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- Monday 23rd January to Thursday 29th March

Term 2:
- Tuesday 17th April to Thursday 21st June

Term 3:
- Tuesday 17th July to Thursday 20th September

Term 4:
- Tuesday 9th October to Thursday 29th November - 12 noon

Dates To Remember

Year 6 Canberra Excursion Parent Information Afternoon 3.15pm Thursday 14th June in the Library

From the Principal

“So, on beyond Zebra! Explore! Like Columbus! Discover new letters! Like WUM is for Wumbus, My high-spouting whale who lives high on a hill And who never comes down 'til it's time to refill. So, on beyond Z! It's high time you were shown That you really don't know all there is to be known.”

(By Dr Seuss, from “On Beyond Zebra”)

Remember what it was like to be a child discovering new things and going off to explore in your own backyard or local area with your friends? In times gone by, it was quite normal for parents to send children off to play for the day, calling out after them, "Be home before its dark." Yes, I know many parents today would be shaking their heads in horror at this notion; it seems we have become very protective.

But back to Dr Seuss and discovering and learning for yourself, just like Christopher Columbus. For hundreds of years it was commonly believed by most people and even the wisest people before the fifteenth century that the world was flat. It was only through the courage and perseverance of Columbus and others (who lived to tell the tale) that one of the most rigid of ideas and truths was proved to be incorrect and this myth dispelled forever as a result. It makes you wonder how such major misconceptions can persist for so long doesn't it? Just goes to show that we ‘don't know what we don’t know until we do what we don't usually do’.

This revelation came to me only recently when I was given some prints of very rare maps of the world from 1500s and 1600s. What is amazing about these maps is that they clearly show the outline of Australia and yet even today we still hear people telling our young students that Australia was ’discovered’ by Captain Cook in 1770. What of the indigenous people who arrived in Australia some 40,000 years before? What of the other explorers who mapped huge parts of our coastline but never received the same recognition as the English explorers?

What must it have been like to go exploring in these times? It must have been unbelievably difficult - battling the seas, battling a way...
forward in unchartered territory and battling the superstitions and fear of the men on the journey of discovery into the unknown.

In Gordon Livingston’s book, “The Thing You Think You Cannot Do”, there is a chapter titled, ‘Fear Springs from Ignorance’, where he points out:

“We are afraid of what we do not understand. If life is a process of discovery, we are in a constant search for guidance. Our imperfect maps of how the world works have many blank areas, and like the cartographers of old, we fill these spaces with dragons. We begin to control our fears in our battles against ignorance.”

If the truth be known, all of us have our own set of fears that require tending. In the absence of knowledge and understanding, we worry and fear more. Livingston, a renowned author and psychiatrist, notes that the less information we have about something (or someone) the more threatened we are likely to feel about it (or them).

The good news though is that our mind and perceptions are not fixed in time but change and adapt according to our experiences and new learning. In his book, “The Art of the Idea” by John Hunt demonstrates how rapidly our mind can assimilate new information from the most cryptic of scripts:

"I cdnuol’t blveiee taht I cluod aulaclty uesdnatnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid, aoccdrnig  to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, mnaes taht it dseno’t mtaetr in waht oerdr the ltteres in a wrod are, the olny iproamtnt tihng is taht the frsit and lsat ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a toatl mses and you can sitll raed it whotuit a pboerlm. Tihs is bcuseae the hmuan mnid deos not raed ervey ltter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe.”

It’s hard to imagine that our mind is capable of translating such a mess and make sense of it, isn’t it? To think that we need only know the first and last letter to decipher the text is amazing. What are the implications for our thinking and learning?

According to Hunt, the tired and negative see the contents of their brain as a passive instrument with a dwindling capability while the energetic optimist actively rearranges this ‘storage facility’ – the brain – to increase its capacity. Hunt argues that the easiest way of achieving a positive mindset is to do things you don’t normally do. Breaking the ‘conformity-creep’ says Hunt, keeps you ‘battle ready’ because as much as we want an epiphany or some light bulb moment, the truth is, that often an idea just reveals itself. By keeping our minds ‘fertile’ even the smallest of thoughts have a chance of growing into something extraordinary.

He suggests that the easiest way to see this in action is to go on a holiday because it’s a different experience from the norm. Going on a holiday allows most of us to unwind, to relax and explore new things and experience new sights, food and people. As a result, most people return from a vacation feeling energised and more optimistic about the future. We think and see things differently and we are more open to new ideas and learn more, absorb more and assimilate information differently too.

We have reached that point in the year, where we share with parents, information about the progress of your sons and daughters through the End of Semester Report. It’s helpful to remember that each child has made progress but this progress may not necessarily have been consistent across the semester, across subjects or for that matter consistent within a subject. Students progress at different rates. Affirm with your child, the positives and help them work out a plan to improve in areas that require more commitment. The holiday will help energise all students and allow them to return full of enthusiasm for learning.

