**What’s News**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The aim of Staines Memorial College is to provide Christ-centred schooling in an atmosphere of love, respect, peace and discipline which will encourage students to achieve their potential for God.

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**Principal’s Message**

Providing knowledge is not enough for any school. No-one holds all knowledge, and knowledge alone is insufficient.

A further issue with knowledge is that it does not change behaviour. Knowledge informs, but there is an active choice we each make with the knowledge / information provided.

Consider: How many times have you heard a public service message in the media that is ignored? For example: we have known since the 1970s that smoking causes significant health problems. Through schools and the media we have been ‘taught’, reminded, encouraged to do the right thing and significant taxes exist as a disincentive. Yet sadly people continue to get sick from smoking. I would much rather they were healthy.

Our focus as a College, is to help students make wise choices. This involves teaching about choices and consequences. It also involves recognising there are some right and wrong actions. It involves teaching children we are accountable for our choices and we are most accountable to God. Discovering wisdom requires us to get to know God.

In Micah 6:8 God clearly tells us what He requires and other parts of the Bible remind us that He will hold each of us personally accountable for our response to His expectation of us. We are told to love loving, act justly and walk humbly. We are to love loving our God, each other and ourselves. To love someone is to want the best for them. As all the staff love God, I am confident that they do want the best for your child.

Additionally we want wisdom for your children, not just knowledge. Wisdom enables us to determine right from wrong. Wisdom enables us to make the best choices. Wisdom comes from God. God is wisdom.

Hear God’s words from Proverbs chapter 4.

*My child, listen closely to my teachings and learn common sense. My advice is useful, so don’t turn away.
When I was still very young and my mother’s special child, my father said to me: ‘If you follow my teachings and keep them in mind, you will live.
Be wise and learn good sense; remember my teachings and do what I say.
If you love Wisdom and don’t reject her, she will watch over you.
The best thing about Wisdom is Wisdom herself; good sense is more important than anything else.
If you value Wisdom and hold tightly to her, great honours will be yours...’*

I thank you for working with us to expose the SMC students to discovering wisdom and not just knowledge. Wisdom will help us make good choices now and into the future.

*Mr. Norton Sands*

**Principal**

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**Some Prayer Points**

- Please pray for the children in the Hostels in Orissa that we support – for their health and education. Give thanks for their carers.
- Pray that we would together, parents and educators, raise young people of strong Christian character.

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**Update details**

As it is a new school year, please update your family details including email addresses and emergency contact details.

Information is primarily communicated by email. If you haven’t received an email from the College in the last week, please contact us to provide your email address.

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**Peanut Free School**

Staines Memorial College is a peanut free school. Please do not send peanut products in lunches as we have students who are highly allergic to peanuts.

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**Diary Dates:**

- 16 Feb - Yr 3-6 Swimming Lessons
- 23 Feb - Yr 3-6 Swimming Lessons
- 1 Mar - Yr 3-6 Swimming Lessons
- 2 Mar - Open Day
- 2 Mar - FIA Tuckshop Day
- 14 Mar - Reading Fair (K-6)
- 18 Mar - Photo Day
- 23 Mar - Cross Country Carnival

*Keep your eye out for more...*
Absentee Line

When your child will be absent from school please call or SMS the Absentee Line. Please state your child’s name and class and a brief reason for absence. The phone number is 38148606 or SMS a message to 0438 593 239. An SMS will be sent if notification of absence is not received by 9am.

Uniform Shop—2016

Regular hours for the Uniform Shop during term time are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8am to 9am

Latest uniform delivery is: Formal boys shorts. Items are arriving almost daily. Please check in with Miss Bonita at the uniform shop during opening hours (above). If students are requiring an item before school, please ensure you arrive early enough to still get to class by 8.30am.

School Banking

A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be attending the primary assembly on Wednesday 24th February (8.45am). They will be available in the Resource Centre from 8:00am until 8:30am and after assembly to set up accounts for students who are wanting to start banking through the school this year.

To set up an account you will need to bring parent ID and your child’s birth certificate. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of banking.

School Banking is collected on Friday mornings. More information will be shared at the Primary Assembly on the 24th.

College Newsletters

Newsletters will be sent home by email and will be available on the College website. If you would like a paper copy, they will be available from Reception.

Years 7 & 8 Mentoring

Years 7 & 8 had their first combined chapel last Friday during pastoral care class and these will continue each fortnight. This chapel time encourages Year 8 students to mentor Year 7 students in their high school transition. Students will be involved in singing, Bible readings and giving a devotional as well as mentorship activities.

SMC News

Have you found the new Facebook Group called ‘SMC News’. We encourage you to join the group as another way to keep in touch with what is happening around the College.

Link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1281638631862643/

Volunteer Induction

We have a great bunch of parents and guardians who volunteer at our College on a regular basis. If you would like to join our Volunteer team please come along to a Volunteer Induction session. This will be facilitated by our Principal, Mr Norton Sands. The next session will be held on Thursday 3rd March from 9am—10am. Please RSVP to the College administration by Wednesday 2nd March.

