



Wednesday February 2nd 2011

Term 1 Week 1

## Term 1 Begins

Welcome back to school and welcome to our 100 new students and their families who join us in 2011. We trust that you will feel warmly welcomed into our community and quickly feel at home at Cedars.

The staff here hope that in 2011 all our families - both old and new - will feel a strong sense of belonging, that you and your children are valued, that in difficult times you will feel supported and that you will feel welcomed to make a contribution to the College – whatever that might be.

We look forward with excitement to all that 2011 holds, especially as we celebrate our 30th anniversary together.

## Newsletter goes Paperless Next Week!

Next week will see the introduction of our new 'paperless' newsletter.

The new look newsletter will reflect our commitment to reducing paper, and in doing so helping our environment whilst also cutting our printing costs.

If you already receive our newsletter weekly online you do not need to make any changes, but if you are receiving a hard copy at the moment, please email [mwest@cedars.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mwest@cedars.nsw.edu.au) with your email address or subscribe on line at [www.cedars.nsw.edu.au/newsletter.html](http://www.cedars.nsw.edu.au/newsletter.html). Please feel free to email with any suggestions, ideas or concerns regarding the new procedure.



## Upcoming Events

### Thursday 3rd February

- First day of School Kindergarten 10.00am. Morning tea for parents 10.15 - 11.00am
- Secondary Swim Carnival parents drop off 8.30am Unanderra Pool, pick up 2.30pm (See article attached)

### Friday 4th February

First day of Prep

### Tuesday 8th February

Yr 7 and 10 student vaccinations

### Wednesday 9th February

U of W Discovery Day Yr 12

### Thursday 10th February

- Primary Swim Carnival Unanderra Pool start 9.00am finish 1.00pm.

### Tuesday 15th February

P&F meeting 7.30

### Wednesday 16th February

Primary Parent Night

### Thursday 17th February

"School Aid" Junior School Fundraiser for Qld schools seriously affected by the recent floods. Gold coin donation.

### Tuesday 22nd February

Senior College Parent Night

### Wed 2nd March to Fri 4th March

Years 7, 9 & 11 Camp

### Wed 9th March to Friday 11th March

Year 5 Camp



## Prayer Points

We want to praise God for:

- The wonderful break we have just enjoyed.
- All the new families and staff who have joined our College community this year.
- The celebration of our 30th Anniversary this year.

## Bible Verse for the Week

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

Jeremiah 29:11

## We also want to pray for:

- The new Kindergarten students, as they prepare for their first big day tomorrow.
- Great weather for our upcoming swimming carnivals.
- All of our new students, that they would feel welcome and at home at Cedars.



## Canteen Roster

Mon 7th Feb	Wendy Bright
Tues 8th Feb	Andrea Zapata
Wed 9th Feb	Helen Djukic
Thurs 10th Feb	Lisa Power
Fri 11th Feb	Linda Johnston

There are vacancies most days of the week helping in the Canteen. Hours worked go towards your PPS. please phone Narelle on 0418 685 802.



## Parent Participation Scheme Opportunities

### PPS

Thank you to all the families who participated last year in our PPS Scheme which is intended to bring our families together while working to help in a variety of ways for our College Community.

### Swimming Carnivals

We are currently looking for a team of parents to assist with both the Primary and Secondary Swimming Carnivals this week and next. If you are able to attend and don't mind time keeping or filling other roles on the day for any length of time please call Sandra at reception on 42 71 8124.

## Staff Changes

At the beginning of the new school year there are always some staff changes to announce.

- In 2011 Mrs Karen Clifford will be taking on the role of Junior School Welfare Coordinator once again. Thank you to Miss Heidi Sullivan for acting in this role last year and doing a wonderful job.
- We welcome Mrs Ruth Brown who is our Director of Primary Curriculum and will be teaching Yr 4.
- Miss Jenny Castle is also welcomed as she has joined Cedars to teach Year 1.
- We are delighted to have Miss Brooke Skinner teaching Year 5 this year.
- Mrs Sam Galea is here for the Term teaching Year 3 for Mrs Sharon Scott who is on long service leave.
- Welcome also to Mr Andrew Grant who has joined our Learning Support Services team.
- We are very pleased to have Miss Jennifer Khoo take on the role of Music Teacher for Middle School and Senior College.
- Miss Erin Bubb is our new Drama Teacher and we are thrilled to have her on the team.
- Mr Craig Clunas is filling in this year for Mr Carm Fedele and will be teaching Geography, Business Studies and Commerce for Senior College; we warmly welcome him to our community.

## Cedars Celebration DVD, 2011 Calendar and 2010 Magazine

Families who have ordered DVD's of the 2010 Cedars Celebration and have not yet picked them up from the office can do so at any time. Please drop in and see Sandra at reception to pick up and or pay for your copy of the Middle School/Senior College DVD and or Junior School Celebration DVD. If you did not have a chance to order your copy, we have a few extra for sale.

Also, if you did not receive your family Cedars calendar for 2011 or your Celebrating 2010 Magazine, please come in to the office and pick up both which are a gift from the College.

## Signing Students Out Procedure

If for some reason you need to take your child/children out of School early, please go to the office and sign your child/children out at the front desk either in Middle School/Senior College, or at Junior School; thank you.

## Visitors

Any parent or other visitor to the School will need to go to the front office to receive a Visitor's badge which needs to be worn while on the School premises. This helps to keep everyone aware of who has been given permission to be on the School grounds.

