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NEWS & NOTICES

JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT

What an amazing evening we had last Tuesday as the Junior School community gathered to celebrate the creative talent within the students. It was Junior School's first concert and the students entertained the crowd with various musical acts and dance.

I would like to thank all students who participated in the evening, either through performing or assisting in sound or stage management. Madelin Hopkins and Brett Johnson did a wonderful job at being the MCs for the evening. I would also like to thank staff and parents for their support and efforts in helping the night to be a success.

Enjoy the video and photos taken during the evening.

Miss Heidi Sullivan
Creative Arts Coordinator

INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Thursday was a morning of fun, healthy exercise and great encouragement and enthusiasm from our younger students as they participated in the Infants Athletics Carnival.

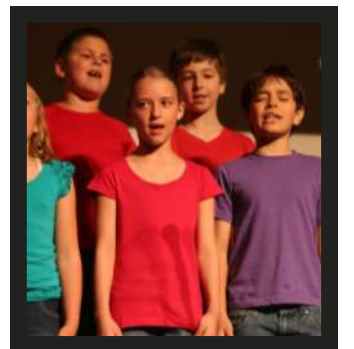
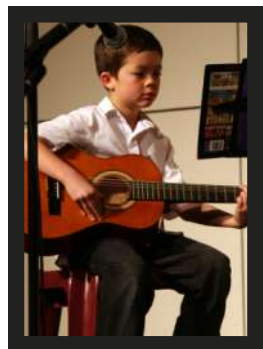
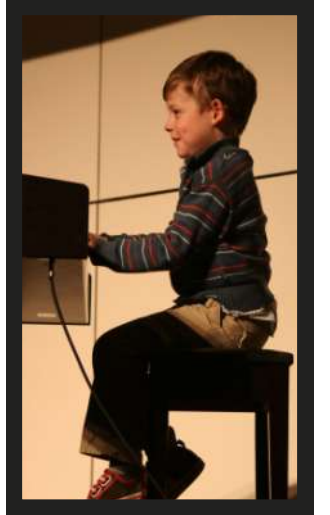
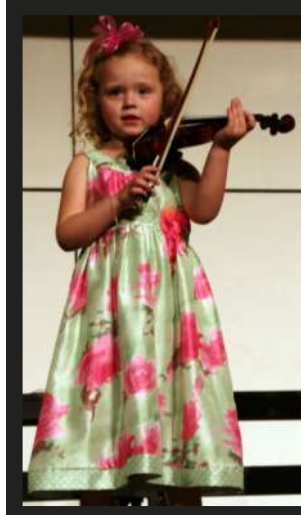
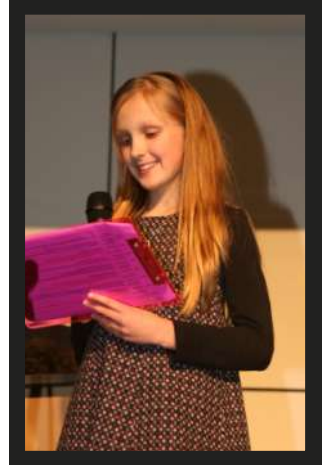
It was wonderful to see many parents and family members out supporting and cheering for the participants as they ran, jumped, and skipped their way to the finish line.

The event was finished with a great sausage sizzle. Our sausage sizzle and face painting raised just over \$450 which will go towards purchasing some additional supplies for Junior School Sport.

Thank you to all those who came and supported the students and to all those who helped make the day a great success. A big thank you to Prep Grandfather, Al Cartwright, for taking the great photos on the following page.



PHOTOS



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NOTICES



CLOTHING POOL NEWS

Our first parent-run sale day of clothing pool items was a great success. We are proud to have partnered with you to raise \$88, which will go to the school's sponsored Compassion children. There were a lot of enquiries for specific items needed for winter. Over the school holidays if you plan to do some Spring cleaning, please consider donating any outgrown school uniforms, washed and in good condition. Not only is this a fantastic way to bless other families in need within our school community, but you are also helping families overseas through Compassion and reducing landfill in our region. It's win-win-win for all involved!

