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2012 Term Dates

Term 1:
- 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
Seigakuin Study Tour
21 - 28 July
Aichi Kogyo Study Tour

From the Principal

“The thoughts we choose to think are the tools we use to paint the canvas of our lives.” (Louise Hay)

Tell me what you think and you did! Every year I survey parents to gain feedback on the School, because I value the opinion of parents and it gives a different perspective on the School’s operation, the positives and the negatives. Each year suggestions and comments by parents have influenced the priorities for the coming year. Naturally, all parents want what is best for their children and as a School we are committed to this goal too.

Towards the end of last term, parents were asked to complete a survey and return it to the School. Thank you to all parents who completed the form and, in particular, special thanks to those parents who wrote additional comments on some of the topics. All comments are valuable and the suggestions made by parents help inform the decision making of the School from both a practical and strategic perspective.

(Parents can view the aggregated results for the whole school survey in a graphical form on the School’s website. http://ccps.qld.edu.au/about/policies/)

Whole School Parent Feedback Survey Results
The results of the Parent Survey show a very high level of satisfaction with the School’s core business: teaching and learning, quality of teachers and care of teachers.

Key results from the survey show a significant level of satisfaction with the following:

Teaching and Learning and Quality of Teachers:
- 97% satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the School’s teachers and level of care, which is an outstanding acclamation
- 96% believe that their child feels safe at School
- 94% very satisfied or satisfied with the quality of the School’s teaching and learning program
- 94% satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of individual
22 July - 11 August
ICAS English Comp
Year 3 - 10

Year 11 Formal
Wednesday 1 August

Parent Information Evening
Years 10 and 11

Open day
Wednesday 15 August

CCPS will hold an Open Day for current and prospective parents to visit all classrooms and see what CCPS has to offer.

Attention
- 89% satisfied or very satisfied with the variety of academic subjects available

Other key points to note:

Technology Program:
- While there is a strong sense of satisfaction with the School's integrated technology program (87%) and the students' technology skills (87%), there is significant proportion of parents - 48%- who are unsure about the frequency of use and application of computers and 12% who are dissatisfied.
- There were many comments from parents in the Junior School of the value of an 'expensive' one-to-one program for students in Years 5 and 6.

Co-curricular Program:
- 66% of parents were satisfied or very satisfied but 33% were not satisfied with the current offering of sporting and cultural co-curricular.

School's landscaping and Facilities:
- There was a high level of satisfaction with the school's landscaping and appearance (85%)
- 64% of parents were satisfied with the quality of the School’s facilities but 33% were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the range of facilities.

The key comments were about:
- The school’s car park and traffic flow was a frequently commented upon problem for parents
- Lack of sporting facilities – multiple courts, fields and indoor sports hall.
- Lots of comments about the current state of the oval – with the lack of ‘instant turf’.

School Uniform:
- 89% of parents were satisfied or very satisfied with the formal uniform for boys and girls
- 90% of parents were satisfied or very satisfied with the sports uniform for boys and girls

School’s Website:
The School’s website is currently being updated so it was not surprising that some parents commented on the current website.

- 75% were satisfied but 12% were dissatisfied and 13% were not sure about it.

Chaplaincy Program:
- 67% of parents were satisfied or very satisfied with the Chaplaincy program but 26% were unsure about it being a valuable or helpful service.

Overall level of satisfaction with the School was 86%.

One of the messages, that has come through loud and clear is the need for better communication between the School and parents. The busyness of the School and parents’ lives means that a greater range of methods of communication are necessary. Improvements in the new website should help facilitate parent communication, but of course, this improvement is dependent on parents finding time to access the website, as well as finding time to read the Newsletter which is emailed to all parents and also placed on the School’s website, read emails sent, letters sent home and text messages sent by the School of important reminders.

It’s not easy keeping up with all of the communication and I understand that from time to time, some parents may miss critical information. Please don't hesitate to contact the School’s Administration to get clarification on any important piece of information that you may have missed. The classroom teacher or Head of House and Parent Representatives in each class should also be able to assist you with missed information.

