From the Principal

“The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of ordinary qualities. These may be for the most part summed up in these two: common sense and perseverance.”

(Owen Feltham, English writer)

If I was to ask you to name the five wealthiest people in the world, or to name three people who have won the Nobel or Archibald Prize, or to name the last five winners of the Brownlow Medal or the Dally M Medal or the last five winners of Best Actor in the Academy Awards, would you struggle? How did you go? Many of us would have trouble answering one of these, let alone all of these questions. (Okay, there may be a trivia savant out there, who scored 100%, but it’s not me and it’s probably not you.)

Even though it’s interesting or important to us at the time, as life moves on, we care little, and remember less of the past successes of these great people. Their successes eventually fade into oblivion, the applause evaporates into the ether and their achievements and awards are often forgotten altogether.

If on the other hand I was to ask you to name three teachers who helped you through school, or three friends who have stood by you through a difficult time, or five people who have taught you something worthwhile, or five people you enjoy spending time with, then the challenge is much easier, isn’t it?

As Charles Schulz, creator of the “Peanuts” comic strip (one of my favourites) muses: the lesson here is that the people who make a real difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards; they are the ones who care about you. They are ordinary people, who have affected your life in an extraordinary way.

Perseverance, persistence, and patience are qualities that ultimately can affect our destiny. Perhaps one of the greatest examples of a life built on these three qualities is that of the great American President, Abraham Lincoln. If ever there was a lesson in not giving up, it is the story of Abraham Lincoln. His perseverance, his persistence and patience is both inspirational and legendary.
Lincoln was born into poverty, was beset by personal tragedy, (when his fiancée died), suffered a nervous breakdown, experienced multiple business failures and bankruptcy, and lost eight elections before rising to the highest possible office in the country as the President of the United States in 1860. Lincoln never gave up; he persisted when many others would have given up in the face of such heartbreaking obstacles.

Yes, most of us, who consider ourselves to be, just ordinary people, can achieve extraordinary things if we have a mind to, and if the circumstances unfold in a way, to allow us to seize the opportunity in front of us. It’s not only about what we achieve ourselves, but it’s also, how we might make a significant difference in the life of another person, or lots of people for that matter. English theologian, Julies Hare wrote:

"Be what you are. This is the first step towards becoming better than you are."

CCPS has some very talented students, (just like mum and dad I suspect), who achieve great results in academics, sporting, musical and artistic pursuits. As Principal I congratulate and applaud these accomplishments and encourage these students to strive even higher in their next challenge.

Equally, there are many students who don’t see themselves as ‘talented or gifted’ and it’s to these students, I say ‘go for it’. Each of us is unique and each person has different skills, interests and talents. Find your passion and pursue it. You will never know what you’re capable of, until you give it your very best shot. Perseverance, persistence, patience and practice will see you improve, and over time, achieve what it is that you want in life. Ordinary people really do achieve extraordinary things!

Excellent 2012 NAPLAN results for Years 3,5,7 and 9 yet again, clearly demonstrate that the teachers and students excel and flourish academically at CCPS. From small things, big things grow. Dedication and expertise of our teachers, combined with the students’ willingness to learn and understand is a powerful mix that yields success and continued success over time. Congratulations to all students and all of the teachers for these great results in 2012.

“Our imagination is the only limit to what we can hope to have in the future.”

(Charles Kettering, American inventor, engineer, and businessman)

Staff News

It is very sad that in “Pink October’ one of our teachers, Mrs Fiona Sawyer has been diagnosed with breast cancer. I know the whole school community will want to join me in wishing Mrs Sawyer a speedy recovery and we will keep her, and her family, in our thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

I would like to welcome a new staff member to CCPS, Miss Crystal Brown, who will be assisting Mrs Frisby in the City Stars Kindergarten. Miss Brown will be a welcome addition to the ever growing kindergarten group and a great asset to the Centre.

