From the Principal

Time and tide wait for no man.
(English Proverb)

Do you find yourself shaking your head as the school year draws to a close; hard to believe that the school year is almost over? It doesn’t seem all that long ago that we were welcoming new students and parents to the School and here we are almost at the end of Term 4. How often do you find that the more you do and the busier you are, the more that time flies by? Sometimes it’s best if we take a deliberate deep breath and take in the moments that seem to rush by far too quickly, because unless we do, the moments are lost and we may regret not making the most of the opportunities to enjoy life and savour those special moments. I’m reminded of the old quote from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe:

The right man is the one
Who seizes the moment.

There are moments in life that are defined by the significance of the occasion; other moments are defined by the special people in our life and others by a momentous milestone in our journey of life. Not surprisingly, the last week has been a series of these special moments for our graduating Class of 2011, their parents and the whole school community in fact. Speech Night, Junior School, ‘Back to the Seventies’ Concert, Valedictory Night and the Final Year 12 Assembly this morning have all been wonderful celebratory events.

It has filled my heart with pride (and I am sure all parents and staff members) to see how all of our students have grown and matured over the last year. During the last week in particular, our students have shone at all of these events and they are testimony, in every respect, to the School’s Motto: Excellence, Integrity, Learning. Aristotle, hundreds of years ago, wrote:

We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act
but a habit.

Our students are living proof that excellence is not an act but a habit. Congratulations to all students who received academic, sporting, cultural and leadership prizes at Speech Night and particular thanks to the outstanding student performances on the night. The whole Junior
Festive Fair
Saturday 26 November
1pm - 6pm

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Speech Night pics

Dux of the year 2012 - Jasmine Nichol being presented her award by Mr Cec Munns

Rhiannon Ratcliffe and Alex Fowler
Senior School Captains

Mrs Judy Hall - Foundation Teacher - retiring this year, receiving a gift from Mrs Karon Graham

School is to be congratulated on their fabulous Back to the Seventies concert; it was a wonderful performance by both students and staff.

Congratulations:

Dux of Year 6 - Finn McKibbin
Dux of Year 7 - Natasha Irvine
Dux of Year 8 - Orla McKibbin
Dux of Year 9 - Cieran Kent
Dux of Year 10 - Andrew Liley
Dux of Year 11 - Jennifer Norton
John Newcombe Overall Champion House - Ford House
The Mark McArdle Prize - Alex Fowler
The Noelene Munns Performance Prize - Luka Dale
The Principal's Prize - Shakira Ramsdell
The Munns Prize for Dux of the School - Jasmine Nichol
The Henzell-Ford Prize - Michael Reynolds

To the graduating Year 12 students, the Class of 2011, congratulations on your graduation from Caloundra City Private School and staff and students wish you all the very best for the future. The Valedictory Night was a beautiful occasion and celebration of the students' time at CCPS. This morning's Final Assembly and honour guard was a moving tribute to the departing Year 12 students. Now the Year 11 students step up to follow in the 'big footsteps' of the graduation Class of 2011.

It certainly has been an action packed week, and one that will stay in the minds and hearts of many staff members and students for many years to come.

Parents, we have one week to our Festive Fair and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and students who have helped put this fabulous event together. Parents, please support the Parents and Friends' Executive in whatever way you can. You can help most by attending, assisting with the stall rosters or simply by offering to set up or pack up Saturday, 26 November. Special thanks to Natarsha Turner, Kerrie Noyes, Tanya Lawler and Pam Southern and all other parents on the committee for your tireless and unselfish efforts and determination in making this Fair a great success. We look forward to sharing this fun and exciting Festive Fair with the entire school community.

I'd like to wish all of our families a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2012.

Karon Graham
Principal

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Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

2012 Home Stay Program

Each year CCPS hosts a number of international students and of course some of our own students are given the wonderful opportunity to travel overseas, also on student exchange programs.

This experience enriches the whole school community as our students share ideas and an understanding of a different culture, in a safe learning environment.

In 2012 we will expand that interchange by offering the opportunity for an extended stay for overseas students through the Student Homestay Program.

Through the hard work of Miss Green in particular, CCPS is now registered and CRICOS approved to invite overseas students to stay for a term, a year, or in fact the balance of their schooling. Already we are delighted to welcome the first two long term students under this program to our school and to our own family. At no direct cost to the school, this program is operated through an external agency, ISCA, International Student Care Australia, which also manages the program for several leading Brisbane private schools.

