## St Stephen's Catholic College

Trust in the Lord

# St Stephen's News

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# HONOURING ANZAC DAY





In a reverent and moving service, the St Stephen's community gathered on Monday 24 April to commemorate the 102nd anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Inspired by the address of Mr Craig Reedman (Corporal, Combat Engineer, Royal Australian Engineers - ret'd) tribute was paid to those who fought bravely so that we may enjoy peace.



Top left: Year Eleven Students, Ellena Spena, Mackenzie Elms, Lauren Davis, Tarryn Steele and Annalisse Troncone. Top right: Cadet Corporal Blake Tahir and Cadet Sergeant Emily Ernst. Above left: Mr Craig Reedman. Above right: Wreaths that were laid at the College's Anzac Memorial.

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Wednesday 26 April Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 28 April 13-19 years District Cross Country (Atherton)

Monday 1 May May Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 2 May** Year 12 Geography Excursion

**Thursday 4 May** Year 10 Geography Excursion

Friday 5 May 10-12 years District Cross Country (Dimbulah)

**Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 May** NAPLAN for Years 7 and 9

Tuesday 16 May P and F Meeting

**Tuesday 16 May** Year 7 Immunisations

Friday 19 May to Sunday 21 May The Great Wheelbarrow Race

Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 June Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 24 July Student Free Day

Monday 11 to Thursday 14 September Year 10 Work Experience

# **CHESS CLUB**

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H) Room: S5 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Recess 2 and Thursday morning before school. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

## TERM DATES 2017

Term 2	18 April - 23 June
Term 3	10 July - 15 September
Term 4	3 October - 24 November
	Year 12 - 17 November

# **ENROL NOW FOR 2018**

All new students must have an enrolment interview; this includes those who already have siblings attending St Stephen's Catholic College. Contact the office for more information. Phone: 4086 2523

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

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

#### 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.

#### **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.

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

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address. Please email the office office@sscc.qld.edu.au or phone 4086 2500. Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." (Mother Teresa)

Welcome back to term two. I trust you had a Holy Easter with your family and enjoyed quality time together. It was great to see students well-rested and ready to embrace the many opportunities available at our college—both within and outside the classroom. Not only are students expected to achieve their potential academically, but they are also encouraged to see Jesus in everyone they encounter and to practise what Mother Teresa so simply, but effectively, expressed in the opening quotation.



In the area of service to others, our students are to be commended for their generosity in raising approximately \$2,700.00 for Caritas. This is our best effort to date and I congratulate students, teachers and in particular, our Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE), Mrs Gilbert and the Social Justice Committee for their whole-hearted support of this fundraising programme. Another opportunity for service was the ANZAC Day commemorations which occurred at school on Monday 24 April in lesson one, and at the dawn service and morning march at Mareeba on Tuesday 25 April. I would like to sincerely thank students, their parents and staff, for their attendance 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.

Last week the year twelve students participated in a retreat experience that enhanced their spiritual and emotional growth. Our thanks are extended to Mrs Crockford, the year twelve Pastoral Leader, Mrs Gilbert, the APRE and their team for their valued input. We were 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.

Our Mission Statement encourages our students to become independent learners and to achieve their personal best. I hope that you found the parent-teacher interviews on Wednesday 26 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 was not adequate or you were 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.

#### **Updates:**

- Enrolments for year seven in 2018 are progressing well and I thank all parents who have followed our new enrolment procedure. It has certainly made the process easier to manage.
- We welcome to our teaching staff Mr Frank Vaughan and Mrs Julie Goleby. Also, Mrs Christine Weedon from Mt St Bernard College is generously assisting us with year 12 Legal Studies on Thursdays.
- Best wishes to the year seven and nine students who are undertaking NAPLAN testing from 9 to 11 May. They have been well prepared by their teachers.
- From 14 May to 26 May, I will be on a benchmarking study tour of schools in New York (USA) and Ontario (Canada). This tour forms part of the Executive Development for Educational Leaders Programme, of which I am very fortunate to be a part. Ms Andrea Chiesa, our Deputy Principal, will be Acting Principal in my absence.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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 principal@sscc.qld.edu.au

#### ANZAC DAY SERVICES MAREEBA MT MOLLOY AND DIMBULAH











Taken from Mr Reedman's speech at the College's ANZAC Commemoration Service: "Sacrifice does not always have to be the giving of one's life; sometimes it can be as simple as sacrificing your pride and walking away from an argument or confrontation; something many of our world leaders would do well to take note of at the moment".



