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NEWSLETTER OF CALOUNDRA CITY SCHOOL

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2010 Term Dates

Term 1:

- Tuesday 26th January to Thursday 1st April 3pm

Term 2:

- Tuesday 20th April to Friday 18th June 3pm

Term 3:

- Tuesday 13th July to Friday 17th September noon

Term 4:

- Tuesday 5th October to Friday 26th November noon
- Last day of Term 4 – Year 12 – Friday 19th November

Dates To Remember

12th, 15th, 16th February
Life Education

From the Principal



Dear Staff,

Today marks the day, twenty years ago, in 1990, that Nelson Mandela was released from prison in South Africa, after serving 27 years incarcerated for political activism in trying to overthrow the apartheid system of South Africa. His story is an inspirational one that shows how the determination of one man can make a positive difference to millions of people.

Despite being held prisoner for 27 years, upon his historic release, he set about a process of reconciliation amongst the many factions and races of people living in South Africa. In the first democratic elections Nelson Mandela was elected President of South Africa. He called South Africa the "Rainbow Nation".

Now many would argue that Nelson Mandela would be quite within his rights to take revenge on the very people who had placed him in jail, but as a mark of true leader, he did no such thing. Mandela was determined to bring about a united South Africa. Mandela set about this unification in a surprising way. He dumbfounded his own political party and that of the opposition by wearing a Springbok jersey to the Rugby World Cup held in South Africa. Rugby was the favourite sport of the Afrikaners and the most hated sport of the black South African peoples. In one fell swoop he united one of the most segregated countries on the face of the earth. The vehicle for this was the World Rugby Cup which to the astonishment of the rest of the world, South Africa won in 1995.

Without question, the actions of Mandela were that of a great leader. He showed remarkable strength of character to focus his energy on learning more about all of the peoples of his country. He harboured no resentment or hatred. He turned his energy into one of love and peace for all of the people of South Africa. He knew that if this did not happen, then South Africa would surely implode.

There are many lessons to be learned from this incredible story of Nelson Mandela. We learn how remarkable strength of character in the face of tremendous physical, and mental hardship and can make us a stronger person. We learn that determination, perseverance and patience in the face of adversity can overcome. We learn of the power of forgiveness - the great capacity to forgive and to move on, to pacify and create harmony, can heal many wounds. We learn that by staying steadfast and uncompromising in reaching our goals we can bring

18 February
Year 8 Vaccinations

18 February SCISSA Primary
Swimming Carnival

19 February SCISSA Senior
Swimming Carnival

3 March
FOUNDATION DAY

1st, 4th, 8th, 9th, 11th March
P - Year 6 Swimming Block

Library Grand Opening
Bookfair 8th-12th March

12th March
P-Year 3 Swimming Carnival

"Time Teacher" Watches

The "Diamond Mine Jewellers" in Pelican Waters Shopping Centre is offering a special deal on "Time Teacher" watches for only \$29.95 each.

These watches are great to teach your children to tell the time and are available with a range of coloured leather bands.

For each watch that is sold to children from our School, the Diamond Mine Jewellers will donate \$4.95 to our School!



McDonalds Giveaway

about a better future. In Mandela's case, it was for a better future for all people, not just the privileged. Social justice was at the core of Mandela's revolution in thinking.

I congratulate all of the newly elected student leaders to Caloundra City School. I ask that each of you works steadfastly towards building a better School. Each of you has a great capacity to make a positive difference within our great School. It takes great courage to be a good leader. As Mandela said "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains:

Aleeshia Chick & Alister Eiseman

School Vice Captains:

Melissa Lock & Mitchell Smith

House Captains

Ford House

Kajal Sokhi & Alex Fowler

Henzell House

Melanie Treweek & Keagan Hoskin

Maclean House

Madalyn Bayliss & Jacob Irvine

Munns House

Tayla Roy & Kieran Ramsdell

Class Captains Semester One

Year 8

Bronte Latham & Cohen Dietrich

Year 9

Maddison Dear & Matthew Oberhofer

Year 10

Gracie Eiseman & TJ Bindon

Year 11

Shakira Ramsdell & Jake Irvine

Foundation Day - 3rd March 2010

The Official Opening of the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library will be held on 3rd March 2010 at 10am. Parents are welcome to attend. Please RSVP for catering purposes to admin@ccs.qld.edu.au or phone 54375800.

Bus News

After negotiation with Buslink, I am pleased to inform all parents that Buslink is currently reworking its bus routes to service Caloundra City School.

At this stage, bus runs from Mooloolah, Kawana and Little Mountain areas are likely to commence on Monday 22nd February.

