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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

**MOTHERS DAY  
ASSEMBLY AND  
MORNING TEA  
TUESDAY 3RD MAY**

### From the Principal



Dear CCS Parent or Friend,

There's a comfort in knowing what's ahead, but so much in life is unknown isn't it? If only we could look into a crystal ball and know with some certainty what lies ahead; we could be prepared for all eventualities – the good and the bad. I'm not sure though, that if we knew exactly how our life was to unfold that we would really want to know. In any case, nothing in life is preordained; decisions made along our

life journey can take us in very different directions.

Some people love the randomness of life - it appeals to their sense of adventure. Many people though, would prefer to know that they were prepared for the difficulties that might come their way. The fear of the unknown is more of a concern to most people than anything else. It's only natural that we should think about the future and what it has in store for us and for our children in particular, because, after all, we want what's best for our sons and daughters.

Like John Lennon once said though:

*It's fear of the unknown. The unknown is what it is. And to be frightened of it is what sends everybody scurrying around chasing dreams, illusions, wars, peace, love, hate, all that -- it's all illusion. Unknown is what it is. Accept that it's unknown and it's plain sailing. Everything is unknown--then you're ahead of the game. That's what it is. Right?"*

Easier said than done you might be thinking. Maybe this fear of the unknown explains why generation after generation talks about the 'good ole days' with fondness, as though these were the halcyon days, that will never be repeated. These past years – the good ole days - get better and better over time, because memory fades and we forget the minute detail of experiences we would care to forget.

Despite this uncertainty of the future unknown, each of us needs to make decisions based on the here and now of what we know now. We draw on what we have experienced and we draw on what we think will happen and act accordingly. There's no magical formula that will spin a known future. Preparing your child by sending them to a school like CCPS will prepare your child well as they grow into young men and women, who will continue to strive to achieve their life ambition and fulfil their potential.

**Prep Information Morning**  
**11am - Wednesday 4th May**  
**in the library**

**Mother's Day Stall and**  
**School Disco**  
**Friday 6th May**  
**5.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Year 8 Camp**  
**11 - 13th May**

### Year 11-12 Camp



### Anzac Day Ceremony



### Anzac Day March



This School's strength lies in its people; there's no two ways about it. Meetings with parents and successive CCPS parent surveys confirm, that parents are very happy with the quality of teaching and learning and in particular with the care our teachers give to students in helping them achieve to their highest potential.

Some parents look to the Senior School and question why some of the higher year levels are relatively small. The simple answer is that it's a factor of the School's short history. In 2006, in the second year of the School, the decision was made, at that time, to open up the School from Year 4 to Year 8 in one fell swoop.

The reasoning at this time was thought to be sound – provide more year levels and more students could come to the School. The reality was though, that students did not fill the higher year levels as much as the younger year levels and consequently the number of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are significantly smaller than the lower year levels. This of course will change over time as our larger cohorts move through the school.

Even though the size of the cohort in Years 11 and 12 is relatively small, the offering of subjects is not – it's excellent. There is an outstandingly good, low teacher to student ratio, which means that students get unparalleled attention and help in class. Students have a complete range of academic subjects to choose from to study – over fifteen subjects, including: English, Mathematics A, B, C, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Modern History, Information and Communication Technology, Visual Arts, Drama, Legal Studies, Business Organisation and Management, Japanese, Physical Education and Graphics.

We offer those subjects that students actually want to study and there are other subjects that we could offer and don't, simply because none of the current students want to study them. If a student wishes to study a subject we find a way to offer that subject. The one thing that should give parents peace of mind, is that at CCPS we go out of our way to accommodate the goals and aspirations of our students. We do this in many different ways, because not only is the quality of teaching and learning in the Senior School like the Junior School excellent, but also because, we go to extraordinary lengths to find out what each student's dreams and goals are for the future.

In addition to the academic subjects, many of our students in the Senior School either study University Head Start which guarantees, with a pass in the subject, automatic university entrance into that particular field, or are undertaking school based Traineeships or TAFE.

