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From the Principal

“If we are ever to enjoy life, now is the time - not tomorrow, nor next year, nor in some future life after we have died. The best preparation for a better life next year is a full, complete, harmonious, joyous life this year. Our beliefs in a rich future life are of little importance unless we coin them into a rich present life. Today should always be our most wonderful day!”

(Thomas Dreier)

Many of us can look back over the years and identify a time and place at which our lives changed significantly. There are moments when our lives are transformed, because we realise that we are the ones in control of our destiny and that the only thing stopping us from achieving what it is that we wish to achieve, is our own thinking.

I recently read John Hunt’s, “The Art of the Idea (and how it can change your life)” and it made me stop and think about how easy it is to fall into habits that are, to put it bluntly, a little lazy. No I don’t think I am a lazy person, but Hunt’s book made me realise that ‘a new idea’ can quickly get swept under the carpet because it either goes against the grain, or is too far-fetched, or is too controversial or just plain implausible.

Hunt had some sage and quirky suggestions to change your way of thinking and how to embrace a new idea without being threatened or challenged by the concept. With such gems as: “lemmings have plans too”, “expediency is not an idea”, “we don’t know what we don’t know until we do what we don’t usually do” and my favourite: “no one orders a bouquet of beige flowers”.

Yes all very interesting, but what is the real application to our thinking? Hunt argues that it’s very difficult to get a fresh idea if we are addicted to routine. Some, dare I say, many people prefer ‘consistency and continuity’. Let’s face it, there’s a certain amount of comfort in this routine. We can wear habit a little like a badge of honour. The problem is that the acceptance of a new idea withers on the vine because of our inability to let go of the old.

Hunt’s point is that it’s far too easy to say, “If it’s still working, why change it?” It’s as if the speed of momentum all around them, he
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5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Scholarship Testing  
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says, is happily offset by their total lack of movement. People don’t realise that changing only when you have to usually means that it’s too late already and that if you don’t anticipate the future, you will be run over by it. So like lemmings scurrying to the cliff’s edge, they follow one another, falling into the sea, mindlessly chanting, “Why fix it, if it ain’t broke?”

Expediency is another trap of thinking. Hunt claims that expediency is extremely corrosive to ideas and that it simply allows one ‘to marinate in the mediocre’. He rightly points out that if you’re in the middle of the road, you will eventually be run over both ways. Not a pleasant thought. New ideas need sustenance and need to take on a life of their own and yes, sometimes this involves taking some risks.

If you’re serious about creating new ideas and following them through, then sometimes you need to change the way you think and where you think. Change the physical space you’re in and your brain follows suit. As Hunt points out, if you give people a distant horizon, their ideas are less short term. And if you’re physically on top of the world, it’s more difficult to think small, mean thoughts. Sometimes the transformation of thinking and perspective results from seeing a different horizon, or being in a different environment.

The antidote is simple and no you don’t have to trek the Himalayas to achieve a new way of thinking, it could be as easy as going for a walk in the rain or the sunshine, along the beach or through a park. Focus on specifics as you walk – your shadow, or the movement of sand grains, or the leaves or the waves depending on where you walk. You may return to the same space after your walk, but you will be different and yes, you will think differently too.

Transformation of our own thinking might be easier than we think. Sometimes it is the mere recognition that we need to think differently, that is the catalyst for our own personal transformation. Last night saw a transformation of a different kind as our Year 12 students emerged as beautiful young women and handsome young men as they graced Daisy’s Place at the 2012 Year 12 Formal. The stunning dresses and smart suits were met with proud smiles from parents and staff and the beautiful smiles on the Year 12 students’ faces said it all. They were no longer ‘school students’ but elegant and graceful adults. Congratulations to all students on a wonderful occasion. Special thanks to the staff: Mrs Glenda Bertram, Mrs Cheryl Weight, Mrs Lauren Tralau, Mr Barry Pederson and Mrs Amanda Stuart for their magnificent efforts prior and during the Year 12 Formal. Congratulations to everyone involved and special thanks to Mrs Kate Morris, Board Director and Mrs Judy Henzell, Patron of CCPS for their company during this special event. Thank you to Mrs Pederson and student Bronte Latham for the beautiful photographs.

