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Muluridji's Back-to-Back Win

Last Friday, Muluridji won the College Swimming Carnival for the second year in a row. Creative house themes, singing and dancing set the scene for a fun, but serious day of competition. **Results on pages 12 and 13.**



Pastoral House Leaders: Arielle Durano, Micheal Troncone, Ashlee Zugno, Thomas Gargan, Monique Pezzelato, Brendan Falvo, Jacinta Carusi and Antonio Palumbo.



Elena Pilat.



Keeley Mason and Lia Schincariol.



Jake Priestly.



Age Champions 2016.



Ethan Cummings and Wesley Yow-Yeh.



Caitlyn Wright, Sarah Mirarchi and Dannielle McCormack.



Thomas Baker and Busta-James Atkinson.



Skyla Daven and Talesha Ciranni.

NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Year 7 Camp

Monday 29 February – Friday 4 March
Camp Paterson

District Swimming Carnival

Monday 7 March

P&F Meeting

Tuesday 8 March
5.30 pm

Open Evening

Wednesday 9 March

Exam Week

Monday 14 March

Just Leadership Day

Tuesday 15 March

Easter Liturgy

School Finishes Term 1

Thursday 24 March

Good Friday

Friday 25 March

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

Room: S8

Monday and Tuesday Recess 2
Thursday morning before school

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



ABSENTEE E-MAIL

The college now has an absentee email address.

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

St Stephen's
Catholic College



Trust in the Lord

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 9 March 2016
5.30 - 6.30 pm

Students entering Year 7 in 2017 and beyond!

- Display of specialist areas
- Information about the college culture, curriculum and expectations
- Enrolment Handbook
- Self-guided tour of facilities
- Scholarship information



No families will be disadvantaged because of genuine financial difficulties.

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Tutoring for Years 10 - 12

- MATHEMATICS
- ENGLISH
- SCIENCE



Wednesdays from 3-4 pm in the Library

Scholarships for 2017



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Academic, sporting and cultural scholarships are available for Year 7 students in 2017.

Applications open 10 March and close 24 March 2016.

Application forms will be available on the college website or from the college office.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's,

"Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." (Albert Einstein)

The release of year 12 outcomes for 2015 has placed St Stephen's Catholic College in a very favourable position in terms of the academic and vocational achievements of our students. The support which is provided to students to make course selections which align with their aspirations and aptitude brings rewards. In particular, the college community extends its congratulations to the outstanding performance by William Snell, the College Dux of 2015 and OP 1 recipient. At a special ceremony organised by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, William, along with twenty-eight other students from State, Independent and Catholic schools across Queensland was awarded a Distinguished Academic Award from a list of 600 eligible students who had received an OP 1, an A on the Queensland Core Skills Test and Very High Achievement in twenty semester units of authority subjects. A most worthy recipient who demonstrated an excellent attitude to his senior studies, William's unpretentious demeanour and willingness to always assist others made him a model student for others to emulate.

Not only did William demonstrate an exceptional performance, but the outcomes of other OP-Eligible students ensured that we are once again in the Queensland University of Technology's "Blue Group" status. I have included an extract from an email sent to me by Dr Judy Smeed from QUT. The data begins from 2010 when the college had its first group of year 12 students.

We are currently analysing the 2015 Senior Schooling data and wanted to let you know that St Stephen's is, once again, in the "Blue Group". The Blue Group is produced annually and is one of a number of socially just indices which we use when presenting data. It adheres to the Catholic Principles of Social Justice and Starratt's notion of ethics of critique and justice. The Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle was also considered in the development. In 2015, 19 Queensland schools fulfilled the following criteria:

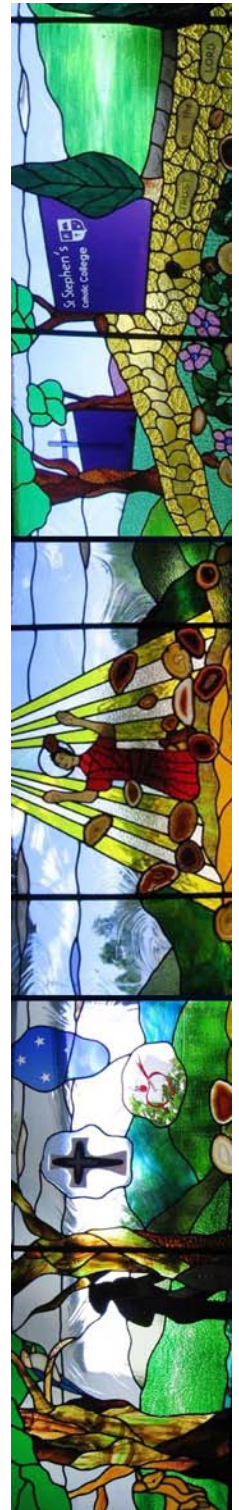
- A) *achieved over 90% 1-15 for three years in succession*
- B) *shows no trend of a declining number of OP eligible students over this period.*

I have included a table of your data below for your consideration.

