



# St Stephen's News

Issue 2 - Term 1 Wednesday, 18 February 2015

**Principal:** Mrs Ida Pinese  
**Deputy Principal Curriculum:** Ms Andrea Chiesa  
**Assistant Principal Administration:** Mr Lance Helms  
**Business Manager:** Mr Hadyn Flynn

## Leading By Example

The seniors of 2015 were formally inducted into their leadership roles at the Opening Mass and Induction Ceremony last Monday.



**College Captains:** Vice-Captain Joy Musch, College Captains Joshua Priestly and Mellory Aitken and Vice-Captain Ayden Smith with Principal Mrs Ida Pinese.



**Student Representative Council Executive:** President: Tiarne Reedy, Vice-President: Conor Boyd, Secretary: Adrianna Soncin and Treasurer: Zachary McAulay.

**Pastoral Leaders:** Augustine: Michael Curcio & Jennifer Moss, Deacon: Jessyk Ernst & Tahlia Avolio, McAuley: Jack Kruss & Katherine Rossi and Muluridji: Jake Pendlebury & Chelsie McHardie.



**Social Justice Committee:** Mr Chris Ellison with members Benjamin McAulay, Zoe Filippelli (Secretary), Alexandria Struthers (President), Timothy Fraser (Vice-President), William Snell (Treasurer), Emily Hallam and Anthony Carpenter.

# NOTICES

## IMPORTANT DATES:



18 February	Ash Wednesday
03 March	P&F Meeting
06 March	College Swimming Carnival
10 March	Open Night
16 March	Year 8 & 10 Immunisations
23 - 27 March	Exam Week
30 March - 1 April	Year 12 Retreat
02 April	Easter Liturgy
03 April	Good Friday

## TERM DATES 2015

**Term One:** January 27 - April 2

**Term Two:** April 20 - June 26

**Term Three:** July 13 - September 18

**Term Four:** October 6 - November 20 (Year 12)  
October 6 - November 27 (Year 7 - 11)

## Mathematics Tuition 2015

Students seeking help with their Maths may attend a tuition/homework class on Tuesday and Thursday lunch time in S5 classroom.

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.

A roll of attendance will be kept for these sessions.

Tuition will commence Week 5

Invitation to Parents and Friends

## St Stephen's Catholic College Swimming Carnival

**DATE:** Friday, 6 March, 2015

**LOCATION:** Mareeba Swimming Pool

**TIME:** 9.00 am - 2.30 pm

**PARTICIPATION:** All students are expected to attend the carnival and to participate in the splash-n-dash event for participation points for their Pastoral House. Students unable to swim on the day must have a note from a parent / guardian and provide it to their homeroom teacher on Friday morning. All students who will be absent must have a valid reason conveyed to the Principal prior to the carnival.

**TRAVEL:** Buses will transport students to the Mareeba Swimming Pool after homeroom in the morning (9.00 am) and return students by 2.50 pm. This will enable students to catch their regular buses.

**DRESS:** Students are expected to wear their sports uniform. If they are competing in an event, they are to wear their swimmers underneath their uniform to school. Coloured sunscreens in house colours are permitted at the pool but are not to be worn to school. There is to be no coloured hair. Sports joggers must be worn to school that day. Students may change into thongs at the pool. They are required to wear their bucket hat or blue hat and their sports uniform shirt between events. Students are required to change back into their sports uniform and remove coloured sunscreen before returning to school.

**CANTEEN:** The canteen at the pool will be open selling snacks and drinks. The Wheelbarrow Race committee will be holding a fundraiser BBQ lunch. Sausage sizzle will be \$2.00 and hamburgers \$4.00. Students are advised to bring their own drink bottle as there are no drinking tap facilities at the pool.

Deanne Morrow  
Program Middle Leader (Sport & Activities)

## FROM THE Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

**"Your best role model for leadership in a Catholic school is Jesus. His leadership was about growing a servant heart by being of service to others."**  
(Extract from Principal's speech at leaders' induction.)

