St Stephen's Catholic College

St Stephen's News

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St Stephen's Shining Stars



The Bill Turner Cup Soccer Team won the semi-final against Ignatius Park in a tightly contested match to qualify for the State Finals in Brisbane. Congratulations on an amazing effort.





Above left: Nadia Falvo (year twelve) has been awarded the Pierre de Coubertin award for honouring the Olympic spirit. Above right: Sam Daniell (year twelve) will compete at the PESA national finals (Plain English Speaking Award) in Darwin on 12 August, after winning the state final in Brisbane recently. Congratulations, Nadia and Sam.

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Thursday 26 July – Friday 27 July District Athletics (13 and over) Thursday 2 August - Friday 3 August District Athletics (12 and under)

Monday 30 July – Friday 3 August Catholic Education Week

Monday 30 July – Wednesday 1 August Year 9 Maths Camp

Wednesday 1 August Subject Selection Evening

Friday 3 August Year 8 NET Visit

Monday 6 August Year 9 NET Visit

Thursday 9 August Year 9 Geography Excursion Year 7 and 8 QAMT Quiz

Tuesday 14 August ICAS Mathematics

Tuesday 14 August Year 11 SIP Excursion

Wednesday 15 August Year 12 SIP Excursion

Wednesday 15 August and Friday 17 August SET Plans

Monday 20 August – Friday 24 August Year 10 Camp

Wednesday 22 August Year 11 KYDS Driver Education

Thursday 23 August Chess Competition

Tuesday 4 September – Wednesday 5 September QCS Test

Monday 10 September – Friday 14 September Block Exam Week

Monday 17 September – Wednesday 19 September Year 12 Recreation Camp

Monday 17 September – Thursday 20 September Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 17 September Year 11 Leadership Day

Tuesday 18 September MTB Race

Wednesday 19 September UQ Surf Lifesaving Championships

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H) Room: S5 - Every day during Recess 2. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TERM DATES 2018

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4 : 8 October to 30 November Year 12 - 16 November *Student Free Days 2018*

22 October

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.

ABSENTEE EMAIL

If your child is absent, please email: <u>absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au</u>

Maths Tutoring Available

Tuesday and Thursday





(all students welcome)

Wednesday 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Library

Years 10-12 only

Change of Details

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address. Please email the office: <u>office@sscc.qld.edu.au</u> or telephone: 4086 2500. This also applies to any other contact details.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

"Good, better, best; never let it rest; till your good is better and your better, best" (J Furphy)



Welcome back to term three. The start of a new term is an opportune time to reflect on the past six months of the year and to set goals for the next six months. I am continually grateful for the

privilege to lead the St Stephen's Catholic College community and value the support of the key stakeholders students, staff and parents—to provide an environment where students are challenged to become life-long learners and wise, reflective and critical thinkers who are ready to adapt to an unknown future.

The introductory quote was engraved on water tanks developed around the beginning of the 20th century by John Furphy. If our future graduates are to thrive in a world of work that is far different from the current one, they are to be nimble in adopting change and striving for continuous improvement. This sentiment also resonates with the theme of Catholic Education Week (29 July to 4 August): "Discovering new horizons". The theme has been aligned with the official Year of Youth theme for 2018 and is derived from a speech given by Pope Francis at World Youth Day 2016, where he called young people and the Church to 'open new horizons for spreading joy'. In a society which is becoming increasingly secular, and where attendance at Sunday Mass is falling, our Catholic schools are the last frontier for students to encounter faith, social justice, spirituality and stewardship of resources. We are encouraged by Pope Francis to be more inclusive and expansive, to welcome everybody, to be imbedded in the "mess of the world", to "get our feet dirty" and to show compassion and tenderness to others.

In having a holistic approach to the education of students which incorporates more than the teaching and learning of the set curriculum, Catholic schools show integrity by ensuring that Catholic Social Teachings, such as the preferential option for the poor, provide a moral compass for students to follow in their life journey. If students are not able to demonstrate integrity in their interactions with others and in the attitude they choose to adopt, we are failing in our ministry to develop young people who are *"morally autonomous with an awareness of God's presence."* (SSCC Mission Statement)

Our students are certainly "discovering new horizons and spreading joy." In the last week of term two and during the July holidays, the following events are causes for celebration of student achievements:

- Boys' Soccer team won the Bill Turner Cup game against Ignatius Park in Townsville and progress to the state finals in Brisbane.
- Several students competed in the Mountain Bike Competition at Smithfield prior to the holidays with some great results: Students competing in the junior category were awarded second place.
- Muluridji House won the Inter-house Athletics Carnival with many students from all pastoral houses breaking long established records.
- Sam Daniell, year twelve, won the State Final of the Plain English Speaking Award in Brisbane and now progresses to the National Final in Darwin on 12 August.
- Nadia Falvo won the Pierre de Coubertin Award for embracing the Olympic Spirit.