#### Uniform

It is fitting this week as we reflect on ANZAC Day, that we recognise the bravery of men and women who have served our country. Associated with these courageous Australians is the uniform that they wear with pride and all that it stands for.



This week on assembly I spoke to our student body regarding the values that are inherent in the St Stephen's College uniform. Our College uniform stands out in the community, as do our students. Students of our College were reminded of the values attached to our uniform including that of integrity, courage and honesty.

Integrity was framed to the students as, "doing what you said you would do when you said you would do it". Students were challenged to be courageous, to make morally autonomous decisions even if they are unpopular. The final value portrayed was honesty, explained as, "doing the right thing even when no-one is watching". It is the display of these values by our students that help create a great school.

#### **Pastoral Challenge**

We are all busy people. Our days are usually packed. We are generally good at helping people, if it is on our 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.

How about us? How often do people pass us who feel like they have lost everything? 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 is 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 those who come across your path. Reach out.

#### What action are we called to take?

Reach out and help. As you walk through your week, pay attention to those around you. Do you see anyone in need? If there is something you can do to ease their pain, reach out to them. You may send an encouraging card or give someone a smile. You can open doors for someone or help another carry a heavy load. Even a listening ear can be a great comfort.

#### Reminder regarding Mobile Phones (as per Student Record Book)

"Mobile phones are to be stored in lockers and switched off. The College will contact parents, on a student's behalf, if a call needs to be made during the school day. Similarly, messages for students may be left at the office. Mobile phones will be confiscated and retained in safe keeping in the office for a week, if found being used or carried at school". Parents are required to collect their students mobile phone in person, should it be required before the confiscation period has expired.

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



## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - SCIENCE

#### Australian Youth Aerospace Forum

The Australian Youth Aerospace Forum is being held in Brisbane this year from 3 to 7 July. This five day residential camp aims to provide year eleven and year twelve students with an interest in aerospace, with an insight into the career and training options available after high school. This year's forum will include opportunities in Aerospace Engineering, Aerospace Trades and Traineeships, Pilot Training and Military Aerospace entry options.



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Students will experience professional aerospace first hand through exclusive industry site visits and discussions with key industry and academic leaders.

To find out more or to apply please visit: www.ayaa.com.au/AYAF-Bris. Applications close Friday 26 May 2017.

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Mrs Pepita Ison Middle Leader Curriculum - Science pison@sscc.qld.edu.au

#### **SCIENCE IN ACTION**









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## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - HPE AND ACTIVITIES

Wow, what a great start to the sporting year! St Stephen's Catholic College has had many success stories in the sporting arena during term one.

On behalf our Stephen's community, I would like to congratulate the following students:

#### Peninsula Representation

Ty Simmons	Basketball 10-12 years
Rommany Soley	Football u19 years
Ely Lynch-Simmons	Basketball 16-18 years
Riley Bell	Rugby Union u18 years
Hunter Liebold	Rugby Union u18 years
Jenna Kerswell	Netball 13-15 years
Rhyanna Yow-Yeh	Netball 13-15 years
Nadia Falvo	Swimming
Layton Osborne	Basketball 16-18 years (shadow)
Brandon Osborne	Basketball 16-18 years (shadow)

#### NEW PROCEDURE FOR SPORT NOMINATIONS

There is a new procedure for all sport nominations, starting this term.

- 1. If students are interested in nominating for particular sports they will need to listen to student notices during home form.
- 2. Submit their details at Student Services on the lists provided (including name, date of birth and home form).
- 3. Students will then receive an "information/permission to trial package" in their home form the following day.
- 4. All paperwork is then to be returned as soon as possible to the sport mail box located at student services.

