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NOTICES

IMPORTANT DATES:

06 August  SSCC Golf Open
06 August  Board Meeting
11 August  P&F Meeting - Bullies and Boundaries
11 August  ICAS Maths
20 August  Arts Exhibition
24-26 August Year 11 Biology Camp
1 & 2 September QCS Test
3 September  Board Meeting
7 - 10 September Year 12 Block Exams
8 September  P&F Meeting

TERM DATES 2015

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
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

St Stephen’s Catholic College
McIver Road, Mareeba

ANNUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

Date:  Thursday, 20 August 2015
Time:  4.30 – 6.30 pm

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Mathematics Tuition

Students seeking help with their Maths may attend a tuition/homework class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at second recess in the MCR classroom. Mr Ellison and Miss Sugars 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.

Change of contact details?

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your contact details. Email office@sscc.qld.edu.au or phone 4086 2500.
FROM THE
Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen’s

The college’s vision for teaching and learning focuses on the development of the whole student—academically, physically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. While our students participate in a variety of activities not directly related to curriculum, it is a challenge for schools of the 21st century to deal with the social and emotional issues that are spilling into the school environment. In particular, schools are called upon to teach life skills such as character, resilience, confidence, gratitude and other personal management skills to help students weather the storms in life.

Once such school in South Australia, (Wilderness School), has implemented a Positive Education Programme based on the Wilderness Wellbeing Model: (Extract from: Australian Educational Leader: Journal of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders: Vol. 37 No. 2 Term 2 2015) The components of this programme include:

- **Positive self:** Learning and practising habits for being a resilient, vibrant and spiritually aware self who is confident in themselves and appreciative of others.
- **Positive relationships:** Increasing social and emotional skills in order to create and promote compassionate, kind, friendly and hospitable individuals who form and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships.
- **Positive learner:** Developing individual potential through being a creative, independent and co-operative learner who is a seeker of excellence and success.
- **Positive citizen:** Understanding and serving something greater than yourself as a responsible, respectful and generous global citizen and leader, who acts with integrity for a socially just world and a sustainable future for the earth.

The above values align well with both our Mission Statement and the theme of Catholic Education Week: “Engaging minds, igniting hearts, serving others”. Students at St Stephen’s are provided with ample opportunities to develop the above skills, if they choose to embrace them.

It was fitting that during Catholic Education Week (26 July to 1 August) the college celebrated many examples of student success in a variety of activities. Not only were several students in the junior school congratulated at assembly for their outstanding results in the National Geography Competition, but students from all year levels who achieved excellent results or demonstrated a strong work ethic in semester one reports, were treated to special lunches as a reward for their efforts. Other students attended a Writers’ Festival in Cairns to enhance their writing skills. In the sporting arena, St Stephen’s was victorious for the third successive year in winning the District Athletics Carnival. The strong team spirit and the athletes’ desire to be of service to their college have contributed to this success.

In living out the message of serving others, students participated in two significant activities during Catholic Education Week. While some travelled to St Anthony’s in Dimbulah for the Western Deanery Mass, a significant number participated in the inaugural youth rally, “Awaken” organised by the APRE, Mrs Gilbert and Miss Sugars, our Music teacher. It was wonderful to see so many students engaging with this event on a Friday afternoon after school to listen to the college’s talented liturgy band and to live out their faith in a public forum.
RAVENSHOE BLAST
FUNDRAISER

Family Fun Day!

Sunday, 9 August 2015
10 am – 2 pm
5 Douglas Track Speewah

Monster raffle, market stalls, ‘Rumba’ the wonder horse, face painting, pony rides, jumping castle and more!

Gold coin entry!

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FROM THE
Deputy Principal Curriculum

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For our future Year 11 students, there will be discussion at the Senior Education and Training Plan interviews about the suitability of their choices. Queensland law requires young people to be earning or learning until they turn 17. Under these reforms, all students in Year 10 must be registered with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and have completed individual Senior Education and Training Plans (SET Plans). Any advice provided at this interview is very useful in assisting students to make appropriate decisions for their senior studies. SET plan interviews will occur between Monday 17 August and Friday 28 August. The Curriculum Officer, Mrs Rosie Rantucci will be contacting parents to arrange a suitable appointment time. If an appointment hasn’t been arranged by Friday 7 August, parents are asked to contact the college as a matter of priority to do so. Students will receive a letter confirming the time of their interview.

Parents are encouraged to contact me at the college if they have any further enquiries regarding curriculum for 2016.

Andrea Chiesa
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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
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FROM THE
Assistant Principal Administration

We have been advised from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) that the NAPLAN students reports are on their way. After the reports arrive at school, we will check all reports and photocopy them for the students’ files. Once this process has been completed, we will post the original reports home to parents and carers.

