



A Message from our Deputy Principal of Welfare

Student Leadership

When discussing the concept of leadership there are a number of questions that often arise. Are leaders born or are they made? Can leaders lead and serve? Does leadership require a title or a position? I am a believer that at some stage in everybody's life they will have the opportunity to lead; whether that is a major corporation, a community organisation, or simply a friend in need of some guidance. At Cedars Christian College we strive to increase each student's capacity to lead.

Over the next few weeks we will be going through the formal process of selecting our College Captains and Leaders for 2009/10. Students will receive our College leadership booklet and will be encouraged to consider leading in one of our four leadership areas:

- Mentoring
- Events
- Christian Mission
- Sport

The three questions I would pose to anyone considering a leadership role in the College are taken from John C Maxwell when discussing Psalm 137:1-6.

What do you dream about?

The psalmist remembered Zion; he longed to live again in his homeland. What are the dreams of your heart? What would you do if you had no fear of failure?

What do you cry about?

The psalmist cried about living in Babylon; he wept over the captivity of his people. What makes you cry? What burdens drive you to become passionate?

What do you sing about?

The psalmist sang about the blessings of God; he sang his remembrances of God's justice. What do you sing about? What causes you to rejoice or express joy?

The answers to those questions will be different for all of us, but they will demonstrate what we are passionate about. And for a leader to be great they need to be passionate about what they are doing.

A Christian leader is someone who serves, equips and inspires others for the positive achievement of all. They reflect the love and grace of Christ. No matter in which area our students choose to lead it is our goal to help them develop these attributes in order to equip them to make a positive change in their world.

How can my son or daughter get involved?

In our Junior School our Year 4 students are already serving in a range of leadership opportunities under the direction of Mrs Knight. These include playground monitors, sports monitors, praise and worship team, games, healthy eating monitors and more.



2009 School Captains

Our Middle School students have the opportunity to serve in the SLC program, as house captains, on assemblies, at the nursing home, in prayer groups, tour guides, and more. Students interested in leadership for next year should listen for announcements from Mrs Cochrane.

Our Senior College students in Year 9 will focus on a specific goal determined each year by that group. Years 10 and 11 have been given nomination forms to complete in the next few weeks. Year 10 students will apply to become student leaders and will work under their respective school Captain. Year 11 students will apply for a School Captain role in one of our four portfolios. SLC meetings are open meetings; anyone wishing to participate is more than welcome to attend.

Students in Years 5-12 will vote for our Student Leader executive in Week 6 of this Term. The Senior College leaders will be announced at our final assembly for this Term – Thursday 1st October. All parents are welcome to attend.

Mr Steve Walton
Deputy Principal - Welfare



Upcoming Events

Thursday 27th August

Yr 10 and 11 Geography Coasts Excursion depart school 8.30am return to school by 3.30pm

Friday 28th August

ACT School Mountain Bike Championship depart College 6.00am, return 8.00pm

Tuesday 1st September

P & F - Trivia Night Planning - 7.30pm

Wednesday 2nd September

Middle School Smart Start Evening 7.00pm Middle School Bldg

Thursday 3rd September

Junior School Smart Start Information Evening - 7.00pm Middle School Bldg

Primary Soccer Gala Day - selected students. Depart school 7.50am or arrive at venue by 8.15am

P & F Father's Day Stall

Saturday 12th September

P & F Community Trivia Night 7.00pm Middle School



Recognising Achievement

Sophie Holt

Congratulations to Sophie Holt who was awarded Second Place in her division at the South Coast Public Speaking Competition. She wrote and presented a fabulous speech about the importance of not wearing masks and 'being at home' with who you are.

Well done, Sophie.

See the complete story on page 5.



Prep Visits Ready Set Play

All three Prep groups enjoyed a visit to Ready Set Play late last Term to consolidate their learning on our five senses.

We enjoyed the sights and sounds as we played and our sense of touch was utilised as we climbed and explored the environment. Our senses of smell and taste were stimulated by the beautiful morning tea provided.

The behaviour of our Prep students was wonderful. They were able to follow the rules of the centre and were a credit to our College. Well done, Prep.

Mrs Janelle Tarleton and Mrs Karen Edwards
Prep Teachers



Music with Senior College

Last week, 4 Dendrobium visited the music room for a lesson on sound. The students learnt about a variety of instrumental techniques and gained knowledge on how sound is produced.

They watched the Year 11 and 12 students perform on percussion instruments, acoustic and electric guitar, drum kit, violin and piano. Many of the Year 4 class also had the opportunity to play some of these instruments during the lesson.



