From the Principal

"Look, a Book!.... Let's hold it close....... And then we can read it, Again, and again, and again."
(Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood)

"Look, A Book!" shouts the title of one of the delightful books shortlisted by the Children's Book Council of Australia for 2012. Somehow, this simple exclamation captures the excitement, the wonder, and the joy of discovering a book to read.

While naysayers suggest that the shelf life of books, that is of physical books, is limited with the advent of eBooks, no one who has read a beautifully illustrated book to a child lately, or picked up a glossy covered book will doubt the joy of reading a real book. Long live books!

Yes I admit I’m biased. Call me old-fashioned, but I am a product of my upbringing after all. Opening the first page of a real life book is still as exciting an experience, as it was when I was a child. Books come in all shapes and sizes and while I appreciate the ease of opening and reading a book on a tablet or Kindle, I enjoy far more the reading experience of a real life book.

I love the fact that books come in all shapes and sizes, as messy as this might be for those of us who collect books, but isn’t that the real beauty of books? As John Hunt suggests in “The Art of the Idea”, logic can be kryptonite because it carries with it, terrifying weight and can stop dreamers dead in their tracks. Real books live and breathe for those of us who read them. Don’t you just love the colourfully illustrated books where the characters seem to jump out off the page and enter your own world?

Imagine giving all students an A4 page only and telling them that they can draw anything they like as long as it was A4 size? How limiting? How stifling? How unimaginative? How awful? Imagine shortlisted book, the Queensland Art Gallery’s “Surrealism for Kids” in A4 black and white pages, with no cute cut-outs or weird characters or iconography? Dull! Dull! Dull!

Imagine shortlisted “For All Creatures” written by Glenda Millard and Rebecca Cool, without wonderful coloured stylised images of all manner of creatures from the animal kingdom. Where’s the
inspiration to engage our children’s mind without such creative images? Books are tactile, they are visual, and they are a window into another’s person’s creative mind of stories, colour and emotion.

Books make us think, they make us dream of possibilities and they engage in a way that is very personal. Each of us takes from the same story a different message. Some of us will think deeply about the subject while others will be quite dismissive and sceptical of the topic. Some will experience a real ‘aha’ moment and be forever changed by the words on a page. Books, whether positive or negative, leave an indelible mark on our psyche.

"Ailing am I, In cage of twisty wire, cold concrete. Mourn, Ache, Yearn....''  (From 'The Dream of the Thylacine")

The lament of the Thylacine is palpable in the honourable mentioned book, “The Dream of the Thylacine” by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. The reader is left with a great sense of loss and sadness for the Tasmanian Tiger and what could have been. Books help us empathise with animals as well as humans too.

"As the pirates were leaving, one of them felt sorry for us, and threw us a bottle of water. It wasn't much, but it saved our lives.”  (From "The Little Refugee")

"The Little Refugee", written by Anh Do and Suzanne Do is the inspiring true story of Australia’s Happiest Refugee, Anh Do and family, who made their way to Australia in a rickety boat of dubious seaworthiness. The authors are donating 100 per cent of their profits from the sale of this book to the Loreto Vietnam – Australia Program which was started by Loreto nun Sister Trish Franklin. This charity looks after extremely poor and disabled children in Vietnam. Not only is the story itself inspiring but the authors are making a real difference to other people’s lives by their generous donation back to those less fortunate in the villages of Vietnam.

The fabulous turnout of students and staff in magnificent book character costumes on Tuesday was testament to the love of books and the joy of living out imaginary characters. Thank you to all parents, students and staff who went to so much trouble to make our Book Week Assembly so spectacularly successful. The students looked stunning and the staff members were sensational.

It was a real joy to watch the faces of the children as the Storytelling Queen retold the Roald Dahl version of "Cinderella" and the staff and students performed the classic pantomime to a riveted and slightly hysterical audience or was it the staff members who were hysterical?

