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2011 Term Dates

Term 1:

- Monday 24th January to Friday 1st April

Term 2:

- Tuesday 19th April to Thursday 16th June

Term 3:

- Tuesday 12th July to Friday 16th September

Term 4:

- Tuesday 4th October to Friday 25th November

Dates To Remember

Years 4 - 12
Athletics Carnival
Friday 27th May

From the Principal



Dear CCS Parent or Friend,

If you had a magic wand, what would you change? Now before you go thinking that this is a deep philosophical question which it is, what would be most important to you? Would it be something about your appearance, your health, your finances, your career, or your neighbours? Would you change your game of golf or tennis, your car, or the general pace of life or something more altruistic like 'world peace'? Or maybe you're like me and just want 'peace at home'. How good would that be?

How many times have you heard someone (or ourselves, for that matter) say, "If only I could do such and such a thing, or be this person, or change some other aspect of our life?" Or maybe you are one of the rare exceptions though, who is very happy with everything in your life. Okay, these people are generally monks, who live in some remote region like the Himalayan mountains. Yes surprisingly, they really are. A research study on happiness done a few years ago ranked monks, who meditated in these remote regions, amongst the happiest people on earth.

It seems that it's human nature that we yearn for the best or we simply want more in life. Some people are never happy with their life or life choices. They think that if they had, for example, more money, or more friends or a bigger house or better job, that they would be happy or successful. Interestingly, however, getting more of something does not necessarily bring about happiness, nor does it bring about greater satisfaction either. As many people have found over time, happiness is an intrinsic attitude to life – we either make up our minds to be happy or not.

Some students think that if they had more intelligence or had different circumstances, that they could do better in life or in school. If someone were to say to them exactly how they can achieve more, would they want to pay the price? It's a common misconception that some people are born smarter, or are more good looking or come from a wealthy family, and that's why they are successful or happy. The reality is

Examination Block
Years 10, 11 & 12
30th, 31st May, 1st June

Years 6/7 Canberra Trip
Information Evening
7th June

Prep - Year 3
Cross Country
8th May

Year 8 Camp Emu Gully



though that many great musicians, sportspeople, academics or business people are successful for very different reasons.

What do technology tycoons Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, basketball superstar, Michael Jordan, All Star Canadian Ice Hockey players have common? Not much you might be thinking, but surprisingly they do share certain circumstances that account for their success.

In his thought provoking book "Outliers – The Story of Success", Malcolm Gladwell argues that his research on people who have become successful, demonstrates through a series of totally unrelated people and circumstances, how successful people have become successful. Was there anything magical about how it happened? Maybe, but by a large, many of the most successful people became successful, according to Gladwell because of :

- hard work - one of the keys to success in life, he argues
- persistence - no one succeeds without this key ingredient
- 10,000 hours of deliberate practice are required to become the most successful – whether programming a computer, practising basketball, ice hockey or in science – 10,000 hours of deliberate practice makes perfect
- an element of luck or serendipity - like being in the right place at the right time - but some people seem to make their own luck don't they?
- timing – the year or even the date born was a factor with some sporting stars who were 'young' for cut-off dates for sporting teams and had advantage of more expert coaching and team competition
- cultural and family circumstances plant the seeds of success – particularly where parents set high expectations and encourage or rehearse their children for success in all aspects of their life.

According to Gladwell (p19):

"People don't rise from nothing. We do owe something to parentage and patronage. The people who stand before kings may look like they did it all by themselves. But in fact they are invariably the beneficiaries of hidden advantages and extraordinary opportunities and cultural legacies that allow them to learn and work hard and make sense of the world in ways others cannot."

"It makes a difference where and when we grew up. The culture we belong to and the legacies passed down by our forebears shape the patterns of our achievement in ways we cannot begin to imagine. It's not enough to ask what successful people are like, in other words. It is only by asking where they are 'from' that we can unravel the logic behind who succeeds and who doesn't."

Now how does this information benefit our children? In John Hattie's groundbreaking research book Visible Learning, he synthesises over 800 meta-analyses relating to achievement and found that the top contributor to student achievement gains is prior achievement. In other words, what a child brings to the classroom each year is very much related to their achievement in previous years.

According to Hattie's findings,(and this will be no surprise to most parents and teachers), students were very knowledgeable about their chances of success and overall if students had higher expectations of success, then they were more likely to succeed than students who did not expect to succeed. Hattie also found that the home environment and parental involvement in learning, parental expectations of student and parental aspirations where the parents are actively involved in the students learning, contributed significantly to student achievement improvement over time. The secret to success is not such a big secret after all.

