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2011 Term Dates

Term 1:
- Monday 24th January to Friday 1st April

Term 2:
- Tuesday 19th April to Thursday 16th June

Term 3:
- Tuesday 12th July to Friday 16th September

Term 4:
- Tuesday 4th October to Friday 25th November

From the Principal

"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier." (Mother Teresa)

We know life is not always a bed of roses and many of us get caught from time to time, by the thorny parts of life. Sometimes an angel in the guise of a friend, or loved one or even a complete stranger for that matter, comes along to rescue us or helps ease our burden by listening to our plight. It may not have been a grand gesture or a big thing that this person did or said but they helped us, when we needed it most.

How many times do we wish after a situation like this, that we had taken the time to thank that person properly for the kindness they showed us. Sometimes circumstances prevent us from showing our gratitude at the time and the opportunity of thanking them passes by and then before we know it, so much time has elapsed that the kindness has been all but forgotten and we have not made the effort to thank them. It can be tricky finding a way to thank complete strangers but it is possible if we take the time and effort.

There is a lovely true story about Charles Plumb, who was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked." Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."
Dates To Remember

Year 12
Formal
10th June

Co-Curricular Interest
Forms for Term 3 are to be returned by last day of term. Students must re-register into an activity even if they are following on from Term 2.

Last day of term
Thursday 16th June

Prep-Year 4
Athletics & Cross Country

Plumb couldn’t sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, “I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said ‘Good morning, how are you?’ or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor.”

Plumb thought of the man hours the sailor had spent on a long wood table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn’t know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, “Who’s packing your parachute?” Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory—he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

With family and friends, it is much easier to say thank you and to show your gratitude, yet surprisingly, many people forget to do this. Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason.

I like to think that developing positive relationships is like a bank account. We all make deposits and withdrawals. The deposits are the things we do to help someone, like a simple gesture of cleaning the kitchen up or taking them out to dinner or lunch. Withdrawals are when we need a favour or help and the other person does this for us out of the goodness of his or her heart (or maybe a little prompting in the case of our spouse or partner). In positive relationships, it’s always best to be on the credit side – to have made more deposits than withdrawals and if this is not the case, then it is very unlikely that both people in the relationship are happy.

Showing kindness and gratitude seems to me to be a lost art, don’t you think? Reading and hearing horrible stories of the verbal or physical cruelty that humans can inflict upon one another at home, or in business, on the road and even in schools is appalling and it would be very easy to become despondent about the art of good manners, thoughtfulness and kindness. Whatever happened to the adage that our mothers constantly repeated to us, “do unto others as you would have them do unto you”? Yes, what has happened to the simple act of showing kindness?

One person can make such a difference to someone else’s life and believe it or not, to thousands of other people too. Ann Herbert may not be an unknown name to you, but Ann started something big by one simple action. In 1982, in a restaurant in Sausalito, California, Ann wrote the following words on a place mat, “practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.” Sounds simple and inconsequential don’t you think? Before long, it spread to bumper stickers and for some reason the simplicity appealed to many people and the practice of random acts on kindness became a world-wide phenomenon. From this one action grew mass action. True stories and books were written about random acts of kindness which has continued unabated since that fateful day in 1982 when one person made a simple but remarkable statement.

I am in awe of the number of ordinary heroes within our midst. Yes it might seem like an oxymoron to talk about ordinary heroes because a hero after all is someone venerated for heroic acts like putting their life at risk in order to save someone else’s life or many lives. Ordinary heroes, on the other hand, are more common but in my mind, every one as heroic, in the real sense, of day to day living.

She or he is the kind of person that gets on and does a job without a fuss. Often they are the first to put up their hand for a new task, nothing is too much trouble and it seems as if they infinite time to go around. Now we know of course, that they have busy lives too, but somehow these people magically make time for other people and put
their own needs second. If you talk to such a person they will tell you that they get more out of life by helping someone else and showing kindness to others, than if they had just gone on with their own lives. Debi Mazar puts it this way:

“A hero is somebody who is selfless, who is generous in spirit, who just tries to give back as much as possible and help people. A hero to me someone who saves people and who really deeply cares.”

