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

What motivates you and how do motivate our children?

We all want our children to do well. If we have high expectations of them they almost always rise to the challenge, whereas low expectations result in poor standards of effort and behaviour.

I think it is important to reflect upon why we want our children to behave and perform to the best of their ability. What motivation do we provide (and I am not thinking about ‘bribing them’) to get our children to cooperate, to change from poor behaviours to better behaviours, from making ‘some effort’ to ‘lots of effort’.

What motivates you to action in the good times? What about the tough times? God’s expectation for the answer to both questions is the same. Love.

Love is the greatest motivating power in the universe. It is the heart of the Christian message. Throughout the Bible, God calls people into a relationship of love with Him which affects their relationship with fellow humans, other creations of God, and, with themselves.

A healthy love of self is so important. Our view of who we are affects our relationships with others.

Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians chapter 5 reveals the single motivating force for his life:

“...The love of Christ controls us, because we know that one person died for everyone. Christ died for all so that those who live would not continue to live for themselves. He died for them and was raised from death so that they would live for him.”

Isaac Watts, a well-known author, wrote the following that captures the same idea as Paul. The words are in a hymn “When I survey the wondrous cross”. Isaac, when speaking of Jesus Christ’s love records “love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all”.

Paul prays for us, as recorded in Ephesians 3, “I pray that you may have the strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and, to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.”

One theologian (Harold Hoehner) commented about God’s love for us, expressed in Jesus Christ, in the following way: “the very fact that Christ’s love expressed itself in his willingness to die for us is beyond comprehension. The more we know of His love, the more we are amazed by it.”

The Staines staff desire that all in our community would come to know and experience the love of Christ. We know from experience that the more we understand and experience His love, the more it changes our world and those around us. Please keep journeying with us as we discover and share God’s love.

I remain encouraged and inspired by many small (and some not so small) examples of students showing love to others, promoted by their love of God and inspired by examples of love seen in staff and some families. Examples of acts of service include participation in ANZAC ceremonies, visits to nursing homes, helping people in Warwick, working in local community service projects, giving to help children in disadvantaged communities in India, Nepal and Thailand, and, putting an arm around a younger child in need.

Please allow God’s love for you to become and remain the motivating force for all you do.

Mr. Norton Sands, Principal

School Banking

School Banking is usually collected on Friday mornings.

However, due to the Ipswich Show Holiday on Friday 13th May, banking will be collected on Thursday 12th May.

Ipswich Show Holiday

Friday 13th May is the Ipswich Show Holiday. This is a Staff Development Day.

Please note: The office will be closed for part of the day for staff training.

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.
- Pray for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the NAPLAN tests next week.

Diary Dates:

4 May - II District Cross Country
5-6 May - Mothers Day Stalls
9 May - CSSAQ Cross Country
9 May - Pie Drive Launch
10-12 May - NAPLAN testing
13 May - Ipswich Show Holiday
19 May - Year 12 Excursion
20 May - Upper Primary Sport Starts
21 May - Father Son BBQ
27 May - Under 8’s & Open Day
1 Jun - Tuckshop Day
10 Jun - Primary Disco

Keep your eye out for more...
Uniform Shop—2016

Regular hours for the Uniform Shop during term time are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8am to 9am

If you can't make it during opening hours, please feel free to place a phone order through the College Administration. Payment by Credit card is required at time of order.

Winter's Coming...
As the weather will be cooling down we remind you that Students must wear a College jumper or jacket that is only available from the College Uniform Shop. Students will not be permitted to wear any other jumper or jacket. Students who wear anything else will be told to change to the correct items. This standard was agreed upon during the enrolment process.

SMC ANZAC Service
Thank you to those who were able to join us at our ANZAC Service on the 22nd April.

Under 8's Day

This year Under 8’s Day has a Circus theme, ‘Under the Big Top’, and will be held on Friday 27th May. We are looking forward to an exciting day! Some of the day’s fun will include: a jumping castle, petting zoo, photo booth and circus themed activities! We will need lots of parent helpers for the day to run smoothly. If you are available to help out, please see your child's classroom teacher. A note has been sent home with further details. Remember to dress up in a Circus themed costume!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year the tests are set for the 10th-12th May.

NAPLAN tests the skills of students that are essential for every child: reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and numeracy. While we encourage every student to complete NAPLAN, if you wish to withdraw your child from the testing program, please complete the short form ‘Notice of parent withdrawal’. This form is available from the front office and must be completed and returned by Monday 9th May.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that this is just one part of school to give them a big breakfast, and, to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The College has organised some fun activities and a small 'second breakfast' to help settle nerves and get minds active.

Assessment Calendars

Assessment Calendars for Students in Years 7-12 have been sent home in hard copy to students, emailed to parents, placed on the SMC News Facebook page and on the College Website.

On the Website, Assessment Calendars can be accessed under ‘News for Families’ > ‘Notes Home’.

Car Park Safety

Thank you to everyone who exercises care when driving and parking in the carpark. We would like to highlight a few car park concerns that have been raised with College staff lately.

