



A Message from our Principal

Our Mission

Cedars Christian College: a Christian community:

- Inspiring learning
- Developing leaders
- Equipping for success

Inspiring Learning

As we begin this academic year I want to challenge our students, teachers and parents to see it as a year of great opportunity. I believe that it is a privilege to be in a community that is dedicated to learning and that each us – whatever role we have in this community - should embrace both the joy and discipline of learning.

Opportunities for students will occur in every formal lesson every day – this is a given. But what about the opportunities to learn when away on camp, when invited to enter a competition, when talking with friends about interests or when spending time with your parents? Could it be choosing to read a book you have never read before, learning a musical instrument, taking on a new hobby or approaching a new challenge?

Parents, there are opportunities for learning here at Cedars for you too. We are currently looking at hosting some trial masterclasses for parents in areas of interest to them after school. Listen out for more news about these opportunities in the newsletter or at our P&F meetings. Remember our first meeting is after our Twilight Supper on 23rd February.

Opportunities for learning may even include something as simple as sitting with your son or daughter for half an hour each day and reviewing their learning with them.

Teachers also have so many opportunities to learn when presenting new units, when reviewing programs or when mastering a new skill – I know that for them this is a joy.

John Maxwell argues that people don't reach their potential on accident. He says that if we do something intentional to grow every day, we can move closer to reaching our potential. It we don't, our potential slowly slips away over the course of our lifetime. For those of us who are busy with the mundane demands of life this is a sobering thought. How can we make sure that each of us – whatever our age - continues to learn and grow?

Phillip Brooks, the minister speaking at Abraham Lincoln's funeral said: "Sad is the day for any man when he becomes absolutely satisfied with the life he is living, the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds that he is doing; when there ceases to be forever beating at the doors of his soul a desire to do something larger which he seeks and knows he was meant and intended to do."

I think the first step in achieving our potential is welcoming the challenge and joy of learning. This is not a passive philosophical approach it is an intentional decision to ask questions, step up to challenges, seek out information and push ourselves beyond our comfort. The German philosopher Goethe said:

"Never let a day pass without looking at some perfect work of art, hearing some great piece of music and reading, in part, some great book."

Our College mission statement begins with the notion of inspired learning. I invite every member of our community to seek out inspiration in 2010 and to take every God given opportunity to learn.

My School Website

Cedars parents might have joined the millions of parents who have accessed the new My School Website. In looking at our local schools I am sure you will have joined me in feeling very proud of our students and teachers and celebrating the strong results our site shows. The staff and I have welcomed the publication of this material but I would like to offer a few comments about them. Firstly the information on this site is very minimal. Although we have done very well as a school I have reservations about a site that claims to compare schools on the data gathered from one test on one day. It is like evaluating the worth of a racing car by looking only at the tyres. Unfortunately the media makes stories out of minimal information and encourages sweeping statements for good and ill. Parents may not be aware that every school presents an annual report to the government with this information and much more. This is generally available on every school's own website. You can access ours on our webpage. I would urge parents to read these reports for much more information than the MySchool site will ever offer.

Mrs Julie Reynolds
Principal



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3rd February

- Primary Swim Carnival Unanderra Pool start 9.00am finish 1.00pm
- U of W Discovery Day Yr 12 depart 8.15 am from School, return 3.15pm
- Years 9-11 Parent Info Evening 7.00pm Middle School

Thursday 4th February

Whole School Assembly - 9.30am on basketball court - parents welcome

Mon 8th Feb - Fri 12th Feb

Week of Junior School Parent Information Evenings

Tuesday 9th February

Junior School Assembly 2.00pm , speaker Julie Reynolds, parents welcome.

