



A Message from our Principal

Knowing Who You Are

It is difficult to believe that this is the final Snapshots for 2009 – our year has flown by so quickly.

In this final edition I want to include a short article that reminds us of the importance of character and that 'who we are' is more important than 'what we achieve'. At Cedars we strive to teach our students to be people who know who they are and know what is truly important in life. I hope that over Christmas you will have time to spend with your children and that you will also enjoy sharing the things that are most important with them.

Billy Graham is now 90 years old with Parkinson's disease. In January 2000, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favourite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor. Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, "We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you." So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honoured by Time magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once travelling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there, so he looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it. The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are.

We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are No problem. You don't need a

ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'"

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this:

I not only know who I am

I also know where I'm going."

End of Year Thanks

At the end of a very busy year there are so many people to thank and in doing that there is always a danger of leaving someone out. I want to thank our Board led so well by Michael Eyb, our P&F led with wonderful energy from Liz Stumbles, our generous and kind canteen manager Mrs Narelle Petrovski and her band of helpers, the many mums and dads who volunteer in other areas of the school, our gardening club director Mrs Colleen O'Connell for her vision and hard work, our peripatetic music teachers led by Annette Collins and the many pastors, many of whom are also parents in the school, for their valuable input into our community. I am also grateful for the tireless work of our very dedicated staff – who so often go above and beyond their job descriptions to care for our children. At the end of this year we particularly thank those staff who are leaving to take on new ventures including Mr Horan, Mrs Campbell, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mrs Deck. We hope that they will find joy in their new endeavours.

We are looking forward to our Cedars Celebration evening on Thursday and trust that it will indeed be an opportunity to celebrate the year together. I wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Julie Reynolds
Principal



Upcoming Events

Thursday 10th December

Cedars Celebration Figtree Anglican Church.

- Junior School Celebration 6.00pm to 7.00pm
- Middle School/Senior College Celebration 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- Last Day of Term 4

Wednesday 27th January 2010

First day of School Yrs 1 - 12

Thursday 28th January 2010

First day of School Kindergarten

Monday 1st February

Prep commences



Recognising Achievement

Cedars 2009 Student Captains and Leaders

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise the outstanding commitment and leadership that our 2009 School Captains and Student Leaders have exhibited this past year.

They have been wonderful examples and role models of true character and leadership.

Thank you to each member of this fantastic team.



Gymnastics

All students from Years 2 - 4 participated in a gymnastics lesson once a week during Term 4 as a part of their sports program. Gymnastics lessons are run by qualified gymnastics instructors and are a fun part of learning in Junior School.

Enjoy some photos taken at a recent lesson.

Mrs Karen Clifford
Teacher Year 3/4



End of Term Award Ceremony and Year 4 Graduation

Here are some photos taken at the Junior School End of Term Awards Assembly which included Year 4's graduation into Middle School. It has been a wonderful Term and the whole year has been a year full of great memories and achievements in our Junior School. Well done to all of our students.

Mrs Karen Clifford
Welfare Coordinator Jnr School





Choices for Life Seminar

Following are some comments made by students in 6B about the Choices for Life Seminar held at Cedars recently. Thank you to Bruce Coleman who was the Choices for Life presenter .

"I thought the baby's feet were amazing, so tiny. I learnt that the liquid inside the mothers womb protects the baby from getting damaged. It was really amazing to see how the baby grows."

Spencer Chaushev



"When we went to the Choices of Life Lesson, we learned about what was inside us when we were in our mum's tummy and how we were formed. He made learning fun and we also got badges of little feet, the same size of when we were 10 weeks!"

Bethany Alvarez

"It was weird, strange and fascinating all at the same time. It gave everyone an idea of how small a baby is, but also how important. It is just completely amazing how one small cell can turn into a baby. We had a look at the stages of an unborn baby from the cell to a nine month old, new born baby. It was funny and cool and I think everyone enjoyed it."

Daniel Starr

"The Choices for Life was great; it was a fantastic opportunity to learn about what happens in your mother's body when you're in there for 9 months before birth. The little golden feet are awesome."