Commitment to succeeding it seems is as good a predictor of success as many other factors. Parents and students should take heart from these findings as they demonstrate again, that there is no secret to success. Success comes from the interplay of hard work, perspiration and persistence, commitment and family expectations and student expectations and aspirations of how successful they want to be. In conclusion I will leave you with these thoughts from famous Scottish athlete W. H. Murray:



"Until one is committed there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation) there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would otherwise never have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favour all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man or woman could have dreamt would have come his or her way."

P.S. Did I mention the 10,000 hours of deliberate practice too?

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal's Acknowledgements:

Congratulations to **Mikayla Coleman** for winning a gold medal at the Taekwondo Championship at the Gold Coast last weekend. A fantastic effort Mikayla.

Congratulations to **Alexandra Henzell** for being selected in the Sunshine Coast District Tennis Team for 2011. Well done Alexandra.

The results are now in for the winners of the SCISSA Percentage Cup the Cross Country recently! Our Junior team were victorious once again. Congratulations to all of our Junior cross country athletes who competed.

Congratulations to our debating team, **Samantha Hood, Finn McKibbin, Natasha Irvine** and **Olivia Johnston** for a great effort in the debating competition last night.

Our Year 9 Debaters did very well in their debate against Sunshine Coast Grammar last night. They were narrowly defeated. Well done to **Abbey Reniers, Lauren Mulhearn, Orla McKibbin** and **Emily Rav**

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Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

At the AGM last Thursday, Greg Coleman, Kate Morris and Jeff Ford were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Congratulations to these Board

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Members who have made a great contribution to the Board Committees particularly the Building Committee – and the Board as a whole.

Our Board Committees for 2012 are:

Roy Henzell	Board Chair
Laurie Vogler	Deputy Chair and Chair of Strategic Developm
Malcolm Holland	Finance Chair
Di Fingleton	Chair of Audit and Compliance
Greg Coleman	Chair of Infrastructure (previously the Building
Committee)	
Jeff Ford	Infrastructure and Strategic Development
Committee	
Kate Morris	Strategic Development and Infrastructure
Committees	
Bill Lyons	Audit and Compliance Committee
Martin Fraser	Strategic Development and Finance Committee

More on Board Members biographies: this week Laurie Vogler.

Laurie commenced his career as a secondary school teacher and has worked in many schools such as Cloncurry, Hervey Bay and was Head c Mathematics overseas at Queens Gate School in Kensington, London for while before returning to Australia.

Laurie recently retired from the Department of Education and Training a career of 40 years in education. For the last eight years, Laurie was tl Executive Director, Non- State Schools Accreditation Board and was clo involved in the formation of this Board. In this role, Laurie was respons for community kindergartens, international education, home schooling i the Australian Music Examination Boards.

Until next time

Roy Henzell Chair



Senior School News

by Gerard Maguire, Dean of Students

On a recent assembly I spoke to the students regarding having 'beliefs' and standing up for them. We live in a world where it is, at times, unfashionable to 'take the higher ground' and stand up against what we know is wrong. Too often there is bullying in the world and we turn a bl eye to it. Too often we see people taking things that don't belong to the and we look away. Too often are we amused by that which we know is simply wrong.

Last week our Year 8 students went on their camp to Emu Gully (near Helidon, Toowoomba). This particular camp is modeled on the ideals an values of the ANZAC spirit; values such as courage, mateship, perseverance and sacrifice are both spoken about and acted upon in an effort to reclaim the value of standing up for what we believe in. Our Ye 8 students were simply AWESOME and as a teacher and parent I know you as parents would have been very proud of our children as they visil shone in all that they did.

An elderly New Zealand ANZAC whilst being interviewed was asked, "W

do you regret most about all that you fought for?" His response was that he regrets "that a man's handshake is not worth anything anymore." The students at Caloundra City Private School are making a commitment that we will not stand for apathy and a general 'watering-down' of those values and beliefs that we know to be good and just; we want a world where a man's (or woman's) handshake does represent a promise to stand up and be counted when it matters most.



Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

Seigakuin Exchange

I am seeking a further three families to host one boy and two girls from Seigakuin when they visit Caloundra City Private School from 24 to 30.

The students coming to stay are of Year 5 and Year 6 age; however host families may have children from Years 3 to 7. Opening your home to a visiting student can be a very rewarding experience and many families have maintained contact with the students who visited a few years ago. We would encourage all families to consider whether they would like to host one of the ten visiting students for the week. If you are able to assist, please email me at cgreen@ccs.qld.edu.au

Many thanks to the families who have already volunteered. You will shortly be contacted by Yuka Olsen to arrange to meet with you to discuss further details.

