From the Principal

“Listen, or your tongue will make you deaf.”
(Old Native American proverb)

What’s the best advice you have ever received? The best advice given to me was: ‘don’t give advice unless it’s asked for.’ Ask any parent, though, this is a tough bit of advice to follow. It seems at times that your own child will listen to anyone and everyone but you – everyone from their ‘this week’s best friend’, other parents, the coach, even the next door neighbour – before considering any vestige of advice given out by mum and dad. “Why is this so?” I hear you ask. Seriously, I don’t have an answer to this eternal question, it’s one of life’s little imponderables.

When is a good time to give advice and when is it best to say nothing at all? This is a tricky question and not easily answered. Let’s just say that life’s experiences allow us to learn along the way and sometimes we really need to be guided by our own intuition or our gut instincts. When in doubt, listen to what is being said and be reflective of what is being said, but avoid offering advice first up or sharing your own personal experience before the other person has fully explained how they are truly feeling.

A few years ago I took part in an excellent course, at the Centre for Creative Leadership in Colorado, USA. Much of the course was about developing leadership skills in executives- highly ranked officers in the armed forces, business executives and people from all walks of life. Part of the process involved getting feedback from the people on the course as well as the people delivering the course. I remember at one point we broke into groups and I was with two people, one of whom recounted being in the Trade Centre when the planes struck the buildings on September 11, 2001. It was very unnerving to listen to his account of what happened to him and I could see that he was still, almost ten years later, very emotional about his ordeal.

As we made our way back to the main room, I happened to be walking with another group and struck up a conversation with one of the men and commented on what had been shared. I made the point (thinking that I was being empathetic to the other person), to avoid bringing up September 11 with this person, which I thought...
was good advice at that time. He just nodded, didn’t comment and so I put the whole conversation to the back of my mind and we went onto the next session.

In the feedback session for the week long program, there was an opportunity to share observations with the other participants. Yes, some of it was ‘warm and positive’ but other comments made were more pointed and meant to be instructive of how you were perceived by the others in the group. To my utter consternation, the one man who I had spoken to and suggested not discussing September 11, told me that he too had been involved in the events of that day, but he was at the Pentagon when the plane crashed into the building there. I had wrongly assumed that he was removed from the event and my assumption had caused him some grief, in giving advice to someone who clearly did not need it.

Unfortunately it is our own assumptions and our own experiences that lead us to offer advice, whether we think people want it or not. The secret of course is to ask, “Do you want some advice?” Maybe they do, but maybe they don’t and we should respect and accept that decision. As Stephen Covey suggests, it’s better to:

"Seek first to understand, and then to be understood."

Now I am not usually a fan of celebrity advice and take it with a grain of salt, but recently I read some extracts from speeches given to graduating students and thought that there were some real gems amongst their comments and advice to the students. Since these views were sought out by celebrity speakers to share their experiences and lesson learned, I share them with you and hope that you appreciate them too (and don’t mind too much that you didn’t ask for this advice).

The queen of television, Oprah Winfrey had this to say:

"The three lessons that have had the greatest impact on my life have to do with feelings, with failure and with finding happiness." She says that you should trust your instincts. "If it doesn’t feel right, don’t do it. That’s the lesson and that lesson alone will save you, my friends, a lot of grief. Even doubt means don’t.”

JK Rowling told students in 2008 that she was the biggest failure she knew before writing the international bestseller books about Harry Potter. She went on to talk about the benefits of failure.

"Failure meant a stripping away of the inessential. I stopped pretending to myself that I was anything other than what I was and began to direct all my energy into finishing the only work that mattered to me. Had I really succeeded at anything else, I might never have found the determination to succeed in the one arena I believed I truly belonged. I was set free, because my greatest fear had been realised, and I was still alive, and I still had a daughter whom I adored, and I had an old typewriter and a big idea. And so rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life.”

Apple cofounder, Steve Jobs gave an inspiring address at Stanford in 2005, revealing how his diagnosis of cancer changed him.

"No one wants to die... And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it...And that is as it should be, because death is very likely the single best invention of life. It is life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new... Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else’s life.”

