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WHAT'S COMING UP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 February 2011

- Years 4 to 7 House Swim Carnival

Tuesday 8 February 2011

- **POSTPONED** - Ethiopia Mission 2011 Info Night

Wednesday 9 February 2011

- Year 7 Parents Meet and Greet
- Prep 2011 Info Night

Thursday 10 February 2011

- Year 10 Modern History Excursion

Friday 11 February 2011

- Year 12 Senior Investiture
- Year 11 Leadership Day
- Years 8 to 12 APS Swimming Time Trials

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends

Swimming carnivals

The Inter-House Swimming Carnivals are some of my favourite days in the school year. They give the students an opportunity to contribute to their houses in the pool and on the pool deck. Parents, you are most welcome to attend to watch your children swim, but you would do well to bring your ear plugs!

I remind all students (and parents) of the importance of fulfilling commitments. In the unlikely event that a student is unable to swim, they should bring a note excusing themselves from the races, but they should still be prepared to scream and shout for their teams.

Car parks

Thank you for your tolerance over the first week or so of the new school year. There are always more parents dropping off and picking up in the early stages as students carry their equipment to school and while people get used to the bus schedules.

The congestion has been exacerbated by the need to provide access and car spaces for the people building the iCentre and Art facility, but their requests have been very reasonable. I ask for your continued understanding and cooperation, particularly with Mr Nicol as he watches over these areas.

I assure you all that we are doing everything in our power to progress our application to expand the western car park. Cr Donna Gates has been a great help but it appears that GCCC officers seem to have their own series of concerns. I must confess that it seems to me to be a fairly simple and common sense proposal, but I admit to being ignorant of the workings of local government.

Welcome back from India

Trent Sullivan and Brooke Swan have returned from their volunteer work in New Delhi. They were part of a group of eleven Saint Stephen's College students who left Australia on 28 December last year and returned last Friday (The other students in the group are all now officially Old Scholars). I thank Mr and Mrs Russell for taking care of the group in India.

Welcome back from Spain:

Ms Seidman has returned from her professional development programme in Spain. Ms Seidman won a scholarship to participate in a programme designed to further enhance her knowledge of Spanish language and culture. I know her students will reap the rewards from her time away.

P&F

The Saint Stephen's College Parents and Friends Committee met on Monday for its Annual General Meeting. The following parents were elected as office bearers for 2011:

Guy Morris	President	Ian Scott	Vice President
Lynne Sampson	Treasurer	Deanne Monk.....	Secretary
Matt Batcheldor	Committee Member	Patti Brooks.....	Committee Member
Jane Howe.....	Committee Member	Karen Potter.....	Committee Member, Class Parent Co-ordinator

I thank the outgoing committee for all their work in 2010 and I look forward to working with the new committee in 2011. I am grateful for the contribution of everyone who volunteers their time to assist with P&F Functions.

Possible Volunteer Programme in Cambodia

I accompanied the Indian volunteers for the first two weeks of their programme in January and returned to Australia via Cambodia. This gave me an opportunity to follow up a lead given to me by Mrs Heather Yarker (a grandparent of Saint Stephen's College students) in Siem Reap. I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit New Hope - an organisation that runs a school, a small orphanage, and a farm designed to assist the poorest people living on the outskirts of Siem Reap. I spent four days learning more about the fantastic work being done by the local Khmer people and the group of Australian Volunteers.

We have an opportunity to run a volunteer programme in Siem Reap, a place that is easy to access, safe, interesting and well organised. I will be inviting students from the current Year 9, 10 and 11 to be involved with the programme later this year. At this stage I envisage leaving the Gold Coast on 26 or 27 December and returning just before the start of the 2012 academic year. The trip will involve some sightseeing in places like Angkor Wat (which is one of the world's archaeological marvels), volunteer work and other activities designed to allow our participants to learn more about Khmer culture. I estimate the total cost of this programme (airfares, land transport, the majority of meals, accommodation, sightseeing and volunteer activities) to be under **\$2000** for 3 weeks.

There will be an information evening for interested people on Tuesday 15 February 2011 commencing at 7pm in the Goda Firkins Auditorium.

