



St Stephen's News

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Deputy Principal Curriculum: Ms Andrea Chiesa
Assistant Principal Religious Education: Mrs Laura Gilbert
Assistant Principal Administration: Mr Lance Helms
Business Manager: Mr Hadyn Flynn

Lights, Camera, Action!

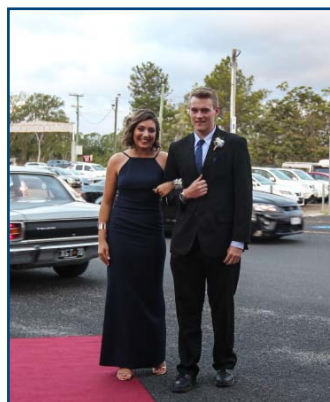


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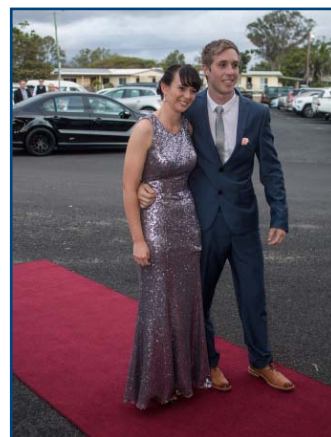
The Seniors of 2015 walked the red carpet in style last Friday evening at this year's Hollywood inspired Year 12 Formal, which was held at the Mareeba International Club.



Timothy Fraser and Janna Durano.



Joy Musch and Zachary McAulay.



Jennifer Moss and Isaac Tahir.



Jake Pendlebury and Celie Henderson.

NOTICES

IMPORTANT DATES:



19 October	Student free day
28 October	Awards Night
05 November	Board Meeting
10-13 November	Year 12 Block Exams
20 November	Year 12 Graduation
24 - 27 November	Year 11 Block Exams

TERM DATES 2015

Term Four: October 6 - November 20 (Year 12)
October 6 - November 27 (Year 7 - 11)

Student Free Day

Monday, October 19 2015

Mathematics Tuition

Students seeking help with their Maths may attend a tuition/homework class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at second recess in the MCR classroom. Mr Ellison and Miss Sugars will be in attendance to assist students at both Junior and Senior levels with any difficulties they may be experiencing.

A roll of attendance will be kept for these sessions.

TERM DATES 2016

Term One: January 25 - March 24 (Years 7 and 12)
January 27 - 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)

The Social Justice Committee

2015 CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Please bring non-perishable items such as drinks, chips, biscuits, canned food, Christmas decorations, toys etc to donate to the annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal.

Help those less fortunate this Christmas!



Student Support Program

The St Stephen's Catholic College Parents and Friends Association Student Support Program is a source of financial support to students who represent St Stephen's Catholic College in extra-curricular activities outside the college. Students who travel for inter-regional or interstate events in school-connected activities are eligible for financial support from the P&F Association under this program. Students may make only one application for financial assistance per year and funds are limited to \$100 per student per annum. Students wishing to apply for funding must complete an 'Application Form' and submit this to:

**The Secretary - Parents & Friends Association
St Stephen's Catholic College Mareeba**

Application forms can be downloaded from the college website on the Parents and Friends page.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 10 2015 at 5.30 pm
St Stephen's Administration Block

FROM THE Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'" — Martin Luther King Jr.

While not everyone is endowed with the same gifts from God, the important lesson imparted at St Stephen's is that all students are expected to do their best. Foremost at the college's annual Awards Night on Wednesday 28 October will be a celebration of student excellence in a diverse range of fields---academic, sporting, cultural, leadership and community service. The student with the greatest gifts is not always the winner; often it is perseverance, self-belief and hard work which yield the best results. Parents and friends of St Stephen's are welcome to join with the college staff in congratulating those students whose achievements have enriched our school environment.

In addition to the successes which will be acknowledged on Awards Night, there are numerous other occasions when our students have let their light shine and represented the college admirably. It was a pleasure to see so many students attend the St Stephen's Day celebration on the last day of term three and I sincerely thank all parents who supported the college with their children's attendance. Every aspect of the day's activities has contributed positively to the fostering of the St Stephen's culture—from the reverent blessing of the college's chapel at the start of the day, to the much-contested netball match between the year 12 students and teachers, at the day's end. The plethora of talent challenged the judges during the entertaining talent quest, while the mini-fair raised over \$2 700. If students are to gain a holistic education, it is such days which provide opportunities for teamwork and the development of positive relationships.

