From the Principal

“It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.”

(Windows H. Goddard, pioneering rocket scientist)

Don't you feel inspired by people who, in the midst of terrible emotional or physical pain or seemingly insurmountable obstacles or hardship, achieve positive change through their own actions? Rather than wallow in self-pity, which would be perfectly understandable in the circumstances, they manage to pull themselves out of their despair and act to make changes, not only to themselves but for others around them and in some cases can effect change on a global scale. It seems as though some people have this amazing capacity to rise above it all and harness all of their energy to bring about good in the face of adversity and unbelievable sadness.

Inspirational people like internationally renowned psychiatrist, Viktor Frankl who survived years in a concentration camp during the Holocaust, wrote a book, 'Man's Search for Meaning', which chronicles his experiences in Auschwitz and how different individuals coped in such traumatic circumstances. As you might imagine, some never got over the shock of the experience, others became apathetic and conditioned to the appalling conditions and the constant fear of death, others become bitter and disillusioned but there were others, only a few, who were able to rise above the depersonalisation and horror, by comforting other inmates. Frankl writes that while all of our possessions can be taken from us, the last one human freedom that can't be taken from us is our attitude to what happens to us. He famously wrote in this surprisingly uplifting book: "When we can no longer change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

Recently I had the opportunity to listen to an inspirational speaker, Stephen Lewis a former Canadian Leader of the Opposition, who amongst other things, became a Humanitarian Ambassador for the United Nations, and has been a very vocal advocate for the eradication of HIV Aids, which he claims could happen if more developed countries put more medicine, and more time and effort into achieving this goal. He has seen some of the most tragic consequences of civil war in Rwanda and appalling outcomes of AIDs in Africa. He is a passionate speaker who speaks of first-hand experience of the dreadful consequences of neglecting this epidemic in Africa.
Speech Night
15th November

Crowne Plaza Charity Luncheon
Symply Pink Breast Cancer fundraising luncheon
Friday 21st October from 11.30am for a 12.00 start
Cost is $35.00 per person – Bookings essential.
Includes wraps, sandwiches tea and coffee.
Contact Megan on 5437 4635
Guest speaker is Annette Sym from Symply to good to be true cookbook.

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As Lewis argues, the world surely has enough resources and the wherewithal to bring about positive change in the life of people in less developed countries, as this 1998 report from the United Nations on Human Development demonstrates:

"The world has more than enough resources to accelerate progress in human development for all and to eradicate the worst forms of poverty from the planet. Advancing human development is not an exorbitant undertaking. For example, it has been estimated that the total additional yearly investment required to achieve universal access to basic social services would be roughly $40 billion, 0.1% of world income, barely more than a rounding error. That covers the bill for basic education, health, nutrition, reproductive health, family planning, and safe water and sanitation for all.”

Lewis has been to many of the poorest countries; countries torn apart by internal strife, war and devastation. In spite of the hardships, Lewis commented upon the spirit of the people to rebuild their lives and their country. After two years study of children in conflict (in countries such as Rwanda, Uganda and Somalia), Lewis found that the one thing that children and parents wanted most of all, was school, because school would allow the children’s lives to return to some sense of normality, and the healing process, after all that the children had witnessed, would begin. Consequently Lewis has lobbied western governments to provide basic educational services after the conflict.

Some countries are not torn apart by warfare but rather by natural disasters. In January, 2010, the small island of Haiti was reduced to rubble by a massive 7.0 magnitude earthquake, killing over 100,000 people. Emergency housing, mainly in the form of tents, was sent to the small island. Thousands of lives were affected, and thousands of children lost not only family and homes but also lost their schools.

On hearing the plight of the children in Haiti, one young Queensland university student, Chris Eigeland, with the help of two other young people put out a request via Facebook to garner help from businesses and young people around the world, to raise funds to supply books and stationery for the schools and children of Haiti. Incredibly, these three young people joined forces to bring the books and stationery to the children in Haiti – a massive effort requiring military precision – to supply all schools with the much needed equipment. They personally packed the boxes and delivered them to delighted children and teachers in every school location in Haiti. What a truly inspiring story of hope for the future, where young people can effect global change through social media and a simple call to action.

As a school community our own young people are developing a strong social conscience too. Over the last year, many students have approached me and taken on projects that have raised money, or specific needs that have benefited the local community and beyond – places like the Solomon Islands, East Timor, Kenya, Sudan and Nepal. I congratulate all of the students involved in these projects for what they have achieved. For example, students have given assistance to the flood victims earlier this year, CanTeen, Give Me Five for Kids, the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, 40 Hour Famine, Breast Cancer – Pink October, to name but a few.