Our next sale day will be mid Term 4. Items can be left in the box outside Mrs Clifford's room any time, and will be collected by one of our volunteers in our Clothing Pool team. If you'd like to be part of the team, and complete some PPS hours please contact Natalie Kukuruzovic on 0402 888 357.

IN SEARCH OF A CASH REGISTER

Our Hospitality class is in need of a cash register.

If anyone in our school community has a cash register that they would consider donating or loaning to the School that would be greatly appreciated. Please phone the School Office to let us know if you are able to help us in this way.

CEDARS COSTUME DAY

On Friday 23rd September, students in Yrs 5-12 are invited to participate in the Cedars Costume Day to raise money for Compassion and the Student Leadership Council. The event will be held at school. The theme for the day is Movies. Each roll call class will be judged and the winning group will receive a pizza party during Period 6 and Lunch. Roll call classes are encouraged to choose a theme for the group in order to maximise their chances of winning. A panel of judges will be selected from the teaching staff. All judging and announcing of winners will be conducted at recess in the Senior Quad.

The cost is **\$3** whether the students come in costume or mufti. This will be collected in roll call and all proceeds will go to help Compassion.

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Reminder - PPS Hours Recorded for Term 3

Just a reminder that all PPS hours for Term 3 need to be recorded on your card in Reception in the main office so that a charge won't be added to your account.

These cards are the record we use to calculate credits for PPS so we ask that you check your card if you are unsure if all your hours have been recorded.

Please ensure your card has been completed by Friday September 23.

BUILDING LEVY

As you are aware, this year Cedars introduced a capital levy. We are so pleased to announce that the funds raised by this levy have been used to purchase and install much needed air conditioning in Junior School and also the purchase and installation of the wonderful audio visual equipment which we are now utilising in the Cedars Leadership Centre. During Term 4, we plan to use the balance of funds to expand our Information Technology infrastructure. Income raised by this levy is making a real difference to the various infrastructure needs of our school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for actively participating in the growth and development of our College.

NAPLAN

Student Reports for the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) were issued to all students in Years 3,5,7 & 9 last week. If you did not receive your student's results, please contact the Office.

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
10/10/2011	Wendy Bright
11/10/2011	Georgie Rankine
12/10/2011	Cherie Aitken
13/10/2011	Linda Johnson
14/10/2011	Help Needed

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



WEDNESDAY SEPT 21

- CIS Secondary Athletics Championships
- Prep - Ready, Set, Play

THURSDAY SEPT 22

- NSW CIS Athletics Carnival
- Yr 12 Final Assembly

FRIDAY SEPT 23

- SLC Costume Fundraiser Day
- Yr 12 Jamberoo
- Last day of Term 3
- Prep - Ready, Set, Play

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

- First day of Term 4

WED OCT 19

- Yr 12 Parent Evening



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 well deserved rest for students, staff and their families over the coming holidays.
- A wonderful evening for our Junior School Concert.

WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR:

- Health for our Year 12 students and peace as they study for their HSC exams.
- A wonderful school holiday for our community over the next two weeks.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 4:8-10



What is the Wollongong 2022: Community Strategic Plan

The Community Strategic Plan is a 10 year plan that will identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for Wollongong as well as strategies for achieving these goals.

The Community Strategic Plan will guide the work of Council for the next 10 years.

Why?

All Councils across NSW are introducing a new planning process that involves bringing the community into discussions and visions for their respective Local Government Areas

Council want to ensure that as many children and their families have the opportunity to participate and put forward their thoughts and feelings regarding the city that they live in.

Council would like to hear thoughts on Wollongong and what you would like for the future of our city.

Families can visit the Council website

www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au to:

- Complete the 4 questions in the online survey. The survey closes on 4th October 2011
- Register your interest to attend a Community Summit that will be held in Wollongong Town Hall on 29th & 30th October. During the summit participants will learn more about the work of the Council, how Council spends public money and work together to develop a vision that reflects the aspirations of our community.



Cedars Snapshot

Our school

By KAYLAH JORDAN, Year 8

Many people are surprised when they discover that Cedars Christian College has recently celebrated its 30th birthday.

For us, it represents a 30-year commitment to learning excellence in the Illawarra community and our birthday celebrations went off with a bang in our recently opened Cedars Leadership Centre.