Welcome also to our Pre-Service Teachers who join us this term from the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgements
Welcome back Emily Rava, TJ Bindon, and Justin Faa from Rundle College in Calgary, Canada. The students had a fabulous time on Exchange and are still coming back to earth after their exciting six week Exchange. The School has also heard that Luka Dale and Lauren Mulhearn are having an equally exciting time in Scotland and they will rejoin our students in a week or so. All students have been wonderful ambassadors for the School.
P and F Halloween Disco

Friday 26th October
5.30pm to 7.30pm

Caloundra Bulk Billing Surgery

68 Bulcock Street
5438 1488

Congratulations to the students in Years 8 to 10 who competed in the University of Queensland, Mathematics Problem Solving Competition. (Cieran Kent, Jess Hoskin, Nyui Nasegawa, Louis Conway, Luke Frisby and Sean Capps). Against very strong competition from some of the top schools in Brisbane, our students performed very well, with Cieran Kent being awarded a “High Commendation” in the competition. Excellent effort Cieran.

Congratulations to both Nicholas and Daniel Reynolds who have been selected in the Sunshine Coast U14 Cricket team and will play in the State Championships early in December. Best wishes to both boys on this excellent achievement.

Congratulations to Mrs Katrina Butler, who has been appointed Learning Enrichment Coordinator. Mrs Butler brings many skills and knowledge to this role.

(pictured) Justin Faa on Exchange in Canada

Caloundra City Private School Newsletter
http://mailsmart.8bits.co/t/ViewEmail/r/5C1CD5E35F5E7690

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

Welcome back, I hope you had a relaxing and fun filled time with both family and friends. I am sure that now we have recharged our batteries, everyone is ready for a fast and furious Term 4 with only six short weeks left for our Year 12’s.

Year 10 Work Experience

At the end of last term our Year 10 students completed a very successful work experience week resulting in a number of students being offered part time employment. Work experience offers students the opportunity to further develop their subject-based skills, explore possible career options, and enhance interpersonal and communication skills.

Eliza Peters wrote this about her work experience at Under Water World:

Overall my work experience was fun and eventful. I loved working with the team at UnderWater World and have developed many more people skills. In particular I enjoyed working at the touch tank where I met interesting people. The staff at UnderWater World were impressed by my manners and initiative and offered me a part time position. I worked every day of the September school holidays and I am the youngest employee ever to join the team at UnderWater World.

Eliza Peters Yr. 10

NAPLAN

By now, parents with children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have received NAPLAN results. The results come in the form of what looks like a thermometer showing the ‘Health’ of their son or daughter’s Numeracy and Literacy shown by a floating black dot.

Caloundra City Private School students have again performed well on the annual NAPLAN tests, with high mean scores affirming the School’s position as one of the highest academic performers in the region.
The majority of CCPS students achieved above the National Minimum Standard, so no doubt if your son or daughter’s dot is in this category you can relax. However; what about the dots indicating a child is performing below benchmark? There is an assumption that NAPLAN results themselves are an accurate account of what a student knows or can do not taking in account the child who suffers text anxiety or had a headache on that day or that the test itself is in isolation to the rest of the curriculum being studied. While it is important for schools to be transparent with the NAPLAN results, the information should be used as a diagnostic tool to inform future pedagogy not to compare individual students, schools or states.

Parents are reminded that NAPLAN is one set of results and should be viewed in context with all the other information provided by the school inclusive of interviews and report cards.

All students at CCPS are encouraged to achieve their own personal best and our Senior Students can be proud of their academic achievements.

Certificate IV in Justice Studies
We are excited to announce that we are able to offer Certificate IV in Justice Studies (3929QLD) course in 2013. This qualification is an excellent opportunity for students to take the first step towards a successful career in the justice industry.

This course utilises a partnership with the University of the Sunshine Coast and students who complete this course will gain direct entry into their Bachelor of Justice and Legal Studies. The University will give students with a Certificate IV in Justice Studies, 4 credit points (equivalent to 6 months off the course duration). The course also has close links with the Diploma of Justice Studies at the Sunshine Coast TAFE, with Queensland Courts and with the Queensland Police District Recruitment Officer and Shine Lawyers.

Additionally, successful completion of the Certificate IV in Justice Studies gains the student 8 QCE points and guarantees a rank comparable to an OP11/12.

The course fees are substantially reduced for school students (cost of the course at Brisbane North Institute of TAFE is $1300 + textbooks or The College of Law and Justice charges $2995).

CCPS students will only be charged a total of $600 for the course. There are no additional costs associated with this fee. The course will comprise of 10 units of competency. The course content for most of these units is covered in the Legal Studies Curriculum. Course content that falls outside the Legal Studies Curriculum is studied online and at night tutorials (4 per year) at Unity College.