To all mothers everywhere, I wish you a very special Mother’s Day on Sunday. It was lovely to celebrate Mother’s Day with you and the students at Tuesday’s Whole School Assembly and morning tea. Thank you to all the mothers and fathers who joined us on the day and I hope that the celebrations continue all week long.

Life is not something to be endured, but something to be embraced every single day. Life is a gift which should be cherished. Take nothing in life for granted and believe that anything is possible. B.J. Morbitzer, poet extraordinaire, captures these sentiments beautifully in “A Time to Believe”.

A Time to Believe

To believe is to know that  
Every day is a new beginning.  
Is to trust that miracles happen,  
And dreams really do come true.

To believe is to see angels  
Dancing among the clouds,  
To know the wonder of a stardust sky  
And the wisdom of the man in the moon.

To believe is to know the value of a nurturing heart,  
The innocence of a child’s eyes
And beauty of an aging hand,
For it is through their teachings we learn to love.

To believe is to find the strength
And courage that lies within us
When it's time to pick up
The pieces and begin again.

To believe is to know
We are not alone,
That life is a gift
And this is our time to cherish it.

To believe is to know
That wonderful surprises are just
Waiting to happen,
And all our hopes and dreams are within reach.

If we only believe.
(B.J. Morbitzer)

Karon Graham
Principal

Principals Acknowledgments:
Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who received their 'Monitors' badges on assembly this week:
Jacob Paterson, Matthew Williams, Brad Graver, Sean Chen Botham, Brooke Graver, Claire Southern, Tyrone Honeysett, Logan Hanckel, Niclas Dreyer, Dante Dreyer, Jaidyn Mees, Jack Bailey, Hunter Kurz, Gina Clarke, Tia Mannion, Jamie Towner, Daryl Pontin, Ashley Loughnan, Chloe Southern, Molly Rava, Ella Moore, Hannah Stuart, Kayla Murphy, Georgia Tenkate, Molly Lavender, Annika Meyer, Riordon Turner, Jana Cherry, Sarah Geange, Isabella Mullins, Safron McGibbon, Perri Bright, Keaton Dines, Patrick Brennand and Jasmine Mobbs.

Thank you to Kimberley Pederson and her assistant Bronte Latham for their wonderful photography at last night's Formal.

Congratulations to all of our students who are competing at SCISSA Cross Country tomorrow and who have trained so hard during the last few weeks. Good luck with your events tomorrow.

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Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

The school has settled into the 2012 school year and our main capital projects for the year have been completed. Feedback to date regarding the modifications to the car park has been positive in terms of improving the safety of the students. Cars have definitely slowed down and the drop off and pick up zone works well if parents do not attempt to park behind the orange barricade.

Please note that the drop off and pick up zone can only work effectively if we all work together. If your child is not available for pick up when
you are behind the orange barricade you will have to leave the drop off/pick up zone and find a car park until your child is ready to leave. Please do not park in the drop off/pick up zone as this causes a great deal of frustration for those who are behind you and are ready to leave.

We have had some complaints that the speed bumps are very bumpy...but that is the point. We are interested in the safety of the students and ensuring cars move slowly through the school campus.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Until next time,

Roy Henzell
Board Chair

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

The Year 12 experience in general, provides us with a generous helping of anxiety, (teachers included) which makes it easy to get caught in a whirlwind of assignments, examinations and assessment calendars. Sometimes we need to step back and take a look at the greater picture in order to gain some perspective on how wonderful our senior students are. The Senior Formal held on Wednesday evening provided just that opportunity.

Planning a formal can have its ups and downs as is expected with such intense and joyful events that have inbuilt expectations. However, the Class of 2012 exceeded our expectations. Their behaviour was exemplary and they looked truly amazing. The students demonstrated a maturity level beyond their years making their teachers and parents duly proud.

When reflecting upon such an event it is often hard to put such an experience into words, there are not enough superlatives to do it justice. Suffice to say, Caloundra City Private School Formal 2012 was a huge success.

