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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

We were privileged to have a visit to our Carramar campus from the Minister for Education, the Hon Dr Elizabeth Constable. This was the result of a letter of congratulations from Dr Ridden on her appointment when the new Government came into power last year, in which he invited her to visit Carramar.

In spite of a cold wet day, Dr Constable was able to see what a fine environment for learning and community we have created at Carramar, and the Executive Team and our Chair of Council, Mr Michael van Drunen, were then able to ask her about her directions and priorities in education and explain some of the challenges we face because of a lack of government funding.

Early Childhood education is a major topic on her agenda and there are reports being compiled to determine future directions. Our programs for early intervention and screening of students in the year before they join us in Pre-Primary are recognised as exemplary practice in education. Funds for this testing would be much appreciated although it is an expense we acknowledge as essential at St Stephen's School, whoever funds it. At present our School resources this screening.

Another issue for her Government includes the question of whether or not to move all Year 7s into Secondary School, as most private schools have already done. This would be most beneficial to us as it would enable us to receive the increased funding that secondary students receive. This funding is already provided for students interstate where Year 7 is secondary schooling. Our Year 7 Transition program has been formalised this year as the point of entry into the Secondary School.

The proposed National Curriculum has huge implications for all in Australian education but the day of a National Curriculum is still a long way off, according to Dr Constable. This is a Federal initiative that is not receiving huge support from the States until clearer directions are more forthcoming.

The Minister for Education is the Minister for all sectors – State, Catholic and Independent. We urged Dr Constable to promote this understanding in the community as she moves around our State. Within our own local schools, we need to continue to build relationships between each other and help break down any antagonism and distrust between educators. We all have the same goal – the best education for our children.

Dr Constable kindly agreed to open our new *Lorraine Paul Centre* at the Duncraig Campus. This will be held on Thursday 30 July at 10.00am. At the same time we will have the Year 7 Transition building named as the *Glenda Parkin Centre*. It will be a day to thank God and celebrate another stage in the life of St Stephen's School. The Moderator of the Uniting Church in Western Australia, Rev Ken Williams will dedicate these two buildings.

My best wishes to all our families and staff of St Stephen's School for a happy and refreshing break from the routine of school life. May God bless you in your family life. Our staff and students have all been working extremely hard this term so the break is timely. We look forward to parents and students attending the Reporting Day on Tuesday 21 July.

Please pray for those who are unwell, either physically or emotionally, and for any who are struggling in a relationship.

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. Matthew 5:14

Caryl Roberts, Principal

Announcements

Tour Mornings

Tours of St Stephens School Duncraig and Carramar for interested new families will be held at Carramar on Tuesday 1 September at 9.00am and at Duncraig on Wednesday 9 September at 9.00am.

Bush Fire Disaster Appeal

Thank you to all parents who so generously donated to the Bush Fire Disaster Appeal. We forwarded \$7786.20 to the Uniting Church of Australia.

Fete 2010 - Brainstorming Meeting

Fete Brainstorming Meeting on Tuesday 4 August at 7.30pm in Cousins Hall. Please come along and share your ideas and "expressions of interest" for the Fete.

Uniform Shop

Duncraig Uniform shop has relocated to the old Technology Building which is opposite the new Lorraine Paul centre on the upper car park level. Please enter from the car park. The Uniform Shop is not open during the school holidays but will be open on Reporting day Tuesday 21 July from 9.00am –12.00pm.

Key Dates	
Tuesday 21 July	Reporting Day
Wednesday 22 July	Students Return
Friday 24 July	Dove Tales

Primary

Thanks from the Primary School

Many thanks to all parents who have helped in the Primary School this semester. Whether it be working in the library, hearing students read in classrooms, assisting on excursions, being around at a disco or organising a Parents' Assembly, your help has been very much appreciated. Your presence in the School is a part of what makes St Stephen's such a special place. We look forward to working with you again in Semester 2.

Congratulations

The Year 6 Have Sum Fun online team were placed fourth in Australia this Term. First, second and third place winners each scored 28 out of 30 and were separated only by time taken. The St Stephen's team comprising Matthew Hughes, Calum Hamilton, Connor Firkins and Caitlin Murray scored 27.

