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Drawn to Encounter



Year 12 on retreat.



Peppa Warnett and Meghan Stewart.



Rebecca Hermanus, Celina Spenu and Kate Wilcox.



Thomas Gargan, Brendan Falvo, Micheal Troncone and Tony Palumbo.



Leah Ryle and Jacinta Carusi.

This week, the Year 12 cohort spent three days at Genazzano on retreat. One important aspect of the retreat was for students to examine their own "Road of Life," reflecting and sharing their life experiences. It was also an opportunity for students to strengthen their relationships with each other and to foster spiritual growth.



NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Year 12 Retreat
12-14 April

St Stephen's Cross Country
Friday 15 April

Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 20 April

Board Meeting
Thursday 21 April

ANZAC Ceremony
Friday 22 April

ANZAC Day
Monday 25 April

District Cross Country
Friday 29 April

Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 2 May

Board Meeting
Thursday 5 May

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS?

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address. Email office@sscc.qld.edu.au or phone 4086 2500.

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

Room: S8

Monday and Tuesday Recess 2
Thursday morning before school

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



TERM DATES 2016

Term Two: April 11 - June 24

Term Three: July 11 - September 16

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

The Principal and College Staff

invite you to attend our

ANZAC CEREMONY

Friday 22 April
9.00 am

St Stephen's Catholic College



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

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Stephen's

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others (Mahatma Gandhi)

Welcome back to term two. I trust you had a Holy Easter with your family and enjoyed quality time together. At our assembly on Monday, we celebrated the safe return of our students and kept in our thoughts and prayers those who had lost loved ones during the break. Students were reminded about our culture and values which are embodied in our Mission Statement and the importance of being of service to others.



In the area of service to others, our students are to be commended for their generosity in raising in excess of \$2 000 for Caritas. This represents a great effort and I congratulate students, teachers and in particular, our APRE, Mrs Gilbert and the Social Justice Committee for their whole-hearted support of this fundraising program. Another opportunity for service will be the Anzac Day commemorations which will occur at school on Friday 22 April in lesson one, and at the dawn service and morning march at Mareeba on Monday 25 April. One of our College Captains, Kate Wilcox, has been invited to deliver the civic address and we wish her well in this endeavour. I would like to sincerely thank students, their parents and staff, in advance, for their intention to attend as representatives of St Stephen's Catholic College on this day. Service to others gives purpose to the lives of our students and makes them well-rounded citizens of the future.

Our Mission Statement also encourages our students to become independent learners and to achieve their personal best. I hope that you will find the parent-teacher interviews on 20 April, beneficial, as an affirmation of the positive effort your child is making or an opportunity to raise areas of concern. If the time frame is not adequate or you are not able to attend the interviews, arrangements can be made for you to consult with teachers at a mutually convenient time. We welcome feedback about the process so that we can continue to make improvements.

The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well. (Pierre de Coubertin)

Participation in school events is mandatory and a date claimer for this Friday, 15 April, is the Inter-house cross country. By participating, students are learning a very important lesson about commitment, teamwork and resilience. We look forward to a great run.

Updates:

- During the holidays, several students participated in extra-curricular activities. Kate Wilcox won the public speaking section of the Lions Youth of the Year at the District judging in Townsville. A few days later, she joined fellow student, Sabine Conolly, at the Youth Parliament in Brisbane. Rebecca Hermanus was an ambassador for the Rotary programme: National Youth Science Forum at a gathering in Brisbane. In addition, the St Stephen's Equestrian Team performed well at the competition on the weekend. Congratulations to all these students who are making the most of their time at St Stephen's with their participation in a myriad of events outside of the classroom.
- Year 12 students are currently on retreat and we wish them a rewarding experience that will enhance their spiritual and emotional growth. Our thanks are extended to Mr Veschetti, the Year 12 Pastoral Leader, Mrs Gilbert, the APRE, and the home form teachers, for their valued input.
- We are also fortunate to have the wisdom of Mr Terry Power from the Seville Centre for providing inspiration to our students in their personal faith journey.

