



WHAT'S COMING UP DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8 November 2010

- Years 9 to 12 Exam Block

Tuesday 9 November 2010

- Year 7 Tudor House Cricket match
- Year 2 Animal Welfare League visit
- Years 9 to 12 Exam Block

Wednesday 10 November 2010

- Prep to Year 3 Strings Concert
- Years 1 to 6 Profile Viewing Evening
- Years 9 to 12 Exam Block

Thursday 11 November 2010

- Years 9 to 12 Exam Block

Friday 12 November 2010

- Years 1 to 3 Swimming Carnival
- Years 7 to 12 Cultural Awards Evening

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends

Public Speaking

The finals of the Junior and Senior School Public Speaking competition were held last week. We had a very large number of students in the semi-finals and a number in the finals.

Jack Nagy was placed 2nd in the Year 12 competition, and was consequently offered a 50% scholarship to complete a degree at Bond University. Well done Jack.

Congratulations to all the students involved and to their teachers and parents for supporting them.

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 students enjoyed great weather at their annual school camp. This year they stayed at the Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre. I wish to thank the Year 4 teachers, Mrs Georgiadis, Mrs Garvin and Mr Whittington as well as Mrs Waide and Mr Gray for helping make this a special adventure for our Year 4 students.

Chamber Music String Soiree

I attended a fantastic soiree on Friday afternoon and listened to a number of our strings players perform individually and in groups. Our students treated the audience to ninety minutes of exceptional music. As I said at the end of the evening, the quality of what is being produced is exceptional. I thank Mr Davison, Mrs Lorimer and Mr Konise for being part of creating something special.

Cappuccino for a Cause - Royal Children's Hospital Foundation Australia

Our wonderful Performing Arts students supported a great cause last Saturday at Homeworld Helensvale - Gloria Jean's Coffee. Funds raised will be donated to the Children's Hospital Foundation Australia. At the event, **Drumline** performed and walked on the roads through Homeworld drawing crowds out of shops while the **Funk Band** played some easy listening fun pieces. Special thanks to the owner of Gloria Jean's Coffee, Mr Michael Senior, and the College staff, Mrs Lorimer, Mr Davison, Mr Marshall and Mrs Axford-Wood, and to the Performing Arts students for working at, promoting and co-ordinating this worthy charitable event.

Incident in the car park on Monday afternoon

I have been informed that one of our Year 12 students acted inappropriately in the Western car park at pick up time on Monday afternoon. If any parents or students witnessed this misbehaviour, which included the use of offensive language, I hope they realise that behaviour such as this is a rare exception at our College. The student involved has been suspended.

Library Closure Times

Due to the upcoming refurbishment of the Resource Centre, please read the article in the Resource Centre section in this edition of Acta Ludi for full details of closure times and how this may affect you.

Welcome to November

We will be seeing a lot of each other as we enter the final stage of the year. There are numerous awards and other events to be held in the next few weeks. I remind everyone we design these events to be somewhat formal in order to show respect to the students receiving awards. I would, therefore, appreciate all who attend making a special effort to dress appropriately and not to talk during the ceremonies. It is always great to see younger brothers and sisters in attendance, but I would appreciate parents keeping the younger family members with them rather than leave them to entertain themselves.

Jamie Dorrington
Headmaster

FROM THE CHAPEL

Stephen Hawking is a smart man.

There are those who say that physicist Hawking is the smartest person on the planet. If that is so, a lot of people are going to be "impressed" when they hear that Mr Hawking has said that God was not the force behind creation.

Contrary to his earlier writings, Mr Hawking now contends that the laws of physics brought everything into being. This is the claim in his latest book, "The Grand Design", which was published in September.

By way of explanation, he says: "Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing. Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist."

Now I know that I am not the smartest person on the planet - not by a long shot.

But Mr Hawking got me thinking . . . "Where did the law of gravity come from? After all, a law calls for organisation. So, who is the great organiser? Who is the originator of the law of gravity. In fact, who decided there would be any laws in the first place?"

It used to be that Christians would say, "Creation calls for a Creator."

Mr Hawking says that they are wrong.

As for me, I still say. "Creation calls for a Creator", but to this I add, "All laws call for a lawgiver." Of course, the only Person who can fill the job description of Creator and Lawgiver is the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

No matter how smart we are or how much we think, God's thoughts are still higher than our thoughts, and His ways are more lofty than those of humanity.

So whether Mr Hawking gets it or not, God's truth still stands.

Every blessing

Father Andrew Kinmont
College Chaplain

Sunday Chapel Service Times

Sunday Worship is at the 'family friendly' time of **9.00am** every Sunday in the College Chapel. All welcome.

