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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of wonderful successes in sport, art, performing arts and in other areas. I would like to share some of these success stories with you in this edition of Snapshot.

I want to pay special tribute to Stephanie Beeley, Yr 12 for her recent success in the Youth Achievement Award hosted by Wests Illawarra. In an article in the Mercury recently you may have read about Stephanie's considerable achievements despite her battle with lupus. Along with her own health issues, Stephanie has spent the last decade caring for her mother who has multiple sclerosis and is in a wheelchair. Stephanie is a role model and an inspiration for our students, teachers and our entire community. I would like to draw attention to Stephanie's achievements this week to celebrate her determination, resilience and self sacrifice.

I would also like to congratulate the following students for their recent achievements

- Kirra Jones Yr 8 selected for the NSW CSSA U15's netball team.
- Jordan Stalker Yr 12 selected as NSW Gridiron Captain and is in process of being selected by a Hawaiian university with scholarship.
- Savo Sekulic Yr 12 selected for the CIS team to play soccer at the Combined High School NSW Titles.
- Jack Thomas Yr 11 selected for the CIS team to play hockey at the Combined High School NSW Titles
- Jorja Rogers Yr 2 came 3rd in Vault and 6th in Bars in the NSW State Championships for gymnastics.
- Connor Hutchinson Yr 8 was a huge success as a lead performer in an Arcadian's theatre production.

- Rebecca Aposotolovski Yr 11 plays rep soccer for Illawarra Stingrays, plus selected for CSSA Soccer Nationals.
- Annaliese Avramosvski Yr 11 sings at Illawarra Eisteddfod.
- Rebecca Biasotto Yr 11 Illawarra Writing competitions.
- Suzannah Butler Yr 11 involved in Bush Fire Brigade
- Rebecca Pemberton Yr 11 plays rep basketball for Illawarra Hawks.
- Emma Reay Yr 8 plays rep basketball for the Illawarra.
- Jonothan Stankovski Yr 11 has achieved his black belt in Karate.
- Rebekah West Yr 9 received Highly Commended in NSW Reconciliation Art Competition.
- Francesco Liberti Yr 9 selected for the CSSA National soccer team.
- Adrian Djukic Yr 11 selected for the CSSA National soccer team.

(This list is just a snapshot as I am sure there are many other student achievements not mentioned here.)

All the students whom I have recognised in this article have shown a determination to succeed; they have achieved Success from Determination.

I am also grateful to our teachers who have encouraged students in their success, and especially to Mr Tim Johnson who has supported and mentored students in their sporting achievements.

I commend all of these students for improving their skills and showing a willingness to work with others. Our community is richer for their contributions.

We would like to regularly recognize the achievements of our students in all areas. If you have a special success story of your own student, please email mwest@cedars.nsw.edu.au and let us help share in their success.

Julie Reynolds
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS



WEDNESDAY JUNE 1

- Yr 11 Hospitality Excursion to Chifley Hotel
- Year 9 & 11 Subject Selection Evening 7.00pm in the CLC

FRIDAY JUNE 3

CSSA Primary and Secondary State Cross Country, Sydney International Equestrian Centre

MONDAY JUNE 6

State Volleyball Gala Day, Unanderra Indoor Centre, 8.30am - 3.00pm

TUESDAY JUNE 7

- Yr 5 & 6 Wollongong Eisteddfod, WIN Entertainment Centre
- All Schools Rugby League Gala Day, Sid Parrish Park, Figtree
- Special P & F Meeting 7.00pm in CLC

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8

Science and Engineering Challenge University of Wollongong, Year 10

FRIDAY JUNE 10

Year 10 Leadership Day, Telford. 8.00am - 5.00pm, travel by bus to and from School.

TUESDAY JUNE 14

Senior College Concert, 6.30pm in the CLC.

FRIDAY JUNE 17

- World Vision Leadership Day, Selected Students, Homebush
- Year 9/10/11 Timber Excursion Fox Studios

TUESDAY JUNE 21

AFL Gala Day, Reed Park Dapto - 9.00am - 2.00pm

Upcoming Event Information is also located on Cedars Website. Go to: <http://cedars.nsw.edu.au/calendar.html>

PRAYER POINTS



WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR:

- A beautiful day for our Primary Athletics Carnival.
- The flexibility of staff and students when the weather interrupts events!

WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR:

- Safety at all our upcoming excursions.
- A fantastic Leadership Training Day for our Year 10 Students.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

"There you and your families will feast in the presence of the Lord your God, and you will rejoice in all you have accomplished because the Lord your God has blessed you."

Deut 12:7

JUNIOR SCHOOL



K WATSON NEWS

It has been an exciting semester of growth for K Watson, in our learning and in our friendships. We have settled into school well and are working hard. This Term we have been learning about Recounts, we have made up a song to help us remember and we like to sing it and act it out before we do our picture and written recounts. Below are some examples for you to read, you will notice that we have said "Who" is in the recount, "When" and "Where" and "What" happened. Some of us are also remembering to write "How" it made us feel. I am very pleased with the effort and success we are having in our writing.