Questions and assistance can be sought from the Trainer and Assessor through the online program, via email, phone call or skype. Extra assistance will be provided from Mr Tim Ricketts our Legal Studies teacher, for 2013.

There will, on occasion, be a need for students to attend after school hours sessions to complete practical assessments. These days will be advertised well in advance so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Amanda Paton will address next week’s Senior Assembly and hand out information to interested students.

Junior School News

by Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

Welcome back to the last term for the year. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school year. Term 4 will be very busy as it is only 8 weeks long and we have many important school events. Please make note of the following dates in your calendar.
IMPORTANT DATES
Wednesday 17th October - NAP Testing Year 6GM
Thursday 18th October - Australian Youth Choir Visit
Wednesday 24th October - Prep 2013 Information Afternoon
Friday 26th October - Halloween Disco
Monday 5th to Friday 9th November - Hawaiian Bookfair
Tuesday 13th November - CCPS Annual Speech Night at 7pm (Years 5-12)
Wednesday 14th November - Junior School Presentation Morning
Monday 19th November - Year 6 Graduation
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd November - Swimming Lessons
Friday 23rd November - Kindergarten 2013 Orientation Morning
Thursday 29th November - School finishes at 12pm

Excellence Project Forum
At the end of Term Three, students who had been involved in the Excellence Project presented their findings at the Excellence Program Forum. Students were required to choose a topic of interest and then conduct self-directed research with the aim of preparing and designing a presentation suitable for an audience. The presentations included:

- Keeping a Pet Snake – Chelsea Frisby - 2NB
- Masterchef: Food without Wheat and Sugar – Zachary Parrott - 3GF
- Puzzle Book Creation – Briana Keegan – 3GF
- Fashion through the Ages – Faiza Akrum – 3GF
- Pyramid Construction – Perri Bright – 6KB
- How the internet Works – Keaton Dines – 6KB

Many thanks to Mrs Butler for her guidance and leadership of the students. This has been a most enriching experience and I would encourage more students to apply for this opportunity in the future.

Results of Term 3’s Years 4 to 6 Sports Competition
During Thursday afternoon sport in Term Three, the students from Years 4 to 6 participated in an Interhouse sports competition. Each House group was divided into two teams and the students stayed in that same team for the whole term. A draw was then created and each house played against a team from another house throughout the eight weeks of rotations. The four sports that the students played were:

- Continuous Cricket
- Modified Soccer
- Nukem Volleyball
- Tennis T-ball

All of the sports provided a different challenge in regards to skills and teamwork. Points were allocated to each game with 10 points for a win and 5 points for second place. 1 point was also allocated for the team that demonstrated the best sportsmanship, behaviour and teamwork.

All the teachers involved were very impressed by the level of participation, enthusiasm and sportsmanship as well as the skills shown by each team. The results for the inaugural Year 4 to 6 Interhouse Sports Competition were:

- 1st place – FORD
- 2nd place – HENZELL
- 3rd place – MCLEAN
- 4th place – MUNNS

CLASS NEWS
from Year 6

On Sunday September 16, the Year 6 students met at the Maroochydore airport to depart to Canberra via Sydney. The students were pumped and ready to start their big adventure. After arriving in Sydney we departed to Circular Quay and had lunch. After a small photo shoot we headed towards the Captain Cook Cruise boat to then set sail on a relaxing one and a half hour sightseeing cruise around the harbour. Shortly after, we headed out of Sydney towards Canberra, stopping on the way at McDonalds for dinner. We continued on the journey to the AIS in Canberra and settled down for a good night sleep.

Monday saw us at the War Memorial, which was one of the most touching and memorable events of the week. We learnt a lot about the Australian soldiers who fought in the World Wars and risked their lives for Australia to have its freedom. We stayed until late afternoon to
watch the closing ceremony, which was very moving and emotional. Monday was one of the best days we had during our time in Canberra. Earlier that day we had morning tea at Mt Ainslie, which had the most incredible view of Canberra.