Starting 10 August, the school will be holding auditions for the SSCC Talent Quest, which will take place on St Stephen’s Day - Friday, 18 September. Students will have two weeks to audition for one of the judges, and we hope that they will not hide their lights under a bushel but broadcast their talents for us all to enjoy.

On 18 August, the college will play host to the Shake and Stir Theatre Company, which will perform for our students in Years 9 and 10. The production aims to show the connection between Shakespeare’s work, with a focus on Romeo and Juliet, and current issues in contemporary society. As the Year 10 students are currently studying Romeo and Juliet in their English classes, we hope that the performance enhances their understanding.

The St Stephen’s Arts Exhibition will also be that same week – on Thursday, 20 August. We hope that everyone will be able to make some time to come and see the talent that our students possess.

God bless

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Assistant Principal
Religious Education

Last Friday afternoon, our college community celebrated Catholic Education Week with an exciting faith event - Awaken Youth Rally. The rally was well attended by students from Year 7 – 12 who explored the theme scripture for Catholic Education Week (“Let your light shine” Matthew 5:16) through music, games, discussion, prayer and fellowship. Students were challenged by guest speaker Hope Musch to be beacons of God’s love in their families, friendship groups and school community. Students had a great time dancing, singing and inspiring each other with ways to reach out in love to those around them. Thank you to the staff and students who supported the event, especially Miss Sugars and the College Liturgy Band. We hope to hold more events like this in future.

This week (8 August) the Church celebrates the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, our first Australian saint and a woman who embodies the theme of Catholic Education Week: ‘Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts, Serving Others’. I have always been inspired by Mary’s great acts of service and trust in God’s providence. Within five years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph, Mary had established over 30 schools and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of St Joseph. She was conscious of the plight of the poor and needy, particularly in isolated areas of Australia, and as a result, established a ‘system’ of Josephite schools to provide education for the children of those who had little.

Let us pray that God would inspire us, through the example of Mary, to “never see a need without doing something about it” (St Mary of the Cross MacKillop).

Laura Gilbert
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YEAR 9 NEWS

I would like to welcome back all students to term three, and I hope that everyone had a good break. This term is already in full swing with students attending new subjects and learning new and exciting content in the classroom.

The end of term two saw the running of the annual Athletic Carnival at St Stephen’s. It was great to see so many Year 9 students competing in each of the events, with Ella Ryan and Sam Daniell taking out the age championships. All students showed great athleticism and sportsmanship over the two day carnival. Congratulations to all students who competed in the Tablelands District Athletics Carnival in last week, and best of luck to those who qualified for Peninsula.

This term’s theme for Year 9 is showing gratitude to others. We encourage all students to take time out of their busy school routine to show appreciation for what others do for them, whether that be through a gesture of assistance or just saying thank you.

A couple of uniform reminders were discussed with students at the start of this term: hair ties and ribbons are to be white, beige or navy blue. If girls wish to use the more common black or brown hair ties, they need to be covered with a white, beige or navy blue ribbon. As we’ve also had some cold mornings recently, students are reminded that the only jumpers allowed are the college jumpers. If boys wish, they may wear long pants instead of shorts, and girls have the option of wearing black stockings (70 denier) for warmth as well. Students are not to wear track pants or any other sort of winter attire. It is also a requirement of all students at St Stephen’s to wear the correct school hat when travelling to and from school and during recess.

I look forward to watching the Year 9 cohort continue to develop into young, mature adults over the second half of 2015.

Keith Pelka | Middle Leader Pastoral (Year 9)
Congratulations to Jasmine Manning in Year 7 who recently participated in the Challenge Games in Townsville in various field events. As a result of her hard work and determination, she has qualified for the State trials in the 100 metre event.

The Challenge Games provides two days of fun, friendship and participation in a range of sport and activities for school students who have a disability. Whilst the aspect of fun and participation remains the focus of the Games, it also identifies students from all schools, who are interested in competing at further school, regional or state level in formal track and field events.

Talking about challenge - how are you going with your homework and assessments? Please remember that there is lunchtime help available during recess two every day in the MCR. It is a quiet area with computers where you can catch up on work missed or get help. How is your organization this term? We are happy to help you plan your term and homework schedule. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Maths teachers are in the room for all those important maths questions.

“What to do after school finishes?” is a question challenging to every student and parent.

My Future: My Life is an initiative which encourages and supports Queensland secondary students with a disability to prepare and plan for their life after school. They do this by offering a range of support options for students, their parents and carers, educators and disability professionals. These options include: Workshops for parents and educators, Transition Preparation Support. Assisting students (and parents) to identify their strengths, interests and capacities and to use these to guide their planning for life after school; and Financial Assistance to support students with a disability in Years 11 and 12 to purchase resources needed to pursue their goals for life after school. To find out more please visit http://www.myfuturemylife.com.au/

Date Claimer — Let’s celebrate a local event in Disability Action Week on Saturday 19 September in Mareeba.

