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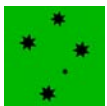
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Muluridji Wins Carnival

Congratulations to Muluridji House for winning the Inter-House Athletics Carnival last week for the second year running. Participation proved crucial in deciding the overall house champions. A full list of results will be published in the first newsletter next term.

Overall Results



Muluridji
1745



Deacon
1560



Augustine
1468



McAuley
1445



Harry Gardner.



Oscar Cambage and Cody Ciranni.



Muluridji Pastoral House Captains Chelsie McHardie and Jake Pendlebury.



Thing 1 and Thing 2: Brothers Ben and Zac McAuley.



Celie Henderson and Zoe Feher.

TERM 3 CLASSES RESUME: MONDAY, 13 JULY 2015 *Have a great holiday!*

NOTICES

IMPORTANT DATES:



10 - 12 July	Mareeba Rodeo
13 July	Classes resume
14 July	P&F Meeting
15 July	Parent / Teacher Interviews
17 July	Cairns Show Holiday
20 July	School Photos
27 - 31 July	Catholic Education Week

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)



Courage to Care Exhibition

When: August 14 - September 11
Where: Seville Mercy Conference Centre,
35 Bauhinia Ave Earlville, Cairns.

This inspiring and interactive exhibition uses living historians (Holocaust survivors) to demonstrate the positive impact of bystander intervention in the face of racism, prejudice and bullying.

For more information visit
www.couragetocare.com.au
Email courage2care@cns.catholic.edu.au or phone
4050 9700.

All are welcome and entry is free.

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

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 Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's,

"Being a Christian is also about recognizing that one is part of an entire people on a journey with God, not an individual whose spirituality is concocted in an abstract or controlled environment, like a laboratory."(Pope Francis)

As the first semester of 2015 draws to a close, it is timely to reflect on our journey to date and our relationships with each other and with God. Our students have spent the first part of this year becoming familiar with the expectations of their year level, as well as embracing the college's Mission Statement which promotes respect for others, moral autonomy and an awareness of God's presence in our lives.

For our years 7 and 8 students in particular, it has been a steep learning curve adapting to the demands of secondary schooling which involves taking responsibility for one's learning and becoming more independent. Along with students in other cohorts, they have had to learn the art of effective time management, so that assignments are submitted on time. Our congratulations are extended to the year 7 winning team from the Readers Cup. These students have demonstrated great commitment and good organisational skills to perform at such a high standard in this competition, while still meeting deadlines in their subject areas. We wish them the very best as they prepare for the final round of judging in Brisbane in September.

In keeping with the service to others charism of our college, it was wonderful to witness our students' response to fundraising for the St Teresa's School community in Ravenshoe which has been affected by the fire at the local cafe. In addition, I would like to thank the Social Justice Committee for the hard work they carried out with "The Biggest Morning Tea" in May. The enthusiasm which these young people brought to this event is a testament to their leadership qualities and their desire to serve. Through involvement with these community activities, our students are experiencing a sense of purpose which gives more meaning to their lives and makes the gospel come alive. (Matthew 25:40-45 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'")

Another community-building exercise for our college was the inter-house athletics carnival which took place on Thursday 25 June from 12.30 pm to 3 pm and all day on Friday 26 June. Attendance on these two days was compulsory for all students and I thank those parents who ensured that their children were at school. As part of the college culture, students are always encouraged to participate and try their best at all endeavours, regardless of their sporting ability. Commitment and team work are very valuable qualities to develop in life. Upon enrolling at St Stephen's students have agreed to be part of the life of the college which includes academic, sporting, cultural and spiritual experiences. I thank all parents who were able to attend this event, as parental involvement helps to create the sense of family which is an integral part of our college.



We are very fortunate to have hard-working staff at St Stephen's, both teaching and non-teaching. I welcome the appointment of Mrs Laura Gilbert to the position of Assistant Principal, Religious Education for the commencement of semester two. This is a very important role in a Catholic school and I look forward to working with Mrs Gilbert in fostering the faith life of the college. Once the chapel has been completed, there will be a sacred space at the college to enhance the spiritual formation of both students and staff.