- A reminder that children should never be left in a vehicle unattended!
- It is preferred that parents reverse park in the designated parking spots. We care about the children’s safety and there has been too many ‘close calls’ lately.
- A reminder, also, that the area surrounding the car park is a ‘drop and go’ zone only. Parking is not permitted and cars must be attended at all times.

STEMed Festival

This is a one-day festival of education for the future. It will be held at the RNA Showgrounds from 10am to 3:30pm on Sunday 29th May. There will be exhibits on all facets of STEM, interactive workshops for parents and students, and sessions on STEM topics such as 3D printing, Startups, Social Media, Robotics, Coding, Drones and much more. Visit the festival website at www.stemedfest.com for program information and to get tickets.

Bookfair

The Scholastic Bookfair is coming to SMC on 25th to 31st May. Bookfair is an opportunity for students to purchase books for home.

On Wednesday 25th to Tuesday 31st May, the Bookfair will be open between the hours of 8-8:30am and again after school—3-3:30pm.

The College receives rewards from all sales which will go towards more books for the Resource Centre.
OSHC

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) coming to Staines Memorial College

Thank you to the many College families who took the time to complete the OSHC survey circulated to families last term. As a result of the overwhelming interest, we are very pleased to announce that we are entering a School Community Partnership with Helping Hands Network. This is a specialist Queensland based OSHC provider who will operate and manage an onsite service. Helping Hands is currently working with the Licencing Authority and it is hoped that the service will be operational by the end of this term. The service will be run from under the Specialist Centre at the following times:

- Before school care: 6:00am - 8:00am
- After School Care: 3pm – 6pm
- Vacation Care and Staff Development Days: 6am – 6pm

More information will be sent out in coming weeks about the service and how you can enrol your children.

Faith in Action News

“People who practically want to make a difference”

 Mothers Day Stall

The Mothers’ Day Stall is this week on Thursday and Friday—5th and 6th May. The stall will be open before school (8:00-8:25am) and again at first break on both days.

There’s hundreds of gifts to choose from. Items range from $2 to $15. (Cash only.) More volunteers are required on both days. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Hoerlein or Mrs Navie.

Pie Drive

The famous Yatala Pie Drive is coming soon! Order forms will be out from 9th May to be returned by 13th June. (Order forms will be emailed.) The delivery day will be Thursday 23rd June.

Please share the order form around with family and friends.

The FIA make a small profit from the sale of each pie. If we get over 500 pies ordered, we receive free delivery.

Tuckshop Day—Term 2

For the Term 2 Tuckshop day we will be offering Pies and Sausage Rolls on Wednesday 1st June.

The Pie Meal Deal costs $6 and Sausage Roll Meal Deal $5. Order forms for this Tuckshop will be distributed later in May.

Chaplain’s Spot

Under ancient Roman law a Roman soldier could approach a Jew and demand, on the spot, that they carry their supplies for any distance up to about a mile. That’s two miles round trip without any warning! They had to drop what they were doing and go immediately! In this context Jesus says, “If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles (Matt 5:41).” What an inconvenience! And all this for a despised Roman! Yet Jesus called the people to do the heroic thing – to respond in the opposite spirit by voluntarily carrying the load for another mile. It is this sort of positive attitude that keeps us from being corrupted by the negativity in people around us and the result is that we “overcome evil by good” (Romans 12:21). Such grace, when consistently embodied, has the power to turn and transform even the hardest hearts.

Today we may not have Roman soldiers tapping us on the shoulder and making demands on our time but we all have intrusions to our schedules and our lives – maybe even from people we don’t get on with. In keeping with the teaching of Jesus we can see every intrusion as a greater opportunity to display the type of grace that has the power to transform lives. With the help of God, intrusions can be received as opportunities to ‘go the extra mile’. Just remember to maintain healthy personal boundaries and ‘life balance’ in the process.

Have a great week!

- Chaplain Peter
Ice Block Days

Ice blocks and ice creams are still being sold each Friday at first break. A variety of ice blocks are available for purchase from 50c - $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.

Father and Son BBQ

An opportunity for Fathers and Sons to get together for good food and some fun

When: Saturday 21st May from 4pm for an early dinner
Where: ‘River Heart Parklands’
Address: 20 Bremer Street, Ipswich. We will be in the ‘Discovery Forest’ section of the parklands. Car park is where King Edward Parade turns into Blackall Street
What to bring: Nerf guns. BBQ food is provided but participants can contribute with salad, drinks or snacks if desired.

For catering purposes please RSVP to Chaplain Peter Jenyns by 2pm on Friday 20th May on school number 3814 8611

Community Notices

Online Survey—Participants Needed

Does your child have a chronic health condition such as Type 1 diabetes, asthma or eczema? Or does your child have no health concerns?

The University of Queensland is looking for parent volunteers to complete an online survey aiming to investigate how work-family conflict affects both parent and child Quality of Life (QoL) and wellbeing.

