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NEWSLETTER OF CALOUNDRA CITY PRIVATE SCHOOL

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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

PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 24th August
6.30pm in the library

QCS Test
30th August
31st August

From the Principal



"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little - do what you can." (Sydney Smith)

How many times do we put something off because we don't have enough time? The classic example of this is driving our car around on 'near empty' because we're too busy to stop and fill up with petrol. It doesn't make sense does it? Mind you I have not had as close a call as Apollo 11 landing on the moon. It had just twenty seconds worth of fuel remained when it landed. Now that's what I call, cutting it fine.

We seem to have created a generation (or successive generations) of 'time poor people' who struggle to complete the most basic tasks in life. I am not completely sure when this first happened to me but I seem to have a sense that it was around the time I had children. Like many parents we struggle to get all of the children to the right place at the right time, while holding down a full time job and meeting our own commitment to work-life balance. Thank goodness for friends, family and neighbours who help us out from time to time. Where would we be without them?

It never ceases to amaze me though, that the busiest of people, the people you don't think could possibly do one more thing, are often the very first to volunteer to help out or help someone else in need. Tasks keep expanding into that ever shrinking free time and somehow they manage to do it all and what's even more amazing, is that they are often the cheeriest of people with rarely a complaint or grumble heard.

The School is very fortunate to have a disproportionately large number of parents like this. Some of our mums and dads are always the first to volunteer to run a school disco or organise a working bee or buy, wrap and sell Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. Build a sports shed? No worries. What wonderful role models these people are for their children and for other parents.

Our Parents and Friends' Executive, led by President Natarsha Turner and Vice President Tanya Lawler along with Kerry Noyes, Pam Southern, Narelle Crockett and Nicole Hood are people just like this. They are a wonderful group of hard working parents who manage to squeeze as much time as possible into helping raise funds for the school on top of everything else they do. Sometimes they do the lion's share of the work that needs to be done and

PARENT INFORMATION
EVENING

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
1st September

Year 6 & 7
Canberra Trip
11 - 16th September

Year 11 student Lynsey Walker

Last weekend, as part of Townsville's Palmer Street Jazz Festival, Year 11 student, Lynsey Walker sang with "Nobby Neilson and Friends" a six piece Jazz band. The band played at The Townsville Yacht Club on Saturday, and The Shamrock Hotel on Sunday. Lynsey gave a beautiful rendition of 'L.O.V.E.' and 'Someone To Watch Over Me'.



other times, they do what they can. The point is though, that they always do something positive.

This year we are revamping our end of year, major fundraiser. After lots of requests from parents and students, we are putting on a Festive Fair on Saturday, 26 November around 1pm to 6pm, at the School. The Festive Fair will have a huge range of stalls, food, entertainment, including a talent quest, rides and lots to entertain and excite everyone.

The Parents and Friends' need your help parents! We are looking for sponsors for some of the star attractions. We are looking for second hand goods of high quality to sell in the white elephant stall for example and a host of other fun stalls – like the teddy bear stall for example, where we will be looking for teddy bears in good condition, for the stall. The whole school community can get involved in this major fundraiser, and quite frankly we do need every single person to do something towards the Festive Fair. Even a small contribution will make a big difference.

Over the last year the Parents and Friends has held numerous fundraisers – school discos, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, BBQs and the like and held 'friend raisers' such as the Dads Night out at the Big Kart Track. From these humble fundraisers the P & F has raised funds for the following:

- musical instruments for use in your son or daughter's classrooms,
- calligraphy sets,
- outdoor games areas,
- super large chess as well as soon to be purchased small chess sets for class use
- Video cameras

In the next few weeks the P&F will also be purchasing:

- large outdoor umbrellas for the outside tables between Frazer and Henzell Buildings
- Honour Board in DEM Library of the School Captains of the School

This is a fantastic effort on part of the Parents and Friends' to improve and enhance the quality of the resources available to our students both in class and outdoors. Never doubt what a small group of committed individuals can achieve – nothing is impossible for our school community. If every person did even something small towards the Festive Fair, then the success of the Fair would be a foregone conclusion and we could raise \$20,000 or more.