School	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
St Stephen's Catholic College	86.0	90.0	95.8	94	93	91

St Stephen's is one of 5 Catholic schools to be included in the Blue Group. The other 4 are RI schools in Brisbane. It is also one of only two schools outside Brisbane to fulfil the criteria.

The nurturing environment, supportive structures to assist students with decision-making and the college culture of striving to achieve one's best are all factors which have contributed to these great results. Also, the strong partnerships which are formed between parents and the college have a significant influence on such positive outcomes.



While our teachers aim to provide opportunities for students to thrive, students also need to assume responsibility for their learning by being active participants rather than passengers. This is especially relevant as the completion of assessment becomes a priority towards the end of term one. Balancing one's academic life with other demands is a skill that students must learn. In an effort to give students leadership opportunities from years 7 to 12, Student Council representatives and Pastoral House Representatives were elected in the past two weeks. It was heartening to see the Pastoral House Representatives in action on Friday at the College's Swimming Carnival. By assisting their Pastoral House Leaders, they were able to achieve the best outcome for their pastoral house. Congratulations to the winning team, Muluridji, and the students who attended this fun-filled event designed to foster pastoral house and college spirit. Our students are to be commended for their enthusiasm, energy and participation—the atmosphere was absolutely amazing. I would like to sincerely thank parents who ensured their children were in attendance.

Last week was one of participation in extra-curricular activities with both the T 20 Cricket Competition and the Chess Competition vying for students' attention on Thursday. Both the cricket and the chess team can be very proud of their efforts in representing the college, with the chess team champions on the day and the cricketers also winning the intermediate competition and two out of three of the games in the senior competition. The five courageous students who participated in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition also gave of their very best. Each of the contestants is a winner because of the willingness to embark on a journey of personal growth by going out of one's comfort zone. We congratulate Kate Wilcox who was the overall winner at the Mareeba District competition. Kate will compete in the next round in Malanda on 12 March and our best wishes go with her. If one does not participate in the many different activities that are on offer at St Stephen's, then school life is very one dimensional. As this newsletter goes to print, our year seven students are on camp. I thank parents for supporting this initiative, for the experiences the students have outside the confines of the classroom enable them to build friendships, confidence and teamwork.

In order to showcase our college to prospective students, there will be an **OPEN EVENING** on Wednesday 9 March from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

This is a great opportunity to visit displays, tour college facilities and ask questions about the rich and varied curriculum being offered at St Stephen's. The evening marks the start of the enrolment process for 2017 and parents are encouraged to have an interview before 24 June, as places fill very quickly. All students who wish to come to St Stephen's require an interview, even those with siblings already at our college. Over the past few weeks, I have visited Catholic feeder schools to promote our college and we are in the process of organising visits by year 6 students early in term two.

I would like to commend our newest arrivals—the 2016 year 7 cohort on the enthusiastic manner in which they have engaged with secondary schooling. They have settled well into our college routines and are interacting very positively with each other and making new friends. New families are very welcome at our P & F meetings where constructive feedback is valued, with the next meeting on 8 March at 5.30 pm in the Administration block.

School communities are dynamic with change the constant. Since the start of the year, some of our teachers have experienced health issues, which has necessitated the employment of replacement teachers. We welcome back Mr Groves and Miss Morrow. I sincerely thank parents for their support during this time and I ask that you keep our Visual Art teacher, Ms Todd in your prayers as she undergoes surgery in the next few weeks. Due to the generosity of our existing teachers, we have been able to cover her classes.

In this Lenten season and Year of Mercy, I strongly encourage students to give up their self-centred ways to think of the welfare of others, remembering to see the face of Jesus in everyone they encounter. It is important to appreciate the small things in life, to show gratitude for all that we have in our privileged society and to extend a helping hand to those who are having a difficult time. I have challenged the year 12 students who are young adults about to embark on the next phase of their lives, to raise the bar and show leadership by not being self-absorbed and caught in a web of gossip, spreading rumours and belittling others. I have faith in their ability to be great role models for the younger students.