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In the coming weeks, the data from the surveys will be used in the strategic planning process for 2013 and beyond and parents will be kept informed of any developments over the remainder of the year. Like Bill Gates, I agree that anything that improves communication improves outcomes for everyone.

"I’m a great believer that any tool that enhances communication has profound effects in terms of how people can learn from each other, and how they can achieve the kind of freedoms that they’re interested in." (Bill Gates)

Parent Forums with the Board Chairman
Mr Roy Henzell, Board Chair, has conducted two parent forums last term, one with the Parents and Friends’ and the other with Year 6 parents. The Board Chair will be conducting another parent forum in the coming weeks. These meetings have been invaluable to the Board Chair informing him personally of the views of parents. I thank all parents for their participation in these meetings.

New School Website Launch
In response to previous parent comments, the School commissioned a complete rebuild of the School’s website. The website has a new look and feel, more interactivity and up to date news and calendar. Special features include:

- Smart adaptive layout which caters for smart phones, tablets and desktops
- Quicker upload options are now available to the School staff
- Visitors can subscribe to RSS feeds of news and events
- Virtual tour of the school will be available showcasing the school’s facilities and grounds
- Search engine optimisation

The new website will be launched in the very near future.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support of the School. In these tough economic conditions, I appreciate that many families are making a great sacrifice and investment in your sons’ and daughters’ future by sending them to CCPS. We are very conscious of maintaining the highest quality education, while at the same time being very mindful of the costs to parents. We value your loyalty and ongoing commitment to CCPS.

We will continue to provide the very best teaching and learning program for your sons and daughters, providing them with encouragement and expertise that will allow them to grow emotionally, socially and academically. We, like you, want your sons and daughters to succeed and achieve the very best that they can now and in their future lives.

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgments
Congratulations to our Senior Netball team who competed in the Vicki Wilson Netball Round Robin at Noosa on Tuesday. While unsuccessful in making it through to the finals, the girls played with commitment. Many thanks to Mrs Janelle Murphy and Mrs Katrina Rava for their coaching and management of the netball team - Tahlia Kuhl (Captain), Maddy Hoskin, Graciey Eiseman, Emily Rava (Vice-captain), Cayla Warwood, Alyssa Cherry, Ashley Rehm, Alex Stuart, Natasha Irvine, and Perri Bright.

Congratulations to Year 2 student, Gabriella Henzell who received a Distinction in her Trinity College London Grade One singing exam recently. In Term 3 Gabriella will be competing in the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod in the piano, violin and singing sections. Well done Gabriella and we wish you luck at the Eisteddfod.

Visit the Principal’s blog, Edutake

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Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

At the end of last term I commenced the process of meeting with small focus groups of parents to genuinely hear from parents about what the school is doing well and to provide an opportunity to provide feedback on the schools direction and its operations.

There are times when our email inboxes are overloaded, phones ringing constantly and texts galore being sent. We are all seemingly looking for instantaneous communication and, in our fast paced lives, this is somewhat understandable. It is, therefore, so pleasing to see that our community values face to face communication. The opportunity to sit with another and genuinely hear and be heard can never be understated.

Whilst I value the feedback (and I will share this feedback with the Board to assist with our ongoing planning), I was genuinely surprised at the level of rumour that is active in the school community. Rumours are unproductive and detrimental to our school community and only gain momentum when people do not have the facts. Please approach the Principal, Head of Junior School, Head of Senior School, The Business Manager or myself if you have any concerns about an issue. Let’s work together in a genuine effort to sort out the truth from the untruths.

It is incumbent on all of us to ensure that we expect the highest standards of behaviour, demeanour and ethics from each other and this will ensure that our children grow up with appropriate values. We all wish to be part of a strong community so please help by supporting one another and the school.

I look forward to meeting with you during the term and wish you all the best for Term 3.

Roy Henzell
Board Chair

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

It has been a busy start to second semester, but nevertheless an engaged and focused one for our students.

Our staff enjoyed a very worthwhile Professional Development Day on Monday. The focus was on the feedback generated from the parent surveys and was facilitated by our Principal Mrs Graham. While the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, as a Senior Staff we have taken on board areas where parents thought improvement was possible.