Weddings, Baptisms, Illness or Bereavement

The clergy are available not only for the times of celebration such as Weddings and Baptisms, but also in times of need. Father Andrew Kinmont is available at all times on

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May God's Blessing and Peace be with you.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Year 12

It is hard to believe that the Year 12 students only have two weeks left of their life as a student at school. They move onto the next phase of their life that offers the opportunity for new directions, new friendships, the development of new skills, new routines and the list goes on. I encourage all Year 12 students to enjoy the last few weeks. Remember the friendships made at school can last a life time. The 2010 Year 12 cohort will always have a special bond; you went through Year 12 together.

Motivating Students

Some common ways to de-motivate your son/daughter:

- lack of positive relationships – a negative relationship with a teacher, family member or friend
- learned helplessness – allow your son/daughter to experience the consequences of their actions
- perception of threats – real or imagined, your son/daughter needs to feel they can talk to you about them
- perception that class assignments or tasks are irrelevant.

Some ways to motivate your son/daughter extrinsically:

- use rewards judiciously – for short lengths of time and for specific reasons
- use low-cost, concrete rewards
- use abstract awards – such as certificates, thank you notes, compliments, time together
- avoid going 'cold turkey' – don't dramatically stop giving awards; give them out gradually
- Begin to develop intrinsic motivation – allow your son/daughter to make decisions and let him/her learn to become responsible for the outcomes of his/her choices. Be sure to celebrate successes.

Some extra tools for motivation:

- eliminate threat
- set daily goals that incorporate choice
- work to have a positive influence
- teach your sons and daughters to manage emotions
- give feedback.

Adapted from *Teaching with the brain in mind* by Eric Jensen

Sherrie Cuthbert
Director of Studies

Extra Public Holiday - 2011

It is confirmed that the State Government has now approved Tuesday 26 April 2011 to be a public holiday in lieu of Easter Monday (25 April which is ANZAC DAY).

Please see the amended 2011 school term dates on the back page.

FROM THE JUNIOR COLLEGE

AB Paterson Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to **George Wood, Todd Johnson, Chené Marx** and **Olivia Wooldridge** who competed in the AB Paterson Public Speaking Finals last Tuesday evening. All students spoke beautifully and should be very proud of themselves! Congratulations to George Wood and Chené Marx who progressed to the Grand Final on this evening – only eight students progress to this final stage! Chené placed third overall in the Year 5 competition. Thank you, once again, to all parents and staff members who were able to come along and support those students participating in the evening.

Year 4 Camp

Last week our Year 4 students headed off to Tallebudgera Recreation Centre for their annual camp. Three days of fun-filled activities, lots of laughter and a few team building challenges were experienced by all. A very big thank you to the following staff for the care and support provided by them to all of the students: Mr Neill Whittington, Mrs Nikki Georgiadis, Mrs Jo Garvin and Mr Chris Gray. Please enjoy the wonderful pictures of the adventures had on Year 4 Camp included in this edition of Acta Ludi.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Prep to Year 6

This term Parent Teacher Interviews will be held for parents of students in Prep to Year 6 on Wednesday 17 November and Thursday 18 November. Bookings with classroom and specialist teachers can be made online on the College Website through 'Parent Teacher On-line' - PTO. All parents should have received a letter in the mail notifying you that 'Parent Teacher On-line' is now available and included in this letter are your log-in details. If you require any assistance with this process, please contact Kay Brimelow at the Prep to Year 6 Administration Office on 5573 8610.

Classroom Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Class Achievement Awards at this week's assembly:

Year 1

Flynn Gore, Gracie Hunt, Jessica Lorenzo, Lorelei Mahoney, Patrick Manton, Amber Stewart, Nikkita Sugden

Year 2

Max Howard, Lucy Kenyon, Rock Kernaghan, Bradon Kiss, Harrison Potter

Year 3

Kaitlyn Allan, Lachlan Burke, Taylor Chaffey, Hannah Cleland, Jack Hunt, Kade van Geyzel, Tasmin Vey

Year 4

Jasmin Baker, Tilly Baldwin, Isabella Chapman, Angus Douglas, Hannah Huxtable, Abbey Klements, Taleigha McKeough, Yudai Shiozaki

Year 5

Jordy Brunt, Jade Delmiguez, Danika Goodman, Liam Sandral, Caitlin Stubbs, Kevin Sun

Year 6

Luke Thompson, Matthew Thompson, Miranda Tovey, Stepheny Wilmot

Kylie Waide

Dean of Junior College

PASTORAL CARE

Refocus on Cyber Safety

Computers and the 'online world' continue to grow as an integral part of our everyday lives. As parents, we need to make sure that we are taking the lead with our children to assist them to get the most out of these fantastic tools. During my last couple of visits to the Years 1 to 3 classrooms for the year, we are talking about using computers safely. Although fear and apprehension can cause us to want to protect our children from experiencing the 'bad' things in life, prohibition is rarely the best option. Making the time to instil values, knowledge and understanding through modelling, open discussion and education should be the direction we are taking for the safety of our children.



