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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
W. B. Yeats

In July the staff and I enjoyed a most productive professional development program. We began the week considering the significance of being a professional learning community. This involved articulating our purpose. What is the fire that we want to light? It was very clear to us that while we want to see children very well educated it is just as important to us that they know that they are created and loved by God. We also considered what students need in order to learn well - this involves establishing the right environment, sparking the desire and providing the means or skills needed. We spent time considering the aspects of each of these elements. We also discussed the important role that parents play in supporting the learning process.

On our second day we travelled to Robertson to enjoy log fires and an unexpected snowfall and to spend time considering what a Cedars student looks like. Using our school mission, vision and values we identified 7 features which we consider to be the most important. We hope to spend time this semester sharing these features with students and parents and getting their feedback on the list. We also hope to explore the ways in which we can promote these qualities in our students. Again we recognize the significance of parents in valuing and encouraging these attributes. I would be very pleased for feedback from our community as we embark on this project.

Our hope is that a Cedars Christian College student is:

Respectful
Educated
Compassionate
Faithful to God
Resilient
Disciplined
Pursuing excellence

Over the next few weeks we will explore these attributes in more

detail in our assemblies, our classrooms, with students and parents. You may like to use the qualities as discussion starters at home around the dinner table. We want our children to understand the qualities and take their own lead in promoting them at school.

Changes to our Carpark

Parents may have noticed two changes to our carpark this week.

Firstly we have set aside two parking spots for visitors for our main reception. We know that parents who need to call in quickly to the reception will appreciate this provision. We are asking staff and parents to keep them free for this purpose.

To improve safety on our lower carpark we have angled the parking and ask that all parents reverse into the allocated spaces. We will also be asking parents not to park along the edge of the oval as accidents have occurred because of this practice. The safety of our children is our top priority here.

I know that our carpark facilities are a source of frustration to many parents. I visit other schools very regularly and many schools have far less parking spots than we do. In fact a school I visited recently is on the corner of a very busy intersection, with no parking and only one small area for picking up children - as I observed a very dangerous afternoon pick up it occurred to me that our facilities are really rather generous in comparison.

Our priority must be the safety of our children and if that means parking in a nearby street and taking a walk with our children then I think the exercise and the safe outcome must both be good things. Please note Rickard Road is not an option for overflow parking.

Julie Reynolds
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL



JUNIOR SCHOOL SMARTSTART

All Junior School parents are invited to attend the Junior School SmartStart evening on Wednesday 17th August from 7.00pm in the Cedars Leadership Centre. The night will include presentations from our Principal, Welfare and Curriculum teams and our current Prep and Kindergarten teachers.

A light supper will be provided on the night. For catering purposes please RSVP by calling the office on 4271 8124.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures have been given out this week. Correct money with the order is **due by Wednesday August 10**. Please ensure that your child's **full name and class** are on the order.

Please carefully scrutinise your children's choices as some publications may present a world view that is not in line with the Christian world view we support at Cedars.

Thank you

Mrs. Pupovac



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 the 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 month's 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



CHOOSING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Each year, Little Athletics New South Wales conduct educational visits to schools on behalf of the local Little Athletics Centre. They will be visiting Cedars on behalf of Dapto Little Athletics on Friday 2nd September. The aim of the visit is to encourage more children to **'get active'** through participation in Little Athletics.

The presentation will include information about different athletic events, coaching tips and interactive demonstrations. These are all aimed at encouraging health and fitness.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT

We are very excited with the success of our concerts held throughout the year. It was exhilarating to see the college community come together to celebrate the creativity within our Middle School and Senior College students.

Plans are busily underway for our next Creative Arts concert. This term our junior students will be showcasing their creative talent at a concert on **Thursday 15th September** starting at 6.30pm in the Cedars Leadership Centre. Be sure to put this date in your diary!

God bless,

Heidi Sullivan

Creative Arts Coordinator

MIDDLE SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL OR PRIME MINISTER?

Last term in HSIE, Stage 3 students studied Australian Government. To help students gain a deeper understanding of the Australian Political system, the students of 5S ran a mock election. During the term students had the opportunity to form their own political parties, identify three areas of priority for their party and write policies that demonstrated the core beliefs and values of the party. Students then developed a party logo and slogan as well as a campaign poster and radio advertisement.

After listening to speeches from the 2010 Federal Election, students developed a campaign presentation. In the final week of term 2, students delivered their presentations to 5/6R. All students filled in ballot papers and cast their vote. After a fierce election battle, 'EduHealth' received the highest number of votes and won the election.

Aubrey Duncan acts as Principal assisted by Oliver Dostal



Aubrey Duncan, party leader, received the prize of becoming the Principal for an afternoon. His assistant, Oliver Dostal, provided the necessary administrative support required for such a difficult role. Below is Mr. Duncan's comment on the experience:

I got to be principal for 20 minutes and chose Oliver Dostal to be my assistant. First, I had to ring up Mrs. Walton and ask for a letter and sport certificates sent by Noreen Hay. Then, Oliver and I had to write a thank you letter back to Mrs. Hay about the sporting certificates. We wrote the letter and read it to Mrs. Reynolds who asked Mrs. Walton to type it up. I really enjoyed the experience!