ISCA is responsible for the students’ well being, providing the host family and student with a set of well tested rules and guidelines, as well as a 24 hour emergency contact person. The parents of the child pay for homestay accommodation directly to ISCA, the balance less their fee is then paid to the host family each fortnight.

Because ISCA provides the financial and management liaison between host and visitor, all the host has to do is provide a safe, happy home.

The length of stay can vary, ISCA routinely moves student visitors between home stay homes and will also do this in the unlikely event that things do not work out. Remember, the student’s overseas academic and behavioral report must be of a suitable standard to be accepted by CCPS first.

All long term overseas students are full fee paying students; each new enrolment is of great importance to our school. If you have a spare bedroom, or perhaps grandparents in the family have an empty nest, this is a lovely way to earn a little tax exempt income, which at least covers your costs, (check tax with your accountant).

With Mrs. Graham’s most successful trip to Japan last week, and government financial support for future trips also, there will be opportunities for you to host students from a number of countries in 2012.

To express your interest in this program or for further information - http://www.isca.net.au

Martin Fraser
Board Director

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

This week has been another great milestone for our school with our second group of Year 12 students graduating. This week we have seen their final Speech Night before undertaking their Valedictory and Final assembly. For me, it has been amazing to witness this group of Year 12’s transition from students to young adults. As a group, they have provided so much humour, contention and finally leadership and strength to the School. I could not be prouder of their efforts this week.

Our year is quickly drawing to a close and we have had a wonderful week of entertainment showcasing the talents of our students and indeed teachers (will I ever erase the Junior School teachers’ X factor from my mind?)

Year 12 Results
The final Year 12 results will appear in students’ learning account on 17th December. Students who are studying a VET course or QCE-recognised
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Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

Prep to 3: Back to the 70’s Concert

Congratulations to our outstanding students and staff who absolutely shone on Wednesday morning at the Back to the 70’s performance. To see the stage full of excited children singing and performing filled everyone’s hearts with pride. From our very cute Preps singing the 70’s Sesame Street hit, Rubber Duckie, to hits such as ABC, YMCA, Viva Las Vegas, Kung Fu Fighting and blame it on the Boogie. It was certainly a morning of entertainment and variety. Some of the teachers’ acts had everyone in stitches of laughter. I think that Mr and Mrs Boyle, the cheerleaders, ABBA stars and our Zimmer frame star will be forever etched in our memories.

Thank you to all of the parents for your support with costumes and in attending, to our staff for your creativity and commitment and to our students, who are all stars.

Arrangements for next week

• Junior School reports will be available on Parent Lounge from Thursday afternoon. If you do not have your Parent Lounge log-in, please email Ms Grant at dgrant@ccs.qld.edu.au before Monday, to ensure that you have access.
• At culminating events for Prep to Year 3, certificates will be presented to students to celebrate their successes for the year.
• Students will visit their classroom and teacher for 2012 prior to this term concluding.
• The final Assembly for this year will be held on Friday, 25 November at 11am. The school year concludes at midday. We will also farewell Mrs Judy Hall, Foundation Teacher at this assembly.
• Year 6 and Year 7 Graduation is being held on Monday evening in H5 commencing at 6.30pm. A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the event.

Fair Update

Thank you to the many many parents who have already supported our Festive Fair with kind donations and offers of assistance to work on the day. If you have not yet offered any help, I would urge you to consider offering even half an hour to work on a stall or to assist with the set up and clean up. Many hands make the tasks so much easier and enjoyable for all.

The wheelbarrow outside Junior Reception is one of the raffle prizes. It is already quickly filling with many beautiful gifts and treats. Further
donations will be warmly received as it would be lovely to be able to present it overflowing for the winner.

**End of Year Wishes**
The next week of school will pass incredibly quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every family for their kindness and support throughout 2011. There has been much accomplished this year and the events of recent days confirm what a wonderful school community we have. It takes the staff, parents and students working together to build what we have. I am very proud of our school and what we offer.

Best wishes to every family for a very happy holiday and a lovely Christmas.

![Image]

**Library and I.C.T. News**

**Return of all library books**
All library books are to be returned next Monday so that outstanding loan notices can be issued before the end of the week. As stocktake will be taking place over the holidays, students will not be permitted to borrow books for the Christmas break.