This has been an exceptional year for the college in terms of the representation by students at state level in a variety of fields—sporting, Readers Cup, Brain Bee and now chess. The college's number one chess team will travel to Brisbane this weekend to contest the state titles. Our best wishes go with them for a memorable experience.

During the September school holidays, twelve excited students from years 9 to 12 accompanied by Mr Priestly, Mrs Musch and I, travelled to Japan to sign an intercultural exchange agreement with Sano Nihon Daigaku Secondary College. The purpose of this partnership is to establish a cultural exchange programme between our two schools so that both parties have a greater appreciation of each other's culture. The students were effective ambassadors for our school, community and country and established positive relationships with their host families. In a similar fashion, the year 12 formal on 9 October was a resounding success, due to the total engagement by the students on the evening and the lengthy preparations that were undertaken, over several months, by the Formal Committee of parents, college staff and students. With many of these events, parental support has been integral to their success.



As the year draws to a close, the mantle of leadership for 2016 will be assumed by our current year 11 students when elections take place in the next few weeks.

Their best role model for leadership in a Catholic school is Jesus. His was a message of: do as I do. I wish the nominees the very best and leave them with a very relevant quote about leadership: **“I suppose that leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.”** (Mahatma Gandhi)

Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese

Principal

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St Stephen's Chess Team ready for State Finals

All the best to Thomas Gargan, Caleb Shorey, Hunter Liebold and Steven Harnischfeger who will travel to Brisbane this weekend with Mr Ellison to compete at the State chess competition. Thank you to Mr Michael Harnischfeger for his contribution and dedication in preparing the team over the past few weeks.



Thomas Gargan, Caleb Shorey, Mr Ellison, Hunter Liebold and Steven Harnischfeger.

Feast of St Gerard

Saturday 24 October is the annual celebration of the Feast of St Gerard Majella. There will be a Mass at St Clare's Church, Tully at 2 pm to be presided by Fr Adriano Pittarello, a Scalabrinian Priest from Sydney. It will be followed by a procession through the streets, stalls, cent sale, raffles and BBQ at St Clare's School. Fireworks will commence at 8.30 pm. **All welcome!**

FROM THE Deputy Principal Curriculum

Planning for 2016 is well underway. In term three, students in year 8 and 9 were asked to submit subject preferences for elective subjects. These preferences have been collated, and the information used to construct subject lines within the college timetable, to accommodate the majority of preferences. Difficult decisions regarding the viability of running some courses, where student interest is low, have been made. Parents and students will receive notification shortly detailing the curriculum offerings for 2016, confirmation of students' selections and an invitation to reselect subjects where preferences have not been met.



Year 10 and 11 students interested in enrolling in a certificate course offered by an external RTO in 2016 are encouraged to finalise applications as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Course details are advertised regularly via daily notices and outside the VET Officer's room in M Block. Please contact Mrs Julie Goleby for further details.

For our year 12 students there will not be any reports prepared by St Stephen's. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) is responsible for issuing the year 12 results and these can be accessed online through the students' learning accounts on 19 December. Hard copies of tertiary entrance statements, senior statements and Queensland Certificates of Education will be posted a day earlier by the QCAA. All year 12 students have been informed of the process which needs to be followed for the electronic access of their results.

The completion of tests will be staggered with year 12 block exams occurring from 10 to 13 November. As the last day for attendance by this cohort is Friday 20 November, results must be collated for submission to QCAA as soon as tests are concluded. For the remainder of the school,

the final week of term four has been scheduled for testing, with Year 11 block exams taking place from 24 to 27 November. It is very important for parents to note that ALL students have a test on Friday 27 November and attendance on this last day is compulsory. Failure to complete tests will have a detrimental effect on a student's level of achievement for semester two.

We rely on your support to ensure that students are able to achieve the best possible results. If you have any enquires about end-of-term tests, please contact me at the college.

Ms Andrea Chiesa | **Deputy Principal (Curriculum)**
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FROM THE Assistant Principal Administration

It has been a pleasure to see the students embrace the beginning of term so positively. They are to be commended for their behaviour and continued stewardship of the college. We look forward to the students sustaining this conduct throughout the term so that everyone can finish the school year on a positive note.



Students have been reminded that they are to ensure that they comply with uniform expectations. We have had occurrences of students wearing the incorrect shorts and socks on their allocated sports days. We hope that parents and carers can support us by monitoring their children's uniform to safeguard from any infringement. As always, this support is very much appreciated.

For our current year 11s, a letter has been sent home informing them of the uniform expectation regarding the pastoral house shirt. These students will be required to have a pastoral house shirt in 2016, so it is essential that their current shirt is maintained as appropriate attire for next year.