- Enrolments for Year 7 in 2017 are progressing well. Parents who are keen to enrol their child at St Stephen's should make an enrolment interview as soon as possible, as places are filling quickly.
- On 26 May, the college will undertake an external audit by the office of non-state schools. This process occurs every five years and ensures that correct processes are followed. As parents you may be asked to participate in an interview process, and I thank you in advance for your input.
- Some of our staff have been challenged by health issues and the loss of loved ones. I would like you to keep Miss Kendra Todd, Mrs Milly Bernardi and Miss Catie Peters in your thoughts and prayers. They will be on leave for the first couple of weeks of term two and we have arranged for their classes to be covered. Thank you for your support and understanding.
- Our Marketing Officer, Mr Robert Blake has been successful in securing a promotional position as the Corporate Communications Officer with Mareeba Shire Council. Robert has worked very hard over the past three years to raise the profile of the college through quality publications and we wish him the very best in this new role. His departure from a position that was part-time has provided us with an opportunity to restructure. The current position of Office Manager/Assistant to the Principal has been separated into two distinct roles and the process of appointing an Office Manager is underway. Aspects of the marketing portfolio will be shared by these two positions.

In conclusion, I look forward to another rewarding term. We are fortunate to have dedicated teachers, supportive parents and students who are willing to learn. Your role as parents is a very important one and I extend a warm invitation to you to attend as many of our school events, be they assemblies Parent and Friends meetings, liturgies, sporting or cultural occasions, as your time permits.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | **Principal**
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HELPING HANDS

Last term, our College Captains attended a leadership dinner hosted by Mareeba Rotarty for both primary and secondary students in the Mareeba district. The leaders also took part in the RAWCS helping hands project, making mechanical hands for Landmine victims in Cambodia.



PAST STUDENT SUCCESS

Graduate of 2012, Monique Cassaniti, recently graduated from James Cook University with a Bachelor of Business majoring in Accounting and Financial Management. Monique also received an academic medal. Congratulations Monique and all the best with your job at Grant Thornton in Cairns.



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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

We finished term one with our Easter Liturgy. Thank you to Laura Gilbert, Janai Sugars and all the students who were involved for the beautiful portrayal of the Stations of the Cross.



Term two will also be another busy term with lots of events. In week one the year 12 students are attending their retreat, while the year 10 and 11 students will participate in the Real Talks hosted at St Stephen's. On Friday 15 April, the Inter-house Cross Country will be held in the last two periods of the day. In week two, on Friday, all students will attend the College's Anzac Ceremony.

Year 7 and year 9 students will participate in NAPLAN testing from Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May. Parents and carers of these student should have received the 2016 information for parents with the students' reports. Information regarding the withdrawal of students from this test can be found on www.nap.edu.au.

Ms Anja van Hooydonk
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FROM THE COLLEGE LEADER PASTORAL CARE

UNIFORM

Shirts - Senior students have had some minor changes to the way in which the College uniform has been worn this year. A reminder that our senior boys are to present with shirts tucked in.



Term two and three sees the addition of ties worn by senior boys (years 10 – 12) as part of their formal uniform.

SRC NEWS

The Easter egg hunt that year 12 students ran for our year 7 students in the last week of Term 1 was very well received. The members of our SRC executive developed the idea and organised the event. This event served to strengthen the ties between our senior students and our year 7 students, whilst at the same time ensuring a fun event.

PASTORAL

This week students at the college were challenged to be mindful of what we do and say when under pressure. With an 11 week term of new challenges ahead, students were encouraged to take opportunities to invest positively in the lives of others. The way in which we communicate to others by word or deed conveys how we value them. Successful relationships require work. 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.

Mr Matthew Draper
College Leader Pastoral Care
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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.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to College Captain Kate Wilcox who won the Public Speaking component of the Lions Youth of the Year District Final in Townsville on the holidays.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK

Happy Easter and welcome back to Term 2! Our college community gathered on Holy Thursday for a moving Stations of the Cross liturgy led by students from Years 10 – 12. Thank you to our liturgy band, under the direction of Miss Sugars, senior Art students and helpers, actors and readers who made this a reflective and prayerful occasion for our college community. The artwork of Christ's face, hands and feet which were painted by students while on stage, greatly enhanced our liturgy.



YEAR 12 RETREAT

As this newsletter goes to print, our Year 12 students are on retreat at Genazzano. The theme of this Retreat is 'Drawn to Encounter – God, myself, others and creation'. Our students are blessed to have the opportunity to take some time out of their busy lives and to stop and reflect on their life journey thus far, and to consider their futures and the impact that relationships with God and others has on our lives. Thank you to Mr Carlo Veschetti, Mr Terry Power (Mercy Ministries), Mrs Anne Chellingworth (Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator), Real Talk Australia, Mrs Jodie Jackson, Mr Chris Ellison and Miss Janai Sugars for their assistance in leading and facilitating this retreat.

REAL TALK

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, our Year 10 and Year 11 students participated in Love and Life Reflection Days with Real Talk Australia, a Catholic ministry based in Brisbane which explores personal identity and relationships through a Catholic context. Students enjoyed the multimedia, activities and discussion led by the presenters.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for your generous support of Project Compassion. Our college community raised over \$2000 for this worthy cause. Congratulations to Deacon House who beat the other pastoral houses in raising the most funds this year.

