



A Message from our Principal

From Everlasting to Everlasting

This Term we welcome a number of families to our community. It can be both exciting and daunting to begin at a new school and we wish every one of them well for the next few weeks as they settle in. I trust that they will find new friends quickly and easily.

Over the next few weeks we will be holding our interviews for Prep and Kindergarten for 2010. This is also an exciting time for families who are beginning their association with our College and seeing their little ones join the school. It is a significant milestone in a family's experience and we pray that it is one that is full of joy.

These are not the only changes that our families will encounter. I have been speaking with a number of families over the last few weeks who have shared with me significant challenges or changes for them. As we are in the business of looking after growing children, there will always be new dynamics or changing attitudes. For some parents this change can bring about situations that are difficult. As I have reflected on this challenge of change, God's unshakeable and unchangeable qualities have struck me afresh. The Psalmist writes:

"From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children." (Psalm 103:17)

We live in a time of great fluidity, in a world marked by uncertainty, in a time in history that is more rapidly changing than any other. But, we can live in that world secure in the knowledge that the God who made it, in fact, the God who made us, tells us that He will never change. And in His faithfulness He reminds us that His love is from everlasting to everlasting. This is an enormous measure and difficult to really grasp completely. Even more than that, God tells us that this blessing is not only for our children, but for their children. How wonderful it is to be part of a Christian community that lives in the light of such certainty and hope. It is a joy and a privilege.

Building the Education Revolution

At the end of last Term I shared the wonderful news that we would be receiving a \$200,000 grant for minor works around the College. Our property manager, Mr Paul Stumbles, has been very busy working with contractors to finalise quotes and to plan the beginning of a number of projects. As work begins across the school we will keep you informed.

Please continue to pray for our application for a multipurpose hall for the College. We will be submitting the application this week for a beautiful facility that will allow us to have sporting, musical and cultural activities. It would be a great blessing for us to have a building in which the whole school can gather. There are a number of challenges with the project, so we would appreciate it if the community can pray that Council approval, the logistics of construction, the tight time frames and the constraints of the budget, can all come together. I would like to thank the number of parents, friends and staff of the College who have been working very hard on this project.

Expo

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming Cedars' families and outside guests to our wonderful Expo on Saturday. Please take the opportunity to visit the Expo for a short time – there is a timetable included here for your information. Often as parents we know about the class that our children are in, but this is a great opportunity to see other parts of the College and to get a better understanding of the breadth of programs which we offer.

Please join us for music and lunch in the Senior College towards the end of the displays. I would like to thank all the staff and the students who have worked hard to put things together for the day. I trust that we will all enjoy sharing our beautiful school with others.

Mrs Julie Reynolds
Principal



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 6th May

State Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 7th May

- P & F Mother's Day Stall (Junior School)
- Yrs 10 and 12 Illawarra Credit Union Careers Expo

Saturday 9th May

Cedars Expo! - 10.00am - 2.00pm

Monday 11th May

Yr 12 Modern History at the Australian Museum Theatre

Tuesday 12th May– 14th

Naplan—Yr 3,5,7 & 9

Thursday 14th May

Yr 11 and 12 Parent/Teacher Night



Recognising Achievement

Jordan Stalker

Congratulations to Jordan Stalker who was selected for the CSSA Rugby U16 Team.

Snr Girls' Basketball Team

Well done to our Snr Girls' Basketball Team who came 3rd at the CSA State Basketball. (Their best result yet!) A special mention to Sarah Walker and Nicole Buckley who were selected for Nationals.

Look out for more information about the Basketball in our next Snapshots.



Cross Country!

Here are a few photos to enjoy from last Term's Cross Country Event.



Scholastic Book Club

Junior School Office has numerous Scholastic book orders without names which have not been claimed from the last couple of book orders. If you have not received your order, could you please go to the Junior School Office to clarify. Books will be donated to our library if not claimed shortly.



This week, Junior School launches the MS Readathon, as it celebrates its 30th year running.

Don't let your kids miss out! Register online now, it's easy and it's free!



Middle School Assembly

There are always fantastic things happening in Middle School Assembly, and Term 2 is no exception. Our theme for this Term is "Identity Crisis." Each one of our speakers will be presenting truths from the Bible relating to our position in Christ. The speaker for our first assembly was none other than School Chaplain Ps Ferdy, who blessed us with a great message on "Who Am I?" directing us to God's Word for the answer.

As well as having different speakers every week, each of the classes in Middle School will have a turn at helping to run the assembly. Apart from leading the assembly, students are also involved in praise and worship, prayer and reading from the Bible. Parents are always welcome at Middle School Assemblies which run from 10:20 – 11am every Thursday morning. Below is a roster indicating which class will be running the assembly for this Term.