Gail Musch
Curriculum Leader (Student Diversity)
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NEW ZEALAND INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents and students are invited to attend an information night for the proposed New Zealand Ski Trip in 2016.

Monday, 31 August 2015
6.30 pm in S Block

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St Thomas’s Catholic Church, Mareeba
Sunday, 13 September 2015
Mass at 2.30 pm
FROM THE
Guidance Counsellor

Next Tuesday 11 August, the Parents and Friends’ Association (P&F) is funding an informative one hour presentation by Denise Bewert on “Bullies and Boundaries” which will cover the topical issues of bullying and cyberbullying. The evening will start at 5.30 pm in S Block. Tea and coffee will be available. Denise is an author, journalist and university lecturer. She has spent many years working in the education system as a teacher and a guidance officer. She is currently working at Centacare as a researcher and workshop presenter. Denise is the author of Troubled Teens and Tackling Teens and these books will be available for purchase at $10 each at the presentation. We hope that you will be able to join us for this presentation. I would also like to thank the P & F for their support.

This week, I also wanted to provide some ideas on how to teach your child to be more resilient. Resilience has been described as “the capacity to cope with change and challenge and bounce back during difficult times”. We all experience ups and downs throughout life and at times we need to deal with stressful situations and adversity.

Resilient people often do a number of things. Here are some ways resilient people act that may provide ideas for you or your child to develop resilience:

- Learn to see opportunity in all things
- Accept change as part of living
- Keep things in perspective and be realistic
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle through physical activity, eating well and doing stuff they enjoy
- Nurture a positive self-view
- Maintain supportive relationships and spend time with others
- Learn communication skills
- Create strategies to self soothe
- Take action and work towards goals when needed
- Talk to someone and get help if/when needed
- Develop an attitude of tolerance, acceptance and flexibility

Michelle Hall | Guidance Counsellor
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Activities / Sport

St Stephen’s wins District Athletics Carnival for the third successive year.

Following on from our win at District Athletics in 2013 and 2014, our athletes showed again how doing one’s best and serving the best interests of the team can help to bring about success.

For the third year in a row, St Stephen’s was successful in winning the District Athletics Carnival. Our students’ willingness to step up and participate in every event over the two days of competition gave St Stephen’s the edge. The fact that we had a full complement of competitors in every event came down to athletes’ willingness to put the needs of the team before their own in true St Stephen’s spirit.

The carnival had some memorable performances including Sophie Raciti who placed first age champion in the thirteen years girls. I would like to congratulate all members of the team, as much for their determination and team spirit, as for their performance. The manner in which they conducted themselves both on and off the track was admirable.

A total of 58 St Stephen’s students have been selected to represent the Tableland District at the upcoming Peninsula regional athletics carnival being held in Cairns on Sunday 23 and Monday 24 August. Good luck to all these students and we hope their hard work and determination serves them well at the next level of competition.

Deanne Morrow
Middle Leader – Activities / Sport
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### Sporting Stars

Daniel Vecchio-Ruggeri, Matthew Cheesman, Ashley Greenwood, Jake Pendlebury, Jennifer Moss, Sophie Raciti, Nadia Falvo, Kate Wilcox and Hope Kennedy. (Picture: Dean Lambert, Year 9)

Below: The St Stephen’s winning team.

### St Stephen’s students who have qualified for Peninsula Athletics

#### 12 Years Girls

| Jada Fittock – 1st Place – Shot Put, Discus, 2nd Place – High Jump | Logan Acha – 1st Place – High Jump, 2nd Place – Long Jump, 3rd Place – 200 m |
| Isabella Cuda – 2nd Place – High Jump                               | Tyler Ius – 1st Place – 800 m |
| Stefanie Meaney – 2nd Place – 800 m                                | Lachlan Moss – 1st Place – Shot Put, Discus |
|                                                                  | Deane Alterio – 2nd Place – 800 m |
|                                                                  | Erik Wallace – 2nd Place – Discus |

#### 13 Years Girls

| Sophie Raciti – 1st place - 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, Shot Put, Discus, Triple Jump. 2nd place – Long Jump. 3rd place - Javelin | Harry Gardner – 1st Place – High Jump 3rd Place – Triple Jump, Long Jump |
| Kate Schincariol – 1st place – 1500 m                               | David Pedro – 2nd Place – Shot Put 3rd Place - Javelin |
| Mikaela Millerd – 3rd Place – 800 m, Hurdles                        | Kai Pendlebury – 2nd Place - Hurdles |
| Hope Kennedy – 1st Place – Long Jump, High Jump                      | Eryk Legaspi – 2nd Place – 400 m 3rd Place – 200 m |
| Mikayla Fleming – 1st Place - Javelin                                | Harry Hughes – 3rd Place – 800 m |

