of the college, our teachers strive to provide opportunities for our students to experience success in some aspect of school life.



The success of a school is not based on the quality of its buildings, but on the quality of its teachers and the passion they have for the vocation of teaching, so that they are able to make a positive difference in the lives of their students. As one size does not fit all, teachers have the challenging task of providing differentiation in learning to cater for the specific needs of individual students. I hope that the discussions which parents had with teachers at the parent/teacher interviews on 20 April were helpful in identifying their children's strengths as well as areas for improvement.

In 2016, there has been a greater focus on providing enrichment experiences for students outside of the classroom so that they are better prepared to be confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens. A plethora of activities is on offer, including the Chess Club, Readers Cup, Rostrum, Entrepreneurs' program, Robotics, Spelling Bee, Mooting, College Choir, Liturgy Band and Combined Schools Band, as well as numerous sporting pursuits. It is acknowledged that not all students shine in the classroom; the provision of these extra-curricular activities enhances students' educational development and allows them to take risks by going out of their comfort zone. Only by stretching their capabilities will they grow.

Knowing how to let children grow and go is like flying a kite. Pope Francis recollects a story of flying a kite when he was a child.

*"There'd come the moment when the kite would begin making a 'figure 8' and begin falling. In order to keep that from happening, you mustn't pull the strings. The kids who knew more than us would scream, 'Give it some slack, it's wobbling!'"*

*Flying a kite resembles the approach you need to take regarding a young person's growth: sometimes you need to give them some slack because they are "wavering." In other words, it is necessary to give them time. We have to be able to set limits at the right moment, but other times we need to know how to look the other way and be like the father of the parable, the Prodigal Son, who lets his son move out and squander his fortune so that he learns from experience." (Pope Francis)*

It is very tempting for educators and parents to be protective and shield our students from experiencing failure. However, we are not doing our students any favours with this approach, especially our senior students who will soon take their place in the wider community. It is only through experiential learning that they will grow.

I would like to acknowledge the achievements of our students since the last newsletter.

- Inter-house cross country: it was wonderful to see so many students try their best, even if running is not their forte. Congratulations to Muluridji House for winning this event!
- Year 12 Retreat: I was very privileged to attend on two successive evenings to witness students engaging wholeheartedly with the process. Staff and students are to be congratulated on this very successful experience.



- Bill Turner Soccer: Congratulations to both the boys' and girls' teams who were successful on the day. Thank you to the dedicated coaches, Mr Veschetti and Mrs Rantucci who spent many lunch-time sessions training the students.
- Anzac Day commemoration:  
The school function on Friday 22 April was both reverent and moving. Our gratitude is extended to the Anzac Day Committee, the cadets, the college choir and students who had key roles, for this successful event. On 25 April, many students generously gave of their time to show respect at the different venues across our wide catchment area. I would like to sincerely thank students who attended, and also their parents who made this possible. Congratulations are extended to Kate Wilcox for her polished civic address at the Mareeba Shire Council's ceremony.

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Todd, Mrs Bernardi and Miss Peters from leave and I thank our relief staff for their commitment in assisting us during this time. Mr Meaney, the groundsman and Mrs Callaghan, School Officer, Learning Support, are leaving to take on other employment opportunities and we wish them the very best in their new roles. On 16 May, our new Office Manager, Mrs Maree Lopez, commences work at St Stephen's and we wish her a rewarding experience at our college. Mrs Szerstuk, who is currently both Office Manager and Principal's Assistant, will assume the role of Principal's Assistant from this date. I am very fortunate to have her support and assistance in the light of the greater complexity of a principal's role as the school expands.

Thank you for your continued support of our college and the constructive feedback you provide to enable us to continuously improve our practices.

With trust in the Lord,

Mrs Ida Pinese | **Principal**  
[principal@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:principal@sscc.qld.edu.au)

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION (continued)



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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**While Jesus was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.**

(Luke 24: 51 – 53)



The Ascension of Our Lord (to be celebrated this Sunday, 8th of May) is a pivotal moment in the development of our Christian Church. Jesus again commissions the apostles and promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit who will always be with them to strengthen and guide them in their ministry before he ascends into heaven. At this, the apostles do not despair, become fearful or doubt Jesus' words, but praise and bless God for his faithfulness.

