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2010 Term Dates

Term 1:

- Tuesday 26th January to Thursday 1st April

Term 2:

- Tuesday 20th April to Friday 18th June

Term 3:

- Tuesday 13th July to Friday 17th September

Term 4:

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

From the Principal



Dear CCS Parent or Friend,

Foundation Day Assembly was a great celebration of the official opening of the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library by the Honourable Jason Clare, Parliamentary Secretary for Employment. Mr Clare, in his speech, immediately engaged the students by talking about Harry Potter and the part that Hermione played in saving the day with tricks learned through her studies and time spent in Hogwart's library. Mr Clare went onto

explain that: " Libraries are special places, you go in one door and when you come out the other door, you're different."

During the Foundation Day Assembly I shared with the assembly, some of Dame Elisabeth's achievements and explained why she was considered by many to be one of Australia's 'living legends'. The Sunshine Coast Daily covered our Foundation Day Assembly and there was a great article and photos of the event on page three of Thursday's paper.

Dame Elisabeth rang the School on the morning of the opening to wish everyone all the very best for the opening and again she mentioned to me how proud and honoured she was to have the new library named after her. Now I am not the only person to call Dame Elisabeth a living legend, there are countless articles and books documenting the outstanding life of Dame Elisabeth who only last month turned 101, a grand age by anyone's definition and a grand lady indeed.

Dame Elisabeth is a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) and in 1963 Queen Elizabeth personally appointed her Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In 1968 Dame Elisabeth was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws by the University of Melbourne in acknowledgement of her contributions to research, the arts and philanthropy.

In 2005 at the age of 97, Dame Elisabeth was named Victorian of the Year for her outstanding involvement in charity work and she was named Senior Australian of the Year in 2006. Dame Elisabeth is patron to over 100 charities.

In one newspaper article in 2003, The Age said this: Few can rival Dame Elisabeth's enormous contribution. Her interests are many: academia, the arts, children, flora and fauna, heritage, medical research, and social welfare. Many of Australia's most

12 – Friday 19th November

Dates To Remember

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

8th - 12th March
Library Grand Opening
Bookfair

12th March
P-Year 3 Swimming Carnival

19 March
SCIPHA Debating Workshop

"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!

UNDER 9 FUTSAL TEAM

In September 2009 a group of Gr2/3 boys got together to play indoor soccer, under the team name of Manchester United. The boys skills have improved out of sight as they adapted to soccer INDOORS.

They have thoroughly enjoyed this fast innovative game and have been excited to record some wins along the way.

Players : Jackson, Ethan, Jake, Evan, Simon and Daniel.

DAVID SCOTT

cherished institutions from the Royal Children's Hospital to the Australian Ballet have benefited from her involvement. She was the first female trustee of the National Gallery of Victoria and involved in and patron to many national arts programs.

But Dame Elisabeth also devotes herself to less popular causes: prisoners, children in care, those battling mental illness and substance abuse. She has never taken a backward step in assisting the disadvantaged in life – not only providing much needed funds for things like drug rehabilitation centres – but being personally involved in the charities and encouraging others to do so too.

Dame Elisabeth, in spite of her enormous wealth, chose not to live an easy life. She has thrown herself into life, boots and all, giving weight to the charities, which need it most, giving donations and patronage consistently to those less fortunate in life. In one famous quote, nearing her 100th birthday, Dame Elisabeth said:

"One's chief obligation in life is to think about other people and how one can help them."

By every measure she is a living treasure, a charity worker, philanthropist and matriarch of Australia's most famous media family. The energy, generosity and support of Australia's living legend, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch has touched the lives of thousands of people. She is truly an inspirational and remarkable woman and we are very proud and honoured to name our new junior library the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library.

Congratulations must go to our school choir, school band, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Butler, Mrs Hall and Ms Clark who performed at the Assembly. Thank you to the Years 11 and 12 students who assisted prior to the ceremony and afterwards. Particular thanks to the School Captains: Aleeshia Chick and Alister Eiseman who did a magnificent job as Master of Ceremonies for the event. It was lovely that the School's Patron, Mrs Judy Henzell could also be present to cut the Foundation Day cake. Thank you to all staff, parents and students who attended Foundation Day and celebrated the opening of the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library.

Principal's Acknowledgements

Bronte Latham and Maddison Hoskin were chosen to be representatives of the Metro Caloundra SLSC for the 'Survivor Leadership Camp' last weekend. The camp was for representatives of all of the clubs on the Sunshine Coast to foster and develop surf life saving skills, leadership, fitness and motivation, personal development, problem solving and teamwork. Fantastic job girls!



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Parents & Friends Association Meetings

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COACH



Chookhouse and Permaculture garden news

Thank you very much to the Cristante family who have kindly offered to supply us with a steel bin and will continue to purchase the grain when we need it for the chickens. Thanks also to the Crockett family for supplying the chickens with some shadecloth for their 'pergola'. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the chickens are very thankful!

Desley Grant and Gerard Maguire, Chook and garden Committee.

Grand Opening Bookfair
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library

When?: 8th March till 12th March
 8.15am till 3.30pm Monday to Thursday
 8.15am till 9.30am Friday

Where?: In the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library

Why?: To help increase our library collection and provide quality reading books for our children.

See you there!

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Every second Monday of the month in the shared area, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library. Meetings begin at 7pm.
 The next P & F Meeting is Monday 8th March 2010. Everyone is welcome.

