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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



LIFE LONG LEARNING

Many schools talk about lifelong learning as a goal which they target – Cedars is no exception. Parents may not be aware that our staff are all active learners. How and when are they learning?

Teaching in the 21st century demands an ongoing commitment to learning new technologies, new teaching methods, new courses or new approaches. Over the last few years we have more than doubled our professional development budget and we take this part of our school mission very seriously. Our teachers regularly meet in focus groups to explore our teaching practices together and to review how we can most effectively engage our children in thinking and learning for themselves. These groups unite teachers from all three sub schools and the professional dialogue which is fostered by this collegiality is very valuable. Our staff also engages in two set weeks of professional development each year – one in January and the other in July. Whilst our students enjoy an extra weeks holidays our teachers are busy sharpening their skills and knowledge to help them provide the best educational programs possible.

Many of our teachers are also pursuing postgraduate courses to further their knowledge in their subject area, in teaching and learning, in Christian perspectives or in educational leadership. These studies are also an important part of our corporate professional development and we appreciate opportunities – both formal and informal - to share the breadth of experience gained from these courses. On a personal level I have recently enjoyed two weeks sabbatical leave to continue my learning journey. At the start of the year I embarked upon a Doctorate in Educational Leadership looking specifically at the role of the Principal in independent schooling. I am enjoying the challenges and opportunities that this study is bringing my way. I have been able to review the last five decades of educational leadership research and know that

there are many theories of leadership which can inform our school's practices. I also think it is very good for all educators to regularly sit in a class and be required to submit homework and juggle deadlines. It always sharpens us to view the world from the perspective of a student and to be reminded of the joys and challenges of learning.

The last way in which our staff continue to learn is in the rich interactions in every classroom. As teachers we learn more about the world, our work and ourselves from the rich experiences which unfold in every class. Our students can challenge and extend our own thinking and a good teacher welcomes that interaction. As parents we know that the process of helping children grow and develop sharpens us in our own life experiences. We must continue to engage with our children in ways that help them to join us in the journey of lifelong learning.

EXPO

Thank you to everyone who made Saturday such a wonderful day. So many people commented to me that a warm sense of community and a real pride in our school was evident on the day. I want to thank all the teachers who gave up their time to open up their rooms and bring the routines of the week to life and particularly Michelle West for coordinating the day. Our student guides and display presenters were fantastic as were all the performers. What a talented student body we have!

I also want to thank all the parent helpers who made the day possible. Our P&F committee never ceases to amaze me with their active and good humored support of all the programs we run. Although there are many people to thank I particularly want to mention Natalie Evans and the cooking team including Ian Duncan who worked from very early to very late in the day. I also must thank Ben Bayliss for running the sound and creating our performance space for the lunchtime events – his commitment over the entire day was also much appreciated. The success of the day was due to the generosity of so many people.

Mrs Julie Reynolds

UPCOMING EVENTS



MONDAY MAY 23 TO FRIDAY MAY 27

Mid Year Exams Years 7 - 10

WEDNESDAY MAY 25

Year 11 and 12 Parent Interviews

FRIDAY MAY 27

Primary Athletics Carnival, Beaton Park 9.30am - 2.30pm

MONDAY MAY 30

Secondary Athletics Carnival
Beaton Park, 9.00am - 2.40pm.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1

Year 9 & 11 Subject Selection
Evening 7.00pm in the CLC

THURSDAY JUNE 2

Year 10 Geography Excursion

FRIDAY JUNE 3

CSSA Primary and Secondary
Cross Country

TUESDAY JUNE 7

P & F Meeting 7.30pm in Library

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8

Science and Engineering
Challenge University of
Wollongong, Year 10

PRAYER POINTS



WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR:

- A beautiful day for our Expo last Saturday with many new families and visitors coming to visit our school.
- Our Cedars Leadership Centre where school photos can now be taken in out of the weather!

WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR:

- Help and wisdom for our Secondary students as they prepare for their mid year exams.
- Great weather for our upcoming Athletics Carnivals.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things."

