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Cultural Partnerships

Recently, students from Taketoyo, Japan, spent the day at St Stephen's. The group, who has been visiting our college for six years, demonstrated their dancing, music, and calligraphy skills to our year 7 and 8 students. That same afternoon, another group of students from NOAH in Sano City came to visit our college.

In the September holidays, students and staff from St Stephen's will travel to Sano, Tochigi for ten days. During the visit, a 'sister school' agreement will be signed between Sano Nichidai and St Stephen's Catholic College.



Students and staff from NOAH.



Students and staff from Taketoyo.



NOTICES

IMPORTANT DATES:



1 & 2 September	QCS Test
3 September	Board Meeting
7 - 10 September	Year 12 Block Exams
8 September	P&F Meeting
18 September	St Stephen's Day

TERM DATES 2015

Term Three: July 13 - September 18

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

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.

St Stephen's Catholic College

proudly presents our annual

Awards Night

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

7.30 pm

Mareeba International Club

You're invited!

St Stephen's Day

Friday, 18 September
9.00 am - 3.00 pm

- ★ Dedication of Chapel
- ★ Talent showcase
- ★ Mini-fete
- ★ Staff vs Student Netball Competition

Vocational Education and Training Opportunities for 2016

Numerous training organisations are offering a variety of qualifications to year 11 and 12 students to study whilst at school.

Industries include:

- Automotive
- Community Services
- Construction
- Health Services
- Hairdressing and Beauty
- Warehousing and Logistics
- Horticulture and Rural Operations
- Hospitality / Cookery / Food and Beverage
- Marine
- Plumbing
- Sport & Recreation
- Tourism
- Electrical

See Mrs Goleby, Vocational Education and Training Officer, in M Block for further information and apply TODAY!



FROM THE Principal



Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

'Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision, and gives us the "right stuff" to turn our dreams into reality.' (James Womack)

For the past seven months, year 12 students who were eligible to sit for the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test demonstrated great commitment to the training program that operates at St Stephen's. Not only did these students forego the opportunity to participate in sport on Thursdays when QCS test training occurred, but they also endured numerous practice test days to prepare them for this important test. Their engagement with the different sub-tests conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week is to be commended. By committing to be well-prepared, they will achieve results which will turn their dreams into reality.

It is important that all students of our college understand the importance of honouring commitments—regardless of whether they involve academic, sporting, cultural or community events. On the last day of this term, the college community is celebrating St Stephen's day. The day is extra special this year as the chapel, which will enhance the spiritual life of the college, will be dedicated by Bishop James, after we have gathered as a college community to celebrate mass. **All parents and carers are very welcome to join us, but I ask that you register your interest in attending with the college so that seating and catering needs can be met.**

This is a day when we appreciate what it means to be a student of St Stephen's Catholic College by participating in activities that will build relationships and enrich our culture. The student body, under the guidance of the Student Representative Council, has been working hard over the past few weeks to prepare for this important day. A letter has been sent home to parents and carers outlining the different activities that will be in operation on this day. **I strongly urge parents to support my expectation that all students are to be in attendance on Friday, 18 September, unless official leave has been requested.** While allowing your children to stay at home may be the easy option, they are not fulfilling the expectation outlined at enrolment of participating in all school activities. In addition, by condoning their lack of commitment, you are doing students a great disservice as they will continue to do the same as adults, thus making it difficult for them to persevere with any activity long enough to turn their dreams into reality.

Just as it is important to commit to attending school on the last day of term, it is also **imperative that students return on the first day of term four—Tuesday 6 October**—unless official leave has been requested. The learning of students will be severely affected if they adopt a casual attitude to attendance. Their results will not be a true reflection of their ability and they will find it very challenging to achieve their goals and realise their dreams.

As the term draws to an end, it is inspiring to reflect on the many successes our committed students have experienced over the past few weeks. Whether it has been in the sporting field, in national tests, participating in community events or extra-curricular activities, these students have demonstrated their pride in our college by giving of their best. We are grateful for the respect you have for what we do at St Stephen's and your input is greatly valued.

Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese
Principal

FROM THE

Deputy Principal Curriculum

At the end of August, Year 10 students and their parents participated in SET Plan interviews. I thank parents for making the time to discuss their child's future pathway. The transition to senior schooling can be a time of mixed emotions for these students. The interviews provided a forum for students, parents and teachers to formulate individual pathways for success. Despite very sound advice, based on evidence of current work ethic and academic achievement, some students have made choices which will not allow them to experience success in 2016. While SET Plans have been formalised, changes can be made before the start of next year, and both year 10 students and parents are urged to review those subjects which have been flagged as potential risks. There are many pathways to reaching a destination or goal and students should be selecting the road that suits their ability and attitude to study. For some students, a lack of direction may indicate that they need to start examining their strengths/weaknesses and likes/dislikes to enable realistic goal setting to occur. To further assist students, the college's careers counsellor, Mrs Murat, is available to discuss future options and help identify individual pathways. Those students interested in enrolling in a certificate course through TAFESEC or other external Registered Training Organisations (RTO) should see Mrs Goleby to obtain enrolment information as soon as possible.



During this period, students are only required to attend school when they have an exam to complete. Parents should have received a letter containing more details earlier this week.

Although assessment tasks are completed in term three, no interim reports are prepared. A final report will be issued at the end of semester two. However, parents who have concerns about their children's progress are encouraged to contact the college to speak to the relevant teachers.

Ms Andrea Chiesa | **Deputy Principal (Curriculum)**
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Parents and Friends
are invited to attend the

Dedication
of

The College Chapel

Friday, September 18 2015

St Stephen's Catholic College
Mclver Road, Mareeba

Commencing at 9.00 am

Please RSVP to Mrs P. Szerstuk by September 7
for seating and catering purposes.
Phone 40862500

On 1 and 2 September, all OP-eligible students in Queensland completed the QCS test. Our students are fortunate to have had extensive training for this test over the past few months and have been well-prepared. We congratulate them on their persistence and the manner in which they approached this training. It is a challenging time for all our year 12 students as block exams will follow after the QCS test is completed. They need to be resilient, well-organised and supportive of each other during this very demanding time. Year 12s will have a block exam period from Monday 7 September to Thursday 10 September.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Michael Lindsay who was ordained to the Order of Diaconate last Friday in Atherton. Michael was previously the APRE at St Stephen's and is now Principal of St Joseph's Primary school in Atherton.



FROM THE

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Optiminds Success

Congratulations to Claire Schermer, Ashley Greenwood, Maddison Leonforte, Isabelle Nisbet and Hayley Skinner (year 10 students) who achieved Honours at the Cairns Optiminds Regional Final on Sunday 23 August at James Cook University. Students were commended for their effective teamwork, creative presentation and thorough research to support their challenge solution. Thank you to the staff and parents who supported these students in their participation in this event.



Social Justice Committee – Daffodil Day

Our hardworking Social Justice Committee (SJC) collected over \$350 in support of the Cancer Council's Daffodil Day on Friday 28 August. Thank you to students and staff who supported this cause and to the SJC for planning and organising this initiative.



Pictured: Alexandria Struthers and Tiarne Reedy.

Natural Fertility Services – Year 10 Presentation

This week, all year 10 students will receive a permission letter to attend a Natural Fertility Services presentation in term four. Students must ensure permission slips are returned to their homeroom teacher by Monday 14 September.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held in Adelaide from Thursday 3 December until Saturday 5 December, 2015. The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. The event will include plenary sessions, workshops, dialogue spaces, prayer experiences, live music and justice activities.

The college will sponsor four year 11 students to attend this exciting faith event. Any year 11 students who are interested in applying to attend this event should see Mrs Gilbert for an information letter and application form as soon as possible.

Mrs Laura Gilbert
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Atherton Parish Youth Mass

Sunday 6th September @ 5.30pm

St Joseph's Church, Atherton.

Pizza after Mass.
All Invited!

To help with catering please write your name on clipboard in church foyer if you are staying for Pizza.

A donation towards pizza would be welcome. Donate or bring along a sweet plate to share.



If you wish to participate in the mass in any way please contact:



Atherton Parish: *Kylie Akers 0417 007 432 or
Rhiana Meaney 0439 113 461*

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 8 2015 at 5.30 pm

St Stephen's Catholic College
Administration Block

FROM THE Guidance Counsellor

Recently, Denise Bewert gave a presentation on “Bullies and Boundaries” and she has been kind enough to allow us to share her presentation. I thought that I would share some of the key points of her presentation this week. Thank you to the P & F for supporting this presentation.



