



St Stephen's News

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Visual Arts

At St Stephen's Catholic College, Visual Arts is offered to students as a rotation in years 7 and 8 and an elective in years 10 – 12. In Visual Arts, students experience and explore the concepts of artists, artworks, world and audience. Students learn in, through and about visual arts practices, including the fields of art, craft and design. See more from the LOTE and Arts department on page 8. *Right: David Reddie.*



Gage Legaspi.



Ruby McClounan and Visual Art teacher, Ms Todd.



Eden Brandon.



Tash Pichler.



Chloe Adil.

NOTICES

IMPORTANT DATES:



15 - 19 June	Block Exams
25 - 26 June	Athletics Carnival
10 - 12 July	Mareeba Rodeo
13 July	Classes resume
14 July	P&F Meeting
15 July	Parent / Teacher Interviews
17 July	Cairns Show Holiday

TERM DATES 2015

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)

St Stephen's Catholic College Inter-House

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thursday, 25 June: 12.30 - 3.00 pm
Friday, 26 June: All Day

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 7

ENROL NOW FOR 2016

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

Medical Updates

We invite you to advise the school in writing if your child has a medical or mental health diagnosis and/or is on medication. We are keen to assist in supporting students to identify and minimize barriers that may affect their ability to achieve their personal best.

Please advise Ms Andrea Chiesa (Deputy Principal Curriculum) or Mrs Michelle Hall (School Counsellor) even if your child is on medication for a short period of time. Thank you for your support.

Mathematics Tuition

Students seeking help with their Maths may attend a tuition/homework class on Tuesdays at lunch time in the MCR classroom. Mr Ellison will be in attendance 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.



The Social Justice Committee

would like to thank everyone for their generous support at

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

on Thursday, 28 May.

Together, St Stephen's Catholic College raised

\$620.25

for the Australian Cancer Council.

Thank you!

FROM THE Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's,

Better to be poor and walk in integrity than to be crooked in one's ways even though rich.
(Proverbs 28:6)

The dictionary defines integrity as being undivided or integrated. In other words, people of integrity don't say one thing and do another; they act according to what they believe. They're not one person on the inside and another on the outside. Our Mission Statement invites our students to be "morally autonomous with an awareness of God's presence." The ability to distinguish right from wrong and demonstrate integrity is a quality which we strive to develop in our students.

There are many opportunities for students to show integrity in terms of their application to their school work and how they engage with the ethos and culture of the school. With assessment deadlines looming on the horizon for all year levels, students can practise integrity by meeting those commitments without making excuses for late or non-submission, unless there are genuine cases of hardship. A concern which has surfaced lately has been the increase in damage to lap-top computers, particularly keyboards. Students are required to look after these expensive items and to report any damage immediately. Failure to do so will throw suspicion on the person who was last logged onto the computer. Integrity plays a large role in ensuring that the resources at students' disposal are treated with respect and care.

In their interactions with their peers, students are also required to demonstrate integrity. There are too many instances where misuse of technology, including social media, causes problems at school. The Technology Code of Conduct clearly states that any breach will have consequences for students. Using technology to make hurtful and unkind comments about another student certainly does not involve the practice of integrity. We can all choose the attitude we will adopt and this attitude can shape our relationships, our achievements and our life.

On a personal note, I would like to extend my gratitude to the many people who expressed sympathy, kindness and support at the recent loss of my father. Your words of comfort have been a blessing.

Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese
Principal
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FROM THE Deputy Principal Curriculum

The semester is coming to a close, and the culmination of our students' efforts over the past semester will be recorded in the formal reports parents will receive during the holiday. These reports, based on a student's achievement for an entire semester, are more formal than the interim reports issued earlier in the year, and comprise the overall level of achievement for each subject studied, as well as comments about a student's work ethic and behaviour. Over the past five months, students have learnt some very valuable life skills: good time management, organisation, resilience, persistence and effective communication. For our Year 11 students in particular, these skills are reflected in the work ethic and behaviour comments, with the reports providing feedback about the subject choices they made at the start of the year. Any student from this year level who wishes to make a subject change must organise an interview at the start of semester two. All Year 11 and 12 results in terms of students' progress towards achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education are being monitored, and if necessary, parents will be contacted for interviews.



- For students in Years 7 to 10, testing will mostly occur in weeks eight and nine of Term 2 during the scheduled lessons for particular subjects. Students will be advised of test dates by their subject teacher and attendance is mandatory.
- Reports will be issued at the end of semester.

