#### St Stephen's Catholic College

# Trust in the Lord

# St Stephen's News

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# **Checkmate!**



Pictured from left to right - Thomas Gargan, Aaron Bryce, Mr Michael Harnischfeger and Hunter Liebold

Often known as a game for the intellectually-gifted, chess is the best sport to exercise the most important organ in our bodies: the brain. On any given day, a group of dedicated chess players meet before school and at recess time to hone their strategical thinking skills. While chess has been a favourite past-time at St Stephen's for several years, we are very fortunate this year to have Mr Michael Harnischfeger visit the college on a regular basis to teach the students the intricacies of chess. As last year's regional champions, our students are looking forward to the challenge of a repeat performance in 2016. We wish them the very best in this endeavour.

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# NOTICES

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 



Natural Fertility Services Years 7, 8 and 11 Thursday 21 July

QCS Practice Thursday 21 July

Year 10 Science Workshop Thursday 21 July

Cairns Show Holiday Friday 22 July

Shake and Stir - Arts Monday 25 July

Year 11 Biology Camp 27-29 July

Catholic Education Week 24-30 July

U/12 District Athletics - Mareeba State Primary 28-29 July

**District Athletics - St Stephen's Catholic College** 1-2 August

# TERM DATES 2016

Term Three: July 11 - September 16

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

# **CHESS CLUB**

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H) Room: S8 Monday and Tuesday Recess 2 Thursday morning before school



#### **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

#### **ABSENTEE E-MAIL**

The college now has an absentee email address.

If your child is absent, please email absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au

#### **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.



#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Stephen's

#### "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." (Benjamin Franklin)

Welcome back to term three. I hope you were able to enjoy quality time with your children during the mid-year break.

At the college's first assembly for term three, students were encouraged to develop their natural talents, abilities and intelligence through effort, persistence, practice and focused attention. Before students commenced their holidays at the end of term two, I had the privilege of reading their reports. It was clearly apparent that many students had worked very hard to develop their talents. This was demonstrated in the excellent work ethic comments they received for the majority of their subjects.

As teachers and parents we need to help our students to understand the growth mindset. Being "smart" is not something one is; it is something one acquires through persistence and the manner in which challenges are tackled. Over the past three State of Origins games, we all marvelled at the talent of Jonathan Thurston. However, he had to learn to catch the football the same way as everyone else does. What is different for Thurston, is that he developed his God-given talent through practice, persistence and focused attention. To foster a growth mindset, it is necessary to praise students for their efforts, perseverance and the approach they take to overcoming challenges that arise. In so doing, the process of learning is encouraged.

Not only are students often challenged, but our staff worked very hard at the end of last term and the beginning of this term to relocate to a refurbished staff room and student services area. I apologise to parents for the inconvenience of trekking to the Drama room to the temporary reception area, while renovations were in progress. We are looking forward to providing a more efficient service with the completion of our latest building project which should take place by the end of August. The process has brought home to us the comforts we take for granted which many people in disadvantaged groups do not enjoy.

In this Year of Mercy, with the theme of Catholic Education Week as "Opening doors in the Year of Mercy", we are encouraged to consider those who are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually, both in our school and in the broader community. A smile and a random act of kindness cost nothing but may make a great difference to others. During Catholic Education Week, (24 July to 30 July), our college is hosting the Western Deanery Mass in our own chapel, on Tuesday 26 July. While not all students from St Stephen's can be present for this special event, the week is dedicated to reflecting on our relationship with each other and with God. Relationships are important in every sphere of life and lessons learned at school about building positive relationships with peers and teachers help us give meaning to our lives.

In conclusion, the constructive feedback provided by parents is greatly valued. I thank parents who were able to attend the recent parent/teacher interviews and welcome feedback about the process via an email to me, (ipinese@sscc.qld.edu.au), so that we can continue to improve our processes.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal principal@sscc.qld.edu.au

#### FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULM

With the distribution of formal reports at the end of semester one, students have had the opportunity, over the semester break, to reflect on their performance, while setting new goals for improvement in semester two. Our Year 12 students, in particular, need to remain focused and demonstrate a very committed



work ethic in order to achieve their personal best. Reports are analysed by the Pastoral Leader of each year level, so that success can be celebrated and problems identified. This analysis of reports is beneficial in providing advice to students who need to review their subject choices. By the end of week two of this term, all subject changes should be finalised, so that students can focus on meeting their assessment commitments.

