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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

**Halloween Disco**  
**Friday 28th October**

**Years 10, 11 & 12**  
Exam Block  
Monday 31st Oct - 2nd Nov

### From the Principal



Due to Mrs Karon Graham visiting schools in Japan this week there is no Principal's newsletter.

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

### Board Shorts

*News from the CCPS Board.*

**New Entrance Sign to the school and New Shade Sails to be installed over the Xmas Break.**

The school Board has been mindful of the need for shaded eating areas in the school and to this end has recently applied for the 2011 Sun Smart Grant Scheme for \$2500 towards installing a shade sail over the junior school pods. The shade sail will have Ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) 50+

It is the schools intention to install this shade sail over the Christmas period thus providing much needed shade to areas where the junior school students eat, chat and play.

The Junior school will not be the only ones who benefit from the Shade sail initiative. The secondary school tables (located between the Fraser building and the Henzell building) will have permanent shade umbrellas installed providing much needed shade.

I have also included below the design of the new school entrance sign which I spoke about last week.

Until next time,

**Roy Henzell**  
**Board Chair**



### Senior School News

*by Gerard Maquire, Dean of Students*

**Christmas Bookfair**  
7 - 11 November

**Speech Night**  
15th November  
RSL Function centre

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## THANK YOU P & F

The students and staff of Caloundra City Private School would like to sincerely thank the P & F for their generosity in purchasing 15 Tournament Standard Chess Sets for the School. This valuable resource will be utilised throughout the school and provide many learning opportunities and hours of enjoyment.

## Parent/daughter surf session is on again!

Sunday 13th November

See the flyer at the bottom of this enewsletter



I recently spoke to the students about the need to finish the year in the best way possible. Issues such as uniform, grooming and behaviour are integral elements to achieving the highest standard possible and students are reminded that all of these fundamentals are to be in place for the important events that take place in the last few weeks of the Term. If there are any concerns about the aforementioned please don't hesitate to contact Ms Stuart or myself (for Secondary students) and Ms Green (for Primary students).

As a gentle reminder, here are some of the more important dates leading up to the conclusion of the year:

- Fri 28th Oct Halloween Dance (5.30-7.30pm CCPS)
- Mon 31st Oct – Wed 2nd Nov Yr.10-12 Exam Block
- Mon 7th Nov – Fri 11th Nov Bookweek (DEM Library)
- Tue 8th Nov Twilight Concert (CCPS)
- Fri 11th Nov Remembrance Day (CCPS)
- Tue 15th Nov Speech Night (6.30-9pm Cal Events Centre)
- Wed 16th Nov Jnr School Presentation Morn. (8.30-11.30am Cal Events Centre) Seniors day out
- Thu 17th Nov Yr.12 Valedictory (7pm DEM Library)
- Fri 18th Nov Yr.12 Graduation Assembly (CCPS)
- Mon 21st Nov – Fri 25th Nov Yr.11 Leadership Week (CCPS)
- Mon 21st Nov Yr.6/7 Graduation (CCPS)
- Fri 25th Nov Term IV Ends
- Sat 26th Nov CCPS Festive Fair

Last fortnight I wrote about Christmas and what a special time of the year it is. Here is the second part of that article.

### Christmas – A Special Time for All (Part 2) Christmas customs

Customs are important to families and part of family traditions. Think about your family customs (the special things you do), are they still useful or should some change? Keep what is good from the old and add some new ones if you need to as the family changes. This is also important for stepfamilies where there are two lots of Christmas customs to be considered. Family customs don't always have to be the old ones – new and changing families can make new customs. They are best if they develop out of what happens at your house, but here are some that some families have, to start you thinking about yours:

- Everyone has a stir of the Christmas pudding and makes a wish.
- Everyone in the family pulls a name out of a hat at the start of December and then does something nice for that person every day until Christmas, and gives a small gift to the person on Christmas day.
- Invite a neighbour or someone who is on their own to share part of Christmas.
- Have a neighbourhood party or get together. Meet your neighbours. It need not be elaborate.
- Decorate or make decorations for your Christmas tree as a family affair.
- Share your Christmas celebration with someone from another culture, and then share their special celebration.
- Sing carols together or read the Christmas story on Christmas Eve.
- Customs that include giving to others less fortunate can be a very warm and learning experience for children, e.g. taking Christmas presents to a charity as a family outing, or the old concept of the Christmas bowl at the table where gifts are left for charity.
- There may be special difficulties for grandparents if they have to let go some of the customs that have meant a lot to them. Think how everyone's needs may be included.