Actor, Denzell Washington revealed that he never understood the concept, of having something to fall back on.

"If I'm going to fall, I don't want to fall back on anything, except my faith, I want to fall... forward. At least I figure that way I'll see what I'm about to hit. Fall forward. Thomas Edison conducted 1,000 failed experiments. Did you know that? I didn't either because number 1,001 was the light bulb. Fall forward. Every failed experiment is one step closer to success."
Comedian and talk show host, Ellen Degeneres shared this:

“For me, the most important thing in your life is to live your life with integrity, and not to give in to peer pressure... To live your life as an honest and compassionate person. To contribute in some way... Follow your passion, stay true to yourself...”

Lastly, comedian and political commentator, Stephen Colbert, in a more serious moment of reflection, offered this:

“In my experience, you will truly serve only what you love, because as the prophet says, service is love made visible. If you love friends, you will serve your friends. If you love community, you will serve your community. If you love money, you will serve your money. And if you love only yourself, you will serve only yourself. And you will have only yourself. Instead try to love others and serve others and hopefully find those who love and serve you in return.”

We can learn much from the experiences of others, but until we experience what they have experienced it is highly doubtful that we will learn or empathise with the same depth of understanding and meaning. Nonetheless we can glean much from others' experiences and learn from them, be inspired by them and create our own pathway as we travel through life.

Visit the Principal’s blog, Edutake

Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Caloundra City Private School new Principal for the commencement of 2013:

Dr Dirk Wellham
Ph D, M Ed, M A, Dip Ed, B A

Dr Wellham has held educational leadership positions for more than 20 years and is currently the Deputy Headmaster (Academic) of Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) in Brisbane. Previous to this Dr Wellham was the Dean of Studies at The Southport School on the Gold Coast.

Dr Wellham is an esteemed educator having being awarded his PhD in 2009 for a thesis in original educational research relating to school students’ academic and co-curricular performances.

In addition to his academic achievements Dr Wellham has a background as a professional cricketer. Dr Wellham is the only player to have captained three states Sheffield Shield teams and also toured the U. K. and Sri Lanka with the Australian Test team. Dr Wellham has been involved in coaching cricket in Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania and has also participated in cricket commentary on the television and radio.

He will take up the position of Principal of Caloundra City Private School early January 2013 for the commencement of the 2013 school year. He is especially excited to join the CCPS community.

We warmly congratulate Dirk on his appointment and look forward to welcoming him, and his wife, into the life of the school in 2013.

Until next time,

Roy Henzell
Board Chair

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.
At our Senior School Assembly on Monday we presented ANZAC Character Achievement Awards to our Year 8 students. The awards acknowledged the mateship, perseverance, sacrifice and courage displayed by our Year 8 students whilst on camp at Emu Gully.

The underpinning philosophy at Emu Gully is that your success in life will be based primarily on your character. Students had their team work and resilience tested while completing activities such as pulling a six tonne truck, a difficult and cold crawl through a mud pit, a tunnel challenge and a night slide.

Expectations : Student Grooming
To maintain consistency and fairness across year levels, I ask that you take some time this week to read through the uniform and grooming expectations with your children. Some things that can be checked at a glance is that hair is neatly brushed when students leave home to go to school each day, shoes are polished and no make up is apparent. Also that girl’s hair that is longer than the bottom of the collar is neatly tied back and off the face. Boy’s hair is required to be conservatively cut and is off the ears, eyes and collar. For both boys and girls hair should be the students’ natural colour, uniforms should be clean and neatly pressed. Thank you for your support and assistance in maintaining the expectations of the School.

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 9 students who completed the gruelling three days of NAPLAN testing. Students conducted themselves admirably throughout the testing period striving to achieve their personal best.

The University of the Sunshine Coast will be holding a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 30 May. The event begins at 5.15pm with an optional campus tour lead by a USC student followed by an Information session from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The venue will be Lecture Theatre 7, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs. To register your attendance or for more information visit the university website: www.usc.edu.au/info or phone 5456 5000.

