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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

Halloween Disco
Friday 28th October

Years 10, 11 & 12 Exam Block
31st Oct - 2nd November

From the Principal

Tale of Two Men

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything ahead of us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way…..”

(Charles Dickens, “Tale of Two Cities”)

Sometimes we hear bad news and without consciously thinking about it, remember exactly what we were doing and where we were at the time we heard the news. I still remember exactly where I was as a child when JF Kennedy was assassinated, and later when Princess Diana died and the 9/11 attacks on New York brought America to its knees. For some reason these events stick in our mind for most of our lives.

Last week I was shocked when I read that Steve Jobs had died, however; I can’t say that I even heard when Dr Ralph Steineman died, let alone who he was, yet they both died within the same week. Much was written about Steve Jobs and his accomplishments and in stark contrast the cell biologist Dr Ralph Steinman may have passed away in some obscurity in the world’s collective mind, had it not been for a major announcement the following week.

Both men were brilliant and highly successful in their respective fields; very different fields – one in technology and the other in biology. Both were innovative and creative thinkers - light years ahead of their peers, but for very different reasons. Steve Jobs was responsible for revolutionising technology (and some say the 21st century) through his inventions of the most amazing devices - Apple MacBooks, iPads, and iPhones, while the other man, Dr Ralph Steinman revolutionised the field of immunology by discovering a new cell, that would change how we treat cancer and many other life threatening diseases. Both men died at the peak of their lives and within a week of one another and surprisingly, both men died of pancreatic cancer after long fought battles with the disease.

Both men took very different pathways in their lives. Steve Jobs dropped out of one of the most prestigious colleges after six months because he didn’t want his parents to use their life savings to pay for his college education when he couldn’t see the value in continuing his college course, since he wasn’t learning anything new in technology. (His parents had adopted him as a baby and promised Steve’s
Steinman on the other hand, took the academic route, by continuing his study at McGill University and the prestigious Harvard Medical School and then onto the equally famous Rockefeller University. Steinman’s only blimp was at the tender age of seven years, when in the face of being sent to Summer Camp by his parents, a strident Steinman packed his bag and ran away from home. His short lived sojourn came to an abrupt end when the milkman spied him in town and alerted his parents of his attempted escape. Just think, if that milkman had not spotted Steinman, he may never have gone to university and discovered the dendritic cell that was to be one of the most important breakthroughs in our understanding of immunology.

Life was not always a bowl of cherries for either man. Steve Jobs, a self-made millionaire at twenty three years of age was fired from the very company he founded when he was 30 years of age and suffered great humiliation at the exit from his brainchild company. Jobs later told students of Stanford University that this was probably one of the best things that ever happened to him in his life. Why? In Jobs own words: 

“The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life. During the next five years, I started a company NeXT, and another company named Pixar, which went on to create the world's first computer animated feature film, Toy Story.”

Many years later in 1997, Jobs returned to Apple and almost single-handedly turned the declining fortunes of the company around to create an astounding success story. Steve Jobs is acknowledged as one of the greatest inventors of modern time, with over 4000 patents in his name at the time of his death.

Steinman, like Jobs, also suffered similar humiliation. After years of research that resulted in him identifying a new immune cell – the dendritic cell – many scientists were sceptical of his findings, simply because his experiments were so difficult to replicate. It was many years after his discovery, that improvements in technology enabled his findings to be confirmed and he was vindicated.

The immune system is very complex and many of us don’t give a second thought to how our immune system is constantly on alert, attacking bacteria, viruses and parasites, yes, even while we watch television. Different types of cells have different jobs to do in fighting foreign invaders in our bodies. The dendritic cells that Steinman discovered, devour these intruders and help activate the rest of the immune system and also filter body fluids to clear them of foreign organisms and particles. While others questioned his findings, Dr Ralph Steinman never once doubted the significance of his discovery or the implications of the dendritic cell to fight life threatening diseases such as AIDS, tuberculosis and cancer.

In a sad and ironic twist, Canadian Dr. Ralph M. Steinman was named one of three winners of the 2011 Nobel Prize for Medicine for his life work on the human immune response on the Monday, three days after he died in Manhattan at 68 years. This fact was unknown to the Nobel Prize committee when it made its announcement.