#### Year 8 Subject Selections

An information session for **current** Year 8 students who will be progressing to Year 9 in 2017, will be held on Thursday 4 August from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Students will be issued with a handbook containing detailed information about the subjects available and instructions for using the online subject selection program (SSO).

#### Year 10 Subject Selections

An information session for **current** Year 10 students, who will be progressing to Year 11 in 2017, will be held on Thursday 4 August from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. It is imperative that parents and students attend, to gain further insight into the SET Plan (Senior Education and Training Plan) process and the requirements of the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The evening provides an opportunity for students to explore potential subjects to be studied in their senior years and seek advice on their pathway choices. On the evening students will receive a Senior Handbook and instructions for using the online subject selection program (SSO).

The final step in the subject selection process is an individual interview with each Year 10 student, their parent/s and one member of the school's Leadership Team to sign off on their SET Plan.

This is to ensure that students' subject selections are appropriate for their future ambition and individual learning style, and to answer any remaining questions.

Interviews will be begin on Monday 22 August, and are 15 minutes long. A booking sheet will be available on the evening of the Thursday 4 August. Alternatively, parents can contact Mrs Rosie Rantucci on 4086 2500 to make a booking.

Students who are absent or unable to attend the information evening can collect the relevant information from student services on their return to school. The P & F is offering a complimentary BBQ from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm to all families attending the evening.

Forthcoming curriculum events include:

- 21 July and 4 August All day QCS testing (Year 12 OP Eligible Students)
- 27 to 29 July Year 11 Biology Camp
- 30 and 31 August QCS TEST (Year 12 OP Eligible students)
- 5 to 9 September Year 12 Block Exams
- 12 to 15 September
  Year 10 Work Experience (voluntary)

Please contact me if you have any questions about the above events.

Mrs Andrea Chiesa Deputy Principal - Curriculm

#### **CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS?**

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address.



#### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term will be very busy for the faith life of our college! There are many opportunities for us to reflect on how we are doing in responding to Pope Francis' call to be people of mercy.



In Week 3, we celebrate Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is 'Opening Doors in the Year of

Mercy' which challenges us to extend assistance to those in need and recognize and follow the example of those who open the door for others.

Throughout this year, this theme has been lived out as we banded together for Project Compassion, ran a successful Biggest Morning Tea, hosted Just Leadership Day, gathered to pray for special intentions in our college chapel, joined together for prayer and worship at the Mercy Youth Rally, not to mention the efforts of our Wheelbarrow Race Team and the students who participated in the Domestic Violence Awareness Project.

However, this call to be people of mercy is ongoing. There are opportunities for us to be attentive to the needs of others, to show compassion and perform acts of service each and every day.

To mark Catholic Education Week, on Tuesday 26 July, our college will host the Western Deanery Catholic Education Week Mass in the College Chapel, which will be attended by representatives from all of the Catholic schools in the Western Deanery. Some of our student representatives and musicians will assist in leading this occasion.

Wednesday morning prayer will continue to take place in the college chapel at 8.25 am – all are welcome.

Also this term, every Religion class will attend mass in the chapel, led by Fr John Sullivan. Please assist your teachers in selecting prayers and readings for your class mass, and show your appreciation to Fr John who will spending a lot of time at our college this term so that all of us may experience mass in our college chapel. Finally, we are very lucky to have the travelling National Evangelisation Team (NET) visiting our college next month. These are a team of ten young people who have chosen to take on a year of missionary work to share the good news of the gospel with other young people. The National Evangelisation Team will run retreat days for our Year 8 and 9 students.

Year 8 studens will participate in a retreat day focusing on the theme 'Take a Stand – Respect', while Year 9 Students retreat day will explore the theme 'Do This, Do That – Peer Pressure'.

Date claimers:

- Thursday 14 July and Thursday 21 July we will have presenters from Natural Fertility Services visiting our college to speak to Year 8, Year 7 and Year 11 students.
- Monday 8 August Year 9 NET Retreat Day.
- Wednesday 10 August Year 8 NET Retreat Day.

#### Mrs Laura Gilbert Assistant Principal Religious Education



#### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second-hand uniforms donations are greatly appreciated. Please leave at Student Services.

