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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

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From the Principal

Have you heard that we now have more than seven billion people living on earth? On Monday, 31 October, just before midnight in the Philippines a baby was born, Danica May Camacho, who became the official seven billionth person born.

In 2000 the population on earth was 6 billion people. How extraordinary to think that it took 123 years for the world’s population to go from one billion to two billion but only 12 years to grow from six billion to seven billion? The world’s population increases exponentially every year with 2.3 billion people expected to be born in the next 40 years - around 200,000 babies born every day. The planet is expected to hit 10 billion by 2083.

While there was a cheer at the birth of seven billionth baby, there were others who pointed to the world of contradiction in which we live. A world where according to UN chief Ban Ki-moon, we need to tackle inequality on a planet where almost a billion people go hungry while others have surplus food. A world where a small minority live in the lap of luxury with a lavish lifestyle, while billions live in poverty. The gap between the rich and poor widens by an ever increasing scale, despite the commitment of world governments to reduce the gap at every international summit held by the United Nations over the last twenty years.

By 2030 India will have overtaken China as the most populous country on earth. South Asia has six of the top ten of the world’s fastest growing megacities and the other four are in Asia or in Africa. The Chinese economy has just overtaken Japan as the world’s second largest economy, measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP is a measure of total production of a country) behind the U.S. economy, which is ranked number one in the world. Some forecasters predict that China’s GDP may almost double that of the U.S. by 2030.

Demographically, the world is changing significantly. In 1950, Europe represented nearly a quarter of the world’s total population. A century later it looks set to only make up five per cent. While Asia has more than half of the world’s people, its share will only rise slightly from 55.6 per cent to 57.1 by 2150. The real growth, however, is in Africa, where high birth rates and falling levels of infant mortality mean that by 2150 one in four people will be African - up from less than one in 10 in 1950.

Can you imagine listening to seven billion stories? Probably not and yet the reality is that while the total number of people is growing faster...
than we probably like or care to think about, each person on earth is unique. Each person has his or her own story. When we consider the implications of these statistics, it brings new meaning to the concept of a 'rapidly changing world'. Yes, there is no denying that the whole global landscape is changing - demographically, economically and environmentally.

How do we prepare young people for this tremendous growth and change in the world? Individually and as a country we can no longer hide from the rest of the world. We can no longer ignore the rapid changes that are going on around us. 'No man is an island', as John Donne famously penned in 1624:

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. "

(Meditation XVII)

As a school, teachers prepare our young people for an ever changing world. While knowledge is important, it is no longer the single measure of a students' understanding of the world in which they live. Young people need a vast array of skills – such as traditional skills of reading, writing, technological literacies and numeracy – while at the same time developing deeper understanding, or wisdom, good judgement and emotional intelligences. Students need higher order thinking skills that allow them to discriminate between pieces of information, the ability to analyse, synthesise, extrapolate, interpolate and the capacity to put all of their understanding together in a way that is coherent and comprehensible to themselves and others.

As a parent you understand how important these skills, knowledge and understanding is for your son or daughter's future. As a school we take this task very seriously at CCPS and teachers are constantly working to develop these skills in all of our students.

Yes, we have differentiation within our classes. One size does not fit all – some students need extension in particular subjects or skills, other students need support and more time to develop the necessary skills. It is for this reason that the school provides a myriad of in class and out of class extension and support throughout the year:

- Gifted and talented extension through in class activities, competitions like the SEQ Water Wise project, like the Writers Competition, like the Forensic Science investigations, like the special tournaments that challenge students to think 'outside the box'. We provide each semester the opportunity for any student from Prep to Year 12 to undertake a special project of his or her own choosing for the Excellence Forums held at the School.

- In the classroom each student is challenged beyond their ability and where additional support is needed, it is provided.

- Senior students have the opportunity to commence university study from Year 10 and 11 and other students have the option of undertaking Vocational Education, School-based Traineeships – all before they leave School.

- Opportunity for greater cultural understanding through Exchange to Canada, Scotland or Japan and the increase in international students attending CCPS, better prepares young people for this demographic and cultural shift.