All students who participated in these events deserve to be congratulated for their commitment and hard work. The Inter-house Athletics Carnival was a resounding success with students enjoying the friendly competition and striving to help their team to victory. I encourage those who did not attend to reconsider their attitude and commitment to St Stephen's and to reflect on the importance of showing integrity, especially when one has signed up to be part of such a vibrant, caring and welcoming community.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During Catholic Education Week, there is also an opportunity to recognise the efforts of those who work very hard to ensure that our schools are places of learning, faith formation and development of young people who demonstrate perseverance, respect, integrity, dignity and excellence. I would like to congratulate our Business Manager, Mr Hadyn Flynn, who has been nominated for a Docemus Award in acknowledgement of the amazing work he has carried out in this role, with the numerous capital works projects which he has supervised and monitored.

School leaders are called upon to lead in diverse times. We are challenged with the findings of the Royal Commission on the Abuse of Children, the funding of non-state schools debate, the changes to the senior curriculum and the changing nature of future work for our young people. Despite these challenges, it is important to value the wonderful community spirit and positive culture which is at the heart of St Stephen's—a culture which is based on the legacy of the foundation years and which continues to be enriched by the efforts of staff, students and parents.

With Trust in the Lord **Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal** principal@sscc.gld.edu.au

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term three. I hope that families were able to spend some quality time together and reflect on the semester that has just passed. Reports were also delivered over then holiday period and I am sure these would have been a topic of conversation with your student. It is important that students realise that it is the future that can be changed and not the past. This means reflecting on their achievement levels from last semester and starting to create achievable goals for the next two terms. It is also important that students feel they can have a "trusting conversation" with their teachers to know exactly what is required of them to improve and reach specific targets.



Furthermore, to achieve excellence, attendance is paramount. It is vitally important that students are in attendance in their classes, as this contact time with their teachers is key to ensuring understanding and students reaching their academic goals. Many teachers are utilising the college's learning management system "Canvas" and if your student is away due to a variety of reasons, much of the work can be accessed via this platform. As the school moves towards a program of one to one devices, the use of Canvas as an area where students can access class work, collaborate on projects and submit assessment, will occur. It is also the student's responsibility to see their teacher for work they have missed.

Term three is a very busy term for many year levels across the college. This term will see year twelve OP-eligible students undertake the QCS Test on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 September, as well as all undertaking block exams. The year eight and ten students have their subject selection evening on Wednesday 1 August and this will be a particularly momentous time for the year ten students, as they move to a new QCE system in 2019. Year ten students and their parents will also be involved in SET (Senior Education and Training) Plans over two days on Wednesday 15 and Friday 17 August; a letter has gone home regarding the process for this. As always, if you would like to discuss your student's academic progress, please make an appointment through the Curriculum Office with Mrs Rantucci.

Mr Simon Vaughan Deputy Principal



Anxiety is an intense emotional state that occurs when we cannot predict the outcome of a situation or guarantee that it will be the desired one (Chansky 2004). It is a displeasing but normal emotion which becomes activated when we feel frightened, stressed or threatened and perceive an event as unavoidable or uncontrollable. Anxiety's purpose is to protect us from danger. Sometimes, we are over sensitized to life stressors, and an emotion that was meant to protect us becomes one that is detrimental to our well-being. Anxiety can affect our thoughts, feelings and behaviour. Sometimes, we need to distract our brain and I hope that the following strategy might be useful for you or your child if you are feeling anxious, unable to sleep or worried about an upcoming event.