So parents and friends, staff and students, let's get behind our Parents and Friends, and when the lists of items needed or sponsorship required or the help needed before the Fair or on the day, comes out, let's see what we can do to help contribute to the success of the Fair. We can do this and have fun at the same time as well as raise funds for the betterment of our students and staff in the School. What each of us does, really does, make a big difference. As William James puts it so eloquently:

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does. "

Karon Graham
Principal



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

Car Park Safety!

TRAFFIC WARDEN/CROSSING SUPERVISOR WANTED

The school is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who are suitably qualified to fill the role of Traffic Warden/Crossing Supervisor

The person would be required each school day between 8.00am and 8.30 am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm.

Please contact Mrs Short in the administration office if you know of someone who would be interested in assisting the school.



Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

Facts on School Funding

I came across an interesting publication from Independent Schools of Queensland which discusses school funding. It stated - "The Australian Government is currently reviewing all school funding arrangements, the outcomes of which will potentially have major implications for the future funding of independent schools. Independent Schools Queensland is generating debate to bust the myths and promote to facts about school funding."

They list the following interesting facts:

1. "Government Schools (not independent schools) receive most government funding. Government funding for independent schools is need based. Compared to State schools the independent sector receives less government funding.

2. Private investment in independent schooling relieves pressure on public resources. It costs the government less to educate independent school students than government school students

Average total government recurrent funding per student for 2008-2009 was \$13,544 for government schools and \$6100 for independent schools.

3. Parents contribute around 80% of the cost of building independent schools which are a major community asset."

The belief that independent schools are "rich" and need less government funding is therefore not true. Any step to improve the government funding towards independent schools should be supported.

To find out more information visit the website www.isot.com.au

Senior School News

by Gerard Maguire, Dean of Students

As I have mentioned previously we are now working in all classes from Prep to 12 on the topic of 'Cybersafety' and 'Cyberbullying'. There is probably not a week that goes by where I am not dealing with some aspect of this theme and it is imperative that parents are au fait with the issues at hand.

I have collated a number of points below that may be of interest or may even be useful to us as parents:

- Teachers and parents are only just beginning to understand that phone/ internet is a social lifeline within peer groups.
- Friendships are made and broken over these mediums.
- The current generation is desensitized by reality TV.
- Keep the computer in a well-travelled part of the home.
- "With the widespread use among children of online diaries and social networking sites such as MySpace.com, the attacks are becoming more common."
- If the child engages in unacceptable behaviour online, make certain that there are immediate consequences.

Parents should ensure that they and their child understand how to use technology safely, including the use of moderated chat rooms and parental control software, as well as the risks and consequences of misuse.

- Importance of not erasing messages/emails.
- Despite anonymity, Internet Service Providers can track computers through a unique digital signature. Every computer connected to the internet has a unique string of identifying numbers.

Unacceptable behaviour includes:

- Sending email, instant or text messages to others disguising yourself as another person.
- Spreading rumours or false information about others.
- Sending rude, harassing or threatening messages.

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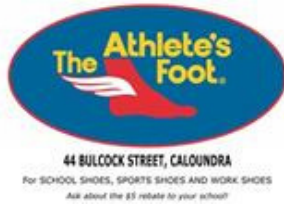
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- Creating websites that ridicule, humiliate or intimidate others.
- Posting on websites or disseminating embarrassing or inappropriate pictures or images of others.
- Restriction/confiscation of technology is not necessarily the answer, especially for teenagers. Kids are smart – they will find other options.
- Advise the child that cyberbullying may be a criminal offence - electronically communicated threats are crimes.
- Tell the child to never reveal his or her password to anyone, including friends.

Warning Signs:

- Your child has withdrawn from normal interaction with family and friends to spend an inordinate amount of time engaged in Internet activity.
- Your child turns the computer off or quickly changes the screen when you enter the room.
- Your child suddenly avoids using the computer or drastically changes internet use habits.
- Your child demonstrates a marked change in behaviour, beliefs, self-esteem or attitudes.
- Your child's academic performance or school attendance decreases significantly.

Hope these thoughts are of some usefulness.

Congratulations to **Nicholas Reynolds** who won Silver (2nd) at the Junior Piano Solo Championship 14 and under. Well done Nick!



Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

Road Safety

Parents are urged to please use the crossings provided in the school grounds. This morning there was almost an accident when a child raced across the road in front of on-coming traffic. I have spoken with students today about the importance of only crossing the road in the school grounds at the designated crossing and being aware of traffic safety. All parents are asked to set the example and also use the crossing when walking your children to and from school.

