



A Message from our Deputy Principal of Curriculum

Age to age He stands

Time is in His hands

Beginning and the end...

These words from Chris Tomlin's song 'How Great is Our God' convey an aspect of time that our finite minds find hard to grasp – the eternal nature of God who exists outside time. In fact, He is able to hold time in his hands.

By contrast, it is common, particularly at this time of year to hear comments like, 'Hasn't the year gone quickly?' or 'Where has the time gone?' Time seems to vary according to what we are doing. It either drags or it flies. While we often complain that we don't have enough of it, sometimes we kill time. We also use our time to reflect on the past, to plan for the future and to live in the present.

Parents and teachers will observe that younger children are often very focused on the present. As these children grow into teens, we often despair as they ignore our pleas to 'stop procrastinating', 'plan ahead' and 'think of the future'.

According to Professor Philip Zimbardo from Stanford University, this phenomenon, known as time perspective determines our happiness and success as human beings. Those who live in the moment have a tendency to engage in dangerous risk-taking behavior. People with a past orientation may be held captive by their past while

those who are so focused on the future are often unable to enjoy the present and will sacrifice immediate pleasures for future happiness.

Professor Zimbardo's study revealed, what we already know, that a balanced perspective is the most healthy one. The individual who can successfully switch between all three is the most flexible and likely to be the most successful in managing life. In the school context, a focus on the future will give our students wings to soar to new heights and meet new challenges; the past gives them a sense of identity, while the present provides energy and nourishment to explore and take risks to learn new things. Our students need all three to achieve their human potential.

Time is indeed a powerful force. We were created by a God who lives outside our time perspective, who spans the ages, who was there in the beginning and will be present at the end of time. Research provides us with wonderful insights and offers useful strategies to assist us in the education process while our faith allows us to relinquish our past, present and future to Almighty God. What security to feel the assurance that the psalmist felt when he said, 'My times are in your hands oh Lord'. Psalm 31:15.

Sue Walker
Deputy Curriculum



Upcoming Events

Monday 23rd Nov - Friday 27th Nov

Yr 10 work experience

Wednesday 25th November

- Yr 7 Orientation Day
- ♦ Dragon Tag Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6 depart 9.00am return 3.00pm
- ♦ Swimming/Lifesaving Lessons Yrs 5 & 6 Unanderra Pool 1.00pm - 3.10pm

Thursday 26th November

Yr 12 Geography excursion to Budderoo National Park depart 8.30am return 3.00pm

Friday 27th November

Fire Brigade visit to Junior School

Saturday 28th November

Scripture Union Ultimate Inflatable Challenge. Cedars 1.00pm - 5.30pm

Monday 30th November

- Yr 12 Textiles to TEXSTYLE Forum Sydney depart Cedars 7.00am return 5.00pm
- Yr 10 Celebration Evening 6.00pm - 10.30, Mt Keira Mountain Top Restaurant

Tuesday 1st December

Yr 8 Jamberoo Excursion depart Cedars 9.15 am return 3.10pm

Thursday 3rd December

- Junior School End of Term Award Assembly 1.45pm, including Yr 4 Graduation Assembly
- Middle School end of Term Award Assembly 10.20
- Senior College end of Term Award Assembly 9.00am

Thursday 10th December

- Cedars Celebration Figtree Anglican Church from 6.00pm



Kindys Visit Fairfield City Farm

On Friday the 6th of November Kindergarten visited Fairfield City Farm.

We had a wonderful day experiencing the many facets of farm life and plenty of opportunities to interact with all the animals. God blessed us with marvelous weather and an abundance of willing Dads, Mums and Aunties who graciously gave up their time to assist us on our excursion.

Some of the highlights of the day can be read in the children's recounts below.

Mrs Rachel Blaas and Mrs Sally Walton
Kindergarten Teachers

Jared

"Last Friday I went to Fairfield City Farm. I saw a stock whip show and saw a peacock and I got to milk a cow. The stock whip sounded like a gun. I saw a shearing sheep show and I saw a sheep dog show. The best part of the day was the stock whip show."

Noah

"Last Friday I went to Fairfield City Farm. I milked a cow. It was fun."

Genevieve

Last Friday I went to Fairfield City Farm. I milked a cow. I saw a peacock and I saw the peacock show his feathers. It was exciting. The best part of the day was the bus ride.

Alicia

Last Friday I went to Fairfield City Farm. I saw a cow. Next I saw some chickens and I forgot to write this, firstly I went on a bus. I saw a man peacock and a stock whip show, it was the best part. It was the very very best day ever. It was a super dooper best day.

Declan

Last Friday I went to Fairfield City

Farm. I went on the big bus. It was fun. It was the best day ever.

