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Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

You may be aware St Stephen's is in the process of implementing a new database system. This is a major ICT project in the School's history. We are amongst the largest multi campus schools in the country to move to Synergetic - others being Caulfield Grammar and Melbourne Grammar.

Planning for this implementation started in August 2008 and Glenn Welsh our Database Manager has worked with the company Computing Directions Australia – CDA to convert our data from both MAZE and iWise ready to move into Synergetic.

There will be two main phases in the implementation of Synergetic:

1. **Trial Phase** - All Administration staff and a few specific Academic staff have recently been involved in specialised training to run Synergetic with our data converted from MAZE and iWise and to find the problems with the data.
2. **Live Phase** - All staff will have access to Synergetic with updated data from MAZE and iWise. This starts on April 14.

We thank our ICT staff under Ian Mackay-Scollay's leadership for their hard work in this complex ongoing process.

The Lorraine Paul Centre at Duncraig is taking shape and we anticipate gaining access early in Term 2. It will be cause for great celebration and will help to provide the need for space around the Duncraig campus. A review of the Administration has been undertaken by Mrs Audrey Jackson and many of her recommendations will be put in place once we have the space needed for staff and students. There will be relocations and staff changes at Carramar also as a result of the Administration review. One change to take immediate effect is Mr Neil Campbell's title – he is now our **Director Finance and Administration**. He is presently enjoying a break on the ocean from his demanding work.

In early March we celebrated the marriage of our Duncraig Head of Secondary, Bruce Titlestad, to Michell Bassett, PA to the Principal and Head of Secondary at Carramar. Our congratulations and prayers are with them and their children.

Vacancies in Year 7

We have some vacancies in our Year 7 Transition program at both campuses this year. This is the 'blip' year when the age for starting school was brought back to 30 June, making it a smaller cohort. All the places for Year 8 next year have been offered, so this is an opportunity for those who have missed out to secure a place.

Please ask anyone you know with a Year 7 student who may be interested to contact the Office immediately as the students can start next term.

Australian Awards for Teaching Excellence

Nominations are now open for the Australian Awards for Teaching Excellence.

We have the opportunity to recognise and celebrate teaching and its contributions to the nation. We can acknowledge exceptional teachers, principals and school staff who work creatively and tirelessly for our young people. The Australian Government provides more than \$1 million in prize money to celebrate excellence in teaching. In 2009, 64 exceptional people will be recognised in six categories, with an additional Minister's Award for Excellence in ICT:

- Excellence by a Teacher
- Excellence in Teacher Leadership
- Excellence by a Principal
- Excellence by a Beginning Teacher
- Excellence by a Support Staff Member
- Excellence by a School and its Community.

The closing date for nominations is 19 June 2009.

To find out more go to:

<http://www.teachingaustralia.edu.au>

Some words of advice and encouragement from 2 great heroes:

"The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just".

Abraham Lincoln

"Be the change you want to see in this world". **Mahatma Gandhi**

Mrs Caryl Roberts, Principal

Announcements**Healthy Heart Month**

Healthy Heart month will be held in May with displays in the secondary foyer. Parent helpers are needed in the Primary School at various times during this cardio month to give out Healthy Heart Beat Bites. Please call Sheryn Aubrey at the canteen 9243 2104 if you can spare time to help.

Uniform Shop-Blazers

Ordered blazers are expected in the next week or so. Blazers should be available for payment and collection the last week of term. Students will be notified via the daily bulletin when they arrive.

Winter Uniform

Students need to be in full winter uniform by the beginning of Week 3 of Term 2. Winter uniform needs are available from the Uniform Shop.

Secondhand Donations

A reminder that items being brought in for sale need to be freshly laundered, ironed (or dry cleaned in the case of blazers), with all identifying tags removed. We need to have all secondhand items in a good presentable condition for sale. Items unfit for sale **will not** be processed.

Holidays

Please note that the Uniform Shop **will not** be open during the school holidays. We will, however, be open from 9:00am-1:00pm on Tuesday 28 April, the day before students recommence school for Term 2. We will need some volunteer helpers on this day. If you can spare us some time, please give us a call on 9243 2133 and leave us a message.

Traffic Safety

Thanks to parents who are following the School's Traffic Plan. In particular, many thanks to those parents who are keeping to the left turn request when exiting the Primary Kiss and Drive area onto Doveridge Drive, including those parents exiting the Year 12 carpark and the main entrance. From 3:05pm to 3:35pm, parents are requested to follow this traffic plan, ie making a left turn onto Doveridge Drive when exiting the school grounds. Also, thanks to parents who are not entering the Kiss and Drive area off Hepburn Avenue until after 3:40pm due to school buses entering and exiting this area. Your patience and understanding are needed to make the school traffic flow smoother and safer for you, your child and others.

