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Catholic College



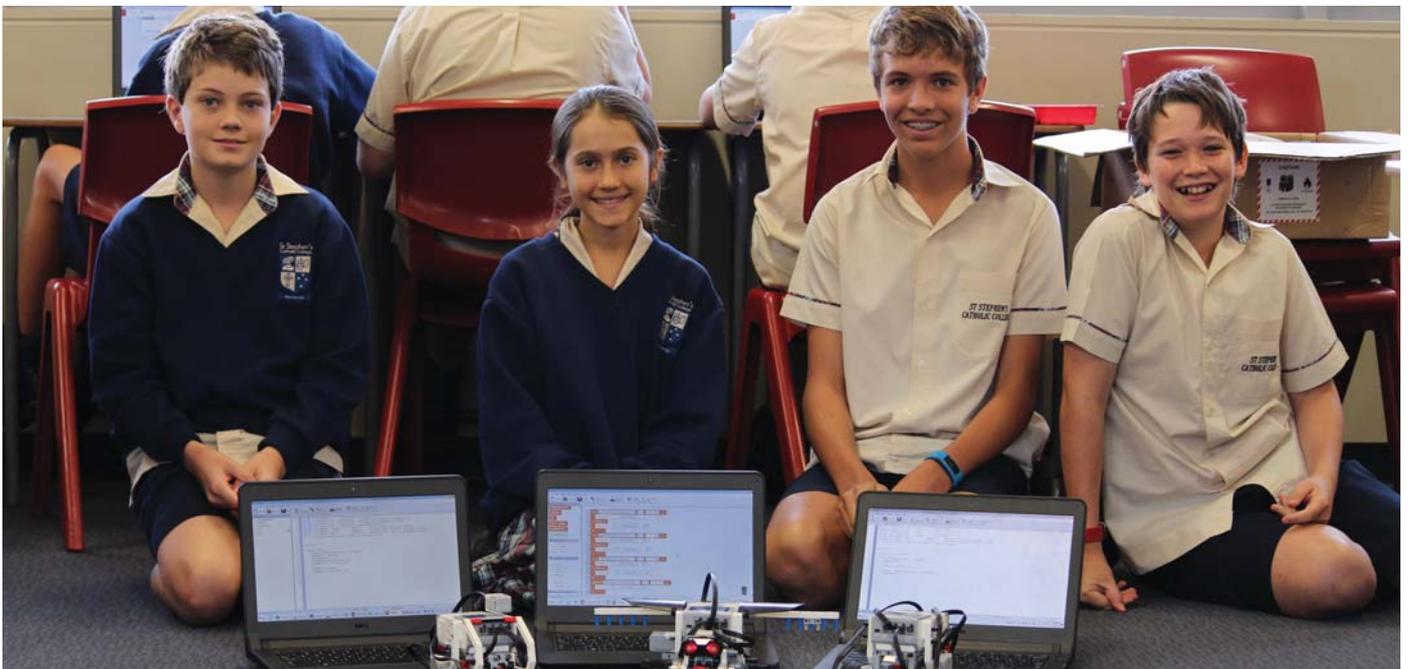
St Stephen's News

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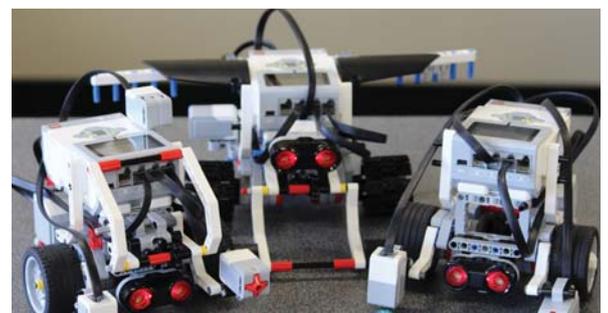
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Robot Buzz!



Pictured left to right - Connor Coghlan, Dalta Hatfield, Tom Jackson and Mason Blaney

Enthusiasm, excitement and a flurry of activity greet visitors to the years seven and eight Robotics classes. Under the direction of Mr Caines, our very own coding expert, students learn the basics of programming which is an integral part of the STEMS (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiative. Not only are students preparing for a future world in which robots will play a significant role, but they are fully engaged with their learning and very keen to demonstrate their newly acquired skills.



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NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Board Meeting

2 June

Block Exams

10-16 June

Athletics Carnival

23 June (12:30 pm - 3 pm)

24 June (All day)

TERM DATES 2016

Term Two: April 11 - June 24

Term Three: July 11 - September 16

Term Four: October 4 - November 18 (Year 12)
October 4 - November 25 (Years 7 - 11)

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.