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Senior School News

As always, the school is an absolute hive of activity at the moment. At our recent Foundation Day we saw our students looking so impressive and well-behaved; it was a credit to the many parents of the school who get their children ready each morning and set them on their way.

The opening of a new building is quite a momentous event and in the overall history of the school should not be taken lightly. It was most satisfying to note that such a prestigious building was named in honour of one of Australia's greatest philanthropists and indeed a wonderful person in every way – Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. I found myself in awe listening to Mrs Graham summarizing many of the wonderful things that Dame Elisabeth has accomplished in her life and it certainly left me, and I'm sure many others, with the feeling that there is a lot more we can do yet to make this world a better place.

Most new buildings in the world are given a Blessing at some stage and ours was no exception. Given the significance of such a building and the part it will play in the lives of future generations it was most important that we set it on its way in an appropriate fashion. I would like to share with you just a small part of that Blessing:
 "We ask that this will be a place where light shines in the darkness, where exciting new insights are gained, where both knowledge and wisdom are nurtured and where our children are inspired to become life-long learners. May this be a place for generations to come, where people are enabled to rise to the challenge of daring to be wise. May this be an environment where people of all cultures and faiths may find purpose and meaning."

At the best of times Education is simply a great adventure and through the establishment of such a fine facility we have set ourselves up for the adventure of a lifetime.

Gerard Maguire
 Dean of Students / Chaplain



Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

Last week Mrs Tralau sent me the following email which really made me appreciate the things we so often take for granted in our lives and the power children have to remind us about what is truly important.

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World."

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Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

1. To See
2. To Hear
3. To Touch
4. To Taste
5. To Feel
6. To Laugh
7. To Love

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder – that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

Leadership Day

On Tuesday our Year 7 leaders were privileged to attend a Leadership Day organized by the Sunshine Coast Independent Primary Heads' Association (SCIPHA). This day was held at Immanuel Lutheran College and was attended by Junior School leaders from independent Schools across the Sunshine Coast. The students greatly enjoyed listening to the speakers – Kim Morrison and Fleur Whelligan who both shared life stories about personal challenges and achievements and the importance of attitude. They were also involved in a series of workshops relating to topics including conflict resolution, team building and cooperation. All of the students reported that the day was an outstanding success.

National Curriculum

This week you will have heard in the media about the release of the first part of the National Curriculum for Australian Schools. Over the next twelve months there will be much planning in schools in preparation for full implementation of the National Curriculum. Our Prep program has a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy skills and ensures that the children are already meeting the expectations of the National Curriculum. This solid grounding allows us to cater accordingly for children in the subsequent year levels so that we have appropriate academic rigour. Parents will however; notice some changes in reporting documents and heading for subjects and sub strands as we begin to align our programs with the National Curriculum.

Head lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice reported in the last week. Parents are asked to please check your child's head and treat appropriately before sending children to school.

Prep to Year 3 Swimming Carnival

Parents are reminded that our Prep to Year 3 swimming carnival will be held at Caloundra Aquatic Centre next Friday between 9.00am and 12.00 midday. The event is a culmination of our swimming lessons and provides and opportunity for the children to enjoy races and novelty events in a non-competitive environment. Parents are most welcome to attend. Each child will bring home a program prior to the carnival.



Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library news

Grand Opening Bookfair NEXT WEEK! Monday till Friday morning, from 8.15am till 3.30pm in the new library. There will be clowns and Clifford! Come and celebrate the opening of our awesome new library at our Scholastic Bookfair where parents and students can purchase the latest top quality children's books. Our library receives commission from the sale proceeds to purchase new books for our collection. 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! See you there.

Quote of the week – For Mums – “I’ve become a mother. That’s why women grow up and men don’t.” ~ Kathleen Cleaver..

Desley Grant
Library Manager

QLD Academic of Vocal Art news

Qld Academy of Vocal Art have begun lessons for singing, piano and guitar on campus. There are some lesson times available for individual lessons with our professional teachers. Learning an instrument keeps students engaged in school and as it improves the atmosphere for learning, improves critical thinking, creative problem solving, effective communication, team work and more. It is well documented that learning music helps students achieve in other academic subjects like Mathematics, Science and English and is an endeavour with intrinsic value to society. Most importantly though, learning an instrument is FUN! If you would like your child to learn an instrument please see reception or call QAVA directly on 1300 393 348. For further information you can head to our website at www.qava.com.au

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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SCISSA Sports 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

Chances to WIN \$5000 Cash & an Apple IMac package at Stockland Caloundra for Our School

This campaign encourages the community to support their local school. By shopping at Stockland Caloundra during 15 March to 16 May, parents and citizens can allocate points to a local school.

1st Prize: \$5000 Cash & an Apple IMac package

2nd Prize: \$2000 Cash

3rd Prize: \$1000 Cash

Family members, friends and parents simply purchase an item from participating stores within Stockland Caloundra. Then present their receipts for validation at the Customer Care Desk, located outside Coffee Club. Or the receipts can be collected at Administration Office at Caloundra City School.

Score For Your School Campaign

From **Monday 1st March to Wednesday 31st March**, simply collecting tokens from **Sunshine Coast Daily** and placing them in the School Box at Caloundra City School Administration Office or the School Box displayed in the Fresh Food Hall near JB HiFi at Kawana Shoppingworld. Participating school will have the chance to win one of five \$2000 Packages.

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