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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

Dates To Remember

QCS Tests
- 30th August
- 31st August

Parent Information Evening

From the Principal

Stop! In the name of love, Before you break my heart.

According to psychologist Wray Herbert, getting hit by a car is the third leading cause of death for children 5- to 9-years-old, and children up to age 15 make up a disproportionate number of pedestrian casualties worldwide. It’s not hard to think of reasons for this frightening statistic. Children are easily distracted and don’t always pay attention, and they are also smaller, so they’re more likely to sustain fatal injuries when they are hit by a car. But, according to a leading psychologist, there may be another, even more basic, reason for this childhood peril: Children simply don’t see the cars coming.

The ability to see and avoid looming objects is a fundamental skill, crucial to survival not only for humans but for most animals. We take it for granted because we do it automatically, but it’s actually a complex skill, requiring a rapid calculation of size and distance and velocity. Add to this the fact that we pedestrians are also in motion, and must figure in our own walking speed, and it’s no surprise that even adults get clipped sometimes. New evidence is now showing that children’s perceptual abilities are slow to develop, making them less adept at this critical calculation.

Psychological scientist John Wann and his colleagues at the University of London ran a laboratory simulation of regular street crossing in order to compare the perceptual skills of adults with those of children of various ages. In this realistic simulation, a car approached on a roadway, sometimes varying in size and speed; sometimes the subjects saw the car directly in front of them, and other times off to the side a bit, and they reported whether the image of the car expanded or stayed the same. The scientists also calculated the subjects’ walking speed, and factored their movement into a calculation of their perception of the approaching car’s looming threat.

They found a clear developmental pattern in perception of the looming vehicles. As reported in the on-line journal Psychological Science, the children showed clear improvement in their acuity with age, but even the older children did not match the adults in their ability to detect an automobile’s approach, suggesting that the neural mechanisms for this skill remain undeveloped. Paradoxically, faster moving cars appear to loom less than slow moving cars, creating a dangerous illusion that speedy cars are not approaching. Indeed, the scientists determined that children could not reliably detect a car approaching at speeds higher than 30 kilometres per hour. What’s more, the children’s’
perception of a car's approach was worse if the car was even slightly off to the side—a realistic condition for typical road crossing—or if they themselves were in motion as they likely would be.

Driving 40 kilometres per hour is really slow. But it's typically the speed we're supposed to drive in school zones, and there are many other locations—residential areas, for example—where children are also vulnerable. These new findings fit with evidence that children are three times as likely to get hit by a car when traffic speed exceeds 35 kilometres an hour, and now we know why. Not only do speeding drivers need more reaction time, now it appears that young pedestrians simply can't see the cars coming in the first place. It can be a deadly combination.

Over the last few weeks, two incidents involving our students—one inside the school grounds and a second incident outside the school grounds—have seen two miraculous 'near misses'. One of these students ended up under the car and it is a miracle that no serious injury or worse resulted. No parent could live with themselves if they were to accidentally hit a student and yet parents continue to speed inside the school grounds, parents continue to park in the drop-off zone, forcing students to cross the road away from the pedestrian crossing to get to their parent's car and this situation needs immediate rectification by all parents.

Given the research on children's ability to see looming cars, even at slow speeds, it's essential that all parents are overly cautious when driving on the school grounds. Parents should hold hands of any younger students to ensure their safety while in the school's car park. The Drop Off Zone is specifically for the students safe exit and entry from and into your car. Please ensure that you are not parked in this zone for more than a couple of minutes to allow your child to get into or out of the car.

Inside the school grounds, parents should have noticed that we have the following safety measures for students:

- **Maximum speed for cars of 10 kilometres per hour** – it feels like a crawling speed but this is a necessary speed to ensure the safety and well being of our students

- **Drop off and pick up zone** – so that students do not need to cross the road to the car park and can safely exit and enter the car. This zone is not for short term parking – it is to be used for drop off and pick up only – a few minutes parking at most

- **Staff member on duty at the Drop Off Zone after school** – the teacher's role is to supervise students, not to act as traffic warden asking parents to move on from the zone

- **No Standing zones** – please observe and obey the instructions of all zones specifically marked and don't park or stop at the turn-around area outside Administration.

- **Pedestrian crossing** – this is the only safe place for students to cross the road. Younger students (up to the age of 10 years) should hold the hand of their parent or adult while crossing the road.