The main reason for sharing these options with parents, is to underline the point that in order to better prepare our young people, we have to provide them with the best possible learning opportunities – not as a ‘one off’ - but each and every day, throughout their entire school life.

The world of the future as Hedley Beare wrote, in 2001, is going to be very different from ours. In his first chapter he write of a fictional child:

"Hullo. I am Angelica. I am 5 years old. I really don't have much of a past. In fact, I am the future.....My world is already very different from the one you have grown up in.”

It is this very unknown and uncertain future for which we prepare our
young people. By 2024 our Preps will be leaving our school and embarking on further study at university or the first of many career choices. One thing parents can be confident about, is the level of care and excellence that we will provide for your son or daughter at Caloundra City Private School over the coming years.

Who knows, one of our graduates of the future may be one of the leaders to make significant change for the better in this ever growing world community, which in an almost contradictory way, despite its ever increasing size, shrinks in real time of travel and transference of knowledge and goods over time from one country to another. Yes, anything is possible with the right preparation and the wherewithal to make a difference in this world.

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgement:

Supporting cancer research and cancer awareness, students are invited to wear something pink tomorrow, Friday 4th November and a gold coin donation would be very much appreciated.

A big thank you to the Parents and Friends Association for their efforts with the very successful Halloween Disco.

Visit the Principal’s blog, Edutake

Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

City Stars is now taking shape as the steel framework goes up on the slab. Work will intensify over the coming weeks and parents will begin to notice more activity on the work site as the building emerges.

Over the coming two months a number of projects will be commenced (as mentioned previously, and just in case you missed the news:

• Concrete curbing to replace the large plastic bollards for the Drop Off Zone
• Shade structures over the Junior School pods and large shady umbrellas over the senior eating area tables and chairs
• Statement entry wall featuring the school name on Pelican Waters Boulevard near the northern roundabout
• Safety fencing for student safety around the external pathway at the entrance, and:
• Drainage and levelling work and topdressing on the school oval to bring it to a high standard playing field.

Full details of these upcoming projects will be announced at Speech Night, Tuesday, 15 November.

Until next time,
Roy Henzell
Board Chair

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School
Some people have greatness thrust upon them. Few have excellence thrust upon them, they achieve it. They do not achieve it unwittingly by doing what comes naturally and they don't stumble into it in the course of amusing themselves. All excellence involves discipline and tenacity of purpose.’ John William Gardner, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. 1965

Speech Night gives us the opportunity to celebrate and honor those students who, through hard work, determination and/or service receive recognition for their efforts.

Every recipient of an award has worked towards doing the extra that makes the ordinary - extraordinary. All of the students awarded have displayed the kind of discipline and tenacity of purpose that has allowed them to achieve their goals.

The excellence I have described did not, come about by accident. Many of the Students receiving awards at Speech Night have made sacrifices of their free time, of their social lives and of pursuing other activities important to them in order to give what is required to achieve their personal best. Our Speech Night awardees have shown us what can be achieved through hard work and dedication to excellence.

The following criterion has been used in making judgments about eligibility for the awards: **Dux of each Year level**, **Academic Distinction**, **Academic Endeavour** and **Individual Subject Prizes** (Yr11 and Yr12)

For Year 11 and Year 12 it is important to note that these prizes are based on school performance using the students’ best 5 subjects; with each subject weighted equally. Results have been calculated for Year 12 using Verification data provided to the Queensland Studies Authority and for Year 11, the Term three report card which is inclusive of the fullest and latest information at that point in time.

Individual subject prizes for Year 11 and 12 are awarded to the top student in each subject who has achieved a B or higher. For Years 8, 9 and 10 prizes are awarded based on the results achieved and recorded on the Term three report card – Semester electives results have also been added.

**Dux of each Year level**
Awarded to the student with the highest aggregate mark or grade point average from Semester One and Term Three report.

**Academic Distinction**
Awarded to the students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who achieved an A result in four or more subjects on the Term Three report card.