Rhys Judd

"It was strange, amazing and crazy. It is really amazing that we started off as one small cell and then that cell multiplied to make who we are today."

Nathan Brown

Surf Lifesaving Carnival

Congratulations to the 6 students who attended the Surf Lifesaving Carnival last Thursday. It was an excellent day and our students performed admirably. Blake Owen, Alex Adams, Toby Adams, Rebecca Apostolovski, Tom Roberts and Bryan Payne.

Mr Tim Johnson
PDHPE Teacher

End of Middle School Celebration Fun

Our Year 8 students celebrated the end of their middle schooling with a trip to Jamberoo Action Park. Along with their teachers, Miss Harrison and Mr Seymour, the students enjoyed a fun packed day which included a BBQ lunch and the opportunity to relax together and enjoy the many rides and attractions on offer.

Mr Fedele also attended the day out, providing an excellent opportunity for him to get to know the students and vice versa before he takes on the role as their form coordinator in 2010. The students and all their teachers had a wonderful time and were exhausted on their return after racing around the park all day!

Mrs Julie Cochrane
Middle School Welfare Coordinator



End of Term Awards Assembly

Enjoy some photos taken at the End of Term Awards Assembly. Multiple awards were handed out to students in several different areas including, academic, sporting, citizenship. Event a few gold awards were presented. Well done to all of our students.





Year 10 Formal

Last Monday night, our Year 10 students celebrated their end of year with dinner and dancing at the Mountain Top Restaurant at Mt Keira. The Year 10 teachers led by Mr Jordan, presented the group with a superhero theme. Year 10 have finished the year impressively, with strong participation at the community

service week and one week of work experience. They now look forward to an extended break before tackling the rigours of their senior years.

Mr Brad Kelly
Senior College Welfare Coordinator



End of Term Awards Assembly

Students, teachers and parents gathered together last Thursday for our Senior College end of term awards. Some astonishing results on the sporting field, academic success and community service were all celebrated. Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards were handed out, as well as a presentation from World Vision for the College's participation in this year's 40 Hour Famine.

Mr Brad Kelly
Senior College Welfare Coordinator





MATHS CHALLENGE 2009

The Mathematics Department at Cedars offers the Maths Challenge for students from Years 5 to 10 as an extension program in Mathematics. The Challenge targets the top 20 per cent of students in both Primary and Secondary schools.

This year 25 students participated in the Challenge which is administered by the Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT). Students participating in the Maths Challenge received a Problem Booklet consisting of intriguing and complex problems which were completed at home as assignments.

The program ran for a 3 week consecutive period in Term 2. Students attended Master classes which were run by Mr Matysek on Thursday lunchtimes. These sessions assisted students in the solution to these problems and fostered academic learning through mentoring and teamwork. Congratulations to the following students who developed their high order thinking and analytical skills leading to a greater interest in and awareness of the power of mathematics to solve problems.

YEAR 5

- Tylah Duggan, Benjamin Hopkins, Jacob Pesavento

YEAR 6

- Kaylah Jordan, Maddi Spicer, Jordan Hunt, Zoe Kundicevic, Jack Holt, Vivian Chong, Rohan Harris, Joel Denaro.

YEAR 7

- Rosemary Valdivia, Rebekah West,

YEAR 8

- Braidan Spicer, Daniel West, Bethany Hopkins, Kelsey Jones, Sophie Holt, Isaac Winkler, Tyrone Cull, Taylor Henderson – Jones.

YEAR 9

- Robin Zita, Jonathan Su,

YEAR 10

- Jiwon Bang, Joshua Lukies.

The following students performed exceptionally well receiving the following Certificates of Credit and Distinction.