We can be very proud of our students and recently I received an email from Greg Bradley from World Vision, Australia telling us that because of our magnificent fund raising efforts for the 40 Hour Famine this year, that Caloundra City Private School will be receiving a World Vision, Outstanding Achievement Award, which is a fitting tribute to the students and staff – particularly Mrs Tralau - involved in this project.

The School is now offering a Certificate II in Volunteering which will better educate our young people about the benefits of helping others and CCPS will be one of the very first schools to offer this program. This Certificate will see our Senior students volunteering in the community and making a real difference to the wider community. Thinking of others before ourselves and giving back to people less fortunate than ourselves is one way that society can effect positive change for the better. Yes, we can all take action and do this if we set our minds and hearts to this goal.

George Bernard Shaw wrote many years ago:

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"Some people see things as they are and ask why not. Others dream things that never were and ask why not."

Yes, we really can turn the dream of hope for the future into a reality today.

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgement:
Best wishes to our Junior Netball team and coaches – Mrs Natarsha Turner and Mrs Janelle Murphy - competing in Brisbane in the Firebirds Netball Competition this weekend.

Visit the Principal’s blog, Edutake

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**Board Shorts**

*News from the CCPS Board.*

**Building and Maintenance Work over Xmas... ...School oval to receive a face lift!**

Over the school holiday period the school will be a hive of activity. In addition to construction work continuing on the City Stars Kindergarten our school oval will have a "face lift".

The oval currently has significant drainage issues and the oval is uneven with dips and rises throughout. After a period of rain the oval cannot be used and water ponds for weeks due to inadequate drainage and the uneven surface.

During the Christmas break the school has requested a drainage expert to install drains around the oval to facilitate the run off of the water. The oval will then be top dressed using laser leveling equipment to ensure that the water drains off the oval and into the new drains. This action should significantly improve the oval surface.

A new entrance sign for Caloundra City Private School will also be installed at the roundabout near the oval to promote and advertise the school.

In addition the normal routine maintenance of internal and external painting, washing paths and spring cleaning will occur.

We hope the weather will be kind to us so that all of this work can be completed for the commencement of the 2012 school year.

Until next time,

Roy Henzell
Board Chair

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**Senior School News**

_by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School._

**Transition Program Year 6 and 7**

A comprehensive school transition program provides a proactive and positive introduction to Intermediate Schooling (Years 6-9). In the transition from Junior school to Intermediate school, students experience changes in environment, social structures, workload, and teaching strategies. For example, new surroundings, new teachers, changes in classroom expectations, new peer pressures and more dependence on peers for self-concept. Additionally, there will be a need for balancing of school activities as time demands increase.

Studies indicate that most students entering a new phase in their schooling are anxious about arriving to class on time, remembering the order of their classes and interacting with the older students. Success or failure of a smooth transition can have a dramatic impact on the quality of education as anxiety can prevent students from achieving their potential and have a negative impact on the quality of their learning.

**Preparation**

A successful transition requires a high level of direct interaction between the outgoing primary school students and the other senior school students. Carefully planned activities during primary school can prepare
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students for secondary school. These activities generally provide information to students about the nature of secondary education. With this in mind Mr Dever and Mrs Butler have restructured the home work program to mirror that of Year 8 and Years 6 and 7 will be invited to participate with senior house activities as well as attending the senior assembly on Monday mornings.

Furthermore, Year 6 and Year 7 students will be joining the Senior School for the first stage of their transition program. This will involve each Year 6 and Year 7 student being 'buddied' up with a student from Year 9-12. (as numbers are too high in Year 8 to add any more). These younger students will follow their buddy from class to class, taking notes, participating (where possible), and writing down homework/study in their diaries.

Parents are assured that behind the scenes there is valuable sharing of significant academic and other information between Junior school staff and Senior school staff to facilitate a smooth transition process.

Speech Night
The highlight of the academic calendar is Speech Night which will be held on Tuesday, 15th November at 7pm at Caloundra RSL Function Centre. All students from Years 4 to 12 are to be in attendance at this great celebration of academic, cultural and sporting successes.

Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

Cycle Safety
TravelSmart Sunshine Coast is the Sunshine Coast Council’s voluntary travel behaviour change program which raises awareness of the benefits of using sustainable transport such as walking, cycling, carpooling and catching public transport.

One of the key aspects of TravelSmart Sunshine Coast is that we only need to change one or two of our weekly car trips to alternative forms of travel in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion, and improve personal health and wellbeing, through building regular physical activity into our travel patterns.