Within our own school community there are so many ‘ordinary heroes’, parents, family members, staff members and friends of the School who put in countless hours for the benefit of our students and School. I would like to acknowledge all parents, friends and staff members who have done so much for this School.

• Thank you to the Parent Representatives who act as the liaison person between parents and teachers and the School
• Thank you to the dads and staff members and their husbands, who helped build the P & F Sports Pavilion
• Thank you to the Parent Strategic Consultative Group for the excellent suggestions and feedback
• Thank you to all of the parents who help with the BBQs – at soccer, at SCISSA interschool and interhouse competition, at the School Discos, at Bunnings
• Thank you to all of the parent helpers in the classroom
• Thank you to all parents and grandparents who have helped in the Tuckshop
• Thank you to the parents and friends helping with our school music: ‘The Wizard of Oz’ – the props, the Band, the costumes, the choreography and backstage
• Thank you to the parents who have donated so generously over the years for everything from the permaculture garden, to the landscapin of the grounds
• Thank you to the men, particularly Justin Lawler and Noah Reynolds for pouring concrete this week to help put the new water tank for the Tuckshop in place
• Thank you to all of the parents who coach soccer teams and our Vic Wilson netball team and support our teams by cheering and encouraging our players
• Thank you to all parents who come in and assist Ms Grant in the library and Mrs Stuart and Miss Green
• Thank you to all parents who generously support our Pie Drives, our other fund raisers like the beautiful photographic journal of our children
• Thank you to all parents who support Carols, our school disco and other social events like the Big Kart Night for the men; and
• Thank you to all staff members who are so dedicated to the success of every child in the school and do so much to make this such a great school.

We have much to be thankful for at Caloundra City Private School, we have a unique school and an outstanding school community. The thoughtfulness and kindness within this school shines like a beacon to others and we can be very proud of all of our ‘ordinary, but special heroes’. Thank you one and all for your valuable contribution to our great School, you are the real heroes in this community.

“Appreciation is a wonderful thing: it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.” (Voltaire)

Karon Graham
Principal

Principals Acknowledgements:
Congratulations to Abbey Reniers who came runner up in the Under 18 women’s singles at the Caboolture Open recently. A great achievement Abbey!

Congratulations to Jessica Hoskin for running 2nd place at the Sunshine Coast Regional Cross Country Trials. A brilliant effort Jess!

Congratulations to the CCPS team who competed at the Sunshine Coast Regional Athletics and who brought home the Percentage Cup. Great performance from all our athletes!
After the exciting announcement that Caloundra City Private School will be building a new kindergarten, preliminary planning is underway for the 24 place kindergarten. Designs are being drawn up and the first drawings look great with an entry off the pathway near the Junior School Office. The new building will set up an ideal infant precinct and will incorporate many of the existing design features of our existing buildings, which most would agree, are second to none.

The Building Committee has looked at the site for the best location of the kindergarten. After some deliberation we decided on the space between the Munns Building and the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library. The kindergarten will be self contained and initially will be a one classroom building with state of the art technology throughout (iPads, as well), staff area, general amenities, reception and foyer, wide covered veranda for outside play, outdoor storage shed and all of this will be enclosed by screened fencing and landscaping.

It is planned that the kindergarten will open from 9am to 3.30pm, term time and there will be two part time groups – two days one week followed by three days the next. This means that potentially the kindergarten will cater for 48 youngsters. Already we have parents enrolling their children and it will be on a ‘first in’ basis that enrolments are confirmed, so I encourage any parent considering enrolment in the kindergarten for 2012 to make contact with the School as soon as possible.

Until next time.

Roy Henzell
Board Chair

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

Australian Curriculum

Australian curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for the development of the Australian Curriculum from Foundation (Prep) to Year 12. The development of the Australian

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Curriculum will occur over three broad timeframes and is guided by two key documents; the Melbourne Declaration on Education Goals for Young Australians and the Shape of the Australian Curriculum.