Mr Veschetti, the Middle Leader Pastoral, will be happy to field any questions regarding this matter. In future newsletters, there will be reminders of the changes to the college uniform that are being implemented for 2016.

I would like to conclude by encouraging everyone to incorporate three very important terms in their everyday conversations and use them as often as possible, and with consistent use, there might be a positive shift in how we approach life, relationships, work, and study. PLEASE is a simple word that promotes courtesy and respect, validating the importance and dignity of another human being; THANK YOU is recognition of the things that others do for us, no matter how insignificant or small the act of service of kindness may be; and SORRY is a hallmark of humility and courage as it takes a strong character to admit mistakes and ask for forgiveness.

I would like to challenge everyone to be use these terms as often as possible, as they have the power to make a difference in the lives of others.

Thanking everyone for their support, and God bless.

Lance Helms
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St Stephen's Catholic College

proudly presents our annual

Awards Night

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

7.30 pm

Mareeba International Club

FROM THE

Assistant Principal Religious Education

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenged a wealthy man to give away his possessions in order to follow Him more closely. We all carry "baggage" or possessions that slow us down and hold us back from living a life of love and service. Jesus challenges us to let go of the possessions, distractions, people or circumstances that are holding us back from him. In order to do this, we need to let go of the "baggage" we are holding onto, spend time in prayer and give of ourselves in service to others. There are a number of ways students are being invited to do this over the coming weeks.



The Church considers October to be the month of the Holy Rosary. Students are invited to come along to pray a decade of the rosary in the college chapel on Tuesday mornings at 8.20 am throughout October.

As part of the Catholic Mission Appeal for 2015, a Rice Meal will be held at St Thomas' School Staffroom at 7 pm after the 6 pm mass on Saturday 24 October. Students and their families are invited to come along and share in a rice meal for a small donation to raise money for Children's Mission Partners and to take part in an act of solidarity for those suffering in poverty. Please see me to register your interest.

Finally, the Social Justice Committee invites all students to support their final project for 2015, the St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal. Students are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items, soft drinks, decorations and party goods which can be given as part of Christmas hampers to families in need in our local area. I encourage all students to support this worthy cause and the hard work of our Social Justice Committee.

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Community Service

At the end of last term, the Student Representative Council and the Social Justice Committee both made donations to local community organisations.



The Student Representative Council donated over \$300 to the Mareeba Animal Refuge after raising money from the RSPCA Cupcake Day. *Pictured: Jennifer from the Animal Refuge and Student Representative Council President Tiarne Reedy.*



The Queensland Cancer Council received a donation of \$350 from money raised by the Social Justice Committee on Daffodil Day. *Pictured: Kay from the Queensland Cancer Council with Social Justice Committee Vice President, Timothy Fraser and President Alexandria Struthers.*

Change of contact details?

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

FROM THE Guidance Counsellor

In the holidays, I went to the Better Life Better World 2015 Biennial Glasser conference based on William Glasser's Choice Theory Reality Therapy. There were interesting speakers from around the world informing us that we now know that the brain is capable of rewiring itself and that we can always learn how to improve our relationships and take charge of our own actions. We have five needs encoded in our genes: survival, love and belonging, freedom, fun and power. Choice Theory relies on internal motivation to help us get what we want without destroying relationships which are important to us. External control is a belief that what we choose to do is right, and what the other person does is wrong. Glasser says we all learn external control and he highlights seven deadly habits of external control which can destroy our relationships with one another. They are: criticizing, blaming, complaining, nagging, threatening, punishing and bribing or rewarding to control. Of course, there are more than seven deadly habits but if we change our behaviour and stop using these seven habits, we will be happier in life because our relationships with others will improve. The seven caring habits of Choice Theory are: supporting, encouraging, listening, accepting, trusting, respecting and negotiating differences. When I work with students, I often tell them that the only person you can control is yourself. We are all guilty of using the seven deadly habits but we are also all capable of replacing these habits with the seven caring habits. Glasser reminds us that "If everyone can learn that what is right for me does not make it right for everyone else, the world would be a much happier place".

Michelle Hall | **Guidance Counsellor**
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Help! Help! You cry. It is good to ask for help and at the Student Diversity Centre we are happy to help. This term, please do not hesitate to come to the lunchtime help session at the on MCR Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Tuesday and Thursday the Maths Department has tutoring in the MCR.



We can help you with organization or planning your term. Term four planners are available in A3 size. Term four is a shorter term and also it is a busy one, with many academic and personal date claimers. It is good to sit down and start to plan when you might need to really concentrate on an assignment, or when you might be going to the Christmas party for your sporting team. Planning helps to get the "muddle of events" out of your head and clarifies what needs to be done and when it is to be done.