This is a powerful example of the faith which Jesus calls us to have in him today, even in the midst of our own sorrow and confusion, or when we find ourselves asking 'Where is God?' as we observe injustices around the world. The ascension experience challenges Christians to find God in all things, to be renewed and strengthened by the gift of his Holy Spirit and to trust always in his faithfulness. It is my prayer that we Jesus would help us to grow in faith so that we might encounter him more deeply and be witnesses of His great love and mercy to all we meet.

### **An Ascension Reflection**

Look around and you will see the presence of Christ.  
Look around and you will hear the call of God.  
Look around and you will know the Power of the Spirit.  
Look around and you will be empowered.  
Look around and you will be filled with joy.  
You will be involved in the struggle for justice and peace.  
You will hear the voice of God among the impoverished of the world.  
You will hear God speak in the struggle for peace and justice.  
You will be led into life and grace.  
God dwells in the world.

-Fr. John Bucki, SJ, Editor and Writer



### **Year of Mercy Reflection**

*"The Son of God, made incarnate for our salvation, has given us his Mother, who joins us on our pilgrimage through this life, so that we may never be left alone, especially at times of trouble and uncertainty.."*

Pope Francis, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, 1 January 2016

Mrs Laura Gilbert  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

### **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

Please inform the college if your child has achieved success in an extra-curricular activity not directly related to school, so that the college community can celebrate these achievements. Please email Mrs Pinese ([principal@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:principal@sscc.qld.edu.au)) with any information and photos.

### **ABSENTEE E-MAIL**

**If your child is absent, please email:**

**[absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au)**

## FROM THE COLLEGE LEADER PASTORAL CARE

### Uniform and grooming

As part of the college policy on uniform and grooming it is expected that boys will arrive at school clean shaven. Boys who have not attended to this will be asked to do so.



### Student Representative Council (SRC) News

All SRC representatives held a feedback meeting last week. The opportunity presented was taken with great fervour, with SRC Home Form representatives providing student initiated feedback regarding certain aspects of the college.

All feedback is considered, and in conjunction with the Principal of our college, decisions are made that will improve the presentation of the college, sense of community and learning outcomes for students.

### Pastoral

Social media, when used appropriately, can benefit the lives of others and the user. However, when used poorly it may cause lasting damage to the user and others.

Social media tools such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are a part of everyday life.

Some guiding golden rules to follow are:

1. If you wouldn't say it to someone's face in a public place, don't say it online.
2. Don't rely on privacy settings – anyone who can see your content can download it, copy it, and take a screen shot and then share it publicly.

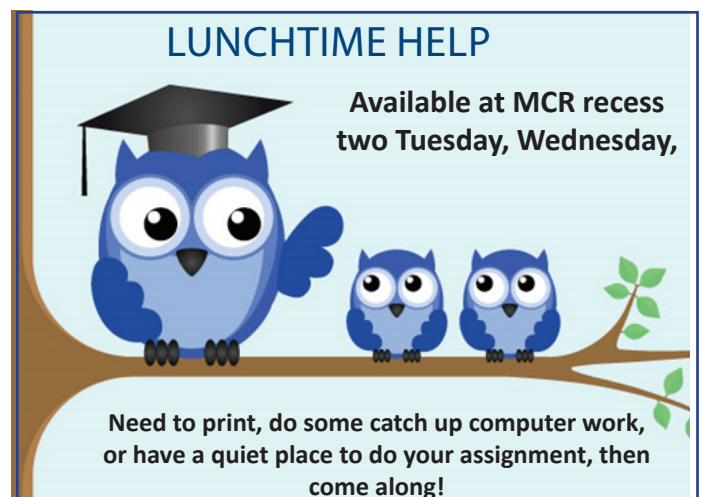
What are the consequences of behaving irresponsibly online? What counts as irresponsible? If it's hurtful, defamatory, or inappropriate in the physical world, it is online as well.

Irresponsible behaviour can include

- making derogatory comments about individuals or organisations, even as a joke
- sharing confidential information about others
- sharing sexually explicit, racist, homophobic or inflammatory material
- deliberately provoking arguments, or making allegations about others

Whichever social media tool you're using, remember Philippians 4:8 in our dealings with others, "whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**" ..... "whatsoever things are of **good report**; think on these things". What we spend time thinking about will have an impact on our interactions with others.