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

Room: S8

Monday and Tuesday Recess 2
Thursday morning before school

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Education in Dimbulah

To Seek, To Strive, To Find for Love of God



All past Teachers, Teacher Aides, Administration Staff, Parents, Students and Community Members are invited to attend the weekend of festivities.

Saturday 27th August

Dinner Dance, Dimbulah Shire Hall

Doors open 6pm, Dinner served 6.30pm, Music by local band 'Careless'

Sunday 28th August

10am Sign-on and Celebration Mass, St Anthony's Church, followed by activities, fashion parade, class displays, photos and memorabilia from the past
Guest Speakers and cake cutting

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea available for purchase from P & F Association stall

Photos and contributions are sought to assist with a *Commemorative 50 Years Book*. Businesses and families are invited to sponsor a page. The booklet, souvenir items including a paver engraved with family details are available for purchase from the website. Visit www.sta.qld.edu.au or Facebook Page 'St Anthony's Celebrates 50 years'.

Contact secretary.dimbulah@cns.catholic.edu.au or 4093 5319

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MATHEMATICS TUITION

Students seeking help with their Mathematics may attend a tuition/homework class on Tuesday and Thursday lunch time in MCR. Mr Ellison will be in attendance on Tuesdays and Miss Sugars will be in attendance on Thursdays to assist students at both Junior and Senior levels with any difficulties they may be experiencing. All welcome!!

ENROL NOW FOR 2017

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's,

“Dear young people, do not bury your talents—the gift that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things.” (Pope Francis)



In our school environment there are many opportunities for students to let their light shine, whether it is in the classroom, the sporting arena or in extra-curricular activities. At assembly last week, we celebrated the achievements of students who are not afraid to use their talents. Congratulations are extended to the year 11 Mooting team which performed extremely well under pressure, narrowly losing to the opposition, to the Bill Turner U 15 Girls Soccer team for a convincing win and to the ten Rostrum public speaking competitors, three of whom went through to the next round.

While it is impressive that large numbers of students are participating in extra-curricular events that allow them to use their God-given talents, it is important that all students focus on completing all assessment tasks in a timely manner, at the expected standard. It is not enough to be a passive learner—all students are expected to be active participants in their learning. One of the most significant effects on student outcomes is the quality of teaching. At St Stephen's, we are very fortunate to have committed and dedicated teachers who strive to provide effective learning experiences for students. However, the learning process is a partnership between teachers and students, with the valued support of parents to reinforce the college's expectations.

In assisting our teachers to develop effective learning in students, Catholic Education Services has embarked on an initiative called “Visible Learning”. Our college plans to develop a shared language which allows students and teachers to have a common understanding of what it means to be a good learner, including taking responsibility for one's learning and being accountable for the final result. It is very easy for students to blame poor performance on teachers, especially when faced with high expectations. Schools are an excellent training ground for life. When students may not gel with a particular teacher, the natural reaction is to apportion blame. However, in the workforce one will have to work with all types of personalities—the skill which must be learnt is how to adapt to different styles of learning, and to be flexible and resilient.

By the same token, we encourage our students to be “morally autonomous, and have an awareness of God's presence” (Mission Statement). This involves accountability for one's actions and accepting the consequences where breaches of college expectations have occurred. Respect for self and for others is an integral part of the culture of St Stephen's. The difficult lessons learnt early in life about respect and responsibility are opportunities for growth to use the talents which God has given us.

The faith life of the college has been greatly enhanced by our chapel. It is a special moment to attend Wednesday morning liturgy and to witness the confidence with which some of our students are demonstrating their faith. Our deep gratitude is extended to Bishop James Foley for the beautiful stained glass windows which have been recently installed. Not only are we hosting all the schools in the Western Cluster during Catholic Education Week for the celebration of Mass, but we plan to have monthly masses to which parishioners are most welcome.

In conclusion, I entreat students to heed the words of Pope Francis at the start of this article and, as in Matthew 5:16 New International Version (NIV), *“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

With trust in the Lord,
Mrs Ida Pinese | **Principal**
principal@sscc.qld.edu.au



Wednesday Morning Prayer in the Chapel

All staff and students are invited to attend 'Prayer in the Chapel' at 8.25 am every Wednesday morning. This term we are praying a Holy Spirit Novena. Please come along and spend some time in our beautiful sacred space.