Kind regards

Andrea Chiesa
Deputy Principal
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To provide our students in Years 9 and 10 with as many elective opportunities as possible, changes to electives are permitted within the first two weeks of the semester. There is a waiting list for some classes, but all students have been placed. Students will be notified of their electives in Week 10, but they will not be issued with a new time-table until the start of Term 3. Those Year 9 students who have missed out on obtaining the desired elective due to heavy demand in certain areas, will have an opportunity to select their preference for Year 10 later in the year.

Assessment & Reporting Reminders

- Year 11 and 12 exam block is scheduled from 15 to 19 June. Information about these tests has been sent home. A medical certificate is required should a student be absent for a test. (This is in line with the College's assessment policy and Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority requirements.)

St Stephen's Catholic College Parents and Friends Association

presents an important college community event:

"BULLIES AND BOUNDARIES"

by Denise Bewert

**Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 5.30 pm
S Block**

A discussion evening on the topical issue of bullying and cyber bullying in schools today with renowned author Denise Bewert.

RSVP Friday 7 August to Mrs Michelle Hall
Email: mhall3@sscc.qld.edu.au or
Phone: 4086 2500

About our Guest Speaker

Denise Bewert possesses a wealth of knowledge on the issue of bullying and working with children and adolescents. Denise is an author, journalist, university lecturer and has spent many years working in the education system both as teacher and guidance counsellor. Denise's impressive career has seen her gain expertise in all facets of work with young people; she is currently working at Centacare as a researcher and work shop facilitator. Denise is the author of *Troubled Teens and Tackling Teens*.

FROM THE Assistant Principal Administration

I would like to thank all the parents and carers for their support regarding the policy for students crossing Mclver Rd. The students' safety is paramount; thus, it was necessary to designate crossing areas away from the buses which cause blind spots for pedestrians and on-coming traffic. Since the implementation, we have not had a near-miss (that we are aware of). Students have been reminded numerous times of the correct areas for crossing, and the college does expect them to comply with these expectations.



The school's Athletics Carnival (June 25 & 26) is fast approaching. It is worth noting that classes will operate as normal until 12.34 on that Thursday, and the carnival will begin at lunch time. Many teachers will have begun Term 3 work in their classes, so students who are absent any of the days in the last week of Term 2 will have to catch up on the work they have missed. Just a gentle reminder: it is the student's responsibility to see the teacher for any work missed.

Recently, we have noticed some students wearing the sports uniform to school on the incorrect days. Middle Leaders Pastoral have addressed the issue with their students, as some students were wearing the sports uniform to school on the days they had practical lessons in PE. All students should be aware that they are only allowed to wear the sports uniform to school on one day of the week:

Year 7 – Friday
Year 8 – Tuesday
Years 9-12 – Thursday

When students have PE practical lessons on other days, they are to arrive to school in their day uniform and use the college's facilities to change into their sports uniform for their PE lessons.

Many thanks, and God bless.

Lance Helms | Assistant Principal (Administration)
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Religious Education

On Wednesday 3 June, our Year 11 students were captivated by guest speaker, Samuel Clear, a Catholic missionary, whose [Walk4One](#) Christian unity campaign saw him journey 15,600 km on foot through South America, Central America & North America, across Siberia by train, and on foot again from Moscow to the western most point of Spain. Sam inspired students with moving experiences about his interactions with the most financially poor but spiritually rich human beings; his ability to trust in God when having to find food and water every day, being threatened at gunpoint, robbed at knifepoint, beaten up on the side of the road, and coming face to face with dangerous animals; and his quest to promote unity through love in action.



Our students were fine ambassadors for our College, expressing their sincere gratitude to Sam for sharing his missionary experiences. Some of their comments about the event are included below:

"His presentation brought me to tears due to the hardship he went through for his mission." - Elyse Miller-Kennedy

"It made me want to do something meaningful with my life." - Skyla Daven

"It made us think about how privileged we are to live in Australia." - Olivia Sturgiss

"It was a good eye-opener into the types of people that live in this world." - Rhys Pozzebon

Mrs Laura Gilbert
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YEAR 10 NEWS



