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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## OFFICIAL OPENING OF LEADERSHIP CENTRE

**This week we begin advertising the date and time of the opening of our magnificent new leadership centre. We hope that every family will be able to join us for a very special assembly to celebrate.**

Details for your diary:

- Wednesday April 6 - 9.45 for a 10am start
- The assembly will conclude by 11am
- 11am refreshments in the Senior College courtyard for all guests
- All parents and friends of Cedars are warmly invited

On the morning we will have the opportunity to thank the Federal Government for the BER funding which made the project possible. We are grateful that Sharon Bird MP will be in attendance. We will also have a number of other honored guests whom we will announce closer to the event. As with all special events our children are really the focus of our celebration and we know that the Leadership Centre will give us a wonderful platform for them to develop their sporting, cultural and creative talents. There will be some special items from the students that day.

Another important focus of our celebration is our 30th birthday party. At a birthday it is customary to look back and reflect on your life journey. On the 6th of April we want to do just that. We are hoping that

many past students, parents, teachers and friends of the College will be able to join us for the assembly and then stay on after the event to help begin to put together a short history of the College. We hope that they may be able to bring photos, memories and insights which they can share. There will be a special "History Making" workshop for those able to contribute.

### How can you help?

We are currently putting together an invitation list which we hope will invite a broad cross section of our community both present and past. We are aware that such a list will not be perfect and we would be grateful if members of our community helped us in spreading the word. Please feel free to let those who have a connection with the College and an interest in its development know that they are warmly invited and pass on to them the RSVP details. Invitations will be posted next week with all the details attached.

### Speaking of special events....

Please make sure you join us for our Twilight Supper next week on Tuesday. It is really important that we take the time to connect with one another and enjoy the community of our school with our children. If you are able to stay on for the P&F AGM it will be a short but informative meeting with our elections and an opportunity to catch up on what is happening in the parent community. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

**Julie Reynolds**  
Principal

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**WED MAR 9 - FRI  
MAR 11**

Year 5 Camp

**THURS 10 MARCH**

Ryukoku Japanese High School  
Visit 12.45 - 3.00pm Middle  
School Bldg

**TUESDAY MARCH 15**

- Twilight Supper 6.00 - 7.30pm
- P&F AGM 7.30pm
- CSSA State Hockey

**THURS MARCH 17**

Year 9 English - Seymour Centre  
"Romeo and Juliet"

**FRIDAY MARCH 18**

Year 3 - Nowra Animal Park

**WED MAR 23 - FRI  
MAR 25**

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Hike  
Year 10

**THURS MARCH 24**

Year 12 Advanced English  
Excursion - Hamlet

**TUES MARCH 29**

Middle School Concert 6.30pm  
Cedars Leadership Centre

**WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL**

Official Opening of Cedars  
Leadership Centre 10.00am with  
guest Ms Sharon Bird MP

# PRAYER POINTS



**WE ARE THANKFUL TO  
GOD FOR:**

- Safety and good weather for all of our camps last week.
- The success of Robo Club.

**WE ARE ASKING GOD  
FOR:**

- Beautiful weather for next week's Twilight Supper.
- Safety and lots of fun at this week's Year 5 camp.

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE  
WEEK:**

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
Point out anything in me that offends you,  
and lead me along the path of everlasting life."*

*Psalm 139:23-24*

# JUNIOR SCHOOL



## NEWS FROM 2 COOK

2 Cook has had a great start to the year. One of our favourite activities each week is going to the computer lab. The children have been creating colourful word documents related to our Science theme "God made the sea." We are very grateful for the help we are receiving from our parent helpers.

Another highlight of our week is participating in Sport. The children have been exhibiting some very impressive batting and fielding skills in our Tee Ball games. It's wonderful to see the way they encourage one another and work together as a team.

Enjoy comments from some of our students:

*"I like the computer lab because you can just relax and write."* Jared Eyb

*"I like working on the computers because you get to make things look how you want them to."* Lachlan Boaretto

*"I like going to the computer lab because I like making things on a computer."* Ryley Woods



Top: In the computer lab Bottom: Tee-Ball

*"I like going on the website. I can write nice things and I can get pictures. It is fun."* Sarah McPhan

*"I like playing sport because it's good exercise and it helps you get fit."* Marcus Dostal

*"I like sport because it is fun when you bat and when you run."* Lucy Anderson

*"I like sport because we play Tee Ball. I like it when my team is batting."* Brayden Heath

**Mrs Dianne Sewell**  
Year 2 Teacher

## PARKING REMINDER

We have been advised that some members of our school community are parking in the bus zone near the corner of Waples Road and Coachwood Drive in the afternoons. This has meant that the public bus cannot pull into the zone to let passengers alight from the bus and is instead having to double park on the road.

