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Catholic Education Week Celebrations



College Captain, Kate Wilcox, with her parents, Terry and Maree celebrating her Pierre de Coubertin Award. Congratulations Kate!



College Captains, Rebecca Hermanus and Christopher Stack, cutting the celebration cake at the Western Deanery Mass, held for Catholic Education Week. Pictured with Rebecca and Christopher are representatives from the other schools who attended the mass.



Miss Janai Sugars has received a Docemus Award for Early Career Teaching. Pictured are Mrs Nozaic, Mrs Gilbert, Miss Sugars, Mrs Pinese and Mr Ellison. Congratulations Miss Sugars!



With "Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy" as the theme of Catholic Education Week, St Stephen's Catholic College hosted the Western Deanery Mass on Tuesday 26 July. It was a wonderful time to connect with students from other Catholic schools in our area and to celebrate the achievements of members of our community. Students were encouraged to reach out to others, especially those in need, to be accepting of others regardless of their background and to perform acts of mercy. (And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew: 25:40)

NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS:



QCS Practice

4 August

Subject Selection Evening

4 August

Year 9 NET Visit

8 August

P and F Meeting

9 August

Year 10 Camp

10 to 12 August

Year 8 NET Visit

10 August

Peninsula Athletics Trials

14 and 15 August

JCU Visit for Indigenous Students

17 August

TERM DATES 2016

Term Three: July 11 - September 16

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

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

Room: S5

Monday and Tuesday Recess 2
Thursday morning before school

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



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!!

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

ABSENTEE E-MAIL

The college now has an absentee email address.

If your child is absent, please email
absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au

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) with any information and photos.

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS?

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address.

Please email the office
office@sscc.qld.edu.au or phone 4086 2500.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Stephen's

Last week, our college celebrated Catholic Education Week with the theme, "Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy." It was a time to reflect on our Catholic identity and the culture we endeavour to foster at St Stephen's. In doing so, it is also important to focus on the characteristics which make up a good school, such as:

- Care for the individual
- An inclusive nature which is multi-cultural, multi-social and multi-intellectual
- Spiritual growth experience
- Community focus
- Respected and respectful teachers
- Experience for growth through service to others



Through both corporeal and spiritual works of mercy, our students were strongly encouraged to care for others, not only those in our St Stephen's community who are experiencing challenges in their lives, but also those in the broader community who do not share in the many blessings our students receive on a daily basis. Hosting the Catholic Education Week Mass for the Western Deanery in our chapel, brought the community of Catholic schools in our area together to strengthen our relationship with God and with each other. All students who participated in a variety of roles have embraced the culture of being of service to others.

The week was also a time to celebrate the giftedness of students and staff at our college. One of our College Captains, Kate Wilcox, was the recipient of the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award which is a nation-wide accolade given to secondary school students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic movement, through participation in sporting activities. In a completely different field, Miss Sugars, our Music teacher, received the inaugural Docemus Award for a teacher in the early years of teaching. It was certainly a proud moment for our college to have Miss Sugars honoured for her significant contribution to the spiritual and cultural life of the college at the annual Docemus Awards ceremony organised by Catholic Education Services in Cairns. Congratulations are extended to both Kate and Miss Sugars for their wonderful achievements! In addition, I would also like to congratulate all students who received an invitation to lunch as a reward for their excellent results from semester one and/or their strong work ethic in the majority of their subjects.

Traditionally, term three is an action-packed term. As hosts of the District Athletics Carnival on 1 and 2 August, St Stephen's staff worked very hard to prepare the venues for the different events. I would like to congratulate all athletes who competed and thank all staff who spent countless hours in the organisation of this carnival, especially Miss Morrow, Mrs Comino, Mr Bozzo, Ms Fowler and Mrs Bing Chew and her team. The athletic team performed exceptionally well, by winning the championship for the fourth successive year.

Despite the myriad of activities in which students can participate outside the classroom, it is very important that they remain focused on the core business of learning. This is especially important for our year 12 students who are striving to achieve a Queensland Certificate of Education. For the OP-eligible students, preparation for the Queensland Core Skills test on 30 and 31 August, is reaching the final stages of training and we wish them a rewarding experience when they undertake this test.

I would like to thank parents, students and teachers who participated in the Digital Analysis Survey. The recommendations from this survey will inform our technology plan for the next two to three years, as we strive to prepare our students for a digital world.

Our college community values the partnership with parents and I welcome feedback about our practices so that we can have continuous improvement.

