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2013 Term Dates

Term 1:
- Tuesday 29 January to Thursday 28 March

Term 2:
- Tuesday 16 April to Thursday 20 June

Term 3:
- Tuesday 16 July to Thursday 19 September

Term 4:
- Tuesday 8 October to Thursday 28 November
  2013 - 12 noon

Dates To Remember

School Disco
Postponed due to weather
Now on March 1st

From the Principal

Little Things Matter

It is the little touches at our school that can make all the difference. I know that we have had some students new to the school commencing in Week 2, and our current students assist as Hosts to make sure the new people can find their way around and know what's expected of them. Our Hosts have done wonderfully well to ensure our newcomers have settled well and enjoyed their initial experiences in learning with us. Our new students and families are certainly most warmly welcome to our School. It is pleasing to see the School's enrolment growing at a steady rate, particularly in Senior School.

And speaking of little touches, in my daily classroom visits and in talking with our boys and girls, I particularly like the care that they take with each other. A recent example I saw occurred with the Junior School boys playing together on the Basketball courts as one young fellow suffered a minor eye inconvenience as an errant hand inadvertently caught him during the game. The basketball immediately stopped as a number of the boys came to his aid suggesting various treatments, and one even suggested that maybe they should stop playing, out of concern for the injured man. But the wounded combatant gamely reassured the team that all was well and that the game was the thing, so he rose to his feet to continue.

Later, a young lady came to my office especially to give me a welcome gift, from her very special trip with her family overseas. She told me that her heart felt present was from Singapore with the image of the mythical Merlion, and I was touched by her gesture because she had enjoyed her overseas holiday with her family so much. I also saw Angharad Burgess in Year 6 with her friend waiting to be collected by mum after school. The two girls were sitting with their laptops and Angharad was enthusiastically showing how to use the software on their Laptops. It was a picture of the Digital Generation, the two young girls deep in learning from each other, dextrously manipulating the latest eLearning device whilst they waited. And in our Leadership Assembly, I was proud to be able to acknowledge our four Foundation boys who commenced in the School’s first year, in Year 4, 2005, Andrew Barbeler, Matthew Oberhofer, Matthew Scott, and Claye Weight. I know from the reactions of the School community that they were delighted to be
Whole School Photo Day
Thursday 28th February

Dr Seuss Bookfair
11th - 15th March

Years 4 - 12 Cross Country
Thursday 21st March

Swimming Carnival
Pics

Congratulations to the students of Munns House who won the Elio Basso Cup at this Week’s Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Swimming Carnivals this week. We saw great determination and team spirit in all events. Well done.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

9 Years - Caleb Mathias - Jenna Bright
10 Years - Jackson Mobbs - Madisyn Topping
11 Years - Harry Bailey - Sara Loughnan
12 Years - Dante Dreyer - Georgia Tenkate
13 Years - Logan Hanckel - Perri Bright
14 Years - Luke Frisby - Sophie De Fries
15 Years - Shaun Capps - Jessica Hoskin
16 Years - Luka Dale - Eliza Peters
17 - 19 Years - Andrew Liley - Bronte Latham

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

Volunteering brings a community of people together to achieve a common goal. Whether it is an event or fundraiser for the school such as a disco, fair, or carnival or to help a more global cause, voluntary donations of time are indispensable for schools and communities. When someone donates freely of their time in the service of others, the difference that it makes is remarkable. CCPS parent volunteers characterise our community for the better creating strong ties with staff, students and parents. This week’s Swimming Carnival was testimony to this and we sincerely thank the many parents who spent all day assisting and then joining the teachers in a 100m freestyle race against our students. Volunteering is an excellent way to demonstrate your support. It shows your children that you care about their education and you may benefit from feeling closer to the school and school community.

SAAVI - Active Volunteering.

As you may be aware our Year 10 students are now offered the chance to gain a Certificate II in Active Volunteering (CHC20208) and that this is now a part of our core curriculum in Year 10. This course is a pathway for students wanting to study or work in a range of industry areas including community services, sport and recreation, conservation, arts,
emergency services and human rights/justice sectors. It is also a welcome addition for a student’s CV for any prospective employers.

This week I was speaking with one of our Year 9 students, **Chelsea Mitchell** and discovered that **Chelsea** is the youngest volunteer to complete the Son Program. The Son Program is a powerful and effective treatment for children challenged by Autism. **Chelsea** works with a little girl each Saturday for four hours and is passionate about helping younger children with Autism. Well done **Chelsea**.

**Absences**
The School has an obligation to keep accurate attendance records and to follow up on any unexplained absences. In Years 11 and 12 it is important that the school is able to substantiate, that there has been sufficient course coverage and academic rigour and that the assessment submitted is authentic. If all assessment is completed at home authenticity may become an issue. Excuses for absenteeism are limited only to illness and extreme personal circumstances. Parents are advised the Queensland Studies Authority requires 55 hours per semester per subject. If the student does not meet the minimum requirement the School is not able to substantiate adequate course coverage. So please be mindful of this when booking family holidays or allowing your son or daughter to stay home.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents old and new at the recent Senior Information Evening. This night showcased the excellent opportunities that exist for our students at this School. It is important that we reflect upon the information provided so that we don’t take our School, its wonderful Teachers and programs for granted.