Jamie Dorrington
Headmaster

FROM THE CHAPEL

Have you ever wondered where some of the common inventions around our homes have come from?

- Leo Gerstenzang thought of Cotton Tips when he saw his wife trying to clean their baby's ears with toothpicks and cotton.
- K.C. Gillette thought of the safety razor with disposable blades when he found his razor dull.
- Ole Evinrude invented the outboard motor after he got angry when the ice cream in his rowboat melted before he got to his island picnic spot.
- Charles Strite was fuming at the burnt toast in the factory lunchroom where he worked and thought up the automatic toaster.

There is one common factor in all of these inventions: a person saw a need and answered that need.

This is exactly what God did when He set into motion His plan to save us. It was a major investment on His part; an investment that cost the life of His only Son. It was His divine way of meeting our needs.

Now while we most certainly should be thankful that we have a God who meets our needs, we should also be willing to help meet the needs of others.

There are a great many needs that we see every day.

Some of them are big. Others are very small. But so often we can make a difference by taking care of those needs. With the Holy Spirit's power, our words and actions can help to meet the needs of those around us.

True, we may not make a fortune like some of the inventors I mentioned earlier, but we can try to make the lives of those we meet more peaceful and content.

May you have a week of being open to making a positive difference in the lives of those around you.

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

0417 711 699.

May God's Blessing and Peace be with you.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

We are delighted to have the students back at school after preparing for their return. We look forward to a fun and full school year of learning in 2011.

QCS Program

Year 12 students have already intensified their Queensland Core Skills Test Preparation by attending two lectures and a tutorial lesson as well as receiving detailed feedback from their practice Writing Task paper and Short Response Item paper they did last year. All practice results are analysed and students are put into tutorial groups so we can focus on their particular strengths and weaknesses for each of the tests.

There will be a range of other aspects to the preparation for these very important tests. For example in Term 2, we will talk to the students about preparing their bodies for the tests with brain food and water; we will arrange for a guest speaker to run workshops in June; a breakfast will be supplied the morning of the tests. These breakfasts will of course include all the nutritional foods.

How to Change your Mind

I read an interesting article in the 2010 February edition of *Reader's Digest Australia*. It is an article compiled by Jerome Burne who discusses how modern times are calling for a different kind of brainpower. He reports that according to cutting-edge research, the best brain function to concentrate on is working memory which can be expanded with training. More importantly he indicates that there is a knock-on effect: intelligence and attention improve. The research shows that poor working memory affects 10% of students, and leads to poor academic performance.

He reveals a study that shows students aged between 11 and 12 who completed an eight week computer program called JungleBrain, designed to improve working memory, boosted their IQs by almost 10 points and increased their literacy and numeracy scores. The study also showed the students doing worst initially, improved the most. This counters the long-held understanding that working memory, known as fluid intelligence, is fixed. We use fluid intelligence to make connections, spot patterns and solve problems.

The message is similar to exercising the heart (a cardio workout) the more you use it, the better it is. As Henry Ford says, 'Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason so few engage it in'. With the help of the Habits of Mind, we are aiming to encourage students to think more for themselves by challenging, debating, questioning, considering ...

Burne, J., (2010) *How to change your mind* in *Reader's Digest Australia*: February, 2010, Reader's Digest, Australia

Sherrie Cuthbert
Director of Studies

FROM THE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Classroom Awards

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

Year 1

Jose Delmiquuez, Sam Kenyon, Ryder Lambert, Kira Noble, Madison Sabados

Year 2

Lani, Doherty, Carson Johnston, Angelina Kovacs, Billy Walker

Year 3

Christopher Bartlett, Aidan Gooden-Leigh, Angelina Hood, Lina Huynh, Olivia Johnson, Bradon Kiss, Karla Nicholls, Max Sabados, Cara Vey

Year 4

Kaitlyn Allan, Darcey Bidwell, Vinn Brosnan-Grounds, Lachlan Burke, Lani Cooper, Amber Cowie, Finn Johnson, Lucy Little, Akheel Mavjee, Zach Mc Kerchar, Lilli Trickey, Ryan Wang

Year 5

Jack Carter, Veronica Gritsenko, Kyla McDonald, Alec Voerman,

Year 6

Danika Goodman, Grimmon Luetterforst, Michael Morris, Joseph Pretorius

Year 3G



Year 2A with Freddy



Year 3H



Kylie Waide
Dean of Junior College

STUDENT WELLBEING



The theme of Safer Internet Day 2011 is **"It's more than a game, it's your life"**. The following information has been taken from the latest 'ThinkUKnow'

newsletter at www.thinkuknow.org.au. With the ever-increasing use and impact of the Internet and computers, it is crucial that we, and our children, recognise that what occurs online is a real part of life. The following points are timely reminders for both parents and students.