The following teachers are completing contracts at St Stephen's at the end of semester one—Mrs Fay McGrath, Mr Peter Barker, Mr Peter McCabe and Mr John Donovan—our sincere thanks are extended to them for their dedication to the well-being of our students.

The many achievements which our students have earned this semester would not have been possible without the dedication, professionalism and commitment of the staff at our college. This includes the tremendous support which the leadership team of Ms Chiesa, Mr Helms and Mr Flynn provide to me in the execution of my role as principal. As well, the generosity of our parent body in providing assistance, when needed, is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a very safe and rewarding time with your children over the semester holiday break and look forward to working with you in term three.

Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese
Principal
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Nominations for the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards are now open.

Nominate an inspirational teacher or educator now!



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Nominations close July 31

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FROM THE Assistant Principal Administration

Before students return to school for Term 3, they will need to ensure that they have the appropriate items for their uniform. Many students are in need of new socks; they also need to polish their formal shoes. Boys in Years 11 and 12 will need to have a belt and a tie. If students do not have these items, or if they are unable to locate these items, they will need to purchase them during the holiday.



During the holiday, it is expected that students will enjoy the freedom of their individuality, but it is important that they are groomed appropriately when returning to school. Girls will need to remember that nail polish is not allowed and that they are to comply with the jewellery policy on the first day back. Boys will need to be clean shaven.

Week 1 will be a short but busy week, with school commencing on Monday, 13 July. Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Wednesday, 15 July, and the Year 12 OP-Eligible students will sit QCS practice exams all day on Thursday, 16 July.

On Monday, 20 July, class photos will be taken throughout the day. Photo envelopes have been distributed to all students, and if parents wish to purchase photos, they are to complete the photo pack and have the student return it via homeroom. If parents have not yet received a photo pack, they should call reception to have a pack organised to be sent home.

Subject Selection Evening, for parents and students currently in Year 8 and 10, will take place Thursday, 23 July. The Year 8 session will be from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, and the Year 10 session will be from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. There will be valuable information presented in both sessions, and we do hope that all parents are able to attend.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Lance Helms | Assistant Principal (Administration)

YEAR 9 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers



Term 2 has been a busy time for our Year 9 students, with many academic and sporting achievements. Students have worked hard on assessment and exams whilst still finding the time to represent St Stephen's at many sporting events including the district swimming carnival, cross country, cricket, soccer and futsal. Well done to all students who competed and represented the school with pride.

Lastly, the pastoral focus for Year 9 this term has been taking responsibility for your actions. As the year 9 cohort are maturing into fine young adults, I've encouraged them to take responsibility, not only for their actions, but also what they can do to make themselves and the school environment a better place for everybody.

As this will be the last Year 9 article for the term, I'd like to wish all our families a very relaxing holiday, and I look forward to seeing the students next term, refreshed and ready to achieve their personal goals in Term 3.

Keith Pelka
Middle Leader Pastoral (Year 9)
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Purple Ribbon Day

Last Wednesday, St Stephen's held a 'Purple Ribbon Day' to raise money for the Ravenshoe Community in the wake of the horrific cafe blast. The funds raised will go to the Ravenshoe Parish and St Theresa's School.



Mr Chris Ellison, Ayden Smith, Zoe Roth and Tim Fraser.

Mathematics

End of semester exams have now been completed and reports are being finalised by teachers. Students will be receiving their exam results this week and should take on feedback from their teachers to work out a strategy for improvement in Semester 2.



Aside from paying attention to teachers in class and completing homework, there are a number of ways in which students can improve their maths results. Below are some handy tips:

WAYS TO IMPROVE RESULTS IN MATHS:

- Work out a study plan and keep to it
- Review class notes at home
- Complete extra work from textbook
- Attend maths tutoring (at recess two on Tuesdays and Thursdays in MCR)
- Get help from an older sibling or friend
- See your teacher for help before school or at lunchtime
- See your teacher for access to a number of online resources

In Term 3, a number of students will compete in the Australian Maths Competition (30 July) and the ICAS Maths Competition (11 August). There will also be an interschool maths competition where Year 7 and 8 students compete in teams of 3 against teams from other Tablelands schools.

