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Catholic College



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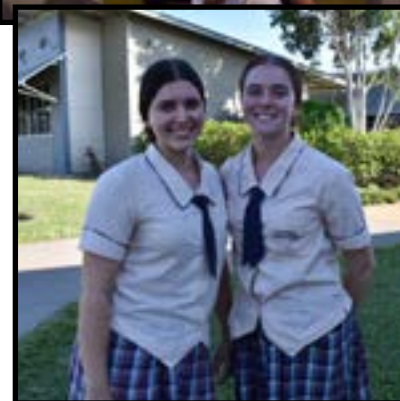
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NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 22 March

Defence Force Talks

Wednesday 24 March

Cross Country (refer to letter - page 9)

Monday 29 March

Year 10 Real Talk

Australian Geography Competition

Thursday 1 April

Easter Liturgy

Monday 19 April

Return to School for Term 2

Friday 23 April

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Monday 26 April

ANZAC Day Holiday

Thursday 29 April

Parent Teacher Interviews

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1: 27-1-2021 to 1-4-2021

Term 2: 19-4-2021 to 25-6-2021

Term 3: 12-7-2021 to 17-9-2021

Term 4: 5-10-2021 to 26-11-2021

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

Dear Parents and Carers

The second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians was the reading of the day last Sunday. *"We are God's work of Art created by Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he meant us to live it"* (Eph 2:4-10). There are two parts to this reading that encourage me. Firstly, the permission, to live life as a work of art is both freeing and illuminating at the same time. As a work of art each one of us is special, valuable and complex. A work of art does not need to be liked by every person to be appreciated. The work of art is given the honour of being considered as it is, no one asks it to be anything different. If we are works of art then we are special and valuable, we understand that some will appreciate us and others won't. When we view others we need to respond with gentle eyes and words to honour each work of art as a gift from the creator.



Secondly, I reflect on how to *"live the good life"*, I am sure there is much wisdom written through the ages about *"living the good life"*. This phrase became clear as I sat in the Dungarvan room at Seville Mercy Conference Centre, on the walls were two very famous quotes that when read together give us direction:

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it" Nelson Mandela.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" Edmund Burke.

If we step up to live as and respond to *"God's works of Art"* then we must do so in the light of courage and action. We must use our courage and voice to be agents of good. In recent weeks we have seen this begin to play out here in our own country. Women have spoken in solidarity to bring attention to the gendered nature of violence and bring this conversation to the forefront on a national level. Our response should be simple. As educators and followers of Christ we cannot stand back and allow mistreatment, discrimination and violence of any form to occur. Around Australia thousands of people took to the streets in response to this violence and harassment of women. As a College we have begun a process to listen to our young women and hear their experiences. We are impelled to shine light on the work of Catherine McAuley, who almost 200 years ago used her courage and voice to advocate for the rights and needs of women. In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, I encourage every young person in our College to use their courage and their voice to take action. I implore you to speak with our staff to assist us ensure all behaviour is positive.

I want to provide clarity on this, our enrolment conditions are very clear, we will not tolerate any behaviour, actions or words that demean, harass or humiliate another person. We are a school that holds restorative processes at the core of what we do. If you engage in practices that cause harm to another then you will be expected to step up, acknowledge that harm, make amends and change your behaviour. Should you choose to continue with negative behaviour then remaining in our community would be untenable.

It is up to each member in our community to live a good life, where we care about those around us, where we use our voice to speak up when we see evil occurring. To those who stand up for themselves and others we applaud your courage and aim to work together to ensure our community is safe, harmonious and nurturing.

May the courage and peace of Christ be in your hearts always.

God Bless

Ms Kerry Manders | Principal

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Parent Portal Assistance

Monday 29 March 2021 from 5.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Staff will be onsite in the Holy Spirit Centre to assist with any enquiries regarding the Parent Portal. Report cards will be issued via the portal and will no longer be posted.