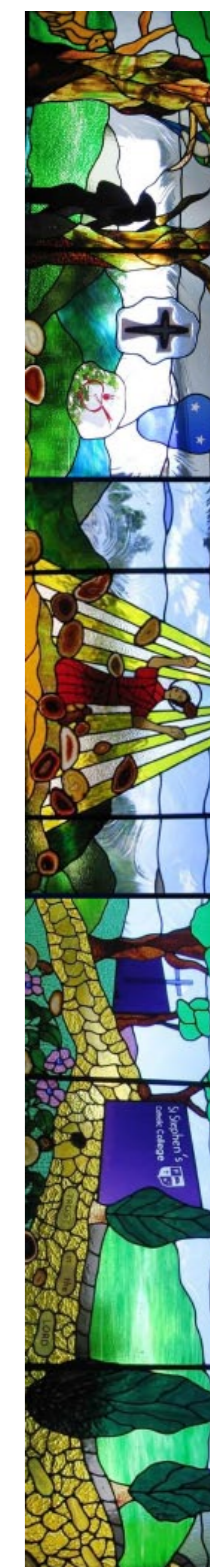
### COMMENCEMENT OF 2015 ACADEMIC YEAR

In the fortnight since our last newsletter, our students, teachers and school officers have settled well into the school routine, and I thank parents for assisting their children to make a good start to the year, especially our years 7 and 8 students. There has been a myriad of activities in such a short time frame. At the opening mass to celebrate the commencement of the 2015 academic year, our leaders were inducted. On that occasion, I encouraged them to look to Jesus as their role model, since his leadership was about growing a servant heart by being of service to others. They were urged to demonstrate humility, patience and empathy, as they rose to the challenge of serving their fellow students and making a positive contribution to our St Stephen's family. Theirs will be an amazing journey of discovery and a great opportunity for growth as people of God. They will be ably assisted by the remainder of the year 12 cohort who are expected to be mentors and role models for the younger grades. At the opening mass, the college also welcomed the new parish priest of Mareeba and Dimbulah, Father John Sullivan, who, along with Father Dipi Kattathara, Father Robert Greenup and Deacon Ralph Madigan, provide spiritual support to St Stephen's.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Our college is very appreciative of community involvement and I thank the College Board and Parents and Friends Association for their continued support, as we begin a new year with an enrolment of 550 students. The board plays an integral part in providing advice to the principal and we are seeking expressions of interest from parents who are willing to serve. At the AGM of the Parents and Friends Association, which was held on Tuesday 10 February, the 2014 executive was re-elected, with the President and Vice-President swapping roles. These very committed members are looking forward to increased attendance at the monthly meetings where parents are able to provide feedback on school matters.

Another event which is drawing great enthusiasm from a group of committed students is the annual Wheelbarrow Race. Spurred on by the successes of past teams, several students have expressed their interest in participating. It is important for all those involved to appreciate the commitment which is needed in so many aspects of this race—training, fundraising, transport, catering, T-shirt design---if we are to succeed. In particular, students must be very fit and free from injury so that the best possible support is given to all team members. We welcome any assistance which parents and community members can provide with sponsorship or fundraising. My gratitude is extended to Miss Deanne Morrow and her team of helpers for taking on this very worthy endeavour in 2015. As was the case in 2014, all fund raising will be donated to Caritas, Australia. (This is the social justice arm of the Catholic Church.)



**PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS**

- I would like to express my appreciation, on behalf of the staff of our college, to all parents who attended our annual “Meet and Greet” for families of years 7, 8 and other new students. Communication between the school and home is so important if your children are to achieve the best possible outcomes. In order to improve our practices, feedback is most welcome and I invite you to email me ([principal@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:principal@sscc.qld.edu.au)) with suggestions for future events of this nature.
- For those who attended our Opening Mass and Leaders’ Induction, I thank you for the very positive comments you have conveyed about the event. We are very proud of the respectful and reverent manner demonstrated by our students.
- The Ash Wednesday liturgy on 18 February was another opportunity for our college to gather to mark the beginning of Lent and the launch of Project Compassion.
- To showcase our facilities and to convey information about our college to interested families of prospective Year 7 for 2016 and beyond, we are hosting an open evening on 10 March, from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Enrolments for 2016 will open after this date and all interested parents, including those with children at St Stephen’s, are urged to contact the college ASAP, to organise an enrolment interview before the end of term one.

A child’s education is one of the greatest investment parents will make, both financially and emotionally. We appreciate the trust and faith parents have placed in our college to provide students with the toolkit to achieve their best in a Catholic school environment. If we are to be effective, good communication between the home and school is essential. I invite you to become involved with our college through the P & F Association, through attendance at parent evenings and through constructive feedback on our policies and procedures.