Counting Down

- 5: Look around at your surroundings and identify five (5) things you can see at the moment such as: the sky, your hands, your shoes, a book, a tree.
- 4: Identify four (4) things you can physically feel: your feet on the ground, wriggle your toes, a book in your hand.
- 3: Name three (3) things you can hear: your breathing, blowing wind, air-conditioner or fan noise.
- 2: Identify two (2) things you can smell: perfume, cooking, flowers, cut grass.
- 1: Name one (1) thing you can taste: fresh air, mint, chewing gum. (Source: Teen Anxiety by Raychelle Lohmann)

Mrs Michelle Hall Counsellor

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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER ENGLISH

Last term, year nine English students read a novel titled "The Bone Sparrow" by Zana Fraillon. For assessment, they were then required to 'transform the text' and create a children's picture book based on an event and/or theme in the novel. Such tasks involve careful examination of a text to use information and ideas for a new purpose and audience. Students created some particularly impressive picture books in response to this task, and sample pages have been included to showcase the talents of two of our year nine students.



Mrs Tamara Schincariol Middle Leader English tschincari@sscc.qld.edu.au



Subhi began to tiptoe his way across the tent, his feet only lightly touching the ground of red dust. He was careful not to wake Maa or Queeny, who were just beside him; he did not want to hear Queeny's bossy big sister voice, telling him to go back to bed. "Not tonight", Subhi whispered to himself. He stopped at the entrance of the tent, and inhaled the welcome scent of fresh rain and wet forest.



Samarah Casey

FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER ENGLISH





Maya Freeman

I stop, my heart faltering like my steps. The Night Sea wasn't there; there was nothing but the same darkness and shadows around me. The cold steel fences stand erect before me like iron bars of a cell, and I collapse against the chain-links, a sob escaping from my lips.

I didn't understand; I could hear the waves, feel the wet, cool touch of the salty waters. Why had I been abandoned? I sank to the earth, devastated. Shakespeare duck is there, usually a comforting whisper in the corner of my mind. But there was no comfort from him this time. Instead empty words whispered like a cold wind.

"Where has the sea gone?"

"Where have the waves and Sea Creatures left to?"

And I could not answer. The tears welled up and spilt in hot drops to the ground. The earth soaked them up, thirsty for the rain that was yet to come. I sympathised with the earth, knowing that devastating *need* that would never be satisfied.

FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER YEAR 7 AND 8

It is wonderful to see the year eight students grow and mature and become more independent learners. Students have now received their semester one report card and should take time to reflect on their results and effort. Many students have performed well and are working towards their potential and deserve to be commended for their efforts.

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As part of the year eight's becoming more independent, students will have the opportunity to select their elective subjects for year nine. When making their decisions, students might consider their interests, what they are good at, their past performance and future career

options. On Wednesday 1 August at 5.30 pm, year eight's will take part in the Subject Selection evening and have an opportunity to meet with Curriculum Leaders in each elective subject to gain a more thorough understanding of the subject choices they may undertake for 2019. This is an important evening for our year eight students and RSVP is essential.

If some students feel they have under performed in semester one, here are some tips to help maintain and improve grades

- 1) Adopt a positive mental attitude
- 2) Work out where you are falling short
- 3) Talk to your teachers
- 4) Pay more attention in class and ask questions
- 5) Start organizing your life
- 6) Improve note-taking skills
- 7) Find the right learning and study style for you
- 8) Improve your memory
- 9) Stop procrastinating
- 10) Allow plenty of time for revision
- 11) Make learning more fun <u>https://www.oxford-royale.co.uk/articles/improve-underperforming-grades.html</u>

It is important for students to develop good work habits early. Please contact the classroom teacher or myself if you have any concerns.

I look forward to another successful and positive term.

Mrs Jayarani Salerno Middle Leader Years 7 and 8 jsalerno@sscc.qld.edu.au





STUDENT SUCCESS - TY SIMMONS - YEAR 8

In the second week of the school holidays, Ty and the u14 Cairns Marlins Basketball team travelled to Townsville for the Division 1 Queensland State Basketball Championships. After a thrilling semi-final against Brisbane Capitals - winning by 1 point in the last second of the game, Ty and his team made it to the Grand Final Gold Medal play off. Out of 43 teams across three divisions, they finished second and brought home the silver medal. Ty was elated to be in the second best team in Queensland!

Ty and the Cairns Marlins will now be invited to the Australian Junior Club Basketball Championships in Kilsyth Victoria, in the October school holidays.