I sincerely thank Mrs Cheryl Weight, Mrs Glenda Bertram, Mrs Lauren Tralau, Mr Barry Pederson and Mrs Gabrielle Frisby for their organisation and dedication.

Special thanks also to Mrs Kimberly Pederson and Bronte Latham for the photography.

Year 8 Camp
Our outdoor education program is an integral part of students’ social and emotional development and helps students to achieve self-sufficiency and a sense of autonomy.

Next week our Year 8 students will travel to Emu Gully to experience an adventure camp that utilises an ANZAC theme. The Adventure Camping Program will challenge our students both individually and as a team. This character based learning experience has proven to be very powerful in previous years as well as being lots of fun.

Please return the permission forms urgently, by tomorrow, Friday 11 May.

NAPLAN reminder
The NAPLAN testing will occur next week. Each Year 7 and Year 9 student has been provided with a timetable. Students are reminded to have the correct equipment: calculator, 2B pencils, eraser and ruler.
Junior School News

Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

NAPLAN
There will be no Assembly, next Tuesday 15th May due to NAPLAN testing. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are involved in this testing and it is important that students are only absent in extreme circumstances. Please ensure that if you have a student in these year levels that they arrive at school on time, calm and well rested. The children have been very well prepared for this assessment in the time leading up to the testing.

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN Timetable

Tuesday 15th May – Language Conventions and Writing
Year 3 and Year 5 -
Introduction: 8.40-8.50am - Test: 8.50-9.30am
Break - 9.35-9.55am
Introduction: 9.55-10.05am - Test: 10.05-10.45am

Wednesday 16th May – Reading
Year 3 - Introduction: 8.40-8.50am - Test: 8.50-9.35am
Year 5 - Introduction: 8.40-8.50am - Test: 8.50-9.40am

Thursday 17th May – Numeracy
Year 3 - Introduction: 8.40-8.50am - Test: 8.50-9.35am
Year 5 - Introduction: 8.40-8.50am - Test: 8.50-9.40am

Students will resume normal lessons at the completion of testing each day.

SCISSA Cross Country
Best wishes to all competitors for the SCISSA Cross Country which is being held this Friday, 11th May at the Maroochydore Cricket Grounds. The Junior School students from Years 4 to 6 will be competing in the morning and there is always a lovely atmosphere and lots of good competition at this event. Many of our students have been training hard and aiming to do their personal best. Students need to be at school by 7.30am for a 7.45am departure and will return to school by 3pm.

P & F School Disco
On Friday evening the P & F are holding the disco for this term. It commences at 5.30pm and concludes at 7.30pm. Parents are asked to remain in attendance for the event. Previous discos have proven to be an enjoyable social event for parents. Please bring your own chair and/or picnic and enjoy the fellowship of the evening.

Mother’s Day Stall
Many thanks to the wonderful P & F ladies for coordinating the Mother’s Day Stall. On Friday the children will visit this stall and purchase gifts for their mothers. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our great mums a “Happy Mothers’ Day” for this Sunday.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion
The P & F have entered the school in the Woolworths Earn and Learn for 2012. The promotion opens on Wednesday 9th May and closes Sunday 1st July. Please support the P & F in this fundraiser event by simply shopping at Woolworths during this time and you will receive one sticker for every $10 you spend. Last year our school collected over 14,500 points and was able to purchase over $900 of resources through Modern.
Teaching Aids.

The P & F are organising a Class Competition in the Junior School and a House Competition in the Senior School. The Class and House that collect the most stickers will receive $200 that they can spend on things they would like for the school. The P & F will distribute sticker cards shortly to all students. The students simply write their class or house name on the cards, stick on the stickers they have collected and place the completed cards in the collection box in School Admin.

Prep Interviews
I am currently conducting interviews for Prep 2013. If you have a child who turns five by 30 June 2013, they are eligible to commence Prep. Please contact Caroline Campbell or Cheryl Weight in Administration to book a time for an interview and tour.

Year 6 Buddies
Years 6KB and 2NB get together every Friday for Buddies’ activities. This week it was a newspaper fashion challenge! The Year Six students dressed their buddies in newspaper. Some went above the call of duty and created bouquets, shoes, hats, capes and more! Next week the tables will be turned as Year Two students face up the challenge of dressing the Year Six students. Miss Nicola Burr.