**Junior School News**

by Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

**Swimming Carnivals**
It has been great to hear all the positive feedback from students, parents and teachers about both the Prep to Year 3 and Years 4 to 12 Swimming Carnivals. The students are to be congratulated on the excellent sportsmanship displayed as well as their level of participation. A special thank you to Miss Sneesby and Mrs Murphy for their organisation of these events and to all the teachers and parent helpers for their assistance. I would also like to thank **Jorja Anderson, Harry Bailey, Harry Bartram, Jordan Blacker, Jackson Hood** and **Belle Kurz**. These Year 6 students very competently assisted the Prep to Year 3 students at their Carnival.

**Junior School Assembly**
Congratulations to all the students who received Merit Certificates and thank you to the Year 6 students for sharing their Leadership Camp experience with us at yesterday’s assembly. It is a very exciting time for the Year 6 students as they prepare for their Junior School Leadership roles. Our next Junior School Assembly will take place on Wednesday the 27th February at 2.30pm. The Year 5 students 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.

**School Disco**
The P & F’s Welcome Disco has been postponed due to the
inclement weather. It is now being held on Friday 1st March.

Junior Leadership Assembly
The Year 6 students are busy organising nominations and preparing speeches in the lead up to the voting for their leadership positions for 2013. The students will present their speeches to the students and teachers from Years 4 and 5, who will then join with them in the voting process to elect the 2013 Leaders. The student leaders will be announced and presented with their leadership badges on the School Assembly on Tuesday the 26th of February. The Years 3 to 5 Class Captains will also be announced and receive their badges on this assembly.

Reporting Procedures
This year we will be introducing some changes to the Junior School Reporting procedures. Parents will receive a written record of their child’s results for the Point in Time Assessment Tasks during the Term One and Three Parent/Teacher Interviews. These assessment tasks and your child’s results will be shown and discussed with you during the interview with your child’s Teacher. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in the library over two nights. The dates for Term One Parent/Teacher Interviews are Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th March. Further information and instructions for making bookings for these interviews will be forwarded to you closer to the end of Term. Parents will continue to receive the comprehensive written report at the end of Semester One and Two. If you have any queries or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Class News
from PrepFS
Beginning school can be quite a scary prospect for young children. But for most of our Prep students, the transition from Pelican’s Nest and City Stars was easy. They have shown such independence and maturity in being able to get dressed for swimming lessons, finding their own lunch box, taking messages to the Office and even contemplating their new way of life at CCPS. It has been quite entertaining listening to their chatter at morning tea about how a school really works.

With comments like, "Mrs Frisby was the boss of us last year, but Miss Scurfield is the boss of us until we are big enough to use the big toilets." It is hard to believe that these complex minds are only four and five years old. A few classroom highlights so far have been meeting Clever Cat and her friends from Letterland, learning to write Casey Caterpillar’s shapes, using the Reading Eggs program in the Computer Lab, and of course, watching Mr Maguire come to our rescue when there was a snake curled up outside our classroom. With so many fun and exciting activities to look forward to, every day is an adventure in PrepFS.

Library and ICT News
Dr Seuss Bookfair
This Term’s annual Bookfair will be held during the week of 11th to 15th March in the Library. Our theme this year is ‘Dr Seuss’ which compliments our library theme of the ‘Celebrate the wonder of Dr Seuss’. Dr Seuss who was born in 1904 was an amazing author of 46 books and his quotes relating to life are as inspiring today as they were when they were written. Please keep our Bookfair in mind when doing
your Easter shopping list. Books go great with chocolate!

**Dr Seuss Quote of the Week:** “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go…”

— Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!*

**Sport News**

**General News**

**Touch Football**

CCPS Touch Football sign on is now open to all students both Junior and Senior. Any student wanting to try out a new sport, have fun in a team environment or further extend their touch football skills, this is the competition for you. Please see Mrs Murphy to place your name down on the sign up sheet.

**Competition details:**
Day Monday – U8, 10 and 12
Where Stockland Park Western Pricinct Fields
Divisions Boys and Girls
Cost $70 per student
Sign up 18th February
First Game 25th February
Training Day: Monday lunch time on school oval

Day Wednesday – U15 and open
Where Stockland Park Western Pricinct Fields
Divisions Boys and Girls
Cost $550 per team
Sign up 20th February
First Game 7th February
Training Day: Tuesday lunch time on school oval

**Cricket 20/20**

Training has begun for the junior cricket team during Monday lunch times. All students are required to attend training as a team. Dates and times of up and coming games are still in discussions with surrounding schools. More information will be sent home to students.

**School Sport Website**

Up to date information regarding Sporting Events can be found on the CCPS website under Curriculum – School Sport ([http://ccps.qld.edu.au/pages/inner/school-sport](http://ccps.qld.edu.au/pages/inner/school-sport)).