- Bullying is when someone keeps picking on another person again and again and tries to make them feel bad. They make fun of others, say or perform harmful things, exclude a person, make others not like the person.
- There is an imbalance of power and the victim feels oppressed and humiliated.
- Bullying behaviours include: teasing; name calling; inappropriate use of texting, social media, phone, manipulating photos, exclusion from the group; spreading rumours; hiding belongings; hitting ;spitting; pushing; swearing; forcing others against their will; physical violence; blackmail; extortion, sexual harassment.
- Bullying is NOT: arguments or disagreements; being excluded from a party invitation; one-off acts of meanness, intimidation or violence.
- William Glasser’s Basic Needs were explained: Fun & Adventure; Love & Belonging; Power and Freedom and related to why people are bullies.
- Five types of victims of bullying behaviours were identified: anxious; colluding victim; false victim; provocative victim and bully victim.
- Signs that your child may be being bullied: appetite changes; school refusal; school result changes; complaining of sickness; not sleeping; isolating/ withdrawing from activities and self-harming.
- What can parents do? Talk with your child; explain the reasons why people bully (Glasser’s Basic Needs); eat together as a family and communicate; discuss importance of assertive communication; encourage them to be a pro-active bystander.

- At school, parents need to consider that there are two sides to a story; discuss best course of action calmly with school staff; don’t spread gossip; follow up to check what has been done.
- If your child is the bully, make it clear that behaviour is inappropriate; spend more time with your child as may be seeking attention; maintain frequent communication with school; have effective non-violent consequences; praise efforts towards responsible behaviour, model appropriate behaviours.
- Organizations which could assist: Kids Helpline; headspace or Lifeline telephone counselling.

Mrs Michelle Hall | **Guidance Counsellor**
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Student Support Program

The St Stephen’s Catholic College Parents and Friends Association Student Support Program is a source of financial support to students who represent St Stephen’s Catholic College in extra - curricular activities outside the college. Students who travel for inter-regional or interstate events in school-connected activities are eligible for financial support from the P&F Association under this program. Students may make only one application for financial assistance per year and funds are limited to \$100 per student per annum. Students wishing to apply for funding must complete an ‘Application Form’ and submit this to:

**The Secretary - Parents & Friends Association
St Stephen’s Catholic College Mareeba**
Application can downloaded from college website.

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.



English

The works of William Shakespeare remain an important component of the English Curriculum in secondary schools worldwide, and students invariably question the relevance of plays first performed on stage 500 years ago. Despite the fact that Shakespeare is considered part of the foundation of the English language, students are often daunted by unfamiliar words and phrases even though much of Shakespeare's language is still used today. It is widely accepted that William Shakespeare invented approximately 1700 words, including bedroom, bump, excitement, and gossip.



The enduring popularity and value of his plays may be also attributed to the way he used language to create the most complex and compelling characters ever created, to portray the entire range of human emotion and to explore themes that transcend time and culture such as love, family, friendship and vengeance.

Last week, year 10 students entertained and impressed their peers and teachers with outstanding monologues written from the perspective of characters from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". A recent visit by Shake and Stir Theatre Company also enhanced students' knowledge of "Romeo and Juliet" as they performed a contemporary version of the play live on stage at the college.

Mrs Tammy Schincariol
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Hayley Skinner, Jade Wilkes, Danielle Gallo, Dayna Poggoli and Isabelle Nisbet.



Leon Peressini, Jake Buchgraber, Isaac Fleming, Kyle Bing Chew and Brandon Green.



Claire Schermer, Jarred Moreno, Gage Legaspi, Anthony Cuda and Tulani Lea'uanae.



Jake Powell, Peter Dai, Alex Phillips, Antonio Cabassi, Victor Bernhardt and Michael Thiele.

YEAR 11 NEWS

A warm greeting to all the St Stephen's families. What a busy term the year 11's have had since I last put pen to paper, or in this day and age, fingers on a keyboard.



We started with the Unity Mission, where Sam Clear gave the year 11 students a wonderful insight into one man's journey to show "Love in Action". Sam enthralled the students with tales of his personal quest to find hope and purpose by sharing the love of Christ with the people with whom he came into contact.

In August, students in year 11 met some very energetic young people who spent the whole day engaging with them through the NET ministry. This very positive day allowed students to see how leadership can develop through Christian faith. In a few short weeks, the year 11 cohort will be involved in a Leadership Day that will explain to students what will be expected of them in 2016 when they become the official leaders of the school. On that day the year 11's will be given the honour and great privilege of being the first group of St Stephen's students to use the area adjacent to the Chapel.

