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Robotics



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



A CEDARS STUDENT IS...

Earlier in the year I outlined our vision for the development of our students. As a staff we are committed to teaching our children in ways which will help them to be respectful, educated, compassionate, faithful to God, resilient, disciplined and pursuing excellence. Each week I have included our summaries of the qualities and the ways in which they are developed.

This week I want to congratulate a small group of students and demonstrate how their success is evidence of the qualities which we are promoting. The students participated in the 2011 First Lego League Competition at Macquarie University last weekend and have won the Mechanical Design Award and are heading for the National competition in December. They are: Aris Chrissostomidis Yr 5, Jacob Smith Yr 8, Nathaniel Hutchison Yr 8, Jacob Pesavento Yr 7, Isabella Jaque Yr 6, Daniel West Yr 10, Silas Kerridge Yr 3 and Blake Blackmore Yr 4.

The Cedars RoboClub group began as an off shoot of our Masterclass program. This is a commitment to identifying interests and skills and allowing students to extend their experience in a particular area. As part of this we have had groups active in writing, public speaking and creative design. In one of our groups there was a core of students very interested in engineering and lego and a number of really creative projects were designed in our masterclass groups. As part of our commitment to seeking to meet the needs of our students we forged a link with a local group who had recently won the National Robotics competition and were heading overseas for the International Competition. Here is a summary of our team's results by Mr Matysek our Secondary Learning Dean:

"Last weekend the Lego robot team scored highly enough in a field of 30 other teams to gain one of five places in the National Championship event on

December 3rd, this year. They have been working on this competition for most of the year and are very satisfied with their efforts.

You probably are not aware of the breadth of this competition, far from the robot/lego aspect of it. This competition assessed team work, productive group collaboration and individual graciousness. For instance when a competition rule was applied perhaps unfairly to our team, no one complained even though they probably had grounds. I was told later that if we had, we would not have progressed to the nationals. A good lesson for us adults.

Daniel West handled a team of eight students from year 3 to year 8, all working to their strengths, capacity and inclinations. I saw him develop as a leader and adopt innovative solutions to challenges.

The competition had three parts, demonstrate the core values, research project and robot efficiency being only one part. On the day the team with the best performing robot did not score a place in the nationals, due to lesser scores in the other two aspects of the competition.

The research project was very good, engaging in presentation and innovative, however the values which underpin the competition were just as significant. The core values of gracious professionalism and integrity were wrapped in a non competitive framework yielding 1+1=3. Not all students (or people) are competitive but still can aspire and achieve excellence. They exhibited good sportsmanship without sweating at all!"

I would like to personally thank Lukas Matysek for his support of the project and Andrew Clark and the Project Bucephalus team for their insights and excellent training. Teamwork has been a really important element of all the preparation – both in and outside the school. It is clear that respect, education, resilience and discipline have all come together in this one competition.

Julie Reynolds

UPCOMING EVENTS



**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

MONDAY NOV 28

- Year 8 Fun Day - Jamberoo Action Park
- Year 10 Formal

TUESDAY NOV 29

- Yr 11 Youth Drivers Awareness Course
- Yr 5 & 6 IMAX Theatre
- Zone Touch Gala Day Albion Oval

WEDNESDAY NOV 30

Year 9 Surf Survival - Nth Woll Beach

TUESDAY DEC 6

Junior School and Middle School Christmas Concert, 2.00pm - 3.20pm

WEDNESDAY DEC 7

- Last day of Term 4
- JS Celebration 6.00pm
- MS/SC Celebration 7.30pm Figtree Anglican Church

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:**

- Our HSC students - may they now enjoy their holidays!
- The end of exams.

**WE ARE ASKING GOD
FOR:**

- A fantastic week for Year 10 as they serve in the community.
- Fun and safety at all the upcoming excursions.

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE
WEEK:**

*“ Those who are righteous will be long remembered.
They do not fear bad news;
they confidently trust the LORD to care for them.
They are confident and fearless
and can face their foes triumphantly.”*

Psalm 112:6b-8

JUNIOR SCHOOL



PRIMARY CURRICULUM 2012

At Cedars we plan to introduce the National English, Mathematics and Science curriculum progressively throughout 2012.