With Trust in the Lord,

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal
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“To be merciful is to be kind, to be open, to be trusting, to be a friend... Mercy is what makes us, keeps us, available to one another. It opens our heart to strangers. It enables hospitality. It is the glue of the human race... Mercy is the trait of those who realize their own weakness enough to be kind to those who are struggling with theirs. It is, as well, the measure of the God-life in us... Mercy takes us outside ourselves. It makes us one with the rest of the world...”



God's Tender Mercy by Joan Chittister

Last week, St Stephen's Catholic College hosted the Western Deanery Catholic Education Week Eucharistic Liturgy in our beautiful College Chapel. Student and staff representatives from our college gathered with staff and students from St Thomas' Mareeba, St Joseph's Atherton, St Theresa's Ravenshoe, St Augustine's Mossman, St Anthony's Dimbulah and Mt St Bernard College Herberton, along with Catholic Education Services staff and clergy from the Western Deanery, to reflect on Pope Francis' call to be the face of mercy to all those we encounter. Students from our college lived out the theme of Catholic Education Week, “Opening doors in the Year of Mercy” as they led the music, assisted with mass and showed great hospitality to our guests before the Eucharist and during lunch.

This week, 7.1 and 7.2 Religion classes will attend mass in the chapel led by Fr John Sullivan. We are very blessed to have class masses occurring in the chapel throughout this term and thank Fr John for his great commitment to our College. Students have been busily choosing the theme for their Eucharist, selecting readings and writing prayers. All religion classes will attend mass in the chapel this term.

Mrs Laura Gilbert

Assistant Principal Religious Education



Year 7 Students attending the first class mass at the Chapel with Fr John Sullivan.



Altar Server - Dinithi Heenkenda with Fr John Sullivan and Fr Greg Moses.



College Captains - Christopher Stack and Vivek Kolala with the College Candle and the Book of the Gospels.



The celebration cake featured the crests of the schools that attended the mass.

P and F Contribution to the College

Have you ever wondered what your Parent and Friends Levy is used for? Your \$10.00 per term for each of your children at school helps to do great things for the college overall. It is exciting to be able to enhance the experience for students and staff at the college – in the words of the great Australian songwriter Paul Kelly – “from little things big things grow”!

Here is a summary of the support that the P and F has provided to the College over the past nine (9) months:

- Barbecue hot plate
- Shade Cloth Sail for the Trade Training Area
- Three (3) drum kits for the Music Program
- Funding to support Guidance Officer initiatives
- Parent Teacher Evening Barbecues
- Support to three (3) general college projects
- Contribution to the Physical Fitness Project

The total contribution to the College for these projects was \$25,251.87.

The next P and F meeting will be held at the college on Tuesday 9 August 2016. The P and F is providing the barbecue for the Subject Information Evening on Thursday 4 August. Please come along and say hello to the members of the P and F Executive who will be in attendance on the night. If you cannot make it in person, feel free to contact the P and F through Mrs Paola Szerstuk at the college if you have any questions or concerns that we can raise on your behalf.

Kind regards

Mrs Ann Aitken

President of the P and F



In an increasingly complex, sedentary and rapidly changing world, it is critical for every young Australian to not only be able to cope with life's challenges, but most importantly, flourish as a healthy, safe and active citizen (The Australian Curriculum - HPE, 2015). Health and Physical Education at St Stephen's Catholic College provides every student with an opportunity to develop and further enhance skills and knowledge specifically linked to health and physical wellbeing. Below is a breakdown of the Years 7-10 HPE, Years 11 and 12 PE and Years 11 and 12 Recreation Programs for each year level in term 3:



Class	Theory Unit	Practical Unit
7HPE1	Food and Nutrition	Netball, Touch Football and Dance
7HPE2	Health Benefits of Physical Activity	Touch Football, Dance and Netball
7HPE4	Safety	Dance, Netball and Touch Football
8HPE1	Drugs	Dance, Gaelic Football and Volleyball
8HPE2	Positive Relationships	Gaelic Football, Volleyball and Dance
8HPE4	Mental Health and Wellbeing	Volleyball, Dance and Gaelic Football
9HPE1	Eat Well, Live Well	Touch Football and Softball
9HPE2	Positive Relationships	Touch Football and Futsal
9HPE3	Dangers of Alcohol and Drugs	Futsal and Touch Football
10HPE1	The Great Outdoors	Gaelic Football and Cricket
10HPE2	Enhancing Participation In Sport	Gaelic Football and Basketball
10HPE3	Enhancing Sporting Performance	Gaelic Football and Basketball
10HPE4	Fit To Dance	Various Physical Activities
11REC	Orienteering and Navigation	Orienteering
11PE	Individual Opportunities	Touch Football
12REC	Coaching Principles	Oz Tag
12PE	Psychology	Futsal

The HPE Department is very much looking forward to working with your children and if you would like further information on their involvement in HPE, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

Mr Steven Goves

Middle Leader Curriculum - Health and Physical Education



Year 7 students participating in their allocated recreation programme for term 3.