Regards  
Matthew Draper  
College Leader Pastoral Care



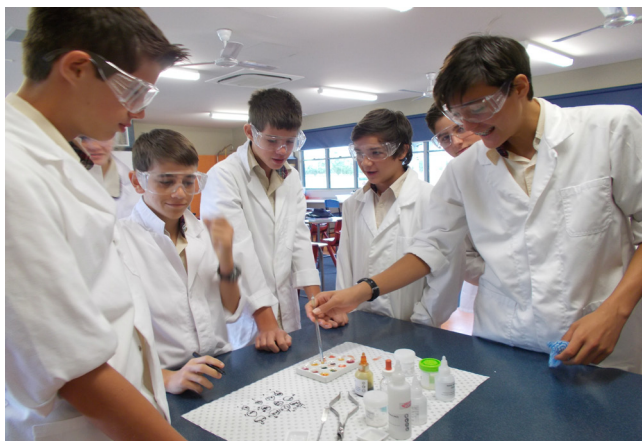
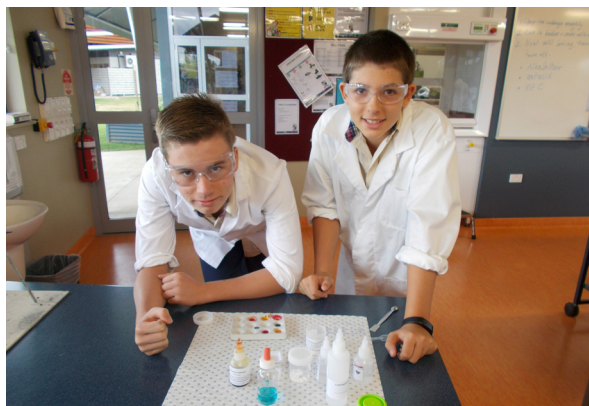


## MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - SCIENCE

The Year 9 classes have started studying different units this term. Mrs Holden's class is exploring ecosystems, and Mrs Jackson's class is investigating waves and particles. Mrs Ison's students are conducting experiments on household acids and bases. Each class will have a different assessment task this term – please check your student's course outline for details.



Mrs Pepita Ison  
Middle Leader Curriculum  
Science



## MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL YEAR 12

The start of term two has been a busy one for the year 12's. We started with a very successful retreat held at Genazzano. This senior retreat was part of our faith- life programme and student participation during the three days was very commendable.



The students were a credit to our school. A big thank you to Mrs Laura Gilbert for organising the retreat and to Mr Ellison, Mrs Jackson and Ms Sugars for giving of themselves to make this a memorable event for the year 12's.

On Friday 15th April, the whole school participated in the annual cross country event, with a fine performance from Isaac Hohns and Kate Wilcox in winning their respective age group. These two, along with Ashlee Zugno, Kaydee McDonald, Jeremy Mackay and Antonio Palumbo led the senior charge at the Tableland district cross country.

The next significant event this term was the ANZAC day parade, where our senior leaders proudly marched behind the St Stephen's banner. It was very pleasing to see so many students marching on such a special day. A big congratulations to Kate Wilcox, who delivered a very accomplished Anzac day civic address and the other school captains who read out the names of the fallen.

As I finish this article, I am reminded that it is only week three of this term, and that the cohort still have eight weeks before the semester break, and six months before they say goodbye to their senior schooling days. While some maybe starting to feel sentimental about their school days, I would remind them to finish the year strongly by being well-organised and completing all that is asked of them.

Mr Giancarlo Veschetti  
Middle Leader Pastoral  
Year 12

## MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL YEAR 8

Welcome back to term two. I trust your family had some well-deserved rest and relaxation. It may only be early in the term, but with interim report cards fresh in their minds, your children should be looking at setting and working towards attainable goals for term two.



We have a very talented cohort in year 8. Many students have been involved in extra-curricular activities. We have had many students who participated in District Swimming Carnival, the Bill Turner Soccer tournament, and many year 8 students attended the District Cross country. We have also had year 8 students involved with Defence Force Cadets and marching on ANZAC day and students participating in the Mount Sheridan Spelling Bee. A special congratulations to Jamie Hewitt-Toms who won State Champion in Equitation for her age group, 13 to 14 years.

Pride in the school uniform is something we take seriously at St Stephen's. There are a couple of uniform reminders that have been discussed with students recently.

1. Students are expected to have a natural single hair colour. Undercuts are not to be visible, and hair is to be kept neat and tidy.
2. Hair ties and ribbons are to be school colours only (white, beige or navy blue). If girls wish to use the more common black or brown hair ties, they need to be covered with a white, beige or navy blue ribbon.