**Junior Sport Information**

**SCISSA Secondary Swimming Carnival**

Held on: Tuesday 19th February 2013
Held at: Noosa Aquatic Centre
Time: 9-2:15pm

Please see running sheet below
9:00-9:25 Medley relay
9:25-10:25 50m Freestyle
10:25-11:35 50m Breaststroke
11:35-12:35 50m Backstroke
12:35-1:20 50m Butterfly
1:20-1:40 Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay
1:40-1:55 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay
1:55-2:15 Presentation & Departure

**SCISSA Primary Trials February & March**

Primary District trials are listed below, any student interested in trialing for the following sports are encouraged to see Mrs Murphy for a Principal permission slip and venue information.

AFL – 28th February & 7th March
Hockey Boys & Girls – 20th March
Netball 11yrs – 13th & 20th March
Netball 12yrs – 12th & 19th March
Venues will be given upon Principal permission.

**Prep-Year 3 Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to Ms Leanne Sneesby for a fantastic Swimming Carnival on Monday. All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you to all parents and teachers who helped to make this day possible for the students.

**Senior School Interschool News**

**Results**

- Water Polo Mixed CCC  Win 2-1
  - GHCCC  Win 2-1
- Netball Girls 1 CCC  Win 16 -0
  - GHCCC  Loss 3-5
- Netball Girls 2 CCC  Loss 5-10
  - GHCCC  Loss 4-12
- Badminton Mixed CCC  Win
  - GHCCC  Win
- Basketball Boys CCC  Loss 2-20
  - GHCCC  Loss 8-14
- Touch Boys 1 CCC  Wet Weather
- Touch Boys 2 CCC  Wet Weather
- Court Hockey Boys CCC  Draw 4-4
  - GHCCC  Win 5-0
- Court Hockey Girls CCC  Win 8-2
  - GHCCC  Win 5-0

**Secondary SCISSA District Trial Day 2**
Secondary District trial day 2 will be held on 5th March 2013 (Tuesday afternoon). Any student interested in trialing for the following sports are encouraged to see Mrs Murphy for a Principal permission slip and venue information.

- Open Girls and Boys Basketball
- Open Girls and Boys Football (Soccer)
- 15 Years and Open Girls Netball
- Open Rugby Union

**Years 4 - 7 Swimming Carnival**
Well done to all of our swimmers who gave it their all on Tuesday. Our participation numbers were up this year with the majority of students choosing competitive races over participation. Congratulations to the Year 4 students who survived their first Years 4-12 Carnival, your effort and swimming ability were outstanding.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who volunteered their time both before Tuesday and on the day to help the Carnival run smoothly. Without your help the Carnival would not have been able to go ahead. Thank you to all the staff members who worked extremely hard the entire day, the students definitely enjoyed themselves. Finally, thank you to the School Rock Band who kept us all entertained during the day.

Congratulations to Munns House and all of the age champions.

**SCISSA Secondary Swimming Carnival**
Held on: Wednesday 20th February 2013
Held at: Noosa Aquatic Centre
Time: 10am – 6pm
Please see running sheet below

9.45am Pool opens for warm up.
10am All 100m events and 200IM
11.30am Pool opens for general warm up
11.30am Team Managers meeting.
11.45am Girls Medley Relays (4 x 50m)
12.15pm Boys Medley Relays (4 x 50m)
12.45pm 50m Butterfly
1.45pm 50m Backstroke
2.55pm 50m Breaststroke
4.05pm 50m Freestyle
5.10pm Mixed Freestyle Relays (6 x 50m)
5.40pm Presentations.
6pm Depart.
Parents & Friends Association Meetings

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th February at 9am in the library. This will be followed by a P and F Meeting. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Parents and Friend's Association News

Coles Sport for School
Pictured right, is the sports equipment we received from the Coles Sport for School vouchers in 2012. Thank you to all who supported this very worthwhile promotion.

The School Disco, intended for tomorrow night has been postponed due to the weather. It will now be held on Friday 1st March.

School Banking News

Take part in the School Banking Program

Our school takes part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. We have a number of children who are actively participating but also have a number of students who have opened accounts but have not been banking regularly. I would like to invite these students to continue their banking this term and start collecting tokens which can be redeemed for exclusive Dollarmites rewards items, such as calculators, handballs and torches. All your child needs to do is bring their Dollarmites deposit wallet with a small amount of money each Wednesday.

Every time your child makes a deposit, they receive a Dollarmites token, there will be five rewards items all worth 10 tokens. These tokens can then be exchanged for a range of rewards. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards.

School banking helps develop some important behaviours such as:
- creating regular savings habits
- setting goals and saving to achieve them
- being responsible by completing their own deposit slip each week.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account and would like to participate in the School Banking program, please contact me on 0422 945 803 or theobservatory@bigpond.com and I will make sure your child receives a pack to take home which includes an application form for you to complete. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank, you can apply for your child’s Youthsaver account online. Simply log onto Netbank, click the “offers and apply” tab, then select “Accounts” and “Youthsaver”.

School banking day is WEDNESDAY.

Nicole Hood, Student Banking Coordinator

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