Galatians 5:22

JUNIOR SCHOOL



1 HOLT SCIENCE

In Year One, Term Two's topic is 'Spot the Difference': looking at changes in materials when you add heat or cold. We are also looking at the properties of these materials, before and after cooking.

In this lesson, students in 1Holt examined the properties of uncooked spaghetti as they made spaghetti towers in small groups. The students used trial and error, problem solving and they learned how to be a good team member.

In Term One, our Science topic was 'Schoolyard Safari.' We had a guest speaker come in, Insectus Man, who showed us lots of creepy crawlies. We also got to go on an actual schoolyard safari, to have a close look at all the small animals found around our school.

Mrs Jenny Castle
Year 1 Teacher



1 Holt students investigating bugs



Year 2 has a visit from Japanese Teacher

YEAR 2 GOES JAPANESE

Last week Cedars Japanese Teacher, Mrs Kelly Boaretto, visited Year 2. There was great excitement and much laughter throughout the lesson.

Year 2 students were delighted with the many costumes Mrs Boaretto brought and they all sang with great gusto each of the songs they were taught in Japanese.

There was even a bit of a sumo wrestling competition at the end of the lesson which more than delighted many of the year 2 class!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 5 IN ACTION

Year 5 have had an extremely busy start to their first year of Middle School! Last Term the students went on a two night camp, participated in the school swimming and cross-country carnivals, entered group and individual items in the Middle School Concert, and studied exciting theme units about Bali and Communication.

This Term is no exception, and the Year 5 students have a busy Term ahead! Last week, all Year 5 students completed their NAPLAN exams, and many students supported the Cedars Expo by fulfilling the role of tour guides and display assistants. Students are also looking forward to the School Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park Sport and Recreation Centre in week 5, and have enjoyed practicing for events in PDHPE this Term.

The students of Year 5 have not let such a busy schedule interfere with their determination in the classroom, and this Term are focussing on Weather (in Science and Technology), and learning about Australian Government (in Human Society and it's Environment).

Students have particularly enjoyed learning about the methods and



Year 5

devices used to measure and record weather and can be seen working cooperatively to investigate and discuss rain gauges, barometers and thermometers. They are currently in the process of developing their own rain gauges as part of a design and make task in Science and Technology – keep an eye out in the upcoming weeks to see these rain gauges being tested in gardens surrounding the Middle School Building!

Miss Brooke Skinner
Year 5 Teacher

LUNCH TIME GAMES CLUB

When: 1:30-1:55 Tuesdays

Where: Middle School M7
Mrs Cochrane's Home room

What: Fun games such as chess, velvet art, checkers, tic, tac, toe, quick shot, connect!

Who: Anyone in Middle School can come along, meet up and make new friends!



SENIOR COLLEGE



Year 12 English Attends 'Hamlet'

Last Thursday, the Year 12 Advanced English Class attended the Harlos 2011 Production of Shakespeare's tragedy *Hamlet*.

Here are some reflections from the class:

The stage set was minimal, but made the audience focus on the actor's portrayal of characters. Red and purple were used in props and costumes as symbolic representations of characters and experiences in the play.

This version was aimed at a student audience and incorporated popular culture through parody, song and interaction with students.

The actors played numerous roles and carried these well. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern were endearing, and the Elizabethan players (played by these same actors) unpacked the complex intertextual references for the audience.

The character of the Ghost emphasised Gertrude's peccadillo in her marriage to Claudius and tainted Hamlet's perspective of women "frailty, thy name is woman..." throughout the play.

Hamlet was played really well; he



Senior Musical Item performed at the Expo

was entertaining, realistic and engaged the audience through subtlety.

Overall, the play has been a very valuable experience for these students who are required to complete a Critical study of this Classical Tragedy in its various manifestations.

Miss Cyle Blackmore
Head of English and
Year 12 Advanced English Class

YR 10 UOW ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

University of Wollongong
Engineering Challenge

Wednesday June 8 for Year 10

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a set of fun and competitive activities involving principles of science, engineering and technology. A competitive environment is created as representative school teams are pitted against each other and against the clock in a range of science and engineering tasks.

