From the Principal

A teacher affects eternity; he or she can never tell where his or her influence stops. ~ (Henry Brooks Adams)

There is a saying, that every good teacher is a student of students. Understanding young people (as many a parent will testify) is not an easy or straightforward task. Good teachers get to know their students very well indeed – they learn as much as they can about their students - their interests, passions, hobbies, their family, likes and dislikes and what they love to do, how they like to learn and what they like to learn. Good teachers make learning fun.

I read a funny quote the other day by Donald Quinn, who wrote that if a doctor, or lawyer, or dentist had thirty people in their office at one time, all of them asking questions, all of whom had different learning needs, and some of whom, didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, some of whom were questioning the advice given, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he or she might have some conception of the work, the stresses and life of the classroom teacher.

Apart from the humour, this anecdote is quite thought provoking. If we think about this idea a little more, teachers actually teach the people who will become all the other professions we know. Teachers around the world are now teaching, the future prime ministers, the future doctors, lawyers, dentists, politicians, CEOs, the future innovators, artists, musicians, scientists, builders, the future business leaders, architects, writers, researchers and the future humanitarians of the world. Our future and the future of humankind, actually lies in the very hands of our teachers today.

Teachers create the future by their very being a teacher. Most great ideas come from unexpected places and gifted teachers seize and opportunity to create the ‘teachable moment’ whatever the circumstances. Teaching young people to think creatively about problems, helps them later in life to be creative in their thinking, to look at the world differently, and see a solution or idea that has not occurred before that moment. As Albert Einstein, brilliant creative thinker and scientist once wrote:
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Archibald Prize
Art Competition
Tuesday 30th October
4pm in the library

Twilight Concert
Tuesday 30th October
5.30pm

It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.

A gifted teacher inspires all of their students, (not just the clever ones), by tapping into their natural curiosity, by engaging them in conversations around an interesting topic or theme. They make learning come to life in the minds and hearts of their students. A gifted teacher makes learning fun in many creative ways and ignites in his or her students a passion for learning, an interest in the world in which they live, of times gone by, and a thirst for learning that can be sustained their whole life through.

The educational journey, which we share with our students for a relatively short time in their lives, is a journey of discovery – a journey of self discovery, as much as the, ‘getting of wisdom’ and a discovery of the world we live in and our place in that world. No journey is without its twists and turns and ups and downs. Teachers can help students through these difficulties and move them forward to a better place. Gifted teachers show how adversity can become an opportunity. Gifted teachers show students how one’s mind is capable of great feats, complex thinking, wonderful accomplishments, creative problem solving and insightful and inspiring thoughts.

Teachers who inspire realise there will always be rocks in the road ahead of us. They will be stumbling blocks or stepping stones; it all depends on how we use them.  (Author unknown)

Caloundra City Private School is blessed to have such an excellent group of gifted teachers, who teach with their hearts, minds and soul. I witness every day the care that the teachers take with each student, listening attentively to the stories of their protégées and answering more questions than Google. (Well maybe not – but over a lifetime of teaching, I’m sure that most teachers do.)

In appreciation of International Teacher’s Day celebrated on Friday, 26 October in Australia, students have put together a collage of thank you notes for their teachers. Here is just a small sample of some of the thank you messages from our students to their teachers at CCPS.

“I love all the teachers who teach me and I want to keep them forever! (Skye)

“I love you always have fun and exciting lessons; you are a great teacher and I love having you teach me.”

“You are the best teacher because every day we have with you is fun.” (Celeste)

“You are awesome; you teach us awesome stuff and I really, really like the Go Figure.” (Briana)

“Thank you for helping me in class and for telling me, what’s right and what’s wrong.” (Lauren)

“I love how you teach me about things I didn’t know.”

“You’re the best teacher ever because you’re cheerful every day.” (Ruby)

“Thank you. I enjoy coming to school because you make it fun for me to learn.”

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the teachers at CCPS for their outstanding dedication, love of teaching and learning, and huge capacity to help, encourage and inspire our students to be all that they can be. It has been a great honour and privilege to work with such a wonderful staff and I join with the students and parents and say from the bottom of my heart, “Thank you teachers, at Caloundra City Private School; you are the best!”

The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called "truth." (Dan Rather)

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgements:

The National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEITA) has announced
Creative Year 2 Students

The children in 2NB have enjoyed drawing dragons in the classroom before school. Here is one of their collaborative efforts.

