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McAuley breaks the drought!



For the past three years, Muluridji has dominated the college's swimming carnival, only to be usurped in first place by McAuley, after a three year drought. Congratulations to all four Pastoral Houses for their active participation, enthusiasm and house spirit (refer to page 7, 8 and 9 for more results and photos). Above left: McAuley Pastoral House Captains, Jamie Malcolm and Travis Cummings.

NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 7 March

Year 11 and 12 Science in Practice Excursion
District Swimming Carnival

Thursday 8 March

QCS SR Task

Monday 19 March

Exam week commences

Monday 26 March to Wednesday 28 March

Year 12 Retreat

Thursday 29 March

Inter-House Cross Country
Easter Liturgy
Term one ends

Monday 16 April

Student Free Day

Tuesday 17 April

Term two commences

Wednesday 18 April

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Students Requiring Medication

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please contact Mrs Rhonda Smith to discuss the requirements of the College.

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

**Room: S5 - Every day during Recess 2.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



TERM DATES 2018

Term 1 ends: Thursday 29 March

Term 2: 17 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4 : 8 October to 30 November

Year 12 - 16 November

Student Free Days 2018

16 April and 22 October

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.

ABSENTEE E-MAIL

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

Maths Tutoring Available

Tuesday and Thursday

Recess 2 - MCR

(all students welcome)

Wednesday

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Library

Years 10 -12 only



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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

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



The St Stephen's culture promotes active participation in all aspects of college life. This has been particularly evident in the past week with the induction of Pastoral House representatives, Student Council representatives, the college's swimming carnival and the Lions Youth of the Year.

Not only did McAuley Pastoral House break a three, year drought by winning the swimming carnival, but all students who attended on the day, actively participating with great enthusiasm, deserve to be congratulated. To their credit, all houses fought well and had a great deal of fun in the process. Attendance was approximately 82% and I sincerely thank parents who supported their children's involvement in the day. However, I would like to see more students honour the agreement at enrolment to participate in all aspects of college life. While swimming may not be everyone's forte, the day was a great opportunity to build positive relationships with one's peers outside of a traditional classroom and contribute to a team. It was disappointing that damage was caused to the boys' change rooms during the day—an unprecedented act in the history of the college's swimming carnivals. This conduct is not in keeping with our culture and the spirit of the carnival and will not be condoned.

The diversity of student talent was showcased at the annual Lions Youth of the Year competition held in Mareeba and Atherton on Saturday evening. Six students pitted their wits against each other and against contestants from neighbouring secondary schools, and in the tradition of the Olympic Games, fought well. Our congratulations are extended to David Bin, Sam Daniell, Joshua Kievit, Elena Pilat (Mareeba) and Gabriella Cuda and Lauren Davis (Atherton) for their excellent presentations. While Lauren Davis was both the overall winner and the public speaking award recipient in Atherton, Sam Daniell won the public speaking prize in Mareeba and David Bin received the accolade for being the overall winner. It was a privilege to listen to these students present both their prepared and impromptu speeches so confidently and with passion. There is no doubt in my mind that our youth are well-prepared to take on the mantle of future leadership once they leave the security of our schools.

With an enrolment of 566 students, St Stephen's is very proud of the journey that the college has travelled since 2006 when the first intake of 40 students commenced year eight. Successive cohorts since that first group have worked hard to build a legacy for future students to uphold. The class of 2017 (year 12) has certainly left its mark, with 40.48% achieving an OP score between 1 and 5. This placed St Stephen's in 13th place in Queensland and the second highest ranking Catholic school after St Joseph's, Gregory Terrace in Brisbane. I commend the students, their teachers and the support from parents for such an outstanding result.

It is timely that such an accolade comes as the demands of assessment encroach upon students' lives. There is no easy recipe for success—it comes often after failure and numerous attempts to get it right. Students are strongly encouraged to be active participants in their learning, to do the planning and preparation for tests and to seek assistance where needed. Our teachers are supportive both in the classroom and during recess times. However, students need to be proactive in this regard by taking responsibility for their learning and demonstrating independence.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In keeping with the season Lent, I leave you with a message from Pope Francis to consider in your interactions with each other:

- *Whether people can fast completely or not, what matters is being humble, joyous and sincerely helping others.*
- *What is needed is to reflect on and remedy one's behaviour and one's treatment of others, particularly of those who are in need. God asks people to set free the oppressed, shelter them and share with the hungry and homeless*
- *This includes treating everyone in one's life - housekeepers, employees, assistants - with respect.*

With Trust in the Lord

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STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Last Saturday evening, six students competed in the “Lions Youth of the Year” Competition -- four at Mareeba and two in Atherton. All students are to be congratulated for their stellar efforts, with David Bin and Lauren Davis proceeding to the zone judging event at Mareeba on Saturday 10 March. While Lauren Davis was both the public speaking and overall winner at the Atherton District judging, David Bin received the overall winner accolade at Mareeba, with Sam Daniell as the winner of the public speaking section, with his creative and polished presentation. Pictured below are (from left to right): Elena Pilat, Joshua Kievit, Lauren Davis, David Bin, Sam Daniell and Gabriella Cuda.



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER MATHEMATICS

Welcome to new mathematics teachers

The mathematics department has been blessed this year with the addition of three new maths teachers for 2018. We welcome Mr Richard Bassano (rbassano@sscc.qld.edu.au), Mr Richard Rellis (rrellis@sscc.qld.edu.au) and Mr Greg Thorpe (gthorpe@sscc.qld.edu.au) to the mathematics teaching ranks at St Stephen's Catholic College.



This group of teachers bring with them a wealth of experience of teaching mathematics in a number of different schools. Please feel free to make contact with them if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress in mathematics.