Hysterics aside, it was a great performance by Cindy (aka Ms Stuart), Fairy Godmother (aka Mrs Frisby), the Prince (aka Andrew Liley), the Ugly Sisters (aka Bronte Latham and Andrew Barbeler), and the dreamy husband Shrek (yes there was a twist to the story) played by Mr Maguire. Thank you to the Spotted Cow (Ms Grant) and Chicken (Mrs Weight) who presided, with grace under pressure, over the Book Character Parade and performances.

Books are alive and well at Caloundra City Private School and the students’ love of reading will only grow with parents reading more and more to them. As the back cover of the “Look, a Book" suggests......

"You never know where it might take you.”

Perhaps today is as good day as any to start reading a book ourselves and reading to our sons and daughters, in this week, of all weeks, Book Week.

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgements:

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Inter School
Athletics Competition recently. Special mention and congratulations to:

Abbey Reniers - 4th Discus, 5th Shot Put, 8th Javelin
Jessica Hoskin - 2nd in both 1500m & 3000m
Sam Walker - 5th 200m, 8th Long Jump, 8th 100m, 15th 800m

Congratulations to all students who have recently performed in the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod. Special mention and congratulations to Gabrielle Henzell who sang beautifully on Saturday against much older contestants.

Congratulations to Hannah Stuart (Year 6) who won first place in the 11 Years Theatrical Songs and a Highly Commended in the compulsory song performance. A wonderful achievement Hannah.

Congratulations to Year 4 students, Kelsey Mudd, Madisyn Topping and Sara Loughnan who were members of the Kartwheel Kids Gymnastics Academy team who performed for the 2012 Wakakirri Challenge on August 3rd. The Wakakirri Challenge is an opportunity for Primary school students to tell a story on stage using a mixture of creative movement and acting. The girls’ team was awarded two certificates for their creative performance. Well done girls.

Visit the Principal’s blog, Edutake

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

Headstart Information Evening

Headstart is an early entry university program that offers over more than 90 courses to students in Year 11 and 12. On September 5th at 5:15pm, parents and students can take a tour of the campus with a current student to gain insight into university life. At 6pm, parents and students are invited to attend the information session to learn more about Headstart and hear Headstart students share their study experience.

Key Dates for Year 12 students

Applications for the 2012-2013 admissions period opened on 1 August 2012. The due date for on-time applications is 28 September 2012. Students must comply with these dates and any special requirements. A list of courses with fixed closing dates is on the QTAC website and is also published in the QTAC Guide 2013.

With the QCS Test in Week 8 fast approaching – Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 September, I encourage all Year 12 students to maintain their focus and apply themselves fully. While I’m sure the countdown has started, the race is by no means run. With a little over a term and a half to go it is very important that each student gives their best effort right up until the end.

Year 10 Subject Selection Evening

We will be holding a parent information evening for students who are currently in Year 10 and any other interested parents and students.

In this information session Mrs Graham will present information
regarding the OP system, I will discuss senior pathways and the QCS Test and the Senior teachers will present information regarding their subject areas. The evening will be held in the Dame Elisabeth Library Wednesday 29th August. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

**Book Week**
The Book Week 2012 assembly will be no doubt remembered in years to come. While there are those among us who would like the photographic evidence destroyed, it is days such as these that highlight the sense of fun, comradery and strong spirit that exists within our community. Special thanks to all the Senior School students and teachers who dressed up creatively to celebrate the importance and enjoyment of literature.

**Inter-school Sport**
Well done to our Years 7 to 10 students who continue to compete in the CIDISS Inter School sport competition with enthusiasm. We are very proud of the way our students conduct themselves and the strong school spirit shown by all teams. Students and parents are reminded that sports uniform is not to be worn to school in the morning and students are required to change into their formal uniform to go home. The only exception to this is on a Wednesday afternoon after inter-school sport when students may leave the school grounds in their sport uniform.