**New measures to ensure the safety and well being of our students after school:**

- **Parents parking in the Drop Off Zone will have their number plates recorded and printed in the Newsletter** – if necessary, further action will be taken with parents who ignore this very basic safety request

- **The School will now employ someone to assist with the pedestrian crossing after school**

- **Every class in the School will have a traffic safety lesson on a regular basis and all students in the Junior School will be taken to the pedestrian crossing for specific instructions and demonstrations**

- **An additional speed bump will be placed at the entrance of the School grounds.**

Parents please don't put the lives of our precious children at risk because you are in a hurry or have places to be. Avoid talking on mobile phones while driving. Firstly it's against the law and secondly it puts our students' lives at risk. Always be a good role model of the best of behaviour and attitude while driving and show road safety sense with
Traffic Warden/Crossing Supervisor wanted

The school is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who are suitably qualified to fill the role of Traffic Warden/Crossing Supervisor. The person would be required each school day between 8.00am to 8.30am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm. Please contact Mrs Short in the administration office if you know of someone who would be interested in assisting the school.

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The Athlete's Foot

Parents I beg you to be more mindful of the unexpected and random behaviour of young children in and around cars and on roads. Take all precautions to ensure that you are not putting the life of a child at risk because of your driving, or parking in the wrong spaces, or carelessly talking on mobile phones while you are driving in the School grounds or outside the School. Stop and think. Stop in the name of love and keep our children safe and alive!

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal's Acknowledgments:
Congratulations to Mikayla Coleman who competed in Brisbane last weekend at the Yun Hap Taekwondo Tournament where she won Gold. Excellent achievement Mikayla.

Congratulations to Hannah Stuart who performed last week at the Eisteddfod. For her singing solo performance she received - 1st prize - set piece, 2nd prize - musical theatre, 2nd prize - Australian Composer and Highly Commended - contemporary. Well done Hannah, those are wonderful results.

Best wishes to all of our Year 12 students who sit the Queensland Core Skills Test next Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Stuart and teachers have prepared the Year 12 students very well. Good luck and all the best Year 12's!

Best wishes to Jennifer Norton and Deanna Bayliss who travel to Lathallan School, in Scotland this weekend. We know you will have a wonderful experience.

Visit the Principal's blog, Edutake

Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

The Executive Director of Independent Schools Queensland, David Robertson recently wrote an article about the transition of Year 7 to the secondary schools in 2015. According to the Premier and Minister for Education the government will provide additional capital funding for state schools totalling $328.2 million over four years from 2011-12 to implement this initiative.

Only $81 million in capital assistance will be given to the non-state sector for capital assistance which is extremely disappointing. Of the $81 million in capital assistance for non-state schools, $32 million will be available for the independent sector. This figure falls well short of the estimated costs for the movement of Year 7 in the independent sector. Mr Robertson pointed out that the need for some 200 teaching spaces or general learning areas alone, before even considering other facilities would suggest a cost of $50 million.

At Caloundra City Private School there is a plan in place to move Year 7 into the secondary part of the school next year. In the near future, additional government funds should be available to facilitate the growth in need for additional teaching spaces and parents should be mindful of...
Ask about their $5 rebate to CCPS for every pair of shoes purchased by a CCPS family.

government’s promises in regards to not only the state school sector, but more importantly for us, its commitment to funds to independent schools such as Caloundra City Private School.

Until next time

Roy Henzell
Board Chair

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

Year 10 Work Experience
The five day work experience block is scheduled for all Year 10 students from 5th September to 9th September (second last week Term 3). The students have now completed their letters to prospective businesses and employees. Special thanks to The Heads of House for facilitating this process.

Uniform
While the vast majority of our senior students do the correct thing in regard to their personal presentation and uniform there still remains a minority who continue to push the boundaries of what is expected. Our senior students need to be mindful that they are the role models for younger students. Those students who continue to disappoint with their grooming and appearance will be given an afternoon detention. It is important that the School and home work in unison to achieve the outcome required.