The Australian Curriculum sets out what all young Australians are to be taught, and the expected quality of learning as they progress through schooling. You can view the Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

The Australian Curriculum is organised using seven general capabilities that contribute to, and can be developed through, teaching in each learning area.

The seven general capabilities are:
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and communication technology competence
- Critical and creative thinking
- Ethical behaviour
- Personal and social competence
- Intercultural understanding.

Caloundra City Private School is well positioned to implement the new National Australian Curriculum. During this year, we have had the opportunity to become familiar with the new P-10 English, Mathematics and Science curriculum by auditing and reviewing current programs. Furthermore, we have been sending many of our teachers to targeted professional development and in-services. Mrs Tralau and Miss Macks have attended a Literacy and Numeracy workshop this week.

Many students in Year 8 have noticed an increase in the rigor of Mathematics due to renovating our previous Mathematics units to ensure they cover all of the new Australian Curriculum understandings. This has been necessary to ensure that our mathematics curriculum develops students’ mathematical knowledge and skills, enabling them to become confident and creative mathematical thinkers’ aligned with the intent of the new curriculum and to ensures coverage, balance and responsiveness across the year.

As we endeavour to implement our new curriculum teaching will continue to be seamless and rigorous, ensuring all our learners are ready to engage fully with the Australian curriculum.

ICAS 2011
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is conducted by Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW. Students from over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Pacific and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

On Wednesday 8th June, our Year 8, 9 and 10 students participated in the 2011 ICAS UNSW Science Competition. We wish them all the best and look forward to some great results.

Scottish Exchange Students
On Tuesday, 14th June we welcome Isobella Harrison and Sam Collins from the Lathallan School in Scotland. All students are very excited about their arrival, particularly the Ratcliffe and Irvine families. Isobella and Sam will be with us for six weeks.

Internet Usage
Due to increasing concerns being raised about the appropriateness of material being accessed on School issued computers, the following applications/sites have been excluded from student use.

Students found using these applications/sites on a school issued computer in or out of school, or through the school internet connection on personal devices, will be given an afternoon detention in the first instance, after which the school’s Behaviour Management Policy will be implemented.

- SKYPE or similar applications
- Torrent/file sharing applications
- Facebook or similar social networking sites
- YouTube downloading/conversion software
Non licensed games/movies/music are not to be stored on a school computer.

Students are reminded that computers are issued for educational purposes only and the school does not sanction activity which may be considered illegal or impact upon a student's future prospects.

Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

P and F Thanks
Last Thursday our very hard working Parents and Friends provided a canteen as part of the Independent Schools Primary District Carnival. The profits raised from this day will go towards equipment for our students. Many of these parents did not have children competing on the day and gave most generously of their time to raise funds for our school and to provide a service at this event.

Although there were many helpers on the day particular thanks must go to Craig Blacker, for his help with the set up and pack up, as well as cooking the barbeque all day. Kerrie Noyes, Narelle Crockett, Natasha Turner, Tanya Lawler, Margaret Adams, Nicole Hood, Cynthia Tutt and Jodi Topping all assisted with preparation and many hours of serving on the day. Thank you also to the parents who helped prepare the food before the event. The team work and pride in our school was most evident and your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Cross Country
On Wednesday afternoon our Prep to Year 3 children competed in their annual Cross Country. The emphasis of this carnival is on participation, not competition, and it was wonderful to see all children cheering each year group on and children aiming to do their personal best. Thank you to Miss Sneesby for her organization of the carnival.

Crazy Hair
The Student Representative Council this week have been busy promoting Crazy Hair Day which is their fund raising initiative for this term. They raised $263.85 for the Give Me 5 for Kids campaign which assists children at the Nambour Hospital.

Co-Curricular
The Co-Curricular Programme booklet for Term 3 has been distributed. It is requested that the Registration of Interest forms please be returned by the last day of term. Each student will need to re-register for an activity even if they are following on from Term Two.

End of term Assembly next Tuesday 14th June
Our final assembly for the term will be held at the usual assembly time next Tuesday 14 June at 8.30am. This will be a special assembly to celebrate some of the achievements of our students this term and we also look forward to the Choir singing and the Band playing for us.

