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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



WHAT DOES A CEDARS STUDENT LOOK LIKE?

Here are the next two characteristics from the list of seven we as a staff feel are important to develop in Cedars students.

**Educated
Respectful
Compassionate
Faithful to God
Resilient
Disciplined
Pursuing excellence**

RESILIENT

"Stand firm in the faith..."
1 Corinthians 16:13

"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Why is it important?

It is important to equip ourselves for the challenges of life and face stress with confidence. Resilience allows us to celebrate our identity, invest in our relationships and strengthen our mental and emotional health.

What does it look like?

A resilient person is secure in their own identity and is secure in their relationships. As Christians we can also know that we are secure in Christ. Resilient people have a sense of purpose and hope for the future. They are able to use problem solving skills such as planning, help seeking, critical and creative thinking.

How do we promote this quality in our community?

We promote resilience formally in the curriculum, in devotions, chapel and through our counseling service.

We promote resilience informally through our caring relationships, special events, celebrations, community interactions and our discipline processes. An effective way to promote resilience is to set high expectations and to deliver this message consistently. When others have high expectations for us this conveys a belief in our strengths and assets rather than in our problems and deficits.

DISCIPLINED

"To learn you must love discipline." Proverbs 4:1

"If you reject discipline you only harm yourself." Proverbs 15:32

Why is it important?

Being disciplined allows us to make the most of our time and our resources. It helps us to cope with situations, to achieve our goals and to be a good steward.

What does it look like?

A disciplined person is self controlled, demonstrates good habits, makes good choices and is goal directed. Disciplined people also have a clear awareness of others and an understanding of consequences. They are willing to delay their own pleasure and can be persistent in the face of difficulty. Discipline also demonstrates diligence, wisdom and resilience.

How do we promote this quality in our community?

We can promote discipline by talking about the thoughtful actions which lead to disciplined behavior. We can explain the ways in which our actions lead to consequences and strive to model it with one another. We can be disciplined in our work, in our relationships and in our emotional responses. Honestly reviewing situations with one another and begin willing to learn is a good place to start with building self discipline.

UPCOMING EVENTS



FRI NOV 4

- Kindy excursion to Calmsely Hill City Farm
- Prep Orientation 9.30am - 11.00am

MON 7 NOV - WED NOV 9

School Certificate Exams

MON 7 NOV - FRIDAY NOV 11

Year 9 Exams

TUESDAY NOV 8

- P&F Christmas Dinner Murphys Bar & Grill 7pm
- Yr 12 Chemistry Excursion
- Yr 12 Ext 1 English UoW Seminar Day
- Yr 12 Exc Minnamurra Rainforest

THURSDAY NOV 10

Year 7 Immunisations

MON NOV 14 - WED NOV 16

Year 10 Community Missions

TUES NOV 15 & THURS NOV 17

Kindy Orientation

THURSDAY NOV 17

Year 10 Fun Day

MON NOV 21 - FRI NOV 25

Year 10 Work Experience

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 special Teddy Bear's Picnic held this Tuesday.
- A fantastic SLC Big Breakfast which raised funds for Compassion.

WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR:

- Wonderful orientation days for our Prep and Kindy classes.
- Peace for each of our Senior and Middle School students as they take their yearly exams.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

*"How amazing are the deeds of the LORD!
All who delight in him should ponder them.
Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.
His righteousness never fails."*

Psalm 111:2-3

JUNIOR SCHOOL



KINDY'S SONG

Kindergarten is learning about prayer in Biblical Studies, we are using our hands to help us remember how to pray.

Thumb – **Praise God**
Pointer finger – **Confess**
Tall finger – **Thank God**
Ring finger - **Pray for others**
Little finger – **Pray for yourself**

Last Friday we were praising God and the class wrote their own song to sing.

Kindy's Praise Song

I praise you God forever and ever, for all my life.

I praise you God for your strength and kindness.

You will always be my friend and superhero.

I will love you and praise you forever and ever.

You are my king and will never let go of me.

It was wonderful to observe all the children praising God and contributing words and sentences to our song. We are using our song each morning as we give our day to God and practising thanking God for who He is and how He cares for us.

Mrs Sally Walton
Kindergarten Teacher



Teddy Bear's Picnic

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation will be held for Monday / Tuesday Prep students on 15th November from 11.30am-1.00pm and Wednesday / Thursday students on 17th November from 11.30am-1.00pm. Friday Prep students are able to attend on the day that best suits them.