#### Student Representative Council Update Metrogaine

The Metrogaine is back on! Rescheduled and ready to go! The Mareeba Lions Club have scheduled the Metrogaine for Sunday 28 August. For all students wishing to support this fundraiser, and be involved in a fun event, then the Metrogaine is a must attend. A Metrogaine is basically an orienteering course with points scattered around a city ot town (Mareeba) in which case you search for points using a map. Registration for single entry is (\$10.00) or in teams of four (\$20.00). Students can register at Arnold Park from 8.00 am on the morning of the event. Event starts at 8:30 am. This is a cancer fundraiser hosted in our community with lots of exciting extras.



It would be great if this event was well attended by St Stephen's students, families and friends. More information is found on your Home Form noticeboard or you can speak directly with your SRC Home Form representative.

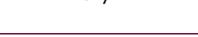
#### Pastoral

Be on the lookout! It's one thing to help people when they ask. It is another to notice that people need help even though they are not asking for it. We all lead busy lives. Our days are usually pretty packed. We are generally good at helping people, if it is on my calendar. Unfortunately, I think I often miss people who need help – but do not ask for it – when I rush through my day, moving from task to task. Like Jesus, I need to be on the lookout for people who need me.

Look at Jesus' example; the widow did not approach him; Jesus approached her when he saw her weeping, and the widow desperately needed his help. The story shows how focused Jesus was on looking for people who needed him. He wasn't focused just on his daily tasks. How about us? How often do people pass us who feel lost? Do we keep our eyes open for them? Do we ask God for the vision to see them and the grace to help them? Or do we rush through the day focused on what's next in our world? Christians are called to be on the lookout for people who suffer. Ask God to focus your vision beyond your schedule. Look for the widows that come across your path. Reach out. Your compassion will cause people in this day and age to echo the people in this week's Gospel who watched Jesus and said, "God has visited God's people".

#### Mr Matthew Draper College Leader Pastoral Care mdraper@sscc.gld.edu.au





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# ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING FOR SUBJECT SELECTION

THURSDAY 4 August 2016

McIver Road, Mareeba

Subject selection for Year 9, 2017		Subject selection for Year 11, 2017	
5.30 pm	Greeting and outline of evening's program	7.00 pm	Greeting and outline of evening's program
5.35 pm	Principal's address	7.05 pm	Principal's address
5.40 pm	Overview of Year 9 curriculum and selection process	7.15 pm	How to make subject choices; curriculum offerings; SET Plans; QCE/OP implications
5.50 pm	Parents and students visit subject displays.	7.30 pm	Parents and students visit subjects display
6.30 pm	Evening concludes	8.30 pm	Evening concludes
Parents of Year 8 students can remain after the session and Year 10 parents may arrive early to join in a BBQ run by the P & F from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm. This is a great opportunity to socialise with other parents and teaching			

staff.

#### **INFORMATION - JAPANESE HOMESTAY**





St Stephen's will be hosting a group of thirty students from our sister school, Sano Nichidai at the end of Term 3, from Thursday 8 to Saturday 17 September. We are looking for families that could host two (2) students. The students will require a room, breakfast and dinner, lunch each day and transport to and from school. They will also spend one (1) weekend with their host family, enjoying family life and possibly some sightseeing, depending on the families circumstances that weekend. It is a wonderful opportunity for both the family and the students to develop relationships and inter-cultural understanding. St Stephen's will be visiting Sano Nichidai in 2017. If you are interested and would like more information, please send an email to Mr Rohan Priestly at rpriestly@sscc.qld.edu.au



St Stephen's Catholic College was awarded third place in the Rodeo Garden Competition, for the Chapel Gardens.



St Stephen's Catholic College Business Manager, Mr Hadyn Flynn with Ty and Chase from Inspired Gardens.







#### Muluridji Earns Trifecta at Athletics Carnival!

Muluridji Team was unstoppable at this year's inter-house athletics carnival. The team took the lead in the 1500m pre-event and never looked back, taking the trifecta for all three carnivals in 2016.

The day featured energetic and friendly rivalry among the houses and a positive and cooperative spirit amongst the students.

There were many fine efforts on a day marked by good-spirited competition. Many records were broken but it was the "give it your all" attitude shown by nearly every competitor that promoted a magnificent atmosphere at the event. This is credited to the hard work and training that many students have been doing in preparation for the carnival.

