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2013 Term Dates

Term 1:
- Tuesday 29 January to Thursday 28 March

Term 2:
- Tuesday 16 April to Thursday 20 June

Term 3:
- Tuesday 16 July to Thursday 19 September

Term 4:
- Tuesday 8 October to Thursday 28 November 2013 - 12 noon

Dates To Remember

Year 10 and 11 Camp
Emu Gully
25th-27th March

Junior Parent Teacher Interviews 25th and 26th March

From the Principal

NAPLAN and Publicity

The School held its annual ‘Disco’ for the children last Friday night, the first I have attended. I am grateful to our Parents and Friends who conducted the event which was a very happy occasion. It was a beautiful, warm Caloundra evening; the children happily danced, ran, and mingled; and parents contentedly had time to spend together. It was a wonderful atmosphere and our community enjoyed this wonderful occasion.

During the week it was very pleasing to have Caloundra City Private School’s (CCPS) name published in local print and audio media, such as in the Sunshine Coast Daily’s article “Where our schools excelled”. CCPS students’ performance in numeracy, and in grammar and punctuation for Years 3, 5 and 7 was mentioned as ‘excelling’. I’m also very pleased to see the media publish in regards to our cricketers, specifically Dan and Nick Reynolds (Year 10); and in relation to how well we look after our students who haven’t submitted their ‘Homework’, in reference to their cricketers Shane Watson and co., in India. It’s all good fun! We want our boys and girls to be highly literate and numerate, happy and healthy sportspeople!

The area of NAPLAN where real school ‘Value Addedness’ can be measured is in the MySchool section titled “Student Gains”. On this MySchool page, NAPLAN results relate only to those students who sat the 2010 and 2012 NAPLAN tests at the same school and have results at two Year levels. In this way a school’s Teachers’ assistance to their students’ learning of the NAPLAN skills over a two year period can be shown.

The present data in NAPLAN shown on the MySchool website, really is not in any way a guide to schools’ comparative academic performance. The mean scores for each NAPLAN tested skill tends to show the academic ability of a school’s students. In other words, MySchool illustrates a student enrolment profile for a school. NAPLAN mean scores say more about the school’s population, than anything much about any school’s teaching and learning successes in their programs. This is the major failing in the assumptions surrounding the Federal Government’s NAPLAN MySchool website, that appears to have been
Last day of Term One
Thursday 28th March

Woolies Earn & Learn 2013
Start collecting points from 8th April!

Lost Property will be on display in the Library next week

The Administration Office has the following items:
- Reading glasses - 5 pairs
- Sunglasses - 2 pairs
- Goggles - 3 pairs
- Watches - 3
- Umbrellas - 3

Easter Raffle proceeds will go to Permaculture Garden

Meet our twelve new ‘girls’

Happy hens

Passionfruit in abundance

established to show schools’ comparisons of their teaching and learning programs. The ACARA MySchool website in actuality, shows very little about any school’s teaching and learning programs. MySchool indicates schools’ resources; and their students’ ‘academic’ ability, and with a little about average skills progression in “Student Gains”. The media has created ranking tables, possibly because the Federal Government’s NAPLAN testing that was created to show individual students’ skills, is not being used for its intended purpose on its MySchool website. The political agenda, of creating improvements in national education; equity of access to resources; and with nationwide educational reform improvements, has not been achieved by MySchool. The media largely responds to the Government’s primary political agenda.

However, NAPLAN testing is very valuable, for what it was specifically designed to do. It was designed to give Teachers and schools information about the skills performance of every individual child in their care. At CCPS, we highly value this important information on Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading, and Persuasive Writing. We can see the average skills progression over two years for our school’s Years; and we can see skills deficiencies for every boy and girl at CCPS, in these vital communication and thinking skills. Our programs are focused on numeracy and on literacy skills learning, and the NAPLAN data for each child is very helpful.

I wish to communicate to all in our community how much I appreciate the goodwill and involvement of the parents and friends of our school, with your children, throughout my first Term at CCPS. Please have a memorable and very happy holiday break and I look forward to seeing you at the commencement of Term 2.

Dr Dirk Wellham - Principal

Principal's Acknowledgements:
Jessica Hoskin is currently fourteen years of age, in the Under 15 age Triathlon but in the Under 15/16 race she finished 4th. This is with girls who are at least one year older. She was 6th in the Swimming leg; 8th after cycling (despite falling on the wet road); and following the running leg she was only ten metres behind the second place getter, in 4th place.