WEEK	CLASS	THEME
1	7J	Who AM I?
2	6S	I Am Legend
3	5/6B	What U Think You Become
4	5L	In the Potter's Hand
5	8H	Moses' Self Belief – Who Do They Say I Am
6	8S	Gideon the Mighty Warrior
7	7C	Dreams – Achieving Your Destiny
8	7J	You are A Warring Prince
9	6S	You are a Princess Warrior
10	5/6B	Breaking the Old You – Walking into Newness
11	5L	Reflection



Uniform Reminder

The overall standard of uniform in Middle School is wonderful, and most of our students are arriving to school looking very neat and presentable. Now that we are in our Winter Terms, it is important to ensure that students also wear their ties/tab ties, not only while they are at school, but to and from school also.

It is important that we uphold a positive image in the community; wearing correct uniform will assist in this. Students who consistently wear the correct uniform (including shirts tucked in and hair back) will receive commendations for citizenship at the end of the Term.

Mrs Julie Cochrane
Middle School Welfare Co-ordinator

Operation Christmas Child

Middle School students have been involved in supporting Operation Christmas Child for a number of years. In 2008 we provided over 50 shoeboxes filled with toys to be distributed to children in developing countries. Last Thursday, Mrs Robyn Johnson, from Samaritans' Purse, attended the Middle School Assembly and presented our school with a certificate acknowledging the valuable contribution that we have made to this project.

Mrs Johnson also showed us a DVD with footage of the children receiving the shoe boxes. It was wonderful to see the look of joy and delight on the faces of the kids as they opened their boxes and saw all the gifts inside. It made us proud and happy to be part of such a worthwhile cause, bringing God's love and blessing in a practical way to those who need it most.

Miss Harrison and the Yr 8 students will be coordinating the program again this year, so stay tuned for more information about how you can donate and be a part of Operation Christmas Child in 2009.

Mrs Julie Cochrane
Middle School Welfare Coordinator





Commerce Excursion

Year 9 went on a fascinating and educational excursion to the Wollongong Law Courts last Term. They attended part of the trial of a man charged with assault.

Mr Carmelo Fedele
Commerce Teacher



313 Information Session

313 are holding an information session regarding Entertainment VET courses for Yrs 10,11 and 12 on Thursday, 21st May from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Find out what you will learn, how it contributes towards your HSC, see the state of the art facilities and talk to staff. For more information phone 42 275913

Rio Tinto Big Science Competition

Students from Yrs 7 - 12 are invited to participate in the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition on Thurs 21st May 2009.

This international competition is open to students of all abilities; giving them an opportunity to discover their science talent as well as encouraging critical thinking and problem solving skills.

All participants receive certificates based on their results ranging from High Distinction to Participation. The top scoring students are invited to an award ceremony.

Cost to enter is \$5.00

Mr Steve Walton
Science Co-ordinator

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Hike

Romans 5:3-5

"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."

Well what a blast of a hike! 19 students from Yrs 10 and 11, along with Mr Matysek, braved the elements to walk through the Wild Dog Mountains. We set out heavily loaded, looking forward to camping in a cave for the night. A hard day with sore limbs were soothed by the soft sand in the cave.

Bush lessons learnt were:

1. Keep together as a group so that, in case of an unexpected event, we can act as a team.
2. Suffering from fatigue and tiredness produces character and hope.

Much research shows that students who complete the Duke of Ed Program do better in their studies and are more resilient learners.

Some experiences and reflections follow...

Ashleigh Bennett

"It was a great experience, the views were amazing and we all worked together as a team well. Glad I have done it."

Eliza Scott

"Highlight for me was having lunch at Knights Deck, where we could see God's creation and appreciate the great personal accomplishment."

Joel Keech

"The hike was in the upper Blue Mountains and we saw some spectacular views. We came together and helped each other along the way. It was relaxing to be away from school work."

Elliot Jones

"Pretty good hike, great views along the way. I would like to continue on for a couple more days rather than stop at three days."

Reece Denaro

"Really stretched our muscles. The cooperation between us was the best, it really helped everyone get through the hike."

Terance Su

"Great experience getting out of my comfort zone. Cool conditions at night with hot sunny days. It was fun."

Ben Read

"A good three days with excellent views every day. Good stuff."

Jessica Szwarcberg

"This trip for me was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I love getting away from my everyday life and being surrounded by God's creation. A highlight was on the way home gazing out the bus window to the West and watching the sunset turning into dusk. I knew I had accomplished much, and that God is the one and true Almighty."