Lauren

Last Friday I went to Fairfield City Farm. The peacocks feathers were beautiful. Then I saw the chickens they were funny.

Jemma

Last Friday I went to Fairfield City Farm. I milked a cow, it felt funny. I saw horses. After lunch I watched the sheep dog show.

Brayden

Last Friday I went to Fairfield City farm. I got on the bus. I milked the cow. I went to the stock whip show it sounded like a gun. I patted a goat.



King Blessing!

Year 3 / 4 Casuarina and I were extremely excited and felt very blessed by the visit of a beautiful King Parrot. The class decided to set up a bird feeder in the trees outside the classroom to help encourage wildlife in our school. Many smaller birds visit often but this was a treat, a blessing, to have this gorgeous bird stay and visit us. We hope he has gone to tell all his friends!

This class would also like to send a big thank you to Mrs Colleen O'Connell (Gran) & Mrs Liz Stumbles for their amazing work in the Junior School gardens. A number of students helped carry



mulch to the side of the hill in the JS amphitheatre to help the ladies make the garden into a rainforest oasis. We are so happy for their help and are so grateful for their voluntary work in our school.

Mrs Karen Clifford
Year 3/4 Teacher



Poems To Make A Difference - Year 5

This Term, Year 5 has been learning about the topic entitled 'Environmental Matters' for Human Society and it's Environment and Science. They are exploring the value of looking after our environment and how to accomplish this task. In English, they have been writing poetry. These are some of the many wonderful poems written in class.

Miss Tanya Lauretti Year 5 Teacher

Save The Whales

Save the whales,
don't cut off their tails.
Don't pollute the water,
and make sure you don't slaughter.

The whales are cool,
Let them rule!
Don't kill them,
because they are a gem.

So now that we're done,
go have some fun.
But keep this in your head,
when you go to bed.

SAVE THE WHALES!

By Benjamin Thompson, 5L.

Our Precious Earth

Our Earth is precious,
so we need to be cautious,
of what we do to it,
because environmentalists might have a fit!

Don't litter the ground,
but pick it up from all around.
Then put it in the bin,
so the rubbish won't be up to our chin!

Don't drive somewhere near,
Instead walk to the pier.
Look at our ocean,
It creates a beautiful motion.

Don't waste water,
because the supply will be shorter.
Use public venues for water fun,
now that's a way to be in the sun!

Our Earth is precious,
so be cautious.
If you want to do your part,
this is a way to make a start.

By Kathryn Collins, 5L

The Needy Need No Drought

People take advantage of the water they get.

Don't think Australians get enough? You wanna bet?
My mother is always saying to turn off the taps,
because some people get so little water that they collapse.

People in some countries are nowhere near healthy,
when some other countries' people are ultra-wealthy.
I see some people overseas keep dying,
but I feel like I'm the only one who's crying.

There are people who pretend to care but they're not real,
they would rather sit at home watching 'Deal Or No Deal'.
People deep in Africa are dying of thirst,
but you don't care, you always get water first.

Some people I know say there's not enough water each day,
although some others don't even have a place to stay.
You might not get a lot of dinner one night,
but there's people out there dying which don't even get a bite.

Right now there's like a billion people crying for help,
but everybody's too stuck up to hear their yelp.
There's so many people out there with no water it's sad,
but you only care about your cable, you're so bad!

Jesus didn't create us to make a drought,
some people get so little water they just need to shout.
Jesus didn't go and get crucified,
just to look down and see a lot of people who from thirst, have died.

By Daniel Hanzy, 5L.



Strongman Show

Last Friday morning students from Years 5-11 had the privilege of watching in amazement the incredible feats of human strength on display at the Strongman Show. The Strongman made things like tearing phone books, bending nails and winning a four against one Tug-o-war competition seem effortless.

While his physical strength was definitely powerful, so too was his testimony as he spoke of how he came to know Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. He encouraged students not to look to their own strength but draw on the strength of God in all circumstances.

"One of the best bits was when the strongman ripped the phonebook in half."
Jono Gardner-Simon

"His message was sad at first, when he talked about his life without Jesus...Now he is a full on Christian and his life is 100% better!"

Katelyn O'Donnell



"He bent a horse shoe into an S shape, made a 18mm thick piece of metal into a fish and used 2 big 3.5 kg sledge hammers as weights and brought them closely above his head."

Lachlan Payne

"The strongman could do many things like bend a frypan in half with his bare hands...but he also talked to us about peer pressure and how it can make you do things that could kill you just to be accepted."

Ben Hopkins

"He never used to believe in God and thought that Christians were weak and sissies, but when he found God he realised that none of that was true."