The recent Parent Survey is a little like a report card for the School with helpful comments regarding the progress of the School, identifying those areas that the School is doing well in and those areas that require greater effort or consideration. The Board Chair,
Mr Roy Henzell will be conducting some parent focus group meetings over the coming months to gain greater insight into the views of parents of the School.

The results of the survey will be shared with parents in a graphical form early next term in the Newsletter and will be available through the School’s website next month. Our website is also undergoing a significant face lift and will be relaunched early next term.

Have a wonderful holiday and remember to enjoy different experiences and come back relaxed and energised.

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgements:
A warm welcome to our exchange students from Lathallan College, Scotland, Christine Dunnett and Neil Foster who arrived this week and will no doubt be enjoying our mild winter.

Congratulations to all Seniors competing in the CDISS Interschool Sport.

Visit the Principal’s blog, Edutake

Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

As we move into the planning phase for 2013, the Board of Directors is keen to hear from parents. I will be meeting with small groups of parents over the coming months to hear from you personally. I look forward to hosting meetings with a cross section of the school community as this will help inform the Board of the future direction and strategic planning of Caloundra City Private School. Thank you to all parents who responded to the recent Parent Survey and I look forward to meeting you in the coming months.

Until next time,

Roy Henzell
Board Chair

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

“The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn’t said.”
- Peter Drucker

Sometimes when teenagers return home at the end of the day, parents find that there is a considerable lack of communication about their child’s day. Be confident that this is not because ‘nothing happened’ during the day, but rather that as far as the teenager is concerned the day is over. This is a very typical response for all ages. Sometimes, this can lead to misunderstandings about what really happened as the events become embellished along the way. A comment you may like to try to start the conversation is “Tell me something good that happened to you today” or “Tell me what you did with your friends today”. While it may not have been the most positive day in your child’s life, this cue is going to make him or her believe that it is only the bad things you are interested in.

This is a positive starting point because students are more likely to tell you what went well in their day. Our Heads of House are available to support our students. Feel free to contact them via email or phone.

Students across Senior School have been intensely involved in completing examinations and assignments to conclude Semester One.
For Year 12 students this is an opportunity to gain valuable feedback and advice on areas that require further development. For all other year levels, it is important to reflect upon their results to further develop areas of strength and work upon areas that need improvement.

Reminder to all Year 12 students to continue to place emphasis on gaining information relevant to future pathways and work opportunities. This can be achieved by constantly looking at the websites of preferred universities and colleges to gather knowledge and information about courses, scholarships, admission requirements, prerequisites, etc. Next week I will be handing out the QTAC Guide to Tertiary Courses. This magazine has important information regarding key dates, application information, pathways and course descriptions and entry requirements.

Parents and students are reminded that the Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday 19th June at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Students are to wear their House shirt. Your assistance at this event would be greatly appreciated.

Junior School News

Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

Reminder: Prep to Year 3 Cross Country
The Prep to Year 3 Cross Country is being held from 1.30pm tomorrow, Friday the 15th of June on the school oval. Parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to attend and cheer on our students.

Years 4 to 12 Athletics Carnival
Next Tuesday the 19th June will be our CCPS Athletics Carnival for students in Years 4 to 12. It is being held at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to attend and support our students. Please see Mrs Murphy if you are able to assist with the organisation of the day.

Reminder: Pyjama Day
Next Wednesday the 20th of June is Pyjama Day. The Pyjama Foundation is an Australian children’s charity who provide modern-day Pyjama Angels to assist children in Foster Care to improve their level of literacy and develop a love of learning. Please encourage your child to wear a pyjama top or dressing gown over their uniform and donate a gold coin to this great charity.

Reminder: Prep to Year 6 Culminating Events
It is that great time of the term when all classes celebrate the wonderful learning experiences they have taken part in during the term. Today, students in Prep LT and Prep FS gave a beautiful presentation of the work they had covered this term. Tomorrow, Friday the 15th June will see the Year 6 students present their work for the term with the remainder of the culminating events taking place next week. All parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend these culminating events and the date and time for the remaining classes is as follows:

- Year 6: 12pm Friday 15th June
- Year 1JH: 2pm Monday 18th June
- Year 1/2KC: 2pm Monday 18th June
- Year 2NB: 2pm Monday 18th June
- Year 3: 2pm Wednesday 20th June
- Year 4: 9am Wednesday 20th June
Year 5 2pm Wednesday 20th June

End of Term Assembly
Our final assembly for the term will be held next Wednesday the 20th of June at 8.30am. This will be a special assembly to celebrate some of the achievements of our students this term.