Term 2 has been a busy time for our Year 10 students, and a big focus has been on their career options and goals. On Thursday 21st May, Mrs Hall and I took approximately 50 Year 10 students to the BLA Career Expo in Cairns. The expo was a valuable opportunity for students to gather information from prospective tertiary institutions and employers. They also walked away with a lot of free stationery and more interesting items like tape measures and boomerangs! I hope the day assisted students in finding a vocation to pursue. The following week, a number of students also attended the Rotary Field Days with Mrs Murat to explore possible agricultural career opportunities. By now, your child will have made subject selections for Semester 2, and I encourage all students to use this time to begin thinking about their interests and skills and possible subject choices for next year. It is important that our Year 10s make good choices when completing their SET Plans, and that they keep their future career options open. Mrs Murat is available on Wednesdays and Fridays for consultation with students about any career enquiries.

Lastly, the pastoral focus for Year 10 over the last fortnight has been on our students obtaining an attitude of gratitude. Our students are maturing into fine young adults, and I've encouraged them to avoid complaining about things in life, but instead, to appreciate what they've got and to be the change they want to see in the world – at home, at school and in the community. There are many things we have to be thankful for at St Stephen's, but ultimately, it's up to us to see the beauty in the world and find happiness in our lives.

As this will be the last Year 10 article for the term, I'd like to wish all our families a very relaxing holiday, and I look forward to seeing students back, refreshed and ready to achieve their personal goals in Term 3.

Mrs Stacey Crockford
Middle Leader Pastoral (Year 10)
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Readers Cup

Congratulations to Jack Burnside, Arosh Heenkenda, Emily Perrett and Gordon Yates for winning the Regional Readers Cup competition last Friday. These students will now compete at the state level in Brisbane in September.



Congratulations to Makala Meaney, Mikaela Millerd, Rhett Pritchard and Kate Schincariol who also represented St Stephen's in the Readers Cup Competition.

The Readers Cup requires a team of four students to read a set of six books. Teams then compete with other schools to answer questions about these books. The competition challenges students to read widely, work collaboratively in a team and continue developing a love of reading. Students started reading these books during the Easter holidays and during the last six weeks met once a week to discuss and question each other about the books. We were lucky enough to have 5 teams vying for a chance to represent the school at the regional competition. The students then competed in a school friendly competition to decide which two teams would travel to Cairns for the next round. The last week before the event the students in the two representative teams gave up every lunch time to prepare for the competition.

I would like to thank all the students from year 7 and 8 who gave up their free time to compete in the Readers Cup. I would also like to thank the teachers who supported the students in this challenge - Mrs Tamara Schincariol, Mrs Sonya Pritchard and Mrs Michelle Hall.

Congratulations to all the students for their wonderful participation.

Simone Gillies | **Teacher Librarian**

YEAR 8 NEWS

Greetings,

I am Lachlan Greene and I will be taking over from Chris Ellison as the Year 8 Pastoral Middle Leader for the remaining of the year. This is my fifth year at St Stephen's Catholic College and I teach every Year 8 student Civics and Citizenship throughout the year.



As the Year 8 Pastoral Middle Leader, I am responsible for looking after the welfare of the Year 8 students as they continue their journey through secondary school life.

This term the Year 8s got to experience their first high school camp. Camp Paterson was the venue for the Year 8 Camp which ran from Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 April for the Girls and Wednesday 29 April to Friday 1 May for the boys.

Students enjoyed numerous activities such as archery, canoeing, damper making, night spotting, obstacle course, orienteering, plugga, raft building, spiderwalk, survivor shelter and water wipeout. All these activities helped develop vital skills like leadership, problem solving and teamwork.



A big thank you must go to Miss Aplin, Mrs Bulst, Mrs Malcolm, Mr McLennan, Miss Peters, Miss Simpson, Ms Torres, Mrs Pinese and Mrs Hall, who supervised throughout the camp. A special thank you should also be extended to Mr Ellison who organised and ran the boys' camp.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please feel free to contact me either by email lgreene@sscc.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 40862500.

Lachlan Greene
Middle Leader Pastoral (Year 8)



Sky's the Limit

Last month College Captain Mellory Aitken was successfully nominated to participate in the Dare to Defy Gravity program with the Australian Defence Force (ADF).



Mellory was one of 13 teens to sit the aptitude test to scope whether she had the skills to become a pilot during the exclusive ADF recruitment initiative aimed at females.

