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Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

The original meaning of the word 'holiday' was 'holy day' and although we can say we have well and truly lost this understanding in our practice of holidays today, I must say that my recent holiday in Kruger National Park in South Africa was a blessed experience for my husband and me. We were privileged to see about 110 different species of wild animals and birds in our 8 days in the National Park and wild life reserve of this beautiful country. I can empathise with our many South African school families who feel homesick for the magnificent mountains and bush areas of their beautiful homeland.

In my Annual Report to Synod last month I proposed that Synod call upon the Federal Minister for Education, Hon Julia Gillard, to increase the funding for students with special needs and to make it equitable for all sectors. Our Chair of Council, Mr Michael van Drunen, spoke to this proposal and it received strong support. From 2005 to 2009 we have seen an increase of 100% in the number of students with diagnosed disabilities who receive government funding. However the funding is not equal to what these same students would receive in State schools and our School needs to find the extra money required to support them in their learning. You can read the report on this item from Synod at <http://www.wa.uca.org.au/home/blog/funding-for-students-with-special-needs/>

Our Year 12s will graduate next week and many are facing their final exams in the coming weeks. Our prayers go with all of them as they branch off into their various directions in this next stage of their lives. We thank them for their many fine contributions to our School during their time with us. With some we have shared in their development since Pre-Primary days, and for teachers it is always exciting to observe the changes in their maturity as they leave us as young adults. Our hope is that they have grown in wisdom and love and will *'walk in the way of good people and stay on the paths of righteous people.'* Proverbs 2: 20

For those parents who are leaving our School with your Year 12 student's departure, I would like to say a big thank you to each of you for your support of our School through your dedication, commitment and involvement. My staff and I appreciate all that you have done during this time and hope it has been a rewarding and beneficial time for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you all at their Graduation Dinner next week and at the Secondary Awards evening at the end of term.

As our final term gets under way, please ensure that the special events are highlighted in your home calendar. You can keep abreast with what is coming up through Dove Tales.

Caryl Roberts, Principal

Secondary Student Services

Mr Bruce Titlestad, Head of Secondary School, Dr Glenn Chinen, Deputy Head of Care and Mrs Dawn Clements, Deputy Head of Curriculum are now located in the Secondary Student Services Building where the Uniform Shop was. Parents who are collecting students for appointments should now do so via the Secondary Student Services Building. The nurse and sick bay are also located here. Careers Counsellors will relocate to this building for the start of 2010.

Music Notes

Term Four Concert

Our final concert for the year will be held on Friday 13 November. Tickets will be on sale on Monday of Week 3. There will be two performances. The following ensembles will perform: Wind Ensemble, Middle School Ensemble, Middle School Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, High School Choir, Chamber Choir (Friday morning group), Chorale (Friday afternoon group), String Quartets, and Year 4 Violins.

Instrumental Tuition

Applications for individual tuition in 2010 must be received by **Friday 30 October**.

If your child is continuing with an instrument, you do NOT need to re-apply for lessons. Your child will continue with their tutor in 2010.

In 2010 students will not be permitted to have two instrumental lessons during school hours except in very exceptional circumstances. If your child currently has two lessons at school please contact the Music Department to discuss the situation.

The Idea of North

We are looking forward to the visit from the vocal group The Idea of North next Thursday 22 October. High Schools students from St Stephen's Singers, all music classes from Years 9–12, Year 8 extension music classes and members of Chamber Choir in Year 7 are attending a special performance at 2:00pm in the Theatre.

This world-acclaimed group will present a concert in our School Theatre at 7:30pm that evening. Tickets are \$30. Don't miss this amazing event!

Music Tour to New Zealand 2010

Students who have been chosen to be part of the Tour Group will receive a letter over the next few days. The dates of the Tour are 23 June till 4 July 2010. Spot auditions will be held over the next weeks so students need to be prepared! They will be asked to sing or play parts of their repertoire and will be expected to **know all of their music thoroughly**.

Barbershop National Competition

The National Barbershop Singing Convention was held in Hobart at the end of September. There were hundreds of men, belonging to barbershop choruses from all over Australia, competing for the National awards. Alex Morris, a graduate of the 2004 class of St Stephen's School, directed two choruses from Western Australia - the WA Youth Chorus and Vocal Evolution, an adult chorus. The Youth Chorus took out the gold medal in the youth category and Vocal Evolution won gold in the open category, competing against twenty choruses. Gordon Jamison (class of 2003) and Alastair Jamison (class of 2004) sang in both of the choruses. We are very proud of our former students and we aim to have more of our young Barbershop singers compete in the next National Competition in 2011.