McAuley House showed their team spirit winning the House Spirit Award. Congratulations to our new record holders, age champions and the contenders who gave 100%. Special thanks must go to all the parents and friends who came to support the students and, in particular, the staff who helped make the event such a success.

#### **Tableland District Athletics Carnival**

For the last three (3) years, St Stephen's has won the District Athletics Carnival and we would love to reign champions again this year. On Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 August, we will get the chance to defend our title as we do battle with the other high schools in the Tableland District Athletics Carnival. This year the district carnival is being held at St Stephen's Catholic College. The U12 District Athletics Carnival will be held at Mareeba Primary School on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 July. Students have been selected based on the following results from our school athletics carnival:

1500m and 800m - 1st, 2nd and 3rd 400m, 200m and 100m - 1st 4 x 100m Relay - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the 100m All Field Events - 1st and 2nd

#### Deanne Morrow Middle Leader – Sport & Activities



Muluridji performing their war cry at the end of the day and Captains Brendan Falvo and Monique Pezzelato accepting the trophy and delivering their speech.

# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - RESULTS

#### RESULTS

	Combined Team Scores	Female Team Scores	Male Team Scores
1 <sup>st</sup> – Muluridji	1214.50	678.50	536
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Deacon	1180	577	603
3 <sup>rd</sup> – McAuley	1000.50	450	550.50
4 <sup>th</sup> – Augustine	978	457.50	520.50

	Age Champions					
12 Years Girls			12 Years Boys			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tonia-Marie Rantucci	39	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kaleb Nielsen	38	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chloe Taylor	29.50	2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Steele	25.50	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alexandra Liaver	26.50	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jarek Sprecher	25	
13 Y	13 Years Girls			13 Years Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Isabella Cuda	30.50	1 <sup>st</sup>	Deane Alterio	35	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jada Fittock	28	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tyler Ius	27	
	Jemma Morrison		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke Wood	19	
14 Years Girls			14 Years Boys			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sophie Raciti	40.50	1 <sup>st</sup>	Eryk Legaspi	33	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hope Kennedy	21.50	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liam Pozzebon	21.50	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Olivia Bannink	19	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morrison Boden	21	
15 Years Girls			15 Years Boys			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nadia Falvo	38	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam Daniell	32	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elena Pilat	25	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bryson Beckham	21	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ella Ryan	22	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dylan Cappella	17	
				Liam Eastgate-Hards		
16 Years Girls			16 Y	ears Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sara Liaver	35	1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew Cheesman	31	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rommany Soley	31	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rhys Cooper	28	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Macy Pezzelato	30.50	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew Crane	25	
Ope	n Girls		Ope	n Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aleysha Genge	37	1 <sup>st</sup>	Isaac Hohns	31.50	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shernya Wessels	21	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Antonio Palumbo	26.50	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kate Wilcox	20	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeremy Mackay	22.50	

New School Records		
Age / Gender	Student Name	New Record
12 Girls	Alexandra Liaver	100m 14.37sec 200m 30.34sec Long Jump 4.09m
	Chloe Taylor	800m 2:43.58min
	Tonia-Marie Rantucci	1500m 5:46.25min Triple Jump 8.58m
	Ella McCombie	Discus 15.49m
	Deacon House	100m Relay 1:02.58min
12 Boys	Tobyias Brown	Discus 24.48m
13 Girls	Sara Donovan	1500m 5:30.14min
	Jemma Morrison	Long Jump 3.98m
13 Boys	Tyler lus	12.64sec 200m 26.43sec
	Deane Alterio	High Jump 1.51m Long Jump 4.93m Triple Jump 10.34m
	Lachlan Moss	Shot Put 13.52m Discus 33.48m
14 Girls	Sophie Raciti	200m 28.68 sec Shot Put 9.88m
14 Boys	Eryk Legaspi	400m 58.90sec
	Augustine House	100m Relay 54.62sec
15 Girls	Augustine House	100m Relay 1:00.96min