Shania Dryburgh



Year 10 Give a Helping Hand for a Good Cause

Last week Year 10 put aside their books to participate in Cedars third annual community missions program. Partnerships included Lighthouse's My Place shelter, Wollongong City Council's Bushcare, Wollongong Women's Housing, transition to work program Essential Personnel and Parameadows, with students exposed to a cross section of needs in the community.

"There are just so many needs out there, and our students are discovering for themselves that for them to give a little bit can make an enormous difference for someone else."

Our partners reported that Cedars students shone. They were hardworking, patient and interested in meeting the needs of others. One partner who was initially reluctant to take on 16 year olds, said that they were overwhelmingly impressed with the kids and would love to get involved again next year.



Teachers Ken Jordan, Kerrie Claremont, Sharon Zanolich, Carm Fedele and Peter Ramm accompanied students, offering much needed support and leading the way in work.

The Program's coordinator, Brad Kelly says that the community service week has been a successful part of the schools program for the past three years. "Students are keen to get out, test their skills in a new and challenging environment. We want to instil values of service, hard work and giving back in our students."

He said that it was not hard to find community groups to partner with.

WIN News was on hand to cover the Essential Personnel transition to work home in Balgownie, revisiting the project after two years. In 2007, Cedars students helped to refurbish the house and this year they mixed wonderfully with the residents, getting stuck into work, cleaning, help in looking for jobs and working on their Wii bowling averages.

Year 10 students have many reasons to be proud of their efforts last week. Being given the opportunity to help meet the needs of others, every one of them rose to the challenge and represented the School in the best possible way.

Year 12 Formal

Year 12 students, parents and staff celebrated the completion of the Higher School Certificate at the Novotel last Wednesday night.



Many thanks goes to the formal committee led by Rebecca Arnold, Amanda Nahlous and Madeline Parsons who put on an excellent final event. Year coordinator, Darryl Sullivan addressed the students about how they would settle into the rhythm of life, while Principal Julie Reynolds spoke about the importance of choosing the right friends in the next phase of their journey.

Congratulations Year 12 on finishing so well, and we look forward to hearing about your progress in the next phase.

Mr Brad Kelly
Senior College Welfare
Coordinator





Classes Run as Normal

Classes are as normal for all students until the end of Term which is Thursday December 10th.

With some exceptions due to Celebration practice and preparation, all students are expected to attend all timetabled lessons.

Mrs Sue Walker
Deputy Curriculum

New School Leaving Age

As of January 2010, New South Wales will have a new school leaving age, meaning students will complete Year 10 and then have a number of options in which to participate until at least age 17.

What's New?

1. From 2010, all NSW students must complete Year 10.
2. After Year 10 and until the age of 17 students must be:
 - In school, or registered for home schooling OR
 - In approved education or training OR
 - In full time paid employment average 25 hours/week) OR
 - In a combination of these

This applies to students who complete Year 10 in 2009 and to all subsequent years.

More information

www.schools.nsw.edu.au

Mr Steve Walton
Deputy Principal - Welfare

Westpac Mathematics Competition 2009

The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards was held on Thursday 6 August early in Term 3.

This competition started in 1978 and is now in its 32nd year. It is an International Competition with primary and secondary students participating from 42 countries and it is sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation. In 2009, 420 229 students entered this competition. This year 97 students from Cedars participated in the competition which was a 23% increase on last year's candidature. The competition consists of intriguing problems and is mostly multiple choice.

Congratulations to Brent Corneteg Yr 3 and Lachlan Spicer Yr 10 who have been the top performers at Cedars achieving in the 97th percentile which has placed them in the top 3% of the candidature for 2009.

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates of Distinction:

- Year 3 Brent Corneteg (top 3 %)
- Year 4 Josiah Adonis (top 15%)
- Year 6 Jack Holt (top 8%)
Nathaniel Hutchinson (top 10%)
- Year 7 Sheridan Anchor (top 13%)
- Year 8 Braiden Spicer (top 7%)
Bethany Hopkins (top 14%)
- Year 10 Lachlan Spicer, (top 3%)
Chris Le (top 8%)
- Year 12 Luke Walton (top 16%)

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates of Credit:

- Year 3 Kye Williams

- Year 4 Terry Anchor
Riley Abercrombie
Michael Brown
Casey Mireylees
Victoria Nourie
Adam Knight
- Year 5 Jacob Pesavento
Ben Hopkins
- Year 6 Kayla Jordan
Daniel Starr
Joel Denaro
Connor Hutchinson
Maddison Spicer
Jordan Hunt
Allara Bexim
Vivian Chong
- Year 7 Yeo Jin Bang
- Year 8 Daniel West
Tristan Thompson
Jared Hanzy
- Year 9 Jonathon Su
Mark Meleka
- Year 10 Joshua Lukies
- Year 11 Matthew Biasotto
Tim Wardrop
Emily Matthews
Sam Winkler
- Year 12 Adam Quinn
Nashil Lim

A special commendation must go to Terry Anchor in Year 4 for receiving the Prudence Award. The Prudence Award is awarded to the student who achieved the school's highest number of consecutive correct answers. Well done Terry!