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

Remember, to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you are sick
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, get tested.
- Stay 1.5 metres away from other people, think two big steps.
- Wash your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.
- Leave a location if it is crowded.

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

**Room: MCR - during Recess 2
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



MIDDLE LEADER MATHEMATICS

Upcoming Exams

The end of the term is fast approaching and students in years seven to ten should be preparing for mid-semester exams over the next couple of weeks. Below is a list of some of the things students can be doing to prepare for exams. While it is not suggested that students will necessarily be able to tick all of these boxes, improvement can be achieved by using some of the following strategies.



EXAM PREPARATION EVALUATION:

Have you done the following in preparation for the exam?

- Completed the revision sheet
- Completed the chapter review/s
- Completed lessons/quizzes on Education Perfect
- Regularly completed homework
- Frequently asked and/or answered questions in class
- Attended lunchtime tutoring
- Attended after school tutoring
- Made a chapter summary including all formula required for exam
- Used YouTube, WooTube or Khan Academy for help in areas where assistance is needed
- Paid attention in class when instruction is being given
- Answered multiple questions from chapter exercises focussing on areas you need help with (and checked answers)
- Accessed the Maths Canvas Course
- Frequently attended class (>95%) and caught up with missed work when you have been away
- Asked your teacher questions outside of class time

Please remember that lunch time maths tutoring is available during recess two on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the MCR and after school tutoring is available on Wednesdays from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the library.

Times Tables Challenge

The Times Tables Challenge is up and running again in 2021. In this challenge students have two minutes to answer as many times table problems as they can using their Education Perfect account. Emma Cavanagh will be aiming for a threepeat this year after taking out both last year's competition and the inaugural competition in 2019. Emma set a St Stephen's record last year by completing 134 times table problems in two minutes (which is faster than one question per second). Automaticity of mental arithmetic is a vital aspect of mathematics and is part of the building blocks for further success in secondary maths. Students can improve their accuracy and speed with mental maths through regular practice.

Maths Events for 2021

QAMT Year 7 Maths Challenge Day – Thursday 27 May

QAMT Year 9 Maths Challenge Day – Friday 28 May

Australian Mathematics Competition – Wednesday 4 August – Friday 6 August

Year 7 and 8 QAMT Maths Quiz – Thursday 5 August

Year 9 Tablelands Maths Enrichment Camp – Wednesday 25 August – Friday 27 August

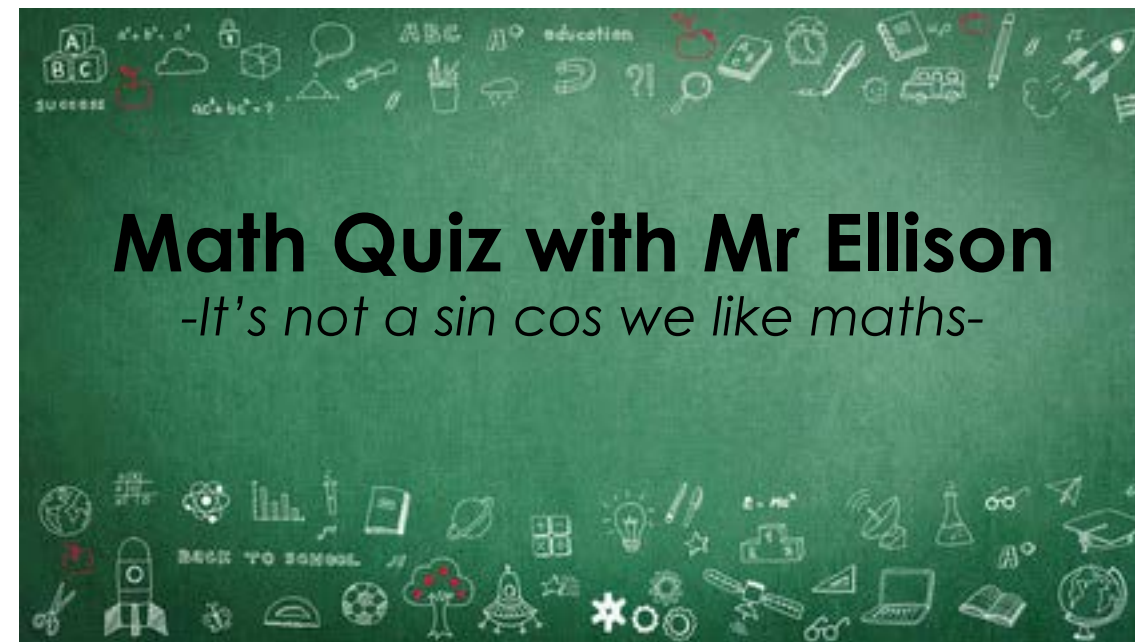
ICAS Mathematics Competition – Monday 30 August – Friday 3 September