5S thoroughly enjoyed the unit and demonstrated excellent leadership and organisational skills when forming their political parties and organising their campaign. Parliament House, look out! Cedars students are on the rise

Miss Brooke Skinner
Year 5 Teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all the students and parents who continue to support the correct wearing of school uniform at Cedars. However, we continue to see some middle school students out of uniform, particularly the sports uniform, during the winter terms.

Please refer to the Student Diaries for uniform guidelines so our students can continue to look their best and represent their school well.

Mrs Julie Cochrane
Middle School Welfare Coordinator

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMARTSTART EVENING

On Wednesday August 31st the Middle School will be holding its SmartStart Evening. Come along to hear all about the unique structure of our Middle School, the curriculum and to meet the current teachers and leaders.

A special invitation is extended to current year 4 students and parents as well as new parents to Cedars in 2012 to hear about the opportunities and exciting challenges of life in middle school.

The evening begins at 7pm at the Cedars Leadership Centre.

SENIOR COLLEGE



JORDAN STALKER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

On Friday 24th June Jordan Stalker received the prestigious Pierre De Coubertin Award. Jordan joined many other students at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre where the Award ceremony was held.

The Australian Olympic Committee in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education and Training selects from students in Year 11 or 12 who have been nominated by their schools for the Award.

The Award is named after Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the Modern Olympics, who believed international sports competitions between athletes from different countries would promote a more peaceful world. In addition, the

Olympic ideals motivate and encourage all young people to strive for their personal best. The Award is not intended to reward elite performance, but to recognise the student who, through their participation in sport, demonstrate attributes of fair play and respect for others.

The Pierre de Coubertin Award recipient must:

- Have participated actively in the school physical education program with a consistently positive attitude;
- Demonstrate the attributes consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic Movement
- At some stage throughout years 7-12, the selected student must have represented the school in at least one sport on the current Olympic program and participated in at least two other sports (individual or team).

The student must also submit a piece of work (literary or artistic) which demonstrates / depicts an appreciation of the spirit of the Olympics.

CHANGES TO YRS 9 AND 10 ELECTIVES

In 2012 we are making some exciting changes to the way we deliver our elective subjects to year 9 and 10 students.

Students will complete two electives (rather than three) and also a variety of certificate courses.

The reasoning behind these changes is to allow students to spend more time in two electives in order to develop their skills and knowledge in these areas to a greater depth.

The certificate courses will give students a greater choice throughout their 9 and 10 years. These courses will change regularly and lead to competencies in areas useful for future employment and studies.

However, these changes make the logistics a bit different this year.

All year 9 students will need to choose their two favourite electives to continue into year 10. The dropped elective will still be acknowledged on their School Certificate.

Then later this year, all year 9 students will choose which Certificate course they wish to do in 2012. Details will be available later this semester. If you have any questions regarding this change please contact me through the college reception.

Lukas Matysek
Dean 7-12



Jordan Stalker receiving the Pierre De Coubertin Award

NEWS & NOTICES

SECONDARY ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Secondary zone athletics carnival was run on Tuesday 26th July at Beaton Park. There was excellent competition among the five schools present. Cedars finished in third place with many terrific performances by our athletes. Sam Marchant, Comfort Ferguson and Zac Plumb competed exceptionally well on the day.

The Secondary state athletics carnival is scheduled for September 1st at the Homebush State Sports Centre. All eligible students will be receiving further details in the next couple of weeks.



CRAZY HAIR DAY

As part of the SLC's fund-raising for Compassion a mufti and crazy hair day was organised for the end of Term 2. Students and some adventurous members of staff got creative with colour, styles and even clippers. Four hundred dollars was raised on the day. The SLC is close to achieving their target of raising \$2000 for the year.



NEWS & NOTICES



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

The Coles Sports for Schools program is back for 2011. This year it's going to be bigger and better, with lots of new quality sports gear up for grabs. There will also be plenty of extra promotions throughout the program so you can collect even more vouchers from Coles, Coles online, BI-LO and Pick'n Pay supermarkets. For every \$10 spent at any of these stores, we receive one point.

Last year we raised around 30,000 points and were able to receive some fantastic gear for our school. We would love to do the same again this year.

This year we will be able to keep track of how many points we have collected as well as create a wish list of items we would love to get. This will be found on the Coles Sports for Schools website.

The promotion has already begun so drop your vouchers into the collection box set up at Reception.

Mark Wynn
Primary Sport Coordinator.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The dates for the Duke of Edinburgh hikes have been scheduled;

Silver:

Date: September 7, 8, 9th

Approx. cost: \$180

Bronze:

Date: September 8, 9th

Approx. cost: \$160

Mrs Natalie Hvalica co-ordinates Duke of Edinburgh hikes and can be contacted through Reception.

STUDENT IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

All students currently in Year 10 and Year 7 who did not receive the injection for Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough at school are now able to have this vaccination free of charge through their local GP. This service is available at no cost for 2011 only. After this time those receiving the vaccination through their GP will be charged.

