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Head of Primary's Report

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

There are several ways in which teachers report student progress to parents. In the Primary School, the student diary is often used as the first point of contact and parents are encouraged to read the diary regularly and to communicate with teachers when necessary. It is always good to find positive comments in diaries and these may be made to students, by teachers or parents. At the beginning of this term, the School held a Reporting Day where parents, teachers and students met together to discuss academic progress, on receiving the end of semester report. Throughout the year, teachers may hold other interviews when they are concerned about a student's learning.

Today parents of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will receive the results from the 2009 National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing which took place in May. Your child should present you with their own results from the NAPLAN testing as well as the *Information to Parents* brochure. It is important that you receive these results. Please ask your child for this information if they do not voluntarily hand it to you! If there is anything relating to the results which you do not understand then please contact your child's teacher.

NAPLAN testing is just one of the many assessment tools we use in the Primary School. Teachers are continually assessing students in several different ways, in many areas of the curriculum. It is important to note that NAPLAN results are now four months old and many students have received many hours of support and extension since the tests. You, as parents, play a vital role in the support which you give to your child. We are all eager to see our children succeed and we know we will achieve success when school and home are working together. One example of this is the way Inspire staff work alongside parents of students who need support. Students **and** parents are given homework to do!

Today we come to the end of an exceptionally busy term. I thank all the staff for their hard work and to those parents who have helped, encouraged and supported us through the past ten weeks. May God's many blessings be with you.

Christine Benson, Head of the Primary School

Settlement of School Fees

Unfortunately some parents have recently taken offense to being sent reminder notices and receiving late payment penalties. We remind you that as a school, we too have cash-flow commitments, like any other business, and need to ensure we maintain the financial stability of our school.

A summary of Fees and Charges is prepared annually and sent to you. This can also be found on the school website. It addresses these points:

- The annual tuition fee is divided into 4 equal amounts and invoiced quarterly. (Please take particular note Year 12 parents).
- Additional costs are added to your account depending upon the subjects your high school child has selected.
- Other costs, for camps and excursions / incursions are added to your account as they arise.
- In accordance with the contract you signed with the school, your account should be paid within 14 days of the date of the invoice. If your account is not paid within 14 days, a late payment penalty of \$40 will be added to your account. This late payment penalty will be added to your account every month the amount remains unpaid.
- Please use the tear- off payment slip at the bottom of your invoice or pay via BPAY. Being unable to get through on the telephone is not an acceptable excuse for late payment.
- If the Director of Finance and Administration has agreed in writing to payments by arrangement, please be reminded, the onus is upon you to ensure the account is cleared by the end of November 2009. Please monitor your account.
- If you are experiencing financial difficulty, you need to contact the Director of Finance and Administration. St Stephen's School has an understanding and caring attitude when approached with genuine hardship cases.

If you have a charge in dispute, please send details of this to either: hatfiev@ststephens.wa.edu.au or fazzale@stephens.wa.edu.au so that the query can be resolved.

Thank you to the majority who pay your account on time. We really appreciate your commitment and adherence to the terms of your account.

N Campbell, Director of Finance and Administration

School Prayer Groups

Are you interested in praying for our school and our children? As from the beginning of Term 4 Secondary School's prayer group will meet every Tuesday at 11:00 am in the Primary School Art Room. Please feel free to join us. If you need any additional information, please contact Marilet at marilet@bigpond.com or if you do not have access to email then please contact Dr Glenn Chinen on 9243 2135

Students Leaving At The End Of 2009

If there are any students planning to leave school at the end of 2009, would parents please advise the Principal in writing, giving one term's notice. It is not necessary to receive letters from Year 12 students as they automatically leave, unless the School has been notified that they may apply to repeat Year 12 in 2010.