Coles and Woolworths Promotions
Thank you to all the families who have been supporting the Woolworths School Promotion. Woolworths have extended this promotion until the end of July as Coles started their promotion for Sports for Schools vouchers yesterday the 13th June. The P & F have registered the school for both of these promotions and all families are encouraged to collect the stickers and vouchers as the students will benefit greatly from the resources the P & F are able to purchase through the funds raised.

Library and I.C.T. News

Overdue Notices
Those students who have overdue books will be issued with notices this week. Students are permitted to borrow books for the holidays.

Sunshine Coast Libraries Holiday Activities
Library and Gallery Services have a fantastic line-up to keep the kids entertained. Most events are free, but require bookings, so be sure to get in early.

To view dates, times and to make a booking, click here or click the branch names.

Or phone the library on 1300 LIBRARY (5427 279)

To view a printable brochure of Library and Gallery Services school holiday activities, click here.

Caloundra Library
Bug World Workshop  Handle live insect specimens. Put on the goggles and see what a fly sees!
Olympic Torch Workshop  Create an Olympic torch from recycled materials.
Pipe-Cleaner Olympians  Create pipe-cleaner statues of your favourite Olympic sports in action.
Story Time Craft  Make paper torches. No bookings needed.
Olympic Flag Bunting  Decorate your room with bunting made from the participating nation’s flags.
Create Avatar Olympic IDs  Create personalised laminated ID cards with avatar creation software.
Kids Night In  After-hours family fun. Games, movie making and more.
Story Time Craft  Make cardboard and foil medals. No bookings needed.
Olympics in the Park  The 500cm race, paper plate discus and much more. Be sure to wear a hat and sunscreen.

Quote of the week:
If you want happiness for an hour -- take a nap. If you want happiness for a day -- go fishing. If you want happiness for a month -- get married. If you want happiness for a year -- inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime -- help someone else. ~ Chinese proverb
Sport News

Firstly I would like to commend our students on their outstanding behaviour and manners whilst representing our school at sporting events. Over the past month I have received lots of feedback from teachers and parents from other surrounding schools about how well mannered and supportive our students have been of both their own peers and other students from various schools. Students who represented Caloundra City Private School over the past month should be very proud of themselves.

District Sport News
Last week, Jaiden Mees from Year 6 represented the Independent District for Soccer at the Sunshine Coast Regional Soccer trials. Jaiden’s team played many games throughout the day. Jaiden’s talent shone through on the day, which saw him named in the Sunshine Coast Regional Soccer Team as the head goal keeper. Jaiden is a very talented player and we wish him all the best at Queensland State Titles.

Regional Sport News
Tuesday last week, a group of students travelled up to the Sunshine Coast Regional School Cross Country Carnival held at Buderim. The students who attended on the day represented their school with pride and participated to the best of their ability. Congratulations to Jess Hoskin who came second in her age group. Jess will be competing at the Queensland State titles late July. Well done to all runners and good luck Jess.

Prep to Year 3 Cross Country
On Friday, the Prep to year 3 Cross Country will be held on the oval from 1:30pm to 3pm. For some students it will be their first Cross Country and we wish them all the best. We encourage parents and friends to come along and support their students while they have fun running the course. Good luck to all runners.

School Athletic Carnival
Next Tuesday 19th June 2012 will be the whole school Athletics Carnival. The day will be held at the Sunshine Coast University. We have asked if all students could be at school by 7:30am for a 7:45am sharp departure. We have asked for all students to travel together on the school bus to the University. Each bus will be decked out in their house colour’s building the house spirit. Parents are encouraged to come and support the students as they compete in their events. Students are permitted to travel with their parent’s home from the University, however those students must be checked off with their House coordinator before they depart the grounds. Unfortunately, not all events can be run on the day, therefore some events will need to be completed after the Carnival. These events will not effect the overall House points. Good luck to all students participating.

Interschool Sport
This week, the interschool sport competition trialed a different round robin between Glasshouse Christian College, Caloundra Christian College and Caloundra City Private School. The students competed in their chosen sports, but instead of only playing one game against one school, they played two short 20-minute games against both schools. We are hoping to implement this round robin competition at the start of Term Three, week one. We feel this is a better playing competition for the students as there will be no bye weeks and the students get to play two games instead of one.

Congratulations to those teams who walked away with a win.

