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From the Principal

The Effects of Competition or Social Engineering in Education

Competition is an interesting concept. US society and culture could be said to be based on this guiding principle, that 'competition is good'. At the end of the nineteenth century and into the twentieth, the United States' natural advantages of rich resources, free market rules, historic links to Europe, and a huge burgeoning domestic consumer market, amongst other features, helped drive Entrepreneurs like Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Candler with Coca-Cola. There were no personal or corporate taxes in the US until 1913 and that era could be described as rampant capitalism. The culture of US entrepreneurialship I think in recent decades has helped create the likes of The Internet, Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Apple, Fox Entertainment, etc.

Unimpeded or 'rampant' capitalism may also have led to excesses that began The Great Depression in 1929; and The Global Financial Crisis in 2007. The Sunshine Coast’s economy today remains inhibited by those US events from 2007. The degrees to which 'survival of the fittest' thinking, arguably 'competition', exists in Australian education is interesting to consider. For example, examinations exist to isolate an individual student to see how they can perform in two hours or so, in direct competition for ranking purposes with other students. AMEB or Eisteddfod performance competition or qualification, to a great degree, are founded on pass or fail, and/or comparative performance. Sports of course are tailored to have winners and losers. NAPLAN testing with the looming threat of school comparative performances that might be tied to government funding, are symptoms of this same ideology. A current educational idea of 'Personalised Learning' has links to the individual achieving their Personal Best, in competition with themselves, but possibly also with connotations of individualism, or competition.

But in all of this, I would argue that this concept of 'competition is good', is a convenient oversimplification for humanity, a society of interrelated, mutually reliant people. Even Rockefeller had his Executive Team. Life is now much more regulated and interdependent than was the US economy in the early twentieth century. Englishman Tim Berners-Lee was honoured as the 'Inventor of the World Wide Web' during the 2012 Summer Olympics Opening
in the library
March 11th - 15th

School Disco
Friday 15th March
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Year 10 and 11 Camp
25th - 27th March
Emu Gully

Dr Seuss Bookfair

SCISSA Swimming
Carnival pics

Ceremony. He wrote via LED lights on the back of each seat in the stadium "This is for everyone." His message was a reference to The Games, but also to his international communications idea, The Internet.

Individual students are supported in our education because people have differing skill levels: with Learning Support; Gifted Extension opportunities; and varied Senior School courses for elite Athletes, for example. SCISSA Swimming Championships recently held its races in performance groups, that is, students swam in similarly timed competitors' events. It was competition that was regulated to allow individuals to perform against equitably able swimmers, to strive for a winning goal that was imaginable.

Olympic Gold is unique but not possible for almost everyone - Improved Performance for every child (swimmer), is always attainable, and also valuable. The experience of competing with similarly able students, helps learning and a striving culture. The extreme of no competition seems to me to be depressive, negative, unhopeful. Regulated performances help to give young boys and girls an opportunity to have a go and optimistically learn and progress. SCISSA Swimming provided an opportunity for our boys and girls to proudly represent their School, and that’s worth bottling.

Dirk Wellham - Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgments:

Congratulations to the Junior School swimmers who represented our School and won the Percentage Cup at the SCISSA Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. Well done!

Congratulations to the following students (pictured below) for being elected Years 3, 4 and 5 Class Captains: Eloise Whitney, Taj Stephenson (Yr 5), Ryan Donnelly, Sophie Barlow (Yr4), Gabriella Henzell, Charlie Tramaccchi (Yr3)

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Traditionally CCPS has allowed all students to participate in the ICAS examinations. Unfortunately, student participation and enthusiasm for this testing has seen some students not putting in their best effort. For this reason, the 2013 ICAS will be invitation only, or at parent request.

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. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses.
Seussical Jnr the Musical

Venue - Caloundra Events Centre
9th and 10th August - 7pm performance
Auditions continue next week with Years 4, 5 & 6 on Friday March 1st and Monday March 4th.
To audition, students should prepare a short solo singing piece and come to Drama room (Fraser Building) at lunchtime.
Tracy Burton, Musical Director

Shine Personal Development Course
April 8 - 12 for Teenagers

The SHINE personal development course is a 3 day course designed specifically to help students realise and develop their own unique beauty and

Junior School News

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 certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

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 in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. ICAS dates are as follows:

Science – 5 June 2013
English – 31 July 2013
Mathematics – 13 August 2013

If your child has not been invited to participate in ICAS and you would like them to complete the testing, please let me know by Thursday March 28th 2013.