Every entrant receives a Certificate of Participation and a report giving a detailed analysis of their performance in the competition. Congratulations to all participants for entering the competition as it develops your logical and high order thinking skills. The certificates received enhance your CV and is a valuable entry on your Year 12 school reference.

Mrs Natalie Hvalica
Mathematics Coordinator



SCRIPTURE UNION PRESENTS

THE ULTIMATE INFLATABLE CHALLENGE

'THE STADIUM' INFLATABLE SOCCER FIELD
ANDREW FISHER & THE JESUS RACING UTE
SUMO WRESTLING + INFLATABLE DODGE BALL
BUNGEE BASKETBALL + FOOD & DRINKS
A LIVE ON SITE BROADCAST BY 94.1FM!

The Ultimate Inflatables Challenge is for all Illawarra high school students, held here at Cedars College from 1.00pm—5.30pm Saturday 28th November.

Cost is \$10 with food and drinks sold separately. For more information call Carol Ramsey on 0425 259 940.



Parent Participation Scheme Opportunities

There are several PPS opportunities, please call Sandra on reception for information:

- Parents could help by doing a stock-take in the sports shed and/or a general tidy-up of that area.
- Jackie Bennett, Yr 5/6 teacher would appreciate help with photocopying.
- Cyle Warren, English teacher would love some help with covering books.
- Sheree Pupovac would appreciate help with covering of books in the Library also.

Christmas Hampers

A reminder that this is the final week for food donations to be made for the Christmas hampers which will go out to bless deserving families in our community this Christmas.

There are areas in both Junior School and Middle/Senior College for donations as well as a list of items which can be donated.

Canteen News

As the school year comes to a close, some stock items which have been depleted may not be available; please phone Narelle at the Canteen on 0418 685 802 if you have any questions.

Treat Day

Canteen 'Treat Day' will be held on Wednesday, 9th of December.

Student Café

A reminder that Hospitality students are running a café every Wednesday from 3.00pm - 5.30 in the TAS Kitchen until the end of Term. All drinks \$2.

Celebration DVD

Please find attached an order form for a professionally produced DVD of the Celebration.



Prayer Points

We want to praise God for:

- Year 5 and Year 7 orientation mornings which were very positive and well attended.
- A memorable and fun Year 12 formal.

Bible Verse for the Week

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

John 14:27

We also want to pray for:

- The Year 12 Geography excursion to Budderoo National Park.
- Celebration preparations which are well underway.



Canteen Roster

Mon 30th November	Judy McCracken
Tues 1st December	Help Needed
Wed 2nd December	Leonie Bere or Kelly Davidson
Thurs 3rd December	Help Needed
Fri 4th December	Janet Owen

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

Cedars Celebration Ceremony

Thursday 10th December 2009

Celebration Evening Thursday December 10th

The Cedars Christian College annual Celebration service for Junior, Middle School and Senior College is being held on Thursday December 10th at Figtree Anglican Church.

The evening has two services; one for Junior School beginning at 6.00pm and finishing at 7.00 pm. and one for Middle/Senior College which begins at 7.30 and finishes at 9.00pm. Students will perform items and various awards will be handed out on this special evening. More details will be sent out to each family shortly.

Students are rehearsing their performances in the areas of drama and dance, and it is set to be a very exciting, entertaining event. All students are expected to be in attendance and parents and families are warmly welcomed to attend.

Please mark this date down on your calendar as it is a wonderful remembrance of the year we have just experienced together as a College community; and is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our students and School together

DVD Orders for Celebration

DVD orders for this exciting night are now being taken so if you would like to order a copy of the Junior School or Middle/ Senior College productions, please fill out the form below and send it in with cash or a cheque to your child's class teacher.

Orders without payment will not be accepted so be sure to organise your payment before December 10 to avoid missing out.

Cedars Celebration Evening 2008 – DVD Order Form

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: (Please Circle) JS MS SC

- Junior School DVD @ \$25
- Middle School/Senior College DVD @ \$25
- Junior, Middle and Senior College DVD's @ \$45

TOTAL DVD'S _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Please enclose exact money in an envelope labelled **Celebration DVD** and give to your class teacher by **Thursday, December 10th**. All cheques can be made payable to **Cedars Christian College**.