Since its opening in April of this year, we have held many events and fundraisers including the Junior, Middle and Senior college concerts, the Association of Teachers In Christian Schools conference and a student council disco to raise funds for Compassion.

It is hard to believe that what began as a school composed of a few families at the Lighthouse church is now the caring, growing and leadership focus school community we see today.

Cedars is committed to building leadership and excellence in all its students while maintaining a kind and caring Christian environment, it is these core values on which the Cedars community thrives.

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Number of students: 620.

Number of staff: 73.

School Captains: Cameron Sandercock, Stephanie Reynolds, Joshua Lukies, Jordan Stalker.

Motto: Nurturing for today, equipping for tomorrow.

Cedars Snapshot was created by Caleb Adonis, Connor Hutchinson, Nathanael Hutchison, Kathryn Jenkins, Kaylah Jordan, Rhys Judd, Kimberley McLaughlan, Elizabeth Lamacchia, Courtney Russell and Laura Treglown.

Making the right moves

By COURTNEY RUSSELL, Year 8

We are organised, trained, packed and ready. This weekend will definitely be a highlight for our team, Daffy Dills, mixing fitness, fun and an important community cause all into one event. So, what will you be doing this weekend?

Relay 4 Life is a unique overnight team fundraising walking event that raises money to defeat cancer.

Cancer is one of the biggest health threats facing our community and the Cancer Council has the important job of working with people to create "cancer smart" communities. Being cancer smart can be defined as people who work together to prevent cancer and to care for those who have cancer.

Relay 4 Life celebrates the fact that more people than ever before are surviving cancer, making this event one of hope. The combined efforts of everyone involved are designed to reduce the impact that

cancer has on families and the community.

This year, 60 Relay 4 Life events will be held in communities throughout NSW. It is a major fundraising event for participants of all ages.

The Illawarra Relay will take place on Saturday and Sunday, at the Kerryn McCann Athletic Centre in Gwynneville.

The theme for this year is The Movies, so teams will be encouraged to dress up and have fun, but there are many ways you can get involved.

All money raised by the Cancer Council's Relay 4 Life will be used to fund its state-wide strategic plan, making this event an important and unique role in the fight against cancer. Everyone's reason to relay is as unique as their own story. At Relay you can find healing, comfort and support from others who have faced cancer or a chance to meet people in the community who are equally as passionate about finding an end to cancer in our lifetime.



Cedars' student, Courtney and her mum get ready for this weekend.

Relay teams of 10-15 will take turns walking and the event is highlighted by a survivor's walk and candlelight ceremony of hope held after

dusk. Entertainment is being arranged to keep people motivated and energised, so why don't you consider taking a few purposeful steps yourself

towards a cancer free future. Whether it's by walking, donating or just being there to cheer others on, the question is: who will you relay 4?



Cedars' Exo Day in September is a favourite day on the school calendar.

Extreme fun and Exo Day

By KATHRYN JENKINS and KIMBERLEY MCLAUGHLAN, Year 8

Last Wednesday Cedars held its annual Exo Day.

This is a time for our Middle school and Senior college students to come together and celebrate.

Exo is a day to celebrate Christianity, friendship and loving life and is definitely the best day in our school program.

Beginning five years ago, it's a day to celebrate freedom - freedom to express ourselves

and be who we really are in Christ.

Student excellence is something else we take pride in celebrating on Exo Day.

It's an opportunity for students and teachers to hang out, sing, dance, eat and do activities we enjoy as a reward for all our hard work.

It is a day that everyone is made to feel welcome and included.

Cedars Exo Day builds community. It provides an opportunity for students of all years and their teachers to build

a strong relationship by spending time together.

This year the theme was "carnival" and throughout the day we enjoyed a huge jumping castle, inflatable sumo wrestling, skate ramps, rides, live bands, competitions and loads of food.

When you consider how easy it is to get bogged down in the mundane things of life, what better way to celebrate how great life can truly be than with a huge school party?

And this Exo Day was our biggest and best yet.

CEDARS SNAPSHOT

Did you get a glimpse of our 'Class Action' spread in Tuesday's Illawarra Mercury?

If not, here is a 'Snapshot' of the great articles written and photos taken by our talented Middle School students.