Key Dates	
Tuesday 12 October	Students Return
Wednesday 14 October	Year 7 Testing
Friday 16 October	Primary Dry Carnival
Monday 19 October	Grads' Day
Tuesday 20 October	Year 12 Seminars, P & F Meeting
Wednesday 21 October	Year 12 Seminars
Thursday 22 October	Year 12 Seminars, NIPPSA Athletics, YR 7 Immunisations
Friday 23 October	Year 12 Seminars , NIPPSA Athletics, ELC Sleepover, Yr 7 Mother and Daughter Evening

Congratulations

Aidan Chipps, Year 9, competed in the All Schools National Diving Competition held in Perth at Challenge Stadium from 12 to 18 September 2009. He received a bronze medal for 5 and 7m Platform, 4th for 3 and 5m Springboard (missing a medal by two points), bronze for Synchronised diving on 3m springboard. (missing second by 2 points) He dived exceptionally well and the competition was tough.

Leah Richards, Year 2, recently competed at 2B level in the State Gymnastics Championships winning overall Gold in the Junior category. Leah was placed first in three of the four apparatus.

Anonymous Letters

Occasionally things may become difficult for your child. They may feel left out, bullied, shunned, picked on or sad because of other students. Sometimes you may feel that your child is "pushing the envelope" at home and that school is not as strict as you might like. Please tell us about it - and please tell us who you are. We can be as discrete as you need us to be - and we do understand the pressure that either your child, or you as the parent, might be under. If you are hoping that we will take action, please remember that anonymous letters do not give us much to work with and that courage and trust are needed when tackling most problems.

Mr Bruce Titlestad, Head of Secondary School

Wearing of Hats in Term 4

Secondary parents and students are reminded about the Secondary School's Hat Policy in the School Handbook (<http://www.ststephens.wa.edu/handbook/>) that hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has his/her hat ready to be worn on the first day back to school in Term 4.

Stranger Danger

Over the past weeks we have received three notifications from the Association of Independent Schools in Western Australia concerning "Stranger Danger", particularly in the areas of Craigie, Ocean Reef/Connolly and Beldon. If your children are catching public transport to and from these areas, please ensure that they are aware of action to take if they are approached by anyone at all. Please report suspicious persons to Police Operations 131444 - or CRIMESTOPPERS 1800 333 000.

Something For Nothing

Yes it's true. From now until the fete on 20 March - 2010 - bring 5 jam jars filled with nothing to the primary school office and you will walk away with a jam jar filled with something of your choice (jam or marmalade). We are collecting some lovely matching sets and rely on the jam eaters among us to contribute their jars - so we will thank you for your efforts with what you enjoy. For those high quality people who have contributed so many jars before any sweet incentive was offered - please drop in and grab a jar of something. Anyone who has a fruit tree (plum, mulberry, fig etc) and surplus fruit over the coming months - we would love to jam some in a jar for you and for the fete. Christine Reid.

tc Reid@bigpond.com

Primary

Primary Dry Carnival

Primary Dry Carnival is on Friday 16 October 9:00 am – 3:00pm.

Inter School Primary Athletics Championships is on at St Marks AC School on Thursday 22 October and Friday 23 October.

French Year 4 Chorale

On Wednesday 4 November the Year 4 students will be travelling by train to attend a French singing festival. The event takes place at Perth Modern School. We need to take two trains to get to this school in West Leederville. We will be leaving school at 11:00am and return to school by 3:10pm. As a ratio of eight students to one adult is required for travel on public transport, we would appreciate assistance from Year 4 parents or any other parents who may be in a position to help.

Madame Lloyd

French News

We are looking for old school uniforms that can no longer be recycled. We would like to use them for cutting up and remaking. If you have anything that you can give to the Primary French at Duncraig please leave at Primary Reception or Main Administration in Duncraig. Thank you.

Madame Lloyd

Children's Week Award

The Year 6 Community Problem Solving team have won the WA ' Children's Week 2009 Awards of Recognition' in the category of 'Caring for Myself or Others Award 10-12 years'. The Award recognises the wonderful work that they have done in establishing a vegetable and fruit garden at Culunga Aboriginal Community School. They will be presented with their award on 28 October. Five of the team will be representing the School in the National Finals of the Future Problem Solving Competition in Queensland in the first week of Term 4.

Secondary

House Triathlon

The Annual St Stephen's School Triathlon will take place on Wednesday 28 October 2009. As with previous years, the event will include swimming, cycling and running. The Triathlon will be conducted at the Whitfords Nodes Reserve, just north of Hillarys Marina. The race will consist of a 300m swim, 8km cycle and a 3km run.

