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2012 Term Dates

Term 1:
- Monday 23rd January to Thursday 29th March

Term 2:
- Tuesday 17th April to Thursday 21st June

Term 3:
- Tuesday 17th July to Thursday 20th September

Term 4:
- Tuesday 9th October to Thursday 29th November - 12 noon

Dates To Remember

Aichi Kogyo Study Tour
28 July - 11 August

Introduction to Senior School Parent Information Night
6.30pm in DEM library

Volume Three, Issue 2 – Thursday 26 July 2012

Deadline – Tuesday – 3.00pm

From the Principal

Misconceptions often lead to a misinterpretation of the real world or the real situation. Our own experiences often colour the way we view and interpret information or view a particular situation, yet the absence of accurate and detailed information can lead us to draw the wrong conclusions or make poor decisions based on inaccurate information or misinformed talk or rumours.

Sometimes it’s tricky for us to break through our own prejudices and preconceived ideas. In the book, “The Balancing Act” the author (Kerry Paterson) tells the strange story of a psychotherapist who endeavours to change a patient’s perception that he is dead. Nothing that she tries works with the patient. Finally she asks the patient, “Do dead people bleed?”

The patient responds, “No, they certainly don’t.”

"Are you certain?” she asks.

“Absolutely,” he replies.

Given this response of the patient, the psychotherapist makes a small pinprick on the patient’s finger and of course it bleeds.

The patient seeing the blood flowing from his finger exclaims with a look of astonishment, “Well I’ll be darned! Dead people do bleed!”

This story highlights the fact that it’s easier for most people to reconstruct a view which fits with their own mental map and personal assumptions than it is to change our mind or point of view and accept a different perspective – even with the evidence right in front of us. It’s a little like saying:

“I’m sure glad I don’t like broccoli, because if I did, I’d eat it, and I hate broccoli.”

The responses to the recent parent survey underlined to me that many misconceptions still exist amongst parents, about a range of issues but particularly about the Senior School and the choice of subjects and opportunities for our students in the future. It’s not possible to share all students’ stories who have graduated from CCPS but maybe to share the story of one or two students may serve to demonstrate some of the opportunities available to our Senior students.
Tuesday 31 July
All welcome
Years 4 - 12
Glee Concert
Tuesday 31 July
2.00pm-300pm
Assembly Room
All welcome

Year 11 Formal
Wednesday 1 August

Open Day
Wednesday 15th August 10am - 12.30pm
CCPS will hold an Open Day for current and prospective parents to visit all classrooms and see what CCPS has to offer.

Osprey Soccer
Under 6's
Hunter Doughty and Liam Donohue

Alex Fowler, past School Captain 2011 has this to say: “During my five years at CCPS, the opportunities I had were endless. From leadership opportunities to Student Exchange to Calgary, I believe that I had chances to be part of things that have helped me in life after graduating from Year 12. I was fortunate enough to go on student exchange to Canada in Year 11 and made lifelong friends from what can only be described as a life changing experience. From being a Class and House Captain as well as School Captain in Year 12, I feel that it helped my communication skills which helped me to decide on a career path.

I am now studying Public Relations at USC and feel my leadership opportunities and Exchange have shaped me into the person I am today. After completing my degree I hope to either become a teacher of perhaps a Public Relations Consultant.”

Alex Fowler is one of many of our students currently studying at the University of the Sunshine Coast, University of Queensland, or University of Melbourne. Alex was also a student who worked hard at school and also undertook VET study for a Certificate III course in Business while still in Years 11 and 12, graduating with dual qualifications. Alex is not an isolated example, because many of our Senior students have commenced university subjects while studying Years 11 and 12 at CCPS.

Other students have commenced the study of VET subjects, graduating with a Certificate IV. Ben Jenkins (Class of 2010) completed a Cert IV in Year 11, was employed as a Trainee at the School and then completed Education units through USC in Year 12, which he continued after graduating Year 12. Ben is now working in the USA with students based on his academic studies and recommendation from the School.