Geography studies
As part of Senior Geography studies, Years 9 & 10 students travelled to Dreamworld at the Gold Coast last Monday, May 21 to complete a field investigation. Students participated in educational activities, explored the tourist attraction and listened to an education talk. Back at school, students will use the information collected to design their own tourist attraction for the Sunshine Coast. All students enjoyed themselves and were great ambassadors for their School. Many thanks to Mr Bahn and Mr Thomas for their assistance and participation on the day.

By Mrs Lauren Tralau

Junior School News

by Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

Under Eight’s Day Reminder
Just a reminder that our Under Eights’ celebrations will be held tomorrow, Friday 25th of May from 1.25 – 2.30pm in the areas in front of the Munns and Ford Buildings. Students will have a rotation of fun,
creative activities throughout the afternoon. Parents are most welcome to attend and I look forward to seeing many parents tomorrow.

Bandaid Day
On Friday 8th June we will be conducting a Gold Coin Donation Free Dress Day to raise money for the Bandaid Day campaign. This campaign is part of the Give Me 5 for Kids and is a month-long fundraising appeal organised by 92.7 Mix FM, which to date has raised more than 2.2 million dollars for the needs of local paediatric patients. All the funds raised are directed towards the needs of our local children’s hospital wards, purchasing new equipment and equipment upgrades, service support projects and initiatives to make a child’s hospital stay a little bit brighter. In 2011, the appeal raised $253,036 and funded a mobile postnatal contact service to enable Child Health nurses to visit new mums in their homes, as well as a child-friendly rooftop play area outside the Children’s Ward at Nambour General Hospital. Please support this great fundraising event.

Junior School Pick Up Time
Junior School students finish school at 3pm and are required to be picked up by a parent as close to 3pm as possible. There have been a few incidents recently where students have been left waiting beyond 3.30pm. In future cases these students will be asked to attend Outside School Hours Care and parents will need to collect them from there and pay an afternoon’s fees. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

ICAS Science
Our students in Years 3 and above will be sitting the ICAS Science Competition on Wednesday the 6th of June. For the last 30 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The competitions are an excellent preparation for other assessment and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses.

High quality certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. The students will sit English on the 31st July and Mathematics on the 14th of August. For further information please visit the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

Prep 2013
We are currently conducting tours and interviews for Prep in 2013. There are a limited number of places available so if you or friends are seeking to enrol in Prep next year, please contact Administration on 5437 5800 or admin@ccs.qld.edu.au to organise an appointment.

Library and I.C.T. News

Scholastic Bookclub: Issue Four brochures have been handed out to students this week. If you’d like to place an order for books, please return the order form with correct money and/or credit card receipt number to your class teacher by Thursday 7th June. Thank you for supporting our library by purchasing books from Bookclub.

Jeff Kinney (Diary of a Wimpy Kid author) book signing
Last week Year 4 student, Jackson Mobbs visited Jeff Kinney while he was in Brisbane doing a book signing. Jackson was lucky enough to
have all seven of his ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’ series books signed by Mr Kinney. See picture in this newsletter.

Quote of the week: You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance. ~ Franklin P. Jones

Sport News

Caloundra City Private School students competed in their first round of Interschool Sport this week. Our first game was played against Glasshouse Christian College. Our students were extremely eager to kick off the first round with a win. The Netball Road Runners (13-2), Ultimate Frisbee (6-3), and Oztag Boys and Girls (win by forfeit) congratulations to all teams. It was a close match between all of the other sports however Glasshouse managed to steal the following wins, Basketball (12-18), Boys Softball (5-4), Girls Softball (1-5), Netball Eagles (6-7). Well done to all students who played.

A huge congratulations goes to Jaidyn Mees in Year 6 who was named in the Independent District Football Team. Jaidyn attended the Independent District Football Trials last week and trialed against 54 students from various Independent Schools. It was clear Jaidyn’s talent shone through as he was named in the top 15 squad as head Goal Keeper. Jaidyn will need to endure some intensive training sessions on Thursday afternoons before he competes in the Regionals Trials on the 30th and 31st of May. Good luck Jaidyn, Caloundra City Private School will be waiting to hear how you go.

