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Dates To Remember

Year 7 Camp
Kenilworth Homestead
5th - 7th February

Year 6 Leadership Camp
Ewen Maddock Dam

From the Principal

The First Day at School
I wonder if you can recall your first day at school? I was four years old walking to my local Primary school with my mum, ready to say goodbye and to start Kindergarten.

I was a lucky one because I had an older brother and sister so I’d heard about Kindergarten before that morning. I was ready to go on this new adventure. I’d been taught to spell some really key words like ‘red’ and ‘cat’, and I could read, well at least a bit. I think I could recite one to six, in French, like a Nursery Rhyme that I didn’t really understand. No tears my side of the fence, although disturbingly there were a few crying children around me – that didn’t make any sense. I soon knew that the cleverest person in my class was Peggy – she could tie the shoelaces, so that was an early important learning goal in social status.

Yes, I am starting my new first day at school again, and it’s good to know that some things remain the same. The children will want to be with their classmates again, and that’s the most fun for the day. At least for the first few days, they’ll also be keen to spend some time with their new Teacher, in a kind of window shopping to see how they fit you. I’ll be meeting my Year 12 students and I know they won’t know what to make of me as their new English Teacher. I anticipate some quiet watchfulness and uncertain respect, waiting and seeing.

Respect has to be earned, not instantly bestowed, by each boy and each girl so each year, each class, is an entirely new performance.

One of the best aspects of school education is that you can’t help but learn new things, from all of the people you meet each year. I’ll be meeting students and their parents; teaching some texts I haven’t read before; and learning about colleagues and what they can do and have done to establish their social status in school learning. It may not be tying shoelaces but it could be found somewhere in Apple Macintoshes. I’m sure I’ll be learning much about Caloundra City Private School from the boys and girls. School is an exciting adventure and each year brings another set of relationships.

As a Teacher, you never know what you’re going to get in each new
class as the relationships slowly form. Questions about each individual are gradually answered, such as who lacks confidence; who is determined; who will try to stay undercover to avoid being noticed; and most importantly, how can the Teacher help each person to want to learn with enthusiasm, interest and confidence, in the complexity of the learning process with the spirit of curiosity. Key messages from the latest real school research includes the Finding that Effort is the single most important factor in academic performance. Effort is more influential than student 'ability', more than parents' socio-economic status, and more than personality and emotional traits. Other crucial Findings are that the relationship between Teacher and student has a significant Effect, that is, if the student feels that their Teacher knows them as an individual and possibly 'likes' them, they will tend to work harder for or with them. Thirdly, students who well understand the emotional reactions they see in other people have been shown to be advantaged in life, but also particularly in school academic performance.

Learning Space design research also indicates that flexible, mobile learning spaces utilising the latest technologies, colours and comfortable surroundings have a measured positive impact on students. Overall, the concept of Belonging, to a valued institution, such as a school like Caloundra City Private School, has powerful wellbeing benefits for a young person in supporting them for the experiences of their life. We look forward to fostering Caloundra City Private School's girls' and boys' curiosity in 2013.

I warmly congratulate Jessica Hoskin (Yr 10) who competed in the Australian Triathlon Championships and achieved a second place in Australia for her age group. I understand that Jessica has been recently injured and restricted in her running training so this is a wonderful performance. CCPS is very proud of Jessica who provides an example to all of what can be achieved with planning, diligence, resilience and effort.

Dirk Wellham
Principal

First day in Prep for Billy and Parker (pictured below)

Board Shorts

News from the CCPS Board.

Dear Parent Community

I warmly welcome Dr Dirk Wellham to the CCPS community. Dr Wellham is a 'hands on' leader and over the next few weeks Dr Wellham will endeavour to meet as many of you as possible. Dr Wellham will circulate amongst the classes Kindergarten to Year 12 and will take charge of the Year 12 English class. I am sure you will agree that Dr Wellham will add a whole new dimension to the school with his outstanding leadership qualities, strong sporting background and educational qualifications. Please make him welcome.

Regards,

Roy Henzell
Welcome to the beginning of what promises to be a great school year. The campus has been a hive of activity with eager students excited to catch up with their friends and start the New Year. Enrolment growth in the Senior School for 2013 has exceeded our expectation which is exciting news, I would especially like to welcome our new families and trust you will settle into our supportive school community very quickly.