The key point here is the extensive range of subjects that we offer at CCPS from Year 7 to Year 12, is greater than many top schools in Brisbane. The subjects on offer reflect exactly the subject choices of students. Often the School will have a class of a very small number, which allows tremendous opportunities for one to one assistance from the teacher. Our timetabling allows flexibility that is unmatched in many other secondary schools. Students have the best of both worlds – choice of subjects as well as the opportunity to study university subjects and VET subjects while still in Year 11 or 12. Even our Year 10 students are currently studying SAAVI – a Certificate II in Volunteering.

The Senior School is growing and while there are only two year cohorts that now have small numbers of students, the number of students flowing through to the Senior School continues to grow steadily, allowing the best curriculum offering and excellent opportunities for leadership and exchange to countries such as Canada, Scotland and Japan.

Please come and visit the Senior School on Open Day, Wednesday 15 August to see the Senior School in action from 10am to 12.30pm. Senior teachers are also presenting to Year 6 parents on Tuesday, 31 July at 6.30pm and any parents who would like to see for themselves the range of exciting subjects on offer and the nature of creative and professional work happening at our school are cordially invited to come along. Please contact the Administration Office to let them know that you are attending on Tuesday night.

Seriously, if you wish to be well informed on the Senior School and see what great opportunities exist for your son or daughter, do yourself a favour and come along to Open Day or the Parent Information Sessions.

STOP PRESS: New CCPS website will be launched next week.

Karon Graham
Principal

Principal’s Acknowledgements:

Jess Hoskin (Year 9) continues her successful year of competition.
Last weekend, **Jess Hoskin** came third in the U15 State Titles for Cross Country, competing against girls one year older and also won a silver medal in the teams event at the same competition. **Jess** has now been selected to represent Queensland in the upcoming National Titles to be held in Adelaide in the coming month. Congratulations on winning both a bronze and silver medal, an outstanding achievement **Jess**!

**Senior School News**

*by Mrs Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School*

**Myth**
Once you choose a career you are stuck with it until retirement.

**Reality**
Experts say people will have more than 10 jobs in their lifetime

**Myth**
Most students know their major before they enter university or college.

**Reality**
Even if a student has a major in mind when they start tertiary study, most students change their major at least once some even up to four times.

**Year 10 Work Experience**
The Year 10 students are soon to commence work experience in the second last week of this term. In parallel with this, each student will receive the materials to support their SET Plan for 2013 and 2014. Central to the establishment of a pathway through senior schooling is the development of the Senior Education and Training Plan (SET Plan).

Every Senior School student is required to create a formal document that maps out the future education and training that they need to undertake in order to pursue their career and life ambitions. In order to create this document, each student considers their interests, aptitudes, skills, knowledge and career aspirations in order to create a clear picture of the options available, and necessary pathways they must follow, in order to achieve their goals. This enables the student to gain an understanding of the educational and contributing factors that must be considered, such as which subjects they need to select for Years 11 and 12, the tertiary institutions that offer the types of courses they intend to study and where they are located.

The SET Plan also helps students to decide upon a suitable Structured Work Experience Placement to undertake in Year 10. It is important to note that The SET Plan is a ‘living document’ insofar as it is subject to

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Mr Pederson will meet with each Year 10 student to discuss his or her SetPlan. Additionally, a subject information evening is scheduled later this term and all students are expected to attend with a parent. In the weeks following the information evening, I will meet with individual students to assist in confirming student pathways and subject choices.

Myfuture.com is an excellent resource and starting point for all students when considering future careers. This web site presents career, college and the military as options, allowing students to explore all possibilities and gain insight into each option. This site and exploration service provides thousands of resources to plan a career journey.

Academic Calendar
Senior school students have now received their Semester Two Academic Calendar. At this week’s Senior Assembly I requested all students to make a study planner and have it clearly visible so that they are aware of forthcoming assessments and do not leave important tasks until the last minute. Assessment Calendars are also available on the school’s website: http://ccps.qld.edu.au/curriculum/assessment-calendars/

University of the Sunshine Coast
This year’s USC Open Day is on Sunday 12 August from 10am to 3pm.