Mathematics Tutoring

Mathematics tutoring is available again this year at both lunchtimes and after school. Lunchtime tutoring is available for all students (years seven to twelve) at second recess in the MCR on Tuesdays and Thursdays. After school mathematics tutoring is available for years ten to twelve only, on Wednesdays from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the library.

Online Mathematics Subscriptions

St Stephen's has purchased online subscriptions for students in years seven to ten in Education Perfect for 2018. Education Perfect has online tutorials, as well as, quizzes and interactive activities which are used to both enhance and consolidate the work done by students in class. Students are encouraged to complete the work set by teachers, however the lessons set are not compulsory. Manga High is being trialled at St Stephen's this year. So far students have engaged positively with this online learning tool.

Important Maths dates for 2018

International Pi Day: Wednesday 14 March

NAPLAN (Years seven and nine): 15 - 17 May

QAMT Year Seven Mathematics Challenge Day: Thursday 24 May

QAMT Year Nine Enrichment Day: Friday 25 May

Year Nine Mathematics Enrichment Camp (Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre): 30 July to 1 August

Australian Mathematics Competition: Thursday 9 August

QAMT Year Seven and Eight Quiz: Thursday 9 August

ICAS Mathematics Competition: Tuesday 14 August

Mr Christopher Ellison

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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER SPORT AND ACTIVITIES

McAuley Returns to Winning Ways

McAuley returned to winning ways at this year's Inter-House Swimming Carnival. Team spirit was on display with pastoral house themes and decorations adorning the house areas. Dance battles and cheering for the competitors in the pool was heard loudly and clearly all day. The participation and talent was outstanding this year with many records being broken. Special mention must go to Ned Donovan, Nadia Falvo, Jake Priestly and Sara Donovan who each broke school records in their respective age groups.

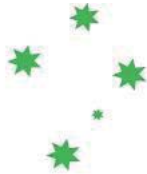


The Pastoral House Captains are to be commended for their organisation in the lead up to the carnival and on the day. Muluridji House showed their true spirit once again by winning the House Spirit Award with their remarkable participation and dancing skills. The attitude shown by nearly every competitor 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.

OVERALL RESULTS



McAuley 697 Points



Muluridji 648 Points



Deacon 447 Points



Augustine 239 Points

Thank you, also, to the tuckshop ladies for the catering, the Mareeba swimming pool/club for the use of their facilities. The generosity of all parties ensured a successful carnival.

Mr Kieran Morley

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Pastoral House Captains, from left to right: Augustine: Thomas Hallam and Lia Schincariol, Deacon: Thomas Roesler and Lauren Brown, McAuley: Travis Cummings and Jamie Malcolm and Muluridji: Zoe Quintieri and Ella Ryan.

FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER SPORT AND ACTIVITIES

Age Champions

12 Girls	Sienna Byrnes	12 Boys	Nate Mitchell
13 Girls	Emily Phillips	13 Boys	Ned Donovan
14 Girls	Tonia-Marie Rantucci	14 Boys	Nicholas Fogale
15 Girls	Sara Donovan	15 Boys	Callum Zugno
16 Girls	Olivia Bannink	16 Boys	Thomas Jackson
Open Girls	Nadia Falvo	Open Boys	Jake Priestly

New School Records

New Record	Old Record
12 Year Old Girls 4 x 50m Relay Muluridji 3:19.46	Deacon (2017) 3:21.33
13 Year Old Boys 50m Backstroke Ned Donovan 35.40	Jack Donovan (2011) 36.94
13 Year Old Boys 50m Butterfly Ned Donovan 33:43	Jack Peterson (2010) 35.37
13 Year Old Boys 50m Freestyle Ned Donovan 29.78	Jack Peterson (2010) 30.03
15 Year Old Girls 50m Breaststroke Sara Donovan 40.90	Amy Donovan (2008) 42.59
Open Girls 50m Backstroke Nadia Falvo 33.81	Kate Donovan (2013) 36.95
Open Girls 50m Butterfly Nadia Falvo 33.11	Zoe Feher (2015) 34.71
Open Boys 50m Butterfly Jake Priestly 28.61	Josh Priestly (2015) 30.03
Open Girls 50m Breaststroke Nadia Falvo 40.99	Kate Donovan (2013) 41.13
Open Boys 50m Breaststroke Jake Priestly 35.62	Josh Priestly (2015) 37.76



Age Champions from left to right (front row): Sienna Byrnes and Nate Mitchell (under 12), Ned Donovan and Emily Phillips (under 13), Nicholas Fogale and Tonia-Marie Rantucci (under 14) and (back row): Callum Zugno and Sara Donovan (under 15), Thomas Jackson and Olivia Bannink (under 16) and Nadia Falvo and Jake Priestly (open).

FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER SPORT AND ACTIVITIES



ELLA BLANCH - YEAR 12

Over the summer break year twelve student, Ella Blanch, attended the National Computer Science School at the University of Sydney. This ten day residential summer school for students going into years eleven and twelve, brings together talented young people from around Australia for an intensive course of computer programming and website development in the School of IT. Ella participated in various sessions including a group challenge for which her group was commended. Well done Ella!



NATIONAL
COMPUTER SCIENCE
SCHOOL

LIAM EASTGATE-HARDS - YEAR 12



Year twelve student, Liam Eastgate-Hards, competed at the Queensland Junior State Championships recently and won a silver medal in the 400 metre (with a PB of 50.40 seconds). Liam also competed in the 100 metre and 200 metre. The 400 metre is Liam's signature event.

Congratulations Liam!

Watch Liam compete:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IV7z_a49kM&feature=share



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Scholarship applications for academic, sporting, and cultural for Year 7 in 2019 are now available.

Application forms are available on the college website or from the college office.

Closing date: Thursday 29 March 2018



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