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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



OFFICIAL CLC OPENING AND 30TH BIRTHDAY

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

Julie speaks at the Official Assembly:

Today is a very special birthday.

Cedars turns 30 this year and we celebrate this birthday today.

We have noted the wonderful birthday gift – which we have been sitting in today and we have thanked the giver.

We have considered our purpose as a Christian school.

Our three student representatives have brought to life our values:

- Faith in Christ
- Life Long Learning and
- Growing Community.

What is left to do?

Well there is one more thing you do at a birthday and that is give a short speech about the one who is having the birthday – considering how they have grown up, what they mean to you and what is ahead for them.

How has Cedars grown up?

To answer this question we don't need to look any further than the verse which accompanies our name. It reads:

“The Godly shall flourish like palm trees, and grow tall as the cedars of Lebanon.”

Now those of you who know me know that I love trees – palm trees are pretty and I could talk for a long time about how beautiful cedars are. It is not the tree part that I want to focus on, it is the promise that those who trust God will 'flourish' and 'grow tall'.

What does it mean to 'flourish'?

Even if we are not wonderful gardeners all of us would know that for a plant to 'flourish' and grow well it needs to be planted well.

30 years ago 24 students met at the Lighthouse Church. This was a school begun with 6 families. Their aim was to provide quality education from a Christian perspective.

Today we have over 360 families from over 20 churches coming together for that same quality education from that very important Christian perspective.

There is no doubt that God has helped that step in faith to flourish.

**Julie Reynolds
Principal**



Cedar Tree of Lebanon

UPCOMING EVENTS



WED MARCH 30- THURS APRIL 7

Year 12 half yearly exams

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

Easter and Anzac whole School
Assembly

FRIDAY APRIL 29

Year 11 English Ext1 'Ruby Moon' -
7.00pm

TUES MAY 3

P&F Meeting 7.30pm in Library

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:

- The gift of our new Cedars Leadership Centre.
- The gift of Cedars and the many people who have laid the foundations of our School.

WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR:

- A wonderful rest for our students, staff and families over the holidays.
- Health and safety of our Duke of Edinburgh participants.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

*"May the LORD bless you
and protect you.
May the LORD smile on you
and be gracious to you.
May the LORD show you his
favour and give you his peace."*

Numbers 6:24-26

JUNIOR SCHOOL



K BARTON NEWS

K Barton has had a fabulous start to the year, I am so proud of the way they have settled into Kindergarten.

Reading groups have been a highlight of their week giving them an opportunity to use all their newly learnt sounds and sight word knowledge. It is a pleasure to observe them working together cooperatively. We have some budding scientists in K Barton who approach the science experiments with enthusiasm, willingly volunteering their predictions. Sport on Fridays is always fun, this Term we have been practising our loco motor skills and the children are excited at the prospect of our new fitness program beginning next Term.

I look forward to the year ahead, as we continue to learn, grow and develop together.

Mrs Alana Bartlett
Kindergarten Teacher

PREP EXPLORES SYMBIO WILDLIFE GARDENS

Prep were very blessed with two beautiful days to visit Symbio on 28th and 30th March. As well as observing



Prep Visits Symbio



K Barton

a variety of Australian animals, the Prep children were excited to be able to pat a variety of lizards, snakes, a baby alligator, koala, and a young dingo.

We were impressed by the new exhibit of Sumatran Tigers. At feeding time they stood on hind legs against the fence and we were awed at their size, sharp teeth and huge paws.

A big thankyou to all the parents and grandparents who attended. You helped make this day so special for the Prep children

Mrs Janelle Tarleton
Prep Teacher

OPERATION SMILE - 2 COOK

On Tuesday March 22, the children from 2 Cook raised \$80 for Operation Smile.

Each child was asked to donate a gold coin for a bowl of fried rice. Many children donated more than that & I was very proud and touched to learn that some children gave their very own pocket money.

Donations of teddy bears and drawings were given to me to take on my trip. I went as a volunteer to Vietnam to help care for babies who will undergo surgery to repair cleft lips and cleft palates.

The money 2 Cook raised will pay for one baby to undergo this life changing surgery.

It is so lovely to see seven year olds filled with such genuine compassion.