Some of the positive comments on the survey related to how well our students present in their formal uniform. While the vast majority of our senior students do the right thing in regard to their personal presentation and uniform, there still remains a minority who continue to push the boundaries of what is expected. Our senior students need to be mindful that they are the role models for younger students. It is important that the School and home work in unison to achieve the outcome required. Your assistance in this matter would be gratefully appreciated.

The Senior School Parent Teacher Interview evening is scheduled for July 26 from 3.30PM to 8.30PM. I encourage you to attend as it is very important that you develop a relationship with your child’s teachers. We, like you, want the very best educational outcome for your child and it is imperative that we work together to achieve this goal.

Study Tours
This semester the school is looking forward to hosting a number of Japanese study tours. The Japanese students will be integrated into some of our classes and activities across the Senior and Junior School. This is a valuable opportunity for students to broaden their cultural
knowledge and experience and foster international friendships.

Seigakuin
This September will see some of our students travelling to Japan with Miss Macks to participate in a school exchange with Seigakuin. The students are looking forward to this exciting adventure where they will live with a Japanese family and attend a Japanese school.

Queensland Core Skills Test
It is paramount for all Year 12 students to be focused on the upcoming QCS practice test occurring on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July. Each test paper will be externally marked by Mighty Minds and compared to previous practice tests where all students should see an improvement. The practice test will be quickly followed by the real QCS test on 4th and 5th September.

The Year 12 students have been attending weekly QCS preparation lessons with trained QSC specialist teachers as well as completing practice papers. The practice papers are marked externally by experienced QCS markers that give valuable, detailed written feedback to each student, as well as a report for the school commenting on each of the sections and criteria marked. These reports provide valuable feedback to both students and staff, as they clearly provide areas for improvement. Each class report indicates the strengths or weaknesses of the individuals in the class. This enables future workshops to be tailored to address the specific needs of the cohort. We are also then able to make a comparison of each student and previous state results for that particular QCS test.

The skills required in the QCS test are, to varying degrees, the same abilities needed in students’ chosen subjects. As a school we recognise that it is extremely important that all teachers teach the five key learning abilities required to complete the four sub tests. For an individual cohort to obtain the best OP or RANK SELECTION possible, they must perform well in their individual subjects and complete a successful QCS Test.

It is our aim to ensure all students obtain their best results possible under test conditions. There is a greater likelihood of this occurring when students participate with enthusiasm in the QCS preparation program which provides practical experience to students to develop such skills.

Essentially, students must be proficient in the five key learning abilities, which are as follows:

α – Alpha; Comprehending and Collecting
β – Beta; Structuring and Sequencing
Θ – Theta; Analysing, Assessing and Concluding
Φ – Phi; Applying Techniques and Procedures
Π – Pi; Creating and Presenting (mainly writing Task)

Our Year 12 students will be continuing to complete weekly sessions and workshops with specialist teachers that will continue to focus on these five areas.

Junior School News

Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

Welcome back to Term Three. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. This term promises to be both busy and exciting with not only many educational experiences planned for the students but also many events and special trips. Please note the following special occasions:

Seigakuin Visit – Sunday 22nd July to Saturday 28th July.
We look forward to welcoming the students from Seigakuin who are looking forward to experiencing the difference of cultures and life in Australia as they stay with families from our school.

Open Day – Wednesday 15th August
This term our school is conducting an Open Day on the Brisbane Exhibition Show Day Holiday which is on Wednesday the 15th August. This is an opportunity to showcase our school to both new and current families. Everyone is most welcome to come and visit our classrooms and see the students engaged in their learning. It is also an opportunity to view our excellent facilities and the variety of learning experiences offered over all year levels.

**Father’s Day Stall – Friday 31st August**
The P and F will coordinate a Father’s Day Stall on Friday the 31st August. Students will be able to purchase a gift for Dad up to a value of $10.

**Prep to Year 3 Athletics Carnival**
Students from Prep to Year 3 will participate in their Athletics Carnival on Friday 7th September. The morning carnival will commence at 8.45am and will be an opportunity for the students to engage in a full range of athletic events including running, jumping and throwing. Parents are most welcome to come and support the students.