We urge all of our school community to follow the rules and guidelines regarding traffic and parking restrictions in the interests of safety and the well-being of our students and members of the community.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL



Dragons Visit

## DRAGONS VISIT CEDARS

On Tuesday 15th February we had a special assembly for K-6 where we had the St George Illawarra Dragons development officers as well as some of the Toyota Cup under 20's players come to speak to our primary students. The main focus was on being **RESPECTFUL** (right words, right time, right way), being **RESPONSIBLE** (healthy mind, healthy body), and being **A TEAM PLAYER** (build relationships and value difference).

This was a great opportunity for the students to be inspired to become great students and there was some fun interaction with the players. One of the biggest highlights of the assembly was the opportunity to have a photo with the NRL Telstra Premiership!

**Mark Wynn**  
Primary Sport Coordinator

## YR 7 STUDENTS CELEBRATE SCIENCE

Year 7 students celebrated Science and the International Year of Chemistry by attending a "cocktail party" with the theme of famous scientists. Students came in fancy dress representing a famous scientist that they had researched. They had the opportunity to mingle with other scientists and find out more about their lives, family, education and most importantly their discoveries.

Albert Einstein and Marie Curie were very well represented at the party with appearances also from Galileo Galilei, Benjamin Franklin and Leonardo Da Vinci to name a few. Eating party food and dancing was also a feature of the celebration and a good time was had by all.

**Mr Darryl Sullivan**  
Year 7 Science Teacher



Year 7 Science Party

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT

**TUESDAY MARCH 29 6.30PM**

All parents are invited to our first Middle School Concert held on Tuesday 29th March. It is exciting to see this event come together and the creative talent within Middle School displayed through students from Years 5 to 8.

The night will kick off at 6:30pm and the audience will have the privilege of being entertained with solo, duet and group performances in dance, drama and music.

A supper will be provided after the concert. Please RSVP and purchase your tickets by Wednesday 23rd March from the Main Reception.

Middle School Concert Admission Fee:

Adults: \$10  
Children: Free

# SENIOR COLLEGE



## YEAR 11 CAMP

Last week the Year 11 students went for a three day camp at Wedderburn with Mr Taylor, Miss Blackmore, Mrs Ramsey and Mr Gear. The camp was designed as a study camp to teach students important skills of planning and study techniques.

In addition to these activities times were planned for recreation, team building and leadership skills development. Mr Taylor assisted students to construct a study planner to help them plan and prepare for their assessment tasks during the year. Miss Blackmore helped students with essay writing skills, thought planning and developments of writing tasks. Mr Gear used illustrations from the scripture to show students the benefits of diligence and working in accord with God's leading. Mrs Ramsey was the official photographer and entered into every activity with the students.

Staff from Camp Wedderburn also helped students to develop communication skills through team building exercises. It was encouraging to observe these skills develop through a series of exercises which could only be completed as students worked as a team and communicated with each other. Leadership skills inherent within the group came to the fore as they solved complex problems with limited resources.

One activity, the giant swing, was designed to push students beyond their comfortable limits. Constructed



Hospitality Class

on the edge of a gorge, the swing's movement took students over the edge of the gorge where there was a 100 metre drop to the Georges River. The swing was a severe adrenaline rush as Mr Gear can testify! It was great to see students encouraging each other and supporting each other through the process.

The camp was a great time of bonding and personal growth. We all returned exhausted, yet with a sense of accomplishment and fulfilment. We look forward to seeing the ongoing benefits of the camp as the students return to school activities.

**Mr Andrew Gear**  
Yr 11 Camp Supervisor

## YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY

On February 23 the Year 11 hospitality class went on an excursion to the Novotel in Wollongong. We had the opportunity to see all the different roles played in the hotel and learn about the careers involved with hospitality. We were split into two groups where we experienced the way a kitchen is run

in a hotel. After that was coffee making where we learned how to make all the different types of coffees. We learnt that hospitality isn't just about cooking, it also involves housekeeping, administrating and management positions.