Congratulations to Liam Kerr, Shernya Wessels, Micheal Troncone, Kate Wilcox and Kayla De Marzi who represented our year level at the Peninsula Athletics championships. Special mention has to go to Rebecca Hermanus who has been selected to attend the 2016 National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Well done to all the year 11's who continue to strive and do their best in all fields of endeavours, be they sporting, academic or cultural.

Thank you to Mrs Ison and Mrs Jackson for their efforts in taking the year 11 Biology students to Holloways Beach, for their field study activities, even if the sand flies once again had the upper hand.

Mr Carlo Veschetti

Middle Leader Pastoral (Year 11)

Hospitality High Tea

Last week the Senior Hospitality students hosted a High Tea for the staff at St Stephen's. Congratulations to all students for an outstanding effort.



Golfing Champions



Golf Winners: Thomas Hallam (Junior Champion), Darcy Hallam (Senior Runner-up), Hayden Lee (Overall Champion) and Caleb Conolly (Junior Runner-up).

Courage to Care Exhibition

When: August 14 - September 11

Where: Seville Mercy Conference Centre,
35 Bauhinia Ave Earlville, Cairns.

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For more information visit
www.couragetocare.com.au

ELEV8XCM

ELEV8XCM sounds like some electronica music producer's name. But it isn't. The only thing that electronica music and the event I am referring to have in common, is the intense levels of energy required to participate. The event that I am referring to is an annual cross country mountain bike (that's the XCM part) race that is held in the mountainous hills of Atherton (therefore ELEV) for a duration of eight hours (hence the 8). Basically competitors race around a twelve kilometre course as many times as possible in eight hours. Some competitors enter as individuals and do it all on their own; others form teams of two, three or four. This year over 300 competitors entered with 151 various teams.

In total, 22 St Stephen's students spent month's training for the ELEV8XCM, fifteen of whom trained and competed as part of three St Stephen's school teams. Team one consisted of Adam Gampe, John Tomerini, Travis Cummings and Realyn Seymour. Callum Lee, Cameron Rogers, Neil Alterio and Matthew Cheesman comprised team two. St Stephen's team three had Finley Green, Leon Peressini and Matthew Crane churning out the kilometres. It was pleasing to hear a parent at the event say that the students "were a credit to the school and themselves with great teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by all."



The hard training in the lead up and persistence on the day paid off for all three teams as they achieved first, second and third in the schools' category.

Mr Steve Groves
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St Stephen's Chess Team qualify for State Finals

St Stephen's number 1 team has qualified for the state finals of the Gardiner Interschool Chess Competition after finishing in 2nd place in Premier Division behind defending champions, St Mary's, in the Regional finals which were held in Cairns last week. The team consisting of Tom Gargan, Steven Harnischfeger, Sudhanshu Pathania and Hunter Liebold (pictured below) narrowly missed out by 2.5 points on taking home the trophy, but clinched a spot in the finals which will be held in Brisbane next term, by finishing 3 points clear of Mareeba State High who finished in 3rd place. This is the first time that a St Stephen's team has received an invitation to the state finals and is an excellent result for a team which has shown a lot of potential in past competitions.

In the individual standings, Steven Harnischfeger battled well on board 2 to claim 6 wins from 7 games. Sudhanshu Pathania, Hunter Liebold and Tom Gargan all picked up 5 wins from their 7 games and Caleb Shorey put in a big performance on board 1 in premier division to claim 3 wins, which is a great effort for a student in Year 7.

In the Open Division, St Stephen's 3 team finished in 6th place with good performances from Braydon Olufson, Ethan Stewart and Blake Tahir who each had 4 wins from their 7 games. This was a good performance from a team which was missing a number of players who played up in Premier Division in the St Stephen's 2 team.

The full set of results can be found on the Gardiner Chess website www.gardinerchess.com.au

Mr Chris Ellison | Chess Coordinator



Combined Saints Band

On Friday 21 August, the Combined Saints Band performed at the Mareeba Shire Council's Seniors Week Function at the Mareeba International Club.



The band also performed at the Mareeba Multicultural Festival on August 29. Thank you to these students for sharing their musical talents and being of service to others.



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.