With Trust in the Lord

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM

We are already halfway through term one and I know that many families are keen on planning their holidays. As teachers, we are very aware that the prices of flights and accommodation are much higher during school holidays and we empathise with families that would like to save a bit of cash by having a holiday during term time. However, there are ramifications for students when they miss school during term time, no matter the reason. We have recently been informed by many parents that they will be withdrawing their children from school for extended periods of time during the school year. All parents must understand that the disruption to their child's learning will most likely have negative consequences on their academic results.



Assignments still have to be submitted on or before the due date and exams will need to be completed upon the student's return to school. It is likely that the student will have significant gaps in his/her learning, which will impact the student's grade accordingly. Teachers are not expected to plan study material in advance for these students, but will be able to convey which chapters or texts the student will be responsible for knowing once returning to school. Students are encouraged to consult their course outline to independently organise their own learning.

Due to staff changes, some students were issued with new timetables at the beginning of this week. These changes are effective at least until the end of term and are detailed below. If you have any concerns please contact your students teacher directly.

07 Media Art – Mr Priestly
08 Media Art – Mr Priestly
08 Digital Technology – Mrs Gillies
08 Visual Art – Mrs Russell
09 Visual Art – Mrs Nozaic/Mrs Malcolm
10 Visual Art – Mrs Russell
11/12 Visual Art – Mrs Nozaic

The following dates signify important curriculum events:

- Mid-semester test week: 14 to 18 March. Please note that as this is a short term, some testing may extend till 24 March
- QCS Short Response Test practice 10 March

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St Stephen's now subscribes to Options Career Information and receives bulletins with up-to-date information on tertiary courses, VET training and other opportunities for secondary students. Items of relevance to our students will be included in our regular newsletter, but parents wishing to read the full bulletin can do so by accessing the 'Careers' tab on the St Stephen's website and scrolling down to the 'Information for Parents' section. This is a great resource and is partnered with many other great resources for parents and students on our website.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Sunday's gospel, we listened to the Parable of the Fig Tree. Jesus uses stories like this one to help people understand the nature and love of God. Here, he teaches that God always grants second chances. God is the patient gardener, advising the landowner against cutting down the fig tree which has failed to bear fruit. He fertilises and cultivates the fig tree, just as He so carefully cares for us and give us every opportunity to produce fruit. This is an important lesson for us in the Church's Year of Mercy as we strive to be people of love and forgiveness.



Year of Mercy Challenge (Adapted from 'Eight Ways to Live a Merciful Life' by L Hanley Duquin)

Avoid gossip.

Pope Francis tells us: "It is so terrible to gossip! At first it may seem like a nice thing, even amusing, like enjoying a candy. But in the end, it fills the heart with bitterness, and even poisons us" (Angelus, February 16, 2014). How will you keep yourself from gossiping about others?

Sacramental Programme

Please pray for three students from our college who are participating in the Sacramental Preparation Programme. We wish them all the best as they continue their faith journey.

Taize in the Chapel

Staff and students are invited to attend Taize Prayer in the Chapel every Wednesday morning at 8.25 am in the College Chapel throughout Lent. Join us to reflect on the Lenten gospel of the week and to spend time in prayer, silence and song.

Mrs Laura Gilbert

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

On Friday 26 February, students had an enjoyable time at the Swimming Carnival. It was great to witness the house spirit and the competitiveness of the students to do their best for their house.



This week, the year seven students are attending Camp Paterson to participate in activities such as archery, obstacle courses, canoeing and raft building, in two separate groups. While at school, students will participate in a program of NAPLAN preparation, as well as religion, drama, HPE, science and geography.

We wish the year sevens and their teachers a rewarding time at the camp developing teamwork skills and forming new friendships.

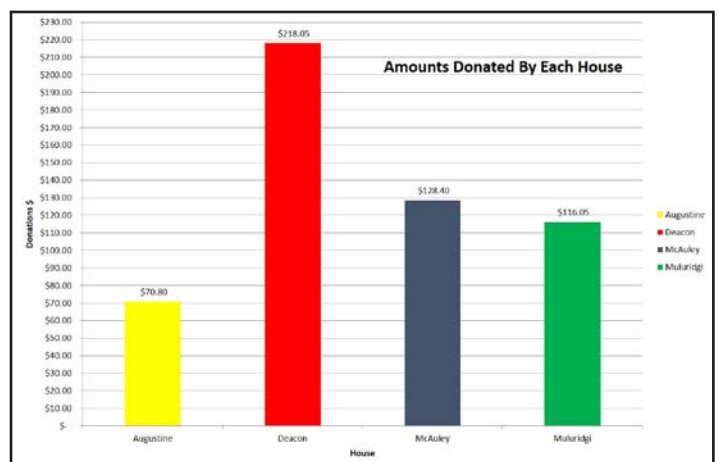
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LEARNING MORE CREATING CHANGE



Project Compassion Update



Augustine: \$70.80
Deacon: \$218.05

McAuley: \$128.40
Muluridji: 116.05

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Meditation Apps

At this time of the term, many students and parents are stressed about assessment deadlines and approaching exams. I thought that I would share three meditation apps which are easy for the whole family to use. Meditation can assist us to be calm and more focused on getting tasks completed.