All competitors must supply their own equipment and the school will assist with transporting this to the Hillarys Marina and back to school. Students are required to ensure equipment is safe for use during the triathlon. This applies particularly to the bicycles. Entry forms for teams and individuals are due this week. Late entries must see me on the first day back next term.

Year 11 Stage 2 PE Studies students will compete as individuals as their practical exam. Their participation will also contribute to the House competition.

We will need a lot of parent help as officials on the course. If you are able to assist it would be appreciated. The event will commence at approximately 11am and will be completed by 12:30pm. Please contact me on 9243 2425 if you are able to assist.

Sue Libbis, Director of Sport

Year 12 Photo

This fantastic keep sake is now available. It has the names of all students listed and is very clear and presented. The Year 12 photo is now online to purchase. Please go to <http://www.photohendriks.com.au/ststephensd> Gallery password: ssd09sp.

Mr Bruce Titlestad, Head of secondary School

Athletics Team

The Athletics Team competed at the ACC B Division Carnival on Tuesday, St Stephen's finished in second place to John 23rd (by 83 points). This is a wonderful achievement and our Students were great! Some of the highlights are listed below. There are many more with students really giving their best to cross the line exhausted.

Cody Wilks broke the record for shot put with a throw of 14.64 and is OPEN Champion.
Ryan Watkins U13 Champion Boy
Jack Barham U13 R/Up
Taylor Watson U13 fourth Place
Thomas Robertson U15 second place
Daniel White U15 fourth place
Sally Ostrowski U15 fourth place
Emma Wilkinson U16 third place

Junior Boys: second place (by 6 points)
Senior Boys: sixth place
Overall Boys: third place
Junior Girls: fourth place (by 20 points)
Senior Girls: second place (19 points)
Overall Girls: equal second (12 points)

Thank you to everyone who have supported us in our sporting endeavours. Enjoy our success with us!

Mrs Nerina Cordner HOLA of Health and Physical Education Department

Return Of Bookhire Texts

Year 12 students

- Bookhire texts not required for exam study should be returned to the library before Grads' Day, 19 October 2009
- Bookhire texts required for exam study should be returned to the library after each exam

Year 11 students

- Bookhire texts not required for exam study should be returned to the library before Year 11 study leave commences in Term 4

Bookhire texts required for exam study should be returned to the library after each exam.

Awards Ceremony Years 10—12 Thursday 3 December 2009

Please join with all staff and the school community, to celebrate students' achievements at this year's Awards Ceremony for Years 10-12, to be held on Thursday 3 December at 7:00pm, amongst the gardens of the St Stephen's School Duncraig, Secondary quadrangle. For further information and a Booking Form to request tickets please go to page 7.

Canteen Roster

Date	8:30 -11:30	11:00 - 2:00
Tuesday 13 October	S Delamotte M Bodenstaff	B Blythe V Swainston
Wednesday 14 October	K Morrish F Keltie J Curry	J Stewart D Corcoran
Thursday 15 October	T Vlahos L Beament L Bissel	S Anderson
Friday 16 October	No Roster Dry Carnival	
Monday 19 October	A Parvasani M Mosenthal M Skinner	E Martin B Kapps (12 MD)
Tuesday 20 October	V Dearle J Hardie	D Moore
Wednesday 21 October	P Glavinas G Bruin	K Wright
Thursday 22 October	E Kitson T Botica T Bowie	L Hogben F Kestel
Friday 23 October	F Reed K Hewitt	K Bush K Cox

The Canteen invites you to become part of our volunteer team for 2010. Have you been thinking about joining, but have not got around to it? Please call 9243 2104 or drop by and put your name on the list for next year. Could all our energy charged volunteer team (each and everyone of you) for 2009 please join us again? We could not have managed this year without your invaluable help. Due to the many Food Safety and Food Preparation skills that our volunteers are trained in we can not take on volunteers to do one offs for commitment hours. All our volunteers are asked to commit themselves for the year on a Term, twice a Term or once a month basis. Our "one day" - once a month roster volunteers are the people who keep our canteen running. Thank you to all those wonderful people. A fond and sad farewell to our Year 12 mums, Julie Cutler, Marie Adair, Julie Evans and Yen Jun Wong who clocked up 1,000's of volunteer hours in the canteen. Go to <http://extranet.dun.ststephens.wa.edu.au> for the new menu for Term 4, 2009 and Term 1, 2010 will be on the school website. A copy can also be collected from Primary Office or the Canteen

Community News

Karate at St Stephen's School

Karate makes kids fit, confident & resilient. Come and learn authentic Karate in a safe and professional environment. Classes are available for all ages. New term commences Wednesday 14 October. For more information visit www.karatewa.com or phone Ben on 9243 3554.

