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NEWS & NOTICES



OFFICIAL OPENING & CELEBRATION

DON'T FORGET!

Wednesday April 6

9.45am for 10.00am 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 special guests, Ms Sharon Bird MP and Mr Stephen O'Doherty, CEO CSA (Christian Schools Australia). 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, email rsvp@cedars.nsw.edu.au or phone 42 718124.

CEDARS DISCO NIGHT YR 4-8

THURSDAY APRIL 7

6.30PM - 8.00PM

On Thursday, April 7, students in Yr 4 - 8 are invited to the Cedars Crazy Disco Fever Night to raise money for Compassion and the Student Leadership Council. There will be various activities throughout the night. The theme for the night is fluoro colours and there will be prizes for the best dressed.

Money and attendance notes must be in by April 5. Tickets cost \$5 each with a maximum of \$10 per family.

CEDARS EXPO

SATURDAY MAY 14

11.00am - 2.00pm

Be sure to lock this date in your calendar!

Invite friends and family and come enjoy the presentations, displays, free barbecue and book a tour for your friends or yourself to see the programs and facilities in each of our Sub Schools.

Promotional flyers will be available at the beginning of next Term.

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

NOTICES



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY JUNE 8

Our annual School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 8th June, 2011. This year the event will be held at the school with students running a course through the school and through the surrounding streets.

Students in Years 2-6 will be competing in the morning with races scheduled to start at 9:30am and conclude at 12 noon. The High School (Yr 7-12) carnival will begin at 12:30pm and conclude at 3:20pm. Parents are encouraged to come along to cheer and support the students at any time throughout the day. **Please note: The northern car park, near the field, will be closed to all traffic throughout the whole day for safety purposes. Parents and visitors to the school will need to park outside the school grounds.**

At the conclusion of the primary section of the carnival (11:30am), there will be a *sausage sizzle for all primary students and parents (11:30am-12:15pm)*. \$1.00 per sausage sandwich and \$1 per drink. We would love for you to join us.

All students will be required to wear their school sports uniform, a hat and bring plenty of water to drink. In the **Primary Carnival**, those placing first in their age group will receive a medal, and those placing second, third and fourth will receive a ribbon. All students competing will earn valuable points for their house.

A team will be selected, based on these results, to compete in the CSSA State Cross Country Championships at Sydney International Equestrian Centre on Friday 3rd June, 2011.

WINTER UNIFORMS

All students are required to wear full winter uniform from the first day of Term 2.

Students who do not have their winter uniforms are encouraged to purchase these from the uniform shop before the end of the Term.

Uniform Shop Trading Hours are:

Wednesdays: 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Fridays: 8.30am - 11.30am

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT AND HOMEWORK EXPRESS

We would like to remind parents/carers that our Active Afternoon Sport and Homework Express activities are not held in the last week of every Term.

We look forward to restarting our programs in the second week of Term 2.

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

CROSS COUNTRY:

If any parents would like to contribute to their PPS hours by helping out at the Primary Cross Country Carnival, there are a few jobs available. The bbq needs cooks, and help with extra supervision around the course is also needed. Please call the office for more information.

ROBO CAMP IS BACK!

WANT TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Robo-camp lets children (aged 7-16) design, build and program robots using LEGO[®] Mindstorms[®] technology, and have a lot of fun in the process! Hosted by the Project Bucephalus team - the 2010 Australian **FIRST[®]** LEGO[®] League Champions. Full info at www.legorobots2011.info.

Places are limited and bookings are essential: phone Andrew Clark on 0403 390 547.

INTRODUCTION TO MINDSTORMS[®] 1: April 11-12, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm daily (\$100).

INTRODUCTION TO MINDSTORMS[®] 2: April 14-15, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm daily (\$100).

ADVANCED MINDSTORMS[®]: April 18-20, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm daily (\$200)

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CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
4/4/2011	Wendy Bright
5/4/2011	Georgie Rankine
6/4/2011	Sharlene
7/4/2011	Lisa Power
8/4/2011	Sheridan

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

MEDICAL INFO

HEALTH UPDATE

NSW Health is warning school communities that there has been a recent increase of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) cases amongst children at school, especially in primary schools.

Whooping cough starts with a runny nose and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. If children have symptoms of whooping cough, including a persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, parents are strongly encouraged to see their doctor. Antibiotics given early in the illness can prevent spread to others. If the doctor diagnoses whooping cough, the school should be notified and the student kept at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Please go to the following website for more information:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/whoopingcough/index.asp

Children are at increased risk of some infectious diseases because they have not yet developed immunity to them, they interact with each other consistently at school and in the community and they may have difficulty with some aspects of hygiene. eg. remembering to wash hands regularly.

Below is a list of common infectious diseases/conditions, and the required exclusion times from school attendance, recommended by NSW Health. We hope that you find this list helpful and that by keeping vigilant, we can keep the risk of infection to a minimum.

CHICKEN POX: Exclude for a least five days after onset of the rash and all the blisters have dried.

CONJUNCTIVITIS: Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.