Here are some things you could think about:

- How you do things, e.g. who makes the Christmas pudding, who arranges what? Sometimes the same person has taken all the responsibility for arranging and would like a change, or preparations could be shared in a different way.
- Who shares your Christmas? These are likely to be the important people in your life.
- Where do you have your celebration, who decides? Is it always at grandma's, and has anyone asked her if she would like a change. Sometimes when parents are elderly but still like the gathering at their home it can be done in a different way, by everyone else bringing the food for example.
- What you do - is this still as suitable for a family with teenagers as when the children were younger?

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## The Athlete's Foot



## Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

### Netball

This has been a busy sporting week for a number of our students in the Junior school. Last weekend saw our netball team compete at the Firebirds competition in Brisbane. Thank you to Mrs Natarsha Turner and Mrs Janelle Murphy who gave a considerable amount of time in preparing the girls for the competition and also to Miss Scurfield who did much of the organisation and was the driving force behind the entry into the carnival. Thank you also to the Murphy family for their donation of the netball skirts and to Miss Scurfield for the donation of the visors.

Over the weekend the girls experienced a number of successful wins and also some losses. Well done to **Riordon Turner, Kayla Murphy, Georgia Tenkate, Chelsea Dear, Jessica Dreyer, Alexandra Stuart, Natasha Irvine, Amy Linderberg, Tayla Pleszkun** and **Perri Bright** who played very well as a team at this high level competition. Congratulations to **Alexandra Stuart** who was awarded the team's Most Valuable Player. Congratulations also to **Kayla Murphy, Perri Bright** and **Tayla Pleszkun** on their outstanding achievement in being selected for the Sunshine Coast Representative team.

### Cricket and Oz Tag

On Tuesday, 25 October the following students played in an independent schools cricket competition. Congratulations to all students involved in the day.

**Zac Lenkeith 7**  
**Luke Frisby 7**  
**Jack Williams 7**  
**Louis Conway 7**  
**Sean Manion 7**  
**Sean Capps 7**

**Ishmum Akram 6**  
**Lachlan Lawler 6**  
**Jamie Highton 6**  
**Tyrone Honeysett 5**  
**Simon Scott 4**  
**Jackson Hood 4**

On Wednesday 26 October a large number of students from Years 5 to 7 were involved in a Sunshine Coast Oz Tag competition. The students experienced a successful day of play. Many thanks to Mr Dever and also Mr Vllis, for their efforts and coordination of these events.

**Louis Conway 7**  
**Riley Mullins 7**  
**Sean Manion 7**  
**Sean Capps 7**  
**Olivia Johnson 7**  
**Annie Fraser 7**  
**Brianna Comblas 7**  
**Natasha Irvine 7**  
**Chelsea Dear 7**  
**Sofia Drew-Pepe 7**  
**Paris Carierra 7**  
**Jessica Dreyer 7**  
**Mikayla Coleman 7**  
**Alexandra Stuart 7**

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## Dr Wheatgrass



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**Ishmum Akram 6**  
**Tayla Pleszkun 6**  
**Natascha Mathias 6**  
**Hunter Kurz 5**  
**Dante Dreyer 5**  
**Niclas Dreyer 5**

**Zac Lenkeith 7**  
**Luke Frisby 7**  
**Jack Williams 7**

### Festive Fair

In just over four weeks' time our school community will be gearing up for our Festive Fair. This is our major fund raising event for the year and thank you to the many families for your donations and offers of assistance to date.