The program offers students the opportunity to:
- Get answers to their questions about programs, admissions, fees, financial matters and student support services
- Take in a seminar about the many study areas and support services at USC
- Get involved and discover what it’s like to study at USC
- See the sights on a tour of the campus, our state-of-the-art facilities and the accommodation options

Open Day is the perfect time for students to explore their study options and see the facilities at USC.

Junior School News
by Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

Assemblies
Commencing next week, Wednesday 1st August we will be having a Junior School Assembly every fortnight. The Assembly will take place at 2.30pm in the Assembly room and one class will be rostered on each fortnight to present an item. Year 4 will be the class presenting at the first assembly. We will also present Merit Certificates to students from each class. Parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to join us for these assemblies.

Sport
Term Three promises to bring with it great excitement for the Junior School students in the sporting arena. This term we have introduced an
inter-house competition for students in Years 4 to 6. Each week the students will battle it out for the honour of being the champion House for Term Three. Modified games of cricket, baseball, volleyball and soccer will all be included in the line-up and the students will be exercising, not only their physical skills, but also their sportsmanship and leadership skills as they encourage and organise their teams throughout the competition. Thank you to Mr Dever for coordinating this sporting competition.

This week we have also had a developmental officer from Sunshine Coast Oztag running clinics with the Junior School students. The clinics focus on the key aspects of Oztag which are the evasive skills such as the hip swivel and the spin while still using the core skills such as the step which may be used in other sports of a similar nature. Tagging is a major part of the game so tagging technique is also addressed. The sessions conclude with a modified game of Oztag to give students a snapshot of how the game is played. If your child is interested in playing Oztag the Caloundra Junior Oztag Summer season begins in September. Please see http://www.caloundraoztag.com/index.php?page=4395 for sign on information.

Glee Performance
On Tuesday the 31st July at 2.00pm in the Assembly Room, the students from Years 4 to 12 will be presenting their Glee Performance. The students have all been working very hard with their House Group rehearsing their performance. Prep to Year 3 students are looking forward to being part of the audience and all parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend.

Seigakuin Visit
The students from Seigakuin arrived last Sunday and have been visiting our school this week. They have been warmly welcomed by the whole school community and have enjoyed their time so far. Thank you to the families who have been hosting the students and making their stay in Australia both enjoyable and memorable. There will be a farewell for the students and teachers from Seigakuin at 3.15pm on Friday in the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library. All families are welcome to attend.

City Stars Kindergarten Information Afternoon
There will be a Parent Information Afternoon for current Kindergarten parents at 2.15pm on Monday 30th July in the kindergarten. Please come along as the topics to be discussed will include the daily program, routines and procedures, parent helper roster and the general expectations of the students.

Prep for 2013 Information Afternoon
We are holding an Information Afternoon for parents considering enrolling their children in Prep next year at 5pm on Tuesday 31st July at Pelican’s Nest. Mrs Letitia Thomas and Ms Fiona Scurfield will be presenting an overview of the Prep Program and also be available to answer any questions you may have.

Introduction to the Senior School for 2013 Information Evening
On Tuesday the 31st July at 6.30pm in the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library, parents of Year Six students are invited to a special presentation. Senior Staff will give a presentation of the wide range of subjects on offer at CCPS and will showcase current student work, digital media and assessment, as well as TAFE Certificate courses and University subjects available to students in the Senior School. Our teachers are very passionate about the subjects they teach and the presentation is a perfect opportunity to see this firsthand. Any other parents from the Junior School who are interested in attending this Information Evening are most welcome and are asked to RSVP to the office by Monday 30th July.

Jeans for Genes Day
On Friday the 3rd August the Student Representative Council is organising Jeans for Genes Day. This fundraising event raises much needed funds for children’s medical research. Students are encouraged to wear their jeans and donate a gold coin to support this great cause. In addition to jeans, students must wear suitable clothing that includes a pair of closed in shoes, a hat and no singlets or midriff tops. Please support this great fundraising event.
Library and ICT News

Bookweek - 20-24 August
It's that time of year again when the Children's Book Council of Australia announce the nominations for the best books in the categories of Picture Book, Younger readers, Older readers, and Non-fiction book. All nominated books are on display in the library and all are welcome to come and check them out.