Please provide morning tea and lunch for your child for the Kindergarten Orientation days.

PREP ORIENTATION

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

You are warmly invited to attend the Prep Orientation for 2012.

The Prep Orientation will be held on Friday 4th November 2011 from 9.30am -11.00am.

Our Prep Orientation gives the children an opportunity to meet their teachers, classmates, play in their new room and become familiar with their new environment.

Morning tea will be supplied for your child. However, if your child is unable to eat certain foods please let us know when you contact the school to RSVP. Parents and carers will then meet in the library for morning tea. This session will run from 9.45am - 10.45am.

Please RSVP for the Prep Orientation by phoning Reception on 4271 8124.

We look forward to seeing you on this very special day.

JUNIOR SCHOOL



MISSION STORIES

Over the past year, several Junior School teachers have had the opportunity to be involved in some very special missions projects - voluntarily and on their own time. The teachers have shared these experiences with their students and we would like to share some of them with you.

OPERATION 'SMILE'

By Mrs Penny Newman

Operation Smile www.operationssmile.org is an organisation that funds surgery for children and babies born in developing countries with cleft lip and cleft palate. The country I am associated with is Vietnam. In March this year I travelled to Vietnam as a volunteer for Operation Smile with a team from Kiama.

My role was simply to be an emotional support for the mothers of the children who were receiving surgery and help care for them. It was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. These children are often shunned from society and have little hope. To see their lives transformed and smile for the first time was an incredible blessing.

The children in my class (2 Cook) raised enough money for one child to receive this surgery. I was greatly encouraged to learn that some of the children actually donated their very own pocket money. They were so excited when I was able to show them a 'before & after' photograph of their baby.

Mrs Penny Newman
Year 2 Teacher

MISS SULLIVAN SERVES IN ASIA

At the beginning of the year I had the privilege of going on a mission's trip to Davao city in the Philippines and to Vietnam with a team from my church, Gateway City Church.

In the Philippines I had the opportunity to worship lead at a young adults crusade and witnessed seeing hundreds of people giving their lives to Christ. During this time our team went into the community and served people through clean ups, haircuts, dental work and much more.

We then flew to Vietnam and visited our church's sponsor children. Being a teacher, I enjoyed going into their school and visiting classes, interacting with many different children. We were able to buy complete winter outfits for both of our sponsor children, as well as the members of their families.

I am looking forward to my next trip and growing in the area of serving others.

Miss Heidi Sullivan
Year 2 Teacher



Miss Sullivan in Vietnam

MRS CLIFFORD IN SRI LANKA

In May, I was invited to attend a trip to Sri Lanka with my church, Wollongong Church of Christ.

Our aim was to understand and learn the indigenous needs of the Sri Lankan people. We wanted to be able to support them in practical ways, ways that met their needs. Kethu Sevena runs orphanages and refugees and I was blessed to be able to meet some of the beautiful teenagers and young children that they care so well for.

I had the privilege to attend the Education Centre that my church helped fund, that teaches computer skills and English to teenagers who have missed out on schooling due to the civil war.

I was excited to share my experiences with my class. I bought each of my students a book mark that the teenage girls in the refuge make to help them earn an income. The students were so intrigued by my experiences .. and of course loved seeing photos of me washing an elephant in a river!

I want my students to know and understand that even at age 9, they can be the hands and feet of our God in a hurting world.

Mrs Karen Clifford
Year 3 Teacher



Mrs Clifford in Sri Lanka

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2012 HOUSE CAPTAINS

After some great nominations and a closely contested election, we are pleased to announce the following Middle School House Captains in 2012:

Deakin:

- **Abigail Jordan:**

Favourite food: Potato Bake

Sporting Achievements/ Heroes:

Playing soccer for CIS NSW, Illawarra Stingrays, Illawarra Taipans and representing NSW at nationals.

What will you bring to you're the role of House Captain?

"I love sport and love to encourage others. I think I can use these qualities being Deakin Captain".

- **Dentrie Battese:**

Favourite food: Burgers

Sporting Achievements/ Heroes:

Seeing the Warriors win the NRL

What will you bring to you're the role of House Captain?

"My house will win".

Johnson:

- **Abbie Gottle:**

Favourite food: Thai, Calamari

Sporting Achievements/ Heroes:

Bethany Hamilton. When she was young she was bitten by a shark and she is an amazing surfer!