Hiding behind your avatar, pseudo or profile page will not shield you.

There is some evidence to suggest that young people feel as though they can take more risks online as they believe they can be anonymous. This might include saying something mean or hurtful to someone else, talking about things of a sexual nature with people they don't know, or visiting inappropriate sites because they think no one will find out. Whilst the person they pretend to be online might look or behave differently, it's still the same person in front of the screen. Pretending to be someone older may mean that other users treat them as though they were an older person and they might not be prepared for the types of communication that could entail.

Your actions in your virtual life can impact on your real life

The link between playing violent video games and aggression is still under debate, the content children and young people see online, as well as how they behave, can impact on their offline relationships.

Monitor your playing activities: a balance between online and offline is important

As the saying goes "everything in moderation", including online activities. Children and young people, and adults as well, need to ensure that they lead a balanced life. We need to encourage children and young people to enjoy both online and offline activities in a balanced way. There needs to be occasions when the computer is switched off and the mobile phone on silent, particularly around family meal times.

We need to raise children and young people who are ethical digital citizens, but also contribute positively to their communities offline. Parents, carers and teachers can model this behaviour by showing a balanced approach in their lives as well.

Look for virtual worlds that don't encourage consumerism

Children and young people need to develop skills which allow them to interrogate the websites they visit to see what motivations the creators might have, bias, or incentives to have people visit the site. These digital literacy skills will assist children and young people in identifying whether information on a website comes from a credible source or if they are being targeted with advertising for particular goods and services.

The focus of Safer Internet Day may be on educating children and young people, but there are also lessons for parents, carers and teachers. Firstly, we need to acknowledge that the internet, gaming devices, mobile phones and other forms of digital technologies are very important in the lives of some children and young people and need to be taken seriously.

Secondly, we need to accept that the use of these technologies should not be considered as separate to the offline aspects of everyday life. We need to incorporate the advice, guidance and lessons we provide children and young people on how to become a positive member of society with how we guide them into becoming ethical digital citizens. After all, **it's more than a game, it's our life.**

Chris Gray

Head of Pastoral Care, Prep to Year 6

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Student Achievements

15 year old Golfer, **Annie Choi** (Year 10) will be competing in the Australian Women's Open in Melbourne next week. Annie says it is a lot different to playing the amateur tournaments but she has her sights on a golf career. Congratulations on such an achievement.

Chelsi Mikeska (Year 8) continues her success in Gymnastics. Chelsi went on a USA tour in December and managed to obtain an individual gold medal in vault and two bronze medals in bars and beam. Congratulations Chelsi.



Rod Seib

Director of Sport

PERFORMING ARTS

REHEARSALS BACK ON

Please note: There is a time change to the start of Rehearsals - now 7.15am not 7.30am due to the school timetable change.

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7.15am to 8.15am	Senior Concert Band (Music Centre)	Senior Stage Band (Music Centre) Junior Stage Band (GFA)	Vivace (Music Centre)	Orchestra (GFA) Middle School Choir - "The Vox" (Music Room) 8.00am	Cantica Ludi (GFA) from 7.00am Andante (Music Centre)
LUNCH TIME			Guitar		
3.30pm to 4.30pm	Funk Band (Music Centre)	Junior Concert Band (Music Centre)	Taekwondo (SB4) Drumline (GFA) Dance (SS11) - til 6.30pm	Chorale (GFA) Dance (SS11)	Dance (SS11) - til 5.00pm

New Instrumental Tutor

We welcome **Mr Malcolm Woods**, our new Trumpet Tutor. Please make him feel welcome.

Drama students in 2010 went to Dreamworld to appear in their Funomenon commercial. Have you seen the ad? It's on TV at the moment, so watch out for our awesome students.