Thank you to those Year 11 and 12 students who performed for the students. It was also wonderful to see the Junior School students participating so beautifully in the lesson.

I look forward to teaching this lesson to more Junior School classes in the next few weeks.

Miss Melissa Sullivan
Music Teacher



Jake Harman wins 2 Gold Medals

Congratulations to Jake Harman of 4 Dendrobium who recently won 2 gold medals and qualified for the world titles in stick fighting at the World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation National Titles held in Mt Isa.

WEKAF world president, Sharon Burns gave Jake a special mention for the sportsmanship and skills he displayed in the junior competition.

Mr Mark Wynn
Sports Teacher



Year 7 Rugby League/ Oz Tag Gala Day

On August 11, the boys Rugby League team and the girls Oz Tag team from Year 7 travelled to Reed Park in Dapto to take part in the final of the Shaun Timmins Shield.

Having made it straight through to the finals after the Northern qualifying rounds were called off due to forfeits, both teams were bound to encounter some tough competition. This was certainly the case, and neither the boys nor girls could come up with a victory. However, it was not for lack of effort as all players continued to play enthusiastically right until the final whistle of each game.

All who came to support on the day remarked on the way both teams improved throughout the day, and with a game or two more, I'm sure we would have notched up a win.

Congratulations to Bradley Dryburgh and Jarrad Whitty from the boys and Laura Treglown and Mackenzi Garrato from the girls who all scored tries for their teams on the day.

Special thanks goes to Mr. Darren Dryburgh who coached the boys and Mr. Wynn who coached the girls, as well as to all the parents and friends who came to be cheer squad on the day.



Boys Rugby League Team



Girls Oz Tag Team

Mr Ben Carden
Yr 7 Teacher



Textiles and Design

Major Projects

A flower costume and a belly dancing costume were two of the textile articles submitted for the Higher School Certificate Textile and Design Major Textile Project.



Amanda Nahlous drew on her Lebanese background and cultural inspiration to create her belly dancing outfit. Embellished with beads and fringing, the costume took many painstaking hours to complete by hand.

Rebecca Tugral's flower design was inspired by the beautiful fuchsia, an unusual bell-shaped flower in deep pinks and purples. The costume was created using a combination of hand and machine sewing techniques and was decorated with embroidered butterflies, beads and flowers.

Mrs Sue Walker
Textiles and Design Teacher

HSC Preparation

Year 12 have just completed their HSC trial examinations. With the big exams some nine weeks away, students are busily preparing.

How could you best support your student between now and the exams in October? Ask them if they are confident about the techniques needed for each exam. Whether they are studying PDHPE, Maths, English, the Sciences or HSIE, there is a specific way of answering questions. Students should practise these different techniques - essay writing, short answer, source work, multiple choice or application of theories. Make sure that your student is aware of what is required in the subject.

Don't forget to make use of the Board of Studies website where there is a wealth of exam preparation material including past papers, sample answers and markers' comments. You can access this material at

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

Mr Brad Kelly
Senior College Welfare
Coordinator



Maths on Line

Maths on Line is introduced by McDonalds for students learning Maths in NSW.

It is an online revision and practice tool that can be used to enhance learning across Years 7 to 12 in Mathematics.

A permission letter went home recently, which allows the College to send student names to the website to register.

Please ensure that the permission letter is returned signed to the College, so that we can start using this valuable resource.

Mr Lukas Matysek
Maths Teacher

Senior College Blazers

An increasing number of blazers are being left behind at school each day. This is just a reminder that senior students are to wear their blazers to and from school each day.

Blazers should not be left at school over night. Can I also urge you to check blazers to make sure that your name is on it.

There are some blazers in lost property with no name on them and a few students who feel that someone has taken theirs home by mistake.

Mr Steve Walton
Deputy Principal



South Coast Public Speaking Competition

The following students proudly represented Cedars at the South Coast Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday August 18th 2009:

Jonna Mathiessen Year 7
Rebekah West Year 7
Leyla Goluch Year 8
Sophie Holt Year 8
Caleb Hanzy Year 9
Emily Lukies Year 9
Sarah Jackson Year 10
Melodie Marsh Year 11



All students prepared entertaining and thought provoking speeches and were recognised by the organisers for their positive involvement. Sixteen regional schools were involved in the event and the level of competition was demanding. I am very pleased to say that our students spoke very well and were a credit to our College. Special congratulations to Sophie Holt who was awarded Second Place in her division – with a fabulous speech about the importance of not wearing masks and ‘being at home’ with who you are.



