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## CITY OBSERVER

NEWSLETTER OF CALOUNDRA CITY SCHOOL

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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 12 – Friday 19th November

### Dates To Remember

12th March  
P- Year 3 Swimming Carnival

### From the Principal



Dear Staff,

There are some remarkable people in this world who think nothing of devoting their whole lives to other people. Usually these people are unsung heroes and go about their business without any fuss. They neither want nor seek recognition, they shy away from the limelight preferring to work steadfastly behind the scenes without any demands or favours requested. You're sure to know one or

two people who fit this description perfectly. Yes, there are famous people like Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama, but there are some 'ordinary' people closer to home that fit this bill too.

Now don't get me wrong, when I say 'ordinary' I don't mean that these people are not special, rather by their own definition they would describe themselves as 'ordinary people'. What many of us find surprising is that there are people like this very close to us but we may not be aware of the enormous dedication and hard work that goes into serving others. They give and give and seek nothing in return. In a way, these wonderful people practise a simple philosophy of: As you sow, so shall you reap. Time and again we see that life can be very rewarding and fulfilling for those who give of themselves to others.

"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others." (Danny Thomas)

Consider our own Parents and Friends' that meets regularly once a month. In previous years we have been very lucky to have some amazing parents like our past Presidents – Wendy Scott, Carolyn Thomson, Shea Moor and Sharlene Emanuel, Vice President, Natarsha Turner, Carols by Candlelight organiser, Pam Southern (to name but a few) who have done an extraordinary amount of work for the School in terms of fund raising and friend raising. They contribute to the School community in such a positive way and remain loyal to the school throughout.

What makes the contribution of each of the parents so extraordinary, is that they have each worked behind the scenes with the set up and clean up prior to and after functions, cooking for functions, organising, phone calls, finding sponsorship to name but a few of the many tasks that they have performed without any fanfare. If it were not for all of this work behind the scenes then the functions themselves and the funds raised would be nowhere near the level that they have been. We

12th March  
Library Bookfair Last Day

19th 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!

## SPORTS NEWS

### 2010 NZ Ski Trip

Any Year 8 -12 students interested in attending this year's trip will need to collect an **expression of interest form from Mr Villis by this Friday.**

An information evening for the parents of those interested students will be held next

**Tuesday night the 16th March from 6:00 – 7:00pm.** Snow here we come!!

**CCS Soccer home games are as follows:**

**Saturday March 20**

**Saturday March 27**

**Saturday May 1**

**Saturday May 8**

**Saturday July 17**

**Saturday July 24**

**Saturday July 31**

**Saturday August 14**

owe each of these ladies a huge 'thank you' for their selfless commitment to the betterment of students and the School.

The Parents and Friends' Association has a very important part to play in the School. The most significant objective is to fulfil the aims of the Parents and Friends' Association in a spirit of cooperation and to promote in the school an active relationship with the community. It's aims are many but include some of the following key points:

- Strive to develop within the School a real community of parents, teachers and students, which reflects the ethos and the aims of the School
- Ensure that there is a high level of social and educational interaction between the home and the School
- Work to provide additional resources which are considered necessary for the children or to assist the teachers in their professional work
- Assist in the planning and organising functions associated with the social, sporting, cultural and educational life of the school community
- Contribute a proportion of the funds raised by the Association each year to the budget of the School
- Adhere to the aims and objectives of Caloundra City School

While some parents have the view that the Parents and Friends' is about bringing certain issues to the Committee members who in turn pass them onto the Principal, this is **not** the objective or the aim. I encourage all parents, with issues or concerns to see me privately to discuss any such matters and I will address any concerns as a matter of priority. I may not always have an immediate solution, but make the commitment to resolve any such issues as soon as practicable.

Our new Parents and Friends' Executive has been finalised with the following people taking on key responsibilities:

**President:** Mrs Tracey Plant

**Vice President:** Mrs Natarsha Turner

**Treasurer:** Mrs Tracy Anderson

Congratulations and thank you to these parents and I know that all school families will support you throughout the year in your endeavours, because being a parent at Caloundra City School is far more than just having a child attend the school. It's also about being involved, not only in raising funds for the school but also in raising friendships and working with one another for the betterment of your sons and daughters and our school as a whole.

To say that we have a strong core of parent helpers is an understatement. We have many parents who give so freely of their time helping in the classroom, the tuckshop, in the new Dame Elisabeth Library, in BBQs at Bunnings, coaching soccer and netball, and the many other school related activities. Thank you to every single parent for your support and commitment.

Similarly we have a great staff at CCS, all of whom go over and above 'normal expectations' to help and advance our students. From teachers to teacher aides, to the Senior Staff, Miss Green, Mrs Stuart, Mr Maguire, Mrs Short, from the Director of Pelican's Nest, Ms Taylor to the Group Leaders and Assistants, to the staff of Outside School Hours Care, to the Manager of the Dame Elisabeth Library, Desley Grant, the ICT Manager, Steven Rattey, the Office Administrators and Finance staff, to the Tuckshop Convenor, Mrs Margaret Adams – all do an enormous job with good humour and excellent skills and expertise. They are an amazing staff and I assure you, that we employ the very best staff.