Steinman was a humble man who gave little thought or care to awards presented to him and much to the chagrin of his family, often told them well after the event. One can’t help but think though, that Steinman would have been just a little proud of winning the Nobel Prize had he lived to hear the news. It’s surely a measure of a great man that he put so little value on these acknowledgements and awards during his life, and thought only, of how he might benefit people, through his research by finding a cure or treatment to eradicate diseases such as cancer and tuberculosis.

What lessons can we learn from these two brilliant men? For our students, the message is clear. There is no one way to find success and happiness in life. There is no easy way to achieve what we want to in this life and sometimes we have to persevere with steadfast determination in the face of opposition or even ridicule. Most importantly for us all to contemplate, is that our time on earth is limited, so we should make the very most of every single day – never waste a day or let an opportunity pass. Life is too short.
Steve Jobs was very reflective about his life, and in his address to students at Stanford in 2005 he made this sage comment to his audience:

"You can’t connect the dots looking forward – you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something – your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever."

Put simply:

☐ Find your passion in life – never be complacent with your ‘lot in life’
☐ Follow your dreams
☐ Never, ever give up on them, even when experts tell you, “You’re wrong” or “It can’t be done.”
☐ Don’t be afraid to go out on a limb for what you believe; and
☐ Keep the faith, stay true to your vision.

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgements:

Congratulations to Matthew Scott who achieved his black belt in Mixed Martial Arts last week. A great achievement Matthew.

Congratulations to the CCPS Junior Netball team, Riordon Turner, Kayla Murphy, Georgia Tenkate, Chelsea Dear, Jessica Dreyer, Alexandra Stuart, Natasha Irvine, Amy Linderberg, Tayla Pleszkun and Perri Bright, who won 21-8 against Pacific Lutheran College in their first match game. Well done girls and thanks to Fiona Scurfield and their coaches, Natarsha Turner and Janine Murphy.

Congratulations to Mr Pederson in being awarded a scholarship to further his study in relation to Career Guidance. Mr Pederson intends to complete a Master Degree in Education with a Major in Career and Guidance counselling commencing next year.

Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

Update on the construction of City Stars Kindergarten

Construction on the new City Stars Kindergarten has commenced with the expected completion date to be 23/01/2012.

The building program is running to budget and is on schedule. The construction time frame is contingent upon fine weather and we hope that the rain holds off, allowing the builders to move forward at a rapid pace.

Next week the slab will be poured and by the end of the month the steel work will have commenced.

The kindergarten design is first rate, incorporating new trends in playground design. Plans for the centre are on display in the Dame Elizabeth Murdoch library for those who wish to view them.

Until next time,

Roy Henzell
Board Chair
Senior School News

by Gerard Maguire, Dean of Students

Next week (Wed 19th) our Year 11 students will be attending the Driver Awareness Program which is conducted by Rotary and is held at Corbould Park. RYDA is a safety awareness education program aimed at equipping young people with the knowledge to stay safe on Australian roads. The programme targets 16-17 year olds who are at the stage of their lives where they start to drive or ride in a vehicle driven by their peers. We wish the Year 11’s good luck and hope that this program will make a positive difference to their lives.

Over the next few weeks I thought I’d pen some ideas about Christmas (i.e. I’ll write it in parts) in an effort to make sense of this hectic and celebratory season. Christmas is a very special time, especially for children. It can be a time that they will look back on with pleasure all their lives. It can also be a stressful time. Good preparation and thinking ahead can avoid many of the pitfalls and make sure it is a happy rather than a stressful time. Every culture has its own special celebration times, so what happens for Christmas can be thought about for other celebration times as well.

“Christmas – A Special Time for All” (Part 1)

Planning for Christmas

Christmas celebrations and other family or cultural celebrations are times when everyone has high expectations. Expecting a lot, the pressure of planning for celebrations and the coming together of family members can also be a cause of stress.

- Families are important for teenagers - even if they would rather be somewhere else. Try to do a deal - that they spend some time with the family celebration and some with their friends.
- Postpone family feuds - Christmas is a time when people are likely to be tired and under stress. It is the time to let lots of things pass and not take offence, and to avoid bringing up issues that you know will be hard to deal with.
- If you feel pressured by media advertisements to spend more than you can afford, talk with your children about what Christmas really means to you and your family, and what is really important.
- Make a time around Christmas (not necessarily all on Christmas day) to spend with family members or friends who you enjoy being with but you may be too busy for at other times.
- Plan for special time to spend with family in the days after Christmas especially if the time before has been very hectic.