GIRLS' NIGHT IN

What do you do when there's nothing on a Friday night and homework just doesn't seem so appealing anymore? Thirty (30) schoolgirls, three (3) teachers and twelve (12) and a half hours later, St Stephen's Catholic College Girls' Night In 2016, solved that dilemma for a few adventurous young souls, unperturbed by the idea of spending a few more hours at school than is usually socially acceptable.

Amongst board games and banter, soccer shoot-outs and self-pamper stations, watching the likes of Mrs Holden, Miss Sugars and Mrs Musch battling it out for dancing dominance against the girls and making the pizza dinner a pizza winner, a great time was had by all.

The female Student Representative Council Executives and College Captains would like to extend a massive thank you to all the teachers involved, (including the brilliant Ms Bernardi for our winner dinner), and most of all, to all you gorgeous girls who took a chance on this night and made it such a fabulous event.

Thank you,

Rebecca Hermanus
College Captain



DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 1-2 AUGUST 2016 - ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

For the fourth year in a row, St Stephen's Catholic College has won the District Athletics Carnival followed by Atherton High State School in second place and Mareeba State High School in third place. Our students should be commended on their good spirit and effort over the two (2) day carnival which was held at the college. Mrs Pinese thanked all who assisted, especially Miss Morrow and Mrs Comino, for their hard work behind the scenes. Our tuck shop staff did a marvellous job of feeding everyone over the two days and the grounds were well prepared by Mr Bozzo and Miss Fowler.



Mareeba Shire Mayor, Cr. Tom Gilmore with St Stephen's Catholic College representatives, Jeremy Mackay and Braydon Prandolini. Congratulations to the following students who received individual placings (from left to right): Matthew Cheesman (16 Years Age Champion), Nadia Falvo (15 Years 3rd place Age Champion), Isabella Cuda (13 Years 2nd place Age Champion), Sophie Raciti (14 Years Age Champion), Eryk Legaspi (14 Years 2nd place Age Champion), Tyler Ius (13 Years 2nd place Age Champion) and Sam Daniell (15 Years 2nd place Age Champion).



The Olympics and Paralympics are fast approaching! People from all around the world with diverse abilities will compete and celebrate their abilities whether they win or not! A celebration of abilities, despite their impairments, is displayed very well on the Great Britain's trailer for the Olympic games. Please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=locLkk3aYlk> to see one of the most inspiring video clips I have seen. Inspired by these people to recall the scripture -

Philippians 4:13 "Christ gives me the strength to face anything."

Some of us may not be able to do the amazing things that these Olympians can, but there are ten (10) things that require zero talent, but are essential to life and living together in an effective community:

1. Being on Time
2. Work Ethic
3. Effort
4. Body language
5. Energy
6. Attitude
7. Passion
8. Being teachable
9. Doing extra
10. Being prepared



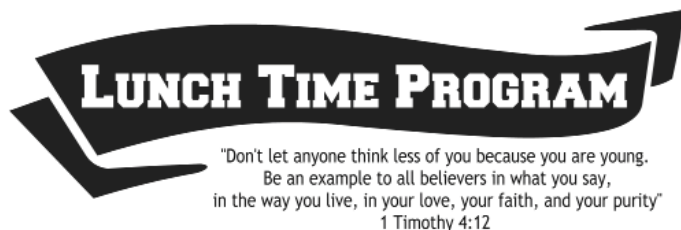
Student Diversity Date Claimer: Individual Education Plans will be conducted in the first 2-3 weeks of Term 4. I will be contacting parents very soon to make appointments for these meetings.

We welcome Mrs Fiona Adil to the Student Diversity team as a Learning Support Officer. Mrs Adil comes to St Stephen's with vast experiences from both the education and health sectors.