Year 10 USI reminder

All Year 10 students need to have returned their USI forms to Mrs Bray by 19th February.

A USI is an account or 10 character alpha-numeric reference which will allow all of an individual’s training records, entered in the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) data collection, to be linked. The USI will make it easier for students to find, collate and authenticate their VET achievements into a single transcript. To obtain a USI students need to log onto http://usi.gov.au and click on the “Create USI” icon.

Alumni – Where are they now?

Muava Temita

Graduated: 2015
Subjects studied at SMC in Yr 11 and 12: English, Mathematics B, Legal Studies, Science 21, Modern History, and Business Communication and Technology

External subjects: GUEST program at Griffith University (studied a first year university subject while in year 12)
OP: 7
What I will be doing in 2016: Bachelor of Law/Bachelor of Justice at QUT

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for students in Years 3-6 begin this week. A note was provided to parents last week. Students will travel by College bus to the Goodna Aquatic Centre. They will be required to bring a water bottle, towel, plastic bag for wet clothes, spare underwear, and sunscreen.

Parent Survey

Would you kindly click on the following web page to complete a parent survey about your back-to-school experience. The survey identifies which school your children attend, year levels and asks some basic questions. All respondents remain anonymous and information will be collated by our central CCM office.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/schoolreturn

Help Needed

We have a large number of books that need covering for the Resource Centre. If you would like to help cover some books please let Mrs Amanda Bray know. Contact is provided.
Immunisation Program

Staines Memorial College participates in the Ipswich City Council School Immunisation Program. In 2016, both Yr 7 & Yr 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as Queensland is transitioning the program from Year 8 to Year 7. Transitioning the program to Year 7 will ensure adolescents continue to receive their vaccinations within the recommended age range (11-13 years) and align Queensland’s School Immunisation Program with other Australian adolescent programs which are delivered in the first year of secondary school.

Therefore 2016 will be the last year that Year 8 students will be vaccinated at school.

The program for 2016 will provide vaccinations to all students in Years 7 & 8. These vaccinations are:

- HPV (3 doses) all rounds
- Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (Boostrix) 1st round
- Chicken Pox 2nd round

We encourage you to support the program as immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting people against harmful diseases before they come into contact with them in the community. Immunisation not only protects individuals, but also others in the community, by reducing the spread of disease. Through programs like this Ipswich City Council is aiming to increase vaccination rates in the Ipswich community.

The following dates have been selected for 2016:

Visit 1: Thursday 14th April
Visit 2: Thursday 16th June
Visit 3: Thursday 27th October

This week the Year 7 & 8 students will be given an Immunisation Consent form. Please return them to Reception or your Pastoral Care Teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Faith in Action News

“People who practically want to make a difference”

Tuckshop Day

Subway order forms have been distributed to classes. Please return form with correct money to the locked box at Reception. One order form per student.

FIA Meeting

The first FIA meeting for 2016 will be Wednesday 17th February at 2:30pm in the SLC Resources Room. Items for discussion will be the calendar of fundraising events and the College goals for student resources. Please RSVP to Christine Hoerlein on 3814 8600.

Ice Block Days

Ice blocks and ice creams are being sold each Friday at first break for all of Term 1. A variety of ice blocks are available for purchase from 50c to $2.

Soft Drinks are for sale to the Secondary students each Friday for $1.50.

All funds raised go towards Missions, FIA and Student Council projects.

Work Experience

Year 10 & 11 Work Experience forms are due by the 11th March.

Please return to Mrs Bray.

Payments by BPay

The BPay facility for payment of school fees is now unavailable. Please do not use the BPay Code and reference number for future payments.

Payments may be made by Direct Debit, Credit card over the phone or directly into our bank account. Our bank account details are BSB 034-264 (Westpac Loganholme) with account number 18-2915. Please use your reference as it appears on your statement.

Chaplain’s Spot

G’day all!

It’s been great catching up with students and if you're new to the school I look forward to meeting you around the school or at school events.

We had a wonderful time at this term’s Father/Son BBQ with Nerf battle on Saturday. Father Son BBQ’s occur each term. Keep your eye out for details about the next one.

We also have the affordable annual Father/Son Getaway weekend at Somerset Dam coming up on 17th to 19th September. This is a great time, mostly free time, with the options of campfires, fishing, mini golf, sports and other recreations. There is a short segment focussed on what it means to be a healthy son and father and also an opportunity for fathers and sons to speak encouragement into each other’s lives around the fire on the Sunday night. Details for the Getaway can be found at the end of this newsletter or on a flyer picked up from the reception area.

Have a great fortnight!

- Chaplain Peter

“\textit{A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.}”

\textit{John 13:34-35}
Healthy Fruit Snack

Year 1 has been bringing healthy food for fruit snack. Keep up the good work!

