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2012 Term Dates

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- Monday 23rd January to Thursday 29th March

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- Tuesday 17th April to Thursday 21st June

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From the Principal

What has been the greatest influence in your life? Who or what has shaped your life in such a way that makes you the person you are today? A tricky question for some; how does one decide on the single greatest influence in your life? Is it a person who meant a great deal to you, or is it technology that has saved your life or keeps you in contact with a loved one, a book perhaps that changed your way of thinking, or a special event that irrevocably altered your perception, or is it a personal experience like the birth of your first child that has changed your life forever?

Each year, Time magazine lists the 100 most influential people in the world. The latest issue for 2012, lists people of diverse backgrounds, unbelievable talents, inspirational leaders, politicians, health care workers, innovators, entertainers, moguls and even celebrity chefs. While many of these people cast a huge net over their sphere of influence, like Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, most of us would not actually recognise them or understand the nature of their influence in the world at all.

Another top 100 influential person is Henrik Scharfe, a little known Danish university professor, who has created a doppelgänger. “What’s that?” I hear you ask. A doppelgänger is in the literal sense, a “paranormal double of a human”. Scharfe has created a “double” of himself – a human like robot – Geminold-DK to be precise, also affectionately called Watson, which looks like Scharfe and has a voice, a face and well groomed and dressed body almost identical in every respect to Scharfe.

While I take nothing away from these very influential people, probably like many of you, my choice of person or persons, who have had the greatest influence on my life is a little more prosaic. So who was the greatest influence in my young life? For me it was my father who insisted that I study to Year 12 (instead of leaving at Year 10) and go onto the University of Queensland. The other person who changed my whole direction in life was a Year 11 Economics teacher, Mr Bensley, who helped me believe in myself. Because of relentless bullying throughout my secondary schooling, I doubted my own ability and was afraid to give talks in front of the class and the very
thought of giving a speech, even for assessment, turned me into a quivering mess. Many people say that the thought of public speaking is worse than the fear of death and researchers have found that many people universally rank it as one of their worst fears!

Thankfully my teacher had greater confidence in me than I did and to my amazement, after much coaxing and coaching by him, I was able to give a speech – not a particularly good one I might add, but enough to give me some confidence to reconsider my options for the future. Maybe because of my personal experiences and wanting to help other people, I launched into a career where I thought I could make the greatest contribution and the greatest difference to other people’s lives – teaching.

To this day I care passionately about all of the children in our care at School and do all in my power to create a safe, enjoyable and engaging learning environment. I remember very clearly how horrible it was to be the subject of taunts, how terrible it was to face bullying behaviour every day and at the time to doubt my own ability. When my confidence and self esteem was at an all time low, one teacher made me see what I could achieve and what ultimately I could do with my life. He asked me to consider becoming a teacher and because he believed in me, I made one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life. So believe me when I say that I want what is best for every student at our School and I want students to believe that they can achieve anything in this world with practice and perseverance.

Like me, the teachers at CCPS care deeply about each child and are committed to helping every single child reach their full potential. The School’s foundation for teaching and learning is built on our School Motto of Excellence, Integrity, Learning. Not content with excellent NAPLAN results at CCPS – listed in the top 10 percent of schools in Queensland and the top 20 percent in Australia - the teachers are continuing to look at strategies to improve student learning and outcomes. This means constant review of current teaching practices and seeking feedback from students and parents and in the coming weeks I will be sending out a survey to all parents seeking your feedback on various aspects of the School. Please discuss your child’s progress or any aspect of your son or daughter’s learning with the classroom teacher at any time during the year. Making an appointment with the teacher ensures that an appropriate time that is mutually convenient, can be arranged.

Another important person in my life, recently shared this provoking poem with me

**Just One**

One song can spark a moment
One flower can wake the dream
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey.
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what’s true,
One life can make a difference,
You see it’s up to you!
We can all make a difference in this world if we want. We may each be the one person to influence the life of someone for the better and give them the confidence to become all that they can be in this world. What greater gift can you give another person? Thank you dad and thank you Mr Bensley.

**Karon Graham**
Principal

**NOTE:** All of our school mothers and grandmothers are invited to a special Mother’s Day assembly on Tuesday 8th followed by Morning Tea in the library.