After a very filling lunch we were able to tour the hotel and see the different types of rooms available and the facilities which are used in the hotel. Our tour guide was very helpful through the day and answered all our questions. The day helped me realise that a career in hospitality is a path I would like to go down in the future. It turned out to be an interesting and fun day.

Annaliese Avramoski, Year 11

## YR 12 DISCOVERY DAY

All of our Year 12 students recently attended the University Discovery Day. We began the day with over 1000 other students from many other Colleges and High Schools from across the state of NSW in the large University Hall with talks and discussion from a number of people.

We had talks, lectures and hands-on experiences in various and diverse faculties and areas of our individual choice. Each student from our College had their own timetable for the day and mixed with many students and university representatives. Many students from Cedars had a unique taste of University life and expressed a desire to continue their formal education in a University setting.



Year 11 Camp

# NEWS



## CHAPEL NEWS

**“You don’t know where you are going until you know where you have been.” This common cliché reminds us that beginnings are important. Beginnings remind us of our heritage and give us a foundation to build upon. That is why this Term during Chapel we are going back to the beginning of the Bible to Genesis. Our focus is on Big Beginnings and the Big Characters of Genesis.**

It never ceases to surprise me how relevant the lives of those lived so long ago are for us today. Maybe it is just that however far we feel we have developed as a civilisation, with technological advancements and improved life style, sin is one area that is timeless.

Two weeks ago we took a break from creation and Cain and Abel and heard from a music team called Frontline. Frontline is an initiative of YWAM Townsville’s School of Music in Missions, whose performance was full of energetic songs, emotive originals, acoustic numbers and cover songs. Intertwined through the performance, the members of Frontline shared about current issues of injustice affecting many on our planet, with a focus on the nation of Papua New Guinea. The members of the band also shared of their own experiences in PNG and the ministry of the Mercy Ship which sails between Australia and PNG offering medical attention and support. It was a fun but challenging and inspiring concert.

For the rest of the day I smiled as I walked through the school listening to students humming Brook Frasers “there’s something in the water” (a catchy song the band sang for us). Now; however, it’s back to Genesis..although now we rae onto Noah...maybe there is something in the water!

**Mrs Carol Ramsey, Chaplain**

## FRONTLINE BAND VISITS CEDARS

## OFFICIAL OPENING & CELEBRATION

**Wednesday April 6  
9.45am for 10.30am start**

**Cedars Christian College is celebrating its 30th Birthday and the opening of the new Cedars Leadership Centre.**

We invite you to attend this special event with guest, Ms Sharon Bird MP. We will have a formal ceremony with the entire College, families, friends and students from the past and dignitaries.

There will be refreshments immediately following the ceremony. Please RSVP by 30th March, email [rsvp@cedars.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@cedars.nsw.edu.au) or phone 42 718124.

## TWILIGHT SUPPER and P&F AGM

**Tuesday March 15  
Twilight Supper  
6.00pm - 7.30pm  
P&F AGM  
7.30pm - 8.30pm**

**This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, enjoy a free barbeque, and mingle with the staff and other families here at Cedars. There will be a blow up slide and basketball for the children to enjoy. The Twilight Supper will be from 6.00 - 7.30pm.**

At 7.30pm we will hold the **P&F Annual General Meeting** to vote in our new official members. We encourage you to stay for this and have your say. Child minding is available.

A letter has been mailed home with an RSVP slip. If you have any questions please give us a call on **42 718 124** or email: [mwest@cedars.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mwest@cedars.nsw.edu.au)

We look forward to seeing you all there!



# NOTICES



## JAPANESE COURSE

### FREE INTRODUCTORY JAPANESE COURSE FOR PARENTS/ CARERS OF CEDARS

Due to the wonderful success of last year's Introductory Japanese Course for Parents/Carers, Cedars will be running another course beginning next term on Monday nights from 7pm-8:30pm. The course will run for 9 weeks. If you are interested in learning Japanese and/or wish to assist your child in their studies of Japanese, you are more than welcome. The course is free of charge. Please let either the main or Junior School Office know if you are interested in participating or send a note to school with your child to give to me.

Thank you and I look forward to teaching you the language and culture of amazing Japan.