Theatralis is on 12 and 13 May. Planning is well underway with our creative team, so keep a look out for audition dates.

Staff Under the Stars is coming up on 25 February, keep an eye out for more details . . .

Music Camp was great fun, the concert was a huge success, thank you to all the students who came along, had fun and worked so hard!



Performing Arts Department

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Immersion Style Tutor Group

As you may or may not be aware, students studying Spanish or Japanese in Years 9 and 10 have an option to participate in an immersion style tutor group this year. This allows our students to first and foremost improve their listening comprehension skills in the target language skills. While there have been some blank looks from students here and there, in general all students seem to be able to comprehend the gist of what is being communicated. For anyone who can speak a foreign language, you would understand that this is no simple task. I am very proud of our students who are undertaking this challenge.

Spain Tour

We have 18 eager students who study Spanish in Years 8 to 12 who will be participating in the first Spanish Tour for Saint Stephen's College this year. It is not too late for new students to join our tour this year. The only pre-requisite is that you must be studying Spanish in Years 8 to 12. For further information, please contact Aileen Seidman (email: aseidman@ssc.qld.edu.au) or myself on dgoucher@ssc.qld.edu.au or 5573 8627.

Dani Goucher
Head of Foreign Languages

YEAR 7 PARENTS

"Meet & Greet"

Parents and/or guardians of Year 7 students are invited to afternoon tea at the College on Wednesday 9 February as a welcome to the Connections Program and to meet your child's Tutor and Academic Teachers. It will also be a great opportunity to catch up with fellow parents!

Date: Wednesday 9 February
Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Venue: Multi Purpose Hall (MPH) Foyer

Dan Saw
Head of Connections

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

There have been so many members of our College community who gave their time, energy and smiles to the 'clean up' after the floods. On a personal note my family's business was flooded and while I was scrubbing walls, floors, scraping stinking mud and throwing out furniture, I could only reflect on how lucky I was. Our warehouse and offices have no sentimental attachment, I did not have to throw out children's toys, gifts or photos. I was surrounded by laughter as my children, family and friends scrubbed and cleaned, other friends dropped off picnic packs and drinks, volunteers walked by and started cleaning without any hesitation. The camaraderie was something special!

I would like to share a few photos of our fabulous students who went to help clean up in Brisbane after the recent floods. Unfortunately I missed taking photos of other students who arrived shortly afterwards. The students heard that the street Mr Glenn Amezdroz lives in had been devastated by the floods. They got a group together and headed up with mops, brooms and cleaning products. I am an emotional person at the best of times but on that day I truly felt so proud of the strength of our young adults at Saint Stephen's. Please forward any photos so I may run them in next week's Acta Ludi.



Paula Axford-Wood
Director of Community Relations

WORLD CHALLENGE EXPEDITION

VIETNAM - CAMBODIA

NOV/DEC 2010

A week before school ended last year, seven students from Saint Stephen's College and four from John Forrest State High School in Western Australia

met each other in our staffroom. This group, together with Craig, our expedition leader, TJ, our assistant leader, and Miss Hyman was to be our memorable World Challenge team.

Our first stop was Phnom Penh in Cambodia. Here we encountered crowds of friendly people, streets jam-packed full of bikes, food stalls on every corner and hundreds of vendors ready to sell you anything you needed. It was not long, however, before we saw and felt the more serious side of Cambodia. Our group visited the S-21 interrogation centre (now known as the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum) and the Choeung Ek Genocidal Centre, the killing fields of around 20,000 people. It was here we learnt of the horrific history of Cambodia. During the period of 1975-1979 an estimated 1-3 million people out of a population of 8 million were killed in Pol Pot's effort to 'cleanse' the country. The experience was very sobering and had a tremendous impact on all of us.

After Phnom Penh, we took a six hour bus ride to Siem Reap, the site of two of the world's most famous temples – Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom. The size and religious awe associated with these two buildings was simply magnificent. Both so different, they filled us all with amazement at the work and artistic abilities of humans.

We then travelled to the New Hope for Cambodian Children Orphanage (NHCC), the only orphanage in Cambodia to care for children infected with HIV. Our first night had us up dancing with the kids and gushing over the innocence and cheeky contentment they possessed, despite the massive challenges they had all faced.