**Principal’s Acknowledgements:**

Congratulations to **Henzell House** winning the Annette Hoskin Cross Country Trophy and all students who participated in the Cross Country last week. Special congratulations to the following students who were named Age Champions:

- **Declan Tanner** and **Jordan Neale** (9 years)
- **Jackson Price** and **Kayleigh Brighton** (10 years)
- **William Topping** and **Chloe Southern** (11 years)
- **Jayden Mees** and **Perri Bright** (12 years)
- **Zac Lenkeith** and **Sophie De Fries** (13 years)
- **Daniel Reynolds** and **Jess Hoskins** (14 years)
- **Sam Walker** and **Alyssa Cherry** (15 years)
- **Claye Weight** and **Bronte Latham** (16 years)
- **Woody Hill** and **Maddie Hoskin** (Open age)

Congratulations to **Kye Stopka** for featuring in a full page article in the ‘Junior Sport’ section of the Sunshine Coast Daily on Wednesday recognising his achievement for being selected in the Queensland Soccer Squad in the year level above his age. Well done **Kye**.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the Exchange Program. Going to Rundle College, Calgary, Canada: **T.J. Bindon** and **Emily Rava**. Going to Lathallan School, Scotland: **Luka Dale** and **Lauren Mulhearn**.

Visit the Principal’s blog, Edutake

**Board Shorts**

*News from the CCPS Board.*

Reminder to all parents that the Annual General Meeting for Caloundra City Private School is at 5pm in the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library on Thursday, 10 May. All company members are cordially invited to this AGM and are eligible to vote on all relevant matters. Look forward to seeing company members at this meeting.
I would like to take this opportunity also to personally thank all Board Members: Laurie Vogler, Kate Morris, Bill Lyons, Malcolm Turnbull, Jeff Ford, Greg Coleman and Martin Fraser for their great work and commitment to Caloundra City Private School and because they have each made a great contribution to the School in the last year.”

Until next time,

Roy Henzell
Board Chair.

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

NAPLAN

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is the independent authority responsible for the overall management of the Australian National Assessment Program.

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every student to progress through school and life, in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year in the second full week in May.

After assessments have taken place a public report is released providing a national overview of student performance against the relevant standards. Additionally, parents and schools receive a basic report about the performance of their students.

This year the testing will occur on May 15, 16 and 17. A detailed timetable will be given to students next week.

Our students traditionally perform very well on the annual NAPLAN tests, with high mean scores across all areas confirming Caloundra City Private School’s reputation as one of the top academic performers in the region. Recently the Australian newspaper published CCPS as being school number 22 in the top 50 schools in Queensland.

Congratulation to everyone who participated in the School’s Cross Country Carnival last Friday. Special thanks to Mrs Murphy for the organisation of the carnival and Mrs Hoskin and Maddison Hoskin for their tireless work with the rigorous training session that have been held twice weekly.

Positive House participation and spirit contributes directly to the overall tone of our school and indeed the success of the carnival. The increase in school spirit since the introduction of vertical House groups has fostered positive relationships between students across year levels and staff - both in and outside of the classroom.

Through our Carnivals, Activities Days and Inter-House lunch time competitions there are many opportunities for everyone to be involved and develop leadership skills as students accept responsibility for mobilising and coordinating a variety of activities. It is through this service to the School that the values of citizenship, loyalty and diligence are enacted and reinforced in our students.

I commend our House Captains who have risen to the challenge of leadership as we have sought to enhance their roles and responsibilities. They have enjoyed the challenge and under the direction of Heads of House, set a fine example for those in younger year.

Reminder: The closing date for Headstart applications for Semester Two is 11th May.
Junior School News

by Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

Year One Camp by Julie Hirst

Last Friday our Year One students set off on their day camp experience at Ewen Maddock Dam. The focus for the day was on working together as a team and supporting your friends. After a short bus ride filled with nervous giggles and plenty of excitement the children arrived at Ewen Maddock Dam’s recreation facility. Throughout the day the students were flung into the air on the human yo-yo, turned into tightrope walkers at the low ropes course, and challenged by some games that relied entirely on teamwork skills. It was an outstanding experience for all of the children and a wonderful day was had by all. I would like to make special mention of the team of strong, supportive Dads who helped out with the activities on the day, their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Cross Country by 4KR