Key Dates

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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, Year 7 Immunisations
Friday 23 October	NIPPSA Athletics, ELC Sleepover, Year 12 Seminars, Year 7 Mother and Daughter evening
Tuesday 27 October	Council Meeting
Wednesday 28 October	House Triathlon (Secondary)
Friday 30 October	PP and Year 3 Orientation

Duty Of Care

Parents are reminded that staff members are not on duty until after 8:10am. Students who arrive before this time are not supervised. There is also no staff supervision provided after school. Students are therefore not allowed to play on any playground equipment. Students must keep to footpaths and use the walk crossings on the driveway. Please teach your child to be road wise if waiting to be collected by car or walking home.

On-line Access

For on-line access to school policies and procedures, go to:

<http://www.ststephens.wa.edu.au/handbook/> (Username: parents Password: tco99)

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school for a copy of a specific policy or ask to access the policy using a computer at school. The above information is also included in the Student Work Record.

Kiss N'Drive - Primary School

If you choose to drive through the Primary driveway to collect students or to drop them off, **you are not permitted to park or to leave your car.** Parking is available on Doveridge Drive or outside the Gymnasium off Hepburn Avenue and in the top carpark. Our students' lives have been put in danger by some careless reversing and driving by some.

P and L Plate Drivers

All Senior Students and Parents are reminded that P and L plate drivers are not permitted on the School Campus, ie driving/parking at the turning circle and in staff car parks off Hepburn Ave and Doveridge Drive. Students are reminded to park in the current Year 12/Parent car park area, particularly during when the TEE/WACE exams are in progress.

P & F Window Washing

Window washing is on this Saturday 17 October. Please meet at 8:00am in the turning circle. Enquiries call Wilf Heinz on 9447 4759.

Peanut Products

Peanut and Nut Allergies

A number of students attending St Stephen's are severely allergic to peanuts and/or other nuts (eg cashews, pine nuts, hazelnuts). Exposure (consumption, smelling and/or touching any residue left on balls, rails, etc.) can lead to anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction.

Therefore, while the school appreciates that for some children finding an alternative spread to peanut paste or nut spreads is difficult, **please do not allow your child to bring food containing peanuts, peanut paste or nut spreads to school.** (Please note we do not expect you to ban all foods that state "may contain traces of peanuts".) Due to the number of students with severe tree nut allergies we also **discourage** their consumption at school.

There will be no punitive action taken should your child be found to have these foods but they will be asked to wash their hands and have a drink following their meal. It will be explained to them why the request is being made and why we discourage the consumption of nuts and nut pastes at our school.

As a community we aim to make the school as safe as is feasibly possible for all our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to direct them to the school nurse. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. A copy of the school's *Guidelines on Managing Students with Anaphylaxis at St Stephen's School* can be obtained on request or from the School Handbook.

Term Dates 2010

Term 1	Friday 29 January Thursday 1 April	P-12 Start End Term 1
Term 2	Tuesday 20 April Friday 2 July	P-12 Start End Term 2
Term 3	Wednesday 21 July Friday 24 September	P-12 Start End Term 3
Term 4	Tuesday 12 October Wednesday 8 December	P-12 Start End Term

Primary Library

Another busy term has started in the Primary Library. Children are to bring their library books every week on their library day. They may be renewed if they haven't finished reading them. We still have many overdue items from last term.

There is a parent roster for each class to assist with shelving books. We hope that each class has lots of helpers. Parents are welcome to choose the time of the day that is most suitable for them eg after the morning drop-off, in the afternoon before pick-up, their child's library period etc. The library also has a roster in the workroom for additional help with a range of tasks around the library and with processing library materials. Offers of help with covering are always appreciated.

We would like you to encourage your child to be responsible with their library books. Overdue books take up considerable time to follow up and damaged books take up both time and money to replace.

See you soon in the Primary Library.

Sue Stopher, Head of Primary Library

French News

This year in French we have introduced a new way of learning a language called the gesture method. During the French class we only speak French. The gestures help us learn to speak and understand French. We would like to invite parents who are interested in experiencing this new method to join the Pre-Primary class on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:00pm in the French classroom or alternatively the Year 6 class on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:00pm. We would really enjoy having our parents involved in their children's French learning. Be prepared to be active! Madame Lloyd

Science IQ

Congratulations go to the Year 6 teams who have won 1st and 2nd place in the Science Teachers' Association's Term 3 Science IQ. The winners were: Matthew Hughes, Joshua Pethick, Thomas Meagher and Thomas Forgie. Coming second, by only one point, were Chanelle Arnott, Monique Geddes, Kimberley Hughes and Catherine Bock.