Parking On Verge

Parents are not to park on the verge on the south side of Doveridge Drive. The School has received complaints from residents on Doveridge Drive of cars parking on this side of the road. This is very dangerous as no cars should be parking next to the pedestrian footpath. This includes the section next to the Year 12 car park where the bollards have been placed recently. The footpath area must be kept clear so no cars should be parking on the verge next to the footpath.

Key Dates	
Wednesday 1 April	Year 5 Camp, Year 12 Parent Teachers evening
Thursday 2 April	Year 5 Camp, House Cross Country (Secondary)
Friday 3 April	Year 5 camp, Music Concert 1, Year 12 Geography Excursion
Monday 6 April	Non uniform day
Tuesday 7 April	NIPSSA Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 8 April	NIPPSA Swimming Carnival, Anzac Day Service
Thursday 9 April	Dove Tales, P-6 Easter Service, 7-12 House Easter Service
Friday 10 April	Good Friday

Traffic Speed Reminder

Please adhere to the 10km/h speed limit whilst on the school grounds and to the 40km/h speed limit whilst in the school zone. Some parents who drop off their children early in the morning (noted in Duncraig campus) are speeding in these areas. For your safety, your child's safety including other children's safety, please follow the speed limit in these areas.

Cybersafety Student Forum

The explosion of ICT has resulted in virtually unlimited ways for students to learn and communicate using the internet. However, the increase in technology also generates some risks. To educate our students in the proper and safe use of the internet, students from Years 6 to 10 have participated in a cybersafety forum. The Australian Government via the Australian Communications and Media Authority has made this possible for this cybersafety presentation to take place on Thursday, 26 March.

Dr Glenn Chinen, Deputy Head of Secondary for Care

Inegard PC Internet Filter Product

In conjunction with the cybersafety forum presentation (for Years 6 to 10), each child in the Primary School will be receiving a free CD on cybersafety and ongoing support to 30 June 2010. For the Secondary School, only the eldest in the family will be receiving this CD. This has been made possible under the Government's NetAlert Protecting Australian Families online (PAFO) scheme. If you have any problems with loading/using the CD please contact the helpline on 1300 763 478.

Music Notes

Senior Concert

Our first Concert for 2009 will be held in the Theatre on Friday 3 April at 7:30pm. Emails have already been sent to the families of all students involved. The groups performing are Concert Band, Swing Band, St Stephen's Singers, Girls Chorale, Barbershop Boys, High School String Orchestra, Junior String Quartet and Chamber Choir (Friday 7:30am group). All groups EXCEPT the Chamber Choir will wear performance uniform – aqua and black. Chamber Choir will wear school uniform. Tickets are now available from the High School Office **after 9:00am** each day. All other Ensembles will perform in our next concert which will be held in Term 2, on Friday 12 June.

Parent Help

We would be delighted to have some parent help for the concert evening. Parents of students who are involved in the Term 2 concert might like to help out at this concert, using this to count towards their family commitment hours.

Vocal Workshop

Members of St Stephen's Singers, former choral students and any interested staff members are invited to join the amazing vocal quartet, The Idea of North, for a vocal workshop in our school theatre for around 45 minutes after school on Tuesday 31 March.

Special Concert

On Thursday 22 October the Idea of North will give a concert in our school theatre. We are delighted to have them perform here! There will be a concert during the day for students and then a workshop for our vocalists after school. In the evening there will be a concert open to the public. Seats will sell very quickly so put this date in your diary now.

Carana Fundraiser Quiz Night

When: Friday 27 March 2009 at 7:00pm

Where: Cousins Hall Duncraig Campus

In Aid Of: A Uniting Care initiative supporting AIDS orphans in Mwandia, Africa

Table Size: 8 persons

Cost: Adults \$10:00 Students \$8:00

Bookings: Through the Collinson Library

Lots of Fun, Laughter and Prizes

Congratulations to our Duncraig swimmers!

The ACC Interschool Swimming team had a wonderful day at the carnival winning first place in the B division. We also won the following shields:

Boys Under 13 Champion Team

Senior Boys Trophy

Junior Boys Trophy

Overall Boys Trophy

The competition was tough throughout the day with many very close races and our swimmers and the PE department are to be commended on their performance.