1. **'Smiling Mind'** is a modern meditation program with exercises that can help you reduce stress and relax. It provides an easy to follow program that will help with the three C's: "clarity, calmness and contentment". The program is based on techniques that have been proven to work and was created by a group of psychologists who know their stuff when it comes to youth psychology.

2. **'The 1 Giant Mind Learn to Meditate'** app teaches you how to meditate so you feel calmer, more rested and present. It offers three levels of instruction that can be practised anywhere, at any time.

3. The **'One-Moment Meditation'** App: Breathe. Let go. Be still. With the One-Moment Meditation App, you can learn to meditate quickly and powerfully, finding balance and calm wherever you are ... even if you've never meditated before. Why Meditate with One-Moment Meditation?

- No frills. The One-Moment Meditation app gives you one simple, short meditation that you can reap benefits from instantly. And by staying focused on this one short exercise, you can get better and better.
- No fail. Over a million busy people have started meditating with One-Moment Meditation and the most common reaction is, "I can do this!"
- No time. The first exercise really just takes one minute. And with practice, you can do it in less and less time, until it takes no time at all.

I hope these apps will assist your family to be calm and focused at this busy time of the term.

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LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Last Saturday evening, five students represented St Stephen's Catholic College at the Lions Youth of the Year in Mareeba and Atherton.

Vivek Kolala, Tulani Lea'uanae, Kate Wilcox (overall winner) and Rebecca Hermanus competed in Mareeba, while Grace Officer performed well in Atherton. These students were great ambassadors for the college.



Grace Officer.



Vivek Kolala, Tulani Lea'uanae, Kate Wilcox and Rebecca Hermanus.

Kate will now contest in the Tablelands round in Malanda in two weeks time.

Congratulations to all those who were involved.

LUNCHTIME HELP



Available at MCR recess
two Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday.



Need to print, do some catch up computer work,
or have a quiet place to do your assignment, then
come along!

OTHERS

This week, students at the college were challenged to think of others before themselves. In our day-to-day interactions with others at our college, we truly demonstrate a sense of a selfless family when we choose to put others first in our thinking and actions. This means that every day we are mindful of the impact that our words and our actions have on the lives of those around us. In the words of Philippians 2:3 New Living Translation (NLT) we are instructed **“don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves”**.



CONGRATULATIONS

The following students in Years 7 through to 11 were recently elected as Pastoral House representatives of their Home Form class. These students along with our Year 12 Pastoral House Leaders helped to run what was a very memorable and well-organised Swimming Carnival.

Year 11

11.1	Codey Panetta	Adam Gampe
11.2	Amelia Aitken	Matthew De Faveri
11.3	Danielle Gallo	Matthew Crane
11.4	Dayna Poggioli	Jake Buchgraber

Year 10

10.1	Bryson Beckham	Keeley Mason
10.2	Eugenio Bambino	Rhiannon Axford
10.3	Oscar Cambage	Elena Pilat
10.4	James Stevenson	Nadia Falvo

Year 9

9.1	Jonah Williams	Makala Meaney
9.2	Joshua Cox	Kaitlyn Oliver
9.3	Brendan Wright	Kate Schincariol
9.4	Liam Pozzebon	Katie Vohland

Year 8

8.1	Erik Wallace	Holly Bryce
8.2	Balie Gear	Hope Kennedy
8.3	Toby Greenwood	Giulia Pilat
8.4	Liam Haendel	Isabella Cuda

Year 7

7.1	Harry Heath	Chloe Taylor
7.2	Cody Harrigan	Rachael Schuldt
7.3	Ethan Cummings	Kaitlyn Scapin
7.4	Milan Quintieri	Gabrielle Pezzelato

These students will receive their badges at a later assembly this term.

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YEAR 11 NEWS

The 2016 academic year has commenced in a positive way for the year 11 cohort. Welcome back to all. After five weeks the learning process is in full swing for this group of 75 students. Subject changes have just about concluded and it would appear that everyone has settled with subject choices in accordance with their career pathway. A significant group of students are undergoing TAFE and traineeships where learning takes place on another campus. It is a good thing that so many choices are available.