This week on assembly, children from each class spoke about their class stall. The children are most excited to be taking some ownership and responsibility for this occasion and there is great excitement amongst them about the fun they have to look forward to on Saturday, 26 November.

This is very much a community event and we are holding the Fair at the request of the school community. The P and F are still urgently seeking the assistance of more willing hands to help on the day. All parents should have received communication from their child's class teacher or parent representative regarding rosters and requests for assistance. If everyone could give even half an hour of their time to assist on a stall, it will mean that we have all worked together and the work will not be left to a few willing helpers. If you are not able to assist during the Fair, perhaps you could assist in the lead up or the clean-up.

If you are able to help and have not yet been approached, please email: [pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au](mailto:pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au)

### Chess

Next Monday the students in 3,4,5 GF will be competing at the SCIPHA Chess Tournament. Thank you to Tony Powell for his work with these students each week and best wishes to the students involved in this competition.

### Booklists

Booklists are now available on-line [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) and parents are asked to complete the ordering by **8 November**. A copy of the instructions has been sent home with the youngest child in each family. If you are not able to order on-line, and require a paper copy of the order form, please notify your child's class teacher.

Campion are organising our books and the distribution. They have an excellent delivery service to your home or work place and are a company with an excellent reputation for their service.



## Library and I.T. News

### Christmas Bookfair

Our annual bookfair will be held during the week of 7th to 11th November in the library. There will be a huge range of quality children's books available for sale. Keep our Fair in mind when thinking of your Christmas gift list. The library receives many free books from the proceeds of Scholastic Bookfairs and you'll be putting books in the hands of children! See you there.

**Funny of the week:** *A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!"*

*After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?"*

*"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"*

## Sport News

### CCPS Junior School Cricket

The CCPS Junior School Cricket team competed in the T20 Blast Knockout Cricket Competition for the Independent District on Tuesday October 25th. The side was entered into the round robin competition along with St Andrew's Anglican College, Sunshine Coast Grammar School and Matthew Flinders Anglican College.

CCPS played against St Andrew's in the morning game and Sunshine Coast Grammar in the afternoon game. While we lost both games, all the boys put in a valiant effort and for many it was only their second game of competitive cricket. Two of the highlights for the day were the skilful batting of the captain of the team, **Zac Lenkeith** and the accurate bowling of **Simon Scott** who managed to take 3 wickets in the second game. All the boys need to be congratulated for their efforts and behaviour throughout the day.

We look forward to more budding cricketers joining our CCPS Junior School Cricket Team next year to be able to have fun, improve their skills and enjoy playing against other schools.

### CCPS Junior School OZ Tag

The CCPS Junior School OZ Tag teams competed in the Sunshine Coast Primary Schools OZ Tag Challenge at Maroochydore Rugby League grounds on Wednesday October 26th. We entered both a Year 7 girls and Year 7 boys' team in a round robin competition where they competed in 4 games each against a variety of different schools.

While both teams did not manage to win any of their games, the effort, sportsmanship and improvement of skills throughout the day was very impressive. There were only a few students from both the boys and girls teams who had played a competitive game of OZ Tag before and we used younger students from Years 6 and 5 to help make up the numbers for both teams. All students need to be congratulated for their commitment to their team and the way they represented the school.

We look forward to more keen and interested Oz Tag or Touch Football players joining either our Junior School OZ Tag or Senior School Touch Football teams next year.

### Jessica Hoskin

To go with her cross country achievements earlier this year, Jessica has qualified for both the 3000m and 1500m events due to be held at the National Athletics Championship's in early 2012. A brilliant effort!

### Nicholas and Daniel Reynolds

Nicholas and Daniel (Y8) were both selected for the Representative team for Sunshine Coast Junior Cricket last week. They are going to the state championships from 12th to 16th December in Gold Coast. Congratulations boys!

## Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Next meeting will be held in the library at 8.30am on Friday 11th November. Come and have a coffee with friends.  
All welcome.

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## LOTE Festival

Last Thursday, visitors to the school might have seen many people, including our Japanese teacher, Ms Matsumoto walking around in brightly coloured Japanese yukata.