God Bless you,

Mrs Gail Musch

Curriculum Leader Student Diversity



**When: Every Wednesday 2nd Recess
Starts Wednesday 20th July**

Where: Classroom S8

**What: Fun, Games and Friendship
and bring your lunch**

Look forward to seeing you!

Hope Musch



Learning Support Officer, Mrs Fional Adil.

On 19 July, I had the opportunity to represent St Stephen's Catholic College at the State Finals of the Australian Brain Bee Competition. This event is held annually for Year 10 students, where one has to answer questions about the science of the brain, Neuroscience. While we were offered this opportunity in our science class, it was not compulsory. For the first stage, we had to read a textbook on Neuroscience which contained everything we needed to know for the test. Upon completion of an online challenge at school and from our ranking, we were selected to go to Brisbane for the State finals. For this stage, I had to read a new textbook which was much more detailed than the first.

In Brisbane, 138 students from across the state gathered at the Queensland Brain Institute, which is located inside the grounds of The University of Queensland. The competition involved both an individual component and a team challenge. The individual challenge consisted of thirty (30) questions that came from different areas of Neuroscience, such as anatomy, brain disorders, sleep and the nervous system. From this, the top nine students with the highest marks were selected to compete in another round of testing, to select the top four (4). The top four (4) then went through the most vigorous round of testing which was undertaken on iPads in front of the whole crowd. The highest scorer, who was from Brisbane Institute of Science and Technology, now goes on to Hobart to represent Queensland.

As I was the only person from St Stephen's Catholic College, I was fortunate to join the Mareeba State High School team. As a team of four (4) we were able to enjoy the fun of the team competition. The team competition involved answering twenty (20) questions on one of the iPads and then completing six (6) other challenges while co-operating with teams from other schools. In the end, Freshwater Christian College were the winners.

In between competitions, we were fortunate to be given the opportunity to have a tour around the science laboratories. In the science laboratories, we were shown electromagnetic brain stimulation which caused involuntary movements by stimulating areas of the brain, small worms which had glowing neurons and learnt how our eyes recognise faces.

The best part of the trip by far, was holding a real human brain which put into perspective how amazing this organ really is.

I would like to thank Mrs Gillies for giving me this amazing opportunity and the school for all the support they gave me. I would also like to thank Mrs Ellacott, Josh, Ashleigh and Filippa from Mareeba State High School for welcoming me into their group to create a team, my mother for putting up with me and my endless discussion about the brain, and all the organisers at the University of Queensland and Queensland Brain Institute for organising such a great event. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and anyone who has the opportunity to compete should grasp it with both hands.

Travis Cummings
Year 10



PAST STUDENT SUCCESS STORY - ALEXANDRIA STRUTHERS

During the school holidays, former St Stephen's student, Alexandria Struthers received her Queen's Guide Award. Alexandria was presented with her award by the Governor's wife, Mrs Kaye de Jersey.

The Queen's Guide Award is the peak achievement award for youth members of Girl Guides Australia. The Queen's Guide Award provides one with an opportunity for extraordinary personal development and greater self-awareness.

This award took three (3) years of hard work, determination and perseverance to achieve. Some of the components of this award included doing the Wheelbarrow Race in 2014, completing 30 hours of community service, planning and running a camp, attending leadership training and many other challenges.

Alexandria has been a member of the Mareeba Girl Guides for over 10 years.

Congratulations Alexandria!



NATIONAL TREE DAY DONATION FROM MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL



Councillor Mary Graham, on behalf of the Mareeba Shire Council, presented St Stephen's Catholic College with plants for National Tree Day. Pictured with Councillor Mary Graham are Christopher Stack, Liam Kerr, Mrs Pinese and Jacob Kemp.



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Is your son or daughter thinking about making the move
to a Brisbane university in 2017?

St. Leo's Head of College, Mr Stephen Foley, will be here to answer questions about the benefits of collegial communities and residential colleges at the University of Queensland, from high school to university and moving away from your regional Queensland home.



VENUE: St. Augustine's College, Cairns
 DATE: Wednesday, 17 August
 TIME: 18:00 – 19:00
 WHAT: Information session, Q&A and tea & coffee reception
 WHO: All parents of prospective UQ Colleges students
 RSVP: No need – everyone is welcome

FRIDAY NIGHT

family activities

2 Courtney Street Mareeba

6pm to 9pm

FREE – snacks & drinks

Alcohol & drug free event.

This family event is proudly brought to you by:
 Mareeba Community Church
 PCYC Mareeba
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