We also spent time with the children, donated Christmas presents, helped dig up concrete, painted buildings and maintained gardens for them. We all would have liked to stay much longer than we did!





It was at NHCC that we heard stories about the education system in Cambodia. We learnt that in Cambodia school is from 7:30am to 10:30am, and often teachers are absent as they are forced to find work to supplement their \$20 a month teacher's salary. Children pay to pass tests and girls usually do not go to school after the age of 14 as they need to take care of their families. Throughout the experience we all developed a great appreciation for the opportunities we are provided with in Australia.

The second phase of our trip was in Vietnam. Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) was very different to Cambodia and was a thriving and quite modern city. We visited the War Remnants Museum and Cu Chi tunnels, which were used by the Viet Cong during the American War in Vietnam, and after a few days headed north for the trekking phase of the expedition.

We participated in two different treks – the second being much longer and challenging than the first – with a brief trip to Hoi An in between. During the treks we really saw who was the fittest. Everyone persevered and survived and we were rewarded with a huge sense of achievement.

Unfortunately, Vietnam was over all too soon. There was a very emotional goodbye at the airport as, after four weeks, we were all very close. Having organised most of the transport, accommodation and attractions ourselves, we had been the most independent we'd ever been in our lives. The trip brought out changes in our personalities. Sometimes we had breakdowns, other times we laughed so hard we almost fell over – the trip had changed our lives. We are all so lucky to have the education and health systems we have, and not to mention the virtually pot-hole-free roads and safe drivers. Vietnam and Cambodia taught us the values of working hard and being happy with what we have.

Many thanks must go to our leaders, Miss Hyman, the school, our families, the friends we met along the way and, of course, our amazing group of students, for making it an unforgettable experience.

Fokel Ellen (Year 11 Student)

CHILD CARE CENTRE NEWS

Whispers from the Secret Garden

Wow, Week 2 already! Where did Christmas, the school holidays and Week 1 go? Welcome to all the new families and welcome back to all the families returning for another fun-filled year!

Well, our little Senior Kindy graduates of 2010 have settled nicely into Prep and are enjoying the busy days. I think 'wearing of the uniform' is the big excitement at the moment and they all look suddenly grown up! We hope they all have an amazingly fun year in Prep. Good luck to them all!

Our little ones at the Child Care Centre have settled in nicely to their rooms and are happy to have their little friends to play with again. We welcomed many new children and their families into the Centre for 2011, and it is lovely to see new friendships forming already. The staff are extremely excited to be able to get to know the children and families and are looking forward to a memorable and fun year ahead.

Staff

We welcomed **Miss Kirsten** (Assistant Director) back to the Centre after her Maternity Leave during 2010 and she is excited about 2011.

We also welcomed three new staff to our Centre – **Miss Sarah** (Babies Room Assistant); **Miss Tina** (Centre Float Assistant) and **Miss Tara** (Centre Float Assistant).

It is with mixed emotions that I will be commencing Maternity Leave as of **3 February** and will not be back to the Centre until early January 2012. After 14 years of coming to the Centre daily and running the Centre for the past 8 years, it is very hard for me to 'hand the reins' to somebody else. With my previous Maternity Leave, I've normally returned after 6 weeks however, had still organised things from my hospital bed or home, so this extended leave is very foreign to me. With my 3rd child due in March, I am very grateful for the opportunity to be 'just a mum' for the rest of 2011, especially as my eldest daughter has commenced Prep this year. I look forward to seeing you all around the College 'as a parent'.

Ms Denise Hook will be the Acting Centre Director for this year and she brings to our Centre a wealth of knowledge and experience. Please feel free to stop by and say hello.

Car Park

Please note that the Child Care car park is strictly for **Child Care parents only**. If you are a child care parent, we ask that during peak times, that you limit your parking at the Centre for 10 minutes only. If it is not your child's booked kindy day, please kindly park over at the Eastern car park. During special event days held at the College, please do not leave your car parked at the child care centre for the duration of the event – this includes sports carnival days, Easter Bonnet Parade, Grandparents Day, Parent / Teacher Interview times etc. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Before School Care

Before School Care is held at the Child Care Centre and there is currently not a booking system. If you require BSC, simply bring your child into the Centre, sign the attendance sheet located on the reception counter and then walk your child through to the first classroom on your left. Children are taken over to the College at approximately 8:20am.