Our Years 4-12 Cross Country took place on Friday, 27th April, 2012, beginning and ending at the oval. After a brief Assembly and individual House meetings, all students made their way to the House tents. It was lovely to be able to have a dance before the official events began. We really enjoyed this because everyone was joining in! Each student in Year 4 ran 2kms and tried their best. Medals were presented to the winning students from each age group at the end of the event. The students born in 2003, 2002 or 2001 who received a medal were: Declan Tanner (Year 4), Jordan Neale (Year 4), Jackson Price (Year 4), Kayleigh Brighton (Year 5), William Topping (Year 5) and Chloe Southern (Year 6). The winning House of the day was Henzell, who started the day brilliantly by winning the cheering contest. Thank you to Mrs Murphy, Teachers, House Captains and the wonderful Parent Helpers who assisted in the organisation and running of the day.

Mother’s Day Assembly and Morning Tea

Next week, Tuesday 8th May, there will be a special Mother’s Day Assembly followed by morning tea in the library. The students are very excited about showing their appreciation to all the wonderful mothers and celebrating all the marvellous things they do for each of us. All parents are welcome to attend.

NAPLAN 15th, 16th and 17th May

What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made.
by teachers about each student’s performance.

**What will be tested, and how?**

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and Mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

**Can I help my child prepare for the tests?**

NAPLAN assessments are undertaken by students as a normal part of their education program. Teachers will ensure students are prepared for the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Sample questions and a sample Writing task can be accessed on the NAPLAN website: www.naplan.edu.au.

**How is NAPLAN performance measured?**

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level.

A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

**What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?**

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18th May.

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**Library and I.C.T. News**

**10,000 Resources!**

This week we have catalogued our 10,000th resource for our library collection! This is an amazing number considering our library is only in its seventh year. Thank you to everyone who has given donations to our library over the years and supported our Bookfairs and Bookclub. The students certainly have the best choice of new, quality reading books available to them and this reflects in their ever improving reading skills.

**Internet Usage at home**

Our school internet security system, Netbox Blue, provides us with daily reports on the internet usage of students using their school supplied computers, both at school and at home. Recent reports have highlighted that some students are downloading substantial amounts of data, including games, youtube clips, music and movies when at home. In some circumstances these downloads can total in excess of 4 Gigabytes per day on the weekend for an individual student.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight that some Internet Providers levy substantial fees for data usage above the plan download limit, and that considerable costs may be incurred for this kind of data.
usage. We would also like to remind parents and guardians that, in accordance with the Technology Network Code of Conduct, the facilities provided by the school, including student Macbooks, are provided to “support and facilitate curricular learning”. We do recognise that for some students their Macbook is the only device they may have to access the Internet when at home, however parents and guardians should be aware of the use to which the students are putting their computers, and provide guidance and control where necessary. Thank you.

Joke of the week: I was packing for my business trip and my three year old daughter was having a wonderful time playing on the bed. At one point she said, “Daddy, look at this,” and stuck out two of her fingers. Trying to keep her entertained, I reached out and stuck her tiny fingers in my mouth and said, “Daddy’s gonna eat your fingers,” pretending to eat them. I went back to packing, looked up again and my daughter was standing on the bed staring at her fingers with a devastated look on her face. I said, “What’s wrong, honey?” She replied, “What happened to my booger?”

Desley Grant, Library Manager and Steve Rattey, I.C.T. Manager

Sport News

Ospreys Soccer was cancelled last week due to rain

Cross Country

Friday April the 27th saw Caloundra City Private School kick off our annual Years 4 - 12 school cross country, and what a great success it was. The day involved a whole lot of fun, food, cheering, running and mud! A war cry kicked off the cross country. All four Houses had fantastic war cries but Henzell seemed to find that extra spirit which took them to the lead with 10 points. This war cry was followed by some fantastic dance moves by all students and teachers to the chicken dance and the bus stop. The dance moves were that good that I think we will be having a dance off between houses.

The 11, 12 and 13 year old girls and boys were the first to take to the track closely followed by the 9 and 10 year olds. This was their first time running the track and they did it with ease and in record time.

A lot of participation was shown from our Caloundra City Private students, great work CCPS! The track isn’t easy but the following people owned it. A very, very big congratulations to the following students who are our Age Champions for the 2012 Cross Country, you all did a fantastic job! These students, along with the remaining top six runners from each age group will participate at the district trials on the 11th of May at Buderim, GOODLUCK!