YEAR 8

Bethany Hopkins	High Distinction
Braidan Spicer	High Distinction
Daniel West	Distinction

The following students received a Credit:

Kelsey Jones	Year 8
Tylah Duggan	Year 5
Benjamin Hopkins	Year 5
Jacob Pesavento	Year 5
Kaylah Jordan	Year 6
Maddi Spicer	Year 6
Joel Denaro	Year 6
Jordan Hunt	Year 6

**Mrs Natalie Hvalica &
Mr Lukas Matysek
Mathematics Department**

Celebration DVD Orders

Thank you to all those who have sent in their order forms for the professional DVD's of the Celebration night. If you have missed sending in your order form and payment, there will be a table on the night set up to take orders and payments for DVD's of the two events - Junior School and Middle/Senior College.

Please note: If you would like your DVD's before Christmas they will be available to be picked up on Friday the 18th of December in the main reception area; they will not be posted out.

Cedars 2010 Calendars

Our beautiful Cedars 2010 calendars will be available for each family to take home at the Celebration Thursday night.

This calendar is full of photos from this past year including many of Cedars students so you will not want to miss out on receiving one as a gift.

If you are not able to attend the Celebration the calendars will be available, one per family, in the school office. Enjoy!

Cedars Celebration Thursday Dec 10th

What a wonderful night this year's Celebration is set to be. Students have been tirelessly practicing their various items which will be presented on the night. Both teachers and students are excited to bring families a night to remember.

- Junior School Celebration will be from 6.00pm - 7.00pm
- Middle/Senior College Celebration from 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Thank You!

We would like to warmly thank our major sponsors of the Celebration:



We would also like to thank the sponsors of the Students Awards for the night:

- Zweefers Great Cakes
- Blaas Autocraft
- John Tisma of Ray White Real Estate, Dapto



A very special thank you goes to **Awards Plus** in Unanderra who have generously printed the Celebration Program at a very low cost. These will be handed out to each family and may be kept as a memento of the night.

Finally, a special thank you to the students and to the staff who have been working so hard to make this an eventful, exciting night - one not to be missed!



Term Dates - 2010

Term 1 (10 weeks)	Year 1 – 12 Commences	Wednesday 27 th January
	Kindy Commences	Thursday 28 th January
	Prep Commences	Monday 1 st February
	School Finishes	Thursday 1 st April

Term 2 (11 weeks)	School Commences	Monday 19 th April
	School Finishes	Friday 2 nd July

Term 3 (9 weeks)	School Commences	Monday 26 th July
	School Finishes	Friday 24 th September

Term 4 (9 weeks)	School Commences	Monday 11 th October
	School Finishes	Thursday 9 th December
	Pupil Free Day	Friday 10 th December

School Uniforms

Trading Hours:

Tuesdays: 8.00am - 4.30pm
Thursdays: 1.00pm - 4.30pm
1st Sat of Month: 9.00am - noon

Additional Trading Days

December 2009

- 14th to 18th December 8:00am to 4:30pm

January 2010

- 11th to 15th January - 9:00am to 4:00pm
- 18th to 22nd January - 8:00am to 4:30pm
- Saturday the 23rd January - 9:00am to 12:00pm
- 25th to 29th January - 8:00am to 4:30pm

February 2010

- 1st, 2nd & 4th February - 8:00am to 4:30pm
- Saturday the 6th February - 9:00am to 12:00pm

Parents who have not made their appointment for fitting, please do so now to avoid delays/ long queue in January.

Note: Shop will be closed on 26th of January due to Australia Day public holiday, and between 20th December 2009 and 11th January 2010.



Prayer Points

We want to praise God for:

- Our beautiful School community made up of students, their families and staff who all contribute to making Cedars such a wonderful School.
- A wonderful year for both students and staff here at Cedars.

Bible Verse for the Week

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

We also want to pray for:

- A wonderful end of year Celebration on Thursday night.
- A well deserved restful holiday for all students and teachers.



Canteen Roster

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.



Parent Participation Scheme Opportunities

All PPS hours for 2009 need to be recorded on your card in reception to avoid having the charge added to your account. Term 4 will be billed in Term 1 2010. Hours can be recorded on your card up to 12 noon **Friday 11 December 2009**

Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents who have actively participated in the PPS this year. From serving in the Canteen to gardening at the Working Bee's, we have appreciated those of you who have played a significant part in helping our School community. We look forward to working together in 2010!