The curriculum includes the development of knowledge, understanding, skills and general capabilities for all our students. It provides our students with a program for learning as they progress through school.

The curriculum for Primary years is divided into 6 Key Learning Areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)
- Creative Arts
- Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

English

The Purpose – is to develop students' enjoyment of language and their confidence and independence as language users and learners.

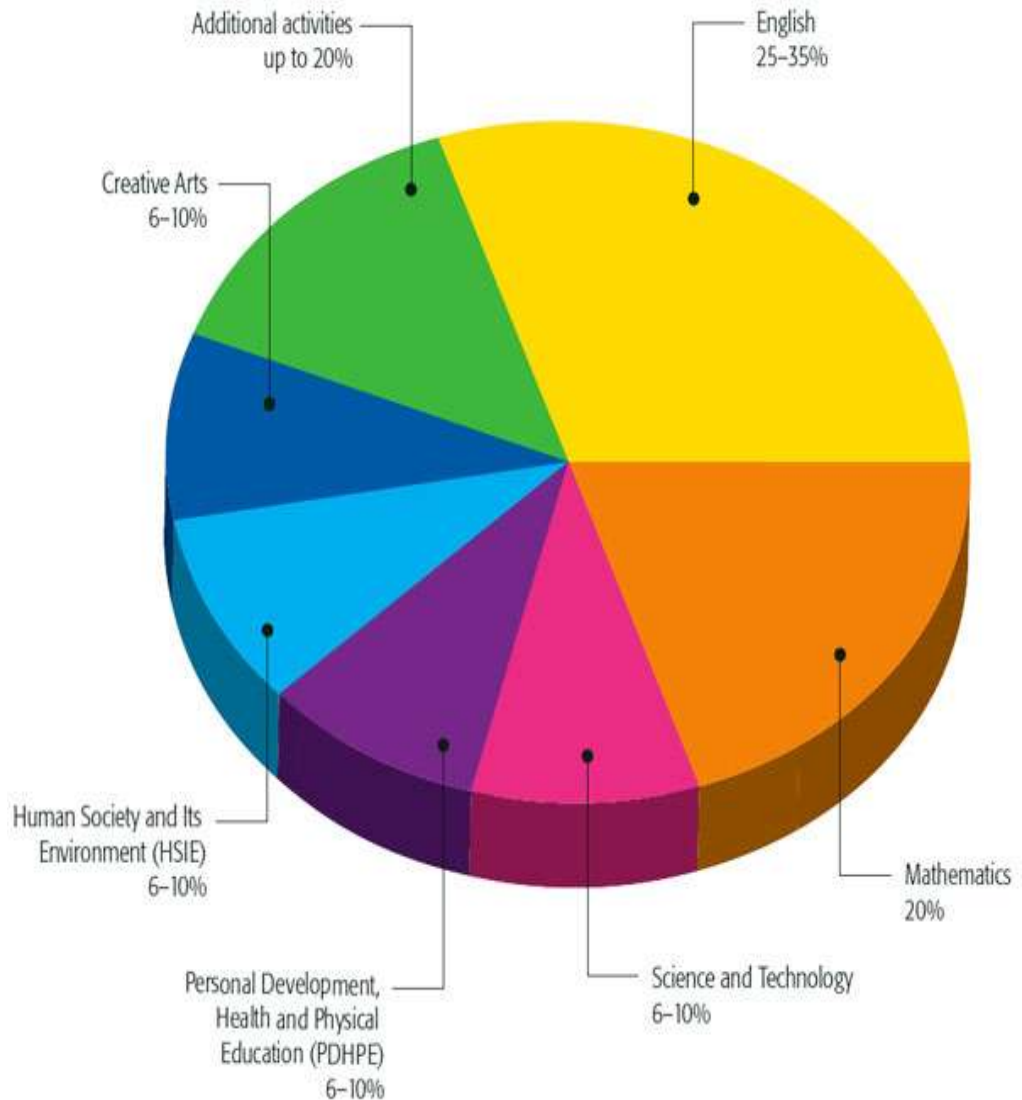
The Skills – are to develop students' competence in learning and using language in a broad range of contexts.