Our new students are Daina Tamang, Lachlan MacRae and Georgia Hatfield.

Home form teachers are:

- 11 Augustine – Mrs Regina Holden
- 11 Deacon – Mr Dwayne Miller and Miss Patti Crothers
- 11 McAuley – Ms Toni Stevens and Miss Laita Nozaic
- 11 Muluridji – Mr Frank Caines

Selections processes have been held for the offices of Student Representative Council and Pastoral House representatives, congratulations to all who have been elected with the results as follows:

AUGUSTINE

SRC Representative: John Tomerini

Pastoral House Leaders: Cody Panetta and Adam Gampe

DEACON

SRC Representative: Matthew Cheesman

Pastoral House Leaders: Matthew De Faveri and Amelia Aitken

McAULEY

SRC Representative: Tulani Lea'uanae

Pastoral House Leaders: Danielle Gallo and Mathew Crane

MULURIDJI

SRC Representative: Maddison Leonforte

Pastoral House Leaders: Dayna Poggioli and Jake Buchgraber.

The Year 11 Community Day to Skyrail, The Australian Armour and Artillery Museum and Tjapukai was an enormous success and enjoyed by all. The event was relaxed, educational and interesting. A big vote of thanks to the students for their enthusiasm and 'getting along' ability. Numerous positive comments came from the public, employees of the venues and the bus drivers. We were blessed with nice weather and a desire to just enjoy the event. The Geography excursion was a good learning experience for all and special thanks to Mr Miller for organising the event.

After five weeks of schooling, the normal learning environment has become a comfortable process for all. Issues related to uniform, class procedure and assignments are now fully understood. The students are aware that they are nearing the end of their schooling years with the initial career pathway fast emerging. Please be mindful that part-time work is just that. Try not to overdo the hours. Student matters come first! Good organisation and appropriate time management allow for 'stress free' learning. Please stay on top of your assignments and present all work within the given time frames. Behaviour issues within the class should be a thing of the past. The senior learning environment relies on a peaceful and respectful environment. Look after yourselves and enjoy the moments at school.

Mr Michael Luff

Year 11 Pastoral Leader (acting)

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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!!

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.

COLLEGE DUX WINS STATE AWARD



Former St Stephen's Catholic College student, William Snell was one of 29 top-performing students from across the state to receive a Distinguished Academic Achiever Award at a special ceremony in Brisbane on 20 February.

The College Dux of 2015 and OP 1 recipient was part of an elite group of 37 young people from 27 different State, Catholic and Independent schools who received recognition at the annual Queensland Certificate of Education Achievement Awards for outstanding academic achievement in senior school studies in 2015.

Of the 600 students who received an OP 1, an A on the Queensland Core Skills Test and completed 20 or more semesters of authority subjects at a Very High Achievement standard, 29 were selected for a Distinguished Academic Achiever Award. Not only was William one of these outstanding students, but he also won the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship to pursue his dream of studying aeronautical engineering at the University of Queensland, St Lucia, and was the recipient of a Certificate of Commendation for receiving Very High Achievement on all six of his senior subjects.

William shared this prestigious award with only two other students from North Queensland, also from Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese, Rohan Olufson from St Augustine's College and Laura-Jane Jurss-Lewis from St Andrew's College.

Principal of St Stephen's Catholic College, Mrs Ida Pinese, who attended the ceremony with William's parents, congratulated William on his outstanding achievement, which she said, "was a well-deserved accolade for this brilliant, inspiring, yet unpretentious young man. The entire St Stephen's community is proud of William and wish him the very best in the next phase of his educational journey."

Right: Mr Brian Short (Chair, Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority), William Snell and the Hon Kate Jones (Minister for Education, Tourism and Major Events).



TERM DATES 2016

Term One: January 27 - March 24 (Years 7 and 12)
January 28 - March 24 (All students)

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)

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS BY PARENTS

Please note: collection of student by parents during the school day:

- Parents are to report to reception
- Students are to report to Student Services
- Students sign out before meeting parents at entrance to reception.

YEAR 8 NEWS

The start of week six marks the 'business end' of term one and it has been pleasing to see that the year 8's have settled into productive work and study routines. I am privileged to have been entrusted with the pastoral leadership of this group of fine young students and look forward to a very successful year.