SOFTBALL
Girls
CCPS (4) v CCC (0) – Win
CCPS (4) v GHCCC (4) – Draw
Boys
CCPS (2) v CCC (4) – Loss
CCPS (8) v GHCCC (3) – Win
**OZTAG**
Girls
CCPS (3) v CCC (6) – Loss
CCPS (2) v GHCCC (3) – Loss
Boys
CCPS (3) v CCC (3) – Draw
CCPS (4) v GHCCC (3) – Win

**NETBALL**
Girls
Roadrunners CCPS (6) v CCC (4) – Win
Roadrunners CCPS (3) v GHCCC (7) – Loss
Eagles CCPS (10) v CCC (6) – Win
Eagles CCPS (4) v GHCCC (6) – Loss

**BASKETBALL**
Boys
CCPS (8) v CCC (3) – Loss
CCPS (18) v GHCCC (4) – Win

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE**
Boys
CCPS (7) v CCC (0) – Win
CCPS (4) v GHCCC (0) – Win

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**Parents & Friends Association Meetings**

Next meeting will be held on Friday 15th June at 8.30am in the library. All welcome. Come and have a cuppa and a chat with friends.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

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**Parents and Friends' Association News**

**Woolies Earn & Learn**
Thank you to all the families who are sending in their completed sticker cards to their child’s class or Homeroom. The promotion has been extended to 12th August and every sticker counts. Until Tuesday 19th June, all customers who buy specially marked products will be eligible for double stickers on their total shop. As long as you spend more than $10 and include a product from one of eight big brands you will earn twice as many stickers.

**Total School Earn & Learn Points –**
Junior School Sticker Leaders to date – 1st - 1/2KC (1290), 2nd - 3GF (1050), 3rd – 2NB (900).
Senior School Sticker Tally- Ford (630), Henzell (60), Munns (0), McLean (0)

**Coles Sports for Schools Promotion**
Coles Sports for Schools promotion has commenced this week. Collecting vouchers is easy! Every member of your school’s community will earn one voucher for every $10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick ‘n’ Pay store from June 13th to August 14th, 2012. For every $10 spent, they’ll earn 1 voucher. 1 x Coles Sports For Schools voucher = 1 Point. Plus throughout the program there will be opportunities to collect bonus vouchers with their special promotional offers on over 1,800 selected products. So keep an eye out instore, online and on TV! Excluded items include: Coles Group gift cards, Coles Mobile plans, tobacco and tobacco related products. Other products may also be excluded at Coles’ discretion. Please return your Coles vouchers to your child’s class or Home room.

**Social Family Day at Corbould Park Racecourse**
All CCPS staff and families are invited to a day at the races. The date has been changed to Sunday 24th June...
from 11.30am - 5pm so as not to coincide with the Pelican Waters Community Celebration at Boronia Grove. The first race starts at approx 12pm with the last race run around 4.30pm. Entry at the gate is $10 for Adults and children under 18 years are free. The kids’ Klip Klop Club is open from 12pm - 5pm for kids aged 3 - 12 years old and is run by a gold coin donation. A limited number of picnic hampers is available from the Turf Club ($35 for 2 adults & 2 kids) with a reserved table & four chairs on the grassed area. Bookings and payments for the hampers are made direct to the club, no later than 12pm Thursday 14th June. Mention our school and they will try to get the tables as close to each other as possible. Alternatively, pack your own picnic (excluding alcohol) or purchase your food and refreshments at the track. Please RSVP by text message to Craig Blacker on 0419 611 137.

Further information phone Craig Blacker on 0419 611 137 or Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 5491 6788 or www.sctc.com.au

School Banking News

I received alot of tokens from bankers who are swapping their tokens for prizes. The booklights and hand balls seem to be most popular.

Congratulations to all bankers, we have had an amazing first semester with lots of new accounts opened and plenty of children starting their savings plans.

Congratulations also to the following children who, through their consistent savings and banking, nearly every week, have won some fantastic prizes:

- Cate Moffitt (1JH) - beach ball
- Jaxon Neale (PFS) - key chain
- Fletcher Winnett (1JH) - money box
- Tahlia Stevens (2NB) - puzzle cube
- Lucy Winnett (PFS) - beach ball
- Tyson Tralau (PFS) - key chain
- Lincoln Tralau (Pelicans Nest) - coloured pencils
- Georgia Winnett (Pelicans Nest) - money box
- Riley Osborne (1JH) - mouse pad
- Imogen Plowman (PFS) - Pat the dog pencil
- Mya Boyall (1/2KC) - Pat the dog pencil
- Zaida Williams (1JH) - bag tag
- Perri Bright (6KB) - bag tag
- Jenna Bright (1/2KC) - bag tag
- Bailey McDonald (1/2KC) - drink bottle
- Mahalia Thiele (PFS) - Pat the dog pencil
- Astrid Williams (3GF) - key chain
- Samantha Hood (7TR)
- Jackson Hood (5ND)
- Angelina Hood (Pelicans Nes) - beach ball

Until next term,

Nicole Hood, Student Banking Coordinator

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