Mrs Penny Newman
Year 2 Teacher

JUNIOR SCHOOL TERM AWARDS



MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 8 CAMP

YEAR 8'S "IN SCHOOL" CAMP WAS FUTURE FOCUSED FUN... MINUS THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS!

If you think Year 8 was 'left behind' during camp week, think again. Determined to make the most of the great weather, we ventured out into the great unknown to visit Wollongong University and experience a taste of what life might be like post HSC.

Equipped with the knowledge that it is never too early to dream big, we headed over to the University and the Science Centre to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a day away from the classroom. For some, the idea of sitting in Wollongong University's Hope Theatre Auditorium made our own classrooms seem very small and secure... but all the food options and sporting facilities erased any doubts that it was a really great place to be.

During our camp week we had the chance to focus on what our future goals and dreams were; discuss them, paint them, search them through the Australian Government's career site and return to Week 6 of Term more focused than ever! Somehow we still managed to find time for a picnic at the beach and a swim in the pool... thinking about the future is tiring work.

Ms Tamminee Taylor
Year 8 Teacher



Year 8 Camp



Middle School Concert

NEW PRAISE AND WORSHIP BAND

Anyone venturing past the music rooms at lunch time might just be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Cedar's newest rock stars in rehearsal this past term. For two months now, the Year 8 praise and worship band have taken their humble beginnings to a level of popularity few expected.

The group began earlier this Term after Year 8 saw the need for instrumental backing for their Tuesday morning devotions. Within weeks they were making guest appearances at Middle School Assemblies and sharing their infectious enthusiasm for praise and worship with the students of Years 5 to 8.

The questions remain, what is their band name and do they plan to go professional?? Your best chance to catch this talented group in action is to see them during Wednesday morning Middle School Chapel. One Year 6 student is reported to have said "This band is great, when they are on the stage everyone seems to sing louder and enjoy singing to God." Rumour has it that they are becoming a much sought after item for other upcoming school events.

Can't wait to see what they share with us next!

Ms Tamminee Taylor
Year 8 Teacher

EVENTS



MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT

It was a terrific night last Tuesday as the Middle School community gathered to celebrate the creative talent within the students. It was Cedars first concert and the students entertained the crowd with various verse speaking items, musical acts and dance.

To end the evening, all guests enjoyed a delicious supper provided by Mrs Abi Kelly and served by students and staff.

I would like to thank all students who participated in the evening, either through performing or assisting in serving supper, sound or stage management. I would also like to thank staff and parents for their support and efforts in helping the night to be a success.

I am looking forward to our next concert which will be held at the end of Term 2 and will include performances from Senior School students. Tickets for this concert can be purchased next Term.

Heidi Sullivan
Creative Arts Coordinator



SENIOR COLLEGE



ROMEO AND JULIET

WRITTEN BY William Shakespeare
DIRECTED BY Damien Ryan
WITH The Players

Lovesick teenagers. Strict parents. Rebellion. No wonder modern kids connect so well with Shakespeare's tragic teens. Romeo falls for Juliet. Juliet swoons for Romeo. The young 'star-cross'd lovers' are torn apart by an old family feud. It's a classic boy meets girl, boy loses girl love story.

Last Thursday, our Year 9 students attended a Bell Shakespeare abridged version of *Romeo and Juliet*, as a main stage production especially designed for students. Here are some reviews from Cedars students:

"Romeo and Juliet was entertaining, everyone enjoyed parts of it and learnt something new about the story. The characters were portrayed in interesting ways."

Rebekah West

"I found the play interesting although some parts were hard to understand. It was entertaining and educational. The actors were really good and it made it easy to fall in love with them."

Courtney Cochrane



Jordan selected for Gridiron Team

"Last Thursday Year 9 went to Sydney to watch the Shakespeare play Romeo and Juliet. The language made some parts hard to understand but overall it was good to watch. I was glad that I had an idea of what the story line was so I could follow what was happening. The play had its moments and made people laugh. The humour and sayings were modern and there was action which made it entertaining. I can see how Shakespeare wrote for a wide audience. There was something for everyone."