Primary

Primary Notes

Wet Carnival

Thank you to the many parents who helped with the Primary Wet Carnival earlier this month. Thanks to the wonderful organisation along with staff, student and parent support, this was a great event. Congratulations to Alethea, the winning house.

Silly Sock Day

This term the Primary School students will not have a non-uniform day. Instead they will be holding a Silly Sock Day on Monday 6 April. **Primary students will come to school in their usual uniform** but are encouraged to have some fun by wearing the silliest socks they can find! Teachers can do this, too! Traditionally, we have asked for donations to be brought to school on non-uniform days and we shall continue this on Silly Sock Day. However, we will encourage students to bring in some of **their own money**, no matter how small the amount. Money raised from the day will go towards a nominated charity which will be decided by Primary Captains. We look forward to having a lovely parade of silly socks.

Primary School Easter Service

The Easter Service will be held in the Primary Forum on Thursday 9 April at 9:00am. A warm welcome is extended to parents who wish to join us for the service.

Primary School Worship

Student worship is held in the Primary Forum each Monday, beginning at 12:30pm. Any parents who are in school around that time are most welcome to join us for this. We would love to see you there.

Homework in the Primary School

A number of parents have asked teachers for more homework for their children. The amount of homework for Primary School students will depend on their age and this will be determined by the class teacher. The maximum time to be spent on homework is in Year 6 and should be no more than two hours each week. Homework is given on Monday and is usually to be completed by Friday. Please note that homework may not be the same for all students in a particular class. Sometimes homework will be given to reinforce the work in the classroom but may also be used to give students the opportunity for self directed learning and open-ended tasks.

Mrs Christine Benson, Head of Primary School

Wet Carnival

Another fantastic event was held at Joondalup Arena on Friday March 6. With help from a lot of parents, teachers and High School students the event ran very smoothly and we even had enough time for the new Staff-Parents-Students race. In one of the closest finishes to date, only 10 points separated all 3 houses. The final result was as follows:

1st Alethea - 556

2nd Timae - 552

3rd Carana - 546

Individual Results

Year	Champion	Runner Up
3 Girls	Jae Barns	Phoebe Russell
4 Girls	Kara Elliot	Ashleigh D'Sylva
4 Boys	Christian Watson	Nicholas Stevens
5 Girls	Isabella Walker	Neesha Ravendran
5 Boys	Benjamen Hewlett	Liam Watson
6 Girls	Chanelle Arnott	Rebecca Stacy
6 Boys	Tom Bissell	Jackson Hughes

IPSHA Carnival

St Stephens took a squad of 30 students to Wesley College on Thursday 12 March and competed very well in all age groups. There is no overall winner but there were some fine individual and team performances.

NIPSSA Carnival is to be held on Tuesday 7 April at Challenge Stadium

Swim Squad Training continues on Thursday 7:30am at Craigie Leisure Centre

Secondary

Non-uniform Day on Monday 6 April

Students are reminded to dress appropriately on this day, following the Non-uniform Dress Standard noted in the Work Record (for secondary students) on page 16. SBRs will be issued and/or students may be sent home if they are not dressed appropriately. Students, with parent support, are asked take on the responsibility to do the right thing on this day.

Special Examination Arrangements Years 11 and 12

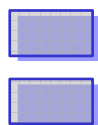
St Stephen's School wants each student to perform in their examinations to the best of their ability.

Students who have a medical and/or physical disability, illness and/or specific learning disability that could disadvantage them in demonstrating their knowledge, skills and understanding in timed assessments may apply for Special Examination Arrangements (this may include extra time, resting time, use of laptop, scribe).

These applications must be made in accordance with Curriculum Council Policy, circular code 99/2/22 "Special Examination Arrangements – TEE". A copy of this document is available from Ms Davies in INSPIRE as is the application form.

For all internal examinations (ie St Stephen's end of semester examinations) applications on the aforementioned application form must be forwarded along with the appropriate support documentation (medical and/or psychological reports) to Ms Davies by the end of term 1 each year so that it can be considered for approval so that proper supervision arrangements can be made if approval is granted. Please note that for the actual Tertiary Entrance Examinations the Curriculum Council decides who is eligible for Special Arrangements on an individual basis. Application close this year at the end of May. All students who are granted Special Examination Arrangements for these external examinations sit their examinations at a venue other than St Stephen's eg Tuart College.