Students can prepare for ICAS and other skills-based tests with EAA’s new Practice Online series. Practice Online is a series of ten interactive online tests designed for school children in Years 3-12 developed by our team of subject experts. Each child that participates receives a comprehensive individual report detailing their overall results and their performance in each area assessed. Practice Online is now available for Mathematics and will soon be available for Science and other subjects.

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

Year 11 and 12 Personal Development
Students in Years 11 and 12 welcomed the opportunity for Mr Robert and Mrs Shiva Butler of License to Drive to speak with them this week regarding the learner driver program, ‘Keys 2 Drive’. This government initiative encourages Learner drivers and their parents to gain accurate information about road rules and driving. Part of the one hour course (which equates to 3 Learner hours), is about educating driving supervisors, commonly parents, about a new learning method called Find Your Own Way which supports students learning independently in the hope to minimize the road toll of new P-plate drivers. Mr Robert Butler, an accredited driver trainer, meets with learners and their parents to give the theory behind the initiative and the information needed to ‘train the trainer’ so students and their parents can both feel in control while earning the 100 practical hours necessary to take the driving test and obtain a provisional license. The practical component of the lesson puts learners behind the wheel, either in an instructor car or their own, to build confidence and skills.

For more information regarding the program visit: www.keys2drive.com.au. To book a free lesson, students need to register online with their email address and learner-license number.
School Disco
Due to the continued inclement weather the P&F Welcome Disco has again be postponed. The Disco will now be held on Friday the 15th March.

SCISSA Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the Junior School students who competed at the SCISSA Swimming Carnival on Tuesday the 26th February. All students were eager to compete and displayed great determination to do their absolute best for our School resulting in them winning the Percentage Cup. Their commitment and dedication was commendable and their team spirit was outstanding. Many thanks to Mrs Murphy and Mr Dever for their hard work on the day and also to the many parent supporters who attended. Your support is greatly valued.

Daniel Morcombe Foundation Visit
Bruce and Denise Morcombe from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation will be visiting the school on Monday the 4th March. The students from Prep to Year 10 will be attending this 45-minute presentation commencing at 1.40pm in the Assembly Room. A short debriefing conducted by the students’ classroom teacher will follow the presentation. The presentation is appropriate across all year levels and will be a worthwhile experience for all involved. As the foundation relies on charity, we have requested students bring a gold coin donation on the day to contribute to this worthy cause.

Junior School Assembly
This week’s assembly was a very special one as we announced the Semester One Class Captains for Years 3 to 5. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 3 – Gabriella Henzell and Charlie Tramacchi
Year 4 – Sophie Barlow and Ryan Donnelly
Year 5 – Taj Stephenson and Eloise Whitney

I would also like to congratulate all the students who received Merit Certificates and thank you to the Year 5 students for sharing their presentation on how they have been using their iPads for reading. Our next Junior School Assembly will take place on Wednesday the 13th of March at 2.30pm. The Year 4 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.

Junior Leader’s Assembly
The Year 6 students are to be commended for their well prepared and presented leadership speeches, which they delivered, to the students and teachers of Years 4 and 5. The voting has been finalised and the student leaders will be announced and presented with their leadership badges on the School Assembly on Tuesday the 5th of March.

Class News
from 2NS
The Year 2 students have been very busy children, learning all about shapes and their properties. In a short space of time we have explored polygons like quadrilaterals, pentagons and hexagons. We have also examined polyhedrons including pyramids and prisms. We learnt a song to sing which helps us to remember some of these important mathematical terms. Here are two of the verses:

A polygon is nice and flat,
With all sides all straight and closed.
It’s 2D and that means flat,
A polygon is flat, flat, flat!

Now a polyhedron is 3D,
With flat, flat faces unlike you and me.
And very straight edges, can’t you see?
A polyhedron is 3D!
Library News

**Dr Seuss Bookfair**
Our first Bookfair for the year will be held during the week of 11th - 15th March and there will be many new quality children's books for sale. Please keep our Bookfair in mind when doing your Easter gift lists because Books go great with Chocolate!!

