



A Message from our Deputy Principal of Welfare

Teachers Recognised by Peers for World Teachers Day

Friday the 30th of October was World Teachers Day and the Australian College of Educators hosted their annual Peer Recognition Awards during the week. The awards are a formal acknowledgement of the valuable contribution that educators make to their communities around the world.

This year we had three people recognised from Cedars Christian College:

Mr Carmelo Fedele was recognised for the valuable contributions made to the College over the past year especially in the area of engaging students in and out of the classroom. His efforts with extra curricular activities were also highlighted as demonstrating his commitment to his students and to the College community.



Mr Peter Ramm also received an award for his enthusiastic approach to his role as an English and History Teacher. His contributions to sport in the College were also recognised as he goes above and beyond in coaching teams and connecting students of all age groups both during and after school hours.

Both Mr Fedele and Mr Ramm are new additions to the College this year and are congratulated for not only the way

that they have fit into our community but for the initiative and enthusiasm they have displayed towards educating our students both in the classroom and in life outside school.

The third recipient of a peer recognition award from Cedars Christian College was our **Police Liaison Officer, Kerryn Mura**. Officer Mura is a great support to our College community. She can often be seen around the School speaking with individual students or entire Year groups. Most recently Officer Mura has been educating our Middle School students on internet safety and cyber crimes. Officer Mura has a large number of schools that she works with in her role and her contributions here are greatly appreciated.

While I was sitting in the hall at the awards ceremony I was proud of our three recipients as it is not often that educators gain recognition for what they do day in and day out. At Cedars Christian College that truly is *'Inspiring Learning, Developing Leaders, and Equipping for Success'*. I started thinking of the teachers who were an influence in my life, both past and present. I also thought of how many other teachers at Cedars could just as easily have been recognised for their work and the lives they have touched this year. The list was endless.

World Teachers Day is a great reminder that we should thank our teachers for the valuable work they do in shaping the lives of our students everyday.

So, the next time you get the chance, thank a teacher who has made a difference in your life, or the life of your child. Teaching children has so many rewards but there is none greater than when a student says "Thankyou."

Mr Steve Walton
Deputy Principal - Welfare



Upcoming Events

Wed 11th Nov - Wed 18th November

Year 7/8 yearly exams

Thursday 12th November

Year 9 & 10 PASS Excursion parents drop off 8.45am North Beach pickup 2.30pm from North Beach

Saturday 14th November

P & F Working Bee 8.00am - 12.00pm

Mon 16th Nov - Wed 18th Nov

Year 9 yearly exams

Monday 16th Nov - Friday 20th Nov

Mission Week Yr 10

Tuesday 17th Nov & Thurs 19th Nov

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday 18th November

Yr 12 Formal

Saturday 21st November

Gingerbread House Making Afternoon 2.00pm Cedars

Monday 23rd Nov - Friday 27th Nov

Yr 10 work experience

Tuesday 24th November

Yr 5 Orientation Day

Wednesday 25th November

Yr 7 Orientation Day



Recognising Achievement

Jared Gulic

We would like to recognise Jared Gulic of 4 Dendrobium for being a fantastic example of a student who is hard working, well mannered, caring, and is always supportive of others.

Jared was the first student in his class to receive the Silver Award for Citizenship and Academic. This means he received 40 commendations to get to that award. Well done, Jared!



Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Thursday, 22nd October, Junior School was buzzing with our new Kindy kids for 2010.

What a fun morning was had by all; including the teddys! The rain held off so we could enjoy our new soft ground play area whilst we shared morning tea together.

The children explored the School by way of a treasure hunt, using the fabulous play equipment, finding the Canteen, Library, office, etc. Year 3 students were a big help on the day, leading the children as they found their way around the School in preparation for their start next year.

Here are some photos of the special morning together.



Hand Mural Created with Year 10 Students

On the 21st September, 5 Year 10 students visited Junior School as part of an in class assignment for their Bible Class. Year 10 split themselves into small groups and were encouraged to create a four week initiative that would engage other students and create connections.