The government website, www.cybersmart.gov.au has recently launched an interactive cybersafety guide for parents. The website brings parents

the information they need on current topics such as cyberbullying, sexting and protecting personal information. The guide uses videos to provide a snapshot of each issue including scenarios which demonstrate how the issue may occur. Each video offers simple, practical tips that parents can use with their children and teenagers. These can be viewed both on screen and be downloaded for later use. You can also find some fun and informative activities for your children to have a look at.

Chris Gray

Head of Pastoral Care, Prep to Year 6

FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

As you may or may not be aware, the library is preparing to undergo a complete refurbishment over the Christmas break. Every item needs to be removed from the premises before the end of the term, and in order to facilitate the new security system, every book and resource will need to be re-tagged. Clearly, this is a massive undertaking, but you can help us . . .

Return items

The library will be closing early this year – at the end of Week 6 (Friday 12 November). We are asking that you please return all library books and readers as soon as possible after this, ensuring all items are returned by **Friday 19 November**. This includes any items that you may personally have on loan.

After school

Since the library will be completely closed in Weeks 7 and 8, students will no longer be able to study in the library before school, during breaks and after school. We apologise for this inconvenience and ask for your understanding as we take on this huge project.

The library will re-open at the start of the school year in 2011 with a brand new look. We can't wait to share it with you.

Thank you in advance for your help and co-operation.

The Library Team

Year 4

Day 1

We arrived at camp and the man in charge spoke to us about all the rules and regulations. Then we went to our cabins and settled in and made our beds. We then had lunch which was lasagne. After lunch we went to our cabins to get ready for canoeing. We canoed to Crab Island and went for a walk in the shallows. We saw two big stingrays. We had afternoon tea of biscuits and cordial on the island.

Matt, our leader, asked us who wanted a cordial bath. We all said yes and he tipped the rest of the cordial on us. It was so cool. We went for a quick swim to clean off the sticky mess and then we canoed back to the camping grounds and went to our cabins for free time. Angelique and I painted our nails ready for the camp concert and then we went to dinner. We had corned beef and vegetables followed by waffles and ice cream for dessert. After dinner we went back to prepare for the camp concert. We were the fifth act and we performed a dance. We came second in the competition. Then we had a biscuit and headed back to the cabins to get ready for bed. First we had the light on so we could clean our teeth and talk, then the light went off and we went to bed but we could talk with our torches on. After a few minutes the teachers came and told us it was time to sleep, so we turned our torches off and tried hard to fall asleep.



Day 2

We woke up very early because we were so excited about camp. At breakfast at seven thirty we had cereal followed by bacon, eggs and spaghetti. Then we went back to the cabin to get ready for surfing. After getting lots of instructions we put our leg straps on and headed for the water. First we just lay on the boards and caught waves, but after a few more instructions we tried standing up. I stood up for about one metre. It was so cool. Mr Whittington managed to stand up for about five metres. After a morning of surfing, with a little break for morning tea in the middle, we went back for lunch. We had bread rolls with salad and it was yummy. After lunch we had two different activities. First we went bouldering, which is indoor rock climbing where you climb sideways, then we went on the low ropes course after afternoon tea. It was a lot of fun and awesome. After that it was two hours of free time before dinner. We had chicken and vegetables followed by chocolate mousse for dessert. Trivia night was the evening activity. My group was Amy, Jessica, McKenzie, Alex, Clara and me. The teachers came first - equal with the Wazzas! It was an awesome night. Then it was back to the cabins to clean our teeth and put our pyjamas on. We were tired so we went to sleep straight away. The best bit was when a fire alarm went off at one o'clock. The noise was really annoying. The teachers started to evacuate us but then they were told it was a false alarm, so we went back to bed.