Monday 15th February

Prep Information Evening 6.00pm Prep Room

Wednesday 17th February

Yr 12 Parent Only Info Evening 6.30pm - 8.00pm Middle School

Thursday 18th Feb to Fri 19th Feb

Year 5 Camp

Tuesday 23rd February

- Twilight Supper for all staff students and families 6.00pm - 7.30pm.
- P&F AGM following Twilight Supper
- Secondary Zone Swim Carnival



Recognising Achievement

Alex Adams

Alex, Year 10, one of Cedars' many talented swimmers, broke almost every record in the book at our recent Secondary Swim Carnival held at Unanderra Pool.

Well done Alex!



Kindys' First Day

This year's Kindergarten students showed plenty of excitement and enthusiasm on their first day at 'Big School,' with plenty of smiles all around.

Students enjoyed learning together and meeting their new teachers, Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Walton.

The Kindys are already fitting in beautifully and making new long lasting friendships.

Here are a few pictures of the 'big day'.



Welfare Coordinator for Junior School 2010 - Miss Heidi Sullivan

We warmly welcome Miss Heidi Sullivan to the Junior School Welfare position for 2010. Mrs Clifford will return to the role in 2011.

Miss Sullivan has been teaching for just over eight years and has been at Cedars since 2002. She attends church locally and enjoys living in Wollongong. Miss Sullivan is a passionate, devoted teacher and she looks forward to the year ahead in her new role.

Miss Sullivan's role involves caring for students, staff and families within



Junior School. She is responsible for a number of events and procedures that have been established to make Junior School a safe and happy environment, where God's love is evident.

Miss Sullivan is looking forward to getting to know new students and helping all members of our College community feel welcome. Her role also involves supporting staff and parents as they assist students to thrive and grow.

Any Junior School student or parent with questions or concerns is invited to speak to Miss Sullivan at a time convenient for them by calling the Junior School reception on 42 718 124.



Student Leadership Council

There are some exciting changes to the way our Student Leadership Council will run at Cedars from 2010. In the past, two student leaders have been elected from each year group and meetings have been limited to these representatives only. However, this year all students have the opportunity to be involved in the Student Leadership Council. Meetings will be held every second week during Wednesday lunch times in M7 and any student from Yrs 5-12 is welcome to attend.

During our first meeting in Week 3, students will have the opportunity to nominate themselves for one of the office bearing positions or perhaps become a member of the Fundraising or Events Committees. All the meetings will be led by the elected Student Council President, who will be assisted by a Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The Student Leadership Council provides a forum for students to have a voice in some of the issues that are of most importance to them. It is anticipated that the Student Leadership Council will play an active role in the School organising events, competitions and raising funds for school, community and missions projects.

More information will be provided on how students can become involved in the Student Leadership Council at Middle School and Senior College Assemblies.

Mrs Julie Cochrane
SLC Coordinator

New Middle School House Captains for 2010

Middle School welcomes the following students to their role of House Captain for Middle School. Next edition of Snapshot will have a short profile on each.

- Deakin:** Rebekah West
Samuel Ramsey
- Orton:** Maddison Piper
Bradley Dryburgh
- Johnson:** Courtney Cochrane
Andre Agland

Swim Carnival

Here are a few photos to enjoy from our recent Secondary Swim Carnival.





Yr 12 Student Leaders

Introducing our Year 12 leaders for 2010. All four of the chosen leaders went through an application, vote and interview to be awarded their positions.

Ashleigh Bennett is our new Mentor Captain and she hopes to bridge the divide between the Year groups with programs designed to ensure that each person is looked after in a friendly and caring way.

Community Events Captain, Emily Matthews is passionate about building relationships outside the school, with a particular focus on the nursing home residents. Emily has developed many great relationships across all Year groups and can be found enthusiastically participating whenever and wherever there is action.

Drew Hentschel fills the role of Christian Mission Captain this year. His focus will be to ensure that students are kept informed of details about our new Compassion program across the Sub Schools.

Lastly, Joel Keech brings a passionate love of sport to the role of Sports Captain. Joel's mission is to get all students (and teachers) up and about, getting active at lunch and joining sports teams. He believes that being a part of a team is one of the most rewarding experiences a person can have.