Shanah McFarlen, Cori York, Letitia Cannales and Jessica Szwarcberg were one group that decided to create a mural for Junior School and incorporate the children's hand prints in the picture. The mural has a huge tree centered with rainbow colors surrounding. We then used black and white paint for the hand prints and used the hand prints to represent the leaves of the tree. Written on the tree are the fruits of the Spirit. The mural has been put up in Junior School.

Jessic Szwarcberg
Yr 10





Cricket Team

On the 3rd of November students from the Cedars Junior Cricket Team traveled to Eric Mobbs Oval at Castle Hill to take on the boys from Green Point Christian College.

The team consisted of boys from Years 7 to 9 and was comprised of both experienced cricketers and those who were playing the game for the first time. After winning the toss and electing to bat, the Cedars boys tried hard to post a competitive total that would put some pressure on their more experienced opposition. With some glimpses of fine batting potential from Liam Manton and



Blake Owen and a battling last wicket partnership between Joshua Larkin and Ben Aguilera, the Cedars boys could only post a modest total of 56.

Despite a slim total to defend, the Cedars boys took the pitch full of vigor and spirit for the second innings, determined to put in a good showing in the field. With some crisp fielding and a sharp catch by Joel Sutherland off the bowling of Jordan Stylianou and a fine stumping by Tom Roberts off a Liam Manton slower ball, the pressure was on early. However Green Point managed to steady and made it to a comfortable victory with only the loss of 3 wickets.

Congratulations to the Green Point boys and indeed to our boys who are to be commended for a game played in fantastic spirit on what was a very hot day. Special thanks to Mr. Owen our assistant coach and Mr. Manton the team photographer and scoring specialist who both attended and offered plenty of encouragement on the day.

Mr Ben Carden Junior Cricket Coach



Full team: Liam Manton, Blake Owen, Ben Aguilera, Josh Larkin, Sam Kenney, Jordan Stylianou, Mitchell Gulic, Bryan Payne, Tom Roberts, Mark Segawa, Jordan Stylianou, Joel Sutherland (c).

Yr 6 Speech

Following is a portion of a speech written and presented by Connor Hutchinson of Year 6 to a group of families interested in attending Cedars. It is a wonderful example of the fondness our students have for their School.

"Hi, I'm Connor Hutchinson, a year 6 student from this school. I have attended Cedars for the past 8 years, starting in prep. Cedars Christian College is a school that revolves around the students, allowing them to grow in character, personality and in Jesus. Cedars inspires us to learn and expand our minds. Here are just a few of the many great reasons that I love my school.

Cedars is a school for years K-12. It even has prep, which prepares children aged 4-5 for big school. What I like most about this school is it is a caring Christian Community that brings students to Christ. I'm sure you will enjoy being part of the school community, I know I do.

Middle School helps us to prepare for High School as we start to change rooms and teachers for different subjects, such as Music, Japanese, Art and Computer Studies. In Music we had the chance to compose our own piece of music. We have also enjoyed meeting Japanese exchange students and have experienced Japanese days where we have tried their food, lifestyle, games and culture. At the moment we also regularly visit and read to the residents of Unanderra Nursing Home. It is great that part of our learning includes helping others!

All of the staff and teachers are dedicated to expanding the knowledge of us students. They hold strong Christian values, and set great examples to the children. The teachers are encouraging and always challenge us to do our best. They put in extra time and effort to make learning fun! Everyone at Cedars puts in a lot of effort for the benefit of our school.

By now you would have met our school principal Mrs Reynolds. She is one of the nicest people I have met. She has a great attitude, she interacts with the students, she is a very happy person, and is always checking up on the wellbeing of the school!

Recently, our new school captains for 2010 were elected. There are lots of leadership programs that students can be involved in. And I believe that is a great thing about Cedars Christian College!

I love coming to school because I'm surrounded by good friends and teachers that take time out to help me in a Christian environment."

Connor Hutchinson
Yr 6



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

THE TENTH INTERNATIONAL AWARD FORUM

Over the past week Sydney has been celebrating the Tenth International Award Forum. The Forum themed "Fit for the Future: A Call to Action" has brought together delegates and business leaders from around the world including HRH The Prince Edward, to discuss the future directions of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. In 2008, 33 000 young Australians participated in the Duke of Ed Award. One of the main aims of the Forum is to grow this number every year and assist more young Australians to participate in this life changing youth program.