Biggest Morning Tea

The Social Justice Committee and Student Representative Council will hold a Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 2 June. Thank you to those students who will be donating baked goods and drinks. Students and staff are encouraged to bring along some spare change to purchase some yummy goodies and support the Cancer Council.

Youth Rally – Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy

On Friday 3 June, St Stephen's will hold a Youth Rally for Year 7-12 students on the Year of Mercy Theme. Students will take part in games, discussion, a prayer experience based upon the Spiritual Works of Mercy, listen to live music from the Liturgy Band and be inspired by our guest speaker, Anna Jimenez from Catholic Mission. Thank you to parents, staff and students for your support of this event.

Sacramental Programme

Our prayers and best wishes go to Paige Koliijn (Year 7), Connor Coghlan (Year 8) and Claudia Roeser (Year 11) who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation next Wednesday evening, 6.00pm, at St Thomas' Catholic Church, Mareeba. All are very welcome to attend.

Year of Mercy Thoughts

"The gift that Mary bestows in offering us Jesus is the forgiveness which renews life, enables us once more to do God's will and fills us with true happiness."

– Pope Francis, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, 1 January 2016

Mrs Laura Gilbert

Assistant Principal Religious Education



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If your child is absent, please email:

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FROM THE COLLEGE LEADER PASTORAL CARE



SRC Update - Metrograine

The Lions Metrograine is being held on Sunday 19 June. It would be great if this event was well attended by St Stephens's students, families and friends. Refer to the flyer on the back of the newsletter.

Girls Night in – Date Claim

The SRC executive are planning a Girls Night in. The proposed date is Friday 17 June at St Stephen's Catholic College. The invitation is extended to all girls in years 7 through to 12. More information to follow.

SRC and SJC joint venture

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will held this Thursday June 2. Students can support this by donating food items to the Food Technology room Thursday morning before school begins, as well as purchasing items at recess one. Items for sale are 50 cents each.

Pastoral

As we enter the downhill run of term two with just over three weeks left of school, we are reminded that students' requirements are on the increase. Facing our challenges daily and weekly, regarding meeting high expectations and subsequent deadlines, can produce a significant amount of stress. To help manage these deadlines students are encouraged to:

- a) Plan the use of time according to the complexity of tasks and the due date of assignments
- b) Use positive self-talk, willing yourself to complete tasks to the best of your ability
- c) Work through challenges one step at a time.
- d) Maintain 100% effort

Mr Matt Draper
College Leader Pastoral Care

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



Term two fees were emailed out on 20 April 2016. Included on the invoice was the ability to pay your fees using BPAY. The College hopes that providing a variety of payment options will assist families in meeting their fee obligations. It is very important that fees are paid on time to ensure the delivery of quality programs and services for every student. If you have any questions or queries about fees please don't hesitate to contact Pina on 40862500 or gmenniti@sscc.qld.edu.au

Over the past six weeks I have been called on to conduct a number of enrolment interviews. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to interact with future students and their families. I also gained an insight into how important having great facilities are when choosing a secondary school as many potential students are impressed by our buildings, grounds and play areas. Our current building works are progressing well. Please be aware that a temporary reception will be in place at the beginning of term three. More details will be made available in later editions.

Mr Hayden Flynn
Business Manager

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Please inform the college if your child has achieved success in an extra-curricular activity not directly related to school, so that the college community can celebrate these achievements. Please email Mrs Pinese (principal@sscc.qld.edu.au) with any information and photos.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Job Finder

If you are interested in joining the ADF but find it difficult to choose an ADF job, use the Job Finder on the home page at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/> to get you started. This is a short questionnaire that gathers information about you and then comes up with ADF job suggestions.

Defence Work Experience Program

This program gives young people an opportunity to experience the Defence Force before making decisions about joining. To find out what is available, visit <http://www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/> (click on 'Placements' and 'Qld').

Information for future pilots

PATS (Pilot Aptitude Training Systems) is a private organisation that prepares people for aptitude tests and interviews that are used by the Australian Defence Force and airline pilot cadetships (e.g. Cathay Pacific, Rex). For more information, see <http://www.pilotaptitude.com/>.

Queensland Police Recruiting seminars

If you are interested in exploring the career opportunities within the Queensland Police Service, you can attend a seminar. Seminars are held throughout the year. Queensland Police also have a stall at most career expos in Queensland. Visit <http://www.policerecruit.qld.gov.au/> for dates and bookings.