**Academic Endeavour**
Awarded to the students who receive ONLY High or Exemplary in Work Ethic on the Term Three report card and MUST NOT have any Needs Improvements on the report.

**Year 11 and Year 12 Subject Prizes**
The student who has achieved the highest result in that subject. The result needing to be of a B standard or higher.

**Neighborhood Watch Award for Service**
This is awarded to a student who has shown both qualities of initiative and service during the year. They should be a person who has been prominent in worthwhile school or community projects, and someone whose motivation has clearly been to promote the welfare of others.

We look forward to all students and parents attendance at Speech Night on Tuesday, 15th November at the Caloundra RSL Function Centre.

Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

**End of Term**
As we near the end of the term and the school year it is most important that the students continue to remain focussed on their school work until the very end of the semester. Our students have a good summer break and there is plenty of down time ahead for them over the holidays. For this reason, I ask parents to assist teachers in reinforcing expectations in terms of homework and uniform standards.
Booklists link on CCPS website
The link to the CCPS order page at Campion Education has been placed on the front page of our CCPS website.
www.ccpps.qld.edu.au

Speech Night and Prep to Year 3 Presentation morning
Parents are reminded that Speech Night is being held on Tuesday, 15 November commencing at 7.00pm at the RSL Function Centre. It is expected that every student from Years 4 and above attend this event, regardless of whether they are a prize recipient. The evening is about celebrating our year as a school. Parents of younger children are also most welcome to attend. All children are expected to wear their school uniform. The following morning, Wednesday, 16 November, the Prep to Year 3 children will present their annual concert. All classes in the Junior School (Prep to Year 7) attend this event at the RSL Function Centre. Students are to be dropped off at the RSL Function Centre at 8.30am and they will be bussed back to school at morning tea when the celebration concludes.

Twilight Concert
Next week we look forward to the cultural celebration of our annual Twilight Concert. The students have been busy auditioning for this concert and it is a special performance evening for our school community. Please take the time to join us for this celebration at 5.30pm next Tuesday, 8 November.

Tuckshop Day
This Friday, 4 November has been designated Tuckshop Day in Queensland schools. This is an occasion to give our tuckshop convenor, Mrs Adams, and the many tuckshop volunteers a collective 'pat on the back' to say thank you for their tireless efforts. It is very easy to forget to notice the important contribution tuckshop workers and volunteers make to the everyday operation of schools.

Family members like grandparents and local residents are welcome volunteers in our school and especially our school tuckshop. The old saying "more hands make light work" is very true for school tuckshops. Volunteers don’t have to spend a whole day in the tuckshop, even volunteering for an hour is a valuable contribution.

Raffle Tickets
This week a book of raffle tickets has been sent home with each family. This raffle is a major part of our fund raising for the Fair. First prize in the raffle is an exquisite sapphire and diamond pendant valued at $4500. You will see photos of the gorgeous piece of jewellery around the school. Due to the high value of the prizes which total in excess of $10 000 it is most important that every book of tickets is accounted for. Please return ticket butts and money before Thursday 10th November as well as any unsold tickets. This is a registered raffle and we need to ensure that we abide by the rules of conduct.

The raffle prizes will be drawn at the Festive Fair on 26 November. The Fair is a great fund raiser for our school and the efforts of our community to date, are most appreciated. If, however, you haven't volunteered to assist on a stall or with the set up and clean up, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. We are in urgent need of a volunteer to coordinate the Year 6 Nerf Gun stall. If you can help with this, please email pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Pictured is the beautiful pendant which is first prize in the raffle.

Library and I.T. News

Christmas Bookfair
Next week we will be holding our annual Christmas Bookfair in time for you to purchase Christmas gifts. There will be a wide range of quality

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children’s books for sale as well as novelty items which make great stocking fillers.

Our library receives many new books from the proceeds of sale from these Bookfairs and your support is greatly appreciated.

**Funny of the week:** Little Johnny’s kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures, tacked to a bulletin board, of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

"Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him."

Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

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**Hat cleaning/blocking service**

This Year we will be offering a Hat Cleaning/Reblocking service for all school Formal Hats.