The Forum began on Tuesday 27th October with the National Gold Award Ceremony at Admiralty House in Kirribilli, Sydney. The HRH Prince Edward (youngest son of HRH Queen Elizabeth II) together with Her Excellency Mrs Quentin Bryce Governor General of Australia presented 24 young Australians with their GOLD AWARD Certificates and Badge. Approximately 4 – 6 students from each State attended the ceremony with my own daughter Jennifer being selected as one of six to represent the State of NSW.

At the ceremony a short description of each Awardee's program was read out. Each Awardee was then presented with their Badge and Gold Certificate by both Prince Edward and the Governor General. After a quick hand shake and congratulations from Prince Edward the official photograph of the momentous occasion was taken. After all 24 Awardees had received their Certificates; The Prince



Photo Mrs Hvalica's daughter Jennifer with Governor General Quentin Bryce and Prince Edward.

addressed the audience with memories of his own Gold Duke of Ed experiences. He said "He still remembered everything" (Prince Edward completed his Gold Award in 1986 at age 22) "Once you've done it you don't forget it" he said. He then praised all the Awardees for "sticking it through" and said "it would lead to many opportunities. You've made it..., now you can relax and be proud of yourselves," he said. He also said it was one of the best youth initiatives and in England the program is being trialled with youth at risk.

At the end of the ceremony afternoon tea was served in the gardens of Admiralty House. The Prince together with the Governor General approached all Awardees individually and spoke to them and their parents inquiring about the highlights and challenges of their personal program. It was a wonderful experience; my husband and I shook The Prince's hand and I was overwhelmed and was barely able to talk.

Recently some of our students have completed their Award. Congratulations to Melanie Cox, Luke Walton, Stephanie Reynolds, Joshua Lukies and Jessica Whitty for completing their Bronze Award. Christopher Le of Year 10 is highly commended for being the first student at Cedars to complete the SILVER Award. I encourage ALL students at Cedars currently enrolled in the Duke of Ed program to complete ALL levels of the Award including the most prestigious GOLD AWARD. To acquire the GOLD Award participants must complete a Residential Placement away from their home for one week, be active in Community Service, participate in Physical recreation and undertake a Skill ALL for a period of at least one year. Students must also complete two hikes of four day duration. Students have up to the age of 25 years to complete their Gold Award.

GO FOR GOLD Cedars students. It could be you being presented with your GOLD Award from Prince Edward or perhaps even Prince William if they happen to be in the country at the time.

Mrs Natalie Hvalica
Head of Maths

School Blazers/Jumpers for Sale

Several families of our Year 12 students are interested in selling their School blazers and School jumpers.

Items are being kept at the main office so that they can be tried for size and can be purchased at the price set by the owners. Please call Sandra Skinner if you would like more information on 4271 8124.



There is Life after the HSC

For many students, parents and carers who are in the midst of exams talk of UAI's, course selection and stress, this statement seems unimaginable. However, according to Professor Gavin Brown, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sydney, "In many ways life begins after the HSC. While the UAI may be a good indicator of a student's ability, it cannot predict the many opportunities that lie ahead." I encourage all students and parents to embrace this notion as the weeks and months ahead can be filled with excitement and at times fraught with anxious conversations and decisions regarding future courses and employment options.

Immediately after the exams are finished both students and parents may feel relieved about the end of their schooling. This is a time to celebrate the achievement of getting through high school as this is a wonderful achievement in itself and gives them the message that you are proud of them and the score that they receive is incidental. The end of high school can be seen as the start of the next and usually most stimulating period of a child's life in which they have options and choices to really discover their talents and passions.

Sadly though, the period between the end of the last exam and the result day in December can be even harder and more uncomfortable than the exams themselves. Feelings of helplessness can arrive, as there is nothing left to study or do to change the results. Some parents and students may even find themselves wandering aimlessly. I remember a few years ago a parent contacting me after their child's last exam and asking what now, what does my child do on Monday? My advice was simple to the mother and her child. Relax, go to a movie, catch up with friends, do the chores around the house that they have been

neglecting. If your student doesn't already have a part time job put their resumes out to try and get a job over the summer.