The Knowledge and Understandings – are to develop students' knowledge and understandings of texts and how texts are structured within different contexts.

- Reading and Viewing which includes a variety of literature
- Writing and Representing which includes learning about spelling, grammar, handwriting punctuation and language
- Speaking and listening which includes skills for learning about communication

Mathematics

The Purpose of Mathematics develops students' thinking, understanding,



competence and confidence with numbers, shapes and measurement.

The Skills Knowledge and Understandings that students will learn in Mathematics include:

- Number and Algebra including learning addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Measurement and Geometry including learning how to tell the time and the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Statistics and Probability including learning about recording data and graphs.

Science

The Purpose of Science and

Technology is to foster the students' sense of wonder and expand their natural curiosity about the world around them. It helps the students to develop skills in thinking, investigating and problem solving and gives them knowledge and skills in scientific investigation, design and technology.

The skills and knowledge that students will learn in Science cover:

- Working Scientifically
- Working Technologically
- Natural Environment
- Made Environment

We look forward to working with the students as we implement our National Curriculum.

Mrs Ruth Brown
Director of Primary Curriculum

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.

Here are two more stories from Junior School staff members which may be an encouragement to our readers.

RESCUE, RAISE, REBUILD

Watoto is an holistic programme that was initiated as a response to the overwhelming number of orphaned and vulnerable children and women in Uganda. It is positioned to **rescue** an individual, **raise** each one as a leader in their chosen sphere of life so that in turn they will **rebuild** their

nation. The Watoto model provides for physical care, medical intervention, education, counselling and emotional wellbeing, moral and spiritual discipleship.

I have travelled to Uganda 3 times – twice as part of a building team and in 2010, I volunteered as a teacher for a month, helping individual children with English literacy. These were such rewarding experiences. I went to bless the Ugandans, but I was immeasurably blessed.

I took drawings from my Prep students with me as a greeting to the Ugandan children. Their teacher organised for me to bring back drawings for our Prep students. Our class lessons have included a world view that food, shelter and clothes are not a given for many of the world's children. We should thank God daily for the many blessings we enjoy in this country.

Watoto ministry includes children's villages, Baby Watoto, Living Hope (Restores dignity to vulnerable women), Project Gulu, Sponsorship, and Choir Tours. For more information, visit www.watoto.com

Mrs Janelle Tarleton
Prep Teacher

MRS HOARE BRINGS SMILES

World Vision have a Gift Catalogue called "Smiles Catalogue." This catalogue has gifts you can purchase on behalf of communities in the areas that World Vision support. These include farming animals such as chickens, ducks, cows as well as school equipment, training for midwives, farming equipment, etc.

Our family sponsor two children, one from Uganda and the other from Mozambique. I was looking at how I could encourage my family to have a heart for others and we purchased some chickens and ducks as a Christmas present from our family.

Wanting to contribute more to these communities I started making and selling greeting cards and prayer journals, with the profits used to purchase farming animals.

In the last 10 months, I have been blessed to be able to purchase almost \$500 worth of ducks, chickens, goats and pigs. It gives me joy to contribute, even though in the big picture of things it is only a small gift, I truly believe that God will bless this as it makes a difference to someone's life. I am reminded that people matter and each life is precious.

Mrs Anne Hoare
Learning Support



Mrs Tarleton with Suubi Prep Kids

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 5 & 6 COMPETE FOR TROPHY

Animals vs Animals Competing for Trophy

Every Friday students from Years 5 and 6 compete against each other in three different sports: Soccer, Basketball and Oz Tag. The different teams are the Lions, Donkeys, Tigers, Rhinos, Hippos and Zebras.

At the end of each game, teachers must choose one girl and boy for both Sportsmanship and Best Player. On the last week of competition a trophy will be awarded to the students for overall Sportsmanship and Best Player to the winning team.

In Oz Tag there are two different coloured tags on the players' hips. Each team has their own colour. Players can obtain a try. The player who has the ball, if tagged has to stop and pass it to another team member. After five tags it's a handover. The team achieving the most tries wins. The team without possession of the ball has defenders.