The year 8 home form teachers for 2016 are: Mrs Anne Saunders - 8.1 Augustine; Mr Ben Herral - 8.2 Deacon; Mrs Samantha Malcolm - 8.3 McAuley; and Mr Richard Baker - 8.4 Muluridji. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and caring home form teachers, and if parents have any concerns about their children, communication with your child's home form teacher is essential.

Our year 8 students have been enjoying their new elective subjects for 2016, which include Industrial Technology and Design, food technology and art. Here's what some of the students had to say about their new subjects:

"ITD is great because you get to create, use the machines and do something physical."

"Art is fantastic because we get to be creative and artistic. I'm looking forward to pottery and painting."

"I enjoy food technology because we get to eat our creations! It's also interesting to learn about good nutrition. So far we've made scrolls, quiches, cupcakes and pizza."

Please feel free to contact me at the college either via 07 4086 2500 or email lheath@sscc.qld.edu.au

Mrs Leah Heath

Year 8 Pastoral Leader



STUDENT DIVERSITY

This year is going to be another huge year for the Student Diversity Department at St Stephen's Catholic College. Many students with diverse needs and backgrounds have joined the college this year, which adds to the wonderful community we have here. At St Stephen's we practise inclusivity - "Inclusive practices value the diversity of students, recognise their rights, provide equitable access to the curriculum and work towards meeting their education needs within a supportive Christian community." (Excerpts from Inclusive Practices Policy, Catholic Education Services Cairns, 2010)



The Student Diversity team welcomes Selena Dyer our new learning support officer. She joins Wendy Callaghan, Libby Bulst and Tina Hubner who all enjoy helping students both in the class room and during lunchtime help sessions. Students are welcome anytime to the Student Diversity Centre.

Individual Education Plan meetings are being held in weeks seven and eight of this term and in term two in weeks one and two. Parents, teachers, the Administration Team, students and I are all involved in these important meetings which will be held to determine goals for the education of students who are verified with a disability. These plans help everyone be on the same page.

Lastly, being in North Queensland sometimes means that we do not have access to face to face workshops on specific disabilities. However, on Thursday 19 May Sue Larkey will be conducting a workshop on Autism in Cairns. For more details please go to <http://suelarkey.com.au/product/sue-larkey-workshop-cairns/>

Parents - you are always welcome to ring or email me to make an appointment if you need to talk about any learning support needs your child may have.

God Bless you and as Philemon 1:25 says "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

Gail Musch

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P & F MEETING
8 MARCH, 5.30 PM
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Muluridji Pastoral House has been victorious two years in a row at the Interhouse Swimming Carnival. Team spirit was on display with dance battles and loud cheering for the competitors. The talent was outstanding this year with many records being broken. Special mention must go to Alaina Smith, Nadia Falvo and Jake Priestly who each broke three out of four records in their respective age groups with Nadia and Jake reaching qualifying times for Peninsula Trials.

The Pastoral House Captains are to be commended for organising house themes, with many students going all-out to demonstrate pride in their house. Deacon House showed their true spirit, once again winning the House Spirit Award with their remarkable dancing skills. Records were broken and races were won, but it was the “give it your all” attitude shown by nearly every competitor that fostered a wonderful atmosphere at the event. I congratulate our new record holders, age champions and the battlers who all 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.



Muluridji Pastoral House Leaders: Brendan Falvo and Monique Pezzelato.

Overall Results

Muluridji (869)
 Deacon (801)
 McAuley (784)
 Augustine (556)

The ‘Age Champions’ were tightly contested affairs, with two age groups having swimmers tied on points. Congratulations to the winners.

12 Girls	Alaina Smith	12 Boys	Neil Prince, Tobias Brown
13 Girls	Joanna Elliott	13 Boys	Harrison Ford, Callum Zugno
14 Girls	Marina Prince	14 Boys	Tom Jackson
15 Girls	Nadia Falvo	15 Boys	Jake Priestly
16 Girls	Sara Liaver	16 Boys	Moses Hannett-Wade
Open Girls	Ashlee Zugno	Open Boys	Liam Kerr

New School Records

New Record	Old Record
12 Years Girls 50 m Backstroke A. Smith 41.51	J.Elliott 42.03 (2015)
12 Years Girls 50 m Butterfly A. Smith 40.87	J. Elliot 46.88 (2015)
12 Years Girls 50 m Freestyle A. Smith 33.90	A. McGrath 35.71 (2015)
12 Years Boys 50 m Backstroke N. Prince 41.81	C. Zugno 46.65 (2015)
12 Years Boys 50 m Breaststroke T. Brown 53.19	C. Zugno 54.15 (2015)
12 Years Boys 50 m Freestyle T. Brown 36.41	C. Zugno 37.53 (2015)
13 Years Girls 50 m Breaststroke S. Donovan 43.38	M. Anthony 43.72 (2008)
15 Years Girls 50m Backstroke N. Falvo 34.75	K. Donovan 36.64 (2011)