The topics chosen by our team included:

My potential; my passion
Don't just dream about it – do it!
I'm a long way from home
The world at my fingertips
16 degrees south of the Arctic

I would like to commend each of the students for representing our College in such a confident and intelligent manner. We look forward to our involvement in the 20th Anniversary Competition next year.

Mrs Julie Reynolds
Principal

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is next week from Monday August 31st to Friday September 4th. Cedars will be participating by holding a few school wide activities. Some of the activities include:

- Wednesday the Year 8 classes will make chocolate crackles for Junior School recess.
- Thursday the Year 8 classes will make the same for Senior and Middle School, during recess.
- We will run a guessing/estimation competition, guess the number of jellybeans in a jar at reception. Closest will take the jar. One guess per student.
- Junior School will run a creative writing competition, using a photograph for stimulus, judged and winner announced week after.

Mr Lukas Matysek
Secondary Learning Dean

Cedars Partners with WEA

There has been publicity in recent weeks about the new venture between Cedars Christian College and WEA.

Cedars has offered the use of our cooking facilities to enable WEA to start up their cooking classes once again.

CEO of WEA, Gareth McKeen:

"Even before the interest in the TV show 'Masterchef, WEA were often asked when were we going to bring back cooking classes. Unfortunately we were unable to locate a kitchen suitable for teaching cooking despite trying local schools, serviced clubs and even private catering venues. When Cedars Christian College offered their kitchen we didn't hesitate as it is an excellent, clean and modern facility."

WEA cooking classes will commence in Term 4 this year and will initially be Saturday workshops with the aim to offer additional classes in 2010.

Julie Reynolds, comments:

"Our College is very pleased to be able to support the WEA in this new venture. We value our connections with the wider community and look forward to this partnership. Cooking is a creative pursuit and we are very pleased to be able to support the WEA in their programs. We know that our wonderful facilities will provide a great base for some culinary creativity."

Correction

Tom Roberts should have been on the list of students mentioned in the last Snapshot, who were thanked for their contribution to assembly PA system setup, running and pack up.

Thank you Tom.



Trivia Night Saturday 12th Sept

Don't miss out on booking your table. Tables are going quickly; only a few left.

Get your table names and themes and decorations together; there will be great prizes for the most creative table.

Call Michelle now on 42 718124.

Art from the Heart

Cedars are now offering an after school tutoring program called 'Art from the Heart.' Students will explore many different visual art techniques including drawing, painting, pastel, collage and ceramic sculpture.

Classes will be held weekly on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 5.30pm. This program is suitable for students from Years 4 - 12.

Cost is \$30 per lesson over an 8 week period. 1 day per week = \$240 per Term, 2 days per week = \$480 per Term. Payments need to be finalised by 1st September. Classes run from Tuesday 18th August until Wednesday 21st October.

For further information email Bessie at bkallinikos@cedars.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Bessie Kallinikos
Visual Arts Teacher



Parent Participation Scheme Opportunities

Canteen Help Needed

Volunteering to assist in the Canteen is a great PPS opportunity. Narelle would appreciate the help of anyone in our school community between the hours of 10am – 2.00pm on a day suitable to you. Please call Narelle on 0418 685 802 – she would love to hear from you.

School Uniforms

It's time to order your Summer School Uniform. The Uniform Shop has made it easy with an Optional Progressive Payment Plan.

5 Simple Steps

1. Call now and make an appointment
2. We will assist with fittings
3. Place your order (20% deposit required)
4. Pay progressively (This is optional)
5. Final payment & pick-up

To guarantee availability, orders must be placed. Summer Uniform delivery into store will be November 2009. Fittings are essential to ensure uniforms are available for your child to start school in 2010.

To make an appointment call:

Marilyn Emerson ph 02 4256 4963
Cedars Christian College Uniform Shop, Unit 6/17-19 Industrial Road, Oak Flats



Prayer Points

We want to praise God for:

- Our Yr 12 students who have worked so hard through their trial examinations.

Bible verse for the week:

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me."

John 15: 1-4

We also want to pray for:

- A successful, fun filled Trivia Night
- The progress of the new Hall.



Canteen Roster

Monday 31st August	Help Needed
Tuesday 1st September	Help Needed
Wednesday 2nd Sept	Kelly Davidson
Thursday 3rd September	Help Needed
Friday 4th September	Terina White

Please note: small 375ml flavoured Oaks milk now \$1.70 (strawberry and chocolate)