Mrs Laura Gilbert
Assistant Principal Religious Education

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



YEAR 6 VISIT

Students in Year 6 from our feeder schools spent the day at St Stephen's where they participated in classes and activities, giving them a taste of high school life.



As this Newsletter went to print, we had students from St Joseph's in Atherton and St Thomas' Mareeba.

ARCHERY NATIONALS

Last month, Year 7 students, Neil Prince and Daley Taylor competed in the Archery Youth Nationals at Penrith, Sydney. There were four events for each age division and they achieved exceptional results.

Daley Taylor Silver Medal for Target (PB)
Bronze Medal for Short Distance

Neil Prince Gold Medal for Target (PB)
Gold Medal for Clout (PB)
Silver Medal for Field (PB)
Silver Medal for Short Distance (PB)



ASPIRING TEACHER

Congratulations to past student Adrianna Soncin who received an Aspiring Teachers Grant. Funded by the Department of Education and Training, the Aspiring Teachers Grant provides financial assistance of \$1,500 to the successful applicants. Up to 25 high achieving secondary students who intend commencing a teacher education program in Queensland in 2016 may be awarded the Grant. Adrianna is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Education (Secondary) at JCU in Cairns majoring in English and Biology.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

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



Catholic Education - Diocese of Cairns
Learning with Faith and Vision

During Term 1, our Executive Director Bill Dixon advised of the review of Inclusive Practices for Students with Disability in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cairns.

Its purpose is to improve the ways in which Catholic Education Services include and support students with disability in schools in the Diocese of Cairns. University of Canberra Emeritus Professor Tony Shaddock who has significant experience across all levels of education and across all educational sectors is conducting the Review. Professor Shaddock will visit a sample of schools in the Diocese, interview and/or survey key stakeholders, and report in June 2016.

An important voice within these surveys is that of our parent group.

You can complete the survey by clicking on this link:
<http://goo.gl/forms/tcoRRLdneM>

GREAT WHEELBARROW RACE 2016

Training and preparation for this year's Wheelbarrow Race is underway. This year, St Stephen's Catholic College will support Mareeba District Hospital as their chosen charity. To maximise our fundraising endeavours and to purchase necessary equipment for the race, we are asking for the support of individuals and businesses in the form of sponsorship. There are three options to choose from.

GOLD:

For \$500 or more, sponsors will get their company name and logo posted on the college Facebook page and their company name and logo in the school newsletter for one month preceding and following the event.

SILVER:

For \$250 - \$499, sponsors will get their company name posted on the college Facebook page and their company name in the school newsletter for one month preceding and following the event.

BRONZE:

For less than \$250, sponsors will get their company name in the school newsletter for one month preceding and following the event.

Sponsorship can be made by direct bank deposit (see the details provided below) or by phone through the school office (07 4086 2500). An electronic copy of company logos can be emailed to achiesa@sscc.qld.edu.au with the subject "Wheelbarrow Race Logo."

If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact me via the details above. All sponsorship donations would be greatly appreciated!

Andrea Chiesa
Wheelbarrow Race Co-ordinator

Direct Deposit Details
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084 352
Account No: 0000 12931
Name: St Stephen's Catholic College
Detail: GWR Insert Company Name

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL 1 Day Workshop

Learn the safe, responsible and legal requirements for dispensing and serving alcohol in accordance with State legislation. The offering of a full day face to face course offers benefits to people that are doing RSA for the first time or people that are new to the industry. A range of practical skills will be assessed. A statement of attainment will be issued upon successful completion of this course and this will be recognition for RSA documentation for industry.

Topics:
Areas of study include:
Provide Responsible Services of Alcohol

Career prospects:
Everyone involved in the sale and supply of alcohol in QLD in a licensed premise are required to complete this qualification.

An RSA Certificate is required for work in hospitality establishments such as:
Clubs / Hotels / Resorts / Restaurants / Bars

Details of Course: 1 full day face-to-face workshop
Date: Thursday 19th May 2016
Venue: St Stephens Catholic College
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: \$75.00

Students must bring their completed assessment and workbook to class.

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Atherton | Barraba | Bowen | Burdekin | Cairns | Cannonvale | Charters Towers
Cloncurry | Ingham | Innisfail | Mareeba | Mount Isa | Normanton | Palm Island
Thursday Island | Townsville (Pitcair) | Townsville Trade Training Centre (Borke)

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GREAT
HAPPEN