GASTROENTERITIS: Exclude at least for 24 hours after symptoms have stopped.

HEAD LICE: Students can attend school as long as treatment for Head Lice is on-going. Parents are requested to take their child home when Head Lice or eggs are first found in the hair at school to prevent infestation of other students.

IMPETIGO: Exclude until treatment starts. Sores must be covered properly with clean, watertight dressing.

INFLUENZA: Exclude until fever subsides and the student looks well and feels better.

MEASLES: Exclude for at least 4 days after the rash appears or until a Medical Certificate of Recovery is produced. Contacts (family/friends) who are not immune may be excluded for 14 days after onset in the last case.

MUMPS: Exclude for nine days from the onset of swelling.

WHOOPING COUGH: Exclude if Whooping Cough is suspected and notify the school. If diagnosed, exclude until the first five days from the start of the antibiotic treatment. Unimmunised contacts (family/friends) may be excluded unless they take special antibiotic.

THREADWORM: Exclusion from school not required but treatment is necessary in order to stop infestation.

For more information regarding the symptoms and treatment of infectious diseases in children please go to:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/

ASTHMA

Cedars Christian College is an 'Asthma Friendly School' and our staff are trained in what to do should any student have an asthma attack. Asthma is a manageable condition and should not stop any student from participating in any sporting event. Our Cross Country event is to be held on 8th April and we are committed to ensuring the safety of our students as they participate. Please ensure that

the school is notified through their roll call teacher, if any student suffers from asthma.

Students need to bring their asthma reliever to school with them. The staff that are on the checking stations around the course will also have asthma reliever medication on hand.



MEDICAL INFO UPDATE

It is important that the school has the latest information regarding the medical condition of any student. If your child's medical record needs to be updated or you would like to confirm your child's current information, please contact Sandra Skinner on 4271 8124. A Health Care Plan is required for any student who requires medication at school or who may have a serious medical condition.

Any students who become sick at school will be cared for in sick bay and if they are unable to return to class, parents will be contacted to take the student home. Students are not permitted to make their own arrangements to be picked up without reporting to sick bay.

ABSENCES

If a student cannot attend school because of sickness or any other reason, please call Reception on 4271 8124, if possible before 10am. If Cedars hasn't been contacted and we have not been given prior notification for the reason your child is absent, we will endeavour to contact you to confirm the absence. Written notification of the absence is a legal requirement and a note should be forwarded to the roll call teacher on the first day of your child's return to school or you can e-mail to secretary@cedars.nsw.edu.au

We want to ensure the safety and well-being of every student at Cedars and thank you for your support and cooperation.

ARTICLES

READING FOR PLEASURE

Reading is one of the greatest pleasures a parent can share with their child.

Research also says it's one of the single most significant factors influencing both educational success and social skills.

Ten tips about reading

Here are 10 tips about reading to your child:

1. It's never too early to begin reading to your child. As children grow older, they will tell you what they want to read.
2. Make reading time fun! Reading is a warm, cosy time shared together. When the child is older, even when reading alone, those feelings of closeness and warmth will still be associated with the act of reading.
3. Make reading an adventure with sight and sound. Use animation - light and shade in your voice - to suit the characters and plot of the book. This is the time to show off the 'actor' we so often hide inside us!
4. Engage the child with the story and the book itself. Prediction is always fun. Use questions and answers to check what your child thinks about the story, such as "What's coming up?" "What can you see?" or more probing questions later on "What will they do next?" or "Why do you think he did that?"
5. Make reading part of a routine. Many parents use reading as part of a bedtime routine, after showers, dinner and clean up time. It's a great way for fathers to bond with their children.
6. Give the child power over what they read. "Which book would you like to read?" Children love having the power to choose. Children will want to read their favourite book over and over and over!
7. Teach the child to read as you go incidentally. Trace your finger below the words, so that the child learns that a word in print is associated with sound, picture and meaning. Memorisation is one of the key ways children learn to read. Familiarity and the repetition of reading the same book is crucial to building children's confidence. Always encourage your child's attempts to read, even when they make mistakes. Parents reading aloud to (and later with) their children can continue through primary school years.
8. Be creative and use the child's interests as a lever to reading. This encourages and affirms your child's interests, as well as capitalising on them as a reading tool.
9. Seek advice and help with your child's reading habit. the CBCA's (Children's Book Council of Australia) Book of the Year Awards, Premier's and Prime Minister's Literary Awards, or choose books, which were your favourites as a child.
10. Model reading as a part of everyday life. You can share reading real life objects, such as road signs, supermarket items, mail catalogues or recipe books...the opportunities are endless. As the child grows older and more independent as a reader, point out articles of interest in newspapers and magazines and continue talking about what you both read. If your child sees you reading as part of your everyday life, there is a high likelihood that they will also develop the reading habit.



The love of reading is one of the best gifts you can give to your child. All it takes is your time and patience, and the benefits will last a lifetime.