Stationery for Primary School Students

Now is the time of year when your child's stationery may need to be replenished. When purchasing items, please ensure they are the same supplies and number of supplies that were suggested on the School booklist at the beginning of the year. Fancy pencils and stationery items should not be brought to school as they are a distraction, not only to your child but to other students around them. It is important for each student to understand that they are responsible for taking care of their own items of stationery in school. Thank you.

Years 10 and 11 Parents and Students Subject Information Evening for Senior School Studies in 2010

The subject information evening for Senior School will be held on 28 July.

The Year 10s 2009, will receive information about Year 11, 2010, in the theatre, starting at 7.00pm sharp.

The Year 11s 2009, will receive information about Year 12, 2010, in the theatre, starting at 7.50pm sharp.

Students will have the opportunity to select subjects through an online process and will be informed about how to successfully do this at special meetings for their year group at the start of Term 3.

Following the subject information evening, the students and parents/guardians will also have the opportunity to have an allocated counselling session with our counsellors, to ensure they have thought of the best pathway for Year 11/12. Students should know by now when their appointment is for this purpose.

Please be advised that all selected subjects for Senior School must be submitted online no later than Friday 14 August.

Mrs Dawn Clements, Deputy Head of Secondary Learning and Curriculum

Year 12 Students and Parents

Students who are studying a NCOS subject in Year 12 will be expected to sit the **compulsory examination for NCOS** in that subject at the end of the year for the Curriculum Council.

Students who are achieving an AQF - (VET) qualification **AND** have no more than 3 pairs of units of NCOS subjects at stage 2 and 3, are given recognised exemption from sitting the examinations in those NCOS subjects, however, students must still **make formal application** to the CC to not sit that examination. Students who fulfill this criteria can obtain an application form to be exempt from their NCOS examination from Mr Mark Downsborough who is our Examinations Officer.

Application for exemption from examinations must be lodged **by August 3 (latest), if Year 12 students Do NOT intend sitting the examination in NCOS or any TEE subjects.**

For queries on this matter please contact Mrs Clements.

Mrs Dawn Clements, Deputy Head of Secondary Learning and Curriculum

Lou Morrison Kimberley Experience 2009

Congratulations to the 32 students and 3 staff members, Mr Damon Eaton, Mr Bruce Titlestad and Miss Jasmine Head. As with every group that has made this journey since 2006, they have returned with many stories and observations that they will cherish for the rest of their lives.

If you are in Year 9, it is not too early to consider whether or not you want to be part of the fifth Lou Morrison Kimberley Experience in 2010. More information will be forthcoming in your Faith & Values class.

Revd Wilson, Trip Coordinator

Year 12s Leavers Jumpers

Please follow the washing instructions on your leavers jumpers as relayed to you. For best results soak in cold salty water for an hour and then wash.

Interhouse Athletics Carnival 2009

Due to the closure of Perry Lakes Stadium the carnival will be held on the Athletics track at the Arena Joondalup. The date for this carnival is Thursday 13 August.

We are introducing Year 7s for the first time and will require more parent helpers. If you could help, please contact the PE Department Assistant, Mrs Jenny Townsend at the Secondary School.

Winter CAS Sport

This Term sees the end of the Winter CAS Sports. Students have to be commended on their commitment and many thanks to our coaches and umpires who have given their valuable time to enable the teams to take part. Special thanks to Mr Steve Seeds our reliable and expert Soccer referee, Kaiden Till, Harrison Lord, Kate Naglan, Chris D' Sylva, Tian Georgiadis, Brooke Argentieri and Sam Seeds who all helped out by coaching or umpiring.

Final results were as follows:

Team	Final place
Senior Girls Netball	3rd
Yr 10 Netball	1st
Senior Girls Soccer	1st
Senior Boys Soccer	5th
Yr 8 Netball	2nd
Yr 9 Netball	1st
Yr 8/9 Girls Soccer	5th
Yr 8/9 Girls Touch	3rd
Yr 8 Boys Soccer	2nd
Yr 9 Boys Soccer	4th

Term 3

Netball

The Year 9 and 10 teams played in the Champion Schools Day Carnival in May and our Year 9 team won their division and then defeated Sacred Heart in an Interzone Final. This means that they will now play in the Elimination Day Final at Fremantle Courts on 7 August. We wish the girls the best of luck.