**40 Hour Famine**
Over the past week, volunteers across Queensland have taken part in the 40 Hour Famine to raise money for those less fortunate. Students had the choice of going without technology, food, furniture or a limb for 40 hours in an effort to raise funds for people in Ethiopia.

Communities in Ethiopia have been deeply affected by a drought ravaging the Horn of Africa. According to the government, 4.5 million people are in need of emergency food aid.

Being undernourished doesn’t just mean you feel hungry; children who are poorly nourished often suffer from wasting (low weight for their height) and stunted growth (low height for their age). The effects of stunted growth are permanent and mean delayed development as well as poor school performance.

"In Ethiopia, 50.7% of children under five suffer from stunted growth and 34.6% suffer from wasting. Poverty is a vicious cycle.” (World Vision Australia, 2012)

This year half of the Senior School students participated in the Famine, raising over $1300 for this worthy cause. Congratulations to all participants for their effort.

Mrs Lauren Tralau

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**Junior School News**

*by Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School*

**Bookweek Assembly**
Our Assembly on Tuesday was a great success and was enjoyed by all students, staff and parents who attended. This year the whole school celebrated Book Character Day and it was great to see so many students
in costumes. There was lots of colour, excitement and happiness, not to mention the drama in the form of a Pantomime performed by both staff and students. Thank you to all the students and their parents for the outstanding effort put into preparing the costumes. On Friday, students will be treated to a visit from Cartoon Dave who will share an author and illustrator’s point of view. He is an inspirational speaker and the students are greatly looking forward to this visit.

**Father’s Day Assembly**

We are celebrating Father’s Day next Tuesday the 28th of August with a special assembly commencing at 8.30am. The students are busy preparing a special presentation to show their appreciation to all the wonderful fathers, grandfathers and special friends in the school community. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join the students at this celebration.

**Junior School Assembly**

The next Junior School Assembly will be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday the 29th August.

Students from the PrepFS class will be making a presentation and Merit Certificates will be awarded to selected students from each class. Certificates will also be awarded to students who achieved either a High Distinction or Distinction in the ICAS Science Competition. All parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to join the students from the Junior School at this assembly.

**Father’s Day Stall**

Next Friday 31st of August, our P and F will be holding a Father’s Day stall in the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library. Students will visit the Stall in their class groups during the morning to give them the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Dad, Grandfather or Special Friend. The P and F have again sourced a wide selection of gifts and have priced them to sell at between $2 and $10. Gifts include coffee cups, stationery items, sport socks, cooler bags and drink bottles to name just a few.

**ICAS Competitions**

Throughout Terms 2 and 3 students from Years 3 to 10 have sat the ICAS Science, English and Mathematics Competitions. In coming weeks, certificates will be presented on Assembly to students who have achieved Distinctions and High Distinctions. The accompanying results page will be available to parents at interviews or when they are returned from the University of New South Wales.

**Kindergarten and Prep**

We are finalising interviews for Prep for 2013 and I have also begun interviewing for the Kindergarten class of 2013. To commence Prep your child needs to turn 5 by 30th of June, 2013 and to begin Kindergarten a child needs to be 4 by 30th of June, 2013. If you have not yet organised an interview or completed enrolment forms for Kindergarten or Prep, please contact Administration as soon as possible, as places are limited.

**Woolworth’s Earn and Learn Campaign**

The response to Woolworth’s Earn and Learn Campaign has been overwhelming and we thank all parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends who have been collecting the stickers for the school. Teachers have been able to order a number of great classroom resources including mathematics and science equipment, reading books, puzzles and games. Please return any remaining sticker charts or stickers to school by Wednesday 29th August so as the P and F are able to finalise our sticker count and have our school order verified.

**CLASS NEWS**

**from 2NB**

Lately, 2NB have been learning about the many rules for using speech punctuation correctly. We’ve learnt to use a capital letter for the first word spoken, only include the actual words spoken in the speech marks, include punctuation inside the speech marks and let the readers know who is speaking. We’ve also challenged ourselves to use words other than ‘said’, we say, “Said is dead!” and to add an adverb to make our sentences more interesting.