**Dr Seuss Quote of the Week:** "If things start happening, don't worry, don't stew, just go right along and you'll start happening too." ~ Dr Seuss.

Sport News

By Michelle Murphy, Health and Physical Education Teacher

**Junior Sport Information**

**Primary SCISSA Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to the students listed below who attended the primary independent district swimming carnival on Tuesday 26th February. Despite bad weather and a sudden change of venue the students swam extremely well and represented our school with pride and integrity. In fact, our swimmers swam so well CCPS walked away winning the Percentage Cup. Well done students. A huge thank you to Janelle Murphy, Gillian Carr, Ulla Andersen, Kelly Tenkate, Liz Towner and Wendy Williams for assisting on the day with time keeping and marshalling the students. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

9 Years  
**Caleb Mathias, Finn Blain, Ryan Donnelly, Jenna Bright, Emily Sanders, Briana Keegan, Natasha Schioler-Linck.**

10 Years  
**Jack Murphy, Nicholas Andersen, Hugh Williams, Charlton Turner, Jack Graham, Daniel Sellars, Madisyn Topping, Layla Kidd.**

11 Years  
**Sara Loughnan, Belle Kurz, Tayla Connors, Harry Bailey, Jackson Hood, Lucas Hubner, Jackson Price, Taj Stephenson.**

12 Years  
**Georgia Tenkate, Safron McGibbon, Jamie Towner, Jana Cherry, Brice De Marrousse, Harry Bartram, Adam Peters, Jordan Muir.**

Results for the Carnival have been posted on the notice board inside the library and on the School sport website.

**Futsal School Titles**
Caloundra Indoor Sports Stadium will be hosting the Sunshine Coast School Futsal Titles on the 14th June 2013. I would like to invite students who are interested in being a part of the CCPS Osprey Futsal team to contact myself via email mmurphy@ccps.qld.edu.au. Presently I am taking names of interested students. Ms Hirst will be coaching the teams leading up to this prestigious competition.

**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.

**Senior School Interschool Sport Information**

**Interschool Sport Results Round 4**

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**Secondary SCISSA District Trial Day 2**

Secondary District trial day 2 will be held on 6th 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

**Parents & Friends Association Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 9am in the library. All welcome.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

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**Parents and Friend's Association News**

**Welcome to 2013 Disco postponed to 15th March**
Due to the weather forecast for the remainder of the week, our School Disco has been postponed until Friday 15th March. Let’s hope it’s third time lucky and Mother Nature turns on sunny skies for our first social event of 2013. We look forward to seeing you there.

**P & F Sub Committees**
Are you passionate about the Performing Arts, Permaculture, Fundraising for a great cause or General Business that affects our School community? The Parents & Friends Association is looking to form sub committees that can work towards enhancing our children's educational journey during their time at Caloundra City Private School. If you are able to volunteer your time and/or expertise, please email your details to pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work", and we would appreciate whatever
time that you can spare, whether it is an hour a week, month or term. We look forward to hearing from you and sharing your ideas. Thank you to the Parents who have already offered their time and talents.

Performing Arts Committee
Calling all Parents who can sew and paint. To assist with this year’s musical, Suessical Jr, our Performing Arts Committee requires help with the sewing of costumes and painting of stage sets. If you are able to help out, please email your details to pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au More details will be available following the audition process.

P & F News Notice Board
A news board has been placed outside the Head of Junior School’s Office listing the latest P & F news. You will find a list of how funds raised have been re-invested in school resources, fundraising for the year to date and details of upcoming events. Take a look at the pictures of our most recent purchases, being 15 Flexible Piano Keyboards for the Music Program and the Multi-Lane Timing System being used for swimming and athletics.

Semi Automatic External Defibrillator
The P & F funded the purchase of this vital piece of medical equipment at the end of 2012. The Defibrillator is stored in the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library, in the hall outside the Staff bathrooms, central to both the Junior and Senior School.

P & F Meeting Minutes
Click here to go to the CCPS website to read the Minutes of the P & F meeting and AGM held 20/2/2013.

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