Congratulations to last year’s Class of 2012 who performed well. OP results saw Caloundra City Private School Graduates achieve well above the state average with 100% of the OP eligible students achieving OP 1-15 and an outstanding 43% of students achieving within the OP 1-5 range.

Despite the very high demand for courses offered at the University of Queensland two of our students gained entry and will study engineering in 2013. U.Q. is ranked in the top one percent of all universities worldwide. Additionally, another graduate will be studying Physiotherapy, a course that is highly competitive with high demand.

100% of our graduating students achieved results which will enable them to successfully commence studying or working towards a career pathway of their choice. This is testimony to the commitment of our teachers to provide the very best education for your sons and daughters and our ability as a school to provide individual pathways for each of our students.

At the heart of successful senior schooling is a partnership that takes place between a student’s family and their teachers. When this partnership comes together and is built upon, we are able to create a situation that is ideal for individual students to achieve to their potential. To these ends, CCPS has a strong emphasis on pastoral care and has a vertical House system.

The Heads of House play a key role for the students in the Senior School and work collaboratively with the Chaplain and the Head of Senior School. Parents are asked to make the Head of House the first point of contact. The Heads of House are listed below:

Henzell - Mrs Kim Turton
Munns – Ms Suzanne Macks
McLean – Mr Barry Pederson
Ford – Mr Tim Ricketts

We have a Senior School Information night scheduled for Monday, February 11 from 6.00pm-7.00pm in the Library. This will be an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the Heads of House and their subject teachers.

At CCPS, involvement in the Outdoor Education Program is an integral part of a student’s education and a key component of the school curriculum. Students from Years 7-11 will take part in camps at a variety of venues throughout the year. The first of these camps is the Year 7 Orientation Camp scheduled in week two. Students will experience a range of activities that are designed to help them with team building and resilience. The students will be accompanied by Mr Ricketts and Mrs Tralau.

We are looking forward to getting all the students smoothly back into the routines of school life. To begin the New Year well, we ask that all students are wearing the CCPS uniform correctly and that hair length, colour and style is in accordance with the uniform policy located in the student diary. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.
Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and rewarding year for the students, staff and parents at Caloundra City Private School. In recent weeks staff have been busy undertaking professional development and planning many profound experiences for the children this year. It was lovely to see so many excited and happy students return to school this week eager to undertake the experiences of their new year level and new class. I’d like to give a very warm welcome to all of our new Kindergarten students and their families as they commence their learning journey. I know that a few of the parents were a little teary on Tuesday morning but that most certainly was not the case with the children who were all beaming and settled very quickly. We have also welcomed new students to our school across all year levels. I know that our school community will welcome you and assist in your orientation process.

**Important Dates for Term One**

There are many important school events occurring this term. Please make note of the following dates in your calendars.

- **Friday 1st to Thursday 7th February** – Swimming Lessons
- **Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th February** - Parent Information Evenings
- **Monday 11th February** – Prep to Year 3 Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday 12th February** – Years 4 to 12 Swimming Carnival
- **Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th February** – Life Education Program
- **Thursday 14th February** – Dr Dirk Wellham’s Principal Induction Ceremony
- **Tuesday 19th February** – Junior School Leadership Assembly
- **Thursday 28th February** – School Photos
- **Monday 11th to Friday 15th March** - Bookfair
- **Wednesday 13th March** – Kindergarten Photos
- **Thursday 21st March** – Years 4 to 12 Cross Country
- **Thursday 28th March** – Last Day of Term

Please note that there will also be a culminating event for each class and Parent/Teacher Interviews scheduled in the last two weeks of the term. Notification of these dates will be given closer to the end of the term.

**Swimming**

Swimming lessons for Prep to Year 6 students begin tomorrow, Friday the 1st February and continue daily until Thursday 7th February. The times for the lessons are as follows:

- 10.00am – 10.45am – Years 5 and 6
- 10.50am – 11.35am – Years 3 and 4
- 11.40am – 12.25pm – Years 1 and 2
- 12.30pm – 1.15pm – Prep

These lessons will be followed by the Prep to Year 3 Swimming Carnival on Monday the 11th February and the Years 4 to 12 Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 12th February. Parents should have received permission notes for all the swimming events as well as a Parent Help form for the Swimming Carnivals. If you can assist at the Carnivals please return the note to your child’s teacher.

