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# NEWS & NOTICES

## SCIENCE WEEK

National Science Week begins next week and the Cedars Science teachers have some great activities planned.

'Spectacular Science' will be held for the Year 8 students on Thursday 18th August. This will include four activities for the students to participate in; rebuilding the Wollongong Lighthouse, building an alternative energy car, leprechaun canon, and the domino disaster.

Other events during the week include a nanotechnology demonstration from the CSIRO, a robotics demonstration, science activities in Junior School, a careers information session for Years 9 and 10 with visitors from the University of Wollongong

**An Astronomy evening is also planned for Saturday 20th August at Jerrara Dam, facilitated by the Wollongong Astronomy Club. A coach will be leaving from the school but prior bookings will need to be made. Please pick up a form from Reception and return it by 12th August.**

## SCIENCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the competitors in the Rio-Tinto Big Science Competition. Fifteen students received a Credit. Special congratulations to those who achieved a **High Distinction** including; Lachlan Spicer, Kye Staines, Daniel West, Nathaniel Hutchinson and a **Distinction**; Toby Adams, Rebecca Neal, Braiden Spicer, Bethany Hopkins.

## NAMING COMPETITION

Our science department's skeleton is not only bodiless, it is nameless. So, as part of the activities for Science Week 2011, students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to enter our skeleton naming competition.

The competition will run for the duration of Science Week (August 15-19) and the winners will be announced in the Middle School assembly on Wednesday August 24. The winner will be selected as the most creative entry and a prize will be awarded.

To enter the competition, fill out an entry form and drop it in the entry box located in the Year 5 and 6 corridor in the Middle School building. Have fun and get imaginative,

**Mr Ben Carden**  
Yr 7 Science Teacher



# NOTICES



## ABSENTEE BOOKLETS

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Thank you to all parents/carers who ring reception in the mornings to advise us when your child is not able to attend school. As you may be aware, it is a legal requirement for **all** absences to be followed up by written confirmation by parents and carers, this includes any late arrivals or early departures.

In order to assist families in this process, we are issuing booklets of blank absentee notes. There is a section to be completed for the school records, with a portion to remain in the booklet for your records. The completed section for the school should be given to the office on the first day when your child returns to school. It can either be handed to the roll call teacher or given straight to the office. The form can also be completed ahead of time to save time in the office if your child arrives to school late. In particular, if your child needs to leave school early for a scheduled appointment, it is important for us to know ahead of time. Please complete and sign the form for an Early Departure and send it with your child to the roll call teacher in the morning. We are issuing one booklet per family; however additional booklets can be obtained from the office if needed.

By making sure all absences are confirmed in writing, you are helping us to fulfill our requirements to the Department of Education and help us to remain aware of our student's welfare.

## ANNALIESE - FINALIST AS KIDSWISH FAIRY

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The KidzWish Foundation hosts the biggest Christmas Party in the Illawarra region for special children Held at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong, the Christmas Party now has 3,200 special children attending from all over the Illawarra.

Children are treated to a spectacular concert, lunch and given a gift.

But this can not happen without your support. Annaliese Avramoski in Year 11 is a finalist in the Search for a Fairy program, not only does Annaliese have to sing she also has to raise money for KidzWish.

Support KidzWish and Annaliese by longing on to <http://grant.kidzwishfundraising.org.au/support> and look for Annaliese Avramoski Fairy, make a donation on line and make a child's day.

**Carol Ramsey**  
Chaplain



## SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOS

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Our school group photos are now available for viewing and ordering at the office. The group photos available are: Year 12 Muckup, Year 11 Leaders, Sports House Captains, School Captains, Duke of Edinburgh Gold and the Student Leadership Council.

Each photo is \$16.00 (by cheque or money order only) and can be ordered by completing the special envelope at the office by 31<sup>st</sup> August. Any orders after this date are an additional \$10.00 as a handling fee is charged by 'advancedlife photos'.

## PREP ENROLMENTS

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**Cedars is now taking applications for enrolments for 2012.**

**Enrolment Interviews continue this Term. If you have not submitted your application, particularly for Prep 2012, 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 or call the school for a tour.

For more information on enrolling your child please call the College on 4271 8124 and speak to our enrolments officer, Mrs Nicola Piper.

# NOTICES



## CAREERS INFORMATION

This is the time of year for all year 10, 11 and 12 students to begin applying for courses and/or jobs for 2012.

**Wollongong University** : has started its' early entry program. Go on to the University website to check out the details. You can start your application one day and finalize it the next.

**Other NSW and Interstate Universities.** Some of these institutions are having Open Days and or Nights for particular courses and faculties. Mr Fletcher has some information, but again check websites for detailed information.

**Illawarra TAFE and all of its 5 local Campuses.** There are open nights for particular courses which will start next year and lots of information, including a free handbook in the Cedars Library. There is also information for TVET courses available. The Illawarra TAFE phone number is 131 601 for information and/or an interview. Please note some courses have a cut off date and limits to the size of classes every year – get in early!

**Other tertiary providers:** There are many other local private educational providers. Please speak to Mr. Fletcher or visit their website.

### Looking for work ?

Do you want to apply for an apprenticeship, traineeship or full-time or part-time work?

Start writing to businesses and companies before the rush at the end of the year. Make sure that you have prepared a succinct resume and have organized all your originals of school reports and certificates.

### YEAR 10—Work Experience

You should be well on your way to finalising your **work experience** week for the 21st to the 25th of November this year. Application forms and help are available from Mr. Fletcher. Please do not leave them until the last minute.

If you need more help talk to Mr. Fletcher at school or email him at: [gffletcher@cedars.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gffletcher@cedars.nsw.edu.au)

## MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2011 ACT All Schools Mountain Bike Championships will be held on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd September in the ACT.

The championship will involve a 4 hour cross country team relay event on Friday and a downhill race on Saturday. This event is a great opportunity for any budding riders to represent their school and have fun at the same time.

Students will compete in age categories - Junior (years 6, 7 & 8), Senior (years 9 & 10) and College (years 11 and 12).

Entries need to be confirmed by Friday 25th of August so if you'd like to represent Cedars at this upcoming event please let Mr Matysek know.

## 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!**

**Call Narelle on 0418 685 802 to book in a day or two to help out at the Canteen.**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
15/8/2011	<b>Amanda Bexim</b>
16/8/2011	Meridith Wilson
17/8/2011	Terina White
18/8/2011	Fiona Cetinski
19/8/2011	<b>Carol Hutchinson</b>

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## MONDAY AUGUST 15

Trial HSC Exams begin

## WED AUGUST 17

Junior School SmartStart  
Evening 7pm in the Middle  
School Building

## SAT AUGUST 20

Astronomy night  
Jerrara Dam

## WED AUGUST 31

Middle School SmartStart  
Evening 7pm in the Middle  
School Building

## FRI SEPTEMBER 2

Minnamurra Rainforest  
Excursion Year 1

## SAT SEPTEMBER 3

P & F Movie Night

## TUES SEPTEMBER 6

P & F Meeting 7.30pm

## WED SEPTEMBER 7 TO FRI SEPTEMBER 9

Duke of Edinburgh  
Combined Silver and Bronze  
Hike

## TUES SEPTEMBER 8

Botanic Gardens Excursion  
Year 3

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:

- The provision of our new multi-purpose hall and the opportunities it has given us to build community both within and outside the college

## WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR:

- God's guidance as we work through staffing appointments and building programs for 2012
- Good weather for our P&F Movie Night

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

*Ro 15:13*