Year 1

Year 1 is working on categorising objects by their similar characteristics during afternoon rotations. Everyone has fun while learning!

Student Leaders

The Student Leaders Induction Ceremony was held last Monday.

Congratulations to all students selected to be student representatives and leaders.

Year 11’s

2016 has seen a big change to the year 10’s of 2015 with the amalgamation of Mr Gibson’s and Mrs C’s class. We are happy to announce that we are intending to continue the outreach processes, with the running of BBQ’s to raise money for Mrs Green’s Thailand Outreach and also a Working Bee/Mission Trip to Warwick Christian College to help out with the running of our sister school. Students really enjoyed our trip last year and made a positive contribution to the Warwick College. Serving others is a focus we hope to continue this year.
“Father/Son Getaway”
A weekend away for fathers and their sons

Come join us as fathers and sons spend the weekend at Somerset Dam kicking a football, swinging a cricket bat, playing mini golf, casting a fishing line, going for a swim, sitting around the campfire, munching on good food and sharing our stories.

Where: Lake Somerset Holiday Park (1hr drive from Staines Memorial College)
When: Saturday to Monday 17th to 19th September. (We will be meeting at the school at 7:30am on Saturday morning to carpool and will be arriving back at the school by 4pm on Monday).
Cost: $40 per person to cover all meals and campsite costs
What to bring: You will need to bring your own camping gear (i.e. tents), seating, eating utensils (i.e. cutlery, plates and cups), fishing gear, bedding, sunscreen, insect repellent and any extra sporting gear. Some sporting gear and all food will be provided.
RSVP: Please RSVP by returning the slip below with payment of $40 per person to Reception by Friday 26th August. Each participant (Adult and Child) will need to complete medical consent forms which can be collected from Reception and completed before the Getaway. If you have any questions please feel free to call and leave a message for the school chaplain Peter Jenyns on 3814 8611.

Full names of those attending:
Contact number:
Dietary requirements and/or food allergies if applicable:

Vehicles to be taken into the Holiday Park (Make and model, rego and colour):
The same details are also required for boats and the rego for trailers entering the park:

Community Notices

Mini-FORCE
Learn to Play Basketball

Mondays - TERM 1 2016
Girls & Boys – Under 8/10’s
(Born 2007 – 2010)
Beginners Welcome
Quality Coaching
Cost: $10 per session
Commences Monday 1st Feb 2016 4pm – 5pm
Cotton On Foundation Stadium
2A Ross Llewellyn Dve, Booval
To register: contact Greg Fox on Ph. 0409 789 883,
For more information go to: www.inforce.com.au

Apply now to be a 2016 Census Area Supervisor!
The Australia Bureau of Statistics is seeking motivated and community minded project managers to work on the 2016 Census and make a difference in your community.

Area Supervisors are:
• Non-office based positions requiring travel
• Casual temporary positions, with flexible working hours.
As an Area Supervisor, you will:
• Recruit, manage and train a team of temporary Census field staff
• Implement and manage the Census delivery and collection processes and procedures
• Undertake a range of administrative tasks, including the receipt, handling and storage of a range of Census materials
• Earn $34.76 per hour inclusive of 25% loading.
As an Area Supervisor, you must:
• Know your local community
• Hold a current driver’s licence
• Be comfortable using computer, tablet and mobile devices
• Comply with ABS work health and safety policies
• Hold Australian Citizenship or have the legal right to work in Australia.
Job seekers from diverse backgrounds, including non-English speaking backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, are encouraged to apply.

More information is available from the ABS website. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers
Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs
- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors.
- Sensory Movie Day run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
- Tickets are $8 each (Except Ipswich $6 each). Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion I.D. Cards are accepted

Sensory Screening Movie Day is running at the following Locations:
- Morayfield, Marcoola, Hervey Bay, Caloundra, Browns Plains,
- Ipswich, Robina, Toowoomba, Lismore, Tuggerah and Cronulla

Any questions email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

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QLD’s Largest Slip ‘n Slide
9am-7pm | SPRINGFIELD
Saturday 5 March 2016

www.StreetSlider.com.au

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Sunshine Coast Surf Schools & Sensory Movie Day have teamed up to offer families with special needs a Stand-up Paddle Boarding adventure. We have lots of volunteers that are experienced with working with special needs children. Siblings are welcome to participate, recommended for ages 5yrs –99yrs Life Jackets, Rash Shirts, Paddle Boards included, just bring sunblock and togs

When: Saturday-Sunday 27-28th February
Where: End of Logan’s Inlet Rd, Lake Wivenhoe
Cost: $25 each (1 hour session)
Time: starts from 9am -2.30pm

NAB: Sensory Movie Day BSB 084745 ACC 840683360
Please use your name and SPBW as reference
CONTACT: Leah 0431387557 or email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

Please leave your name, mobile number, child’s first name, age.
Cancellations, please give us plenty of notice to find a replacement if we are unable to find replacement than refund will not be given.