Caloundra Bulk Billing Surgery

68 Bulcock Street
5438 1488

The 527 finalists of the NEiTA 2012 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards. 170 teachers from Queensland were nominated for this honourable award and we congratulate each and every finalist. A full list of the finalist teachers can be found by name or postcode at: neita.com.au/finalists2012.htm. Our very own Ms Kelly Blyth is one of the Finalists!

Congratulations to Logan Hancke (Year 6) who has been nominated for the New South Wales Young Sportsperson of the Year Award and has also been offered a scholarship to a prestigious ski school in Italy over the Australian summer. Logan spent Term Three at Perisher Valley competing in a number of skiing competitions. He also worked tirelessly throughout the term at Perisher Ski School. The winner of the Sportsperson of the Year Award will be announced in a weeks’ time – good luck Logan.

Visit the Principal’s blog, Edutake

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

Release of Year 12 OP Results

All results contributing to the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and Overall Positions (OP) will be available in students’ learning accounts on the student connect website https://studentconnect.qsa.edu.au from 9am on Saturday 15th December.

Students must know their LUI number and password to log in and check their results. Students will receive their Senior Education Profile in the mail from Monday 17th December.

Students who are studying a VET course or QCE-recognised course of study will be able to see the credits from that course in their learning account as soon as the course has been completed. These credits are “banked” by the external learning provider.

For your information the approximate distribution of students across OP bands are as follows:

- Band 1 - about 2% of students
- Bands 2 to 6 - about 19% of students
- Bands 7 to 21 - about 73% of students
- Bands 22 to 24 - about 5% of students
- Band 25 - about 1% of students

Caloundra City Private School’s Prize for Portraiture

This semester the Year 10 Visual Art students have studied a unit closely linked to the Archibald Prize. This prestigious prize has sustained and nourished an interest in the art of portraiture for decades. The Archibald prize flourishes for two main reasons. Firstly, it is about people in the public eye, and secondly, it is topical and controversial as all paintings entered must have been painted in the 12 months leading up to the event.
So, in accordance with the rules of the Archibald Prize, Caloundra City Private School offered its own version of this prestigious honour with awards under the same categories.

**A Packing Room Prize** which is traditionally judged by the staff handling the portraits in our case judged by the staff who work in the office.

**A People’s Choice Award** judged by the viewers.

Parents and members of our community are invited to view the paintings in the library before the Twilight Concert on Tuesday 30th October. Voting and viewing will begin at 4pm.

**Rotary Youth Driver Awareness**

Tuesday October 23, Year 11 students attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness course at Caloundra Turf Club. Sponsored and organised by the Rotary Club, students were provided with educational and practical information relating to driving and the responsibilities involved in gaining their license.

Guest speakers included accident survivors and the Police. video clips, discussions and practical activities were an integral part of the day’s schedule.

The highlight of the day was the Stopping Distance activity. Students were passengers in a car travelling at various speeds, quickly braking to demonstrate how stopping distance is dependent on the speed the vehicle is travelling. Did you know that doubling your speed from 40 km/h to 80 km/h, your stopping distance quadruples?

All students enjoyed the experiences offered on the day and were fantastic ambassadors for their School.

Lauren Tralau

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**Junior School News**

*by Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School*

**Junior School Assembly**

Thank you to Mrs Butler, Mr Maguire and the Year 6 students for their presentation, showcasing the great work they have been participating in during literacy activities. Congratulations to all the students who received Merit Certificates for the great work they have been doing in class. The next Junior School Assembly will be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday the 7th November. Miss Hirst and Mrs Call’s classes will be making a presentation and Merit Certificates will be awarded to selected students from each class. All parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to join the students from the Junior School at this assembly.

**Twilight Concert**

Next week we look forward to the cultural celebration of our annual Twilight Concert. The students have been busy auditioning for this concert and it is a special performance evening for our school community. Please take the time to join us for this celebration at 5.00pm next Tuesday the 30th October.

**Under 6 and 7 City School Ospreys Futsal Team**
We have entered an Under 6 and 7's team into the Futsal competition being played at the Sunshine Coast University. Futsal is an indoor game that is similar to soccer and is played on a polished court using a small ball. In the younger years, the game is modified on a smaller court playing 4 on 4, without goal keepers.

Our team consists of some experienced outdoor players: Harry Norton (1JH), Jaxon Neale (PFS), Patrick Carmichael (PFS) and Austen Thomas (PFS). The new players are Jordan Torrance (PLT) and Matthew Murphy (PFS).