Here are some examples:
“Please could we play with the boys at school?” shouted Bailey loudly. (By Bailey Towner and Joshua Barlow)

“Could we go to PE?” questioned Kate softly. (By Gabriella Henzell and Zoe Hurt)

“Don’t you dare jump off that cliff!” shouted Emma nervously. (By Kallyn Van Wyk and Tahlia Stevens)

“I play the violin,” whispered Lara happily. (By Ryan Whelan and Lara Dreyzin-Howell)

“How did the beast die?” asked BC angrily. (By Tyler Johnson and Alex Johnston)

“I have a cat!” boomed Miss Burr loudly. (By Olivia Ledwidge and Annika Fawke)

Library and I.C.T. News

Bookweek:
We had the most amazing Bookweek Dress-up Assembly this week with all students and staff going to great lengths with their fantastic costumes. The audience was treated to a Pantomime of Roald Dahl's 'Cinderella' read by the storytelling queen, Mrs Graham. It was lovely to see the smiles and hear the laughter from all who attended. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who organised the great costumes for their children. All of the students had a ball. You can check out some of the costumes in the photo gallery on the school's website in the next few days.

Mother's Tip of the Week: Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home. ~ Bill Cosby

Sport News

SCISSA Secondary Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following 20 students who attended SCISSA Athletics Carnival last Friday - Abbey Reniers, Sam Walker, Jessica Hoskin, Mikayla Coleman, Natasha Irvine, Trang Payne, Talia Kuhl, Luke Frisby, Daniel Reynolds, Louis Conway, Cieran Kent, Sophie De Fries, Matthew Oberhofer, Jessica Dreyer, Bronte Latham, Jack Williams, Zac Lenkeith, West Lenkeith, Nicholas Reynolds and Brianna Comblas. All students showed great athleticism on the day and competed with pride and passion.

Each student competed against 22 other students from various schools. Eventhough we only had 20 students competing we had a lot of students rank in the top 15 athletes on the day. Congratulations to the following students.

Javelin
Abbey Reniers 8th
Sam Walker 10th
Cieran Kent 15th
3000m
Jessica Hoskin 2nd

Shot Put
Abbey Reniers 5th
Bronte Latham 15th
Jessica Dreyer 14th
Zac Lenkeith 15th

800m
Daniel Reynolds 10th
Sam Walker 15th

100m Dash (total of 45 competitors)
Sam Walker 8th
West Lenkeith 13th

Discus
Abbey Reniers 4th
Jessica Dreyer 15th

1500m
Jessica Hoskin 2nd

200m
Sam Walker 5th
Cieran Kent 15th
Sophie De Fries 15th

Long Jump
Sam Walker 8th
West Lenkeith 14th
Nicholas Reynolds 15th

**INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION**

**BOYS AFL**
Game 1 City (28) vs GHCCC (23) WIN
Game 2 City (10) vs CCC (25) LOSS

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**
Game 1 City (12) vs GHCCC (12) DRAW
Game 2 City (14) vs CCC (24) LOSS

**GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL**
Game 1 City (0) vs GHCCC (3) LOSS
Game 2 City (1) vs CCC (4) LOSS

**BOYS FUTSAL**
Game 1 City (3) vs GHCCC (5) LOSS
Game 2 City (4) vs CCC (7) LOSS

**GIRLS FUTSAL**
Game 1 City (2) vs GHCCC (1) WIN
Game 2 City (5) vs CCC (0) WIN

**MIXED CRICKET**
Game is a continuous game, all players participated extremely well.

**OZTAG COMPETITION**

A number of students from Years 1 to 9 have committed to represent CCPS in a local oztag competition. These students have already started their training and will play their first game on the 10th September for Juniors and 12th September for Seniors. Good luck to all players.

**Reminder to all players:** You are required to attend the sign on day to register yourself in your team. All students will need to attend with their parents on this evening.