**Year 6 Canberra Trip – Sunday 16th September to Friday 21st September**
The students in Year 6 are looking forward to the much anticipated trip to Canberra and Sydney. Parents are reminded to please note the final payment dates. This will be an experience of a lifetime with many memories to cherish for years to come. The trip also provides invaluable learning opportunities as students have first-hand experiences with Australian History, Science and the workings of the government.

**Naplan Results**
Results from the Naplan tests conducted in May are expected to arrive at school during the final week of this term. They will be distributed to parents as soon as possible after delivery.

**Exchange Program to Seigakuin**
Five students from Years 6 and 7 are getting excited about travelling to Seigakuin during the September school holidays. There will be an information session for families of students involved in this exchange in the coming weeks.

**Co-Curricular Activities**
The Co-Curricular Program booklet for Term 3 has been distributed. It is requested that the Registration of Interest forms please be returned by tomorrow, Friday the 20th July. Each student will need to re-register for an activity even if they are following on from Term Two.

**Library and I.C.T. News**
Welcome back to Term 3 and I hope that the students were able to find some time to relax and read over the break. Most students have been very organised and responsible and returned their library books from the holidays however there are a few who need to find and return their books.

We like to encourage ownership of responsibility to all our students and stress to children who have misplaced their books that they will need to replace them if the book is not found. That means that the cost should come from their own pocket money or they earn the money to buy the replacement. There are quite a few children who have the attitude that
'no, it's okay, my parents will just buy another one'. I would ask parents to reiterate our solution to these situations by first, ensuring the child has tried all means to find the book (often the book is found down the back of the bed or in the home bookshelf), and if the book is missing, then stress to the child that they need to take responsibility for losing the book and that they must pay for it. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. It is very pleasing to see that the majority of CCPS students take good care of their library books.

BOOKWEEK - 20 - 24 August
It's that time of year again when the Children's Book Council of Australia announce the nominations for the best books in the categories of 'Picture book', 'Younger readers', 'Older readers', and 'Non-fiction book'. All nominated books are on display in the library and all are welcome to come and check them out.

This year we have author and cartoonist, Dave Hackett presenting to Prep to Year 10 again. Cartoon Dave was very interesting and informative to the students last year and has many more exciting tips for cartooning and writing to give the students this year. He will be presenting to the students on Friday 24th August.

Dress up as a book character day will be Tuesday 21st August.

Quote of the week: *The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.* ~ Joan Didion

Sport News

Soccer News
Under 6
Saturday 16th June
Caloundra City Ospreys 1 vs Noosa Sun Tiger Sharks 4
Parents and students alike were thrilled with the beautiful blue skies and beaming sunshine as they graced the Home field on the Saturday before the holidays for a rigorous game against the Tiger Sharks. As the opposition only had a small team, students played four a side.

Excellent cooperation with passing this week by Jaxon Neale, Austen Thomas and Liam Donahue. The first goal of the game was scored by the opposition in the second half, closely followed by another three. Mighty goal attempts were made by Hunter Doughty and Patrick Carmichael, with Hunter scoring our one goal of the game.

The Goalies for the game were first half Liam Donahue and second half Austen Thomas, who managed to stop many attempts at the Ospreys goal with dives, grabs and kicks.
Well done to award recipients, Best and Fairest Sam Mills and Encouragement trophy Patrick Carmichael.

Saturday, June 23
Caloundra City Ospreys 4 Vs Stella Cubs 3
It was a cooler winter morning as our U6 team jogged onto the Maroochydore fields. With determination, the boys were able to ignore the chill and sprinkling rain in their attempt to dominate the field. Excellent saves by Jaxon Neale as goalie in the first half, only letting 2 escape his grasp. Second half goalie Patrick Carmichael also made some magnificent saves. A huge boot by Tyson Tralau, Patrick Carmichael and twice by Hunter Doughty allowed them to take the win 4S3. This week's Encouragement Award went to Hunter while the Best and Fairest award went to Liam Donahue.

This week the U6 team bid farewell to player Sam Mills as his family begins their next big adventure. We wish Sam and his family well.