**Mrs Kelly Boaretto**  
Japanese Teacher

## JAPAN CULTURE TRIP

### CEDARS FIRST CULTURE TRIP TO JAPAN SEP/OCT 2011

We are excited to announce that we will be having our first ever culture trip to Japan in the September/October holidays of this year. Applications for the trip are available from Mrs Boaretto or the main office. If your child is studying or has studied Japanese at Cedars and is 14 years or older, they are invited to participate. The trip will be for approximately 12 days and we will visit parts of Japan such as Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and Hiroshima. This trip is a wonderful opportunity for your child to enhance their Japanese language skills and learn about the fascinating culture of Japan.

## ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2012

**Cedars is now taking applications for enrolments for 2012.**

**Enrolment Interviews will commence in Term 2. If you have not put your application in yet now is the time!**

If you know of any friends or family who are considering enrolling their children in Cedars, please encourage them to submit their application and invite them to our College Expo on Saturday 14th May.

For more information on enrolling your child please call the College on 4271 8124

## CADETSHIP WITH BLUESCOPE

### Bluescope Steel Cadetship Career Snapshot

#### May 18 Years 10-12

A group of students interested in a cadetship with Bluescope Steel are attending a Career Snapshot Day on May 18th. There they will experience a day-in-the-life of a mechanical or electrical engineer at the steelworks.

A cadetship involves work and study and is a great way to study at University and be paid a salary. Students at Cedars get the opportunity later this year to apply for a cadetship in Engineering.

## PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

### CANTEEN

Narelle, our Canteen Manager, is always looking for help from parents to work in the Canteen. This is a great opportunity to add to your PPS hours and is a lot of fun!

Call Narelle on 0418 685 802 to book in a day or two to help out at the Canteen.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
14/3/2011	Amanda Bexim
15/3/2011	Meredith
16/3/2011	Jacqui Joseveski
17/3/2011	Fiona Cetinski
18/3/2011	Carol Hutchinson/ Terina White

**For information or to volunteer, please phone Narelle on 0418 685 802.**

# COMPETITIONS

## COMPETITION CRAZY!

**Calling all artists! The Visual Arts Department is going competition crazy this term, with many opportunities for students to extend their creativity and imaginations.**

**The New South Wales Reconciliation Council is also holding a competition called "You, Me, Us". Students are asked to express what "You, Me, Us" and reconciliation means to them through Photography, or any other Visual Art media. This competition is open to all students from Year 5 to Year 10 and entries must be handed to Mr Woolley by Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April.**

Art students at Cedars are invited to enter The 2011 Write4fun Art Competition. This is a great opportunity for students of all ages to express themselves in painting, drawing, photography, collage or computer designed original artwork.

There is no set theme for this competition, so entrants can choose to create their own masterpiece as they please. The only limit is that the artwork must be A4 size. Scanned entries must be 300dpi in JPEG format. First prize is \$500 and the choice of an 8GB Apple iPod Nano, Nintendo Wii, Nintendo DS OR Sony Digital Camera! Second prize is \$300 and third prize is \$200. Entries must be handed to Mr Woolley by Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



This week, Art students from Year 6 began work in class on the Just Imagine creative writing competition, held by Wollongong City Gallery. The competition is designed to encourage students to respond to artworks through imaginative writing. To get started, students have been writing a story inspired by an artwork by Vicky Varveressos.

The competition is open to all students from Year 5 through to Year 10. The word limit is: **Years 5 & 6: 300 words, Years 7&8: 400 words, Years 9 & 10: 500 words.** Book vouchers will be presented to writers of the best story for each artwork, and certificates will be given to all participating students. Students will continue to work on this competition in class time with their Art and English teachers and entries will be completed by Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Please see Mr Woolley if you require further details about any of these competitions.

**Mr John Wooley  
Art Teacher**

## SHORT STORY WRITING & ART COMPETITION

For Middle School and Senior College

**Students are invited to enter the Cedars Short Story Writing and Art Competition. Entries are due in by April 1st. Entry forms available at the Office.**

### Details of competition:

All writing or artwork must either have the word 'reflections' in it or be based around 'reflections'.

### Senior College:

- Short Story 2500 words max
- Art can be drawings, paintings or photography - (2D max size A4)

### Middle School

- Short story 1000 words max
- Art can be drawings or paintings - (2D and max size A4)

***Prizes will be awarded - top stories and artwork may be published in School Writing Journal.***