Netball Champions

On Friday 28 August, eight year 7 netballers played in the U12 Fowlers Group Marlin Coast Netball Carnival: Kasey Devine, Alexandra McCormack, Jada Fittock, Tahlia De Lai, Kara Cazzola, Claudia Cater, Holly Bryce and Joanna Elliott. The girls were placed in the secondary division versing five other teams throughout the day. These players showed a great deal of experience, talent and determination in winning all of their games. This included tough competition against the likes of Tully and Atherton State High Schools and resulted in the St Stephen's Catholic College team being awarded overall winners of the secondary division. The girls displayed excellent team work and communication on the court and actively listened to and engaged in the advice of their coach. Stand out performances go to Jada Fittock and Kara Cazzola in shooting; Alex McCormack and Holly Bryce in goal defence and Kasey Devine in centre court. Thank you also to Zoe Filippelli and Natuna Mackay for their assistance on the day. The performance of these players is also testament to the value of playing club sports, as most have trained and played competitively with the Mareeba Netball Association since beginning with "Netta" in primary school.

Ms Naomi Torres



Back row (L-R): Holly Bryce, Claudia Cater, Jenna Elliott, Jada Fittock, Kara Cazzola. Front row (L-R): Kasey Devine, Alexandra McCormack, Tahlia De Lai.

Drama Scholarship

Ellana Spina (Year 9) was one of four lucky applicants in the Cairns region, to receive a scholarship from the Tanks Art Centre to attend a four day NIDA Drama workshop in September. We wish Ellana a rewarding and inspiring experience at the NIDA workshop.



Racing for a Cause

Year 7 student, Abi Vickary is set to compete in the BMX Queensland State Championships in Cairns next month. Abi races under the Indie Rose Foundation Banner (iNDIESTRUCTABLES) to raise awareness for childhood cancer. Recently, she raised \$720 for two-year-old Lizzie Stephens from Atherton who is battling cancer. Abi said she was very touched by Indie Rose's story and now proudly wears the iNDIEstructable name when she races. *Below right: Abi placed third at a competition in Townsville on the weekend.*



Australian Vocational Student Prize 2014

Congratulations to Caitlyn Long, graduate of 2014, for winning **The Australian Vocational Student Prize (AVSP)** for 2014. The AVSP recognises students who have demonstrated outstanding skills while completing vocational training in senior secondary years in 2014.



Australasian Drilling

Congratulations to seven students from St Stephen's who graduated with a Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure at James Cook University last weekend.



L-R: Dominic Groundwater, Benjamin Scurr, Anthony Carpenter, Shaun Jennings, Kain Kapteyn, Indiana Shannon and Jayden Straight.

"Really good project, providing an insight into pathways to any construction or resource industry career. Team collaboration was the most important aspect to the success of the project. We also made new friends with other participating school students." **Anthony Carpenter**

"Learnt a lot about teamwork and being patient with others." **Benjamin Scurr**

"Enjoyed planning the project and the budgeting. We dealt with the crisis of being over-budget and learnt to maintain stress levels to remain level-headed." **Dominic Groundwater**

"Learnt more about teamwork, how to resolve workplace disputes, and co-ordination of a worksite." **Kain Kapteyn**

"Taught us how to deal with unexpected circumstances in the workplace." **Jayden Straight**

"Learnt a lot of things that I wouldn't have thought of, like asking questions and teamwork." **Shaun Jennings**

See Mrs Goleby, Vocational Education and Training Officer, in M Block for further information!

Far North Queensland Futsal Team

Congratulations and best wishes to these students who made the Far North Queensland Futsal Team!



Damian Avolio (U12)



Deane Alterio (U12)



Jack Garcia-Fraser (U12)



Tyler Ius (U12)



Eryk Legaspi (U13)



Rommany Soley (U15)



Leon Peressini (U16)



Fenella Hartley (U16)



Tahlia Avolio (U17)



Michael Metcalfe (U17)



Michael Curcio (U17)



Bailey Serafin (U17)

Interschool Horse Sports

Well done to these students who achieved a place at the recent Interschool Horse Sports!



(U12) 1st - Jamie Hewitt -Toms



(U12) 2nd - Emmylou Milgate



(U14) 1st - Giulia Rogato



(U14) 3rd Amber Rankine



(U15) 1st Hayley Skinner



(U15) 3rd Amelia Aitken

Great Wheelbarrow Race 2015

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