It is always sad to farewell a staff member and it is with a heavy heart that we farewell a Foundation staff member in Mrs Sue Ford. Sue commenced at CCS in 2005, as a teacher's aide and very early in her time here, showed that she had more skills to offer the school and soon became an important administrative assistant and receptionist for the School. I don't think there is a person in the school that Sue Ford does not know and there is many a parent thankful for a thoughtful phone call from Sue. She's a wonderful staff member and has made a very positive and significant contribution to the entire school



## Outside Hours School Care News

The Easter Vacation Care booklet and booking forms were sent home last Friday. We have an awesome program planned. Some of the great activities include; Wheels Day, Tenpin Bowling, a party day, a face painter and a drama company is also visiting us to conduct a fun workshop.

Please return your forms ASAP as the places are filled very quickly. Last holidays we had to put children on waiting lists and some children were unable to attend because the places filled so fast.

If you did not receive the forms there are some located in the main office or the Junior School office.

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community. We wish Sue all the very best in her growing family business and know that we will still see her here frequently with Aimee in Year 9. Thank you Sue for your wonderful service and dedication to Caloundra City School.

We now welcome Ms Caroline Williams, also ironically a former teacher aide in Prep FS, into the role of School Receptionist and Administrative Assistant. I know that Caroline will do a great job in her new role. Replacing Caroline in the teacher aide role in Mrs Debra Bailey and we wish Debra all the best in her new position at CCS.

Thank you to the many kind families who have made generous donations to the School over recent weeks, The Crockett and Salverson's families to name but a few. Your contribution to CCS is greatly valued, thank you.

### Principal's Acknowledgements:

Our Senior Debaters; Aleesha Chick, Madalyn Bayliss, Alister Eiseman and Rhiannon Ratcliffe had a tough competition against St Columban's recently at Shorncliffe. They were narrowly defeated and we wish them all the best for their next competition. Special thanks to Mrs Brogan for assisting our Debaters.

**Congratulations to Shakira Ramsdell** who on Tuesday trialed and made the Open Girls SCISSA Netball team.

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

## Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Congratulations to the new P&F Executive, I look forward to working with you and the parents in 2010.

We have some exciting events coming up this year and I'm keen to have some new parents join the P&F

### Tokens and Dockets

Can I ask families to either take their shopping dockets from purchases made at Stockland, to the Service Desk and have them stamped or deliver them to the School Office. Our School benefits greatly in prizes from these dockets, so please support this worthy cause. I am also happy to accept any dockets while I am doing Crossing Supervision.

Please also collect the tokens which are currently appearing in the Sunshine Coast Daily for Kawana Shopping World and drop them to the Office or to me so that we can also enter this competition which is open to schools.

Bunnings have offered us the BBQ Fundraiser for Monday, 26th April ( a public holiday) and it would be good to have some representatives from each class to assist us on the day. Please call me on 0439 703 967 if you can assist.

Every second Monday of the month in the shared area, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library. Meetings begin at 7pm. The next P & F meeting is 19th April 2010. Everyone is welcome.

Email: [pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au](mailto:pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au)

## Senior School News

*by Amanda Stuart, Head of Teaching and Learning*

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of week 7. Swimming carnivals are behind us, leaders have been inducted and the Dame Elizabeth Murdoch Library has been officially opened. It has been a very exciting and successful start to the school year.

For all students, from now until the last day of this term their energies need to be focused towards achieving their potential on the assessment tasks and examinations that will quickly follow.

The ability to succeed at school is essentially linked to perseverance and resilience. Having recognised this, our students are provided with many opportunities to develop these personal skills and experience the resulting success.

The Life Skills program, in place throughout the whole school, provides students with explicit instruction in these areas. Additionally, our Core Skills Learning Enhancement Program, undertaken by our Year 12 students, assists to determine individual strengths, and identify and improve areas where performance is not consistent with their potential.

For Year 11 and 12 students, the key to success is for them to actually consciously change their behaviour so that it reflects their goals for future. For example, if they are to achieve an OP 10 or lower they should be "Investing in Themselves" by undertaking at least 10 hours per week (bare minimum) of educational activities (assignments, homework, group studying, private study, reading, planning etc).

Whatever the year level, all students will benefit from well developed abilities to persevere and show resilience.

## Junior School News

*by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.*

### **Professional Development**

Congratulations to Mrs Kairen Call who was invited by Independent School Queensland to present at an Innovation and Creativity forum being held in Brisbane this week. Last year Mrs Call was involved in a research project which utilised technology for all learners and also focussed on assisting learners in need. Mrs Call's project on using a Wii as a tool in the classroom to assist children with their gross and fine motor development was very well received and she has been asked to present her findings at the conference.