Our Year 4 students are most fortunate to be offered this opportunity on Friday 11 November. There will be no cost for the sessions as it is funded by Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Further information and permission will shortly be sent home to the parents of children in Year 4.

Language Festival
Today students across the school have been involved in a Language Festival which has kindly been organised by our language teachers, Michiko Matsumoto and Fiona Sawyer. Throughout the day students were engaged in a range of cultural activities as part of this celebration. Thank you to the staff involved for their commitment to this experience for the students.

Thank you
Parents who walk in to the school past the Munns Building will notice the lovely black and white storage boxes for the chess pieces. These were kindly built and donated by the Murphy Family. Many thanks to Rob and Janelle for their efforts and generosity with this project. This storage facility was much needed and is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Kerrie Noyes who has coordinated the project. We are now having the cushions covered for the tops of the boxes so that they also can be used as a seating area.

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.

Campion apologise for the delay with the booklists. Hard copies of booklists will be available within days and will be sent home with each child with instructions about how to order on-line from 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 chance to commence their learning journey in a quality, inviting educational atmosphere. Please contact Administration for further information.

**SRC News**

**Day for Daniel** – The SRC are coordinating a Day for Daniel event which is to be held on Friday, 28 October. The day focuses on child safety awareness and students are asked to wear red on the day and to make a gold coin donation towards the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This annual event has become the largest participation event of its type and is now in its sixth year.

**CanTeen** – Friday, 28 November is also Can Teen Day and students will be wearing bandannas to support young people living with cancer. The SRC will be selling bandannas throughout the coming week.

The Student Representative Council will now be holding a **Cupcake Day** on Friday, 21 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.

**Speech Night and Prep to Year 3 Presentation morning**
Parents are reminded that Speech Night is being held on Tuesday, 15 November commencing at 7.00pm at the Caloundra Events Centre. It is expected that every student from Years 4 and above attend this event, regardless of whether they are a prize recipient. The evening is about celebrating our year as a school. Parents of younger children are also most welcome to attend.

The following morning, Wednesday, 16 November, the Prep to Year 3 children will present their annual concert. All classes in the Junior School (Prep to Year 7) attend this event at the Caloundra Events Centre. Students are to be dropped off at the Events Centre at 8.30am and they will be bussed back to school at morning tea when the celebration concludes.
**Scholastic Bookclub**
The final issue of Bookclub for the year was handed out last week and orders are due back this Friday 21st October. Thank you to all who have supported Bookclub this year as it has provided the library with many new books throughout the year.

**Christmas Bookfair**
Our Annual Christmas Bookfair will be held in the library during the week of the 7th - 11th November. Many great children's books will be available for sale and our library receives new books from the proceeds of sales. Keep our Bookfair in mind for your Christmas gift lists. See you there!

Seeing as we're nearing the end of the school year, I thought I'd finish the year with:

**Funny of the week:** The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?"
Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon network!"

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**Senior School Leaders News**
This week we have seen the return of our four Exchange Students from Year 11. Jen and Deanna returning from Scotland whilst Courtney and Woody have arrived back from Canada. Throughout the week, we have enjoyed listening to their many experiences. We have also heard from people that we knew from our Exchange experiences and they have commented on how well these students conducted themselves. We take this opportunity to congratulate them on representing Caloundra City Private School extremely well and welcome them back!

The Year 11’s experienced a Driver Awareness day yesterday at Corbould Park. It was an excellent day for Year 11’s as experts outlined the dangers facing young drivers. Congratulations to all those who attended.

With our time at CCPS coming to a close we encourage students particularly in Year 11 but also in Year 10 to become more involved in school life and prepare themselves for 2012 and the leadership opportunities they may be presented with! We hope to help them out as much as possible before our Graduation.

We wish everyone a fantastic week and until next time,

Rhiannon, Alex, Olivia, Jake
Caloundra City Private School Captains

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**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

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**Parents and Friends Association News**
The Woolies and Coles promotions ended this week. Please bring in your docket and vouchers as soon as possible so we can tally them up and send them off to receive our goodies.
**Tally so far**

**Woolies** 13,486 points  
**Coles** 40,000 points

**Student Banking News**

This week’s prize winners are: Haris Kello, Lauren Benjamin, Ella Benjamin and Georgia Tenkate.

It might be YOU who wins next week!

Banking tip of the week:
Talk to your child about the difference between needs and wants. This will help prepare them for making sensible spending decisions in the future.