If you have any questions or require clarification please contact Ms Davies in INSPIRE on 9243 2401 or email daviesd@ststephens.wa.edu.au



Are you home during the school day? Do you want to do something valuable in your parent hours? You can help our build their skills and enjoyment of reading. It's easy! Volunteer to read with one or more students in their silent reading periods. Call Sasha Frost on 9243 2443 to organise a suitable time.

Careers

The Careers, Education & Employment Expo will be held at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre between 16 and 17 May 2009. The event is open between 10:00am and 4:00 pm and is free.

The Expo will feature representatives from all major tertiary institutions, other educational institutions, industry associations, training organisations, government agencies and many potential employers. It will provide students with an opportunity to talk to representatives of all WA universities and all metropolitan TAFE colleges in one place.

Year 10 students will be attending as part of a Career class excursion on Friday 15 May and a notice concerning this will come home with students.

Mrs Darby, Career Coordinator

Student Exchange Overseas

Is your child interested in experiencing a different culture, willing to meet new people, visit interesting and exciting places and learn a new language? If so, please make contact with Dr Glenn Chinen ASAP.

Congratulations

Dominic Bechard 7N, has been offered a scholarship to the State Tennis Academy at Burswood. This is a scholarship for the top 3 junior players in the state. Dominic will also be competing in the Nationals, to be held over the Easter holidays in Mildura, Victoria.

CAS Results Round 3,4 & 5

Junior CAS Teams	Round 3 vs St Mark's ACS	Round 4 bye	Round 5 vs Prendiville
Basketball byyr8	Def 24 -46		Won 67-56
Basketball byyr9	Won 68-22		Won 8 -96
Basketball grlyr8	Won 44-4		Won 48-18
Basketball grlyr9	Def 10-36		Won 56-30
Cricket byyr8-9	Won 745 -539		Won 1529-486
Softball grlyr8-9	Won 9-8		Won 13-9
Tennis byyr8-9	Won 3-1		Won 2-1
Tennis grlyr8-9	Won 4-0		Won 2-1
Senior CAS teams	Round 1 vs Imcc	Round 2 vs SSS Carramar	Round 3 vs Ljbc
Basketball snr boys	Won 43-29	Won 29-30	Won 45-33
Basketball snr girls	Won 24-23	Won 19-37	Won 35-17
Softball snr girls	Won -forfeit	Won 9-7	Won 10-6
Indoor beach volleyball girls	Sssc def 0-2 Ljbc def 2-1	Ljbc def 0-2 Imcc def 0-2	Sssc -won 2-1 Ljbc def 0-3
Indoor beach volleyball boys	Sssc 1-1 Ljbc def 0-3	Ljbc def 0-3 1mcc def 1-2	Sssc - def 1-2 Ljbc - def 2-1

Next week our Senior teams will play in the Finals with our Senior Boys Basketball, Senior Girls Basketball and Softball playing for premierships at Home. Indoor Beach Volleyball teams will play at Joondalup with the boys playing for third and the girls for fourth. Good luck to all teams!!

Mrs Libbis, Director of Sport

	8:30 –11:30	11:00- 2:00
Monday 30 March	A Peacock K Brouwer	D Reinhardt
Tuesday 31 March	Jean Power	Help Needed
Wednesday 1 April	K Morrish M Von-Eyk	N Bowles
Thursday 2 April	F Kestral Help Needed	T Dennis Help Needed
Friday 3 April	J Cutter L Guard J Power	C Ash Help Needed
Monday 6 April	M Mosenthal A Littler T Bowie	Help Needed Help Needed
Tuesday 7 April	K Cox Help Needed	L Dalton V Swainston
Wednesday 8 April	J Corry Help Needed	Help Needed
Thursday 9 April	L Beament L Bissel T Vlahos	S Anderson Help Needed Help Needed

Community Notices

Men with a Mission

How can fathers help their kids' education? An education panel hosted by Dr Phil Ridden (Head of Primary, St Stephen's School), Mr Barry Rose (Principal, Mirrabooka High School), Mr Rod Wood (Deputy St Stephen's Primary School) and Mr Mark Fielding (Dean of Charis House, St Stephen's School). Many Dads feel unsure of how they can help in the education process of their child or children; this panel of highly experienced educators (who are also highly experienced Dads!) will guide and inform fathers.

Venue: Glengarry Tavern Beach Road Warwick
 Date: 1 April 2009
 Time: 6:30pm for dinner
 7:30pm for panel discussion
 Cost: \$5:00 at the door. A-la-carte menu available; buy your own drinks.
 Contact: Mr Brian Plowman (9306 7363)
 Mr Rod Wood (9306 7104)
 Mr Glenn Chinen (9243 2135)

John Fairchild's Tennis Edge Teen Tennis commencing Saturday 2 May 2009, 8 week course on Saturday mornings, featuring small squads at Duncraig for enrolment phone John Fairchild 9448 4580

Academic Task Force TEE Revision Courses – April Holiday Program for further information contact Dr Pam Bagworth on 9317 4421.