A letter will go to all parents requesting information on current addresses to better help Buslink direct the necessary buses to Caloundra City School.

Win great McDonald's merchandise for our School!!! For a chance for Caloundra City School to win a new marquee, drink containers and other great items, please collect entry forms from any McDonalds Sunshine Coast Restaurant. Alternatively, entry forms appear in the Sunshine Coast Daily every day! Please complete as many entry forms as possible and nominate our School name and we will go in the draw to WIN!! Entries close 28th February 2010.



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The new bus routes and times will be accessible from the Buslink website in a week's time. This is a great outcome for everyone in our School community.

Principal's Acknowledgements

Congratulations to Jackson Brighton who completed in the Caloundra (Kool Kids) Triathlon at Pelican Waters on Sunday. Jackson received 4th place in his 1st ever Triathlon! Well done Jackson!



Visit the Principal's blog, [Edutake](#)

Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Every second Monday of the month in the shared area, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library. Meetings begin at 7pm.

The next P and F Meeting is Monday 8th March, 2010. The AGM Meeting is 22nd February 2010. Everyone welcome.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Senior School News

Thank you to all parents who attended the Senior School Parent Information Session on Tuesday evening. It was a great opportunity for our parents and teachers to meet informally to discuss a range of topics. Thank you to all Senior Teachers who attended. We look forward to a great year ahead in 2010.



Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

On Monday the year 7 class went to Currimundi Recreation Centre for their Leadership Camp. Throughout the day students engaged in a variety of activities to establish bonds with their peers in an outdoor setting, learn about each others' strengths, how to communicate well, how to problem solve as a group and importantly, develop the attributes that make a good leader. They learnt that we gain more from the challenges in life than from the successes we experience and had a lot of fun.

Last week the Year 7 students presented speeches for Junior School Captains and House Captains and these positions, along with year level Class Captains were announced on Assembly this week. Each of the students who were brave enough to stand for a position is to be congratulated. With elections to every position there are always some children who will be disappointed; however, I am most impressed with the graciousness of our students and the support they have demonstrated for one another.

Congratulations to the following students:

Class Captains

Year 3KR – Simon Scott and Angel Branch
 Year 4FM - Jack Bailey and Sarah Geange
 Year 4/5NB - Finn McKibbon and Maddison Harris.
 Year 6ND - Luke Frisby and Alexandra Henzell

House Captains

Ford House - Chloe Plant
Henzell House - Jean Luc Rouillard
McLean House - Victoria Piercy
Munns House - Gareth Geach

Junior School Captains

Connie Short
 Carter Weight

Student Representative Council

An important part of the curriculum in Year 7 is the development of skills and understandings of Civics and Citizenship and Democracy. All students are supported to become active and informed citizens. Studies which begin in the early years, as students learn the importance of fair play and democracy through respect for others, are built on through more formal studies of rules and laws and government. The Student Representative Council is a forum within which students are able to learn through direct engagement with the democratic process.

Last year the SRC held a number of fund raising initiatives and worked as a team on a number of projects within the Junior School. It is a great honour to be voted on to the Student Representative Council. The following students comprise our SRC for 2010 and they will be presented with their badges on our Junior School Assembly next week.

President – Spencer Price
Secretary – Nicholas Reynolds
Treasurer – Orla McKibbon
Committee Members
 - Jessica Hoskin
 - Bailey Pointon
 - Rahul Dadyala
 - Varun Sokhi

Parent Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 4 to Year 7 parent information evening last night. The Prep to Year 3 evening will be held this evening in your child's classroom. Prep and Year 1 will commence at 6.00pm and Years 2, 3 and 1/2JH will commence at 7.15pm.

These evenings are an important occasion for you to learn more about the curriculum and organization of your child's class as well as an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and other parents in the class. I would encourage all parents to attend. If you are not able to attend this evening, please contact your child's teacher to ensure that you receive any handouts and information which you may have missed.

Parking

Parents are asked not to park on the grassed area between the bike racks and entrance to Pelican's Nest. It is extremely dangerous when cars are reversing out across a footpath. On several occasions within the last week parents have reported near misses. It would be appreciated if all parents refrained from parking in this area.

We are trying to work with parents to improve the collection of children from the Pick-up Zone. Teachers are endeavouring to ensure that children using the pick up area move there quickly after school. If parents could reinforce this with their children, it would be appreciated. Parents are reminded that it is strictly a two minute collection point. Parents are not to park in this zone or leave their vehicle. It would also be helpful for the teacher on duty if parents had their family name on display on the passenger sun visor of your car. If this name is written in bold and the visor is down so that the name is displayed it would assist teacher to locate children and move them on quickly.