Homestay Families

We are seeking to build a register of families who may be interested in welcoming an international student to live with you as part of a homestay program. We now have our CRICOS registration which enables us to take international students who may wish to study in Australia. These students would be here on a long term stay often for a number of years of their schooling. Homestay families are provided with approximately \$280.00 per week to assist with expenses. The students attending our school will be carefully screened and there is a thorough process before the homestay arrangement is finalised. At present we would like to put the structure in place before we accept any students under this program. If you are interested, please contact Teena Barbeler at tbarbeler@ccs.qld.edu.au

Thank you

Thank you to Safron McGibbon and her family who have donated a love keyboard to the school. This will be a useful addition to our resources for the Music Department and we are very grateful for the contribution.

Debating

On Tuesday evening our students from Years 6 and 7 competed in the second round of the SCIPHA Debating competition.

The students who debated this week were **Samantha Hood, Finn McKibbin** and **Natasha Irvine** with **Olivia Johnson** as the time keeper. Their topic this week was that "There should be labels on junk food." Although the students were narrowly defeated the quality of their

argument and ability to rebut was of a very high standard and their outstanding efforts should really be applauded.

Chess Set

Many parents may have noticed the giant chess set which has been delivered and is being used by the students at lunch time. There has been great excitement about this and the children have been lined up waiting to play during breaks.

Many thanks to Mr Butler for his assistance in organising the chess set in delivering and setting it up. Thank you also to our P and F and Student Representative Council for your support in funding this project. It is greatly appreciated by all.

Under 8's Day

This year our Under 8's celebrations will be held on Wednesday 1st June from 1.45pm to 3.00pm. Students will have a rotation of fun, creative activities throughout the afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend.

Prep 2012

We are currently conducting tours and interviews for Prep in 2012. There are a limited number of places available so if you or friends are seeking to enrol in Prep next year, please contact Teena Barbeler on 5437 5800 or tbarbeler@ccs.qld.edu.au to organise an appointment.

ICAS Science

Our students in Years 3 and above will be sitting the ICAS Science Competition on Wednesday, 8 June.

For the last 30 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa.

ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The competitions are an excellent preparation for other assessment and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

High quality certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. The students will sit English on 2 August and Mathematics on 16 August.

For further information please visit the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Tuckshop closed Thursday 2 June

Parents are asked to note that the tuckshop will be closed on Thursday 2 June. On this day the P and F have been asked to organise the catering for the Sunshine Coast Independent Schools District Athletics which is being held at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

We are looking at providing food (possibly pizza) that day through a fundraiser for the musical. Stay tuned for more information shortly.

Dr McIntosh – ENT

On Monday, 30 May Dr David McIntosh is coming to speak with staff and any interested parents regarding ENT issues with children. This talk is free of charge and is being offered by Dr McIntosh to assist in the early intervention of possible ENT issues which may be undiagnosed and cause your child difficulties with learning or development.

If you would like to attend this 30 minute information session, please e Sarah Jurecky to register – sjurecky@cs.qld.edu.au

Pyjama Foundation

This week on assembly Mrs Morris visited to talk to the children about the Pyjama Foundation. The Pyjama Foundation is an Australian children's charity who provide modern-day Pyjama Angels to assist children in Caloundra to improve their level of literacy and develop a love of learning. Students are being encouraged to register for this charity and to read 30 books as part of the goal. See Ms Grant's Library News for more information.

Athletics

Next Friday, 27 May will be our CCPS Athletics Carnival for students in Years 4 to 12. It is being held at the University of the Sunshine Coast. A barbeque lunch will be provided by the Ospreys Soccer Club. Parents are encouraged to attend to cheer on our students. Please see Mr Villis if you are able to assist with the organisation of the day.

Classroom Volunteer

I am seeking the assistance of a parent volunteer who may be willing to assist with developing the English skills of a new student who has English as his second language. Tasks will include reading with him and simple English games and activities. If you have some time to spare during your week and are willing to help, please let me know.



Library and I.T. News

Website updates - Camp photos uploaded into the Gallery

The photos from the Year 1, Years 3, 4 & 5 and Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and camps have now been uploaded into the school website gallery.

If your child wants or needs to vary or extend the books he/she is reading and would like some assistance or advice, I am very happy to recommend some titles for them to suit their needs. The benefit of our school having small numbers is that I personally get to know each and every child's reading ability as well as their likes and dislikes. I am very happy to assist students and/or parents with their reading needs.

CCPS Board Member, Kate Morris spoke this week on Assembly about her charity, the Pyjama Foundation.