Indoor Soccer is held in our wonderful new hall. The hall has many facilities for sport including basketball, volleyball and soccer. We are blessed to have this facility for Indoor Soccer. The hall is spacious and allows us to play a variety of games.

Fridays for Years 5 and 6 is exciting.



Every student gets the opportunity to play each week. Students don't have to be the greatest players during these competitions. It's all about making friends and having fun!

We all look forward to the Grand Finals coming soon.

Stephanie Peteranec & Tiana Shannon

Chief Editor Jackalyn Fera

BLAZERS 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.

SENIOR COLLEGE

CEDARS YEAR 10 GET HANDS ON FOR A GOOD CAUSE

While Year 10 books are packed away for 2011, students from **Cedars Christian College** are out and about for their fifth annual **community service program**. With projects as varied as participation in Wollongong City Council's Greenhouse Park Program, disability transition to work programs, helping at Peterborough School and connecting with residents at the local nursing home, the students have an opportunity to give something back now that exams are over.

The Program's coordinator, Brad Kelly says that the community service week has been a successful



Year 10 serve at the Nursing Home

part of the schools program for the past five years. "Students are keen to get out, test their skills in a new and challenging environment. We want to instil values of service, hard work and giving back in our students."

Mr Kelly said that it was not hard to find community groups to partner with. "There are just so many needs out there, and our students are discovering for themselves that for them to give a little bit can make an enormous difference for someone else."

The community service program, which runs from Monday 14th November to Wednesday 16th November, will end with a fun day on Thursday so students from the various projects can come together and share their experiences.



SENIOR COLLEGE



NSW RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Farewell School Certificate. Welcome ROSA - Record of School Achievement.

NSW students have just completed the last ever School Certificate examination. The 45 year old School Certificate will be replaced with the NSW Record of Achievement, a much broader, cumulative record of achievement. It will allow students who wish to leave school during year 11 or 12 an official record of their school achievement that will be meaningful for them as well as prospective employers.

In education circles, there has been debate about the value of external tests, with opinion favouring an enhanced system of school based assessment, moderated to ensure statewide comparability.

The new credential will:

- be a record of achievement for students who leave school prior to receiving their HSC
- report results of moderated, school-based assessment, not external tests
- be available when a student leaves school any time after they complete Year 10
- be cumulative and recognise a student's achievements until the point they leave school

- show a result for all courses completed in Year 10 and Year 11
- be able to be reliably compared between students across NSW
- give students the option to take online literacy and numeracy tests
- be comprehensive and offer the ability to record a student's extra-curricular achievements.

There are a number of positive aspects of this new award:

- The value of school based assessment will be enhanced.
- The award will always be current, as it will be able to be delivered electronically, allowing students to receive an updated credential whenever they choose to leave school after Year 10*
- ROSA will acknowledge extra-curricular achievements such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Australian Music Examinations Board certification, First Aid certificates and even the student's driver's licence.
- Further implications of the new award focus on literacy and numeracy, attendance, and work readiness. Students who leave school prior to their Higher School Certificate may, in the future also have the option of taking an online literacy and numeracy test; be required to be in attendance at school until the last week of term 4; engage in work-readiness initiatives.

If you wish to read more about the NSW Record of School Achievement, follow the link to the implementation proposal.

http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/schoolcertificate/pdf_doc/rosa-proposed-implementing.pdf

*For further education (training/apprenticeship) purposes if under 17 years or have a minimum of 25 hours employment or an apprenticeship if older than 17 years.

NEWS



CEDARS - THE FIRST MINDMATTERS SCHOOL IN THE ILLAWARRA

MindMatters is a national secondary school mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative conducted in collaboration with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and Principals Australia Inc.

It promotes a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.

In 2010 MindMatters recognised a number of schools in NSW for their work in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people with 5 schools being recipients of MindMatters recognition last year. This year at the inaugural NSW Recognition Event, Cedars Christian College, along with three other schools, was acknowledged for their work in promoting and improving mental health and wellbeing outcomes for students in their school

community. Although many schools have had exposure to MindMatters professional development and some are on their way to becoming recognised, Cedars Christian College is one of the few who are now under the official banner of MindMatters, and indeed, the only one in the Illawarra. This is a testament to the dedication of Cedars staff and to hard work of the core team who put the application together.