Ospreys Soccer Results:

Under 6
Saturday May 19 brought cool breezes and sunshine for our first home game. The Under 6 Ospreys experienced their first draw of the season against the Buderim Pumas, with both teams scoring 2 goals. After getting warmed up in the first half, the boys were ready for fierce competition in the second, with our first goal scored by a very excited Austen Thomas and another quickly followed by Hunter Doughty. Well done to goalies, Tyson Tralau and Liam Donohue who managed to stop many attempted goals by the opposition. It was impressive to see the great sportsmanship by all players and the improvement in skills, particularly by Jaxon Neale and Liam Donohue as they chased the ball down the field and tackled players. The Under 6 boys were very excited to welcome recuperated team member Patrick Carmichael back to the field, as his energy and enthusiasm was contagious.

Well done to award recipients, Best and Fairest - Tyson Tralau and Encouragement - Sam Mills, and ‘Players of the Match’ Jaxon Neale and Patrick Carmichael.

Home games would not run smoothly if it weren’t for the support of many parent helpers. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the organisation of fields. Thank you also to acting Coach for the day, our team Manager, Mrs Letitia Thomas, senior students Bronte Latham and Cieran Kent for their assistance throughout the morning and Ms Julie Hirst, Soccer coordinator, for all her efforts leading up to and on the day.

Under 7
It was a battle to the end on home turf, when the Under 7 Ospreys faced the Buderim Dragons. The Ospreys came out on top 5 goals to 2. Goal scorers who have been really working well on the field together were Bailey Brandtman 3, and Fletcher Winnett 2. We also seem to have two budding Goal keepers with Huey Fidler & Cooper Hurst again doing a splendid job at manning the goals. Our new recruit this year Kadan Fox had an awesome game as did Sam Tanner. Special mention to Harley Turner who was not on the previous results but scored a cracking goal in our last game. Player of the Match Award went to Harry Norton and Cooper Hurst received the Encouragement Award this week. Well done boys, you are going to be two short next game so dig deep and do your best! But most importantly remember to have fun.

Under 8
Under 8 Ospreys (3) defeated Immanuel Tornadoes (0). The Under 8 Ospreys were up against a very determined Tornadoes team this week, and we knew within a few minutes of play that we were in for a very competitive match. It took until the 12th minute of the game for **Charlie Tramacchi** to find the back of the net and put the Ospreys in front. This took a bit of wind out of the Tornadoes, who had spent most of the game defending their goal, with a wall of three or four players around the D. The second half saw the Ospreys keep their cool and we were 8 minutes into play when **Lachlan Noyes** made it 2 nil. With only minutes left in the match, **Hamish Carmichael** scored the final goal to give the Ospreys a very well deserved 3 – 0 win. Thanks to this week's goalies, **Hamish Carmichael** & **Charlie Whiting** who saw very little action in goals. Well done to our goal scorers and keepers, who together with **Bailey Towner, Poppy Niebling, Joshua Barlow, Ryan Brodie, Tyler Johnson, Max Kurz** and **Jordan Doughty** attacked and defended against our toughest opposition this season.

Congratulations to **Max Kurz** for winning this week's Encouragement Award. Good luck to the Ospreys this week at home to the Nambour Snow Leopards.

**Parents & Friends Association Meetings**

Next meeting will be held at 8.30am, on Friday 15th June, 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 of the families who are sending in their completed sticker cards. The promotion runs until the 1st July and every sticker counts, so please continue to support our school by buying your groceries at Woolies and collecting a sticker for every $10 spent.

**Social Family Day at Corbould Park Racecourse**

All CCPS staff and families are invited to a day at the races on Sunday 17th June from 11.30am - 5pm. The first race starts at approximately 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 & 4 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. Further information phone Craig Blacker on 0419 611 137 or Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 5491 6788 or www.sctc.com.au

**Tuckshop News**

**Chicken Wraps now available with Sweet Chilli Sauce or Caesar Dressing still $5.50.**

**Helpers needed:**

Many thanks to our helpers at the Tuckshop, but, we still need extra help on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
If you have a few hours to spare, your help would be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted at the office or on my mobile 0412 431 774.

Margaret Adams, Tuckshop Convenor

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