Football

The Junior Boys Football Team have also won their STS Division and will play in a final against Kalgoorlie at Merredin, date to be advised. We wish the boys the best of luck, they are certainly looking like a team of champions!

Canteen

Date	8:30 - 11:30	11:00 - 2:00
Wednesday 22 July	J Corrie	Sufficient Staff
Thursday 23 July	L Beament L Bissel T Vlahos	S Anderson
Friday 24 July	L Guard	K Bush
Monday 27 July	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 28 July	K Cox J Hardie	L Dalton
Wednesday 29 July	P Glavinas G Brune	G Dunn
Thursday 30 July	B Kats	HELP NEEDED
Friday 31 July	L Hall K Hewitt	M Major HELP NEEDED

Gymbus HQ Kids Holiday Fun Kiss and Drop-Babysit

9:00am to 11.30am Wednesday and Friday both weeks. Public "PLAY SESSIONS"- 9.30am-11.30am Tuesday and Thursday both weeks \$7 per child. Private "PLAY DATES" - Hire our venue from \$110.00 p/hr (conditions apply)
Call to book 1300 657 798

Wanneroo – Joondalup Tee Ball Club

Registration Days is Saturday 25 July and Saturday 8 August. Clubrooms at Percy Doyle Reserve, off Warwick Road, Warwick, 12.00pm-4.00pm. For more information and Registration Form visit www.wjtbc.com.

Family to Car Pool

We would prefer a family that lives in either the Madeley or Darch area. We only have room for 1 x child. The "new mum / dad" would have to be available to do "afternoon pick-ups" on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays (all other school times are covered). My mobile phone number is: 0409 112 816. Do not hesitate to ring me if you wish to discuss this matter further. I look forward to your earliest reply. Elizabeth Green, mum of Hannah Wilkins, Year 11.

Active Kids Holiday Calendar

The benefits of physical activity enhance the lives of young people in many ways. Department of Sport and Recreation seeks your assistance to encourage children and parents/caregivers to take advantage of the physical activity opportunities available in their local communities over the school holidays. Give the gift of physical activity!
www.dsr.wa.gov.au

Clash Holiday Program July 2009

Theme: Winter Olympics Date: Monday July 6 and Tuesday July 7, Time: 8.20am-3.30pm, Years 7, 8 and 9
\$35 per day Includes lunch, drinks and snacks. Activities: Ice blocking, Winter sports, big screen movie, winter fashion competition, arcade games, and much more. We also have a **Big prize giveaway**. The venue is the Christian City Church 31 Chadlington Drive Padbury. Phone: Ben Gould on 9307 5000 www.c3hh.com.au

Recycle your jam jars!

I am planning a jam stall at the school fete in 2010 and would love donations of jam jars. They must be glass jars with metal lids that have previously held jam. Their labels off is a bonus! Bring the tall St Dalfour jars and you will be my friend for life. Please take them to the Primary Office, smile sweetly at Mrs Mann and she will pass them onto me. Life's short - jam in all you can! Christine Reid.

Camp Quality

Join us for a magical event. Special Camp Quality screening of Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince. Saturday 18 July at 2.00pm, join us from 1.00pm at Greater Union Innaloo. Ticket price is \$25 and includes movie ticket, popcorn and a drink. Come dressed as your favourite character. To purchase your ticket online, go to campquality.org.au and select WA as your local CQ.

Relationships Australia

Being a parent is not easy! Parent, Child connection is a valuable course for parents with children under 10 years of age. Learn new skills, feel better about our parenting and gain more confidence. The course covers many important areas of child development, how children learn and grow, what children's needs are at different ages. For more Information Telephone 9489 6300 or go to www.relationships.com.au.

Karate at St Stephens School

Karate is a great way to keep fit, develop self esteem and have fun! Classes for children will resume on Wednesday 22 of July, Teens/Adults will continue during the holidays. Limited places are available for Term 3, phone Ben on 9243 3554 for more information.



WINTER APPEAL

HELP IN A TIME OF CRISIS

The sad fact about the world's economic crisis is that people who were financially comfortable are finding themselves struggling to pay the rent or buy food for their children

**Please give generously.
Every little bit helps**

Donate online at www.unitingcarewest.org.au or phone 1300 663 298



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