This year we have author and cartoonist, Dave Hackett presenting to Prep to Year 10 again. Cartoon Dave was very interesting and informative to the students last year and has many more exciting tips for cartooning and writing to give the students this year. He will be presenting to the students on Friday 24th August.

Dress up as a book character day will be at our all school assembly on Tuesday 21st August.

Quote of the week: "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." ~ John Lennon

Sport News

Under 6
Ospreys (2) vs Buddina Barracudas (2)
The Ospreys dominated the field, rarely leaving their half last Saturday. Some excellent attempts at goal shooting by Joshua Inigo and Jaxon Neale. After a month break, it was obvious the boys were ready for a fantastic game with great passing by Patrick Carmichael and Austen Thomas. Skillful saves by goalies Joshua Inigo and Liam Donahue, well done. Two triumphant goals were scored by Hunter Doughty, with the final result a draw.

Congratulations to award recipients, Encouragement Award, Joshua Inigo and, Best and Fairest Award, Jaxon Neale.

Under 8
23 June, 2012
Caloundra Red (6) defeated U8 Ospreys (2)
This week's team of 8 boys took to the field at Unity College and experienced their first loss since they began playing together in 2011. Our team and supporters were left shell shocked when Caloundra scored 2 goals in the opening 5 minutes of the game. As if the cold weather and rain were not enough, our boys had to contend with a very determined, physical and focused opposition. Our team tried everything to claw back the lead with great runs up field to their goal, however, Caloundra's defence stopped our attack each time. We went to the half time break trailing 6 Nil. Coach Chris Carmichael encouraged our team, made a few positional changes, and sent the boys out for the second half. The Ospreys really stepped up another gear. The boys threw themselves into the game & fearlessly tackled the Reds every time they launched an attacking play. Ospreys were finally rewarded in the last 10 minutes of the game with two goals scored by Lachlan Noyes. Well done to our team of Lachie, Charlie Tramacchi, Jordan Doughty, Hamish Carmichael, Charlie Whiting, Tyler Johnson, Ryan Brodie & Joshua Barlow, who never lost heart, & kept the Reds scoreless in the second half. Congratulations to Charlie Whiting, this week’s Encouragement Award winner.
21 July, 2012
U8 Ospreys (6) Stella Taipans (1)
After not playing or training for 4 weeks, the Ospreys were quick to find their form against the Taipans with Charlie Tramacchi scoring within the opening minutes of the game. The Taipans were quick to strike back and equalized soon after. The Ospreys spread themselves out and made the most of passing opportunities to score twice more in the first half with goals from Hamish Carmichael & Charlie Whiting, giving us a 3-1 lead at the break. In the second half the boys picked up where they left off with 3 more goals scored by Hamish (2) & Lachlan Noyes. Jordan Doughty, Max Kurz, Tyler Johnson, Ryan Brodie & Joshua Barlow are to be commended for their solid defence which kept the Taipan’s scoreless in the second half. Congratulations to Charlie Tramacchi, this weeks Encouragement Award winner. May the force be with the Ospreys this week in their game against the Palmwoods Jedi.

Parents & Friends Association Meetings
Next meeting will be held in the library at 8.45am Friday 10 August. All welcome.
Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

Parents and Friend's Association News
Trivia Night Fun
Keep the Friday 24th August free for a night of fun and frivolity as the P and F hold a Trivia Night. Stay tuned for more information.

Woolies Earn and Learn Current Tally
Junior School: 1st 1/2KC 4500 stickers, 2nd 3GF 4410, 3rd 2NB 3480, 4th 1JH 3330
Senior School: 1st Ford 1890 stickers, 2nd Henzell 660, 3rd Munns 360, 4th McLean 120
In all we now have over 30,000 stickers from Woolies Earn & Learn. Promotion ends 12 August, 2012.

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