Lukas Matysek
Mathematics Teacher





Easter Assembly

Here are some photos from last Term's Easter Assembly:



Don't Miss Out! Enrol Now for 2010 - Kindy and Prep

Now is the time to book a spot in Kindy or Prep for 2010 and 2011. Interviews will be held in Term 2, so please ensure you enrol right away so that you don't miss out on a spot.

It's also a great time to talk to your friends or family about the wonderful opportunity to have their children in Cedars. Why not bring them along to our Cedars Expo on Saturday, 9th May from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Cross Country

Some photos of our school's exciting Cross Country Event last Term:



Anzac Assembly

We had a beautiful time of remembering our ANZAC heroes and the sacrifice they made for our country, at our Anzac Assembly the first day back at school this Term.



National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy 2009

In May 2009 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed for all students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. In NSW the NAPLAN tests have replaced the Basic Skills Tests, English Language and Literacy Assessment and Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program.

The results of the NAPLAN tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement.

The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

Tues 12th May

Language Conventions Test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing Test.

Wed 13th May

- Reading Test

Thursday 14th May

- Numeracy Test (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Measurement, Chance and Data; Space)

Additional information for parents about this program can be found on this website: www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html

Mrs Sue Walker
Deputy Principal Curriculum

Chess Competition

Our Middle and Senior School Chess Club went to TIGS for the first competition of the series. We played four games and much credit must go to Joshua Ratcliffe who achieved a stalemate with a Year 12 opponent. This was our best result of the match.

The players were Jared Kiley Yr 11, Joshua Ratcliffe Yr 7, Conner Lavan yr 7 and Chris Su yr 7.

Mr Lukas Matysek
Mathematics Teacher





Cedars' Expo Saturday Don't Miss Out!

Following is the program for the big Cedars Expo:

- 10.00am Tours begin every 15 min
- 10.30am Woodwork Demos
- 11.00am Heart Dissection
- 11.30am Food Demos
- 12.00pm -- 1.00pm
Free BBQ lunch and live music featuring our student musicians
- 1.15pm Rat Dissection
- 1.40pm Junior School Choir Perform
- 2.00pm Closing

Winter Uniforms

Our uniform shop is continuing to make appointments for winter fitouts. The process of booking an appointment is designed to eliminate waiting times. Those parents with appointments will be served first, so please call the shop and book a time without delay if you have not already done so. You do not need to make an appointment if a fitout is not required.

To make an appointment call Marilyn Emerson on 42 56 5963.

Host Families Needed

Following the success of last year's Japanese visit we are calling for expressions of interest from potential host families to have billets in Term 3 this year.

The students come from a beautiful Christian school in Tokyo and are between the ages of 14-16. They may stay in pairs or as single billets. Families who volunteer are given support and financial assistance to host the boys. If you are interested please leave your name and phone number for Kelly Boaretto at reception or ph 42 718124.



Prayer Points

We want to praise God for:

- A wonderful start to Term 2!
- Four new families who are now a part of our community.
- Beautiful weather for our ANZAC Assembly.

Bible verse for the week:

"We put out hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.

Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in You alone."

Psalm 33:20-22 (NLT)

We also want to pray for:

- A beautiful, sunny day for our Expo, with many people attending!
- Approval of our application to the Government for funding for the proposed Hall.
- A safe trip for our students participating in the State Cross Country.



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EXPO

Saturday May 9, 10am – 2pm
Waples Road, Farmborough Heights

with demonstrations, displays, performances, enrolment information, activities for the kids and a free BBQ lunch.

To book a personalised tour of our grounds at a time convenient for you or to enquire about places in your child's year, call 42 718 124 or go to our new website www.cedarschristiancollege.com.au we would love to meet you.



Parent Participation Scheme Opportunities

Please remember that there is an opportunity to make up some of your Parent Participation Scheme hours by helping out with the P&F sausage bbq this coming Saturday for our Expo. Give Liz Stumbles a call on 0403 021 722 if you have some time to give to help out on the day.

Thank you to all the parents who have covered books; if there are any that still need to be brought back into the school, could you please bring them in as soon as you can or call Sandra on 42 71 8124 to let her know.



Canteen Roster

- Monday 11th May—Amanda Bexim
- Tuesday 12th May—Help Needed
- Wednesday 13th May—Christine Lynsay
- Thursday 14th May—Tenara
- Friday 15th May—Terina White and Help Needed

To help out in the Canteen and boost your PPS hours, please call Narelle on 0418 685 802