

St Stephen's
Catholic College



St Stephen's News

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PARENT NOTICES

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Monday 13 July**

Term 3 commences

Wednesday 15 July

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 17 July

Cairns Show Holiday

Wednesday 29 July

Subject Selection Evening

Tuesday 11 August

P & F Meeting

Saturday 29 August

Year 12 Formal

Thursday 3 to Monday 14 September

Year 12 Mock Exams

Friday 4 September

Student Free Day

Friday 18 September

St Stephen's Day



Keep up-to-date with COVID-19 by clicking on the link above.

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)
Room: MCR - during Recess 2
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



TERM DATES 2020

Term 3: 13 July - 18 September

Term 4 : 5 October to 27 November

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 the principal (ssm.principal@cns.catholic.edu.au) with any information and photos.

Change of Details

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address. Please email the office: ssm.office@cns.catholic.edu.au or telephone: 4086 2500. This also applies to any other contact details.

ABSENTEE EMAIL

If your child is absent, please email:
ssm.absentee@cns.catholic.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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with mixed feelings that we celebrate the end of semester one 2020. The semester has presented significant challenges for each one of us both individually and collectively. I am sure none of us would have predicted how this year has unfolded. We have had to simply "go with the flow", embracing the change whether we have wanted to or not. Psychotherapist David Richo, in his book *"The Five Things We Cannot Change ... and the Happiness We Find by Embracing Them,"* identifies five "givens" that we cannot change. Richo calls them:

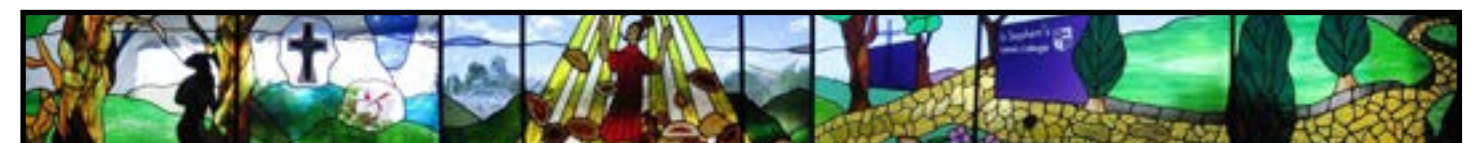


- Everything changes and ends,
- Things do not always go according to plan,
- Life is not always fair,
- Pain is a part of life, and
- People are not loving and loyal all the time.

Sister Patty Fawcner SGS in her reflection Embracing life's givens with solidarity and compassion notes *"Our ongoing experience with the pandemic reinforces the notion that everything has changed, with our wiser self telling us that we won't be returning to life as we knew it. Plans we had made have quickly crumbled, challenging the myth that we are in control of our destiny. But we also know (or desperately hang on to the belief!) that this time of pandemic will end. ... It occurs to me that embracing the givens of life is what Jesus meant with his uncompromising call for us to take up our cross and follow him. It's in the "how" of the embrace and the "how" of the taking up and following where life and wisdom lie, where possibility and hope lie. ... We embrace the painful realities of life by digging deeper for hope."* Sr Patty inspires me to embrace the painful realities of this semester with Christ's eye for hope, to lean into all that has been thrown our way; the imperfections, frustrations and angst to identify the gift amongst the "givens". The gift of hope is often found with the young. I have seen our students be adaptive, flexible and considerate of each other; managing the imperfections and frustrations with great dignity. We saw hope grow in the desire to connect through activities, most specifically in the response to lunchtime Catholic Faith in Action projects the seniors have been organising. We have seen great leadership, role modelling, service and hope.

Hope has been central in the 2021 enrolment interviews. Amongst the questions asked is "What are your expectations of the College for your child?" Parents usually respond with one of two answers. Firstly, high expectations, high standards helping my child to be like the graduates and students of St Stephen's. The second answer is about the way we live together, a life with compassion, integrity, dignity and respect for others whilst striving for excellence. The key for new parents and students centres on the hope for the future. We do know that our high expectations and way of living in community begins with the inherent dignity of each person, growing young people through respect, integrity and compassion to search for excellence through perseverance and courage. This can be wrapped up in one vision – "the hope of Christ". Certainly, our high expectations for behaviour and grooming are one of the gifts we give to each community member, it is a tangible sign of the belief on how we want to live life. Like the "gifts" of the pandemic, these expectations serve to highlight our values to those both within and outside our community.

Our values can be seen closely in our behaviours. When we speak, by the language we use, we demonstrate mindfulness of others by being kind, positive and affirming. This brings alive the compassion and peace of community. When we act with integrity – doing what you are supposed to do especially when no-one is watching – we grow authenticity and trust, enabling all students to be free to take learning risks.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

When we model courage like St Stephen, we challenge behaviours and words that hurt or shame community members. Mr MacCallum spoke to the seniors a few weeks ago and implored them to “call out” issues that are not in keeping with our values. As the proverb goes “actions speak louder than words”. These values and behaviours were on show on Friday as the College came alive with cheering, encouragement and the joy of the Colour Games. It was a wonderful celebration of life and community and a great way to end the term.