Even King Solomon (the wisest man ever) talks about how to get help in Proverbs 1:5. The wise will hear and increase their learning, And the person of understanding will acquire wise counsel (help) and the skill [to steer his course wisely and lead others to the truth] (Amplified Bible).

Finally, a huge thank you to the parents/carers of verified students who have attended Individual Education Plan meetings and signed various forms this year. Your cooperation has made the running of this department smoother, and we look forward to collaborating again next year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or ideas for your children for 2016.

Gail Musch | **Curriculum Leader (Student Diversity)**
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Attention: Indigenous Students 2016 in Years 11 and 12

Please remember that there are many opportunities for participation in various events such as the Queensland Schools Constitutional Conventions on 9 February 2016, Winter and Summer schools at Universities and the Annual Indigenous Student Leaders Dinner. It is important to start to think and plan for these events. If you want to know more please see Ms Gertrude Davis - Indigenous Liaison Officer, Mrs Hall - School Guidance Counsellor or myself (Mrs Musch Curriculum Leader – Student Diversity).

Cultural links forged with Japanese High School

During the September school holidays, twelve students, two teachers (Mr Priestly and Mrs Musch) and the Principal, Mrs Pinese, travelled to Japan to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Intercultural Exchange between St Stephen's Catholic College and Sano Nihon Daigaku Secondary School in Sano City.

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a cultural exchange programme between our two schools. In 2013, a similar group of students made the first connection with this secondary school located in a town of approximately 100 000 people.

With an enrolment of just over 600 students, Sano Nihon Daigaku Secondary School has many similarities with St Stephen's in terms of its school culture. Over a period of two days, our students were involved in a range of classroom educational activities with their Japanese counterparts and were able to practise their Japanese language skills. It was a great opportunity to compare similarities and differences between the two schools and to gain a greater appreciation of each other's cultures.

Our students were very effective ambassadors for St Stephen's Catholic College, the community and country and established positive relationships with their host families. It was indeed a memorable experience and our college looks forward to future visits by our new sister school in Japan.





“Personally, going to Japan was a dream come true. To be able to spend time with people I couldn’t talk to and to totally get out of my comfort zone made the experience so much better. Learning a different culture and language that most people don’t have the opportunity to do, and being able to create lifelong friendships with people in a different country is a once in a life time experience that I am very grateful to be a part of.”

Olivia Sturgiss

“The trip to Japan was an amazing experience, from which I have learnt a lot about another culture.”

Giulia Rogato



“I think the Japan trip in 2015 was a fascinating, educational and rewarding experience. I loved every minute of it and have found it to be a memorable trip. Every place that we visited was amazing, and I hope to visit Japan again in the future. I thank all the teachers who prepared this trip and helped run it, because without them, we wouldn’t have had such an amazing time.”

Paulina Bernhardi





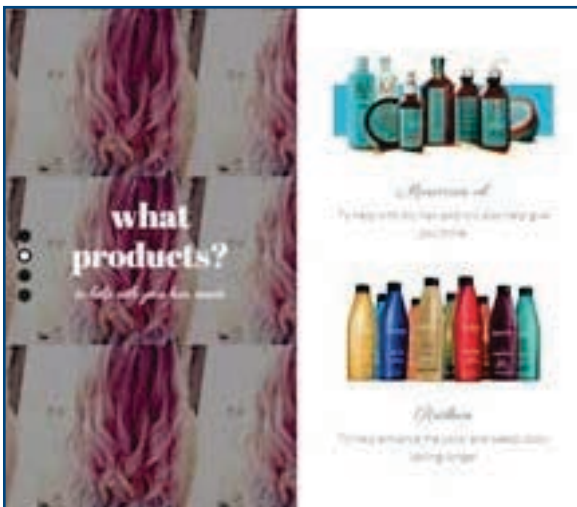
Technology



Welcome back to term four. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing break. This term promises to be another big one, with our year seven and eight students on their final rotation. Below are some screenshots of our year eight Digital Technologies student work.

Earlier this week, our VET students (Certificate I in Engineering and Certificate II in Furniture Making) visited Ravenshoe to attend the Torimba Festival of the Forest. The students were able to walk through a range of furnishing items that had been entered into the Torimba wood working competition, and look at others that were for sale from local schools, hobbyists and wood turners.

During their visit to Torimba, the students were also treated to a display from a blacksmith, Noel, who demonstrated forge welding and other blacksmith art skills such as punching, bending and forming.