Eisteddfod

A number of our students are currently involved in performances at the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod. Congratulations to the following students who performed during the last week: Freya Camb (First place, Third place, Highly Commended), Faiza Akram (Second place, Highly Commended, Merit), Gabriella Henzell (Highly commended), Zac Parrot (Highly Commended), Declan Tan (Third place) and Hannah Stuart (First place). A number of these students have further performances over coming days and we wish them every success.

Book week

Book week fever is about to begin and children are already talking about who they are going to be when they dress up next Tuesday for book Character Day. This is not a day when parents are expected to spend a large amount of money hiring costumes. This week I encouraged the children to see what they can create from what they have at home. There is an expectation that they will come as a

character from a book, so if you are in need of ideas, please visit the library. On Friday of next week the students will also be treated to Cartoon Dave who will present a special session on cartooning.

Drumming Performance

Salaka Interactive Drumming is coming to Caloundra City Private School!

As a part of our Arts Program, we are hosting a visit by the Interactive drumming group Salaka. The show is a highly interactive, hands-on, culturally rich, informative and professional presentation by authentic visiting artists from Ghana, West Africa. They will bring hundreds of drums to the school. Every single student will learn to play an African rhythm and play in a percussion ensemble led by their Master Drummers and Dancers from Africa. The students will learn a traditional African song to accompany the drumming and learn about African instruments and dances.

Students from Years One to Seven will enjoy the performance on Monday 22 August, 2011. The cost for the performance is \$5.50 per student and has already been added to your Term Three account.

For more information and testimonials about the performers please visit: www.teambeat.com.au

Prep 2012

Parents of children entering Prep in 2012 are reminded that there is an information session being held next Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library. The focus of the session will be on preparing your child for Prep and to also give you a snapshot of a day in the life of a Prep student as they commence their schooling.



Library and I.T. News

Bookweek

Next week, schools all over Australia will celebrate books and reading with the 'Childrens Book Council of Australia' book awards. This year CCPS will celebrate with an 'all school' dress up as your favourite book character, day on Tuesday.

This year the emphasis will be on FUN and not competition as there will be no prizes given. Senior students are also permitted to dress up this year however if students are not dressed up they must wear their school uniform.

The award winning books will be on display in the library and on Friday we will be visited by Author and Cartoonist, Dave Hackett who will present three sessions during the day to all students.

Library hours - after school

Junior School Students are permitted in the library after 3pm if they are accompanied by a parent. Senior School Students are permitted to study in the library until 4pm.

Quote of the week: *"No problem is insurmountable. With a little courage, teamwork and determination a person can overcome anything."* - Anon

Sport News

2011 saw the CCPS Secondary Athletics Team have their best year ever!! We have a number of Independent District athletics representatives for 2011. Special congratulations to the following students -

Tayla Hovi-Robinson - 13 Years Girls Shot Put (new district record),
Discus, High Jump
Mazelina Haurua - 13 Years Girls Shot Put
Jessica Hoskin - 13 Years Girls 3000m, 1500m, 800m
Abbey Reniers - 14 Years Girls Shot Put, Discus

Other place getters included -

Shakira Ramsdell - 3rd Open Girls Shot Put
Noah Dessauer - 3rd 13 Years Boys Shot Put

Well done to Sam Walker and Tayla Hovi-Robinson for making the finals of the 200m. Noah Dessauer ran a great 100m heat and made the final for the 13 Years boys 100m dash.

It was a fantastic couple of days for our small school. All students displayed excellence in sportsmanship and work ethic competing and cheering hard for their fellow competitors and team members. The ability of our small senior school cohort shone over both days as we continually raced, threw and jumped to the best of our ability.

It is a well deserved accolade that CCPS continuously take out the percentage cup at district carnivals. You only need to be present at these carnivals to witness the fantastic attitude that our students display to understand why we are so far out in front of the other small schools.

Well done to all students who have represented CCPS at the district level this year. It has been a year where talent has been utilised to produce real results. Finally, good luck to the group of students who compete at the next level at the Sunshine Coast Regional Athletics Trials.

We have set the bar high for 2012 but from what I can see the bar is definitely clearable in 2012.