If all of your children do not finish until 3.20pm, parents are asked to arrive at the pick up zone later. It is not possible to park your car in this area and wait.

Parents are also reminded that the circular drive near the main administration building is not a parking area and stopping in this location prevents the flow of traffic out of the school.

Other options which parents may consider would be to use the bus zone as a collection point, or to collect from the back of the oval. Parking is also available in the gravel car park in front of the Frazer Building. Please also use the crossing when walking to the car park as it is much safer for children and adults. Your cooperation with the above points would be greatly appreciated.



Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library News

Scholastic Bookclub: Issue 1 of Bookclub has been distributed to students last week with a return date for orders of the 24th February. If you'd like to place an order please return the form with correct money/credit card receipt number to the library. Book orders should be received back with seven days of the return date. Thank you for supporting our Bookclub as the points earned from sales allows us to purchase new books for the library.

Grand Opening Bookfair: We will be holding our Grand Opening Bookfair during the week of the **8th till 12th March** in the new library. Check out the separate advertisement in the newsletter for more details. Please think of our Bookfair when choosing your Easter gifts. Books go great with

chocolate!

Joan Ford Storytelling Room: This week we have added a beautiful handcrafted storytelling throne to our Joan Ford Storytelling room. Feel free to drop in and check it out.

Quote of the week – For Mums – *"There are only two things a child will share willingly – communicable diseases and his mother's age."* ~ Benjamin Spock.

Desley Grant
Library Manager

With foundation students at Caloundra City School, it is important to me to keep you up to date with the fantastic opportunities Pelican Waters has to offer.

If you would like information about the estate, the lifestyle on offer, activities and future development plans for the town centre or just property in general, please don't hesitate to call.



Is now the time to buy or sell?
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Title

Description

Parents and Friends' News

Thank you to all that attended our first P & F meeting for 2010. It was wonderful to see many new faces and have the continued support of existing families. Our AGM is on **Monday 22nd February at 7pm**. All positions become vacant so if you would like to take on a small role please do not hesitate to contact either Shea or Sharlene at pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Please note P and F Meeting dates for 2010 as follows:-

8th March, 19th April, 10th May, 7th June, 19th July, 16th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November.
Meetings begin at 7pm.

SCISSA Trials

Primary SCISSA Carnivals
Swimming- 18th February
Cross Country- 7th May

Athletics- 5th August

SCISSA trials for 11/12 year olds

- AFL - Thurs 11th March - Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- Boys Basketball - tbc
- Girls Basketball - tbc
- Cricket - Thurs 26th Aug & 2nd Sept
- Boys Football - Term 1, Week 9 - date to be confirmed - Immanuel Lutheran College
- Girls Football - Tues 27th April - Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- Golf - tbc
- Girls Hockey - tbc
- Boys Hockey - tbc
- Netball (11 Years) - Thurs 11th & 18th March - Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- Netball (12 Years) - Wed 24th March - Good Shepherd Lutheran College
- Rugby League (11 Years) - tbc
- Rugby League (12 Years) - Wed 17th March - Pacific Lutheran College
- Rugby Union - tbc
- Girls Softball - Wed 17th Feb - Sunshine Coast Grammar
- Boys Softball - Wed 16th June - Good Shepherd Lutheran College
- Tennis (Boys & Girls) - Tues 18th May
- Girls Touch - tbc
- Boys Touch - Thurs May 6th - Matthew Flinders Anglican College

Secondary SCISSA Carnivals

Swimming- 19th February

Cross Country- 7th May

Athletics- 12th & 13th August

Secondary SCISSA trials for 15 years and Open

Tuesday 9th February at 4:30pm

- Open Boys and Girls Volleyball @ Immanuel Lutheran College
- 15 Years Boys and Girls Touch @ Sunshine Coast Grammar
- Open Boys and Girls Touch @ Sunshine Coast Grammar
- Surfing - to be confirmed

Tuesday 9th March at 4:30pm

- 15 Yrs Boys and Girls Volleyball @ Immanuel Lutheran College
- 15 Yrs and Open Netball @ Sunshine Coast Grammar
- Open Rugby Union @ Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- Open Boys and Girls Football @ Suncoast Christian College

Tuesday 11th May at 4:30pm

- 15 Yrs Boys & Girls Basketball @ Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- Open Boys & Girls Basketball @ Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- 15 Yrs Rugby Union - to be confirmed
- 15 Years Girls & Boys Football @ Suncoast Christian College

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