9 Years Boys
Declan Tanner (Age Champion)
Harrison Kello
Thomas Topping
Jackson Mobbs

9 Years Girls
Jordan Neale (Age Champion)
Madi Topping
Kelsey Mudd
Eloise Whitney
Teagan Osborn
Jasmine Foley

10 Years Boys
Jackson Price (Age Champion)
Jackson Hood
Asher Dessauer
Quinn Hurt
Taj Stephenson
Riley Pederson

10 Years Girls
Kayleigh Brighton (Age Champion)
Molly Whiting
Naomi Maura
Belle Kurz
Lauren Settle
Tayla Connors

11 Years Boys
William Topping  (Age Champion)
Niclas Dreyer
Ben Geange
Jordan Blacker
Dante Dreyer
Brad Graver

11 Years Girls
Chloe Southern  (Age Champion)
Safron McGibbon
Claire Southern
Hannah Stuart
Jasmine Lennon
Molly Tavender

12 Years Boys
Jayden Mees  (Age Champion)
Logan Hancock
David Payne
Hunter Kurz
Tyrone Honeysett
Padrid Burgess

12 Years Girls
Perri Bright  (Age Champion)
Sarah Geange
Natasha Mathias
Kaila Murphy
Tayla Pleszkun
Riordon Turner

13 Years Boys
Zac Lenkeith  (Age Champion)
Jack Williams
Luke Frisby
Jamie Highton
Chris Barber
Lachlan Lawler

13 Years Girls
Sophie De Fries  (Age Champion)
Jess Dreyer
Natasha Irvine
Mikayla Coleman
Briana Comblas
Bella Alexander

14 Years Boys
Daniel Reynolds  (Age Champion)
Nicholas Reynolds
Scott Maker
Lewis Conway
West Lenkeith
Shaun Capps

14 Years Girls
Jess Hoskins  (Age Champion)
Alex Stuart
Sofia Drew Pepe
Niuiha Segawa
Tori Piercy
Olivia Johnson

15 Years Boys
Sam Walker  (Age Champion)
Carson Mills
Rahul Dadyala
Jamie Edmondson
CONGRATULATIONS AND GOODLUCK!
Ford, Henzell, McLean and Munns each did a fantastic job supporting their houses and earning points towards the overall winners. However, there can only be one winner! This year Henzell took out the 2012 Cross Country.

Overall the day was a great success and so much fun. A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and students, you all made this day such a success! Thanks to all of our House Captains for your amazing support. CONGRATULATIONS HENZELL, and good luck to all of our runners competing at the district trials in two weeks.

Parents & Friends Association Meetings
Next meeting will be held on Friday 18th May at 8.30am in the library. All welcome. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat with friends.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Parents and Friend's Association News

Mother's Day Stall
Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday 11 May in the library. There will
be many beautiful gifts children can purchase for their Mum's. (see picture inserted). We have items ranging from $1 to $10. Classes will visit the library during the day to give students the opportunity to purchase their Mum's gifts.

**Disco**

Our next School Disco will be held on Friday 11 May at 5.30pm till 7.30pm. Please be aware that this is not a drop students off event. It is also an important social occasion for parents to get to know each other while their children are dancing the night away.

**Woolies Earn and Lean 2012**

Woolworths have announced that their Earn & Learn promotion is back for 2012. Last year our school collected over 14,500 points which were redeemed for resources worth in excess of $900. The promotion is open from Wednesday 9th May and closes on Sunday 1st July. To participate, simply shop at any Woolworths store during the promotion and collect stickers from the checkout operator. There'll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). There is no need to collect sticker cards as Woolworths have supplied our school with 1000 cards. Send your stickers along to school and ask your child to hand them to their Junior school class teacher or House teacher in the Senior School. The P & F would like to offer 2 prizes of $200, one to the Junior Class and one to the Senior House who collects the most stickers. The winning Class and House will get to choose how to spend their winnings, in a way that is of benefit to the School.

**International exchange students billet families wanted**

Have you considered hosting an International Student for a short stay?

We have International students arriving as early as July 2012 from Seigakuin in Tokyo and other Japanese schools throughout the year.

Enquire now and be part of CCPS International Program.

New friends, new perspectives, generously subsidised, new connections overseas, everyone in the family benefits, an exciting way to be more involved with your child’s schooling experience.

Please contact reception for an Expression of Interest Form on 5437 5800, or International Home Stay Coordinator Cathy Couchman on 0404 630012.