Toni Stevens
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Year 12 Formal 2015



Lights, Camera, Action! The Hollywood themed Year 12 Formal went off with a bang last Friday night at the Mareeba International Club. After months of hard work and dedication by a number of people, the annual event came together and was a great success.

All the girls wore the best Hollywood dresses and the boys were dressed to impress. Despite early weather concerns, the show went on! The group photo was taken outside the beautiful new chapel, a symbol of our grade's uniqueness.

Then it was off to the International Club where everyone arrived in style in various cars - new and old- and there was even a bus. After the official arrivals, the night began with a delicious meal.

College Captains, Joshua and Mellory, cut the delicious formal cake made by Mrs Rossi. True to the Hollywood theme, the awards ceremony produced some surprising results with the favourites also winning. Joy Musch won best dressed female and Mitchell Naylor took out the best dressed male category. Sudhanshu Pathania and Tahlia Avolio were awarded the best couple, while 'the boys' in the bus won the best arrival.

Overall, it was an exciting and memorable night, one we certainly will not forget. A special thanks to the Formal Committee and to all those involved for organising such a wonderful event. And that's a wrap!

Alexandria Struthers | Year 12



Katherine Rossi and Michael Curcio.

Photos: Robert Blake



The Boys won the best arrival award.



Zoe Feher and Hayden Lee.



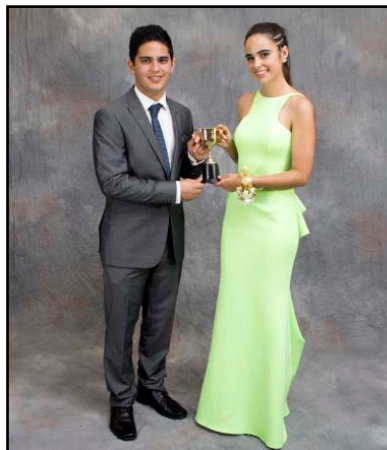
Kaiya Sawyer and Shania Bowen.



BEST DRESSED: Joy Musch.



BEST DRESSED: Mitchell Naylor.



BEST DRESSED: Sudhanshu Pathania and Tahlia Avolio.



Joshua Priestly and Adrianna Soncin.

Top three in the State

Abi Vickary recently returned from the BMX Queensland State Champions in Cairns where she competed against 20 girls from all over Queensland. Progressing through her four heats, Abi secured a spot in the final where she finished 3rd fastest in Queensland for 12 year old girls. Congratulations Abi on a great achievement.



Interschool Dressage Competition

During the school holidays, Jamie Hewitt-Toms represented St Stephen's at the Far North Equestrian Dressage Championships and was named Champion under 13 years. Well done Jamie.



Medical Updates

We invite you to advise the school in writing if your child has a medical or mental health diagnosis and/or is on medication. We are keen to assist in supporting students to identify and minimize barriers that may affect their ability to achieve their personal best. Please advise Ms Andrea Chiesa (Deputy Principal Curriculum) or Mrs Michelle Hall (School Counsellor) even if your child is on medication for a short period of time.

INDIA APPEAL Family Night

Saturday 31 October 2015

Starts 5pm

SAINTS BACKYARD / POOL AREA

All Welcome - Bring Family and Friends

Delicious Curries

BYO Drinks

Monster Raffle
Bring extra cash for a chance to win great prizes

Saints Pool open for the kids



Pig on the Spit

Soft Drinks and Beer for sale

Jumping Castle

Prize for Best Dressed Table

St Augustine's College Annual Fundraiser (since 1995)
All money raised is sent to our sister Marist School in India
P. Udayapatti, Tamil Nadu



\$15.00 Adults
\$10.00 Children (12 years & over)
MONEY PAYABLE ON THE NIGHT

For catering purposes, RSVP preferred but not essential
Telephone: 4051 5555
Email: reception@sac.qld.edu.au



St Joseph's Parish
Atherton
presents the annual



Come and join us for a night of fun and laughter.
Challenge your brain and win some great prizes.

Table Quizzes, Door Prizes and Raffles!!!!



Meals available from 6.30pm.
Soft drinks available BYO alcohol.
Supper provided.



A prize for the best dressed themed table.

6:30pm meal for a 7:30pm start in Undercover Area
At St Joseph's Parish School
Friday 16th October 2015

Cost: \$10 per person (Maximum of Eight to a table.)
FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS THE CHURCH RESTORATION

Tickets available from :

Finishing Touch 3 Jack St 40912992 (Business Hours)
St Joseph's Parish Office Mabel St 40911125 (Wed - Fri)
St Joseph's Parish School Cnr Jack & Alice St 40914211