CCPS Class of 2010 performed extremely well in both the Queensland Core Skills Test and in their academic program, receiving good OP results with 12 of the 14 students receiving university course offers. It's timely to remind parents that the measure of a good academic program is whether students have successfully achieved their goals, receiving an Overall Position (OP) that is reflective of the students' abilities, and is not determined by how many OP1 results a school receives.

At the last Parent Strategic Consultative meeting, a number of parents from the Junior School expressed the point that while they have seen what their own children are doing, they rarely get to see what the other students are doing, particularly in the Senior School. It's only natural that we are more familiar with our own son or daughter's class and not that of other students'.

It's for this reason that I write to invite all existing parents along to our forthcoming **Open Day on Wednesday, 18 May, from 10am to 12.30pm** There's a common expression that 'seeing is believing' and I invite all parents to come and see for yourself the excellent academic options available for students as they move through the school from Year 6 into the Senior School. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the Senior School classrooms and see the extraordinary work that our students are engaged in – not just for Open Day – but for each and every day of the term. If you want what's best for your son or daughter in the future, come and see what's on offer in our Senior School now. Grow with us and reap the benefits, because we want what's best for your child too!

## CCPS Musical 2011

Urgently needed: assistance with set and prop production. Please email [admin@ccs.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@ccs.qld.edu.au) if you can help.  
21st and 22nd July



## Pyjama Foundation Reading Frenzy

CCPS students are invited to participate in the read-a-thon during the month of May



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*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.*

**Karon Graham**  
Principal

**STOP PRESS: Our Special Mother's Day Assembly followed by a Special Morning Tea in the library for all of our Special Mums will be held on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.30am in the assembly room. See you there.**

### Principals Acknowledgements:

Congratulations to all parents, students and staff who attended the ANZAC day ceremony march on Monday. Special thanks to **Alex Fowler** and **Olivia Bryant** for laying the wreath at the epitaph on behalf of the school community.



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

## Board Shorts

*News from the CCPS Board.*

The Board is pleased to announce that Caloundra City Private School has recently been successful in applying for government grant monies to fund a number of energy efficiency, solar power projects within the School. This is great news for our environmentally friendly School!

After going to tender, the School will install six, large 40,600 litre water tanks at the back of Frazer, Henzell and Ford Buildings. The water runoff from the roof area of these buildings will supply water to the School's grounds and reduce our water bill significantly.

In addition to the water tanks, the school will install self-closers on all doors to maximise energy efficiency and complement the existing energy enhancing features in the classrooms.

The addition of these solar friendly features along with other projects undertaken within the school, like the permaculture garden, chicken run, and the water tank that the Year 4 class organised this year, will go a long way towards a more environmentally friendly school.

Yours

**Roy Henzell**  
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**Senior School News**

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

**Year 11 and 12 Camp**

A successful Outdoor Education Program provides many positive aspects, particularly when delivered in a planned and sequential order across all year levels. At Caloundra City Private School all students have the opportunity of participating in the age appropriate challenges of camp. Our camp program aims to support and reinforce curriculum and pastoral goals in the most practical of environments. Students are required to work together in small or large groups and are faced with concepts such as team work, leadership, inclusiveness, fellowship and the value of working towards a common goal.

Recently, Mr Maguire and I attended the Year 11 and 12 Camp. Staff and students were faced with a gruelling 12 km walk each day along the Great Walk at Conondale in extremely inclement weather. It is in such an environment that you learn a great deal about students, their strengths and weaknesses, additionally it provided the opportunity for staff and students to interact outside the classroom and build strong relationships. We saw many outstanding individual achievements and all students learned the value of persistence and how extending one's own fortitude and boundaries can bring success in the most challenging of situations; be they emotional, physical or social.

Albeit overwhelming at times, all students have expressed a sense of pride and are pleased they participated. The ability to show resilience and optimism when faced with challenges is a vital tool for any young person and I congratulate all the students who participated in the camp on a wonderful achievement.

**National Assessment Program (NAPLAN)**

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test in May. Teachers use these results to meet the individual literacy and numeracy needs of all students. There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

**NAPLAN test dates**

2011 - Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May

**NAPLAN results**

You will receive a report that will show your child's results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report also shows the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school's average for each test. That means you'll be able to clearly see how your child compares with other students in the same year of schooling.