Trust in the Lord

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

**FROM THE  
 Deputy Principal  
 Curriculum**



**“Excellence in any activity doesn’t come immediately or by accident. Rarely do we get it right the first time. If we want to achieve something, we need to be prepared to do it poorly until we can do it well.”** (Sullivan and Francis, 2012)

It is part of the College’s mission statement to develop “independent learners”. Learning is enhanced through the provision of opportunities outside of school hours to review, reinforce and apply what has been learned during the day. Understanding the difference between completing daily homework, and studying for long term retention and comprehension is crucial for academic success.

- **Homework** is general work set by a teacher for completion at home.
- **Study** is revision and reinforcement of work covered. Study can include but is not limited to:
  - Completion of class work
  - Work on assignments
  - Memory work
  - Revision of past work
  - Daily reviews of work covered in class
  - Reading of reference material and wider reading.

All homework should be written in the student record book (SRB). Set homework that is not completed will be followed up and if necessary, the parents are informed of regular or repeatedly missed and incomplete work. If students are not assigned homework, it is advised that students use their time to study the coursework. Students are encouraged to create a study/home learning timetable. Parents and students can access excellent resources via the College’s library website to facilitate the study skills that are being developed in class. One such resource is ‘Study Vibe’(www.studyvibe.com.au). Study Vibe can help students understand what type of learner they are and how to study to suit their characteristics.

The following is a guide to the quantity of home learning to be undertaken at each year level. There will be times when these suggested timings are exceeded, especially prior to examinations and the submission of major assessment work.

Year 7	35 min to 1 hour	4 to 5 times per week
Year 8	1 hour	4 to 5 times per week
Year 9	1 - 2 hours	4 to 5 times per week
Year 10	2 – 2.5 hours	4 to 5 times per week
Year 11	2.5 hours	5 to 6 times per week
Year 12	3 hours	5 to 6 times per week

We are over one-third of the way through Term 1, which means that students will have assignments in most of their classes. Even though some class time is provided for students to work on their assignments, these assessment pieces are to be primarily done in the students’ own time. The Term One Assessment calendar has been published on the College website. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to place this supplement in a prominent place at home with **due dates for assignments** clearly highlighted. Effective planning is essential to identifying achievable goals, as a step by step sequence of tasks helps students to focus on moving forward.

All students, particularly Year 7 and 8s who are new to secondary school, are reminded of the following. All assignments are to be submitted by the **due date** during the scheduled lesson for that particular subject, unless an extension has been granted by the relevant Curriculum Leader, according to the conditions outlined in the College’s assessment policy. Failure to do so incurs an **automatic detention**, which takes place during lunch (Year 7 & 8), Activities on Thursdays (Years 9 & 10) and after school (Years 11 and 12).

Assignments received after the due date will be marked, commented upon and credited towards

the completion of the course BUT the result will not be credited towards a student’s level of achievement for the subject; teacher monitoring of research notes, drafts etc. will be used to award a level of achievement when an assignment that has not been granted an extension has been submitted after the due date.

**If a student is unable to attend school on the day the assignment is due, parents must notify the Pastoral Leader and subject teacher.** The assignment must still be submitted either **electronically, via email to the subject teacher**, or in hard copy format to the college office by parents, carers, or siblings. If emailed, the hard copy and relevant task sheet is submitted upon the student’s return to school.

It is important that for equity purposes and to satisfy Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) requirements in Years 11 and 12 that the procedures outlined in the assessment policy are strictly adhered to. Students are constantly reminded at assemblies by their Pastoral Leaders and by subject teachers of their obligations in this area.

Andrea Chiesa  
**Deputy Principal (Curriculum)**  
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**Student Protection Officers**

Bullying and harassment are serious issues in any school. Both behaviours are unacceptable at St Stephen’s Catholic College. In the event you are being bullied or harassed or if you witness other students being victimised by such behaviour, please report this to our student protection officers: Mrs Ida Pinese (Principal), Mr Richard Baker and Ms Naomi Torres.



## FROM THE Assistant Principal Administration



At St Stephen's, we endeavour to foster strong relationships within the school community, and evenings like these are an integral part in the formation and growth of this important aspect of the college.

God bless

Lance Helms  
Assistant Principal (Administration/Pastoral)  
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### Immunisations for Years 8 and 10:

On Monday, 16 March 2015, students in years 8 and 10 will have their first round of immunisations. For Year 8s, the HPV dose 1 and Boostrix will be administered. Year 10 girls will receive the Boostrix, and Year 10 boys will receive HPV dose 1 and Boostrix. It is the responsibility of every student in these year levels to return the vaccination pack to his/her homeroom teacher by the due date. Immunisation packs will be sent home on Friday. Should parents wish to have their child vaccinated, the forms must be completed, signed, and returned to the school via homeroom teachers by Thursday, 5 March 2015. If forms are not returned, students will not be vaccinated.