If you are a parent working at least 2 days per week and are caring for a child aged between 5-12 years of age; with a chronic health condition (type 1 diabetes, asthma or eczema) or even if your child has no health concerns; your participation would be greatly welcomed. The online survey, can be accessed and completed anytime at https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/qol/

If you have any further questions or concerns, or are not able to access the survey, please contact Antonia Kish (Principal Investigator) at antonia.kish@uqconnect.edu.au

Queensland Engineering Link Projects (ELP) open for registrations

ELPs are two-day workshops for Year 11 and 12 students. They provide an opportunity for students to test their interest in engineering through hands-on, problem-solving activities and access to people already working in the engineering field. The following ELPs to be held during the 2016 June/July school holidays are now open for registration:

7 – 8 July South - Queensland Engineering Link Project – QUT Brisbane

School holiday acting workshops for teenagers

The Brisbane Arts Theatre, located at Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, is a self-funded performing arts community. It produces high quality theatre through the year. The training arm of the Arts Theatre (The College of Theatre Practice) offers a number of accredited courses. The Brisbane Arts Theatre is investigating the potential of launching school holiday workshops for teenagers. The two-week holiday program will be led by industry professionals, offering high school students an opportunity to develop their performance skills. The program will cost $400 per student and run Monday to Friday from 10 am – 2 pm. If you are interested in attending the program, visit http://artstheatre.com.au/teenworkshops to submit your details.

Career Corner

Careers that Shape the World

This event to be held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 is open to Year 10 – 12 students. It provides an excellent opportunity to explore your future career and course options. Workshops cover the fields of business, economics, tourism, law, engineering, architecture, information technology, health, humanities, social science, education, arts and science. The program can be accessed at http://www.uq.edu.au/shaperyourworld/. Online registrations open shortly. This is a very popular program, so it is important to monitor when registrations open.

Upcoming ADF information sessions


4 May - Defence Careers Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street. The session will start at 6 pm. To book your spot, email your details to CPTQLD@dfr.com.au.

For details about these events, visit https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/.

Verse of the Week

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1 John 5: 14 (NIV)
Warwick Mission Trip

On Tuesday 12th April, sixteen Year 11 students, along with Mr Gibson, Mrs Coluccio, and Mr Millerick, travelled to Warwick Christian College for a second year on a Mission Trip. Whilst in Warwick students undertook maintenance work including: removing rose bushes and fences from the front entrance of the College, construction of fences, removing fences from oval, cleaning and moving climbing frames, removal of plaques set into concrete from the oval, paving, mowing, and restoring benches and seating areas. We are immensely proud of the Year 11 students for their amazing work ethic, effort and desire to serve others.

In addition, students fundraised to assist with covering of costs for materials. Their fundraising efforts resulted in not only covering the costs of materials, but also enabled a donation of $500 to the Green family serving in Thailand.

Students enjoyed relaxation time with swimming, playing board games, seeing a movie, and canoeing and raft building at Lesley Dam. Warwick Christian College were so impressed by the work of our students that they have invited them to return!

Kindy Tank Painters

A team of Secondary artists have recently completed a mural on the Kindy water tank. The ‘Under Water’ theme was assigned and fish were added as kindy children made more requests. The children can readily name and identify a broad range of ocean creatures since studying this subject in Kindy. The tank took six weeks to complete, as after school work and several days over the Easter break.

The Staines Memorial College Kindy painting team were: Brittany Year 12; Jaeda Year 11; Lara, Chloe, and Lora Year 10; Jacinta and Zoe, Year 9; Kaycee, Breanna and Olivia, Year 8; and Lillian Year 7.

Art Competitions

Art Competitions continue to be run through Term 1 to Term 3. It is becoming a tradition to use the school theme of Water in a Dry Place as a Term One competition theme. Running consecutively, the Shadow Play art competition also pulled in participants from Years 1 to 12.

Kaitlyn (1R) produced a wonderful 3D camel for the Water in a Dry Place competition. Samantha (2J) demonstrated some promising photographic skills for the Shadow Play theme, with a view from a high vantage point.

 Winners from the Secondary school were Jacinta in Year 9, who manipulated cast shadows in her photographic piece, and, Breanna in Year 8, who produced an acrylic painting entitled “The Stream Leading to Eternal Life”, a sophisticated use of the media and a work filled with symbolism.

Thank you to all those who participated.

Mrs Linda McClelland

Prep P’s Mission

As part of Prep P’s mission focus and as we honour ANZAC Day, we put together 13 care packages for our serving troops overseas. We would like to thank those families who brought in donations to go towards these packages. We are sure they will be very appreciated.

In each package we included a class photo, a small letter of thanks for their service, and items such as biscuits, noodles, peanuts, snack foods and of course Vegemite! Also included in each box was a stamped, self-addressed envelope back to Prep P just in case the troops have time to write a letter back.

The 13 boxes were shipped with the hope that they will have reached their destination before the 25th April.

Mrs Pardede and Miss Juanita
Year 9 Camp (19-22nd April)

Year 9 students had a great time at CYC Burleigh this year. They were challenged to complete an array of activities involving team work and resilience.

Mr Corea and Mr Gustafson were proud of every student's respect and effort during, what was, a memorable camp!