Samuel Ramsey

Miss Cyle Blackmore
English Teacher

JORDAN SELECTED FOR GRIDIRON TEAM

Jordan Stalker a Cedars Year 12 student and School Captain, has recently been selected for the NSW Under 18's Gridiron Team which competes in the National Gridiron Under 18's in Sydney in April this year.

Jordan has always been a very talented footballer who represented NSW Country Rugby Union at the Nationals in 2010. Jordan was initially a bit sceptical about playing Gridiron "American Football," but was challenged to try out for the Illawarra team, Brumbies and loved it so much he hasn't looked back since! "I really love the sport, Gridiron" said Jordan, "I never thought I would enjoy it so much!"

Cedars Sports Teacher, Tim Johnson says, "Jordan is a bright talent with a love of the game and a desire to achieve his dream of playing in the United States in the NFL. We wish him amazing success and congratulate him on all his achievements so far."



Liam Mountain Biking - see next pg for story.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

On the weekend of 18th to 20th of March Liam Manton (Year 9) travelled to Thredbo to represent Cedars in the 2011 Australian Interschools Mountain Bike Championships.

Over the weekend events were run in four mountain bike disciplines: 4X (like BMX but on mountain bikes), short course XC (sprint racing around a short but hilly loop), Downhill (down the famous Thredbo Cannonball run track) and long course XC (multilap endurance race). Liam participated in the two XC events, narrowly missing qualifying in the short course and finishing 39th of 51 riders in the long course race.

This is the third year that Cedars has sent a team to the Interschools championships although this is the smallest team we have sent. We look forward to more students joining in this fun and exhilarating sport in the NSW and ACT all schools XC events later this year and in the 2012 championships at Thredbo next March.

Mr Lukas Matysek and Mr Tim Manton
Mountain Bike Coordinators

CEDARS CHESS VICTORY

On Thursday March 24, the Middle School Chess Team played ICS in the first game for 2011. The team consisted of four members, Connor Hutchinson, Nathanael Hutchison, Jacob Pesavento and Rhys Judd.

Both teams were very enthusiastic about playing, and all students played very well. Connor and Rhys were able to win their games, with Nathanael and Jacob taking a draw. This snatched victory for Cedars winning 3 - 1, but both schools played really well. We all had fun and are looking forward to our game which will be played sometime next Term.

Connor Hutchinson 8T



Jacob in Chess Competition

WESTPAC MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards will be held on Thursday August 4 2011, Term 3 Week 2. This competition started in 1978 and is now in its 34th year.

It is an International Competition with Primary and Secondary students participating from 37 countries and is sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation. The competition is for students from Year 3 to Year 12.

The competition consists of intriguing problems which students can enjoy solving and is mostly all multiple choice. Every participant receives a Certificate (*High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Participation*) together with a summary of their results. These Certificates are great for enhancing a student's CV. **The Competition is MANDATORY for all students in Year 7 and Year 8 and for students undertaking the 5.2 and 5.3 Mathematics Pathways in Year 9 and Year 10.**

For students in Primary School and in Years 11 and 12 the competition is optional.

Cost is \$5.50 per student including GST.

Information/Permission notes will be handed out in Term 2 WEEK 1.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FRIDAY MAY 13 2011. (TERM 2 WEEK 3).

Students are to place correct money in an envelope and give it to Mrs Skinner in front office.

Mrs Natalie Hvalica
Mathematics Co-ordinator

NOTICES



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.

EASTER/ANZAC ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY APRIL 28 9.30AM

In our first week back of Term 2, there will be a whole school assembly (K – 12) on Thursday April 28, commencing at 9.30am. We would like to come together as a school for a combined Easter and ANZAC Day service. We warmly invite parents/carers to attend. Students are reminded to wear full winter uniform, as is the requirement for Term 2 and 3 – including blazers for senior students.

LOST PROPERTY

Parents of Junior School students please check the lost property located at the Junior School Office for any missing clothing or items. Any un claimed items of clothing or other will be donated to a local charity in week 2 of Term 2.

UNIFORM SHOP

We encourage parents to visit the uniform shop this week on Wednesday afternoon (2.30pm – 4.00pm) and Friday morning (8.30am – 11.00am) to purchase your child's winter uniform needs, which are required for Term 2 and Term 3.