Parent Information Night
As we continue to plan for 2012 it is understandable that many students and parents, across all year levels, are concerned about the implications for the future regarding subject offerings and selections. The introduction of the Australian Curriculum in 2015 will see Year 7 moving into Secondary School. We have been planning for this for some time to ensure a smooth transition. It is timely to also note that the curriculum structure that exists in Years 7-10 has already been modified and developed to make sure that our students are fully prepared for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

Throughout the Intermediate Years (7 to 9) all students will maintain a focus on numeracy and literacy while also experiencing a broad exposure to all other subject areas.
In Year 10 all students will study English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography and are offered the choice of three year long electives. This allows the student to study subjects that explore their own interests and strengths in preparation for the senior phase of learning.

Caloundra City Private School recognises that subject selection and offerings at every year level deserves careful consideration, and we have been able to offer and accommodate an exceedingly wide range of subjects and additional pathways for our students. Parents are assured that our curriculum structures in the intermediate and senior years make certain that all students are very well placed to make appropriate choices for their future.

We will be holding a parent/student information evening for students who are currently in Years 6, 7, 8 and 9 The evening will be held in the Dame Elizabeth Library Thursday 1st September at 7pm. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.
Junior School News

by Catherine Green, Head of Junior School.

Book Week
Our Assembly on Tuesday was full of colour, excitement and absolute joy. This year the whole school celebrated Book Character Day and it was by far our best ever celebration of Book Week. From our Staff and Year 12 leaders to our young Prep children, everyone worked together to make it a huge success. Thank you to the parents who really assisted the celebration by providing such outstanding costumes. Some children were dressed as very creative characters and the celebration provided a great opportunity to focus on books, literature and childhood memories. On Friday, all 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.

Salaka Drumming
As part of our Arts program, students from Years 1 to 7 were enthralled by the Salaka Interactive Drumming group who entertained them on Monday morning. The visiting artists were from Ghana, West Africa and they provided a culturally rich and hands-on presentation. Every student learnt to play an African rhythm and in a percussion ensemble led by the Master Drummers and Dancers from Africa. Thank you to Mrs Butler for organising this presentation; it was something which had the audience absolutely captivated.

Father’s Day Stall
On Friday, 2 September, our P & F will be holding a Father’s Day stall in the Dame Elizabeth 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 books, photo frames, cooler bags, mouse pads and wet packs to name just a few. They are also raffling a Father’s Day gift bag full of goodies for Dad and tickets are 50 cents. The raffle will be drawn at the close of the stall, and the prize will be delivered to the winner’s classroom. Please help by supporting this initiative.

Prep to Year 3 Athletics Carnival Friday 9th September
At the completion of this year’s Athletics Carnival, the P & F will be hosting a Sausage Sizzle & Hot Dog stand. They will also have a small supply of juice poppers and bottled water for sale, and some 50 cent lollies as an after Carnival treat. The Tuckshop will also be open to students, parents and friends.

Prices are:

- Sausage in Bread $2.00
- Hot Dog $2.50
- Juice Popper $1.50
- Water $2.00
- Freddo, Red Skin or Skittles $0.50

A coffee van will also be on site and open from 8.30am selling tea, coffee & hot chocolate.

ICAS Competitions
Throughout Term 2 and Term 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 currently finalising interviews for Prep for 2012 and I have also begun interviewing for the new Kindergarten class of 2012. To commence Prep your child needs to turn 5 by 30 June, 2012 and to begin Kindergarten a child needs to be 4 by 30 June next year. 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.
Library and I.T. News

Bookweek celebrations:
Well this year, we had the very best ‘dress-up as a book character’ assembly EVER! The students looked fantastic and were a colourful array of characters. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped the children with the costumes. Thanks also to our wonderful teachers who excelled themselves with their costume designs this year. A great day was had by all.

Cartoon Dave Hackett visit
We look forward to seeing author and illustrator, Dave Hackett tomorrow. Cartoon Dave has written several cartooning books as well as two picture books and three novels. If anyone is wanting to order any of his books, please see me. Dave will sign any books ordered through the school.

Quote of the week: “Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” ~ Emilie Buchwald

Sport News

District Athletics Representatives
Good luck to our senior girls; Mazelina Haurua, Tayla Hovi Robinson, Jessica Hoskin, Abbey Reniers and Shakira Ramsdell who will represent the Sunshine Coast Independent Schools District at the upcoming regional athletics trials held at USC on Tuesday 6th of September.