15 Boys	Sam Daniell	200m 25.27sec Long Jump 5.75m Triple Jump 12.10m	
	Ayden Fulton	High Jump 1.72m	
	Thomas Roesler	Discus 35.11m	
	Deacon House	100m Relay 51.21sec	
16 Girls	Sara Liaver	Shot Put 10.17m	
	Dayna Poggioli	Javelin 22.93m	
16 Boys	Matthew Cheesman	800m 2:12.17 min 1500m 4:38.97min	
	Hunter Liebold	High Jump 1.75m	
	Deacon House	100m Relay 52.49sec	
Open Girls	Deacon House	100m Relay 1:02.78min	
Open Boys	Antonio Palumbo	800m 2:19.34min 1500m 5:08.12min	
	Isaac Hohns	1500m 5:08.12min	
	Liam Kerr	High Jump 1.77m	
	Jacob Kemp	Long Jump 5.67m	

# FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Learning from failure is fundamental to student achievement and motivation at school. Failure is a part of life that everybody experiences. It is how you deal with failure that determines how much you grow and learn through your experiences.

In a school setting, it is common for students to feel like they are competing against each other. This can make failure very hard for some students as they may compare themselves to a friend or another student who has done better than them and feel as though they will never be able

to succeed at the same level. It is therefore important that teachers and parents promote failure as a positive and necessary step to improvement.

When students do not achieve the result they were hoping for, let them know that it's not because they can't do it, it's just that they can't do it yet. This will encourage them to adopt a growth mindset and see failure as an opportunity to do better next time and not a final determination of how good/bad they are at something.

As Term 3 begins, it is a great opportunity to speak with your child about their goals for the term. Make use of the laminated St Stephen's school planner sent home last term to all students in Year 7-11 and electronic copies were sent to Year 12 and all parents. It has a section for goal setting.

This information is from www.reachout.com. This website has information to support youth mental health and wellbeing.

Kind regards,

#### Mrs Michelle Hall Guidance Counsellor

#### National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with. Read more about the data collection: https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/150420\_-\_factsheet\_-\_parents\_and\_carers\_0.pdf

Please note that if you do not wish to have your child included in this data collection, you must write a letter or email our school counsellor, Mrs Michelle Hall (mhall3@sscc.qld.edu.au) indicating your reasons not to be included by close of business, Monday 25th July.

#### 2016 Early School Leavers survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2015. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The information from the survey helps our schools to understand the pathways young people follow after leaving school and to plan services to support transitions into study or employment for our students. Between July and August 2016, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year, can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage early school leavers to take part. For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov. au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

During Week 11 of last term, I had the pleasure of attending the Science Live Program organised by STEM Horizons for High Achievers. Together with nine (9) other Year 11 students from Atherton, Mareeba, Kuranda, Malanda and Ravenshoe, I travelled to Griffith



University's Nathan Campus in Brisbane. We stayed on campus, in the Bellenden Ker Residential College, where we had a brief glimpse of what university living was like.

The trip spanned from Sunday to Wednesday, although Sunday was really only a travel day. We did however get to see the EcoCentre on Sunday. On Monday we got straight into it, with an early start at 7.30 am for breakfast. By 8.30 am we were at the Eskitis Institute for Drug Discovery, also on the Nathan Campus of Griffith University. Here we were met by Professor George Mellick, Deputy Director of the Eskitis Institute and a proud resident of the Tablelands for many years. This entire program would not have been possible without Professor Mellick and his dedication towards granting students from his home region the opportunity to further their knowledge and spur their interests. At the Eskitis Institute, we were joined by seven (7) other Year 11 students from Brisbane schools, where we were split into four (4) groups. From here, we went through the process of drug discovery and were given a tour of a small sample of the institute's world-renowned Nature Bank. Nature Bank is a program established and maintained by the Eskitis Institute and its partners, and is a collection of over 63,000 plant and marine invertebrate samples from tropical Queensland, Tasmania, China, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea.

The purpose of Nature Bank is to house a library of samples to be shared with researchers, scientists, institutes and experts to aid in developing new drugs to help against many diseases. Some disease research that the Nature Bank has already contributed to include malaria, cancer, Parkinson's disease and schizophrenia. We finished off our day at the Eskitis Institute by completing a quick quiz, thanked all the staff and headed off. We had dinner in the university cafeteria (which had astoundingly good food and even a pancake machine) and headed off to explore South Bank.