CCPS Mixed Touch Football

CCPS 2 V's Poles N Holes

Was a baptism of fire for the CCPS mixed touch team this week. For many of the players it was their first ever game of competitive touch. Both the boys and girls tried hard for the full 40 minutes. All players including myself shook hands with the opposition absolutely exhausted at the end of the game. Following more training this Wednesday lunchtime all players will be looking forward to an improved performance when we play next Monday night at 7pm.

SOCCER RESULTS

U7 Maroons (4) defeated Unity Vipers (3)

The Maroons faced their toughest competition in the last game of the season. The Vipers put first points on the board and followed up with another quick goal to leave the Maroons trailing by 2 Nil in the first 10 minutes of the game. The Maroons never lost their composure and set about bridging the gap. They had quite a few scoring opportunities during the first half, however, these were saved by a very determined Viper's goalie. An attacking first half saw both teams level at 3 all at the half time break. The second half was ten minutes old before **Charlie Whiting**, our sole goal scorer for the game, broke the dead lock and put the Maroons in the lead for the first time in the game. From there on, **Charlie W, Lachie Noyes, Hamish Carmichael, Jordan Doughty, Sam Boulton, Ryan Brodie, Kane Butcher, Alex Roper, Tyler Johnson, Joshua Barlow & Charlie Tramacchi** encouraged each other, whether in attack or defence and were rewarded with a great win. A big thank you goes to **Charlie Tramacchi**, who stayed in our goal for the entire game, and kept the Vipers scoreless in the second half.

Congratulations to the Maroons, who went through the season undefeated, scoring a total of 77 goals and conceding only 6. Your supporters are all very proud of you.

Good luck to the boys competing in the end of season Rooball carnival this Saturday at PLC.

U7 Blue (2) v Unity (1) What a fantastic way to end the season! This week saw all players give it their all and for **Eden Dessaur** (1) this resulted in his first goal of the season. Our other goal kicker was **Bailey McDonald** (1). Well done to **Jacob Salvesen** who played an awesome game! We are very proud of the U7 Blue team who have learnt so much in the 2011 season thanks to their coach Tim Salvesen

and congratulate them on finishing on such a high. Well done!

The U/10 Ospreys lost their last game of the year 10-0 to a strong Stella Jedi's team.

The U/10 team would like to take this opportunity to thank the club president Travis and his hard working committee for making it possible for us play this year.

Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Next meeting 6.30pm in the library
Monday 12th September
All welcome.

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40 Hour Famine

The 40 Hour Famine, organised annually by World Vision, is fast approaching. Thank you to all students from Years 6 to 12 who have nominated to take part in the 2011 famine and support those who are living in less fortunate conditions. Funds raised by World Vision this year will continue to support projects in countries who are suffering the Global Food Crisis. To support students through the famine, and to assist their understanding of living conditions in third world countries, CCPS participants will complete the \$2 Challenge where they will eat similar types and quantities of food to those living in poverty, which is equivalent to \$2 a day or less. Students involved will begin their famine on Wednesday August 24 after dinner and conclude Friday August 26. I encourage friends and families of participants to support student as they actively contribute to the cause.

Mrs Lauren Tralau
Senior School Teacher



Senior School Leaders News

On Wednesday we had our second Open Day in as many weeks and we have been proud to showcase our wonderful school through talking to prospective students and parents of Caloundra City Private School.

It reminds us how fortunate we are to have the facilities we do and how the access to our laptops and wireless internet, and our fantastic spacious air conditioned rooms ensures we are one of the leading schools on the Sunshine Coast.

This weekend sees year 11 student, Woody Hill head off to Rundle College in Canada on our Exchange Program. We wish Woody a fantastic time and looking forward to talking to him through 'Skype' on an assembly later this term.

On Tuesday afternoon we watched the Year 9 Drama Assessment Presentation, students had to lip sync to a variety of songs, it was fantastic to watch these students perform and it is obvious this is an area they enjoy and credit to their teacher Mrs Burton. Congratulations Year 9!

Next week we have lots of exciting events, Tuesday is our Book Week and we have our costumes ready, do you? Also next week is our 40 Hour Famine and for the Senior School we have our Social, it would be fantastic to see all students there!

We wish everyone a fantastic week and

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

Woolies and Coles Promotion

Keep those docketts and vouchers coming in!



This weeks tally is:

WOOLIES POINTS = 3152

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