**Return Slips:** Throughout the year, students will come home with information that requires a return slip. Students are informed at assemblies and reminded in homeroom of their responsibilities regarding the return slips. Parental cooperation in these matters is essential. We too often hear excuses from students that their parents "just threw the form away"; however, the students do know that it is their responsibility to return the forms, and excuses will not be accepted.

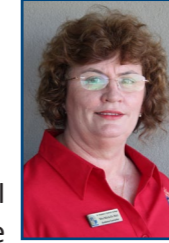
**Swimming Carnival:** The St Stephen's Catholic College Swimming Carnival will be held at the Mareeba Swimming Pool on Friday, 6 March. All students are expected to attend, and parents, as always, are welcome to join us at the pool. Students are to come to school in their sports uniform for normal homeroom. They will then be transported to the pool for the carnival and will return to school in time to catch buses and be collected by parents. If parents wish to collect their children from the pool, it will be appreciated if parents wait until the homeroom has been called to the bus for roll marking and then collect the students from the bus area.

**Meet and Greet:** Thanks to all the parents who attended the Meet on Greet on Monday, 16 February. It was great to see such a large turnout on such a wet evening. Thanks also to the teaching staff for making the evening such a success.



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## FROM THE Guidance Counsellor



This newsletter, I thought that I would focus on understanding the adolescent in your home. The best advice for parents of adolescents, you will be surprised to know, is the same for parents of newborns: Enjoy your child! Love your child!

This time in a child (and parent's) life is about change and discovery. The reality is that despite the challenges, most adolescents thrive and survive the teen years while managing to maintain a healthy relationship with their families. As kids grow they gradually demand more independence, and parents must gradually grant it. Even as adolescents pursue independence and want to spend more time with their peers, they still want to know they have Mum and/or Dad, family members or carers there for them, as well as a safe home base.

When teenagers feel connected to their parent/s, they are less likely to partake in risky behaviours, and more likely to emerge healthier and more secure. Here are five keys to raising teens:

- Love and connect with them – while young people change, don't let your love for them change.
- Monitor and Observe – know where they are, what they are doing, who they are with.
- Guide but limit – loosen up when you know they are ready for it, but don't let go.
- Model and Consult – talk to them, ask their advice, include them, help them through tough times by showing them how to problem solve.
- Provide assistance and advocate – although they want to be independent, they also need you to help them to reach their goals.

Remember: Parents are the most important adult in an adolescent's life. Adolescents crave their parent's love, respect, dependability and guidance. By being there for your child, he/she will have a greater chance of becoming a physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy adult AND your good example will live on when they have their children.

Michelle Hall - Guidance Counsellor  
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## YEAR 10 NEWS



It has been a wonderful start to the year, and it was great to see our Year 10s return with big smiles, ready for another year of schooling. I am extremely honoured to be the Year 10 Pastoral Leader this year, and I look forward to a successful year with our students.

We welcomed five new Year 10 students at the start of this year: Toby Cowe, Yalul Felton-Busch, Caitlin Grimmert, Shaun Harrison and Cameron Rogers, and Izabelle Drinkwater joined us just last week. These students seem to be settling in well and making new friends.

The Year 10 Homeroom Teachers for 2015 are: Mrs Anne Saunders – 10.1 Augustine; Mrs Pepi Ison – 10.2 Deacon; Mr John Donovan – 10.3 McAuley; and Mr Frank Caines – 10.4 Muluridji. We are blessed to have such dedicated and caring homeroom teachers, and if parents ever have any concerns about their children, communication with your child's homeroom teacher is essential.

The only major extra-curricular event for Year 10 this term is the College Swimming Carnival on Friday 6th March. I strongly encourage all students to attend and be a part of what is always a fun and spirited day. There will be no school camp for the Year 10s this year, but there are numerous other extra-curricular events throughout the year, and I look forward to seeing our students involved with these activities.

Please feel free to contact me at the College either via phone 07 4086 2500 or email scrockford@sscc.qld.edu.au

Mrs Stacey Crockford  
Middle Leader Pastoral (Year 10)

## Good Luck!

Best wishes to Zoe Feher (Year 12), Ashlee Zugno (Year 11), Callum Zugno (Year 7), and Alara McGrath (Year 7) who are competing at the Queensland State Swimming Championships in Brisbane this weekend.