Banking
Mrs Linda Shaw has been a hard working, behind the scenes volunteer who has given of her time each week to do the school banking. Due to her commitments she is unable to continue being the school banking coordinator. I am seeking the assistance of a parent or grandparent who may have a couple of spare hours to assist with this task each week. I am most happy to assist with the changeover and training. If you feel that you would be willing to take on this responsibility, please contact the Office or email me at cgreen@ccs.qld.edu.au

Vacation Care
Places in Vacation Care are filling quickly, so please give consideration to your requirements for care over the holiday period. A program is available from OSHC or from the Office.

Tennis, Chess and Soccer Holiday Clinics
Brochures are currently available from the Office for upcoming Tennis and Chess holiday camps and also a Soccer clinic. Further details regarding chess Camp are available from Mr Geoff Butler and details of the Soccer clinic are available from Katrina Carmichael.

SHOP FOR SUNSHINE KIDS - SUNSHINE PLAZA
Although this is advertised by the P and F in the newsletter each week, please try to support this promotion as it greatly benefits our school. Sunshine Plaza is running their “Shop for Sunshine Kids 11” promotion from 16 May to 9pm Thursday 23rd June. To enter, make a purchase from any participating store in Sunshine Plaza Shopping Centre or Rebel Sports Maroochydore. Present your receipts at the Customer Service Centre located on the ground floor near Police Beat and select Caloundra City Private School for your points to be allocated to. There are 10 cash prizes to be awarded to the schools with the 10 highest tallies at the end of the promotion, out of a prize pool of $40,000. If you are unable to take your docket to the Customer Service Centre yourself, please bring them into the school office, and we will arrange to have them delivered to Sunshine Plaza.

Library and I.T. News

Scholastic Bookclub
All orders which have been received so far have been placed, in an effort have them returned to school before the end of Term. Any late orders will probably not be received until next term. Thank you for supporting our library by purchasing books for your children through Bookclub. Thank you to Cheryl Weight for coordinating the Bookclub for us each term.

Overdue books
As it’s the end of Term I will be giving out overdue notices to those children with overdue books. Children are permitted to borrow books for the holiday break.

Quote of the week: -
When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you hang up my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.
When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.
When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I knew that little things are special things.
When you thought I wasn’t looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.
When you thought I wasn’t looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I loved.
When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted be everything that I could be.
When you thought I wasn’t looking, I LOOKED... and wanted to say that for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn’t looking.
CCPS Sport News

Last Thursday the CCPS Junior Athletics Team competed at the Independent District Trials. It was a very successful day for not only the team and individual competitors but the school as a whole.

Firstly to the students, congratulations on a fantastic day of running, jumping and throwing. Everyone pulled together, tried their best and were good enough to come home with the Percentage Trophy and 9th place overall. This year was extra exciting as we inched closer to taking over Good Shepherd Lutheran College and their strangle hold on 8th position. Given that we are a smaller school it was a fantastic effort by students to just miss out on 8th by only 100 points. The goal next year capture that coveted 8th spot!!

Special mention to a number of students who finished in the top 5 of their events-

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Thank you to all of the ‘CCPS Catering Crew’!! There was a huge team of parents, teachers and students who put in a massive amount of time and effort to feed the 70 strong staff and 500+ students.

My sincere thanks to the following parents: Mrs Kerry Noyes, Mrs Narelle Crockett, Mrs Tanya Lawler, Mr Craig Blacker (World Record Holder for the longest continuous sausage sizzle), Mrs Nicole Hood, Mrs Margaret Adams, Mrs Jodie Topping and Mrs Natasha Turner.

Thanks also to the senior students who assisted on the day with lunch deliveries and Miss Green for her brilliant problem solving skills.

CONGRATULATIONS – Jessica Hoskin. Jess finished 2nd in the Sunshine Coast Regional Cross Country trials yesterday with a fantastic 3km run. She now goes to the state championships which are to be held in Ipswich in 5 weeks’ time. Well done and good luck Jess!!