Mrs Leah Heath  
Middle Leader Pastoral  
Year 8

## MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - GIFTED AND TALENTED

Several enterprising students graduated from the inaugural *Emerging Entrepreneurs Programme* last week.



Sabine Conolly, Travis Cummings, Tulani Lea'uanae, Codey Panetta, Zoe Quintieri, Chris Raines, Dayna Scapin and Alexander Snell spent Thursday afternoons learning the insights on how to become an entrepreneur.

They were taught the characteristics of entrepreneurs and how to develop those characteristics in themselves, how to locate opportunities and turn problems into solutions. They also learnt how to develop an agile plan for an idea and through that plan turn the idea into reality. Some of the students followed up the course by attending the Startup weekend held by *The Space* in Cairns.

All of the students have commented on how wonderful the course was and how much they learnt about themselves and entrepreneurship.

We wish these intrepid students all the best for their future endeavours.

Mrs Simone Gillies  
Middle Leader Curriculum  
Gifted and Talented



**Jamie Hewitt-Toms competed at the North Qld Interschools Hack and Dressage Competition in Townsville. Jamie won: Champion Pony, Supreme Hack of Show, 1st 7 & 8 Dressage, Highest Percentage Dressage Test and Overall Champion.**



## MIDDLE LEADER PROGRAM- SPORT AND ACTIVITIES

### Interhouse Cross Country

On Friday April 15, Muluridji House triumphantly won this year's inter-house Cross Country. In overcast weather conditions, students, with enthusiasm and competitive team spirit, set out on an afternoon run around the college oval and through adjacent bushland.



Participation proved crucial in deciding the overall house champion, with Deacon, closely behind in second place, followed by McAuley and then Augustine.

Results:	Age Champions
12 yrs Boys	1st Kaleb Nielsen 2nd Harry Heath 3rd Ethan Cummings
12 yrs Girls	1st Chloe Taylor 2nd Dinithi Heenkenda 3rd Tonia-Marie Rantucci
13 yrs Boys	1st Deane Alterio 2nd Ethan Barker 3rd Liam Haendel
13 yrs Girls	1st Olivia Soncin / Jemma Morrison 3rd Sara Donovan 4th Stefanie Meaney
14 yrs Boys	1st Eryk Legaspi 2nd Arosh Heenkenda 3rd Harry Gardner
14 yrs Girls	1st Mikaela Millerd 2nd Kyrrah Johnston 3rd Saine Kievit
15 yrs Boys	1st Dylan Cappella 2nd Jake Priestly 3rd Jordan Hohns
15 yrs Girls	1st Nadia Falvo 2nd Elena Pilat 3rd Gabriella Cuda
16 yrs Boys	1st Matthew Cheesman 2nd Cameron Rogers 3rd Moses Hannett-Wade
16 yrs Girls	1st Rommany Soley 2nd Macy Pezzelato 3rd Amelia Aitken

Open Boys	1st Isaac Hohns 2nd Liam Kerr 3rd Christopher Stack
Open Girls	1st Kate Wilcox 2nd Shernya Wessels 3rd Nadia Tudini

### Tableland District Cross Country

#### Third at District Cross Country

Last Friday, the St Stephen's cross country team travelled to Ravenshoe to tackle the course up Telecom Hill. The track was extremely undulating and conditions proved challenging for competitors. Our team of students adapted extremely well and repeated their outstanding performance from last year by giving everything they had. These students demonstrated many of the values we aspire to at St Stephen's. Students in the below table finished inside the top six and therefore qualified for the Peninsula Regional Cross Country Championships being held on Friday 20th of May at Trinity Anglican School, Whiterock, Cairns. I wish to congratulate all members of the team for their determination, sportsmanship and performance.

#### Tableland District Cross Country: Individual Results

Open Boys	2nd Isaac Hohns
Open Girls	1st Kate Wilcox
16 yrs Boys	1st Matthew Cheesman 2nd Rhys Cooper 4th Moses Hannett-Wade 5th Cameron Rogers
15 yrs Girls	3rd Nadia Falvo
15 yrs Boys	5th Dylan Cappella
14 yrs Girls	5th Mikaela Millerd
14 yrs Boys	5th Arosh Heenkenda
13 yrs Boys	5th Ethan Barker Deane Alterio (Direct nomination to Peninsula)
13 yrs Girls	1st Sara Donovan
12 yrs Boys	3rd Kaleb Nielsen
12 yrs Girls	1st Chloe Taylor 2nd Dinithi Heenkenda 3rd Tonia-Marie Rantucci