## Senior College in 2011

Another action packed start to the year, this Thursday is the high school swimming carnival. Buses will be diverted to Unanderra Pool for the morning run only.

Our Year 12 students have a University of Wollongong Discovery Day on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. This day gives students an insight into what courses and requirements need to be fulfilled in order to apply for University in 2012.

Camps are coming up in Wed-Fri of Week 5 for Year 9 and 11. For Year 10 and 12, while there may be a slightly amended program, teaching and learning will take place as normal and attendance is compulsory for those year groups.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any query as to events that are coming up. I wish you all a successful and blessed 2011.

Mr Brad Kelly  
Senior College Welfare Coordinator

## Uniform Shop News

Our new School Uniform Shop which is now conveniently located on school grounds, is open for business during the following days and hours:

- Wednesdays 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- Fridays 8.30am - 11.30am

Please call our School office on 42 718124 to make an appointment.

Please note that if your Senior College student requires a blazer, parents need to call the School to arrange an appropriate time for a fitting.

## Vaccinations for Year 7 and 10 Students

Nurses from the NSW Health Department will be visiting the school to conduct the following vaccinations:

- Year 7 Girls - Human Papillomavirus (HPV) dose 1 of 3
- Year 7 Boys and Girls Hepatitis B - dose 1 of 2
- Year 10 Students - diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough - single dose only

The date for the vaccinations is Tuesday 8th February and details of the vaccinations have been sent home in a letter. Please note that these injections are **not compulsory** and are provided as a service to the school community. Parents who decide not to have their child vaccinated are not required to return the forms.

***If you would like your child to take part in this vaccination program, please return the forms enclosed with the letter sent home, to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday 7th February 2011.***

## Secondary Swim Carnival

Cedars Secondary Swimming Carnival is on this Thursday, 3rd February at Unanderra Pool for Years 7 - 12. This is a compulsory event.

All Buses will run via Unanderra Pool and will drop students off in the morning only; buses will run as normal Thursday afternoon. Students not on buses are to be dropped off by parents at the pool at 8:30am. All students are to be picked up by parents at 2:30pm. No student will be given permission to leave before 2:30pm. Any student who is still at the pool at 2:45pm will be walked back to school for buses.

Any parents who would like to assist on the day are welcomed and this can count towards PPS hours. Students are to participate in at least 2 events and will need to wear school uniform or their house colours.

Girls must be in one piece costumes. Bonus points will be awarded to students who support their team with creativity and energy.

## Master Classes go Robotic!

Cedars Christian College introduced Masterclasses in 2007 and saw some very exciting results from our students including Lego creations made by some of our very bright students. An exciting opportunity to expand this area of interest has come up in the holidays.

A local team has just won the National championships in the FIRST LEGO League. This is a very challenging competition that combines lego and robotics. In the holidays Cedars Christian College was approached by this team to be a host venue for a weekly Robo Club which would train students in the discipline and would also provide the team with much needed fundraising for their trip to Europe for the International Competition.

Cedars has offered the Robotics team a venue every Thursday and/or Friday afternoon, beginning this Term. Students from other schools will be invited to be a part of the exciting Robo Club also. In addition to this their coach has agreed to help us form a team and give advice to our coach to enter the 2011 National Championships.

The information and registration afternoon for the Robo Club held here at Cedars Christian College, Waples Rd, Farmborough Hts, will be on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February from 3.45pm in the School Library.

Learn how to design, build and program robots using **Lego Mindstorms Technology:**

Group 1: Thursdays 3.45—5.45pm  
Group 2: Fridays 3.45—5.45pm  
Cost: \$20 per week

For more details phone Lyndell Clark on 0402 859 141 or check out the website and watch a recent win news story: <http://www.legorobots2011.info/>

## Primary Swim Carnival

The Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2011** at the Unanderra/Western Suburbs Swimming Pool for Years 2 - 6. The program will begin at **9am** and will finish at **1:00pm**. Students are then to travel back to school for afternoon lessons, unless parents wish to take them home.

Parents are requested to take students straight to the pool and are encouraged to stay and support their child in their events. There will be limited bus transport for those that are unable to travel straight to/from the pool. The bus will leave school at **8:45am sharp** and leave the pool at 1:15pm.

We are also in need of parent helpers as timekeepers etc. Any hours spent helping can be counted toward your Parent Participation hours.

## Pick up, Parking and Safety

To help us to ensure that our children's safety is paramount here are a few timely reminders about pick ups and parking safety:

- Parking in legal area and walking to school to pick up little ones is always the best option – the fitness benefits are also valuable – especially if there is a hill involved.
- The kiss and drop area is not suitable for parked cars – if your child is not waiting for you at the gate please drive around the block and come back to allow other parents to do a safe and speedy pick up.
- It is illegal to park in Rickard Road. Parents could face hefty fines if they park there and walk through the back gate. Our neighbours remind us that people who do park there make the street very unsafe for pedestrians and put local families and our own children at risk.
- Parents must never park in the bus zone areas – this is obviously a safety hazard and again can be greeted with a fine.

It is unsafe to turn into the nursing home driveway and do a U-Turn – on a number of occasions parents choosing this action have compromised their own safety and the safety of others.

## Junior School - QLD 'SchoolAid' Thursday, February 17th

On Thursday, 17th February, Junior School will be supporting the flood ravaged schools in QLD by holding a "SchoolAid" day. Students should bring in a gold coin donation and there will be a minute of silence, with the flag at half mast at 1.00pm. (**This is not a mufti day.**)



Go to <http://www.schoolaid.org.au/> for more information.