Please see me or Miss Simpson if you are interested in representing St Stephen's in this competition.

Finally, we say thank you and farewell to Mr Donovan, Mr McCabe and Mr Barker who have been taking maths classes this term. We welcome back Mr Herrald who will be teaching maths classes in Term 3.

Chris Ellison
Curriculum Leader - Mathematics (Acting)
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Student Diversity

Congratulations on your Semester 1 work. Some students took advantage of the lunchtime help in the MCR every recess two. In Term 3 lunchtime help will be available for 20 minutes in the second half of Recess 2 every day. My door is open to any students who would like some support in their studies.



During the June/July holidays it is important for students to reflect on the successes they had and think seriously about the areas they are struggling with. Help is available and it is important to be bold and put your hand up.

Here are some websites that students and parents might both find interesting and helpful. Happy cyber hunting! <http://www.do2learn.com/>
<http://www.additudemag.com/>

Gail Musch
Curriculum Leader (Student Diversity)
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University Experience

Congratulations to Year 11 student Kathryn Joseph who has been chosen to attend the Murrup Barak Melbourne University Camp Experience in the July school holidays.



Young Leadership Recognition

College Captain Joshua Priestly was recognised for his outstanding leadership by Senator Glenn Lazarus. Josh received a special award as part of the Queensland Young Leadership Recognition Program 2015. Josh is a very worthy recipient of this accolade. Congratulations Josh!!



AUSTRALASIAN DRILLING INSTITUTE PTY LTD

Several Year 12 students (pictured) have been participating in a Certificate II in Resource and Infrastructure Work Preparation program with the Australasian Drilling Institute. This has been preparing students with the basic knowledge and skills for entry level jobs and further training to commence successful career paths in the global resources and infrastructure industries.

The students have been attending practical training to learn functional skills that are used in workplaces including first aid, working safely at heights, using hand and power tools, and isolating and accessing plant.

Next term they will be working as a group on a real work project to demonstrate their newly achieved skills and knowledge, and reinforce learnings. The students have worked hard on their external studies and gained great knowledge of careers in the drilling and mining industries.



Dominic Groundwater, Kain Kapteyn, Jayden Straight and Shaun Jennings.

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.

Career News

It has been a busy term for the Careers Department with students attending a number of careers days. On May 13, a number of students from Years 11 & 12 returned to JCU to participate in a follow-up session to the 'Getting into Uni Residential Camp' held in 2013/2014. Students attended sessions run by university staff and student ambassadors, geared at making the transition between school and university as easy as possible. These sessions provided information on courses, fees, application process and scholarships and were highly praised by students who attended them.



More information can be gathered at www.defencejobs.gov.au or by coming to see me in the Careers office.

Stay posted for further careers information next term when we will start the SET Planning Process with Year 10 students, and the QTAC application process for Year 12 students going on to tertiary study. I can also be contacted for further information through email: hmurat@sscc.qld.edu or by phone on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Havva Murat
Careers Officer

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 2015

Students intending to study at a tertiary institution in 2016 may like to attend one of their open days. Many are held on weekends or school holidays which may make travel possible.

AUGUST 2015

Sunday, 2 August
University of Southern Queensland (Fraser Coast Campus)
University of Queensland - St Lucia Campus

Sunday, 9 August
CQUniversity - Bundaberg Campus
Griffith University - Nathan and South Bank Campuses
University of Southern Queensland - Ipswich Campus

Sunday, 16 August
University of Queensland - Gatton Campus
University of Southern Queensland - Toowoomba Campus

Sunday, 23 August
James Cook University - Cairns Campus
University of Southern Queensland - Springfield Campus

Sunday, 30 August
James Cook University - Townsville Campus

DECEMBER 2015

Friday, 11 December
Southern Cross University - Gold Coast Campus

Year 10 Food Technology



National Consistency Collection Data

Schools throughout Australia are collecting data on support provided for students who display learning difficulties and disabilities. This is inclusive of our students who have a recognised and diagnosed learning disability and also students who have been identified by classroom teachers. Parents who do not wish their child to participate in the data collection can notify the college. For more information please download the fact sheet here.

Great Wheelbarrow Race 2015

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