The cost is \$12.00 per morning. The Centre will require a completed BSC Enrolment Form (available from the Child Care Centre) prior to your child's commencement day.

Child Care Vacancies

Currently some age groups hold a 6 month to 2 year wait list, so if you are looking at enrolling your child into the Centre in the near future, please feel free to complete a waitlist form at your earliest convenience. We care for children from 6 weeks to 5 years and we offer an educational yet fun program to all children. We offer a Kindergarten Program by a fully qualified Teacher in our Senior Kindy room.

Our fees are currently –

Babies and Toddlers (0 – 3 year olds) - \$68.00 per day
Junior and Senior Kindy (3 – 5 year olds) - \$65.00 per day

Fundraising

Our first fundraiser for the year is the ever popular **Family Portrait**. For a low cost of **\$15.00**, you will receive a 10" x 13" fully framed portrait. If you would like to make a booking, please contact the Centre on 5573 8650. The portraits will take place at the Child Care Centre on **Saturday, 16 April 2011**.

Well, as this is my last Acta Ludi until next year, I wish you all the very best for 2011 and I look forward to seeing you around the College from time to time. Enjoy!

Pauline Bailey (Caretaker of the Secret Garden)
Centre Director

SCHOOL PHOTOS

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photography

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We will be photographing at your school on the following dates:

Years 7 to 12	Wednesday 16 February	Day Uniform (Year 11 and 12 ONLY will require formal uniforms – Blazers and formal shirts)
Prep to Year 3	Thursday 3 March	Day Uniform
Years 4 to 6	Friday 4 March	Day Uniform

Children in Years 7 to 12 will have individual photos only.

Children in Prep to Year 6 will have individual and class photos.

Family photos will be available over the 3 days.

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Students are to bring envelopes on Photo Day.

We have an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling photos are also available for students at the school. Please collect a "family order envelope" from your school and return it to the office.

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography

RESOURCE CENTRE

As you would be aware, the library is still closed as the Christmas renovation is completed. Progress is being made, however, and we think we see light at the end of the tunnel.

We have been able to accommodate Years 1 to 3 with Home Readers this week, and we certainly hope that we will be open for general borrowing very soon.

Thank you to everyone for their patience. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope that you will agree that the wait has been worthwhile when you see the finished product!

From the Library Team

ETHIOPIA MISSION

Information Night Postponed

We have cancelled the Information Evening which was scheduled to be held next Tuesday, 8 February, where we planned to discuss a proposal for a trip to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Due to the higher financial cost associated with the trip, we have decided to plan for a trip in 2012. As such, we have 12 months to raise funds to subsidise the cost to families, which will **hopefully make the experience more accessible to a wider** range of students.

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will receive more information about the 2012 mission through Chapel services, and after this date we will make plans to get together and discuss the finer details.

An apology to families if this has caused any inconvenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail: tisionmariamdonations@ssc.qld.edu.au

Katrina Riley
Foundation Director

P & F

Dear Parents and Friends

We had the AGM for the 2010 Parents and friends committee on Monday, so we said goodbye to that committee with thanks for all their hard work over the year.

The new committee was voted in, and is listed in the Headmaster's article on the front page.

We also sought and received nominations for the various functions which will be run throughout the year, with the first being the school disco and meet and greet, so keep an eye out for that in the Acta Ludi over the next week or so. For the disco, we are encouraging parents to stay and enjoy a complimentary drink with us, while the kids are dancing their socks off.

By the time you read this, Cyclone Yasi will have passed, and we can only hope and pray that the devastation caused is not as severe as anticipated. Our thoughts are with anyone who may be affected by this event.

To ask more about the P & F, please call me on my mobile on **0421 840 465**.

Guy Morris
P&F President

P & F Coffee Morning 'Meet & Greet'

Feeling a little isolated? Don't know your way around?

Come along to the P&F "Meet and Greet" coffee morning.