**Parent Evenings**

Next week we will be conducting Parent Information Evenings across the Junior School. These are important occasions to meet your child’s teacher and to learn more about the curriculum and expectations for the year. It would be greatly appreciated if parents attend these evenings as there are a number of operational matters which are discussed and it is helpful if all parents hear the same message at the start of the year. The sessions will be conducted in your child’s classroom and the dates and times are as follows:

- **Tuesday 5th February at 6pm** – Kindergarten
- **Tuesday 5th February at 6.30pm** – Years 4 and 5
- **Wednesday 6th February at 6pm** – Years 1 and 2
- **Wednesday 6th February at 6.30pm** – Year 3
- **Thursday 7th February at 6pm** – Prep
- **Thursday 7th February at 6.30pm** – Year 6
I look forward to touching base with many of you on these evenings. Thank you for such a supportive and positive start to 2013.

The Senior School is also holding a Parent Information Evening for students in Years 7 to 12 on Monday 11th February between 6pm and 7pm in the library. If you are interested in hearing about the subjects on offer in the Senior School you are welcome to attend this evening. Please RSVP to the School Office.

Year 6 Leadership Camp
Next week our students in Year 6 look forward to a Leadership Day at Ewen Maddock Dam. Following on from this day there will be nominations and voting for a number of leadership positions. These positions include Junior School Captains, House Captains, Student Representative Council and later, Monitorship positions. This is an exciting time for the Year 6 students and I know that they will lead the Junior School with pride.

Junior School Assemblies
The fortnightly Junior School Assemblies will commence on Wednesday the 13th February. The Assemblies will take place at 2.30pm in the Assembly room and one class will be scheduled on each fortnight to present an item. We will also present Merit Certificates to students from each class. Parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to join us for these assemblies.

Class News
The Class News segment of the Junior School section of the newsletter will continue this year. Each week a class will contribute an article related to something they have been working on in class. This segment will commence next week.

Tuckshop Volunteers
The Tuckshop is in urgent need of more volunteers for preparation and serving. If you, or anyone you know could spare a few hours to assist in this endeavor it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Margaret in the Tuckshop or leave your details with the School Office.

Messages for Students
Please ensure that you provide all required information to your child/ren prior to dropping them off at school. Due to a number of factors we cannot guarantee that messages phoned through to the school throughout the day, especially after lunch will get to your child/ren before 3pm. Thank you for your assistance and support with this matter.

Soccer News by Miss Julie Hirst
Caloundra City Private School is hoping to again field a number of teams in the Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association competition. The school is aware that there is concern in the community that we will not have the appropriate numbers to field teams in certain age divisions. Please be assured that we will do our very best to field as many teams as we possibly can.

Therefore, if you are interested in having your son or daughter involved in soccer this year, please sign them up for the school soccer program through the extra-curricular booklet. Early next week the school will look at the number of students and devise prospective teams. If your child is of an age division where we are unable to field a team, you will be notified by late next week so that you have time to sign up with one of the local soccer clubs. Where possible, we will try and avoid this at every cost, as there is nothing better than having our students represent our school in the local competition. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me either through the School Office or by email at jhirst@ccs.qld.edu.au.

Spencer and Parker begin Prep -
Library and ICT News

Welcome back to all of our students and a special welcome to our new families. The library is open from 8am till 4pm daily and is open during lunchtimes. Parents are very welcome to visit with their children before or after school to borrow books or just to spend time. Students are permitted to borrow up to six books if accompanied by a parent.

All classes in Junior School visit the library for borrowing once a week but students can change their books as frequently as they wish. Over the holidays we added 200 new books to our collection.

Parents and carers are welcome to speak with me if they have any queries about suitable books for their child. The great advantage of being a small school is that I get to know the reading abilities and likes of each and every child and can recommend new titles to inspire and extend their reading pleasure.

**Quote of the week for Parents:** “Sing out loud in the car even, or especially, if it embarrasses your children.” ~ Marilyn Penland

Sport News

Happy New Year to all CCPS families and welcome back to a brand new year of exciting sporting opportunities for students.

**First fun/run event**
To start the year off our first school community fun run/walk will be held on Sunday, 28th April 2013 at Noosa. Students will get to choose from three fun/run events this year. Each student who participates in the fun/runs will earn 10 points towards their House. These running events are not only for our students but for our families to be part of as well.