Today, February 18, the Catholic Church observes Ash Wednesday. As a school, we acknowledged this event with a liturgy where ashes were distributed to staff and students.

#### What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when Christians stop and assess how we're doing in our walk with God and in our relationships with others. We identify spiritual areas in which we can grow and sinful areas that we need to avoid. On Ash Wednesday, ashes are applied to believers' foreheads in the shape of the cross as a sign of repentance. To repent means to turn away from sin and toward God. We use ashes as an outward expression of our need to begin again – in our relationship with God and our relationships with others.

#### Where do the ashes come from?

The ashes are made from the burnt palm fronds that were blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The ashes are sprinkled with holy water, usually fragrant with incense and blessed.

#### Why do we wear ashes?

In Old Testament times, people used ashes as a sign of repentance. They would sit in ashes, roll around in them, sprinkle them upon their heads, or even mingle them with their food and drink.

Ashes are a sign of physical death, as in 'ashes to ashes, dust to dust.' We began as dust and our bodies will return to dust. By receiving ashes and keeping them on, we publicly proclaim our intent to die to our worldly desires and live even more in Christ's image. We mark ourselves with ashes as a 'new beginning' at the onset of Lent, allowing the life of Jesus Christ to make us whole and new again.

Wishing you a prayerful and reflective Lenten season,

Laura Gilbert  
**Curriculum Leader – Religious Education**  
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## FROM THE Social Justice Committee

Service – this will be the mission of the newly established Social Justice Committee. Providing service to the community and abroad and raising awareness of important social justice issues are on the agenda. This exciting and worthy initiative provides myself (Committee President), Tim Fraser (Vice-President), Zoe Fillipelli (Secretary), William Snell (Treasurer) and Committee members Ben McAulay, Emily Hallam and Anthony Carpenter with the opportunity to give back.

Our first initiative for the year is the Caritas Project Compassion Appeal. Caritas is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church. This organisation supports long-term development programs in impoverished communities in Africa, Asia, Indigenous Australia and many others. The Project Compassion appeal runs through the six weeks of Lent and the theme this year is Food for Life. The aim is to put the spotlight on food issues, particularly in developing countries. Donation boxes will be placed in each homeroom and students are encouraged to make small donations towards this worthy cause.

Throughout the rest of the year we also aim to support the Cancer Council through the Biggest Morning Tea and Daffodil Day, as well as St Vincent de Paul with the Christmas hampers appeal towards the end of the year.

Under the guidance of our mentor Mr Chris Ellison, we are looking forward to making a difference and giving back to others.

Alexandria Struthers  
**President, Social Justice Committee**



## 2015 Great Wheelbarrow Race Sponsorship

Training and preparation for this year's Wheelbarrow Race is underway. This year, the St Stephen's team will support Caritas Australia as their chosen charity. St Stephen's students feel it is imperative they raise awareness and funds for this worthy organisation which continue to provide emergency assistance to people who are in urgent need of humanitarian aid. 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 on the t-shirts worn by participants 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 on the t-shirts worn by participants 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 lgilbert1@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!

Laura Gilbert  
 Wheelbarrow Race Sponsorship Coordinator

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## Shrove Tuesday Social Justice Committee

Senior Hospitality Students were busy flipping pancakes to help support the Social Justice Committee, raising money for Project Compassion.



Senior Hospitality Students: Sharee Adil, Kirsty-Leigh Jerome and Zoe Filippelli



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## Activities / Sport

St Stephen's is going to face great challenges this year as we go up against the other regional schools in the pool, on the playing field and on the track. Last year, St Stephen's was rewarded with astounding results. Again this year, I call upon the students to 'lift all aspects of their game' to establish St Stephen's Catholic College as a dominant sporting force on the Tablelands.



As with every new year, we welcome many new talented sportsmen and women to the college to strengthen our existing core of hardworking athletes. This year seems no different with a wealth of talent and expertise emerging among the houses. I would like to extend an invitation to both the new and old students of the college to get involved at any level to ensure the college sporting events are great celebrations of our talents.