Sport News

Osprey Soccer Results

U6 Ospreys
The Under 6 Caloundra City Ospreys team played with determination against Palmwoods at Maroochydore Soccer Club on Saturday, but unfortunately experienced their first defeat, 5-1. While the conditions were warm, the field remained wet and muddy after the mid-week downpours, leaving many players in need of a shower.

This week the Encouragement Award went to Liam Donohue who scored our one goal of the match, and the Best and Fairest Award went to Julian Hubner. Notable achievements were Jaxon Neale who consistently tackled in defence and Tyson Tralau who consistently chased the ball down in the second half. Well done also to the two goalies, Tyson and Hunter Doughty who managed some fabulous saves in the goals.

Good luck to all players as they enter the second half of the season.

Under 7 Ospreys
Talk about muddy! As the parents stood in ankle deep mud on the side
lines the Under 7 Ospreys put on a very impressive game of soccer at Buderim, defeating the Caloundra Whites 8-0. Our goal keepers Huey Fidler and Harley Turner did not let one ball pass them, well done boys! Goal scorers were Bailey Brandtman 6, Fletcher Winnett 1, Sam Tanner 1.

Although the big mud bath in the centre of the field was very appealing to our boys they managed to keep their game heads on and worked really well together with lots of passing and great positioning. Encouragement Awards went to Sam Tanner and Harley Turner and Player of the Match was Bailey Brandtman, who’s lucky Mum got to take the muddy jerseys home to wash, funny enough without protest from the other parents! Good luck boys for your next game, let’s hope this week brings a little bit of sunshine.

Tuckshop news

SPECIALS MENU

Large pie/sausage roll & large milk $5.00
Large pie/sausage roll & LOL $4.50
Macaroni, lasagne or bolognaise with 1 piece garlic bread & small apple or orange juice $4.50
Pineapple slinkey (frozen pineapple on stick) $1.50

If any parents or grandparents have some time to spare I would appreciate any help, especially on Tuesday or Wednesdays.

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Adams, Tuckshop Convenor

Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Next meeting will be held on Friday 18th May at 8.30am in the library. All welcome. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat with friends.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Parents and Friends' Association News

Mother's Day Stall
Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held tomorrow Friday 11 May in the library. There will be many beautiful gifts children can purchase for their Mum’s. We have items ranging from $1 to $10. Classes will visit the library during the day to give students the opportunity to purchase their Mum’s gifts.

Disco
Our next School Disco will be held tomorrow at 5.30pm till 7.30pm. Please be aware that this is not a drop students off event. It is also an important social occasion for parents to get to know each other while their children are dancing the night away.
Woolies Earn and Lean 2012

Woolworths have announced that their Earn & Learn promotion is back for 2012. Last year our school collected over 14,500 points which were redeemed for resources worth in excess of $900. The promotion is open from Wednesday 9th May and closes on Sunday 1st July. To participate, simply shop at any Woolworths store during the promotion and collect stickers from the checkout operator. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). There is no need to collect sticker cards as Woolworths have supplied our school with 1000 cards. Send your stickers along to school and ask your child to hand them to their Junior school class teacher or House teacher in the Senior School. The P & F would like to offer 2 prizes of $200, one to the Junior Class and one to the Senior House who collects the most stickers. The winning Class and House will get to choose how to spend their winnings, in a way that is of benefit to the School.

School Banking News

A reminder that student banking day is due on WEDNESDAYS.

Banking may not be processed till Thursday or Friday, but if the bank books are in by WEDNESDAY, then you will not miss out on that weeks’ banking.

Also please remember that if you have tokens that you want to redeem for prizes, this is done the second last week of term. Please have all tokens in to me by then.

It’s great to see that the list of CCPS bankers is growing each week. Banking is not just limited to the Junior school. Senior students are welcome to participate in student banking program as well. It’s much easier to simply bring your bank book to school and let me do all the work for you, rather than have to get to the bank and stand in a queue!!

Happy banking everyone.

Nicole Hood
Student Banking Co-Ordinator