Following his performance in the State Championships, Ty was recently notified he had been selected in the Queensland Basketball Future Development Program. He is one of 30 players in this age group across Queensland identified as potential future Queensland or Nationals players, and offered intensive skills development with a high performance coach and attendance at an all-state camp in Brisbane.



STUDENT SUCCESS - ANDREW, JANE AND RACHEL CLOSE

Andrew (year twelve), Jane (year nine) and Rachel (year eight) Close attended the Oak Park Races in the July holidays. Andrew came third in the Male 600 metre running race, Jane came first and Rachel came second in the Female 600 metre running race.



From left to right: Jane, Andrew and Rachel.

STUDENT SUCCESS - EUGENIO BAMBINO - YEAR 12

Recently, Eugenio Bambino was invited by Football Queensland to travel to Brisbane to participate as an official at the u15 State School Titles. The competition took place at Redlands United Football Club over four (4) days with male and female players and officials travelling from all over Queensland (and some from the Northern Territory in an exchange program) to participate. Referees were watched, assessed and mentored by Football Queensland referee coaches as well as current NPL referees to assist them in enhancing their skills on the pitch, and for Football Queensland to identify talented up and coming referees. Eugenio was very happy with his performance in the early rounds, as were the observers, and on the day of finals was



appointed to be the centre referee for one of the boys semi-finals, as well as 2 x assistant referee positions in other play-off matches.

STUDENT SUCCESS - MAREEBA ART SOCIETY'S ANNUAL ART SHOW

Congratulations to Patrick Thiele. His sculpture received 2nd prize (\$100.00) in the Ruth Beasley Sculpture Award at the Mareeba Art Society's Annual Art Show held during the holidays. Other students who entered portraits were Kiera Dalip and Manouche Mounier.



Patrick Thiele



Kiera Dalip



Manouche Mounier

STUDENT SUCCESS - CAITLIN WADLEY - YEAR 7

The Today Show Channel 9 ran a competition to find a junior reporter. To enter the competition, I had to submit a video of myself reporting on an issue of importance to me. I chose the challenges facing small businesses in today's world of internet shopping and bib chain stores. I was chosen as the winner and soon I will have Channel 9 Today Show come to Atherton to film my full story.

Congratulations Caitlin, this is a wonderful opportunity!



MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE SMITHFIELD



Some of the participants from the Mountain Bike Race held at Smithfield at the end of term two. From left to right: Jai Clark (year eight), Oliver May (year seven), Joel Trimble (year eight), Toby Greenwood (year ten), Travis Cummings (year twelve), Andrew Close (year eleven) and Darcy Cant (year eleven). Other students who are not pictured included: Joshua Cox (year eleven), Frank Ferraro (year seven), Finley Green (year eleven) and Benjamin Morgan-Collins (year eleven).

HOST HOMES REQUIRED

Host homes required for NET team

Eleven young National Evangelisation Team members are seeking billet homes whilst working at St Stephen's in early August. Would you please consider if two (2) or more team members can stay at your home from 2 to 6 August? The Netters will need a bed and meals, but will have their own transport. If you are able to assist, please contact Anne on 0407 716 430 or <u>achellingw@cairns.catholic.org.au</u>. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Miss Janai Sugars Assistant Principal Religious Education jsugars2@sscc.qld.edu.au



UPDATE FROM THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

It has been a busy semester for the students studying Business and Economics. Not only have we seen success at the Mooting Competition, but also wonderful results in classes and business ventures.

The year seven classes have been learning all about the world of entrepreneurs. Many were unaware that behind the scenes, it not only takes a unique individual to think outside the box and take risks, but also requires resilience, hard work and commitment. A favourite quote which epitomises the notion of being entrepreneurial is by Walt Disney – *"It's kind of fun to do the impossible".*

The entrepreneurial spirit was alive and well with the year eight classes who have been developing their skills in teamwork and customer service. They have been running their own businesses whilst receiving a crash course in business operations. Many products have been highly successful from lip balm to lure keyrings. However, the learning experiences far outweigh the revenue.

As for the year nine Business and Economics class, they had the opportunity to review competitive practices of two big businesses and make decisions about why one is leading the other in the marke (for example, the regular argument about whether you are an Apple person or Android). They also had a handson experience with production processes, whereby using biscuits, icing and choc-chips, they trialled three (3) different methods to producing a good.