An additional report lists all the questions in the test, along with a brief description of each question and shows you which questions your child answered correctly. A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child's progress through the years.



## Junior School News

*by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.*

### **ANZAC March**

Thank you to all students and parents who attended the ANZAC March on Monday. We were blessed with fine weather for the duration of the march. The children marched with pride and represented our School with great pride. The efforts of families in attending this event over a long weekend, was greatly appreciated.

### **Buranga Camp**

This week a number of students from Years 6 and 7 attended a Day of Excellence which was held instead of the traditional SCIPHA Buranga Camp. This change was made just for this year due to the holidays and the camp booking not being possible due to ANZAC Day. For this event two students are selected by staff for each area and engage in a day of extension activities with like minded students from other schools. Whilst it would be wonderful to be able to send several students in some areas, the guidelines for selection are the same for each school as the total number of students is limited.

Congratulations to the following students who represented CCPS at the Day of Excellence this year:

**Alexandra Henzell** and **Natasha Irvine** - English

**Finn McKibbin** - Science

**Lachlan Lawler** and **Ishmun Akram** - Maths

**Annie Fraser** and **Natascha Mathias** - Music

**Jessica Dreyer** and **George Mulhearn** - Art

**Tayla Pleszkun** - ICT

### **Year One Camp**

On Thursday our Year 1 children, Miss Scurfield and Miss Hirst along with a number of eager parents braved the conditions and enjoyed a fantastic day out at Ewen Maddock Dam. They had a great camp day and were engaged in activities such as the Yo-yo, a low ropes course and bush adventures.

### **Host Families for Japanese students**

Last week I met with Shigeru Kawabe and Yuka Olsen from the Brisbane International Academy (BIA) regarding the exchange program with the students from Seigakuin. The students arrive on Sunday 24 July and depart CCPS at 6.00am on Saturday 30 July.

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. I 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](mailto:cgreen@ccs.qld.edu.au)

To assist with expenses, families will be paid \$180.00 for hosting a student.

### **Mother's Day Stall**

The Mother's Day stall is being held on the morning of Friday May 6 in the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library. Classes will be visiting the stall to purchase gifts for between \$3.00 and \$10.00. Tanya Lawler and Narelle Crockett have gone to great efforts to ensure that quality gifts are for sale at very reasonable prices, so please try to support this kind initiative. A flyer will be sent home this week with the gifts that are available for purchase at the stall.

### **Disco**

Our P and F Disco for this term will be held on Friday May 6 from 5.30pm. Platters of food will be provided for parents who are asked to attend and enjoy some fellowship with other parents while the disco is on for the children. Information regarding tickets and food have been emailed to all

parents and a hard copy will be sent home with student shortly.



## Library and I.T. News

**Did you know** - that if you click on a link at the top of the newsletter in the 'Contents' section it will take you direct to that article?

### **Student Borrowing**

Students from each year level have restrictions on the number of books they can borrow at a given time, however if parents come into the library with their children, the students are permitted to borrow up to six books at a time. Parents are most welcome at the library. Restrictions are in place so that the chances of books being misplaced is minimalised.

### **Reading Frenzy 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 Reading 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 schools fundraising

site [http://www.everydayhero.com.au/ccps\\_eagles](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: *"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared". - Buddha.*

## Sport News

All district sporting information and correspondence will be posted on the Parent Lounge. To prevent students from missing trials please check the notices regularly. Currently we have a number of district trials and other

extra-curricular activities available to both our junior (Yr 6 –7) and senior students.

All district trials and dates are posted on the SCISSA website.

Primary - <http://www.scissasport.com/primary-district>

Secondary - <http://www.scissasport.com/secondary-district>

The Sunshine Coast Independent District Cross Country Carnival for both junior and senior students will be held Friday 6th May at Maroochydore Cricket Grounds, Syd Lingard Drive, Buderim. A letter and consent form will be sent home this week regarding this.

## Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Next meeting Monday 9th May at 6.00pm in the library.  
All welcome

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



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## Tuckshop News

Tuckshop prices have increased as of this term. New tuckshop price lists are available from the administration office, the tuckshop and the CCPS website.  
<http://ccps.qld.edu.au/about/facilities/tuckshop/>

Sushi is available again this term. Please place paid orders on Wednesdays for lunches supplied on Thursdays.  
Cost is \$3.50 per pack of 4, they're made fresh Thursday morning and are delicious.



Teriyaki Chicken Roll – Pack of 4  
Salmon Roll – Pack of 4  
Tuna Roll – Pack of 4  
Ham Roll – Pack of 4  
Soboro Roll – Pack of 4  
Teriyaki Tofu Roll – Pack of 4  
Vegetarian Roll – Pack of 4  
Mixed Pack of 6 - \$4.50

## Parents & Friends Association News

### MOTHERS DAY STALL – Friday 6th May

For those of you new to our school community, the P & F set up a stall in the library where students come in class groups to purchase a gift. We have sourced a few different suppliers this year and hope to be able to keep the price between \$3 - \$10. There is a copy of the flyer below in this newsletter and we will be sending home a hard copy shortly with the items which will be on sale this year for our Mums.

### SCHOOL DISCO

Also on Friday 6th May, and due to popular demand, we will be holding another disco. The Disco nights are enjoyed by both kids and parents alike and we have had a lot of positive feedback. So if you haven't been to one yet, come along and enjoy a social night with other CCPS parents.

### CCPS Dad's Race Night



is going ahead on Thursday 26th May. Money needs to be paid into the P & F Bank account by 3rd May. (\$99pp).  
BSB – 064406 A/C 010368864 Please use Kart & Surname as reference.  
Further information will be sent out once all payments have been made.

#### **LEARNING TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS AT STOCKLAND CALOUNDRA**

Our competitors are Currumundi State School, Caloundra Christian College, Mooloolah State School and Landsborough State School in the under 300 students category. Shop between 9am and 1pm this Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April and present your receipts at the customer service desk (located outside the Coffee Club) to redeem your Donut King FREE Coffee voucher. This offer is available for the first 25 shoppers each day.

Every Friday a school is drawn as the winner of the weekly prize. Last week's prize of a \$400 Kmart Gift Card went to Caloundra Christian College. This week's prize is a Digital camera valued at \$200 from Edwards Camera Centre and a Sports pack valued at \$200 from Kmart Caloundra.

We need as many people as we can to shop at STOCKLAND CALOUNDRA and present their receipts to the Customer Service Desk (outside Coffee Club) to collect points for our school! **The school from each category with the most points at the end of the promotion wins \$3000 cash from Stockland and an Apple MacBook valued over \$999 from Leading Edge Computers and Electronics.**

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS, TELL YOUR NEIGHBOURS & TELL YOUR FAMILY TO SHOP AT STOCKLAND AND PRESENT THEIR RECEIPTS UNDER OUR SCHOOL'S NAME**

## Senior School Leaders News

Monday saw students and staff represent Caloundra City Private School at the Caloundra ANZAC Day Ceremony. Jake Irvine and Dylan Hughes held our new School Banner with pride whilst Olivia Bryant and Alex Fowler laid a wreath on behalf of the school community.

Today the Year 12 Business Organisation and Management class took part in the Business Competition held by QUT at their Caboolture Campus; we were given a scenario and developed a business plan from it. This was challenging but enjoyable and as a cohort this is the only opportunity we have had to do something like this that isn't assessment! We thank Mr Pederson for organising and attending this event with us.

Next week sees more exciting events for students of all ages, the Parents and Friends Association have organised another School Disco for next Friday night, we hope to see many students there and look forward to seeing your dance moves!

On the same day (6th May) is the Years 4-12 SCISSA Regional Cross Country Carnival, we wish all students luck and hope you achieve your best!

We wish everyone a fantastic weekend, (long again!) and look forward to seeing everyone for Mother's Day celebrations next Tuesday in our Whole School Assembly.

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



# CALOUNDRA CITY PRIVATE SCHOOL

## P&F Mother's Day Stall

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY



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