The final school based vaccinations for 2011 will be held on Monday 31st October. All Year 7 students will be able to receive free injections for Cervical Cancer (girls only), Hepatitis B and Chicken Pox (if required).

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!

MOVIE NIGHT

The P&F would be delighted to have volunteers to help on the Movie Night, Saturday 3rd Sept. Help will be needed with set up and clean up and with cooking and serving dinner, drinks and snacks.

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 New Trading Hours are:

Tuesdays: 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Fridays: 8.15am - 11.00am

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
1/8/2011	Catherine Vormister
2/8/2011	Karol-Lyn Reichmann
3/8/2011	Jacqui Josevski
4/8/2011	Sheridan Purcell
5/8/2011	Linda Johnson

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

NEWS & NOTICES



CHANGES TO OFFICE PROCEDURES

Over the last few years we have made a number of significant investments in the services we offer to parents at Cedars. During this process we have continued to look at ways in which we can improve what we do. One area needing improvement has been the coordination of two separate receptions. Many parents have experienced difficulties in communication, or doubling up of phone calls or confusion about where to access information. To streamline our services we will be relocating all our administration to the main reception beginning from the start of Term 3 2011.

Administration

If parents have any questions regarding fees, administration, enrolments, facilities, contacting staff, lost property or the day to day running of the College then they should phone or visit the main reception.

Late/Early Leave students

If students arrive late to school or need to be picked up early from school junior school parents will need to go to the office and complete the necessary paperwork. The parent will then need to go to the child's classroom to drop off/pick them up and handover to the teacher a late/early leave note.

To provide the best learning environment we seek to minimise the number of late arrivals or early departures so we trust that parents

and teachers will work together to manage this.

Sick Bay

If junior school students are unwell they will speak to their teacher. If they need to be cared for in the College sick bay they will be taken to the main reception until their parent arrives. For this they will be escorted either by another student or a reception staff member - this will depend on their age and the nature of the illness. If it is an emergency which makes any movement difficult then designated staff will stay with the child in the junior school until ambulance and/or parents arrive.

Health Care

Individual health care plans for asthma, diabetes or other conditions will continue to be overseen by reception staff as appropriate. Communication with parents about any changes to the normal routines will occur personally. Providing appropriate care will be a top priority.

Contacting Students

If parents need to contact their children during the day or deliver any forgotten items they can do this via the main reception.

Parking

We have set aside two 10 minute parking bays adjacent to the reception building to assist parents in visiting the main reception.

If you have any questions regarding the changes please don't hesitate to ring Renee Walton at the main reception.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

A small group of parents have indicated that they are willing to continue the selling of second hand uniforms in the school. The following process has been organised;

- Uniforms that are no longer required by families P – 12 can be delivered to the Junior school and placed in a tub outside Mrs Clifford's office (J10) during week 3 only.
- As there are no facilities for storage, please do not send uniforms in at any other time – please keep until designated drop off weeks.
- Please do not send uniforms through the Main Office.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are washed, are in a reasonable condition and have the school emblem
- Second hand uniforms will be sold on **Monday 29th August 2.30- 3.30 and Tuesday 30th 8.30 – 9.30** on the deck area outside 3 Fisher classroom in JS. This will be the only time this term uniforms will be sold.

Money raised from the uniforms will be donated to the three Compassion children sponsored by Cedars.

More parents are required to help organise and run the Uniform Team. If you are interested please send an email to kclifford@cedars.nsw.edu.au or sign up on the allocated sheet in the ramp area of Junior School.

A team meeting will be held in the Junior School at 9am Wednesday 24th August to finalise arrangements.

Mrs Karen Clifford

UPCOMING EVENTS



MONDAY AUGUST 8

Year 11 PDHPE First Aid Course

TUESDAY AUGUST 9

- P & F Meeting 7.30pm
- Primary Zone Athletics Carnival

MONDAY AUGUST 15

Trial HSC Exams begin

TUES AUGUST 16—18

Years 7 & 8 Writers in Residence Camp

WED AUGUST 17

Junior School SmartStart Evening 7pm

WED AUGUST 31

Middle School SmartStart Evening 7pm

SAT SEPTEMBER 3

P & F Movie Night

TUES SEPTEMBER 6

P & F Meeting 7.30pm

WED SEPTEMBER 7 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Duke of Edinburgh Combined Silver and Bronze Hike

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 challenging professional development week for staff
- for the energy of our Chaplain and the blessing the YWAM team has brought to our Chapel times

WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR:

- our Yr 12 students would remain focused and healthy for their trial HSC exams
- for members of our Cedars community who are facing health challenges—that they will be able to trust God in difficult times

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life , and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”

Ps 23:6

MOVIE NIGHT

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3 2011 ON THE COLLEGE OVAL
5.30PM DINNER**

6.30PM MOVIE BEGINS

MOVIE TICKET PRICE: \$25 FAMILY (2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN)

UNDER 5 FREE \$10 PER ADULT \$5 STUDENTS

DINNER CAN BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY

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