It would be lovely to say that they are now very fluent in the concept theory, but I believe that the consumption of the finished product was the highlight. This class also had the opportunity at the end of the semester to run a venture and it is certainly clear that many of the



students could be our entrepreneurs of the future. Special mention goes to Tonia-Marie Rantucci and Georgina Menniti whose candles, using recycled cups and glasses, flew off the shelf before I even had the chance to see the product!

Finally, our wonderful senior Business Management class are relieved to have finished a unit on business finance. It involved a lot more mathematics than some would like, but a valuable learning experience in terms of the importance of good financial forecasting and management. We are now moving into small business management, whereby the students will have an opportunity to conduct a feasibility study on a small business of their choice to offer recommendations for expansion or diversification. Big congratulations to the Mooting team (Kate Schincariol, David Reddie-Edwards, Megan Crane, Kaitlyn Oliver (Hohns) and Annalisse Troncone) and the QUT Blueshift Case Study team (Shakia McDonald, Makala Meaney, Luica Puglisi and Prudence Yates) for their dedication to these competitions.

Mrs Prue Vaughan Business Teacher pvaughan@sscc.gld.edu.au



VET NEWS - YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE SHOWCASE

Year ten students enjoyed three (3) days of work experience at the end of term two, in a variety of industries, including engineering, retail, education, allied health, law and construction. Feedback from work experience providers was extremely positive with students learning and performing a variety of new skills and tasks. Further opportunity to participate in the year ten Work Experience Program is in week ten, term three. See Mrs Goleby to collect your Work Experience Agreement Forms and get organised NOW! You wouldn't want to miss this opportunity to experience your desired career!



Aarin Ryan - Louise Myers Photography



Ethan Backshall - Nextgen Air Conditioning



Connor Coghlan - Astute Law



Hope Kennedy - Department of Justice

Positions Available

School-based Traineeship in Hospitality @ The Cottage Café in Tolga Duties include customer service, barista, cooking and cleaning.

School-based Traineeship in Warehousing Operations @ Reece Plumbing in Atherton Duties include customer service, counter sales, stock management, and housekeeping.

Please see the Opportunity Board in S Block for further details on how to apply for these fantastic opportunities.

ST STEPHEN'S INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL











Sport

Year	Swimming Carnival	Cross Country	Athletics Carnival
2006	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon
2007	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon
2008	McAuley	McAuley	McAuley
2009	McAuley	McAuley	Muluridji
2010	McAuley	McAuley	McAuley
2011	McAuley	McAuley	McAuley
2012	McAuley	McAuley	McAuley
2013	McAuley	McAuley	McAuley
2014	McAuley	Muluridji	Muluridji
2015	Muluridji	Deacon	Muluridji
2016	Muluridji	Muluridji	Muluridji
2017	Muluridji	Muluridji	Muluridji
2018	McAuley	Deacon	Muluridji

Left: Pastoral House Leaders, Zoe Quintieri and Ella Ryan with the shield. Below: Muluridji Pastoral House.



ST STEPHEN'S INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Athletics Age Champions for 2018. Back row: Liam Pozzebon (16 Boys), Luke Wood (15 Boys), Sam Daniell (Open), Sophie Raciti (16 Girls), Olivia Soncin (15 Girls), Thomas Cuda (14 Boys) and Ryan Johnston (13 Boys). Front row: Abby Taylor (13 Girls) and Emma Raciti (12 Girls).



Luke Rantucci (12 Boys)



Tonia-Marie Rantucci (14 Girls)



Nadia Falvo (Open Girls)



WHISTLEBLOWER HOTLINE

Whistleblower Hotline

Catholic Education, as part of the Diocese of Cairns, recently commenced a Whistleblower Hotline through an independent and confidential service provider, STOPline. This service is available to all members of the Catholic Education community including staff, volunteers, parents, and students. The Whistleblower hotline is not for complaints or grievances nor does it replace our obligations for mandatory reporting for Student Protection matters. While we encourage you to use our existing processes to report and resolve concerns, the hotline service is available when our existing processes have not been able to resolve an issue relating to reportable conduct (see link below to our website for further information) or where absolute confidentiality is required. Information on the STOPline service and how to access it, as well as a range of information on our conduct, complaints and grievance processes can be found on the Cairns Catholic Education website:

https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/about/conduct-complaints-grievances/

PARENT PRESENTATION



Tony will be blogging and replying to comments following the presentation on the CiTEL Website www.citel.com.au



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