This was organised and directed by Ms Taminee Taylor, Year 8 Teacher. It is a wonderful promotion of our

school and we are very grateful for all the hard work that went in to making this such a great feature.

Game over for violent computer games

Editorial

By ELIZABETH LAMACCHIA, Year 8

At long last the NSW Government has decided to support the introduction of an R18+ rating for violent computer games.

For too long now teenagers were allowed to walk into any computer games store and purchase whatever they could afford.

The decision to introduce the adult-only rating came after extensive research, including a survey where 80 per cent responded that there was an overwhelming need to have an adult's only rating for violent computer games.

While children need an adult to hire a MA15+ DVD from the local video store, the current laws allow these same children to buy ANY violent computer game.

It seems logical that some

movies are given the restrictive R18+ rating, so surely the same logic should apply to violent computer games, which by their interactive nature can be even more confronting.

Some "gamers" are against the decision to reclassify some MA15+ computer games as R18+, but the new legislation will only affect games that contain themes deemed unsuitable for younger people.

It is worth noting that many of the MA15+ games that we play in Australia are already classified as R18+ in other countries.

Quite simply, computer games containing high-level violence will still be available but this will assist families to determine which games are suitable and help our kids make wise choices.

Once you've seen something horrible, it's too late to remove it from your head!

Editorial cartoon



Finally, the rules will be changing to protect kids from violence in gaming. Cartoon by CALER ADONIS, Year 8



What's wrong with this photo? Glucometers are an unwelcome intrusion on a child's life!

A cure would be sweet!

By CONNOR HUTCHINSON, Year 8

It is estimated that there are around 7000 children in Australia under the age of 15 living with Type 1 (insulin dependent) diabetes.

Diabetes is Australia's largest growing chronic disease, with the number of Australian children diagnosed with this disease increasing by 3 per cent each year.

Yet the medical profession is not sure why this is happening.

Research suggests some people carry genes making them more likely to get diabetes, which develops when something triggers the immune system to start damaging the pancreas.

It appears that type 1 is not related to any unhealthy lifestyle choices such as obesity or a high-sugar diet and that there is nothing you can do to prevent

it. This life-changing condition requires ongoing attention and careful management.

There are myths out there when it comes to Type 1 diabetes such as "diabetics can't ever have chocolate" but the truth is, it's about moderation not elimination.

Managing diabetes is a bit like balancing a seesaw. Insulin, exercise, food, stress and hormones all affect the balance and it isn't always easy to get the balance right. A balancing act no young person should have to endure.

Diabetes does not stop you from living a normal life, but why are we accepting that an ever increasing number of our youth will have to suffer this intrusion on their young lives?

It's time serious money and research is spent on a cure. Let's bring an end to the disease.

Offering a helping hand

By LAURA TREGLOWN, Year 9

Tragedy struck Japan on March 11 as an earthquake ranked the fifth largest in the world since 1990, hit Sendai. The earthquake was soon followed by a 6m tsunami. Buildings, ships and cars were swept away as the city became nothing more than rubble.

In Fukushima radiation levels rose and spread across the country as the tsunami and earthquake caused damage to a nuclear power plant.

With a death toll of more than 300 and still hundreds missing, Japan was in desperate need of help, physically and spiritually.

As a Christian school we considered what we could do to help and Kelly Boaretto, Cedars' dedicated Japanese teacher, became involved in raising awareness and money for Japan's aid. The Cedars' Japanese program purchased a badge maker to create and sell more than 500 badges. At \$2 each they raised more than \$1,300. This money was then donated to two different organisations, Eastwind Ministries and Smash.

Next year, Kelly Boaretto and her family will be moving to Japan to train Japanese Christian pastors, leaders and counsellors to bring the word of God to a nation in need.

Cedars wishes Kelly and her family a safe and fruitful trip.

Vox pop Q After the success of our new school halls, what gift should the government give schools next?



Naomi Jaque, Kindergarten
Dolphins in a swimming pool.



Silas Kerridge, Year 3
A popcorn and hot-dog stand.



Bethany Alvarez, Year 8
Gardens with flowers, herbs and veggies for use in science and food tech.



Shanae Ward, Year 12
New and more music equipment, especially recording equipment to create compositions required for the HSC.

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