If you wish to get your child’s hat cleaned and or stiffened, firstly please make sure that the hat is clearly marked with your child’s name. Place this hat into a plastic shopping bag with your child’s name clearly marked on the bag. Bring the hat and the correct money to Administration on/before the last day of school. The hats can be collected from Admin in the next year on class party day or first day of school.

Basic Service- Clean, Stiffen, Reblock
Year 3- Year 12 Boys and Girls Formal Hat - $23
Prep – Year 3 Boys and Girls Cotton Formal Hat – $14
Extremely soiled or stained with ink, paint etc - add $5

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**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.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

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**Seniors School Leaders News**

Exams are over! The relief for all of us was clearly evident by the end of Wednesday afternoon after students have been working hard and studying around the clock. Congratulations to everybody on a great effort and a special thank you to all staff members who facilitated the exam block and thank you to all staff and students for being extra quiet when you were near the library. Your consideration was greatly appreciated.

After the completion of our assessment and the excitement of the Melbourne Cup, November is well and truly here and the end of the year is fast approaching with many exciting events coming up in the next few weeks.

Next Tuesday at the Whole School Assembly we look forward to a number of presentations including the report from the Canadian Exchange and in the evening we are looking forward to attending the Twilight Concert and watching the wonderful performances. It’s sure to be great entertainment.

Until next time,

Rhiannon, Alex, Olivia, Jake

Caloundra City Private School Captains
First Place at the Sunshine Coast Independent Primary Heads Association Chess Tournament

On Monday 31st October Year 3/4/5GF competed in the SCIPHA (Sunshine Coast Independent Primary Heads Association) Chess Tournament at Immanuel Lutheran College, Buderim. They had a very successful day with all five teams playing competitively and many students improving their ranking from the previous tournament.

Team One consisting of Kayla Murphy, Jake Marshall, Jordan Blacker and Armelle Cristante won the Division B section of the Tournament and were awarded a Medallion. Kayla Murphy also was awarded the Overall High Score Medallion. All students are to be congratulated for their sportsmanship, excellent behaviour and great representation of our School. Thanks also to Janelle Murphy, Kim Blacker and Yashimi Maeda for providing transport to and from the venue.

Get last minute advice on university entry

USC Options Evening is the perfect opportunity for you to get your questions answered about 2012 entry into USC.

Talk one-on-one with staff about your study options, new programs, admission to uni, financial matters, student support and studying overseas as part of your degree.

USC Options Evening
Monday 19 December
Anytime between 4pm and 6:30pm
Building C, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs

To register your attendance, visit www.usc.edu.au/info or phone 5456 5000.

Parents and Friends Association News

Thank you to all families who supported the Halloween Disco, we raised $1600 on the night! Also to everyone who brought their Woolies Dockets and Coles Vouchers in.

We received world globes for each classroom, world maps, two display racks and a trolley for the library, science equipment and stationery from Woolies.

Next week we will list the sports goods we will receive from Coles.

Don't forget our FESTIVE FAIR on Saturday 26th November! This will be our main fundraiser for the year and is going to be heaps of fun.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL RAFFLE MONEY, SOLD BUTTS AND UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS BY THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Student Banking News

Tip of the week:
When your child receives their bank statement, explain to them what their account number is and how much interest they earned.

This week's student banking prizes go to:

**Caitlin Moffitt** - Prep, **Angel Branch** - 4KR, **Tyson Tralau** - Pelican's Nest, **Harmony Harris** - Pelican's Nest
**Parent - Daughter Surf Session #2 Is On Again!**

**Happy Valley: 6:30am**
**Sausage Sizzle BBQ: 8:30am**
**Sunday 13th 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/supa board/ironing board - any type of board!
We had about 22 girls learning aged 6-14 last time, so let's 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 Locals’ 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 @ $20 pp, so numbers need to be known for that ASAP.

Let me know if you're keen on Email suemalsurf@hotmail.com and tell your mates!

Cheers,

Jason Towne

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