Planning for a safe Christmas

- Try to avoid too much driving - especially when people are tired.
- Have a fall-back plan for teenagers who go to parties, e.g. send a phone card/phone money/mobile phone - let them know they can call you and you will come if they need. (Don't lose your cool at the time - save questions for the morning when all feel better).

To be continued . . .

Gerard Maguire

P.S. Go the Wobblys!
Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

Sporting News

Congratulations to the Junior School students who were involved in the netball competition against Pacific Lutheran College on Monday afternoon. The students had a successful afternoon defeating PLC with a score of 21 to 8. The team is comprised of: Riordon Turner, Kayla Murphy, Georgia Tenkate, Chelsea Dear, Jessica Dreyer, Alexandra Stuart, Natasha Irvine, Amy Linderberg, Tayla Pleszkun and Perri Bright.

On 22 and 23 October the students will play in a weekend competition at Moorooka in Brisbane. We wish them well and thank Fiona Scurfield along with the coaches Natarsha Turner and Janelle Murphy for their hard work with the girls leading up to the competition.

Next Tuesday a number of our Junior School students will be involved in an interschool cricket competition with St Andrew’s, Matthew Flinders and Sunshine Coast Grammar. We wish the following students well for this event:


Last Friday the Prep to Year 3 students enjoyed a day of running, jumping and throwing when they participated in their Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mr Villis, the staff, Captains and P and F for making the day such a success for the children.

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)

Students from Caloundra City Private School achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

The ICAS suite of tests is developed by UNSW Global, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA). This year EAA is celebrating its 30th year of delivering ICAS to Australian students.

ICAS are developed for students in Years 3 to 12 and are sat annually. Each ICAS test is designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of English, Mathematics and Science.

All students from Caloundra City Private School are to be congratulated on their significant achievements. The following Junior School students achieved Distinctions and High Distinctions:

English

Distinction

Yr 7 Annie Fraser
Yr 6 Finn McKibbin
Yr 5 Isabella Mullins
Yr 5 Patrick Brennand
Yr 4 Jordan Blacker
Yr 4 Alec Latham
Yr 3 Belle Kurz
Yr 3 Teagan Osborn

Mathematics

High Distinction

Yr 4 Jordan Blacker
Yr 3 Yousef Abdelhameed

Distinction

Yr 6 Darcie Mudd
Yr 6 Finn McKibbin
Yr 6 Lachlan Lawler
Yr 6 Samantha Hood
Yr 6 Ishmum Akram
Yr 5 Jake Marshall
Yr 4 Luke Geange
Yr 4 Robert Kidd
**Booklists**
For 2012 book and stationery lists we will be using Campion Education which is based in Brisbane. All items will be available on-line and will be delivered to your home. The decision to use this company has been based on their reputation and experience in delivery and service.

Hard copies of booklists will be available from Monday 17 October and will be sent home with each child with instructions about how to order on-line from [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au)

**Prep Orientation**
On Thursday 3rd November from 9am to 10.30am, we will be holding our Prep 2012 Orientation morning.

The morning involves children participating in a Prep Class for orientation activities for next year. Children will be divided into two groups Red and Blue. This will be for an orientation experience only, not for a visit to their 2012 teacher and the groupings are not according to class placement.

The P and F would like to invite parents to a morning tea in the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library whilst the children are enjoying their morning of fun in Prep.

**Kindergarten 2012**
If your child turns four by 30 June, 2012 please consider the opportunity of a place for them at City Stars Kindergarten. The construction of this purpose built facility is well underway and these young students will benefit from the latest educational facilities, technology and an educational program which will be implemented by a qualified teacher. These young children are going to be the class of 2025 and are being presented with a chance to commence their learning journey in a quality, inviting educational atmosphere. Please contact Administration for further information.