We look forward to our Science lessons in K Watson, this Term we are learning about "Living Things and Their Needs". Over the past few weeks we have been looking at plants as living things and are in the middle of an experiment. We have one plant which is being watered and cared for and exposed to sunlight, one plant which is not being watered, another is being deprived of air tied up in numerous plastic bags and another is in a dark cupboard with no sunlight. We have made predictions about what will happen to each of the plants and can't wait to reveal the results of our experiment this Wednesday. Why don't you ask us when you see us in the playground, we would love to tell you!

Another highlight of our week is Sport. We have been learning the



K Walton

steps for throwing underarm and on Fridays we play team games with K Barton. Two of our favourites are "Fast Throw" and "Long Throw". Last week our Buddies came down from Middle School and helped us practise throwing, they were very helpful and we had lots of fun. We also got to be extremely creative as we used a variety of equipment to come up with some throwing games. One group even managed to combine our letter/sounds with throwing - remarkable!

I am very happy with my class and think that they are all amazing. It has been a very impressive start to their schooling and I am extremely proud of all their hard work.

Mrs Sally Walton J
Kindergarten Teacher

"On The Weekend"

"On the weekend I went to footy and I saw Caleb and I saw Ethan at footy and I had fun. Then I went home and then I played with my toys. And then I felt happy." **by Toby**

"On the weekend I jumped on the trampoline. Then I played with my friends. It felt good." **by Emeshae**

"On the weekend I bought some puppies and I bought the boy and the girl. I felt good." **by Caleb**

"On the weekend I jumped on the trampoline and Hannah jumped with me. Then I swang from the tree and then back to the trampoline. And then I felt happy." **by Jasmine**

"On the weekend I went to the park. Then I played soccer. I felt happy." **by Luke**

"On the weekend I went to a party. Then I had a piece of cake. I felt happy." **by Emma**

"On the weekend I stayed at my nanny's home. It was fun. Then I went to the park. Then I had a lot of food. I got too much food. Then I got to take my dog for a walk." **by Brooke**



Athletics Carnival

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 8 BAND REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

It's hard to believe the Year 8 Band started out Term One as a once a week Praise and Worship Team for Tuesday mornings.

Since then, members of the band have appeared at various school events such as the Middle School Concert, Expo Day and even our School's 30th Birthday celebrations!

It's great to see them sharing their amazing talents with the school community while they bring glory to our loving God!

Strangely enough, I still don't think they have a band name... maybe the school needs a naming competition to help this humble band out?

Mrs Taminee Taylor
Year 8 Teacher



Year 8 Band, missing from photo: Ryan Cetinski

CLASS ACTION IS BACK!

Extra, Extra, read all about it! 'Class Action' is starting up again; there's no doubt about it!

Last year some Year 7 and 8 students got a chance to write newspaper articles for a double page spread in the Illawarra Mercury called Class

Action. It's happening again this year, and journalists and photographers are needed!

If you are interested in writing, photography or journalism, this scoop is for you.

Class Action is the perfect opportunity to do something in the community and get your opinions heard. It also lets you meet new people.

To join, see Mrs Taylor, Yr 8 homeroom teacher. We will start up in week 9, ready for action!

Mrs Taminee Taylor
Year 8 Teacher



Athletics Carnival

SENIOR COLLEGE



SENIOR STUDENTS VISIT BLUESCOPE STEEL

Last week a group of Senior College students ventured over to the Bluescope Steel plant in order to experience what a day in the life of a cadet is like.

Participants were taken on a tour around the plant, and saw the massive machinery and impressive technology which is being used in the biggest manufacturing plant in Australia.

After enjoying lunch together the group met two apprentices and an engineering cadet. They explained to the students what their job entails on a day to day basis. They were also able to answer the many questions posed by the curious students.

"Engineering looks like a really exciting career and now I see how my studies in Mathematics and Science can lead me to a great career full of interest and dare I say excitement."

Mitchell Gulic Year 11.

Overall, it was a very informative day which gave each attending student a better glimpse into the working life of an engineer.

Mr Lukas Matysek
Secondary Dean



Senior students visit Bluescope Steel

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YRS 9 & 11 2012

Planning for 2012 has already begun. The Subject Selection Evening tonight is an important event on the school calendar and a significant one for your child.

Students will be issued with information booklets and selection forms which should form the basis of discussion over the coming week. Please talk to your child about their subject choices for 2012 and encourage them to talk to teachers about appropriate subject choices for them.

While students may not always get their first choice, our aim is to work out the best options for your child.

Please contact the school to make an appointment if you would like further discussion or clarification about subject choices for next year.

Mrs Sue Walker
Director of Studies 7-12

SENIOR COLLEGE CONCERT

All parents are warmly invited to our first Senior College Concert held on Tuesday 14th June. It is exciting to see this event come together and the creative talent within Senior College displayed through students from Years 9 to 12.