Day 3

Before breakfast we had to pack up and clean our rooms. We swept and mopped and made them tidy again. For breakfast we had cereal, scrambled eggs, spaghetti, toast and juice. After breakfast we took our bags to a storage area and left them there while we did our morning activities. Before morning tea we did circus skills. We learnt to walk like a clown, how to fall down like a clown, how to juggle and a few other things. It was so cool. After morning tea we had beach games. We walked to the south side of Burleigh Headland where they film Mako Island on H2O. We saw fossils which were ten thousand years old and then went to the beach for a swim. Next we had a sand building competition between the boys and the girls before having a final swim and heading back to the camp. We had a shower, put on fresh clothes and got ready to go home. Matt said goodbye to us and told us we had been a great group. For lunch we had hamburgers. After lunch we took our bags to the bus and hopped on to head back to school.

I can't wait until camp next year and I hope I have someone as good as Matt teaching me things.

It was the best camp ever!



Sophie Adamson - 4W

Camp



Year 4 Camp
On Wednesday 27 October 2010, it was the first day of Year 4 camp. I was extremely happy! Once we came to school we put our bags at the GFA. After the roll was marked we put our bags under the bus and we then left school.

Once we arrived at camp we put our bags under a shaded area. Then we got a tour of the camp. After we finished the tour we got to go and get our bags, then go to our cabins.

After that we had activities. I had low ropes and bouldering. That night it was the talent show. Everyone was great! The next day for my activities I had canoeing and then surfing. It was so much fun. That night we had trivia night which the teachers won.

At one o' clock in the morning the fire alarm went off! Luckily it was a false alarm. On the last day of camp [Friday] I had beach games, then circus skills. After that we went back to school. Once we got off the bus we waited for our parents to pick us up.

Anna Tsiboukas - 4G



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Time seems to be accelerating and the weeks race by on our way to the end of the College year. The P&F held their annual Melbourne Cup luncheon at Hope Island, Links Golf Club on Tuesday. The day was a lot of fun made all the more memorable by sharing it with great company in a great venue. The following brave ladies have put their hand up and will be organising the Melbourne Cup luncheon in 2011; Jo Walker, Jenny Porter and Liz Crane.



The Gold Coast Bulletin would love sporting pictures of our students for their TXT4U section each Tuesday. Recently they ran three photos of our fantastic children in this section. Please email me the photos, fully captioned with full name, grade and sporting event.

Paula Axford-Wood
Director of Community Relations
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INTERACT BBQ

Interact BBQ
 On Wednesday 27 October, the Interact Club hosted a BBQ to raise funds for victims of the devastating floods in Pakistan. Thousands of people lost their lives due to the flooding and **millions** of others have been left homeless. The Club is pleased to announce that it raised approximately \$1300 to donate to Oxfam that will directly help the people of Pakistan who have been affected by this disaster. Once again, Saint Stephen's College staff and students have opened their hearts and shown their generosity to yet another worthy cause.



Thank you to the staff and students from Prep to Year 12 who supported our BBQ. Thanks also to the Senior students who helped set up, cook and clean up after the BBQ.

Debbie Booth
Interact Co-ordinator

PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations go to the following students;
Liam Barr who received an Honours (90%) for his Grade 4 Theory exam and **Ella Nolan** who received a High Distinction (96%) in her piano exam. Also for piano, **Charlotte Brock** received a B = Credit, **Melitta Cardon-Smith** received B = Credit, **Emily Price** received B = Credit, **Claire Wells** received C+ = Pass. Also **Luc Saint Clair** received an A in his Grade 4 violin exam.

Well done to all our students who are doing so well and good luck to all those students who are participating in exams at this busy time of the year.

Below are photos of our **Drumline** and **Funk Band** who performed so well at Gloria Jeans on Saturday. Thank you to all the parents, friends and teachers who attended the function. We had excellent feedback from the public and event organisers. Keep buying your coffee at Gloria Jeans as 50 cents from each drink sold to a Saint Stephen's College associate is donated back to the College.



We are looking forward to so many exciting events this year, including our Cultural Awards night on 12 November 2010. If you have not yet picked up a note for the night, please come and see Ms Hooke in the Performing Arts office.

Below is an updated list of events to come:

WHAT	DATE	TIME	WHERE	STUDENTS INVOLVED
Year 3 Strings End of Year Concert	10 November	2.00 pm	GFA	Year 3 Strings
Cultural Awards	12 November	7.00 pm	GFA	Funk Band Senior String Quartet
Auditions	17 – 19 November	TBA	Music Centre	All Ensembles

Audition excerpts will be available from Ms Hooke from Monday 8 November. Please see Ms Hooke in the Performing Arts Office to book your audition time.

Congratulations to our **Year 5 Band** members who had a magnificent end of year concert. We hope to see all of these superstars in the **Year 6 Band** next year.