Day 4, Wednesday 19th September was the most fun we would have all week, which of course was at the snow in Perisher Valley. We had an early start at 6 am, which was our breakfast time, and then we departed to the ski company where we hired toboggans and snow gear. We arrived at the snow around 9 am, which gave us six and half hours of fun in the snow. We had snowball fights, built snowmen and tobogganed down the rugged, steep hill. After a long day at the snow, everyone was tired, ready to chill out and relax in their rooms. It was a very early night as it was such a big day.

Thursday was the busiest day of the week. It incorporated Parliament House, tour the House of Representatives and the Senate, lunch at the stunning Floriade Flower Festival, CSIRO Discovery, Questacon and a tour of the Australian Institute of Sport. It was also a very late night for all of us, as we had to pack for our departure at 7am the next morning. We will cherish the memories of the trip for the rest of our lives.

A message from Year 6 2012: Thank you to Mrs Butler, Mr Maguire and Mrs Dreyer for making this trip so special for us.

Library News

Welcome back to all of our CCPS students and I hope you had a well earned rest over the break and were able to read some good books.

**Hawaiian Bookfair - 5th - 9th November**

We will be holding our annual Scholastic Bookfair during the week of 5th to 9th November. We will be open from 8.15am till 3.30pm daily. The Bookfair ends on Friday at 9am.

This year we have an ‘Hawaiian’ theme - **Beach and Books**. There will be many new, quality children’s books and stationery available for purchase. Please think about our Bookfair when filling your Christmas gift list. Our library receives many new books from the proceeds of these Bookfairs. Your support is very much appreciated.

Sport News

**OZTAG COMPETITION**

The Oztag competition started its first round of games during the week before the holidays. Congratulations to the junior Oztag players who competed on the Monday afternoon. Our boys Under 7’s drew 4-4 and our girls Under 9’s lost 8-9. I was extremely proud of their effort and skills displayed on the field. Well done to all.

On the Wednesday evening the Under 12 and 14 mixed Oztag teams kicked off their 10 week season. The Under 12’s took to the field first and despite their loss the team spirit shone through. However it was the Under 14’s who played exceptionally well, managing to score a try in the last 30 seconds to walk away with an 8-7 win. Well done to all players. We have a great season ahead of us.
Final week of Term 3 Interschool Sport scores

**BOYS AFL**
Game 1 City (28) vs GHCCC (3) WIN
Game 2 City (23) vs CCC (0) Win

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**
Game 1 City (14) vs GHCCC (42) LOSS
Game 2 City (10) vs CCC (6) WIN

**GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL**
Game 1 City (2) vs GHCCC (5) LOSS
Game 2 City (0) vs CCC (4) LOSS

**BOYS FUTSAL**
Game 1 City (0) vs GHCCC (1) LOSS
Game 2 City (1) vs CCC (6) LOSS

**GIRLS FUTSAL**
Game 1 City (1) vs GHCCC (1) LOSS
Game 2 City (1) vs CCC (0) WIN

**VOLLEYBALL**
Girls – 1ST
Boys – 2ND

**MIXED CRICKET**
Game is a continuous game that play out over 3 week, however the students did a fantastic job, playing with determination.

**Parents & Friends Association Meetings**

Next P and F Meeting will be held in the library on Friday 19th October at 8.45am. All welcome. Come and have a cuppa with friends.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Parents and Friend's Association News

We look forward to seeing all families at the School's Halloween Disco on Friday, 26th October from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. More information next week.

Excellence Integrity Learning Excellence Integrity Learning Excellence Integrity Learning Excellence Integrity Learning

**How to Contribute:** email copy and images to admin@ccs.qld.edu.au by Tuesday 3pm

**Know someone that would like to get this newsletter?:** Forward to a Friend

**How to Subscribe:** To subscribe to the CCPS Newsletter – click here or call 07 5437 5800

**To Unsubscribe** to this newsletter – click here

**How to Advertise:** For information on advertising please email – admin@ccs.qld.edu.au

**Like this e-Newsletter?:** Contact 8bits Media for expert web design & e-marketing solutions

© 2012 Caloundra City Private School | Phone: 07 5437 5800 | Fax: 07 5492 3038 | Email: admin@ccs.qld.edu.au | Web: www.ccs.qld.edu.au | Street: Pelican Waters Boulevard, Pelican Waters, QLD, 4551. | Postal: PO Box 542, Golden Beach, Queensland 4551