What will you bring to you're the role of House Captain?

"I believe I will bring a good attitude and will encourage our house. I will enthusiastically be involved with sporting events and push everyone to their maximum potential in sport".

- **Christian Neal:**

Favourite food: Almost anything

Sporting Achievements/ Heroes:

Becoming Sports Captain

What will you bring to you're the role of House Captain?

"Confidence and encouragement to



2012 Middle School House Captains

others in the sporting arena".

Orton:

- **Comfort Ferguson:**

Favourite food: Chocolate, anything with sugar.

Sporting Achievements/ Heroes:

Primary Girls Age Champion 4 years in a row.

What will you bring to you're the role of House Captain?

"Encouragement to others when trying new things. Helping others with activities and helping them improve their confidence in sport".

- **Ben Thompson:**

Favourite food: Pie and desserts that don't have nuts.

Sporting Achievements/ Heroes:

Runner up in soccer grand final and made it to Zone athletics for 4 events.

What will you bring to you're the role of House Captain?

"I will bring joy and fun into sport and I will encourage everyone in their events. I will try to get as many people involved in sport and I will try to be the best sports captain I can be".

BLAZERS FOR 2012

Our current Year 8 students will be making the transition to Senior College next year and need to order their school blazer within the next few weeks so they will be ready to be picked up before school commences in 2012.

Fittings can be arranged through the school uniform shop which is open on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00pm – 4:40pm and Friday morning from 8:15am – 11am.

All Senior College students must have a school blazer from the start of the year. Blazers are worn for formal assemblies in Terms 1 and 4 and everyday in Terms 2 and 3 as part of the winter uniform.

Mrs Julie Cochrane
Middle School Welfare
Coordinator

SENIOR COLLEGE



SKY'S THE LIMIT MINI OLYMPICS

Students from Yr 11PDHPE and Yr 10 PASS classes were invited to assist in the running of the "Sky's the Limit" Mini Olympics for students with disabilities.

This event is held each year at Beaton Park Athletic Track and is largely organised by Cedars parent Alan Jones from Essential Personnel. The students from our school were each allocated a buddy for the day and were responsible for caring for their buddy, ensuring they were ready for their event. In most cases the students competed alongside their buddies providing continued support and encouragement throughout their events. Most of our student "buddies" were from Peterborough Special School and because of our previous link with this school many of the students were already familiar



Mini Olympics

with one another.

The experience provided an excellent opportunity for our students to engage with members of our wider community and share in the lives of those from other, more challenging backgrounds. Our students are commended for the enthusiasm with which they approached this task and their

generous spirit in helping to serve others. There were plenty of laughs and smiles all day long and it was wonderful to see our students take joy in the success and achievements of others.

Mrs Julie Cochrane

JORDAN NOMINATED FOR INTERNATIONAL TEAM

A big congratulations to Jordan Stalker Yr 12, who has just been nominated for the IFAF (International Federation of American Football) World Team program by the national federation.

The IFAF World Team program includes over 300 players from more than 20 countries. The players nominated by IFAF member federations are considered the best in their country and simply being nominated is an achievement to be very proud of.

Mr Tim Johnson
PDHPE Teacher





WESTPAC MATHS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards was held on Thursday 4 August early in Term 3. This competition started in 1978 and is now in its 34th year.

It is an International Competition with primary and secondary students participating from 42 countries and it is sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation. In 2011, 500 229 students entered this competition. This year **184 students** from Cedars participated in the competition which is wonderful to see so many students entering this challenging competition consisting of intriguing problems and is mostly multiple choice.

Congratulations to **Madelin Hopkins Yr 4**, and **Lachlan Spicer** who have been the top two performers at Cedars achieving beyond the **95th percentile** which has placed them in the **top 5% of the candidature** for 2011. **Lachlan Spicer is highly commended for receiving a Certificate of HIGH DISTINCTION.**

Congratulations to the following students who received

Certificates of High Distinction:

Year 12 Lachlan Spicer

Certificates of Distinction:

Year 3 Maxine McEwan top 11%

Year 4 Madelin Hopkins top 5 %

Year 5 Aubrey Duncan top 10%

Year 7 Benjamin Thompson top 10%

Congratulations to the following students who received

Certificates of Credit:

Year 3 – David Au, Khy Bostock, Darcy Bartlett, Caitlin Fera, Christian

Urgrinovski, Silas Kerridge

Year 4 – Brandon Lingal, Joshua Miller, Mike Beck, Jackson Hill

Year 5 – Brent Corneteg, Joel Starr, Jacklyn Fera

Year 6 – Isabella Jaque, Josiah Adonis, Michael Brown

Year 7 – Benjamin Hopkins, Kezzia Parker, Jennifer Hill

Year 8 – Rhys Judd, William Cadarin, Connor Hutchinson, Kaylah Jordan

Year 9 – William Knight, Zac Plumb, Yeojin Bang, Min Huei Chong

Year 10 – Bethany Hopkins, Kye Staines

Year 11 – Caleb Hanzy, Jonathan Su

A special commendation must go to **Rhys Judd in Year 8** for receiving the **Prudence Award. The Prudence Award is awarded to the student who achieved the school's highest number of consecutive correct answers. Well done Rhys!**

Every entrant receives a Certificate of Participation and a report giving a detailed analysis of their performance in the competition.

Congratulations to all participants for entering the competition as it develops your logical and high order thinking skills. The certificates received enhance your CV and are a valuable entry on your Year 12 school reference.

Certificates of Credit and Distinction will be presented at our next Awards Assembly.

Mrs Natalie Hvalica
Mathematics Coordinator

STUDENT CAFE OPEN WEDNESDAYS

Drinks @ Cedars

Open Wednesday's 3pm to 5:30pm (week 4 - 8) - TAS Kitchen

Drink in or takeaway - **all drinks only \$2.00!**

Coffee Menu

Short black
Long black
Flat white
Cappuccino
Latte
Vienna
Macchiato
Mocha
Iced coffee



Tea Menu

Tea
English breakfast
Earl Grey
Organic Green tea
Organic green tea w' lemon myrtle
Organic chai
Organic chai latte
Camomile
Peppermint
Cranberry, raspberry & strawberry
Iced tea

Other beverages

Milkshake (chocolate, strawberry)
Fresh fruit juice
Fruit frappe
Iced chai latte or iced chocolate

Reduced fat milk and soy milk are available on request.

NOTICES



CELEBRATION

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7
FIGTREE ANGLICAN CHURCH**

The Cedars Christian College annual Celebration service for Junior School, Middle School and Senior College is being held on Wednesday December 7 at Figtree Anglican Church.

The evening has 2 services; one for Junior School and one for Middle/Senior College. Students will perform items and various awards will be handed out on this special evening. More details will be sent out to each family shortly.

Students are rehearsing their performances in the areas of drama and dance, and it is set to be a very exciting, entertaining event. All parents and families of students are warmly welcomed to attend.

A professionally filmed DVD of the night will be available for purchase; a DVD order form will be included in a letter being sent out to each family.

Please mark this date down on your calendar as it is a wonderful remembrance of the year we have just experienced together as a College community; and is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our students and School together.

On the night all families will receive a 2012 Cedars Calendar and our yearly magazine 'Celebrating 2011,' which includes all this year's awards and is a wonderful remembrance of this past year.

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P & F CHRISTMAS DINNER

TUES NOVEMBER 8, 7PM

MURPHYS BAR & GRILL

Our last P&F meeting for the year is a Christmas Dinner at Murphy's Bar & Grill on Tuesday November 8 at 7.00pm.

This is an open invitation to any member of our school community. Dinner is at own expense. Please RSVP to Natalie Evans by Friday Nov 4 on 0438 627 630



PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

CELEBRATION

There are several ways in which parents can help with our upcoming Celebration:

- Kindergarten requires some help with making costumes.
- Year 1 requires help with the making of and/or purchase of props.
- Anyone with a ute or trailer who would like to help transport the props to and from the venue would be great.

Please call reception on 42 718124 if you are able to assist in any of these areas.

TERM DATES

2011	
Term 4	Oct 10 - Dec 7
2012	
Term 1	Jan 31 - Apr 5
Term 2	Apr 23 - June 29
Term 3	July 23 - Sept 21
Term 4	Oct 8 - Dec 12

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note that the Canteen will be closed on Wednesday December 7 due to Celebration preparations.

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
7/11/2011	Help Needed
8/11/2011	Karol-Ilyn
9/11/2011	Sharlene
10/11/2011	Help Needed
11/11/2011	Terina White

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

Lasagne will not be available for purchase during Term 4.