Under 7
Ospreys 3 defeated Pacific Lutheran College Stingrays 0
A beautiful day greeted players and their supporters on Saturday for the last home game before holidays. Thanks to stand- in Coach Dan Whiting for guiding the U8's this week against a committed Stingrays team. The Ospreys worked hard again this week on their passing and
went to the half time break with a 2 nil lead with goals from Lachlan Noyes and Jordan Doughty. The Ospreys kept the Stingrays Goalies on their toes for the entire match with many goal attempts. Our goalies Charlie Whiting & Hamish Carmichael spent long stretches of the match watching the action at the opposite end of the field. Charlie Whiting scored the only point for the second half, sealing the match result. Well done to Charlie Tramacchi, Hamish Carmichael, Poppy Niebling, Bailey Towner, Tyler Johnson, Ryan Brodie & Max Kurz who assisted this week’s goal scorers with their fantastic passing, determined tackling & sideline support. Congratulations to Jordan Doughty who was awarded this week’s Encouragement Award.

Good luck to the Ospreys this week in their match against Caloundra Red

**Under 7 Osprey results 16th June.**
Under a beautiful blue sky the Ospreys backed up after the cross country run and defeated Noosa 3-1. Noosa were a tough team to play but the boys managed to get around them with some great ball passing enabling Bailey Brandtman (Achievement Award) to score 2 goals and Fletcher Winnett 1. Harley Turner received player of the match for his efforts. All the team put in a big effort and were a joy to watch. On behalf of the parents we would like to thank Coach Craig for getting out there each week rain, hail or shine!

**Parents & Friends Association Meetings**
Next meeting will be held on **Friday 20th July at 8.45am in the library.** All welcome. Come and have a cuppa with friends.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

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**Parents and Friend's Association News**

**Trivia Night Raffle**
The Caloundra City Private School annual raffle is currently being organized and this year the winning tickets will be drawn and prize winners announced at the Trivia Night on the 24th August.

Our Mega Raffles have been very successful in the past and have raised many thousands of dollars for the school.

Thanks so much to the families and businesses who have donated prizes to the raffle so far – these include:

- Pelican Waters Shopping Village
- Skin Sanctuary, Moffat Beach
- Caloundra City Private School Tuck shop
- Skidaddle
- Stockland, Caloundra
- 4 Ingredients
- Joybells Card and Gift Store
- Travis Barlow, Optus Business Centre Brisbane
- CCPS Board of Directors
- Aussie World
- Pelican Waters Golf Club
- Crowne Plaza Pelican Waters
- Maleny Dairies
If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle and help the P and F with their fundraising efforts please contact Pam Southern on 0438 543 800 or southern48@bigpond.com

Any prize however small will be very welcome.

**Woolies and Coles Vouchers**
The Woolies promotion is ends on 12th August and the Coles promotion ends on 15th August.

Please keep your stickers and vouchers coming in.

**Tuckshop News**

*We need your help! Volunteers urgently needed for Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you have a couple of hours free to help please contact Margaret Adams at the Tuckshop.*

**Community Announcement**

**Lifeline Shops on the Sunshine Coast need your time**

Volunteers Required in the Sunshine Coast and Caboolture areas
Ten Lifeline Shops and two Distribution Centres stretching from Gympie to Caboolture are looking for additional volunteers to help run the store.

Lifeline volunteers can learn new skills, make friends, give back to the community and engage with other like-minded people. Volunteering at a Lifeline Shop or Distribution Centre means you are helping to support Lifeline and other UnitingCare Community services in Queensland.

Shop duties may include:
- sorting clothes, bric-a-brac and accessories
- tagging
- folding, hanging and ironing
- register operation (if confident handling money)
- general customer service
- furniture restoration

Distribution Centre duties may include:
- volunteer electricians (only at Kunda Park and Caboolture distribution centres)
- truck assistance – loading and unloading
- general warehouse tasks
- furniture repairs

If you think you have got the skills and motivation to become a Lifeline Shop or Distribution Centre volunteer, please contact your local Lifeline shop and ask for the manager.

For a list of Shop numbers go to www.lifelineshops.com.au or contact Maria at Kunda Park Distribution Centre on 5409 1400 or Annette at Caboolture Distribution Centre on 5431 4860.