Around the time when the results come out quite often families can be too emotionally drained to celebrate or regroup as they have spent time walking on eggshells and anticipating the UAI results. Parents and students should recognise that feeling on edge and unhappy can be a natural response to this situation. Parents, feel free to talk with your children, pray with them and for them at this time and discuss openly the options and choices that they are facing. But remember that you and child are not alone as the School is still here as a support network and to help guide you in the direction that is helpful for your child. We look forward to celebrating together once the exams are finished and the results are out at a morning tea, date and time to be advised.

Sharon Zancolich
School Counsellor / Psychologist

Luna Park Excursion

On Monday, the 2nd of November, students who participated in the Westpac Mathematics Competition from Years 5 to 11 had the opportunity to visit Luna Park in Sydney as a special reward. The students had the opportunity to witness mathematics operating in a



very fun environment, for example the crazy mirrors illustrate the enlargement factor – the misrepresentation of scale.

The entire park illustrates mathematics in motion, from rides like the rollercoaster and the dodgem cars, through to the Ferris wheel. The Rotor is a perfect example of centripetal and centrifugal force, keeping you pinned to the wall, even when the floor drops out.



Here is what a couple of students had to say about the day:

My favourite ride was the Ranger. It was a great day and we also got to stop at Maccas on the way home!

Connor Hutchinson 6B

I went to Luna Park with everyone else who did the Westpac Maths Competition. On the way up I played spotto. I had a great time. The mirror maze in Cooney Island was cool. The tango train was awesome, I went on it 3 times. The Luna Park excursion was really good.

Nathanael Hutchison 6B

It was so much fun getting to go on all the rides and meet kids from other schools

Kaylah Jordan 6B

I would like to encourage all students to participate in the Westpac Mathematics competition next year.

Mrs Natalie Hvalica
Head Teacher Mathematics



Christmas Hampers

Christmas is a great opportunity to bless our community and those in need. One way Cedars is helping the community is by collecting food for Christmas Hampers to be delivered to those in our community who are disadvantaged and find Christmas a struggle.

During the month of November, there will be an area in the front office in both Junior School and Senior College for food donations, as well as a list of items that can be brought in.

Let's all make a huge effort to bless our community and help make Christmas a wonderful time for all.

As the scriptures say,

"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor."

Proverbs 22:9

Emily Matthews
Community Events Captain



P & F Working Bee Saturday 14th Nov 8.00am - 12 noon

Don't miss out on our last Working Bee for the year! Remember to wear closed-in shoes and bring a hat, gloves and a water bottle. If possible, please bring a wheelbarrow and a spade/shovel. We will be planting new plants and mulching along with other gardening jobs.

Morning tea and a BBQ lunch will be provided. Please register your attendance for catering purposes with Sandra on 4271 8124.

Student Accident Protection Plan

Cedars has a document on our website containing information on our Student Accident Protection Plan. This information relates to an insurance plan our School has in place to provide financial benefits to students and their families in the event of accidental injury.

The cover is for 24 hours a day/ seven days a week provided the student is engaged in school or organized sporting activities, including travel to and from such activities.

To view this document go to our website www.cedars.nsw.edu.au and go in under the [FAQs](#) heading.



Prayer Points

We want to praise God for:

- Our committed teachers who are working tirelessly to write end of year reports, marking, etc.
- The current P & F Board who have given of themselves generously this year to serve our School in so many different ways.

Bible verse for the week:

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

Romans 8:28

We also want to pray for:

- Beautiful weather and a great turn out to our final Working Bee for the year.
- The students in Middle/Senior College who continue to sit for their yearly exams.
- Kindly Orientation next week



Canteen Roster

Mon 16th November	Lisa Kelly
Tues 17th November	Linda Johnson
Wed 18th November	Kristine Lynsay
Thurs 19th November	Help Needed
Fri 20th November	Janet Owen and Help Needed

For more information or to volunteer please phone Narelle Petrovski on 0418 685 802.



Parent Participation Scheme Opportunities

Urgent Canteen Help Required:

This Friday, Narelle who runs the canteen, is in urgent need of one or two parents to volunteer to help her. Please phone her on 0418 685 802 if you are able to help and contribute to your PPS hours.

P & F Working Bee - see details above.