In the coming weeks we have a number of other staff who are involved in two projects which relate to the teaching of literacy. We have been successful in applying to be part of a reading project which utilises the Heulab software and is particularly designed for the assessment of reading in primary schools and also another project which involves scaffolding and supporting the literacy development of young children.

It is exciting for our staff to have opportunities to be a part of a professional learning community as well as being able to showcase our school and the quality learning which is occurring.

### **Buranga Camp**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to attend the Buranga Camp next month. This camp is organised by SCIPHA and is attended by students from independent schools across the Sunshine Coast. The students have been particularly selected to attend if they have particular talents in any of the following areas – Science, Mathematics, English, Art, Music. Year 6 and Year 7 students are eligible to attend; however, preference is given to Year 7 students.

Science – **Jackson Brighton and Connie Short**

Mathematics – **Jean-Luc Rouillard and Gareth Geach**

English – **Victoria Piercey and Rahul Dadyala**

Music – **Alexandra Stuart and Raina Takeuchi**

Art – **Carter Weight and Orla McKibbin**



## Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library News

Grand Opening Bookfair LAST DAYS! The bookfair ends 9.30am Friday. Thank you to everyone who has supported our bookfair. The students have enjoyed the clowns and Clifford! I will announce the winner of the 'guess the easter eggs in the fish bowl' next week. I'd like to give a huge thanks once again to Cheryl Weight for being such a good sport and dressing up as the school 'jester', and to the Year Seven students who joined in and dressed up as clowns and Clifford during the week. The library will receive many new books for the collection from the proceeds of the Bookfair and just as importantly, there are now more books in our students bedrooms.

**KIDS ONLY LIBRARY CARD CAMPAIGN:** Has your child ever been to the public library? It is surprising to learn, how many children do not regularly visit their local library. I have found that less than 25% of the children I have talked with from prep to Year 2 have been taken to the public library. Our Caloundra Council library has a great range books, toys, DVD's, CD's and games available for children to borrow and they can borrow several at a time. As the primary educator of their children, parents who introduce their children to libraries are giving them the best start in their education life by encouraging them to read and learn. The Council website also has many educational and fun links for children.

The SCRC libraries are introducing a great initiative across Sunshine Coast schools in an effort to put library cards in as many young children's hands as possible. As a school who greatly values early childhood literacy we have registered in this campaign and will be sending letters which include application forms for your child to join the local public library. I encourage all parents to make the time to fill the form in for their child and return it to their classroom teacher. We will send the applications back to the library and your child will receive their personal library card in the mail. Please think about the huge advantage your child will have if they visit the library regularly. They are open long hours and Saturday mornings and this time with your child can be quality time you're spending together. Personally speaking, my children, from the age of 12 months, loved going to the library and choosing their own books, toys etc to take home.

Research shows that the early years involve the highest rates of learning, and the habits formed at a young age will stay with them for a lifetime. It's therefore a perfect time to introduce children to books and libraries which educate and inform throughout life. Children of any age can benefit

from experiencing books on a day to day basis, and it's always best to make time for children to be read or be read to each and every day.

Quote of the week – For Mums – **“Oh, to be only half as wonderful as my child thought I was when he was small, and only half as stupid as my teenager now thinks I am. ~ Rebecca Richards.**

Desley Grant, Library Manager.

## Education Forum

An invitation is extended to all parents and carers in Maroochydore to discuss the future of education in Queensland.

Learn more about the planned reforms to Queensland schools outlined in the State Government's discussion paper, **A Flying Start for Queensland Children**, at one of the special forums in our community.

Date: Monday 29 March  
Time: 11am – 1pm  
Location: Matthew Flinders Anglican College  
Stringybark Road  
Buderim

Date: Monday 29 March  
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
Location: Mountain Creek State High School  
Lady Musgrave Drive  
Mountain Creek

Items on the agenda include the Government's plan to integrate Year 7 into secondary school in 2014 and other initiatives such as the "Queensland Ready Reader" volunteer program.

The State Government wants to know your views on a range of proposed education initiatives and it is important that parents and carers provide feedback.

Don't miss out on having your say. Secure your spot at the forums by emailing your RSVP to [aflyingstart@qld.gov.au](mailto:aflyingstart@qld.gov.au) or free call **1800 452 056**.

For more information about the discussion paper, A Flying Start for Queensland Children, visit the Queensland Government website at [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.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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## Tuckshop News

### Additions to the Menu:

**Chocolate Slice** 50c  
**Marshmallow Slice** 50c  
**Jam and Coconut Slice** 50c  
**Finger Buns** \$1.50

All new products are nut free in accordance with the school policy.  
 Slices, cakes and cookies are all baked on our premises by Shea Moor and Jan Neal.

Any parents or grandparents who have an hour spare, your time would be greatly appreciated in the Tuckshop.  
 Please contact me on 0412 431 774

Margaret Adams  
 Tuckshop Convenor

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## SCISSA Sports Trials

As taken from <http://www.scissasport.com/district-and-regional-sports-trials/> 2nd Feb 2010

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

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#### 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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