Performing Arts Department

TSION MARIAM UPDATE

“Lift the Roof” Dance Party!!

On Wednesday 17 November, all the Years 1 to 6 students are invited to come to the “Lift the Roof Dance Party”. It will be held in the Multipurpose Hall at lunch time. Entry will be a gold coin donation, which will be put towards the rebuilding of rooves and fences for the TSION Mariam school in Ethiopia.

If you are willing to make a donation towards this cause, please visit our College website, the Accounts Department, or e-mail me for more details. Our goal is to raise approximately \$1500.

Guess the Jelly Beans

Starting from Monday 8 November, there is a “Guess the Number of Jelly Beans” competition. It is \$1 per guess, and these can be made at my classroom initially, and then later in the week, I will be out the front of the Junior Administration. The winner will be announced at our Dance Party on November 17.

Ethiopia Mission 2011

Expressions of interest are now being sought for students who wish to participate in a trip to Ethiopia in 2011. Details of the trip are still in the early planning stage; however, it will be an opportunity for us to ‘get our hands dirty’ to help the community of TSION Mariam and others in great need. The trip is planned to go during June/July, and is open to students who will be in Years 11 and 12 in 2011. There may also be some places for students in Year 10, depending upon definite numbers. Students who were hoping to participate in this year’s mission, which was postponed, are also invited to join us on the trip. There are places for a maximum of 10 students.

To indicate your interest, or to find more information, please e-mail me at tsionmariamdonations@ssc.qld.edu.au, or pop up and see me at my classroom.

Katrina Riley
Foundation Director

CANTEEN



CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8:00AM – 1:30PM

CANTEEN TELEPHONE HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 7:30AM – 1:30PM

UNIFORM BOOKSHOP

OPENING HOURS

Monday – Thursday 7.45am – 3.00pm

Friday Only 7.45am – 9.00am

2011 Booklists

All booklists are now overdue. Please submit your booklist as soon as possible. All booklists must be submitted for each student.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. If there is credit on your child’s account within the uniform shop, this can be used if requested. A credit card authority form is printed on the back page of the booklist. There will be a booklist box placed outside or near the door for deposits. Alternatively, payment can be made within the uniform shop.

Text Books

Please return any unused text books.

Uniform Appointments

We are taking uniform appointments from Monday 10 January through to Friday 14 January 2011. Please contact us if you would like to book a time. Alternatively, uniforms can be purchased this term or on our General Sales days - Wednesday 19 January through to Friday 21 January 2011.

2nd Hand Clothing

We will be accepting 2nd hand clothing from **Monday 15 November** for one week only. We are only accepting items in good condition. Please make sure they are laundered.

If you are unable to come to the Uniform Shop and would like to order or would to credit your child’s account, please call us on 5573 8640 or email wmaccullagh@ssc.qld.edu.au or otaylor@ssc.qld.edu.au.

Wendy Maccullagh
Uniform/Bookshop

Available from the
Uniform Bookshop



Saint Stephen's College Logo
items:-

- Water Bottles - \$ 2.50
- Large Umbrellas
(golf size) - \$ 20.00
- Small Umbrellas
(school bag size) - \$ 10.00



Saint Stephen's College



Performing Arts Department



Cordially invites you to our

Cultural Awards Evening

2010

to be held in the

Goda Firkins Auditorium

on

Friday 12 November 2010

Commencing at 7:00pm

RSVP to ahooke@ssc.qld.edu.au or Tel: 5573 8672
by Tuesday 9 November

2011 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS

TERM 1

Monday 24 January 2011

Wednesday 26 January 2011

Friday 25 March 2011

Term 1 commences

Australia Day Holiday

Term 1 finishes

TERM 2

Monday 11 April 2011

Tuesday 12 April 2011

Friday 22 April - Monday 25 April 2011

Tuesday 26 April 2011

Monday 2 May 2011

Monday 13 June 2011

Friday 17 June 2011

Pupil Free Day

Term 2 commences

Good Friday – Anzac Day

Easter Monday Holiday in lieu of Anzac Day

Labour Day Holiday

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Term 2 finishes

TERM 3

Monday 11 July 2011

Tuesday 12 July 2011

Friday 2 September 2011

Friday 16 September 2011

Pupil Free Day

Term 3 commences

Gold Coast Show Holiday

Term 3 finishes

TERM 4

Monday 3 October 2011

TBA*

Friday 18 November 2011

Friday 2 December 2011

Term 4 commences

Pupil Free Day

Final Date for Year 12 students

Term 4 finishes

TBA* = To be advised by Queensland Studies Authority