Navy, Army and Air Force are looking for young women who would dare to defy gravity. Despite the fact that women make up 51% of the population, just 6% of pilots (military and civilian) are female. The research shows that young women are simply not even considering a career as a pilot whilst they are at school. The ADF wants to encourage young women to challenge themselves, think outside the square and reach their full potential.

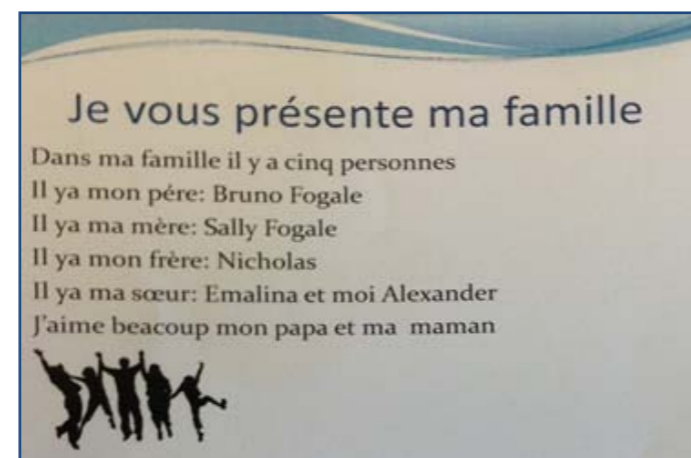
For more information please visit the ADF website www.defencejobs.gov.au or 13 19 01. Alternatively please see Mrs Goleby for more information.

Next term, the whole Art Department is collaborating and planning an Art evening exhibiting students' Art work and staging St Stephen's wealth of skills. We are anticipating seeing many of you at this exhibition.

Francoise Nozaic
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Year 8 French

In Lote, for the first time at St Stephen's Catholic College, Year 8 students have had the opportunity to learn French. All the students seem to have thoroughly enjoyed the course. Most of them are expressing their wish to continue next year. All are dreaming of conquering Paris and visiting the Eiffel Tower.



The Arts & LOTE

Dear Parents

This term is fast drawing to a close! Throughout the term students involved in Arts and Lote have been very busy, very productive and actively engaged in all the activities offered by their teachers.



Visual Arts Senior students, after completing their first body of work, have had the opportunity to visit Cairns' major Art galleries and talk to curators. This week, Year 10 Drama students are frantically rehearsing a play that they will present to their peers on the last week of the term.

Visual Art

This term has seen the students working hard and improving their art skills. Year 8 students have been getting their hands dirty creating pinch pots and landscape paintings. Students in Year 9 have been experimenting with acrylic paint and the Year 10s with oil paints in order to create self-portraits focusing on Expressionism and Symbolism, respectively.



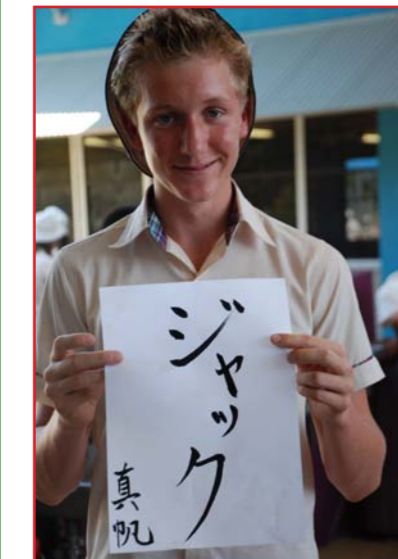
Senior Art students were in for a treat on Friday 5th June, as they took a bus to Cairns to explore the Cairns Regional Gallery and Kick Arts Gallery. This opportunity allowed them to look at professional artists' practice and understand how art galleries work, and the information gained will assist them in their own art practice.

Kendra Todd
Visual Art Teacher
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Japanese

In Term 3 we are fortunate to have two groups of Japanese visitors coming to St Stephen's Catholic College. One group from a small town called Taketoyo will be visiting just for the day. They will be participating in cultural exchange activities with the Year 9/10 Japanese students and at lunch time will offer their services, writing our students' names using calligraphy. Our Year 10 students are now preparing a tour of the school in Japanese for the visitors.



The second group of students will be visiting our region for a week, spending one and half days at St Stephen's. Early in Term 3, we will be asking students if they would like to host those students for four days.

It is approaching the Japanese summer holidays and so many students from Japan

come to Australia and other countries for educational holidays. If you visit Cairns in July and August, you will see many young Japanese enjoying the sights and shopping.