I encourage you to take some time in prayer and reflection over the holidays to show our family and friends that the peace and hope of Christ shines forth through us and regardless of the changes around us we always remain a community of peace and hope.

We have a number of staff changes for Semester Two; I wish Ms Torres, Mrs Donovan and Mrs Jackson all the very best for their future endeavours. I would like to thank them for their dedicated service to the college and acknowledge their commitment to excellence for our students.

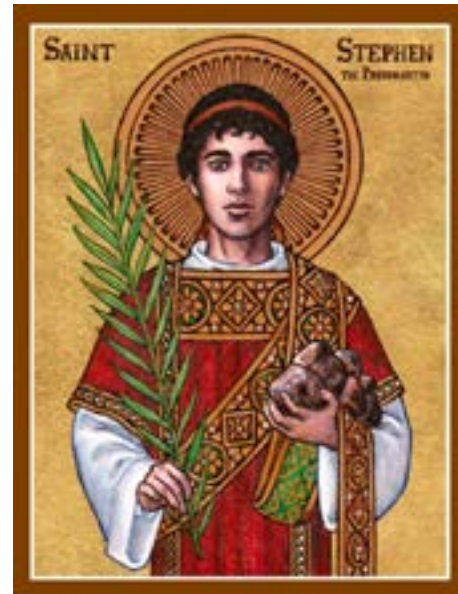
I would also like to congratulate Mr Paul MacCallum who will add the Middle Leader Vocational Education and Training to his portfolio for Semester Two.

I wish you all the very best for a safe and happy holiday.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Ms Kerry Manders
Principal

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Community Representatives Needed

St Stephen's Catholic College is inviting applications from grandparents (of College students) or retired teachers to act as Community Representatives for the year twelve block exams (mock exams from Thursday 3 September to Monday 14 September 2020 inclusive). A blue card is required at the time of application.

Submissions should be received by Friday 31 July 2020 and enquiries may be directed to the Deputy Principal:

Mr Simon Vaughan
Telephone: 40862500
Email: svaughan@cns.catholic.edu.au



ST STEPHEN'S ALUMNI - RYAN BIRD - CLASS OF 2011

Since graduating from St Stephen's in 2011, I have completed a Bachelor of Building Surveying with Central Queensland University. From this, I opened my very first office in 2016 based in Cairns, which has grown to now having an additional office in Townsville and Mackay. I oversee the operations of our North Queensland division within the company that now employs 50 staff with 12 offices across Queensland.

The St Stephen's Alumni Association is a fantastic initiative to keep past students connected to this college. I still have amazing memories from my time at St Stephen's.

Right: Ryan, alongside Emma Tudini, were College Captains in 2011.

Below: Ryan in front of his office, Fluid Building Approvals, based in Cairns.



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As 2020 has progressed, we at St Stephen's have had to make adjustments along with the rest of the world. Our curriculum focus has still been a priority for our staff and students in all faculties, as has the staff and student well-being.

We have been incredibly impressed with the resilience and the adaptations the students have shown throughout the year. Our students are normally closing term two with huge anticipation of the Athletics Carnival, along with relief of getting through another term of assessment.



This year however, the students will be concluding the term in a new event, The Colour Games. This is a great chance for the students to have some enjoyment with their peers in what has been a disrupted term. While this is not the focus of the Health Department, but the entire school, it still aligns to and reiterates some of the notions covered throughout our junior curriculum.

We have a large focus on holistic health, and a huge part of that is the mental well-being that is gained through, social interaction and a sense of belonging. The Games are based around physical activities which are also important to holistic health, not only for the physical benefits, but also the mental, social and emotional aspects. Research is showing countless emotional benefits to physical activities.

With that being said, we encourage all students to anticipate the end of term with a sense of excitement and to come along and participate on the final day of the term in order to benefit our community's holistic health.

Mr Dean Sullivan
Middle Leader - Health and Physical Education
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LIAM HAENDEL - YEAR 12

Congratulations to Liam - his photograph of Sudbury Cay, has been chosen by Warren Entsch MP - Federal Member of Parliament for Leichhardt, to feature in his calendar. For those who live in this electorate, you will see Liam's photo featured for November. Well done Liam!



TUCKSHOP - DAILY SPECIALS FOR TERM 3



MONDAY

Chicken Parmy Burger - \$6.00
(Original / Meat Lovers / Hawaiian)
Chicken Fillet Burger - \$5.00

TUESDAY

Butter Chicken and Rice - \$7.00

WEDNESDAY

Soup (with a dinner roll) - \$6.00

THURSDAY

Pizza - \$7.00
(Pepperoni / Hawaiian / Supreme / BBQ Chicken / Vegetarian)

FRIDAY

Pies - \$5.50

TERM 3 - 2020

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY



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THE COLOUR GAMES

What an awesome end a challenging term. The Colour Games certainly bought laughter, fun and excitement, a great way to start the holidays. Congratulations to Pastoral House Deacon for taking out the honours.



THE COLOUR GAMES





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