Our first match was against Flinders Beasts. The Ospreys worked really hard for their first ever match and came away with a 2-1 win. In the second match, the Dream Team lived up to their name and we were defeated 6-1. Our players are very determined and are quickly learning the rules. We are looking forward to an awesome season and the boys will be developing fantastic ball control skills in preparation for the outdoor season next year.

Letitia Thomas
Coach

Student Representative Council News - Halloween Colouring Competition
The SRC are also organising a Colouring Competition for the students in the Junior School. SRC Representatives will be delivering colouring templates to all classes this week. There is no entry fee and entries close on Monday the 29th of October. Winners will be announced on Halloween Day, Wednesday the 31st of October.

Class News
from 3GF
Wanya! Wanya Nullum! Welcome! Welcome Everyone.
3GF in partnership with 4KR had the privilege of meeting Lyndon Davis an Aboriginal Australian from the Sunshine Coasts Gubi Gubi people. Lyndon supported us brilliantly in our journey of inquiry into Aboriginal culture and history. With a diverse range of artifacts including spears, shields, tools and didgeridoos the children thought they had stepped back in time.

Lyndon’s passion and knowledge of local fauna and flora was incredible and he explained to us how nature informed, guided and supported the survival of the Aboriginal people. This knowledge is still used today with an example of this being when the Red Bottle Brush Tree flowers, the mud crabs are emerging and it is time to go crab fishing. Lyndon also helped us make connections between ourselves and our environment. Through Aboriginal knowledge of history and nature it can now be seen that overfishing is negatively impacting upon the migration patterns of fish and the diet of birds.

Finally, Lyndon showed us all the techniques required to throw a boomerang correctly. This was very exciting and the children roared with enthusiasm! It was incredible to see such a large object returning to its thrower so accurately. Lyndon explained that the Aboriginals were the world’s first people to understand aerodynamics.

I would like to thank both Years 3 and 4 students for being so respectful, enthusiastic and reflective while listening to Lyndon’s presentation.

Mr Oughton
Library News

**Hawaiian Bookfair - 5th to 9th November**
We will be holding our annual Scholastic Bookfair during the week of 5th - 9th November. We will be open from 8.15am till 3.30pm daily. The Bookfair ends on Friday at 9am.

We encourage our children to save their pocket money, offer to do jobs around the house in order to be able to purchase something from the Fair. We also stress to the children that not everyone will be able to buy something from the Fair and that’s ok.

This year we have an 'Hawaiian' theme - Beach and Books. There will be many new, quality children's books and stationery available for purchase. Just in time for Christmas! Our library receives new books from the proceeds of these Bookfairs. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Ebooks for 2013**
Next year the CCPS library will be supplementing our collections with digital books. Students with iPads or iPhones will be able to download eBooks from our library catalogue. Stay tuned for more information.

**Quote of the week:** "Outside of a dog, a book is man’s best friend. Inside of a dog it’s too dark to read." ~ Groucho Marx

Sport News

**Parents & Friends Association Meetings**
Next meeting will be held on Friday 9th November 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

**Halloween Disco Friday 26th October**
Our last Whole School Disco for the year is being held on Friday 26th October from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. This is a School Social & not a drop off event. Parents are encouraged to stay & mingle. Please bring your own chair/and or picnic. Siblings are most welcome. Students, siblings & parents are welcome to wear Halloween or fancy dress costumes on the evening. We look forward to seeing you on the night. A small range of novelty items will be on sale on the night from 50 cents to $3.

**Hawaiian Book Fair 5th - 9th November**
At the Book Fair, the P & F will have a table of unsold items from our Mother’s & Father’s Day stalls. Prices range from 50 cents to $8 and include such items as stainless steel drink bottles, aprons, candle sets & pedicure sets.

**P & F Meeting**
Our final meeting for the year is Friday 9th November at 8.45am in the Dame Elizabeth Murdoch Library. All welcome.

Uniform Shop News
This Year we will be offering a Hat Cleaning/Reblocking service for all school Formal Hats.

If you wish to get your child’s hat cleaned and/or stiffened, firstly please make sure that the hat is clearly marked with your child’s name. Place this hat into a plastic shopping bag with your child’s name clearly marked on the bag. Bring the hat and the correct money to Administration on/before the last day of school. The hats can be collected from Admin in the new year on class party day or first day of school.

Basic Service- Clean, Stiffen, Reblock

Year 3 - Year 12 Boys and Girls Formal Hat - $23
Prep – Year 3 Boys and Girls Cotton Formal Hat – $14

Extremely soiled or stained with ink, paint etc - add $5

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