A Joke - Benefits of Bilingualism

A family of mice was surprised by a big cat. Mother mouse opened her mouth and shouted, "Woof woof!" The cat got scared and ran away. "What was that, Mum?" asked the youngest mouse. "Well dear, I've told you how important it is to learn a second language."

Rohan Priestly
Japanese Teacher
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Music

Over the past semester, Year 9 music students have been developing their musical composition skills. Taking inspiration from blues greats such as Muddy Waters, Leadbelly and Robert Johnson, each of the students has written a blues song in the 12 bar blues structure. Students use professional standard software to notate their music and make recordings of their songs.



Right: Year 9 student James Stevenson.

More recently, the Year 9 students have been writing their own Mini Musicals made up of a variety of songs including a hero's song, villain's song, love duet, chorus number and comedic song. Students are showing an enormous amount of creativity in writing their stage shows, which involve pirates, superheroes, epic battles, love triangles, and fan-fiction-writing German sailors. Students will perform these musicals in Week 10 of this term.

Janai Sugars
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Blues 411

Annalisse Troncone

Click to play Cooper McGrath's composition

Chess News

Last Thursday, eighteen students from St Stephen's travelled down to the first round of the Gardiner Inter-school Chess Tournament which was held at Trinity Anglican School (White Rock). In Premier division, St Stephen's 1 team (Tom Gargan, Aaron Bryce, Hunter Liebold and Caleb Shorey) finished tied in 1st position on 18 points with St Andrew's, but were placed 2nd overall on count-back. Congratulations to Tom Gargan, (Year 11) (pictured), who became the first St Stephen's student to win the first place medal in Premier Division, winning 6 out of 7 games. Well done also to Hunter Liebold who received a merit award for his 4½ wins in Premier division and Blake Tahir who received a merit for his 5 wins in open division.



For the full set of results and latest ratings please visit www.gardinerchess.com.au/interschool-chess-results

Thank you to Mr Donovan for taking the students down to the competition. The third and final round will be held in Term 3 on Thursday, 20 August.

Chris Ellison | **Chess Coordinator**

Activities / Sport

St Stephen's Catholic College Athletics Carnival



Parents and Friends are invited to attend the annual St Stephen's Catholic College Athletics Carnival.

DATE: Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June

LOCATION: St Stephen's Catholic College Oval

TIME: Thursday 12.30 pm - 3 pm & Friday 9 am - 3 pm

LESSONS: On Thursday, students will have normal lessons in period 1, 2, 3 & 4. The athletics carnival will begin after second recess. On Friday, students will have normal home room. The athletics carnival will begin after home room.

DRESS: Students are to wear sports uniform. No hair colouring. Coloured sunscreens in house colours are permitted. Sports shoes must be worn all day, no thongs. School hat is compulsory. Students are not permitted to compete in any attire that is not part of the sports uniform. Students may compete in spikes except in track events that are not run in lanes and if they are doing scissors in high jump. Each house has organised for a select few students to be dressed up as mascots. These are the only students who will come to school in their sports uniform and change into costume after home room.

PARTICIPATION: All students will be required to be at their scheduled field event whether they are competing or not. If a student is not able to compete, they can earn participation points by assisting the teacher at the field event. If they do not participate or help, they will be letting their team down by not earning the valuable participation points. The winning house has traditionally been the one with the greatest participation and not the most first places.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS: The 13 – 19 Years Tableland District Athletics Carnival will be held at Atherton State High School on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July.

The Under 12 Tableland District Carnival will be held at Mareeba State School on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 July.

Deanne Morrow
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Cross Country Champions

Congratulations to Eden Brandon (Year 10), and Emma Gargan (Year 12) who placed first and Kate Wilcox (Year 11) who won second place at the Peninsula Cross Country in Cairns last month. The state finals will be held on the Gold Coast later this month.



Eden Brandon



Emma Gargan



Kate Wilcox

Under 12 Cross Country



Miss Laura Marino, Kayleigh Cappella, Madi Kotzur, Stefanie Meaney, Katelyn Alison, Deane Alterio and Logan Acha.

Well done to the six **12 Girls:**
 Under 12 students from St Stephen's for competing at the District Under 12 Cross Country in Dimbulah. Congratulations to Madi Kotzur and Deane Alterio who placed first in their age group.

12 Boys:
 1st Deane Alterio
 6th Logan Acha



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Photo: R. Blake

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 or phone 4086 2500.

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