Pyjama Foundation Reading Frenzy Read-a-thon during the month of May

Statistics show that 92% of children in foster care have below average reading skills at 7 years. CCPS students will be offered the chance to help these unfortunate children by participating in a read-a-thon during the month of May. The Pyjama Foundation was established in 2004 to provide support to the foster care community. The charity offers a one-on-one literacy-based mentoring program for children in foster care, delivered by 'Pyjama Angels'. The Pyjama Angels visit the child with whom they are matched, at home, and adapt reading aloud activities and educational games to the child's individual needs and capabilities. Over 1000 Pyjama Angels have been recruited over the last five years and the program consistently demonstrates positive results.

Its a Reading Frenzy!

Our school is getting into a reading frenzy to support The Pyjama Foundation Love of Learning Program. This is an online read-a-thon where children are encouraged to read and review ten books on their own web page, and to collect online donations from family and friends. The Read Frenzy will take place in term 2, 1-31 May. We are helping The Pyjama Foundation read books aloud to kids in care.

Visit our school's fundraising

site http://www.everydayhero.com.au/ccps_eagles and create your own page, start reading, blogging your book reviews and finding sponsors.

If students are under 16 they will need to fill in a Parental Consent form which are available from the library. Children will not be able to go live with their web page until the consent form is received. They can be returned to Ms Grant at the library.

Please see Ms Grant if any further information is required.

Quote of the week: *The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.* - Michelangelo.

Permaculture Garden and Chicken Run New

Year 2/3LT under the guidance of Mrs Letitia Thomas have been tending the garden beds recently and have planted tomatoes, corn, lettuce, chick snow peas, parsley and basil.

Thank you to the **Kello** family who have very kindly spent a lot of time planting out one of the beds with a new variety of strawberry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Next meeting **6.30pm** in the library
Monday 13th June
All welcome

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au



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Sport News

Apology: Congratulations to **Jackson Hood** for a fantastic effort to come 14th in his year level at the SCISSA recently. We apologise, Jackson, for omitting your name in last week's acknowledgments, well done.

Soccer Results for Round 8

Under 6

CCPS (2) v Buddina Bluerays (3). Congratulations to Player of the match, **Bailey Brandtham** and Encourager award winner, **Huey Fidler**.

Under 7

The undefeated U7 Maroons played the undefeated Nambour Snow Leopards at home on Saturday and came away with a **3/ Nil** win. Great first half defence by the Snow Leopard's goalie kept the half time score to 1/ Nil. Our goals were scored by **Charlie Whiting** (2) and **Lachie Noyes** (1). **Jordan Doughty, Hamish Carmichael, Charlie Tramacchi, Ryan Brodie, Alex Roper** and **Tyler Johnson** also worked tirelessly in attack and defence throughout the game. Great team work and spirit by all Maroons players kept our opposition scoreless for the fifth consecutive game. Congratulations to **Tyler Johnson**, in his first season with the Ospreys, on receiving this week's Encouragement Award.

Good luck to the Maroons this week against Caloundra White.

Under 7 Blue

U7 Blue (5) v Nambour Cubs (2) – A fantastic team effort with **Bailey McDonald** (3), **Max Kurz** (1) and **Adi Shahar** (1) scoring goals. Congratulations to **Max Kurz** on receiving the Encouragement award this week, well everyone.

Under 8

CCPS (4) v Buderim Hurricanes (3). Congratulations to Player of the match, **Charlton Turner** and Encourager award winner, **Naomi Maurer**.

Under 10

U/10 Ospreys (2) lost to Nambour Lions (5)

Goal Scorers - **Patrick Brennand & Hunter Kurz**. Achievement award and encouragement trophy – **Tyrone Honeysett** (good ball skills and team playing)

Achievement award – **Asher Dessauer** (solid defence). Achievement award – **Thomas Boulton** (good team spirit by playing the whole game in goals and making many great saves).

Senior School Leaders News

Now half way through Term 2, we are fast approaching the crunch time for assessment in the Senior School. We urge all students to apply themselves and focus as best they can to achieve their personal bests in the next couple of weeks.

It may be difficult for four Year 11 students however as this week they were selected to participate in the International Exchange Program. All students who went through the vigorous interviewing process would have become fantastic ambassadors for Caloundra City Private School. Congratulations to the following students who were successful in this process, **Courtney Morley-Drabble** and **Woody Hill** (Canada), **Deanna Bayliss, Jennifer Norton** (Scotland). Three of us went on Exchange last year and we know that these students will have a very memorable time.

On our whole school assembly this week the Year 7 Monitors were presented with their badges. These students have been making a significant effort around all areas of our school and they are to be commended for their school spirit.

Open Day was on Wednesday of this week and we enjoyed having the opportunity to talk to parents and visitors to our school about the opportunities we have here at Caloundra City Private School.

We hope everyone has a fantastic week and until next time,

Rhiannon, Alex, Olivia, Jake
Caloundra City Private School Captains

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