Soccer Results
On Saturday, the U7 Maroons played in the End of Season Soccer Carnival at Pacific Lutheran College. The team of Lachie Noyes, Hamish Carmichael, Jordan Doughty, Sam Boulton, Joshua Barlow, Tyler Johnson, Charlie Tramacchi & Ryan Brodie are to be congratulated for their team spirit in all three games played, and for playing outside of their usual positions. The results are:
Ospreys (4) defeated Palmwoods Zulus (0) Goal scorers Lachie Noyes (2), Jordan Doughty (1), Hamish Carmichael (1).
Buderim Broncos (2) defeated Ospreys (1) Goal scored by Hamish Carmichael (1).
Buddina Stingrays (2) defeated Ospreys (1) Goal scored by Hamish Carmichael (1).

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Caloundra Junior Cricket Club
Sign on Details
The two CJCC Sign-On dates for the 2011 / 2012 Season are:
• Friday 19th August between 4.00pm to 6.00pm; and
• Friday 26th August between 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Competition Format 2011/11
This year each age group will exist from U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 & U17 (subject to their being enough teams entered by all the clubs)

Milo In2Cricket
Milo In2Cricket Program suitable for 5 years to 8 years, when signing on please indicate Milo Cricket, where ‘Age Group Preference’ is asked.

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OZTAG Competition Details
Venue: Caloundra Rugby Union Grounds
First Game: Monday the 12th of September 2011
Game Times: Games start @ 4:00pm
Game Days: Mondays
Season Length: Season consists of 10 games
Cost: $75 per player ($7.50 per game) plus $25 for Official Oztag Shorts

Sign On Information
Date: Monday the 29th of August and Monday the 5th of September
Times: 4:30pm till 5:30pm
Location: Caloundra Rugby Union Grounds
Nomination: Minimum 10 player p/team. 8 players on the field.

Parents & Friends Association Meetings
Next meeting Monday 12th September at 6.30pm in the library.
All welcome.
Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

40 Hour Famine
Thank you to all parents and friends of the CCPS community for supporting our students as they strive to reach 40 hours without food, furniture or electronics. As you read this we are approximately half of the way through our famine; feeling optimistic, and maybe a little hungry, all the while gaining some insight into the lifestyle of people who live in third world countries. This year, sponsorship earned by participants will go toward World Vision projects in East Timor and East Africa, providing emergency response in the way of food, medical and agricultural support and clean water. I applaud all participants who nominated themselves to take part in the 2011 40 Hour Famine. Well done for your efforts!

Mrs Lauren Tralau
Senior School Teacher

Senior School Leaders News
At the time of writing this we cannot remember it not raining this week! The spirits of our students were not dampened on Tuesday morning for our annual Bookweek Assembly. This year was dare we say, the best yet!

All Junior School students looked spectacular, and their teachers just as fantastic. Some Senior School students also participated and we thank you for your effort. We joined in as well and as you can see in our picture in this newsletter, we had great fun joining in. Bookweek raises the awareness of reading to all children across Australia and thanks to Ms Grant and our wonderful Dame Elizabeth Murdoch Library it is something the majority of our students enjoy and look forward to each week.

This Sunday, Jennifer Norton and Deanna Bayliss from Year 11 depart for Lathallan College in Scotland as part our the CCPS Exchange program. Both will be in Scotland for the next six weeks and we looked forward to speaking to both of them as well as Woody on skype in an assembly soon. We wish these students along with Courtney who travels to Canada soon, a wonderful exchange. Trust us, it’s a life experience you’ll never forget!

We wish everyone a fantastic week,

Until Next Time,
Rhiannon, Alex, Olivia, Jake
Caloundra City Private School Captains

Parents and Friends Association News

COLES AND WOOLIES PROMOTION
Thank you to all families who have supported these promotions by bringing in your Woolies Earn & Learn points docket and your Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. A big thank you to the parents and students who have helped in the cutting and counting of...
Coles vouchers. Woolies Earn & Learn will run until 18th September, and Coles Sports for Schools will finish on 19th October. Please continue to collect your vouchers and dockets to enable us to redeem the points for additional resources for our School.

**THIS WEEKS’ TALLY!**

**WOOLIES** = 4495

**COLES** = 7672

**CCPS Excellence Program Forum**

Everyone is invited to the Excellence Program Forum to be held on Wednesday 7th September in the Library. Afternoon tea will be served at 3.15pm followed by the presentation of the students’ projects. Please RSVP to School Office by e-mailing admin@ccs.qld.edu.au by Monday 5th September 2011.

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