SOCCER RESULTS

Under 6
CCPS 3 V Stella Scorpions 1. Congratulations to goal scorer: Bailey Brantman, Player of the Match: Huey Fidler and Encouragement Award winner: Maya Shahar.

Under 7 Maroons
Saturday’s game had the Maroons at home to the Stella Spiders. Jordan Doughty put first points on the board within the first 30 seconds of the game. Our fullbacks Ryan Brodie & Alex Roper and goalie Charlie Tramacchi had a quiet first half with the Maroons having possession for most of the play. They defended our goal superbly whenever the Spiders launched an attack. Great team work and passing skills by our defence attacking players Charlie Whiting, Lachie Noyes, Hamish Carmichael, Kane Butcher, Sam Boulton, Tyler Johnson & Joshua Barlow delivered a full time score of 10 Nil to the Maroons. This week’s goals were scored by Jordan Doughty (2), Lachie Noyes (2), Hamish Carmichael (5) and Joshua Barlow(1). Congratulations to Joshua Barlow for receiving this week’s Encouragement Award.

Under 7 Blues
U7 Blue (0) v Stella Rockets (1). What a fantastic game this was. Our team managed to keep this game goal free right until the last two minutes when the other team slipped a goal through! Congratulations to everyo for playing such a fantastic game. The Encouragement Award goes to Bailey Towner who has developed her skills over the season and is do a wonderful job.

Under 8

Under 10
U/10 Ospreys lost 5-1 to Chancellor Colts. Congratulations to goal kicker Matthew Williams, Player of the Week: Hunter Kurz and Encouragement Award winner: Asher Dessauer.

Parents & Friends Association Meetings

Next meeting Tuesday 14th June 6.30pm in the library.
All welcome

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au
Year 4KR Water Tank

Thank you so much to Noah Reynolds and Justin Lawler for all of their help, as volunteers, installing the water tank at the Tuckshop. The frame was made and the concrete levelled, ready to have the tank in place. This tank was purchased with the funds won by the class as part of the SEQWater “Up a Dry Gully” competition and will be an excellent resource to ensure that our gardens around the Tuckshop and Prep area stay healthy.

Senior School Leaders News

On Wednesday many different events were happening for Caloundra City Private School students. Four students from Years 11 and 12 attended the World Vision Global Leadership Convention at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Jennifer Norton, Shakira Ramsdell, Jordan Young and Michael Reynolds participated in several simulations of poverty before watching videos which documented the severity of issues within the world. These students have gained a lot of insight from this day and we look forward to them showcasing some of what they learnt in the following weeks.

Our Prep – Year 3’s had their Cross Country Carnival also on Wednesday with many students achieving their personal bests, and although the emphasis of the afternoon was on participation it was fantastic to see the huge effort put in by all students.

Sticking to the sporting front, last Thursday the Junior School Independent District Trials were held at the Sunshine Coast University. Congratulations to those who participated in helping CCPS win the Percentage Cup. Parents and Friends who helped out with the canteen did a fantastic job on the day as well as the staff who attended. Also thanks to all Year 12 students who assisted on the day.

This Friday night we have our Year 12 Formal at the Rumba Resort and we very much look forward to spending fantastic evening with board members, staff, parents and our peers! Keep an eye out in next week’s newsletter for all our glamour shots!

We hope everyone has a fantastic last week of Semester 1, and until next time

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

P and F Association News

BEEFY’S PIE DRIVE
Thank you to all families who supported our recent Pie Drive. Together we raised $420 which will go towards purchasing additional resources for all of the children in our school community.

KEVIN EVANS MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER
The P & F have once again been given a fantastic opportunity by Kevin Evans Master Photographer to photograph children and families from CCPS (including Pelicans Nest). It is a wonderful opportunity to have your children photographed by a professional, and to appear in a coffee table book along with other children from CCPS.

Expression of interest forms, giving the details, will be coming home in the next day or so, they need to be handed back to school by Friday 10th June and Kevin Evans will be in contact with your direct.

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