The concept is to immediately engage students in the activity with a minimum of introduction and theory. Students will explore scientific principles for themselves rather than being guided to a predetermined answer.

The Challenge program is highly regarded as a means of raising the awareness of students regarding career opportunities in the sciences and engineering. The Challenge was awarded an Engineering Excellence in 2003 and has been recognised by the International Institute of Physics based in London.

The winning school on each day of competition also qualifies to compete in the NSW Super Challenge, and if successful, may go on to the National Grand Challenge event.

Footage of last years event can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2YOCgGgstk>

We are forming teams of all Year 10 students and hope to be the front runners at the end of the day. Competition day is Wednesday June 8th. For more information contact Mr Lukas Matysek.





YR 11 DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD OUTBACK ADVENTURE

Mr Taylor, Jessica Whitty, Kian MacDonald, Mark Sewaga, Jack Thomas, Corey Roulston along with Ben Wardrop recently completed an 11 day adventure in the Northern Territory as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

This is a prestigious international program for young people that develops leadership, teamwork, community volunteering and outdoor adventure skills. Some of these participants will now go on to formally obtain the highest possible achievement of the course, the 'Gold' Level Award for the first time ever at our College.

The outback adventure began with a flight from Sydney Airport to Alice Springs where we were met with beautiful 30 degree sunshine. After stocking our back packs with water and food rations, the group headed off on a 42km hike over 3 days along the Larapinta Trail situated in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Physical and mental capabilities were put to the test, however; each challenge was met with confidence and determination. Cooking dinner and telling stories around the campfire was always a great way to finish each day. The landscape was so vast and scenic it made us all feel very proud to live in such a blessed country.

Next was a camel riding day that was a highlight for all involved, particularly students who couldn't help themselves racing to the front of the pack at every opportunity. A dry sandy river bed was a great choice for a lunch stop and an authentic outback cup of tea. The day presented many opportunities to observe various wildlife and enjoy each other's company.

The troop then headed to Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Kings Canyon. The students gained significant insight into the rituals and traditions of the native Anangu



Aboriginal people of the area. Let it be said, Uluru is an absolutely huge rock that took three hours to leisurely walk around its 10km base. A few of the team nervously braved a steep climb to the top, only to be met with one of the most spectacular views in the world. Kata Tjuta was equally impressive with its large clusters of sandstone formations inlaid with cobbles and boulders. The outback adventure was made complete with an early morning hike to witness a breathtaking sun rise over Kings Canyon. The final arrival back at Sydney Airport was met with a very warm welcome by excited parents and friends.

Each student is commended for the exemplarily manner in which they represented our College during this trip. The group was truly blessed to experience God's creation and take

opportunity to reflect on the many ways the Lord can positively impact their lives. Many thanks go out to Ian 'Rocky' Rockwell from Boomerang Adventures who coordinated and facilitated the outback adventure. Importantly, an extended thank you goes out to all parents involved and their ongoing support and encouragement. Additionally, the support of those who helped with fundraising is very much appreciated, particularly the IMB Building Society at Unanderra.



Anyone interested in finding out more about upcoming programs at Cedars can contact the School's Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator Mrs Hvalica or myself.

Mr Neil Taylor
2011 Gold Outback Adventure

NOTICES



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

We love to recognise and celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Following are some exceptional sporting achievements from our Secondary students:

Kirra Jones and Katelyn Brandon-O'Donnell, Year 8

- Kirra Jones and Katelyn Brandon-O'Donnell both in Year 8 attended the CSSA netball trials recently. Kirra was picked in the NSW CSSA U15's netball team. She is the only 13 year old. Congratulations!

Jordan Stalker, Year 12

- Jordan Stalker's NSW Gridiron team, won the National Gridiron Titles recently. He was selected in a development squad from which they will pick the Australian Team. He was chosen as one of the NSW captains. Jordan has also been invited by a Hawaiian Scout to play in a special trial. Well done, Jordan!