The Noosa Ultimate Sports Festival is our first fun/run on offer this year. Students who wish to participate in this event will need to:

2. Print out their entry confirmation form and hand to Mrs Murphy

Entry prices are below.

**Noosa News 5km Run/Walk**
- Early Bird entry (before 5pm 23/2/13) Student $10 Adult $20
- Regular entry (before 5pm 25/4/13) Student $20 Adult $30
- On the day Entry - Student $25.00 Adult $35

There will be two other opportunities to earn points for your house throughout the year:
- The Caloundra Foreshore Fun Run (June) 3km family walk or 3km run
- The Sunshine Coast Marathon and Community Fun Run (August) 5km or 2km

I look forward to providing more information regarding these events closer to the event.

**Swimming Carnivals**
Week three is the week CCPS students will participate in our annual
Swimming Carnivals at the Caloundra Aquatic Centre.

Prep – Year 3 Swimming Carnival
The Prep – Year 3 Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 11th February 2013. The students need to ensure they are at school and in their classroom by 7:45am for an 8am departure. We ask all students to travel on the bus to the pool as this ensures all students are accounted for before we leave. If you need to drop your child at the pool please inform your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 8th February. All children should be at the pool by 8:30am with the first race due to begin at 9am and the Swimming Carnival will conclude at 12:20pm. All students will be boarding the bus at 12:30pm. We wish all students the best of luck.

Years 4 – 7 Swimming Carnival
Years 4 -7 Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 12th February 2013. All students need to ensure they are at the school by 7:30am for an 8:15am departure. Please be aware, all buses will leave at 8:15am sharp. All students are required to travel to the swimming pool by bus as this ensures all attendance rolls are accurate in addition to building house spirit. Students may come to school in their House t-shirt, sports shorts with their swimming costumes underneath and correct sport shoes (no thongs on feet). Students will be required to change into their formal uniform at the completion of the day. The pool canteen will be open to students on the day between 10am -1:30pm only. Students are asked to ensure their House t-shirt or sun shirt is worn when not swimming.

We urgently need parent helpers throughout the Carnivals. If any parent could lend a hand please contact Mrs Murphy via email mmurphy@ccps.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 54 37 5800 as soon as possible.

We wish all students the very best of luck on this day.

Senior School Interschool Sport
Interschool sport kicks off Wednesday week two against Caloundra Christian College and Glasshouse Country Christian College. The students selected their preferred sports on Tuesday and have been placed into one of their top two selected sports. Unfortunately not all students received their first selection however we have six fantastic sports on offer this term. The sports on offer are...

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Cricket 20/20 – Expressions of interest
Throughout Term One we have organised a few 20/20 Cricket matches with surrounding schools. At the moment we are looking for expressions of interest from students in both the Junior and Senior school. Venues and dates are still being discussed however we would like to begin training in the next few weeks. Our Cricket team members will be required to attend lunch time and afternoon training sessions through-out the term. If your son/daughter is interested in being a part of the CCPS Cricket team please encourage your child to place his name on the sign up list with Mrs Murphy or alternately you could contact via email – mmurphy@ccps.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 54 37 5800.

Information regarding the 20/20 matches will be sent home with all students who express interest.

SCISSA District Trial Day One
Secondary District trial day one will be held on Tuesday afternoon the 5th February (week two). Any student interested in trialing for the following sports are encouraged to see Mrs Murphy for a principal permission slip and venue information.

- 15 years Girls and Boys Touch Football
- Open Girls and Boys Touch Football
• 15 years Girls and Boys Volleyball
• Open Girls and Boys Volleyball

2013 promises to be an enjoyable year for CCPS students and families. We look forward to working with all staff, parents, friends and students to develop physical health and awareness and School spirit.

School Sport Website
We are excited to announce the launch of the School Sport web pages on the new School website. Up to date information regarding Sporting Events can be found under Curriculum – School Sport (http://ccps.qld.edu.au/pages/inner/school-sport).

Information regarding the following can be viewed on this link. Please note information on this site is still being updated.

• Interschool sport (Years 7-10)
• Interschool sport (Prep – year 6)
• Sport competitions
• Sport calendar
• HPE curriculum (Prep - year 12)
• Co-curricular sport programs
• School carnivals
• Sport permission forms

Parents & Friends Association Meetings

The Annual General Meeting will be held shortly. The date will be advised in next week’s newsletter.

All parents are welcome to attend the AGM and P and F meetings.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au

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