#### DATE CLAIMERS - TERM TWO

Friday 28 April Friday 5 May Friday 19 - Sunday 21 May Monday 22 - Thursday 25 May Monday 19 June Tuesday 20 June Thursday 22 - Friday 23 June 13-19 years Cross Country – Atherton 10-12 years Cross Country – Dimbulah Great Wheelbarrow Race – Chillagoe to Mareeba FNQ Futsal Competition – Redlynch School Mountain Bike race – Smithfield Vicki Wilson Cup Netball - Cairns St Stephen's Catholic College - Athletics Carnival

Mr Aaron O'Neill Middle Leader Curriculum - HPE and Activities aoneill1@sscc.qld.edu.au





## DRAMA

The year nine drama class had the pleasure of performing in front of the prep and year one students at St Thomas of Villanova Primary School last term. The unit they had been working on was children's theatre and they had to devise their own play by focusing on the recurrent theme of culturalism and getting along. Prep and year one students were taken on a journey through Australia, Italy, England, Japan, France and Mexico and learnt about meeting new people, the types of food they eat, landmarks and the language they speak. The prep and year one students had a wonderful time and I am very proud of the year nine students, as for some of them it was their first performance.



Mrs Samantha Malcolm Drama and Religion Teacher smalcolm@sscc.qld.edu.au

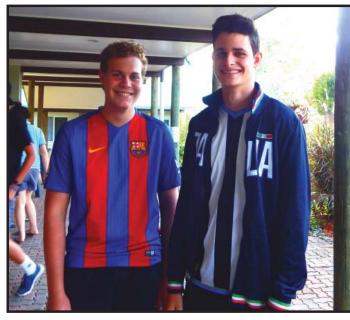


## YEAR 12 RETREAT











## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL - YEAR 8

Welcome back to term two. I hope that your family had time to enjoy the Easter break and that all students were able to rest and recharge over the break. By now, you have received your child's interim report card and this is a great opportunity to encourage them to look at setting and working towards attainable goals for term two and identify clear actions that can be made to further learning progress. In addition to your child-parent conversation, parent-teacher interviews are a great opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher and hear how they are tracking academically and with their behaviour and work ethic in class.



Parent-Teacher interviews were held last night (Wednesday 26 April). Communicating with your child's teacher is not just about attending a one night parent-teacher interview, but staying in touch throughout the year to create a positive two-way relationship by sending emails or adding comments in the Student Record Book (SRB). Above all, remember that it is a three-way relationship between you, your child and their teacher and that only by working together positively can you help your child achieve their full potential.

It is essential that students make full use of the SRB. This diary is helpful to everyone and important in the following ways:

- Students note down homework and assessment and due dates.
- Record upcoming school events.
- Manage their workload and keep track of what needs to be completed and when.
- Parents can know various activities of the school, their children's progress, teacher comments and homework given to the child, etc.
- The SRB is helpful to a teacher as a communication tool.
- In the SRB, school rules, policies and procedures are included, as well as, tips for organisation and time management, how to manage stress, editing and study tips and goal setting.

The SRB in secondary school is probably the most important book that students will need and it is vital that every child keeps all of their information organised. If a child can use their SRB properly, they should be able to stay organised and have a less stressful year. Please sign your child's SRB at the end of each week.

Many students have been involved in extra-curricular activities throughout term one and the start of term two. Students have participated in District Swimming Carnival, the Bill Turner Soccer tournament, and will be attending the District Cross Country later in the week. Thank you to the year eight students involved with Army Cadets, Combined School Band and the ANZAC Day ceremony in Mareeba or their local area.

Pride in the school uniform is something we take seriously at St Stephen's. There are a couple of uniform reminders that have been discussed with students of late. Please check the SRB on pages 8 and 9 for uniform and grooming policy.

- 1. Hair ties and ribbons are to be school colours only (white, beige or navy blue). If girls wish to use the more common black or brown hair ties, they need to be covered with a white, beige or navy blue ribbon.
- 2. A plain fine metal neck chain with a Christian religious medal or crucifix is permitted.

I trust that everyone will have a great term two and be able to achieve great personal goals.

Mrs Jayarani Salerno Middle Year Pastoral - Years 7 and 8 jsalerno@sscc.qld.edu.au

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

The Soldier On Triathlon was held on the weekend at Tinnaburra. Sara Donovan, along with her younger brother Ned and younger sister Chloe, participated in the Aquathon, which consisted of a run, swim and run. Sara came first in the u10 - u13 girls category.





#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



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