Savo Sekulic

- Savo has been selected for the CIS team to play soccer at the Combined High School NSW Titles. What a great achievement!

Jack Thomas

- Jack was recently selected for the CIS team to play hockey at the Combined High School NSW Titles. Well done, Jack!

Mr Tim Johnson
PDHPE Teacher

SENIOR COLLEGE

We were so excited with the success of our very first concert held last Term. It was exhilarating to see the College community come together to celebrate the creativity within our students.

Plans are busily underway for our next Creative Arts Concert. This Term our senior students will be showcasing their creative talent at a concert on **Tuesday 14th June**. Be sure to put this date in your diary!

Miss Heidi Sullivan
Creative Arts Coordinator

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be closed on **Monday 30th of May**. Students will need to bring their recess and lunch as they will be unable to purchase food that day.

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Athletics Carnivals

Parent help at either of our two upcoming Athletics Carnivals would be greatly appreciated and can be put towards PPS hours.

Come have a fun day watching your children, and enjoy helping with the event. Please phone the office and let Tim Johnson or Mark Wynn know of your availability.

WINTER UNIFORMS

All students need to be dressed in full winter uniform for Terms 2 & 3. There have been a couple of areas that parents have asked to be clarified:

- Navy trousers are acceptable uniform items for Middle School Girls in Terms 2 & 3.
- Navy Jumpers are not to be worn as part of the sport uniform. Tracksuit Jackets are the only accepted uniform for cold weather for sport, carnivals and gala days.

- Navy tights are to be worn by girls not black. These are available at the uniform shop.

Uniform Shop Trading Hours are:

Wednesdays: 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Fridays: 8.30am - 11.30am

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
23/5/2011	Karen Hill
24/5/2011	Cherie Aitken
25/5/2011	Help Needed
26/5/2011	Tammy Mathieson
27/5/2011	Alison Cromie

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



Uniform Shop Price List



Style Code	Description	Size	Price
3240BVFUE	Dark Navy Mens Blazer w/ Emb	10-22	\$166.00
		23-26	\$181.00
3240BLZ033E	Dark Navy Ladies Blazer w/ Emb	10-22	\$165.00
		23-26	\$172.00
3240SFPP5958	White Short Sleeve Blouse w/ Emb (Girls)	4-16	\$27.00
		18-24	\$29.00
3240SPPS972	White Long Sleeve Blouse w/ Emb (Girls)	4-16	\$27.00
		18-24	\$29.00
3240PPB144E	White Short Sleeve Shirt w/ Emb (Senior Girls)	2C-16C	\$35.00
		6A-18A	\$38.00
		20A-24A	\$39.00
3240SKT40B	Baltimore Royal Tartan Skirt (Middle School)	2C-8C	\$36.00
		10C-16C	\$39.00
		6A-12A	\$41.00
		14A-18A	\$42.00
		20A-24A	\$43.00
3240SKT4	Grey Skirt (Senior)	2C-8C	\$35.00
		10C-16C	\$36.00
		6A-12A	\$38.00
		14A-18A	\$39.00
		20A-24A	\$41.00
3240D238F	Check Dress (Junior)	2C-8C	\$52.00
		10C-16C	\$62.00
		6A-12A	\$66.00
		14A-18A	\$68.00
		20A-24A	\$72.00
3240TUN031	Dark Navy Tunic (Junior)	2C-8C	\$46.00
		10C-16C	\$53.00
3240NPPS960E	White Short Sleeve Shirt w/ Emb (Boys)	4-16	\$21.00
		18-26	\$22.00
		28-32	\$23.00
3240NPPS959E	White Long Sleeve Shirt w/ Emb (Boys)	4-16	\$22.00
		18-26	\$22.00
		28-32	\$24.00
32408EBCSE	Navy Shorts w/ Elasticated Back & Emb	2-18	\$33.00
		20	\$37.00