The uniform shop will only be open during the school holidays in the second week on

- Monday 18th 1pm – 4pm and
- Tuesday 19th April 9am – 12pm

They will operate on these extra days strictly by appointment only.

Please ring reception on 4271 8124 this week to book your appointment time. Just a reminder that ties, tab ties, caps and hats can be purchased from both school receptions at all times during Term.

JAPANESE COURSE NEXT TERM

MONDAY EVENINGS FROM
7pm-8:30pm

Cedars Introductory Japanese Course for parents/carers of Cedars begins week 1 of next Term. The course will run on Monday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm.

If you would like to come and learn Japanese, please express your interest at either the main or Junior School offices.

See you there!

Mrs Kelly Boaretto
Japanese teacher

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

NAPLAN

Some parent help for NAPLAN exam supervision would be appreciated for years 7 & 9. Parents with children or relatives in those years are not able to supervise. Please call the office to volunteer.

A reminder to all parents to make sure PPS cards have been filled in for Term 1.

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
25/4/2011	HOLIDAY
26/4/2011	HOLIDAY
27/4/2011	Help Needed
28/4/2011	Linda Johnson
29/4/2011	Terina White

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

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JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI RELIEF

Thank you to all the wonderful students and families who were so generous towards helping Japan in this very difficult time. As a school community, we raised \$1150.

Your donations are being sent directly to Eastwind Ministries and C.R.A.S.H. (Christian Relief Assistance Support and Hope) Japan, to finance their purchase and supply of food, water and essential items to the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. They are also spreading the good news of hope in Jesus to these people as they attempt to rebuild their lives.

Please continue to pray for the Japanese people, especially now as they wait in fear for the nuclear power plants' cooling systems to be brought under control. Many more months, even years will be spent trying to rebuild not only homes and businesses, but also the lives of many who have been devastated by the recent disasters in Japan. We will continue to be involved in helping out in any way possible and appreciate your support and prayers.

Mrs Kelly Boaretto
Rising Son Ministries

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.

STEVE WALTON'S TV DEBUT FRIDAY!

MARK BERG'S FISHING ADDICTION
TV SHOW

FRIDAY 8 APRIL 7.30PM - 8.30PM
LIFESTYLE CHANNEL, AUSTAR

Don't miss Steve Walton's TV debut! Watch this Friday as Mr Walton is taken on the fishing adventure of a lifetime!

(Cedars is also featured during the episode.)

CHOCOLATE MONEY DUE

Chocolate money raised for the P&F is due in by the first week of Term 2.

Thank you to the many families who have already sold their chocolates and brought in their money collected.

There are still a few boxes of chocolate left in the office for any families who would like to sell more over the Easter break.

JOB VACANCY - LIGHTHOUSE

Vacancy: Accountant
Lighthouse Church

An exciting and rewarding opportunity exists for an experienced Accountant to join Lighthouse Church in Wollongong. The Accountant will be responsible for the financial management, reporting and monitoring of 3 expanding entities with a variety of tax status and concessions.

For further info, go to
www.lighthousechurch.com.au

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY APRIL 8

Our annual School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday June 8, 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 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.

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GOOD FRIDAY

THE TRUTH

AN EASTER PRODUCTION

A CINEMATIC SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH

GOOD FRIDAY - 22ND APRIL

9:30AM - 11:00AM : LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH (SOUTHERN)

6:30PM - 8:00PM : LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH (CENTRAL)

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER **HEBREWS 13:8**

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

MORNING FAMILY SERVICE - WHERE IS THE TRUTH?

Join us Easter morning for a family friendly presentation from the Lighthouse Kids. There will also be a jumping castle, fairy floss, face-painting, Easter eggs, party food, music and much more!

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL - 9:00AM (SOUTHERN CAMPUS)

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL - 10:00AM (CENTRAL CAMPUS)

EVENING EASTER NIGHT SERVICE

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL - 6:30PM (CENTRAL CAMPUS)

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CENTRAL - 1 RAILWAY STATION SQ, WOLLONGONG
SOUTHERN - 4/9 DURGADIN DRIVE, ALBION PARK RAIL