Secondary

Secondary Captains for 2010

The School would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students who have been elected as Captains (in alphabetical order):

Alethea House

Brooke Argentieri, Jarryd Dorney, Adelle Munsie, Jacob Timmerman, Jordan Watson and Cody Wilks,

Carana House

Georgia Gannon, Sarah Kappeler, Luke Norriss, Scott Reed, Callum Smyth and Esther Williams

Timae House

Sam Dickson, Brett Hatfield, Sarah McCauley, Ashleigh Peacock, Blaize Pengilly, and Jack Vlahos

The School and House Captains will be announced in each House early in Term 4 and formally acknowledged during the Awards Evening on the 3 December where the 2009 School Captains will present the Captains' badges to the incoming Captains. As well, at the start of the New School Year, the Captains will be formally Commissioned in a whole secondary assembly.

Grad's Day

Parents are reminded of the events on GRADS' DAY on Monday, 19 October.

House Farewell in respective Houses: 8:45am

Recess: Yr 12s/parents/teachers in foyer area of the Admin Building; 10:10am to 10:30am

Worship in Theatre: Yr 12s/parents; 10:35am to 11:30am

Grads' Assembly in Gym: 11:45am to 12:40pm

Light Lunch: Year 12s/parents/teachers; 12:40pm to 1:10pm

Grads' Dinner: 6:15pm for 6:30pm start at Observation City

Dress code: very neat evening casual wear.

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

Year 7 Vaccinations

On the morning of Thursday 22 October the final Gardasil injection will be given to those female Year 7 students who have received the previous 2 Gardasil injections. Please note: Students who missed having their second Hepatitis B injection and/or the Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis injection will have those immunisations given at the same time.

If you have any questions please contact the school nurses on 9349 2419.

Awards Ceremony

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. An Awards Assembly for Years 7 to 10 will be held on Friday 4 December.

Cyber Friendly Student Solutions Workshop

On the 22 September Brandon Rademeyer, Caris Kivits-Hunter, Diana Todorovski and Jonathon Cordner attended the Cyber Friendly Student Solutions Workshop. The day long workshop was to discuss and share opinions on cyber-bullying prevention issues, concepts and strategies. The information shared by students at the Workshop will inform the school and family resources that are being developed as part of the Cyber friendly schools and Families Project.

Year 12 Graduation Dinner Photos

Professional photos will be taken on the night courtesy of Kostas Image. The photos will be able to be viewed on-line at www.kostasimage.com.au and orders can be either placed on the website or by returning the order form to Student Services.

Canteen News

National Bandana Day

Buy a badge, pen or bandana during October from the canteen to show your support for 12 - 24 year olds living with cancer. Available now!

Volunteers

We are now collecting names for 2010 Roster. Please call in to canteen or phone 9243 2104 for your shift preference.

Shifts are 8:30 - 11:30, or 10:00 - 1:00, or 11:00 - 2:00, however we are very flexible. We ask you to commit to either once a month, twice a Term or once a Term as we can no longer take people on a casual basis.

Thank you.

Sheryn Aubrey, Canteen Manager

Date	8:30 -11:30	11:00 - 2:00
Monday 19 October	A Parvasamo M Skinner (10-1)	E Martin B Kapps (12MD)
Tuesday 20 October	V Dearle	D Moore
Wednesday 21 October	P Glavinias C Bruin	K Wright
Thursday 22 October	E Kitson T Botica T Bowie	L Hogben F Kestel
Friday 23 October	F Reed K Hewitt	K Cox K Bush
Monday 26 October	N Stewart	D Reinhardt
Tuesday 27 October	N Filocamo K Batty J Power	L Dalton
Wednesday 28 October	M Van-Eyk	L Cross
Thursday 29 October	C Campbell W Hatfield	T Knox E Wilson
Friday 30 October	J Fraser L Hall L Guard	N Naglan L Luck R Smith

Community News

Karate at St Stephen's School

Karate makes kids fit, confident and 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.

New Student Exchange Opportunities for Students

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange will be holding an Information Session for students and parents on 26 October at 7:30pm at Goodearth Hotel, 195 Adelaide Terrace, Perth. Visit the website at www.scce.com.au or phone toll-free 1-800-500-501.

The Churchlands Choral Society

Present 'Felix and Franz' with Schubert's Mass in E Flat and Mendelsson's Motets Opus 69 on Saturday 14 November 2009 at 7:30pm and again on Sunday 15 November 2009 at 2:00pm. The venue is the Prendiville Performing Arts Centre, Prendiville Avenue, Ocean Reef and there is ample free parking. The choir will be accompanied by an orchestra, with well known Perth identity, Tim Cunniffe, conducting. Tickets are \$20 or \$17 concession, available from Jeannette (9401 3230) or at the door.



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 []