(Picture: Carolyn Moss)
### 14 Years Girls
- Elena Pilat – 1st Place – Javelin
- Ella Ryan – 2nd Place – 100 m, 200 m
- Nadia Falvo – 2nd Place – 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m
- Zoe Quintieri – 2nd Place – Hurdles
- Dayna Scapin – 2nd Place – Shot Put

### 14 Years Boys
- Bryson Beckham – 1st Place – Hurdles
- Layton Osborne – 1st Place – High Jump
- Thomas Roesler – 1st Place – Discus
- Dylan Cappella – 2nd Place – 800 m
- Sam Daniell – 2nd Place – Triple Jump
- Vib Juggernath – 2nd Place – Javelin
- Ayden Fulton – 3rd Place – High Jump

### 15 Years Girls
- Dayna Poggioli – 1st Place – Javelin
- Sara Liaver – 1st Place – Discus, Shot Put
- Acacia Coleman – 1st Place – High Jump

### 15 Years Boys
- Matthew Cheesman – 1st Place – 800 m, 2nd Place – 400 m, 1500 m, 3rd Place – 100 m, 200 m
- Eden Brandon – 1st Place – 1500 m, 3rd Place – 800 m
- Hunter Liebold – 1st Place – High Jump, 3rd Place – Hurdles
- Daniel Pedro – 1st Place – Discus, 3rd Place – Javelin
- Matthew Crane – 2nd Place – High Jump, Discus

### 16 Years Girls
- Kate Wilcox – 1st Place – 800 m, 1500 m
- Shernya Wessels – 2nd Place 800m, 3rd Place – 1500 m, Hurdles
- Kayla De Marzi – 3rd – 100 m, High Jump
- Fenella Hartley – 3rd Place – Discus

### 16 Years Boys
- Ashley Greenwood – 1st Place – Hurdles, 3rd Place – 100 m
- Liam Kerr – 1st Place – High Jump, Triple Jump
- Isaac Fleming – 1st Place – Discus
- Michael Troncone – 2nd Place – Javelin, 3rd Place – Shot Put
- Antonio Palumbo – 3rd Place – 800 m

### Open Girls
- Emma Gargan – 1st Place – 800 m, 1500 m, 2nd Place – 200 m, 400 m
- Jennifer Moss – 1st Place – Shot Put, Discus, Javelin
- Celie Henderson – 2nd Place – 100 m 3rd Place – Hurdles

### Open Boys
- Daniel Vecchio-Ruggeri – 1st Place – 100 m, 200 m
- Tristan Growns – 1st Place – High Jump
- Jack Kruss – 1st Place – Shot Put 2nd Place – Discus
- Jake Peressini – 2nd Place – 800 m, Hurdles 3rd Place – 400 m
- Joshua Priestly – 2nd Place – 1500 m 3rd Place – 800 m
- Jake Pendlebury – 2nd Place – Long Jump
- Ayden Smith – 2nd Place – Shot Put
- Mitchell Naylor – 2nd Place – Javelin
- Indiana Shannon – 3rd Place – High Jump

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**Soccer Star**

Tyler Ius has been selected in the Queensland team for the U12 Boys Football (Soccer). The team will travel to Adelaide to compete in November. Congratulations Tyler and good luck!

*Jake Pendlebury and Jennifer Moss.*
Boys on Par

Hayden Lee (U19) and Thomas Flynn (U12) were selected to represent Peninsula at the State Golf Championships held in Cairns last month. Over 150 junior golfers from all over Queensland converged on the Cairns Golf Course to compete in the four day competition. Both boys will learn from the experience and continue to improve on their golfing journey.

Uniform Policy 2016

YEARS 7 - 9: NO CHANGES

YEARS 10 - 12

CHANGES TO UNIFORM IN 2016

BOYS:
- Tie for terms two and three
- New style ‘tucked in’ shirt at all times
- Black or blue belt

GIRLS: No change

HAT: In 2016 all students in Years 7 - 11 must wear the navy bucket hat. Students in Year 12 (2016 only) may still wear the formal hat and the white bucket hat, or the navy hat.

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY
OPEN DAY

Cairns Campus
Sunday 23 August
Time: 11.00am - 3.00pm

Townsville Campus
Sunday 30 August
Time: 11.00am - 3.00pm
Great Wheelbarrow Race
2015

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