Article written by Marj Kirkland, National President, the Children's Book Council of Australia

UPCOMING EVENTS



WED MARCH 30- THURS APRIL 7

Year 12 half yearly exams

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

Official Opening of Cedars
Leadership Centre 10.00am

WED APRIL 6 - FRI APRIL 8

Year 11 Gold Duke of Ed Hike

THURSDAY APRIL 7

- SLC Middle School Disco
6.30pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY APRIL 8

Whole School Cross Country -
Primary 9.00am - 12.00pm
Secondary 12.30pm - 3.00pm

THURSDAY APRIL 28

Whole School Assembly

FRIDAY APRIL 29

Year 11 English Ext1 'Ruby
Moon' - 7.00pm

TUES MAY 10 - THURS MAY 12

NAPLAN - Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

SATURDAY MAY 14

Cedars EXPO 11.00am - 2.00pm

PRAYER POINTS



WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR:

- Safety in the recent floods. We had a lot of water but thankfully no serious damage and no injuries.
- Safety and fun at all the recent excursions.

WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR:

- Great outcomes for our Year 12 as they sit for their half yearly exams.
- A wonderful day for our upcoming Cedars Leadership Centre Opening and Celebrations.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

"Praise the LORD! I will thank the LORD with all my heart as I meet with his godly people. How amazing are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in him should ponder them. Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails. He causes us to remember his wonderful works. How gracious and merciful is our LORD!" Psalm 111:1-5

P & F MINUTES

P & F MINUTES MEETING MARCH 15 2011

ATTENDEES:

Denise Roper, Annette Collins, David Reynolds, Julie Reynolds, Katie Corbin, Alison Abercrombie, Leonie Bere, Sally Brackenridge, Angelina Dostal, Rene Dostal, Paul Roper, Michael Ramsey, Adam Furniss, Rebecca Furniss, Steve Walton, Natalie Kukuruzovic, John Tisma, Donna Tisma, Gwenda Jacobs.

APOLOGIES:

Aubrey Bayliss, Natalie Evans.

AGENDA:

Opening Prayer and Apologies: Mr Walton
Minutes: Katie Corbin
Agenda Items: Dave Reynolds
Principal's Report: Julie Reynolds
General Business: Dave Reynolds

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Secretary:	Katie Corbin	0434 146 572

MEETING DETAILS:

1. Open in Prayer, Mr Walton; David Reynolds - Temporary Chair
2. Apologies
 - Minutes of previous meeting circulated in the newsletter; anyone need to raise anything – nothing raised.
 - Treasurers report – Fundraising profits - \$9, 894; Money spent \$24, 927; Balance \$7, 321.
 - Voting process – we are not voting; the nominations are the same as the office bearers from last year; constitution indicates we don't take nominations from the floor, nominations need to be in a week prior to AGM.
3. Principal's Report
 - Middle School Concert coming up 29 March 2011 – all welcome in the school hall. We will have one for each sub school.
 - Invitations sent out for opening of Cedars Leadership Centre in the mail today; also doubling as 30 year celebration. Will start at 10am, local federal member, Ms Bird will be speaking on behalf of Federal Government. Other media and special guests will be present. Morning tea will be served afterward. Public invitation will be placed in the local paper.
 - For those who are part of the history of Cedars will be invited to take part in a history writing for the school, interviews will be conducted by students.
 - Easter break is a little bit long this year due to public holidays.
 - Cedars Expo is on the 14 May 2011.
 - Chocolates still available for sale please ask if you would like a box.
 - General business: Nothing raised.
4. **Next Meeting AGM: 3 May 2011**
5. **Julie Reynolds closed meeting in prayer**
6. **Meeting closed at approx 7.55pm**

PHOTOS

WHAT A DAY!

MARCH 21, 2011

Last Monday was quite a day for the Illawarra with flooding widespread across the region. With our own

school receiving its fair share of water as seen in the photos below, it was cause for great excitement amongst staff and students.

The excitement was short lived as the water receded within the hour leaving our fields a bit soggy but

thankfully with no lasting damage.

Students were well protected from the rain as they remained in their classrooms observing the spectacle from a safe distance.



NOTICES

Destiny

Figtree Anglican Church
2011 Women's Conference

Triumph over Waves of Distraction

The waves of life can so often distract and at times swamp us; waves that cause us to take our eyes off Jesus.

Triumph over Waves of Distraction is a day conference hosted by Figtree Anglican Church (FAC), for women of all ages to hear great bible teaching and to be encouraged in how we can combat against distracting waves that can impact and disrupt life.

- ⇒ Bible Teaching: Katie Fist & Julie Reynolds with
- ⇒ Key Note speaker: Melinda Tankard Reist

Where: Figtree Anglican Church (FAC)
When: Saturday, 7 May
Time: 9am - 4pm
Cost: \$35 or \$25 concession
(family rate on registration form)

Register (payment required with registration):

- ⇒ on-line @ figtreeanglican.org.au (payment options)
- ⇒ at the FAC Information Desk after services
- ⇒ call the church office on 4272 1322 during office hours

Destiny 2011 - FAC Women's Conference - building on a rich history of God using women through his church (FAC) over the past 100 years!