BLA Careers Expo 2016

Year 10 students travelled down to the BLA Careers expo on Thursday 26 May and were able to gather information from exhibitors and participate in a range of employment based activities. It was a great opportunity for students to identify possible career paths and question training and university staff on what subjects are required to follow that path. This process will continue in term three with our Subject Selection Evening and SET Planning process.





13 Years and under – Futsal

Game 1 v St Mary's

Score: 12 – 0

Game 2 v St Augustine's 12

Score: 10 – 1

Game 3 v Good Counsel College

Score: 3 – 2

Game 4 v Smithfield State High 2

Score: 12 – 1

Game 5 v Redlynch State College 2

Score: 9 – 0

Quarter Final v St Andrew's Catholic College 2

Score: 10 – 2

Semi-final v Smithfield State High

Score: 5 – 2

Grand final v St Augustine's

Score: 3 – 1



I would like to acknowledge the boys for their sportsmanship, teamwork and respect, not only towards each other, but also for the other teams. They were great ambassadors for the school and displayed the high qualities of St Stephen's. It was an absolute pleasure being with this team. Luch Avolio is a great coach and the boys respect him greatly. St Stephen's won the 13 years championship.

Mrs Jayarani Salerno
Pastoral Leader – Year 7



Among many other memorable words of wisdom, popular children’s author Dr Seuss wrote, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Contemporary students are said to spend, on average, 6.5 hours each day saturated in print, electronic, digital and news media. It is even argued that students of today actually spend more time reading than those of previous generations. From an educational perspective, it is important that the ‘print’ to which students are exposed is more than a text message or a post on social media. At St Stephen’s, students in Year 7 and 8 are involved in regular, timetabled reading sessions designed to foster students’ enjoyment of reading a wide range of text forms; develop inferential comprehension skills as students think about what they are reading and make connections to their own lives, and consolidate knowledge of grammar concepts and figurative language used in context.

Older students are also encouraged to read (books!) regularly and to interact with the texts they read by recording reactions, questions, emotions and thoughts. Our reading comprehension program aligns with research which suggests that reading is a complex, active process of constructing meaning and that students should ‘interact’ with texts as they read in order to comprehend and connect with their own experience. During reading sessions at school, students are encouraged to use ‘sticky notes’ for specific purposes so that they are thinking while they are reading – a critical comprehension skill.



Photo above (left to right) - Sophie Schrale, Olivia Soncin, Tahlia Spena, Lauren Santucci and
Photo right (left to right) Annabel Rogers, Sara Donovan and Hayley Cox

Mrs Tammy Schincariol
Curriculum Leader - English



Preparing for the future is the theme of this contribution to the newsletter from the Student Diversity Department. Recently I went to a fantastic seminar held by My Future: My Life.

My Future: My Life is designed to support Queensland secondary students with a disability to prepare and plan for a full, rich and meaningful life after school. This can start anytime between Year 7 to Year 12 with helping students and their parents identify their strengths, interests and capacities and to use these to guide their planning for life after school. They also offer workshops to parents and financial assistance in Years 11 and 12. Please go to <http://www.myfuturemylife.com.au/> for more information.

In July 2018 the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be rolled out in the Cairns region. It is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disability, their families and carers. The NDIS is the insurance that gives us all peace of mind. Disability could affect anyone and having the right support makes a big difference. The NDIS provides eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life. I found the following website the best explanation of this new scheme. <http://www.ndis.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/QLD-Participant-Pack-Final.pdf>

VERY IMPORTANTLY: as we come to the busy time of assessment submission please remember that there is lunchtime help on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in recess two in the MCR for printing of assignments and Learning Support Officers are available to help.

I am very happy to discuss any concerns you have in regards to learning difficulties your child maybe experiencing. The more information we obtain from you the better we can cater for these needs.

Lastly, I leave you with the wise words of King Solomon from the Bible:

Commit your works to the LORD [submit and trust them to Him],
And your plans will succeed [if you respond to His will and guidance].
Proverbs 16:3 Amplified Bible

God Bless you and your family,

Mrs Gail Musch
Student Diversity – Curriculum Leader



Mareeba Community Housing Company invited senior schools to participate in the 2016 Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month by preparing a multimedia presentation to support the Queensland Government 'Not Now, Not Ever' campaign. The presentation was showcased on Friday 27 May at a function designed to bring awareness of Domestic Violence to our community. The function included speakers from Sydney and from the Mareeba community.