#### Overall Champion School

1st	Malanda State High School and Atherton State High School
2nd	St Stephen's Catholic College
3rd	Mareeba State High School

# INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



**Age Champions**



**Winning House:  
Muluridji**



# SUCCESS AT BILL TURNER CUP FOR SOCCER



**From top left: Brandon Osborne, Joshua Kievit, Layton Osborne, Realyn Seymour, Luke Barletta, Umberto Srhoj, Dylan Cappella, Liam Eastgate-Hards, Jack Zugno, Liam Haendel**  
**From bottom left: Giovanni Gallo, David Bin, Thomas Hallam, Eugenio Bambino, Cody Ciranni, Logan Acha, Eryk Legaspi, Tyler Ius, Liam Pozzebon, Serg Battistin, Deane Alterio**



**From top left: Zoe Quintieri, Jaide Conn, Tarryn Steele, Elena Pilat, Ella Ryan, Isabella Quintieri, Rhiannon Axford, Brianne So Choy**  
**From bottom left: Rhyanna Miller, Kayleigh Cappella, Paulina Bernhardt, Jane Close, Keeley Mason, Lauren Brown, Lia Schincariol, Rosie Rantucci (coach)**



# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

## School-based Apprentice

St Stephen's Catholic College newest School-based Apprentice, Jackson Cek, was successful in obtaining an Engineering Apprenticeship with Granite Engineering.

Pictured at his induction, were Jacinta Tam of Apprenticeship Support Australia, and Manager, Michael Falvo. Jackson is excited to be part of the Granite Engineering team.

Congratulations Jackson and all the best in your future career journey.



***Jackson Cek, Jacinta Tam of Apprenticeship Support Australia and Michael Falvo, Manager, Granite Engineering***

**GRANITE**  
ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING



## School-based Agricultural Traineeship DIMBULAH

This traineeship will see the candidate working one day per week, teaming up with our existing Agronomists and Field Consultants, and completing high school studies on the remaining four days. There is one (1) position available in Dimbulah.

If you are agriculturally minded, considering a career in the Agricultural industry, then this traineeship is for YOU!

### A typical day's work could involve:

- Conducting soil and leaf analysis
- Checking crops for bugs and pests
- Formulating a treatment plan
- Recommending chemicals, fertilisers, pesticides

### Required skills:

- Currently attending high school, enrolled in year 11 or 12
- Background in agriculture, or current studies at school in this area
- A strong interest in agriculture
- Excellent communication and organisation skills
- Reliability and commitment to the role
- A willingness to learn and grow
- Own transport to and from the work premises

To apply for this role, please submit a covering letter and resume, including an explanation on why you are interested in applying for this traineeship, and details of your experience in this area.

Send to Hannah Veivers: [hr@tgt.com.au](mailto:hr@tgt.com.au)  
See Mrs Goleby if you require further information.



## ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE WHEELBARROW RACE TEAM

The St Stephen's Catholic College 2016 Great Wheelbarrow Race team, Mission InHospital, would like to acknowledge the following sponsors for their generous support.

- \* **AAB Office Equipment**
- \* **The Dirt Professionals**
- \* **Big Pete's Plumbing**
- \* **RTM Bus Service**



### 2016 Great Wheelbarrow Race Sponsorship

Training and preparation for this year's Wheelbarrow Race is underway. This year, St Stephen's Catholic College will support Mareeba District Hospital as their chosen charity. To maximise our fundraising endeavours and to purchase necessary equipment for the race, we are asking for the support of individuals and businesses in the form of sponsorship. There are three options to choose from.

#### Gold:

For \$500 or more, sponsors will get their company name and logo posted on the college Facebook page and their company name and logo in the school newsletter for one month preceding and following the event.

#### Silver:

For \$250 - \$499, sponsors will get their company name posted on the college Facebook page and their company name in the school newsletter for one month preceding and following the event.

#### Bronze:

For less than \$250, sponsors will get their company name in the school newsletter for one month preceding and following the event.

Sponsorship can be made by direct bank deposit (see the details provided below) or by phone through the school office (07 4086 2500). An electronic copy of company logos can be emailed to [achiesa@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:achiesa@sscc.qld.edu.au) with the subject "Wheelbarrow Race Logo."

If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact me via the details above. All sponsorship donations would be greatly appreciated!

Andrea Chiesa  
Wheelbarrow Race Co-ordinator

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