**Sign On Information**

**Date:** 27th August and 3rd September 2012
**Times:** 4:00 – 5:30pm
**Location:** Caloundra Rugby Union Grounds, Arthur Street, Caloundra
**Nomination:** Minimum 10 player p/team. 8 players on the field.
Osprey Soccer Results
Under 6
Caloundra City Ospreys: Saturday August 18 Rooball Carnival
The weekend brought glorious weather for our carnival to conclude a successful season. Perhaps the greatest successes, being the team cooperation, mateship and improvement of skills demonstrated by our Under 6 boys. Under the careful guidance of Coach Janene Inigo, supported by Manager Letitia Thomas, the team has gone from strength to strength. As their confidence grew, so did their coordination and strength as a united team.

Three games were played at the carnival as a friendly way to end the soccer season.

In the first game against Unity Cobras, the Ospreys dominated the field to earn an extraordinary 14-0 win! The second game was played against Caloundra Blue. A strong effort by both sides, drawing 1 all. The final game was planned to be vs Unity Vipers, but they forfeited on the day.

To witness the powerful kicks, passing and saves on the day, you would never guess this was the same team who followed the ball like a swarm of bees six months earlier. All parents, staff and supporters are immensely proud of our champion soccer stars and look forward to another great season in 2013!

Under 8
Congratulations to the Under 8 Ospreys for their fantastic results from Saturday’s Rooball Carnival.

Game 1 Ospreys (1) drew Range Rockets (1). Goal Scorer Lachlan Noyes.

Game 2 Ospreys (5) defeated Immanuel Tornados (0). Goal Scorers Lachlan Noyes (2), Hamish Carmichael (2) Jordan Doughty (1)
Game 3 Ospreys (2) defeated Buddina Stingrays (1). Goal Scorers Lachlan Noyes (1) & Hamish Carmichael (1)

Well done to our team of Lachlan Noyes, Hamish Carmichael, Jordan Doughty, Charlie Whiting, Charlie Tramacchi, Max Kurz, Ryan Brodie, Joshua Barlow & Tyler Johnson who all received a medal for participating in the Carnival. The team played with great spirit, determination and commitment.

Parents & Friends Association Meetings
Next meeting Friday 14th September, 8.45am in the library. All welcome. Come and have a cuppa with friends.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Parents and Friend's Association News
Woolies Earn & Learn Points Tally – 81,230
Junior School – 1st 1/2KC 12480 stickers, 2nd 3GF 11970, 3rd 1JH 9060, 4th 2NB 8730
Senior School – 1st Ford 3420, 2nd Munns 2760, 3rd McLean 2550 4th Henzell 2040

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers – 27,616
Both Woolies Earn & Learn & Coles Sports for Schools promotions have now finished. Please return all sticker cards, stickers and vouchers by 29 August to allow us to send them back to the Promoters for verification and redemption into school resources. Thank you to all families who have participated.
Father's Day Stall 31 August

Our Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 31 August. Students will visit the stall in the library with their class groups during the morning. A large selection of gifts has been ordered and will be priced between $2 and $10.

Trivia Night - tomorrow night 6pm - 11pm

Please Support The Businesses Who Have Sponsored Our Event

A huge thank-you to the following families and businesses who have generously sponsored the Trivia Night or donated prizes to the CCPS Annual Raffle. Your support is very much appreciated.

Special thanks to Caloundra RSL Sponsor of the Trivia Entertainment

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CCPS P and F
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Please return all raffle books by 24th August before 9am
Bring gold coins on the night to enter some fun games

Additional Raffle books at the Administration Office  25 Prizes to Win!

Student Banking News

Banking tip of the week:

Remember that children need to understand where money comes from. When you withdraw money from an ATM, explain to your child where the money is coming from and how you earned it. It’s important for children to know there isn’t a limitless supply!

Nicole Hood, Student Banking Coordinator.

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