Mr Christopher Ellison

Middle Leader Mathematics

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MATHS QUIZ



Challenge Question 1 (One point)

Is 81 371 025 divisible by 3? (answer without using a calculator)

Challenge Question 2 (Two points)

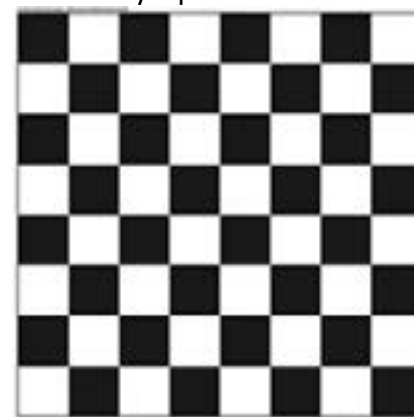
What is the next number in this sequence?

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, ...

(Extra point if you can give the name of this famous sequence)

Challenge Question 3 (Three Points)

How many squares are there on a chess board? (HINT: The answer is NOT 64)



Challenge Question 4 (Four points)

The formula for the surface area of a cone can be found using the formula $S = \pi r^2 + \pi r \sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$ where S is the surface area, R is the radius of the base and H is the perpendicular height of the cone. Rearrange the formula above to make R the subject.

Please email your answers to Maree Lopez mlopez@cns.catholic.edu.au
The first response with all the correct answers will win a prize!

LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVES



Above: Student Representatives from each Home Form.
Below: Pastoral Representatives from each Home Form.



BE LIKE STEPHEN!



At Assembly on Monday, we congratulated the newly inducted Student Representative Council and Pastoral House Representatives for each home form (photos on page 6). Appreciation Certificates were also presented to Ned Donovan, Cameron Dyer, Oliver May and Jake Flynn for their enthusiastic assistance in helping Mr Gillies with setting up for events at the Holy Spirit Centre - Thank you !



YEAR 7 GO TO CAMP!



Last week year seven students attended their camp at Camp Paterson. They enjoyed forming new friendships and learning new skills, while participating in a range of activities.



CROSS COUNTRY



16 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The St Stephen's Catholic College Cross Country Carnival is a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with others in their pastoral house and build positive relationships and house spirit. In the past, students have thoroughly enjoyed the day and this year will be no different. Due to COVID 19 restrictions all parents and carers wishing to attend will need to register at the office upon arrival and remain in the designated area on the oval.

All students are expected to attend the carnival and participate in one of the two events, either the competitive race or the participation event for house points. Students unable to participate on the day must have a note from a parent/carer and provide it to their Home Form teacher prior to the event. All students who will be absent must have a valid reason which is conveyed to the Principal prior to the carnival (we understand on some occasions there may be extenuating circumstances which prevent your child's participation).

See below information related to the Cross Country Carnival:

DRESS: Students will wear their pastoral house uniform and sport shoes all day. Students completing the participation event must wear their school hat and bring a drink bottle. Due to the possibility of wet weather, please bring a towel, spare socks and spare sports shoes.

DATE: Wednesday 24 March 2021

TIME: 8:40 am – 10:30 am

TUCKSHOP: The tuckshop will operate as normal.