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Style Code	Description	Size	Price
3240LLSE	Navy Junior Boys Basic Short w/ Elasticated Waist & Emb	4C-16C	\$22.00
		Size 18C	\$29.00
		5-5XL	\$33.00
32408GAP2SYE	Navy Shorts w/ Emb	4-20	\$42.00
32408GAP2SME	Navy Shorts w/ Emb	4-8H	\$44.00
		9-10H	\$47.00
32408MSP2YEG	Mid (Lt.) Grey Shorts w/ Emb (Senior)	4-18	\$43.00
32408MSP2MEG		4-8H	\$44.00
		9-10H	\$46.00
3240LITE	Navy Junior Boys Basic Pant w/ Elasticated Waist & Emb	4-22 (YTH)	\$28.00
		XS-2XL	\$36.00
3240KNXETES	Navy Trouser w/ Elasticated Waist & Emb	4-9	\$33.00
		10-18	\$35.00
3240-KNXPTYEN	Navy Pleated Trouser w/ Emb	9-19	\$44.00
3240KNXPTMEN		4-10H	\$47.00
3240TP2MYE	Dark Grey Trouser w/ Emb	9-19	\$44.00
3240TP2MME		4-10H	\$47.00
3240PRVE	Navy Wool Nylon Pullover w/ Emb	4-9	\$59.00
		10-16	\$62.00
		18-22	\$68.00
		24-28	\$74.00
3240JPE	Navy Poly Cotton Pullover w/ Emb	4-9	\$54.00
		10-16	\$56.00
		18-22	\$59.00
		24-28	\$63.00
3240ZMX219E	Burgundy Zip Jacket with Emb	2C-16C	\$63.00
		XXS-2XL	\$72.00
		3XL-4XL	\$73.00
3240TMSX001	Burgundy Track Pants	2C-16C	\$43.00
		XXS-2XL	\$48.00
		3XL-4XL	\$51.00
3240SMX23UE	Burgundy Short with Emb	2C-16C	\$26.00
		XS-2XL	\$31.00
		3XL-4XL	\$32.00
3240PISE	Sport Polo	2C-16C	\$27.00
		XS-XXL	\$31.00
		3XL-4XL	\$33.00



Uniform Shop Price List



Style Code	Description	Size	Price
3240SSL	Prep Shirt	4C-16C	\$18.00
3240WVP01E	Maroon Poly Cotton Fleece Windcheater w/ Emb	2C-16C	\$28.00
		10A-18A	\$35.00
		20A-24A	\$37.00
3240TJP053	Maroon Poly Cotton Fleece Track Pants	2C-16C	\$28.00
		10A-18A	\$34.00
		20A-24A	\$36.00
3240TIE	Red Classic Tie with White & Royal Stripes	107cm	\$14.00
		117cm	\$15.00
		127cm	\$16.00
		137cm	\$16.00
		147cm	\$17.00
3240TIELOOP	Red classic tie with elastic loop and white and royal stripes	33cm	\$16.00
		41cm	\$16.00
		49cm	\$17.00
3240TIE-MAR	Maroon Classic Plain Tie (Senior)	107cm	\$14.00
		117cm	\$15.00
		127cm	\$16.00
		137cm	\$16.00
		147cm	\$17.00
3240TIE014B	Maroon Tab Tie	One Size	\$7.00
3240TIE017	Baltimore Royal Tartan Tab Tie	One Size	\$7.00
3240HWS4199E	Navy Micro Fibre Baseball Cap w/ Emb	One Size	\$10.00
3240YI244E	Navy Micro Fibre Bucket Hat w/ Emb	XS-S to L-XL	\$15.00
3240YI265E	Navy Micro Fibre Slouch Hat w/ Emb	XS-S to L-XL	\$16.00
S3001-3PK	White Rib Anklet	5-8 to OS	\$10.00
S3001-3PK	Navy Rib Anklet	5-8 to OS	\$10.00
S3001-3PK	Grey Rib Anklet	5-8 to OS	\$10.00
PT4G (Girls)	Navy Tights	3-5 to 10-12	\$7.00
PT4L (Ladies)	Navy Tights	MID-X-TALL	\$8.00
BELTPK559	Black All Leather Belt	Size 22-44	\$20.00