This was because the LOTE department staged its first ever whole school Language Festival which was a resounding success. This day was specially organised to focus on the cultural and linguistic feats of our students in the same way as their sporting talents are celebrated.



Junior students participated in a number of cultural activities hosted by volunteer guests from Japan who wore their traditional dress and taught them how to play a number of classic ancient games. They learned about Pétanque, made origami and participated in yukata races as well.

Students ate croissants at morning tea, and sushi at lunch after a concert featuring can-can dancers from year 7, and showcasing films and acts made by students during language classes.

Language learning is alive and well at the school and our students are making great progress in understanding the many cultural and social aspects also involved in learning how others speak and live.

Fiona Sawyer  
LOTE teacher

## Senior School Leaders News

The Rugby World Cup is over and it's fair to say the best team took out the Webb Ellis Trophy. Although some of us might not be 'into' rugby there are many things everyone can take from both teams which we can put into place right throughout Caloundra City Private School.

France, led by their Captain Thierry Dusautoir was slammed in the media by their own coach who went as far as calling them immature and childish. They built resilience from this and a flurry of solid results, saw them suddenly in a World Cup final against New Zealand where everyone thought they'd be beaten by 30 points or more. Their newly found resilience ensured they lost by the smallest of margins. To top off their great tournament, Thierry Dusautoir, against the odds, won 'World Player of the Year'

New Zealand supporters will remember when the French beat them in the quarter finals of the 2007 tournament and the world thought it would be the end of many players and their coach Graham Henry. Defying the odds and beating the 'choke' Richie McCaw lifted the trophy on Sunday after decades of hard work. His commitment was such that up until then he had never touched the trophy, only wanting to do so when he believed he had earned it. The commitment shown by him in particular is an example to everyone of what is required.

I was certainly a Rugby Fan throughout the World Cup. Although sometimes portrayed in the media as people who are not role models, these rugby players like many other sports stars exemplify certain aspects of what students hope to achieve, through commitment and resilience. We wish everyone all the best in the Exam Block next week and the upcoming intense Assessment period

Until Next Time,  
Rhiannon, Alex, Olivia, Jake  
Caloundra City Private School Captains

## P and F Association News

Final tally from Woolies and Coles - thank you to all who brought in their dockets and vouchers. Stay tuned next week for the list of items the school has received from the promotions.

**Woolies 14,829**

**Coles 44,500**

## Uniform Shop News

There will be our usual hat blocking/cleaning service available at the end of term. Hats need to be handed into the office on the last day of school. Prices will be published shortly.

Description

## School Banking News

This week's winners are: **Ryan Salvesen, Jorja Benjamin, Buster Smith and Ishmum Akram.**

### Banking tip of the week:

Show your child their bank statement when it arrives to help them understand the benefits of saving their money. Don't forget to show them the total balance!

Parent/daughter surf session is on again!



## Parent - Daughter Surf Session #2 Is On Again!

**Happy Valley: 6:30am  
Sausage Sizzle BBQ: 8:30am  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011**



Due to popular request, the Dad/Parent  
& Daughter surf session is on again!

Is your daughter keen to surf but would prefer to learn with girls a similar age- this is the time!

Well the foreCast looks good.... **Happy Valley** is on again, with small surf, mid tide and light winds.

BYO surf board/boogie board/Sup board/ironing board - any type of board!

We had about 12 girls learning aged 6-14 last time, so lets get even more this time. It's open to anybody who wants to come... even the brothers!

BBQ after the session for the sausage sizzle & a **\$2 donation** to the Miss Summer Surf Girl local & Rep -Tegan Cronau, who'll be there to help the kids & for supplying the sausage sizzle.

Daniel from Caloundra Surf School has also offered a 90min lesson @ \$40pp, so numbers need to be known for that ASAP.

Let me know if you're keen on Email [supmalsurf@hotmail.com](mailto:supmalsurf@hotmail.com) and tell your mates!

Cheers,

Jason Towner

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