The night will kick off at 6:30pm and guests 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. For catering purposes please RSVP by 7th June to the Main Reception. **Please note that, for those attending, the admission cost will be added to your school fees.**

Senior College Concert Admission Fee

Adults: \$10

Students & Children: Free





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Rebekah West, Year 9

In Term one many Visual Arts students entered the NSW Reconciliation Council's Art Competition. The theme this year was "You, Us, Them". Students were encouraged to express ideas about reconciliation in a variety of media, including; drawing, painting and photography. Over 500 entries state wide were received.

We have just received news that Rebekah West won the Highly Commended in the over 12 section. Her drawing explored the idea of two students of different cultural backgrounds, aboriginal and non-aboriginal sharing their lunch in a school playground setting. The Reconciliation Council will be producing some postcards of her work. Congratulations Rebekah!

Mr John Woolley Visual Arts Teacher

Jorja Rogers, Year 2

Congratulations again goes to Jorja Rogers who on the weekend (29th May) competed at the Womens Elite NSW State Championships at Olympic park in IDP Level 1.

Jorja placed 3rd on the Vault and 6th on the Bars! This put her in an overall position at the end of her 4 apparatus's of 9th.

What a fantastic achievement! Well done, Jorja.

SPECIAL P&F SEMINAR

"BUILDING RESILIENT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES"

TUESDAY JUNE 7 2011

7.00-8.30PM IN THE CLC

Cedars P&F are pleased to invite all parents to this year's exciting seminar entitled, 'Building Resilient Children and Families,' with key note speaker, Mr Steve Walton along with other key staff speakers.

This seminar will address the factors which affect a person's resilience in both positive and negative ways and will provide parents with tips on how to build resilience in their children and family. The presentation will also introduce parents to the initiatives our school has put in place to improve the resilience and mental health of all students.

Attendance at this seminar contributes towards the Parent Participation Scheme (PPS). Additionally, there will be child minding in the Library to enable parents to attend. A light supper will also be provided.

A form has been sent home to all families; please fill this in and return to the school to assist with catering and child minding services.

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=M2Y0CgGgstk>

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.

NOTICES



STUDENT BANKING FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

If you are interested in having your Junior School child participate in student banking we are now starting this service at Cedars. Westpac is the School's bank and where the banking for your student will take place. If you are interested you can pick up a form from either the Junior School Office or Main Office. Completed forms can be handed back to the School Office.

A representative from Westpac will contact you and your child will be issued a bank book. We will have banking the first week of every month. Your child's bank book will need to be given to the class teacher and will be taken to Westpac and then given back to the student in time for the next months banking.

I hope you all come on board with this exciting way of teaching children to save. If you would like to discuss this any further please give me a call.

Mrs Christine Matthews
Finance and Payroll Manager

WINTER UNIFORMS

All students need to be dressed in full winter uniform for Terms 2 & 3.

Uniform Shop Trading Hours are:

Wednesdays: 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Fridays: 8.30am - 11.30am

For a full uniform price list go to the Cedars website:

<http://cedars.nsw.edu.au/uniforms.html>

CALLING ALL SENIOR VOCALISTS

INFORMATION MEETING:

THURSDAY JUNE 2 AT LUNCH

Calling all talented and enthusiastic singers in Senior College.

Mrs Nelson would like to start a Senior Vocal Group! There will be a short information meeting Thursday 2nd June at lunch time (2nd half) in S6 for all interested students.

NO PARKING IN BUS ZONE

It has come to the attention of our Junior School staff that parents have been parking in the bus zone, located next to Junior School.

Please note that the bus company has indicated they will notify the police if parents continue to park in this area.

This is not only an unsafe practice; it may also incur a hefty fine.

Also, please remember that 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.

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

P&F SEMINAR
JUNE 7, 7.00-8.30

A great opportunity is available to add hours to your PPS just by attending the P&F Seminar being held on Tuesday June 7 from 7.00-8.30 pm in the Cedars Leadership Centre.

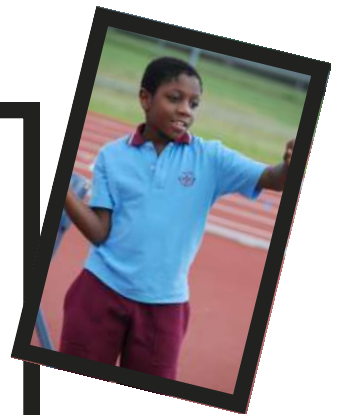
Why not come and join other members of our school community as a participant in this informative seminar while you add to your PPS hours.

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
6/6/2011	Wendy Bright
7/6/2011	Teresa Parker
8/6/2011	Amanda Bexim
9/6/2011	Linda Johnson
10/6/2011	Janet Owen and Corrina Stejanovski

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

PHOTOS



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