On Tuesday, we had the privilege of visiting the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR) Berghofer in the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. Here we started off the day by learning about DNA testing and genetics as well as the correct use of scientific pipettes (which is surprisingly entertaining). We were also given a tour of some of the many laboratories in the institute. We were shown some of the institute's most expensive equipment, including multi-million dollar microscopes and learned about what the purpose of QIMR is. QIMR Berghofer focusses on four (4) main disease groups - cancer, infectious diseases, mental health and chronic disorders. It also stores a mind-blowing five (5) petabytes of data on diseases, cures, research and other medical data. That's over five (5) million gigabytes, stored in massive databanks on one of the higher floors of Berghofer's central building. Once we had seen everything, we headed back to Griffith University, ate dinner, and headed back to South Bank for a movie.

To sum up the program, on Wednesday we had a tour of Griffith University's quantum physics and aviation departments of the Nathan Campus, as well as Australia's first solar and hydrogen-powered building: the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre. This building is completely off the power grid and can power itself for up to three (3) days without any external power. In the aviation department, we learned about the aviation industry and used flight simulators that are used to help students learn to fly. In the guantum physics department, we talked to multiple PhD students who talked about their projects (some of which they have been conducting since they started their PhD). My sincere thanks go to Professor George Mellick for his persistence and time, Mark Granrose and Darren Shepherd for supervising us, and the Lions Clubs of Mareeba and Central Brisbane for their generous donations to allow me to participate in this remarkable program. I would also like to thank Griffith University, the Eskitis Institute and QIMR Berghofer and all the friendly staff for teaching us. All in all, this was a great experience and I strongly recommend it to everyone who is chosen to participate.

Victor Bernhardi Year 11



#### STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Students Taijana Goleby, Rosa and Connor Askey-Doran performed in the Malanda Youth Theatre's production of the "Wizard of Oz" at the Majestic Theatre in June 2016. The hard work and many rehearsals paid off as the young actors produced a superb show. Taijana was a perfect Aunt Em with a special duet sung with Dorothy described as a memorial goose bump moment by critics. Rosa played her role well as the good witch and looked amazing on stage. Connor had a strong stage presence as Uncle Henry. All performed in additional roles as Munchkins, Winkie guards, and trees in the haunted forest. Their costumes, choreography and energy made the production

the production.



WIZARD OF OZ!

Natalie Bambino has been selected to referee at the upcoming Soccer School Sport Australian National Championships to be held in Perth in August. Congratulations to Natalie, what a fantastic opportunity.



SOCCER SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

#### STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

During the June/July holidays, Tyler attended a football (soccer) camp in Townsville with players from across the state in his U13 age group. From that camp he was selected in the Queensland Country team to represent the State at the FFA National Youth Championships for boys. Queensland will field both Metro and Country teams in the U13 and U14 age groups for the five (5) day tournament which will be held in Coffs Harbour in October. Played in a round robin format, the National Youth Championships showcases the best young talent from each Australian state. The squad will come together for a week long training camp at Coffs Harbour the week prior to the Championships. Congrulations Tyler!



# **QUEENSLAND COUNTRY TEAM!**

Congratulations to the Mareeba U14 Representative Team - Runners Up at the State Championships. Students from St Stephen's Catholic College included Gemaley Madrid, Rhyanna Yow-Yeh, Nataliah Lopez, Megan Crane and Deborah Hermanus. The girls won 8 out of 9 games and lost only to Jimboomba Netball, who won the Division 4 category.



## **MAREEBA NETBALL -SUZUKI STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

#### TUCKSHOP - TERM 3 - DAILY SPECIALS



**MONDAY** Chicken Fillet Burger - \$4.00

# WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef Gravy Roll - \$4.00

# THURSDAY

BBQ Burger - \$4.50

# FRIDAY

Calzones - \$5.50

Ham and Cheese Ham, Cheese and Pineapple Chicken and Cheese Vegetable Meat Lovers

# **TERM 3 ONLY**

# MULTICULTURAL TUESDAY

## ITALIAN

Weeks 1, 5 and 9 Spaghetti - \$4.00

# MEXICAN

Weeks 2, 6 and 10

Nachos - \$4.00

## AUSTRALIAN

Weeks 3 and 7

Pies - \$4.00

Sausage Rolls - \$2.00

# JAPANESE

Weeks 4 and 8 Sushi \$4.50

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