Gloria Jeans, Home World, Helensvale

Thursday 10 February 2011

After Drop off (8.45am)

Come and meet some other parents, and tell us about your business, if you have one.

Everyone is welcome!!!

Contact

Ian Scott

on

0429 628 440

for more details.



CLASS PARENTS 2011

Welcome back everyone,

I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday with your families.

Once again, this year I have stepped forward to take the position of Class Parent Coordinator. For those of you who are old hands at this, and would like to volunteer again, I look forward to hearing from you. For those of you who are new to the school, or are still not sure if this is something that would interest you, I have added a little information below:

The role of a class parent primarily is to act as a liaison between the school and the parents. By communicating things such as School and P & F events and when the teachers need help with gathering materials or volunteers, you may also like to organise social gatherings for the families in your class. The network is an integral part of the College community and greatly assists the school, teachers but most importantly, our children. In this role you may do as little or as much as you wish.

If you would like more information I will be at the P&F coffee morning at Gloria Jeans, Home World, Helensvale:

Thursday 10 February 2011

After drop off (8.45am)

Or just flick me an email or give me a call, I'm only too happy to help.

This is a great way to meet new people and become involved with the Saint Stephen's community.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Karen Potter
Class Parent Co-ordinator
0417 719 764; karenpotter36@hotmail.com

FARA & SSC OLYMPICS



Just under 4 months to go until the Saint Stephen's College Olympics, and we are really starting to gear up!!

Raising funding for research into a condition like Friedreich's Ataxia is especially challenging. Given the low numbers of people affected by the condition means that exposure is low, and we are often termed "an Orphan Cause" – one that does not have the high profile of some of the other charities seeking to raise funding. If you mention Breast Cancer, people know exactly to what you are referring. On the other hand, mention Friedreich's Ataxia, and you draw blank stares at best.

The Brisbane floods of just a couple of weeks ago were tragic, with the inundation of houses and businesses causing loss of life, belongings, and livelihoods. As a nation we have been generous in our support, and it is much needed by those affected. But for those seeking to raise funding for Orphan Causes such as Friedreich's, our job has been made all the more difficult, as we fade further into the background as people give their discretionary gifts to those needy who are higher profile and more immediate

The SSC Olympics is a big part of our fundraising efforts, and we need your assistance. Funds raised for Friedreich's Ataxia research help to address a real Gold Coast issue, as two members of our College family are battling the condition. Donations to date have seen some real breakthroughs and developments, but we are sitting right in the middle of a fork in the road. We must continue to fund research as we strive for a cure.

So jump on board!! We are after **Sponsors, Team Captains, Conveners, Volunteers,** and (of course) **Players** to compete in sports on Event Day – 15 May. If you are keen, just go to the SSC website and follow the links to the SSC Olympics, or go directly to <http://www.saintstephenscollege.net.au/saint-stephen-s-college-olympics.html>. We promise you'll have the time of your life

Until next week . . .

Bryan Vadas
Olympics Committee



CANTEEN OPENING HOURS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8:00AM – 1:30PM

CANTEEN TELEPHONE HOURS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 7:30AM – 1:30PM

UNIFORM BOOKSHOP

Thank you for your patience queuing at our very busy time.

Sport Socks

The sport socks have now arrived.

Sport Shorts

The sport shorts will arrive at the end of this week or beginning of next week. The shorts will be distributed to the appropriate class or tutor teacher from our list of shorts already pre-paid.

USB'S

The USB's are arriving this week. I have a list of students who have pre-paid.

Ondra and I would like to thank **Helen** and **Sally** for all their hard work with numerous tasks they were given. Thank you also for the students, **Tayla, Alana, Laura, Tia** and **India** who helped us with the Text Book distribution on Book Collection Day.

If you are unable to come to the Uniform Shop and would like to order or would like to credit your child's student account, please call us on 55738640 or email wmacculagh@ss.qld.edu.au or otaylor@ssc.qld.edu.au.

Wendy Macculagh

Uniform/Bookshop Co-ordinator

OPENING HOURS

Monday – Thursday- 7.45am – 3.00pm
Friday Only: 7.45am – 9.00am

CANTEEN

Hi and welcome back to a New Year.

All students from Prep to Year 7 should now have our new menu. If not, one can be collected from the canteen.