The recognition event took place on Wednesday 2nd November at the State Library in NSW. Sharon Zancolich and Sue Walker represented Cedars, giving a short presentation in which they highlighted the fact that the recognition process was an acknowledgement of what Cedars was already doing. The MindMatters framework is based on the premise that everyone who works with young people is potentially a teacher of mental health and wellbeing and as such, can have a positive impact on each student.

This state event will be followed up by a national recognition event in December in Adelaide where Julie Cochrane and Brad Kelly will accept the award.

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.



Sharon Zancolich and Sue Walker with Maryanne Vorreiter – MindMatters NSW project Officer

NEWS

SLC BIG BREAKFAST

Bacon Strips and Bacon Strips and Bacon Strips! The SLC held its Big Breakfast on Wednesday the 26th October.

We cooked over 300 pieces of bacon, 150 eggs, 120 pancakes, 50 sausages, and 200 slices of toast and 100 muffins. Thank you to those who supported the event and helped raise money for our compassion children.

The SLC team worked tirelessly throughout the morning showing great leadership and character in the frenzy. We raised \$720 from the event which will go directly to our compassion fund. I would like to give a special thank you to Tim Johnson, Taminee Taylor, Carol Ramsey, the school captains and some willing Year 11 students who gave up their time to help the SLC team.

Mr Peter Ramm
SLC Coordinator



Cooking for the SLC Big Breakfast

HOMEWORK EXPRESS

Please note that Monday 28 November will be the last Homework Express session for 2011.

Homework Express will commence Term 1 Week 3 2012.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING SALE

The next Second Hand Clothing Pool sale will take place on Monday November 21 from 8.30am - 10.30am. The sale will take place in front of Mrs Scott's Classroom. Proceeds to go to Compassion.

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.

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.

*Thank you
to our
major
sponsors:*



LOCAL FIRE

We would also like to thank the sponsors of the Students Awards for the night:

- Zweefers Great Cakes
- MMJ Dapto
- Gateway Creative Arts Academy (GCAA)

NOTICES



EQUIPMENT NEED FOR TAS DEPARTMENT

Cedars TAS Department (Technical and Applied Studies) is on the lookout for some whipper snipper motors or lawn mowers that people don't want anymore.

We are running an automotive certificate course for Yrs 9/10 next year and would like to have some small engines to disassemble and reassemble.

We are also looking for any old motorbikes that are able to be road registered (even ones that require a lot of work to be registered). The bikes are for a future project in 2013. The mowers and whipper snipper motors are for next year. Free or at a small cost which is negotiable.

Please contact Ken Jordan through the school office on 42 718124 or on his mobile 0401 008 922 if you are able to assist us with any of these items.

UNIFORM SHOP

Cedars Uniform shop is happy to accept laybys for next year so get on in and avoid the new year rush!

Shop hours during the holidays to be advised. Shop will also open at 2pm on the day of the Yr 7 orientation (Nov 29).

P & F COLD ROCK FUNDRAISER

Cedars P & F have organised a great



fundraiser just in time for Christmas! The Cold Rock Gift Voucher Fundraiser gives our School 20% of every \$5.00 voucher sold. Perfect for stocking stuffers!

Flyers and order forms have been handed out to all families this week. Orders need to be back at school by this Friday November 18 and vouchers can be collected from school on Monday November 28.

See the attached notice for all the information.

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.

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

STUDENT VIDEO EXPERTS

Calling on any students who have a flair for videoing and editing. We require a student to film, edit and upload videos of school events for our weekly newsletter. If you think you are up for the job and would like to earn a bit of money, please contact Michelle West in the office or email her: mwest@cedars.nsw.edu.au.

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

If you have a passion for photography and would like to help stock our photo library here at the School; please call, email mwest@cedars.nsw.edu.au

or come in and see Michelle West in the Office.

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	STAFF
21/11/2011	Catherine Vormister
22/11/2011	Sharralyn
23/11/2011	Help Needed
24/11/2011	Kasey Blackmore TREAT DAY
25/11/2011	Carol Hutchison

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

Lasagne will not be available for purchase during Term 4.

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