Caloundra Public Library is open six days a week and has a great range of children’s books. There are many CCPS children who have just graduated to chapter books and it’s a good idea to keep their enthusiasm going by visiting the Caloundra Library regularly over the 8 week break. You’ll find a good selection of early chapter books in the Junior Fiction section. They also have DVD’s, games and toys. It’s free to join and our eager readers will love it. There will also be holiday activities which you can check out at http://www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/

**I.C.T. News**
This year, as with previous years, we will be refreshing our full fleet of Notebook and Tablet Computers over the Christmas vacation. To facilitate this process, students will be required to hand in their computers during their last week at school. The “refresh” process undertaken means that **ALL DATA** on the Notebook and Tablet Computers will be wiped, so any personal data must be saved to an appropriate location otherwise it will be lost. No Data will be recoverable from ANY computer once it has been refreshed. The school provides storage locations on the network for students to store any Education material related to their studies. However, any personal data or files, such as music or photos, must be stored on an external medium, such as a personal home computer, USB Hard Drive, or Optical media.

With the continued migration of our computing environment from Microsoft to Apple, no student will be receiving the same computer for the 2012 school year. This means that students must hand in not only their computers, but all associated peripheral equipment including bags, chargers and USB hard drives (Macbooks only). Teachers will communicate to students the exact date and time of the hand in for their year level. Any school provided equipment which is not returned by the end of the 2011 calendar year will be considered lost, and must then be replaced as stipulated in the School Computer Supply Agreement.

**This week’s quote is for our 2011 graduates:**
*Wherever you go, go with all your heart. ~ Confucious*

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 12 students all the very best in their future endeavours.

**Senior School Leaders News**
On Friday we have our graduation ceremony and the journey of our schooling is complete and what a journey it has been. I think as we reflect back on not only this year but a culmination of them all, we all agree that there have been many great times.

This week has seen many of our highlights, beginning with our Speech Night on Tuesday which showcased the vast amount of talent at Caloundra City Private School. Wednesday we enjoyed our Big Day Out at Dreamworld and for some of us this was especially fantastic as this was truly the first day we had nothing to do!

We hope through these newsletter articles throughout the year that parents and students have gained an insight into what we have hoped to achieve as well as our reflections on events during the year and we hope this is something to continue for future leadership groups.

To keep this short and sweet (without getting emotional as well) good luck to Caloundra City Private School for the future and particular good luck to the incoming School Captains for 2012, we wish you all the best.

Until next time......... (oh there isn't one).......

Rhiannon, Alex, Olivia, Jake
Caloundra City Private School Captains

Parents & Friends Association Meetings
The next meeting will be advised in Term 1 2012
Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

P and F Association News

FESTIVE FAIR NEWS

BONUS RAFFLE PRIZE (Wheelbarrow full of goodies) **************
We need donations of nonperishable goods for the wheelbarrow prize, wine, biscuits, coffee, tea, cans, jars, lollies etc. Please drop your items off in the wheelbarrow which is kept outside Miss Green’s office. Thank you for your support.

MEGA RAFFLE TICKETS
A huge thank you to all our school families and teachers who supported our Festive Fair Raffle. The response in ticket sales this year has been amazing. Any outstanding tickets (including unsold tickets) and money need to be returned to school by Friday 18 November.

RIDE PASSES
Last day to pre purchase rides passes ($25) will be Wednesday 23 November 2011. After this day, ride passes will only be sold at the Fair for $30.00.

STALL HELPERS STILL WANTED
We are still needing stall helpers for the day of the Festive Fair. Could any parents willing to spare ½ to 1 hour please see your classroom teacher as soon as possible.
We would sincerely like to thank the following sponsors for their valued contributions to the Festive Fair, it is very much appreciated

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Laserzone  
Caloundra Aquatic Lifestyle Centre  
Maze Mania  
Cold Rock Ice Creamery

**Student Banking News**

Encourage your child to earn their school banking money each week by doing some basic chores to help you out. Great chores include emptying the dishwasher, cleaning their room or feeding the pets.

This week’s student banking prizes go to:

Jana Cherry - 5NB, Emma McEvoy - 1FS, Lincoln Tralau - Pelican’s Nest, Tyson Tralau - Pelican’s Nest, Mahalia Thiele - Pelican’s Nest

**Crowne Plaza Christmas Party**

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