The students involved in the project were:

Aaron Bryce, Sabine Conolly, Ruby McClounan, Jared Moreno and Claire Schermer. These students were awarded a monetary prize for their efforts (\$2750.00) which they have kindly donated to Val Mackintosh. Mrs Mackintosh raises awareness and donations for the Cairns and Regional Domestic Violence Service. This money will go towards helping fund women shelters in the area with bedding, clothes, mobile phones and other necessities.

Simone Gillies

Middle Leader Curriculum - Gifted and Talented



Left to Right - Aaron Bryce, Claire Schermer, Ms Val Mackintosh, Ruby McClounan and Jared Moreno.



Rostrum Voice of the Youth is a public speaking competition. The aim of the competition is to encourage secondary school students to develop their oral communication skills, increase their self-esteem and self-confidence and to provide them with an avenue to speak out on topics that are important to them. This year, ten students from St Stephen's entered. All of the students stepped out of their comfort zone and performed well. The students were required to present a prepared six minute (junior) or 8 minute (senior) speech in front of three adjudicators, their parents and their peers. Over 70 students participated in Rostrum Voice of the Youth competition in Cairns on Saturday 21 May.

Our junior representatives were: David Bin, Arosh Heenkenda, Saine Kievit, Jake Priestly, Kate Schincariol and Annalisse Troncone. Our senior representatives were: Amelia Aitken, Ashley Greenwood, Georgia Hatfield and Maddison Leonforte. Kate Schincariol, Annalisse Troncone and Ashley Greenwood all qualified for the finals for the Cairns region. These three students presented their prepared speeches once again and this time had the added pressure of presenting a three minute impromptu speech in front of the judges and audience. All three students faced their fears and performed excellently.

Simone Gillies

Middle Leader Curriculum - Gifted and Talented



Left to Right - Annalisse Troncone, Kate Schincariol, Jake Priestly, Arosh Heenkenda, Ashley Greenwood, Georgia Hatfield, Amelia Aitken, Maddison Leonforte, Saine Kievit. (Absent – David Bin).

Indigenous Defence Careers Information Session

When: Tuesday 14th June, 6pm – 8pm

Where: Brothers Leagues Club Cairns
99-105 Anderson Street
Manunda QLD 4870

RSVP: 13 19 01 or cptcairns@dfr.com.au
Walk ins welcome

Considering a career with the Navy, Army or Air Force? Come along to the Indigenous Defence Careers Information Session to learn more about the jobs available in the Australian Defence Force.

The Navy, Army and Air Force are now recruiting for a wide range of positions such as Marine Technician in the Navy, Rifleman in the Army and Air Force Security in the Air Force.

In these jobs you will be able to work with some of the country's most advanced and technical equipment and hardware. You will also receive many great benefits such as free healthcare and subsidised accommodation.



Call 13 19 01 or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au



Certificate II in Tourism (SIT20112)

We offer small class sizes in our Cairns training rooms, located in Abbott Street. Our workshop-style programs provide students with the opportunity to work with others; develop communication skills and time management; solve puzzles; and develop creative thinking skills.

Students can gain QCE points; accredited qualifications and pathways to careers and university. Graduates from our programs have been accepted into Bachelor degrees in Law, Teaching, Creative Arts, Arts, Business and Sustainability.

Vocational education can take you to the career you've been dreaming of.

Certificate II in Tourism Holiday Program

Week 1: Tuesday 28 June to Friday 1 July
Times: 9am to 4.30pm
Limited places please apply early
Students can be enrolled at a school or home schooled.
Applications Due: 5pm 10 June 2016
Fees: For those students eligible for the Queensland Government VETIS funding there will be no fees charged.

Certificate II in Tourism Term 3 & 4 Program

Commences: Thursday 21 July
Every Thursday through Term 3 (9 x sessions)
Plus October 6, 13 and 20 in Term 4
Times: 9am to 4.30pm
Limited places please book early
Applications Due: 5pm 10 June 2016
Fees: For those students eligible for the Queensland Government VETIS funding there will be no fees charged.

Lions Club Mareeba presents
Family Fun 2016 Metrogaïne

Your support means I can help find a cure for Childhood Cancer

Australian Lions
Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

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Mareeba Lions invites you to participate in our annual Family Fun Metrogaïne.

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- Increase membership and awareness.
- Have a great time participating in our Metrogaïne!

Contact David Ferguson before 30th April to register:
p. 0400 305 533 e. dvdfruo@hotmail.com

Mareeba | Sun, 19 June 2016 @ Arnold Park | Start @ 0830

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