Fun4Kids Care for Friday 29 May, 2009, \$25 per child. Pre-primary to Year 7s. Bring your own lunch, but everything else is included. 8:00am-4:00pm. 31 Chadlington Dve, Padbury nicolem@c3hh.com.au
 Phone 9307 5000. Drinks, morning tea, afternoon tea, crafts, big-screen movies, games, console games, music, All volunteers have Working With Children Card Checks

Good Samaritan Industries Workers with Disabilities wanted. Good Samaritan Industries is currently recruiting new supported employees for our warehouse in Canning Vale and our twenty retail stores. We would like to invite graduating and recently graduated students with their parents and guardians, to an information morning tea. The information session tour and morning tea will include information on Good Samaritan Industries and the service we provide, inclusive of a at our of our Canning vale warehouse and its operations. The information sessions and tours will be conducted at 47 Magnet Road Canning Vale on the following dates (please allow at least one hour): Friday 24 April, Friday 22 May at 9:30am. Bookings are essential please phone 9463 0500 to book.

Wanneroo Basketball Association. Junior Player Registration Day for the forthcoming winter season which commences on 1 May 2009 is on Saturday 21 March between 9:00am and 1:00pm at the Joondalup Basketball Stadium, 380 Joondalup Drive, Joondalup. Further details 9300 1325 or welcome@wolves.asn.au

Learning Performance Seminars for students in Years 8-12, Mt Lawley Campus and Joondalup Campus of Edith Cowan University and Murdoch University Phone 9246 2733 www.learnperform.com. Strategies for success on 14/15/16/17 April at Murdoch University and 20/21/22/23 April at ECU Joondalup Campus

Active Kids Holiday Calendar. Give a gift of physical activity. The department of sport and recreation has pulled together all the nest stuff to do over the school holidays and put it into the School Holiday Program Calendar. You can do just about anything from learning to surf, to improving your soccer skills or if it is adventure you are looking for come try abseiling, climbing or kayaking. For more information visit www.dsr.wa.gov.au

AFS Exchange need volunteer host families to provide students with the unique opportunity to discover and experience the 'real' Australia. Become a volunteer host family and step into the cultural experience of a life time. Please call AFS WA Volunteer Hosting Coordinator, Joyce Vandenberg on Ph: 08 9534 5823 or Mob: 0409-535-721 for more information if you're interested in hosting an AFS exchange student or visit www.afs.org.au

Karate is a great way to boost confidence, get fit and have fun. Kids, teens and adults can all benefit from learning authentic Karate in our fun and supportive atmosphere. Phone Ben on 9243 3554.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international students arriving in July 2009. High school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2009 from Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark Finland, Japan, Brazil, Canada and the USA. To enquire, call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceaust@scce.com.au

Therapy Focus is proud to present Sunny's Sunday Carnival which celebrates diversity, inclusion and the abilities of all children. When: Sunday 5 April. Hyde Park, North Perth (cnr Glendower St and William St). Time: 10:00am-2:00pm. Activities include: Bouncy castle, Dumbo ride, Ferris wheel, Face painting, Roving characters, Children's band, Petting zoo, Dance classes, Bubble making, Food and refreshments.

Football Fun Come and try Day - Program for children and youth with disability from Ages 7 to 17 years. On Saturday 4 April 2009 from 7-12 years from 8:30am- 9:30am and 13-25 years 9:45am to 10:45am. De Lacey Reserve, Hillside crescent Maylands-cost free.

Fun4kids Circus Spectacular Date: Tuesday April 14 and/or Wednesday April 15, Time: 8:30am-3:30pm. Ages 5-12 years old. \$35 per day Includes lunch, drinks and snacks. Activities: Animal Farm, circus workshops and performances, clowns, crafts, pull-aparts, movies, drama, music, console games, cooking, games, science show. Venue: Christian City Church 31 Chadlington Drive Padbury

Help! North Coast Raiders are desperately seeking more Hockey Players for the 2009 hockey season. Year groups: Girls - Years 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 & 12 Boys - Years 11 & 12. Please contact Sheila Klimczyk 9246 7145 or 0432 744 184. If you'd like to play, we would love to have you! samonteath@inet.net.au