15 Years Girls 50 m Freestyle N. Falvo 30.97	A. Zugno 31.53 (2014)
15 Years Girls 50 m Butterfly N. Falvo 34.22	S. Liaver 34.95 (2015)
15 Years Boys 50 m Backstroke J. Priestly 32.58	J. Peterson 34.24 (2012)
15 Years Boys 50 m Butterfly J. Priestly 30.47	J. Peterson 33.45 (2012)
15 Years Boys 50 m Freestyle J. Priestly 27.89	B. Keeling 29.80 (2010)
12 Years Boys 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay Deacon 03.19.16	Muluridji 03.56.66 (2015)
14 Years Boys 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay Muluridji 02.28.20	McAuley 2.28.55 (2014)
15 Years Girls 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay Deacon 02.23.37	McAuley 02.40.43 (2014)
15 Years Boys 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay McAuley 02.16.91	Muluridji 02.20.65 (2015)
16 Years Girls 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay Deacon 02.23.87	Deacon 02.37.15 (2015)
16 Years Boys 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay Muluridji 02.18.65	Muluridji 02.34.84 (2015)

Thank you to all the parents and friends who came along on the day for support and to those who helped out, including the Wheelbarrow Committee and tuckshop ladies for the catering, the Mareeba swimming pool / club for the use of their facilities and the college staff.

Miss Deanne Morrow

Middle Leader – Sport and Activities

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Thank you for your interest in the 2016 New Zealand Ski Trip. An information evening will be held at SSCC. Please ensure both you and your child are able to attend this night, as vital information about the trip will be provided.

DATE: Monday 7 March 2016

VENUE: S1

TIME: 6:30 pm

If you are unable to attend this meeting please send me an e-mail at tstevens@sscc.qld.edu.au and I will ensure a copy of the presentation from the night is forwarded to you.

Ms Toni Stevens

Ski Trip Coordinator



SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent the Tablelands.

Tablelands U15 Netball team:

Isabella Quintieri
Rhyanna Yow-Yeh
Megan Crane
Tarryn Steele
Deborah Hermanus
Shadow – Nataliah Lopez

Tablelands U19 Netball team:

Elyse Miller
Gage Legaspi
Rebecca Hermanus

There was some fierce competition especially in the U15 category, so this group did extremely well to get selected. These girls will be attending the Peninsula Netball trials in Innisfail on 4 March.

Tablelands Hockey team:

Girls: Kate Wilcox
Makenzi May
Codey Panetta

Boys: Daniel Haines

Rugby League U15: Callum McCarthy

CRICKET GALA DAY

Last Thursday, St Stephen's junior and senior cricket teams played in the Cricket Gala Day against schools around the region at Morrow Park, Tolga. The juniors won 2/2 (with a bye) and the seniors won 2/3. It was a pitch perfect day and both teams put in a great effort.

Names: Ethan Backshall, Braydon Olufson and Arosh Heenkenda.



Senior Team.



Jett Prien, Logan Poggioli, Thomas Flynn and Angus Poggioli



Junior Team.

CHESS NEWS

St Stephen's 'Team 1' (Trey Jones, Caleb Shorey, Hunter Liebold and Thomas Gargan) pictured below, won the opening round of the FNQ Interschool Chess Competition which was held in Cairns last Thursday. Over 230 students competed at the combined Secondary/Primary school event and St Stephen's teams finished 1st, 5th and 12th out of the 25 teams who competed in the Secondary division.



In the individual standings, Hunter Liebold finished 1st overall, winning seven out of seven games and was the only student at the competition to finish with an unblemished record. Thomas Gargan came 2nd overall, winning six out of seven games. Other notable performances included Trey Jones, Aaron Bryce, Caleb Shorey and Milan Bagic who won merit ribbons for achieving 4.5 or more points from their seven games.

We would like to thank Mr Harnischfeger for coaching the teams and Amaroo Medical for sponsoring the SSCC Chess Club. A reminder to students that chess coaching with Mr Harnischfeger is on Mondays and Tuesdays during recess two in S8 and Thursday mornings from 8.10 am until the end of period one. All students are welcome to attend.

The 2nd round of the FNQ Interschool Chess Competition will be held in Cairns on Thursday 2 June.

Chris Ellison
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What is a Tax File Number (TFN) and why do I need one?