Southern Cross Dance

Dance For The Heart, Christian Dance Studio. Classes in: Hip Hop, Jazz, Contemporary, Breakdance, Ballet and more! Enrolling for term four now! Enrolment Day Saturday 3 October 10:00am - 1:00pm at the studio, 154 Balcatta Road, Balcatta Mobile: 0421 631 644 www.southerncrossdance.com.au

Spanish Dance Classes

Spanish Dance Classes for children aged 7 - 9 years is on Monday 3:45- 4:45pm. For further enquiries contact Michelle Broad 9203 6012.

Northside school of Music

Northside School of music has music tuition for all ages and instruments for toddler classes ages 24 Monday —Thursday mornings, Group classes (ages 4 - 8) Weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Private tuition is also available from Monday - Saturday. Give your child the gift of music 9240 7588, 6/231 Balcatta Road Balcatta.

Head Lice

St Stephen's are receiving reports of students having head lice. During the school holidays can all parents please check their child's head for evidence of either head lice or their eggs. Please continue these checks on a weekly basis when your child returns to school for Term 4.

It is important that the child's head is 'wet' with conditioner when the check is done. To check hair for head lice, carefully comb plenty of hair conditioner through the dry hair, then comb again in sections with a fine-tooth 'nit' comb. Lice are 1 - 3 mm long and their eggs are grey-white and about the size of a grain of salt.

Head lice move at approximately 30cm per minute and are often difficult to see if the child has dry hair. When the hair is wet with conditioner the lice are slowed down and are then visible. If your child has either head lice or eggs start treatment.

This can be one of two methods.

Method One:

The first method is the 10 day conditioner treatment.

Note this is must be continued for 10 days, no fewer, if the lice cycle is to be broken.

Method Two:

This method is insecticide treatment for head lice. Please download the Head Lice Fact Sheet from the Health Department of WA for further information. www.health.gov.au/headlice



BOOKINGS FOR AWARDS CEREMONY YEARS 10 - 12
THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2009

Please join with all staff and the school community, to celebrate students' achievements at this year's Awards Ceremony for Years 10-12, to be held on **Thursday 3 December at 7.00pm**, amongst the gardens of the **St Stephen's School Duncraig, Secondary Quadrangle**.

All bookings will be attended to in the order in which they are received. You will need to return the completed form below, to Main Administration before **30 October (RSVP)**.

Students performing on the night (choir members, school band members) will not require tickets for seating. The families of these students however will require tickets.

Please book tickets only if you are sure you will attend as unused tickets leave empty seats which could well have been used by other families who may wish to attend but could not obtain tickets. It is expected that all students, other than those formally participating, will sit with their families who will accept responsibility for their behaviour on the night.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a Light Supper will be served for the Graduating class of Year 12 students and their families.

All tickets are free and will be distributed via Homeroom.

This is a formal evening and all students must wear their winter uniform, including the blazer.

MR BRUCE TITLESTAD
HEAD SECONDARY SCHOOL

MRS DAWN CLEMENTS
DEPUTY HEAD
CURRICULUM & LEARNING

DR GLENN CHINEN
DEPUTY HEAD
CARE

September, 2009

AWARDS CEREMONY TICKETS BOOKING SHEET

Please complete all sections below of the booking sheet and return to Main Administration by 30 October.

Address enquiries to Mrs Dianne Loan: 9243 2410.

Student's Name _____ Year Level _____ Home Room _____

(Please print)

Signature of Parent(s) / Guardian(s) _____ Date _____

Nos:

SEATING

Numbers of tickets required - Years 10/11 students & families []

Number of tickets required - Year 12 students only []

Number of tickets required - Year 12 family members only []

Number of tickets required - Year 12s and families for supper []