Mr Brad Kelly
Senior College Welfare Coordinator



Secondary Swim Carnival - Photos





Secondary Swim Carnival

It was a great day and the weather was perfect. Thank you to the staff and parents for their assistance on the day and congratulations to the students for their excellent attitude and efforts. 45 students have qualified to represent the School at the Zone Carnival on Tuesday Feb 23 at Nowra. Notes will go home to those students involved this week. Well done to Johnson for winning the carnival convincingly.

Mr Tim Johnson
PDHPE Teacher

House	Total
Orton	860
Johnson	913
Deakin	786

Age Group Champions	Student
12 yr Boy	POWER, Jake
12 yr Girl	RUSSELL, Courtney
13 yr Boy	HUNT, Jordan
13 yr Girl	BEXIM, Allara
14 yr Boy	ADAMS, Toby
14 yr Girl	COCHRANE, Courtney
15 yr Boy	CULL, Tyrone
15 yr Girl	APOSTOLOVSKI, Rebecca
16 yr Boy	COCHRANE, Caleb
16 yr Girl	ADAMS, Alexandra
17 yr Boy	HENTSCHEL, Drew
17 yr Girl	ROBERTS, Laura
18 yr Boy	SEWELL, Drew
18 yr Girl	BECKETT, Emily

REMINDER – TERM 1 FEES

Term 1 fees are due this Friday 5 February 2010. For those families wishing to pay the full year in advance, this is the final date to take advantage of a 4% discount on tuition fees.

For any families wishing to pay by Direct Debit, it is not too late to pay by this method.

Please contact the College if you wish to pay by this method.



Johnson—the Winners!





Twilight Supper Tues 23rd February 6.00 - 7.30pm

We would like to extend an invitation to all of our Cedars families to attend the 2010 Twilight Supper right here at the College on Tuesday February 23rd at 6 pm until 7.30pm.

This will be a great opportunity to connect with other families, enjoy a free BBQ and meet your child's teachers. This is a unique event on our College calendar designed specifically to strengthen our College community; so come and be part of the fun.

Please RSVP for this event by Friday February 19th by sending in the RSVP slip below to your classroom teacher or email secretary@cedars.nsw.edu.au. We would love you to be there.

Also we hope you will be able to attend the first P&F meeting directly following the Twilight Supper at 7.30pm.

Cedars Twilight Supper RSVP Tuesday 23rd February 2010

- Yes, we will be attending the Twilight Supper
- Number of people attending, including children
- No, we will be unable to attend the Twilight Supper

Family Name: _____

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. First lesson is Tuesday the 9th of Feb or Wed the 10th. This program is suitable for students from Years 4 - 12.

Cost is \$30 per lesson over a 7 week period. 1 day per week = \$210 per Term, 2 days per week = \$420 per Term. Payments need to be finalised by week 3 of program. Classes run from Tuesday 9th of Feb until Wednesday 31st March.

For further information email Bessie at bkallinikos@cedars.nsw.edu.au. Permission slips are available to pick up from main reception

Mrs Bessie Kallinikos
Visual Arts Teacher



Prayer Points

We want to praise God for:

- A wonderful start to the new school year.
- A beautiful, sunny day for the Secondary Swim Carnival.

Bible Verse for the Week

"I will proclaim the name of the LORD; how glorious is our God! He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!"

Deut 32:3-4

We also want to pray for:

- Nice weather and lots of fun at our Primary Swim Carnival.
- Continued swift progress on the building of our new Hall.



Canteen Roster

Mon 8th February	Wendy Bright
Tues 9th February	Linda Johnson
Wed 10th February	Kellie Davidson
Thurs 11th February	Fiona Cetinski
Fri 12th February	Janet Owen

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



Parent Participation Scheme Opportunities

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.