Bag ordering

Please ensure all orders for morning tea and lunch are written on a separate paper bag and where possible correct money enclosed. Please do not send in plastic bags as these are not acceptable. Printed lunch bags are available from the canteen for 20c each or 20 for \$2.00. It is also important that your child's class is written clearly on the bag.

Online ordering is also available for your convenience. This replaces paper bag orders and is pre-paid online. Go to www.flexischools.com.au and follow the prompts.

If you have any queries in regards to the canteen ordering systems please give us a call on 5573 8641 and we will be able to assist you.

Kelli Anderson
Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Network

"Working together to build complete Homestay solutions"

Queensland • New South Wales • Victoria • Western Australia • South Australia • Northern Territory • Australian Capital Territory

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

Saint Stephen's International Program

Short Stay Study Tours

70 FAMILIES NEEDED!

When: July and August 2011
Approx: 2 weeks each tour
Payment: You will be reimbursed and your children will love the interaction

Students to be dropped off and picked up with your children daily

Mostly twin stay – 2 in one home

A 'Working With Children (Blue) Card' will be applied for. Interviews at home also required.

Please email to register your interest NOW!

jan@homestaynetwork.org

Please provide the following information in the email:

- Name
- Suburb
- Children at SSC? Yes/No
- Email address
- Phone numbers
- Are you available July and August? Yes/No



Jan Sorrensen – Homestay Co-ordinator
 AHN Gold Coast
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**Gold Coast
 Phoenix
 Netball Club**

All Girls who are turning 7 - 18yrs
 Saturday Morning competition
 Training Wednesday afternoon 5pm

Sign On Day

Saturday 5 February
 Runaway Bay Netball Courts - Sports Drive
 9am - 11am
 Inquiries: 0412 852 455



Saint Stephen's College

2011 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS

TERM 1

Monday 24 January 2011 Term 1 commences

Wednesday 26 January 2011 Australia Day Holiday

Friday 25 March 2011 Term 1 finishes

TERM 2

Monday 11 April 2011 Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 12 April 2011 Term 2 commences

Friday 22 April Good Friday

Monday 25 April 2011 Anzac Day

Tuesday 26 April 2011 Easter Monday Holiday in lieu of Anzac Day

Monday 2 May 2011 Labour Day Holiday

Monday 13 June 2011 Queen's Birthday Holiday

Friday 17 June 2011 Term 2 finishes

TERM 3

Monday 11 July 2011 Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 12 July 2011 Term 3 commences

Friday 2 September 2011 Gold Coast Show Holiday

Friday 16 September 2011 Term 3 finishes

TERM 4

Monday 3 October 2011 Term 4 commences

TBA Pupil Free Day

Friday 18 November 2011 Final Date for Year 12 students

Friday 2 December 2011 Term 4 finishes

TBA* = To be advised by Queensland Studies Authority
 Dates in red are public holidays

Upper Coomera Community Open Day and Self Service Facilities Launch

Come along to our Community Service Providers Information Day

Do you want to know more about the range of services available in your community? Would you like to talk face-to-face with a service representative? Now is your chance! Come along and meet people from the following organisations plus many more!

- Centrelink
- Medicare
- Child Support Agency
- Australian Hearing
- Communities for Children
- Australian Taxation Office
- Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre
- Blue Care
- Department of Communities
- Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations
- Gold Coast YMCA
- Gold Coast City Council
- Early Years Centre
- Kids in Focus
- Headspace
- Career Employment Australia
- SCISCO
- Rotary Club of Coomera
- Construction Training Centre
- FSG Australia
- Salvation Army Employment Plus
- Playgroup Queensland
- Coomera Lions Club
- St Vincent De Paul - Step Up Programme
- TAFE Coomera
- Gold Coast Youth Service
- Skilling Solutions QLD
- Carers QLD
- Studio Village Community Centre
- Mission Australia
- Families Around Beenleigh
- The Smith Family
- Kalwun Development Corporation

Upper Coomera House
Corner of Abraham Road & Reserve Road
Tuesday 8 February
10.00am - 12.00pm

The Gold Coast SUNS and AFL Queensland will also be there on the day to join the fun!



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www.centrelink.gov.au