A TFN is a unique number issued by the Australian Tax Office. It is used for purposes such as:

- Starting work (including part-time jobs)
- Lodging a tax return
- Applying for Commonwealth Government financial assistance such as pensions and other benefits
- Applying for the Higher Education Loan Program - HELP (e.g. HECS, VET FEE-HELP, FEE-HELP) when you start your university, TAFE or college study.

The process to obtain a TFN consists of three steps:

1. Complete an online form (on ATO website)
2. Print a summary of your application
3. Attend an interview to present your proof of identity documents within 30 days at a participating Australia Post office.

Visit the Australian Tax Office website at <https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/> for more information. Year 12 students intending to apply for tertiary study in 2017 should apply for their TFN this year to avoid a panic early next year.

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) information sessions

These sessions are for students interested in finding out about life and study at the ADFA in Canberra. They will commence at 6 pm on:

- Wednesday 24 February at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. RSVP to phone 13 19 01 or email cptqld@dfrc.com.au.
- Wednesday 24 February at Defence Force Recruiting Cairns, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns.
- Wednesday 24 February at Defence Force Recruiting Maroochydore, 39 Primary School Ct, Maroochydore.
- Monday 29 February at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina.

Visit their Facebook page for details about these sessions.

Before you attend one of these sessions, go on a virtual tour of the ADFA at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWI74RY9IIA&feature=em-subsub_digest-g.

A resource to replace the Job Guide

For decades the Job Guide (book and, in recent years, the website) has been a useful resource for young people exploring their career options. The book will not be published in 2016 and the website has been removed. However, all is not lost! Most of the data from the Job Guide website is now located on the Good Universities Guide website at <http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/career/search>. You can access job information on this site by using the alphabet listing or by doing a search. If you don't have a 'Job Name' to start with, ignore this part of the search and choose a 'Field of Work', a 'Type of Work' and a 'Skill Level' and see what jobs you come up with. Click on the jobs that interest you to read about them.



SCIENCE

The inaugural Science Club is underway this term. Students are currently involved in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Plant Science Competition. Encouraging the next generation of people who will be involved with agriculture as scientists or as farmers is crucial to how we will provide adequate food for the future and is a key purpose of the competition. Mrs Holden and Mrs Schermer are helping students to gain understanding and skills in key areas identified within the Australian Science Curriculum. Science Club is held weekly during recess two, and all students are welcome.



Please note: Year 8 Science assignments will now be due on Thursday March 24.

Mrs Pepi Ison

Curriculum Leader - Science

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The Science Club.



**WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH 12 AM
MEET AND GREET
DESTINY CAFÉ ATHERTON**

We are a group of local positive parents and educators who are looking to enhance the lives of those living with ASD. But sometimes parents, caregivers, relatives and teachers need support too. We are looking for people who would like to be like to be involved in this group. Please come along for a coffee and a chat.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION PROGRAM

St Stephen's offers an instrumental tuition program. This program is conducted and administered by professional music tutors. Once students reach the required level, a variety of opportunities will allow them to participate in solo and group performances.

These opportunities showcase the development of personal and concert/marching band music skills which include:

- Liturgies and school masses
- Community events such as ANZAC Day, The Multicultural Festival and the Dimbulah Lions Festival
- St Stephen's Awards Night
- Sister school events such as St Thomas' Arts Fest and St Anthony's Christmas Fair

For more information please contact Nina Raggett (MRaggett@sscc.qld.edu.au) or phone the college on 4086 2500



Queensland Department of Education and Training
Training AWARDS 2016

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
Queensland Training Awards - Far North Region

Nominations now open!

www.qta.qld.gov.au

NOMINATIONS OPEN!
The search is on for Far North Queensland's top training achievers, with nominations now open for the 2016 Far North Queensland Training Awards.

The awards enable individuals to share success stories, highlight their achievements and boost careers.
For organisations, the awards help raise profile and exposure within communities, attract customers and forge a reputation as an employer or training provider of choice.

The 2016 awards will include nine award categories:

- Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year
- Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year
- Vocational Student of the Year
- School-based Apprentice or trainee of the Year
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
- VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year
- Small Employer of the Year
- Medium Employer of the Year
- Large Employer of the Year

Nominations close on 31 March 2016.

For nomination information and a full list of categories visit qta.qld.gov.au or contact your FNQ Training Awards Coordinator, Chrystal Neeve on 07 4037 3984 or chrystal.neeve@dete.qld.gov.au

NOMINATION HELP
If nomination assistance is required for individuals or businesses please contact your regional coordinator to arrange a suitable time for nomination coaching.

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