**Pastoral House Captains:** To lead us into battle, the college has appointed Chelsea McHardie and Jake Pendlebury as Pastoral House Captains of Muluridji, Tahlia Avolio and Jessyk Ernst as Pastoral House Captains of Deacon, Jennifer Moss and Michael Curcio as Pastoral House Captains of Augustine, and Katherine Rossi and Jack Kruss as Pastoral House Captains of McAuley. The captains are well aware of the college's sporting culture, and they are all eagerly anticipating the challenge, in particular, their first duel at the College Swimming Carnival on Friday, 6th of March. Rest assured the spirited house competition will be fierce, as McAuley attempts to defend its seven year championship in 2015.

**Thursday Activities - Swimming Heats:** This term, students have been swimming heats for freestyle and breaststroke in their Pastoral House groups as part of Thursday activities. Every student who swam in the heats gained points for their house.

**Representative School Sport & College Teams:** In Week 2, all students received a representative school sport nomination form indicating all of the representative school sport trials and college teams that students have the opportunity to participate in.

If a student nominated for one or more of these trials and teams, they need to realise that they have made a serious commitment to attending the trials and playing for the team. If circumstances change and the student is unable to fulfil this commitment, the Middle Leader – Activities needs to be notified as soon as possible. Students who decide to withdraw without giving adequate notification to the Middle Leader – Activities will be excluded from all trials / teams for the remainder of the year and will not be considered for a sports award.

Looking forward to a year of champions,

Deanne Morrow  
**Program Middle Leader (Sport & Activities)**  
 dmorrow1@sscc.qld.edu.au

Most people think of maths as just numbers,  
**but I think of it as a game.**

Damon Zhong, Silver Medalist, 2014 International Mathematical Olympiad

**Australian Mathematics Competition**  
**30 July 2015**  
 sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank

This year the competition is to be held on Thursday 30 July. The Mathematics Department will pay for the first 50 entrants. Normal entry cost is \$6. Students who are interested in entering the competition this year, please register your name with Mr Jamieson at school.

## Congratulations to the Parents and Friends Association 2015 Executive

President: Greg Lee  
 Vice President: Nigel Filippelli  
 Treasurer: Rebecca Roy  
 Secretary: Ann Aitken



## MATHS MIND STRETCHERS

From the Maths Department.

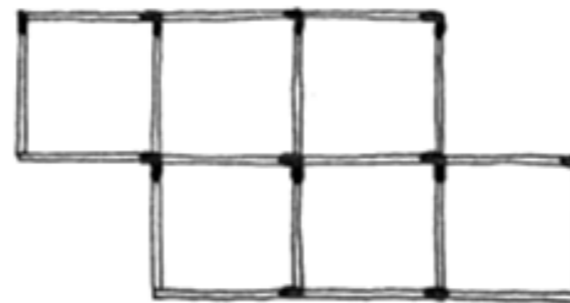
- Find the numbers that correspond to the letters
- Scissor-maths

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{HOME} \\ + \text{HOME} \\ \hline \text{MOMMA} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{LIES} \\ + \text{LIES} \\ \hline \text{SILLY} \end{array}$$

Fred cut out a rectangle that measured 10 cm x 3 cm. He then realised that the rectangle should have measured 15 x 2 cm. Fortunately, he was able to cut his original rectangle to make the required 15 x 2 cm shape. How did he do it? The best answer is the one with fewest cuts.

- Remove 2 matches from this arrangement to form 4 squares of the same size.



Solutions to last Mind Stretchers (04/02)

- Who Dunnit? – Shorty took the eraser. Bluey was the only one telling the truth.
- 5 cats
- $24 = 33 - 3$ ,  $30 = 6 \times 6 - 6$ ,  $100 = (9 \times 9) + (9 \div 9) + 9 + 9$ ,  $100 = (5 \times 5 \times 5) - (5 \times 5)$

## Spreading the Love!

The Student Representative Council and the Social Justice Committee joined forces last Friday to sell roses for Valentines Day.



SRC: Zachary McAuley, Tiarne Reedy, Connor Boyd and Adrianna Soncin.

## Well Done!

Our Year 7 Mathematical students have settled in well to their studies this term and as a result, the following students have been nominated by their teachers for Encouragement Awards for their excellent work ethic and interest displayed in this subject. Congratulations to these students at this early stage of their mathematical studies.



Kasey Devine, Holly Bryce, Thomas Flynn, David Pedro, Jakobi Lyall, Joseph Gueho and Andrew Gallo.

Andrew Jamieson  
**Curriculum Leader - Mathematics**

## 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.

## Take a peek, ONCE A WEEK



## Head Lice ADVICE

- Step 1** Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;
- Step 2** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;
- Step 3** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;
- Step 4** If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;
- Step 5** If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

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