LOCATION: St Stephen's Catholic College

DISTRICT CARNIVAL: Winners of their age groups will progress onto the District event to be held on Friday 30 April at Avenue of Honour, Yungaburra. Permission forms for this event will be sent via parent slip.

We look forward to you joining us for this great day of sport and inter-house competition.

Yours sincerely

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Kerry Manders
Principal

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TRY-A-TRADE DAY 2021 – Atherton Hospital Construction Site

Six year ten students enjoyed the opportunity to attend the annual Community Skills Queensland (CSQ) Try-A-Trade Day. This year, the day was held at the Atherton Hospital construction site. Students reported having a great day with some fantastic opportunities. We are grateful for these events as they allow young people to carefully consider possible career pathways.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2021

I note with positivity that students are starting to ask about undertaking work experience in 2021. Completing a formal work experience placement is considered a valuable experience when making decisions related to both subject and career pathways. At St Stephen's, year ten students are encouraged each year to undertake work experience in the first week of the September school holidays. As formal, pre-work experience health and safety site checks are legally required, along with paperwork completion and a visit by a college staff member during the placement, the program is carefully managed to accommodate both students' wishes and staff availability during the school vacation periods. While further information will be forthcoming for year ten students, I encourage students and parents to be looking and organising placements now as some workplaces can fill fast. Please see or email me if you would like assistance with deciding on or arranging possible placement sites.

WHAT IS A BLUE CARD AND DO I NEED ONE?

You need a blue card if you are paid for your work or are a student enrolled in a tertiary course (including certificate, TAFE and university courses) and need to do a practical placement. Students studying a VET (Vocational Education and Training) course such as Certificate III or Diploma, in which they are required to do a work placement involving young people (under 18 years of age) are required, by law, to have a Blue Card. The Blue Card system in Queensland is used to monitor those who work with young people. Its aim is to reduce the risks of harm to young people by creating a safe and non-threatening environment. You can read more about Blue Cards on the Blue Card Services website.



PATHWAYS WITH MR MACCALLUM

ADF GAP YEAR - APPLY NOW

Students in year twelve can apply now for the 2022 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year, to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force. It is an opportunity to experience military life, without committing to a longer period - 'signing up'. An ADF Gap Year is a way to have an adventurous year, gain valuable skills and work experience and get paid for it. Currently there are 19 roles to choose from for your 2022 Gap year experience including administration, cabin crew, artillery operator, driver, engineer and more. Be aware that it is a very popular program and once all roles are filled the program will close. Search for Gap Year at www.defencejobs.gov.au to find out how to apply. You must be an Australian citizen, aged between 18 and 24 years on admission and have completed year twelve (required passes vary by job).



Until next time, take care.

Mr Paul MacCallum

Middle Leader Pathways

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Positions Vacant


Emerald Creek Ice-Creamery is looking for up to 2 Junior staff members. Year 10 students preferred.

Are you:

- able to work Saturdays or Sundays, 12.30pm to 4.30pm;
- reliable, polite, well mannered, enthusiastic, outgoing, efficient, able to demonstrate a willingness to learn presented with an understanding and attention to hygiene (eg hand washing etc).

You do not necessarily need experience – all training is provided.
The position is for an immediate start.

Interested?? Sound like you?? Then drop off an application to the Ice-Creamery (including contact details, subject results and a St Stephen's teacher referee.



ENROLMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN!

ENROL NOW for 2022

Enrolment packages can be obtained from the College website or from the College office. The following outlines the process:

1. Complete the application for enrolment and include all documentation.
2. Return the application with the enrolment fee by Wednesday 21 April 2021.
3. Enrolment interviews will occur in term two.

**Closing date for enrolment applications:
Wednesday 21 April 2021**

SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

Scholarships for academic, sport, service and culture for year seven in 2022, are now available. Application forms are available from the College website or from the College office.

Closing date for scholarship applications: Friday 30 April 2021