**SRC News**
The Student Representative Council will be holding a Cupcake Day on Thursday, 20 October. Cupcakes will be for sale for $1.50 and the children will have the opportunity to design their own topping. Each term the students raise funds for an item to enrich our school as well as for charity. Funds raised for this event will go towards the set up and resources for our new printing press.

**P and F Disco**
On Friday, 28 October the P and F will be organising a Halloween themed disco for the students. It will commence at 5.30pm and will conclude at 7.30pm? Parents are reminded that this is not a drop off event. Parents are invited to stay and socialise on the grassed area, share in the sausage sizzle and to bring their own chair and refreshments.

**Library and I.T. News**

**Christmas Bookfair**
Our annual Scholastic Bookfair will be held during the week of 7th-11th November in the library. Please keep us in mind when you're planning your Christmas gift list as our library receives many new books from the proceeds of sales at the Bookfair. There will be a great range of quality children's books available for sale. See you there!

**Quote of the week:** "Learning never exhausts the mind". ~ Leonardo da Vinci.
Year 3/4/5GF’s Recovery Plan to Save the Wallum Sedgefrog in Pelican Waters

The students in Year 3/4/5GF have been investigating possible ways to assist the Wallum Sedgefrog population in Pelican Waters. The Wallum Sedgefrog is listed as vulnerable in Queensland due to its habitat loss from urban development. The Wallum frog requires very acidic (3.5 – 5.5ph) water to live and breed in. The students have tested a number of lakes and waterholes around the school and found that the ph was far too high for the wallum sedgefrog.

They then decided that they would like to make their own frog pond in the treed area behind the tuckshop. After many weeks of observing the chosen sight - waiting for rain, testing water and then watching the water disappear into ground - last week the students were very excited when they were finally able to install a frog pond which they believe will encourage the wallum sedgefrog back to Pelican Waters.

The students have found that the low acidic levels required for the Wallum Sedgefrog habitat usually develop naturally from the leaf and other waste matter that drops into the water. However, the students have also investigated that they can use bicarbonate soda to reduce the ph of water to help this natural process along. Over the next few weeks the students will be monitoring their pond and gradually reducing the ph until they have created the ideal Wallum Sedgefrog frog habitat. We will keep you posted. See picture in this newsletter.

Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Next meeting Friday 16th November 8.30am in the library.
Come and enjoy a coffee with friends.
All welcome.
Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

CCPS Junior Netball

On Monday 10 October CCPS hosted a junior netball match against Pacific Lutheran College. This was the first game the Junior Netball Team played as a complete squad, and wow, what a remarkable effort.

They played like a well-oiled team. Passes were accurate, goals were scored and the defense was unbeatable! Huge congratulations to all the girls and their coaches, Mrs Janelle Murphy and Mrs Natarsha Turner, on a 21-8 win.

Senior School Leaders News

Dear Parents and Friends,

Last Friday we had the opportunity during the morning tea break to watch the Prep – 3 Athletics Carnival. We were extremely impressed with the Years 6 and 7 students who were assisting to run each station. Their leadership skills ensured a well-run and enjoyable day for students. We also witnessed the effort that each student put into achieving their best in each activity. Big congratulations must also go to our Parents and Friends’ for running a BBQ on the day.

On our Whole School Assembly this week many students were presented with their distinction or high distinction certificates for the ICAS Tests. It was wonderful to see so many of our students receive certificates, and that success is a credit to the teaching we all receive. Congratulations to all students.
Students right across the school have been dedicated to collecting the Coles and Woolworths vouchers for Schools. The Junior School as always are to be commended on a great effort in collecting these vouchers and we thank everyone in the Senior School for their greatly improved effort! The Senior School ran this as an Interhouse Challenge and we look forward to announcing the winner on Mondays Senior School Assembly.

We wish everyone a fantastic week.

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

Parents and Friend’s Association News

Coles voucher tally 30,000

Woolies dockets 11,131 points

Ends next Tuesday - keep your dockets coming in!

Student Banking

This week’s prizes went to: Jackson Hood (beach ball), Mia Tenkate (beach ball) and Astrid Williams (pencil)

Who will be next week’s lucky winners?

Tip of the Week:
Remember that children need to understand where money comes from. When you withdraw money from an ATM, explain to your child where the money is coming from and how you earned it. It’s important for children to know there isn’t an endless supply.