Jess moves to the Australian Schools Championship in Penrith in two weeks, when only the top four Schoolgirl Triathletes compete for each state. She has also been invited to participate in an exciting Asian Championship international event in The Philippines later this year. A fantastic achievement Jess!
CCPS Produce Stall
open in Term Two

SHINE Personal Development Course April 8th-12th for Teenagers

The SHINE personal development course is a 3 day course designed specifically to help students realise and develop their own unique beauty and confidence.

Visit: www.shinefromwithin.com.au or phone 0430 035740

Senior School News

by Amanda Stuart, Head of Senior School.

Our Year 7 students are congratulated for their smooth transition into the Senior School. The ease of the transition can also be attributed to our vertical House structure and the work of our Heads of House.

It was pleasing to see the genuine school spirit shown at our recent School Disco. Our Year 10 students worked at the BBQ and have been commended many times for their manners and maturity. Additionally, it was heartening to see so many of our Senior students dancing with the younger children. All Senior School students will be rewarded for their efforts this term with an activities day at Kawana Indoor Sports Centre. We will be having a sausage sizzle and students are reminded to bring some money. At our past activities days we have seen great teamwork, respect and school spirit that these important days bring out in our students as well as the willingness for older student to interact with the younger ones. Please return permission forms immediately if that has not already occurred.

Soon you will receive a progress report for Term One. It is important to remember that the academic result recorded is a progress mark that in most cases is based on only one or two pieces of assessment. The end of Semester report card which you will receive at the end of Term Two will show significantly more information regarding your son’s or daughter’s academic achievements.

When reading the report with your son and daughter it is important to recognise their successes both in endeavour and achievement. If they are achieving at their best, this should be celebrated. For a student to know that someone is proud of their efforts is very important. For some students that may not take the form of an ‘A’. It may be consistently achieving Exemplary or High Standard for Homework, Behaviour and Work Ethic. Achieving an Exemplary or High Standard for attitude and behaviour is a goal achievable for all our students.

University Information Morning

Recently our Year 12 students attended an information session, accompanied by Mr Pederson and Mrs Tralau. Speakers from various Australian tertiary institutions spoke with students, providing vital information as they complete their final year of schooling and consider their options for 2014. University and TAFE representatives showcased the options available for students and provided brochures to take home to discuss with parents. Guest speakers informed the group of the many
facets which need to be considered before they finish Year 12, for example; accommodation, costs associated with studying and how to apply.

Thank you everyone for a great Term and I wish all our families a safe and holy Easter break.

Junior School News

by Mrs Gabrielle Frisby, Head of Junior School

Cross Country Training
It has been brilliant to see so many students from Years 4 – 12 participating in the weekly Tuesday morning Cross Country training and fitness sessions with Miss Sneesby. These students are on track to achieve excellent results in their carnival on Tuesday 30th April.

The Prep – Year 3 Cross Country carnival is on Friday the 7th June at 1:30pm. Children from these year groups will participate in cross country training and fitness activities in their weekly P.E. lessons during Term Two. Miss Sneesby will also offer extra training sessions for those students who are interested each Monday at lunchtime. Those students who would like to participate will need to wear their P.E. uniform and meet Miss Sneesby at the tuckshop at the start of lunch.

Students will eat after their training session. The first training session will commence in Week Two on Monday the 22nd April. Any parent wanting to encourage their child to develop their fitness can support them by running with them at their local park or in their neighbourhood. A great goal to set for your child is for them to be able to run 1km without stopping. Start by doing run/walk intervals and build up until your child can run the entire 1km without stopping.

Junior School Assembly
The next Junior School Assembly will take place on Wednesday the 1st May at 2.30pm. The Year 3 students will be performing a song titled 'Travelling Through the Solar System' and Merit Certificates will be awarded to selected students from each class. All parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to join the students from the Junior School at this assembly.

Term One Culminating Events
This week students from PrepFS and Year 4 have enthralled the audiences with their beautiful presentations of the work they have covered this term. These events are a lovely celebration of learning and I would like to encourage parents, grandparents and friends to attend these events. The remaining dates and times are as follows:
- Year 1 – Tuesday 26th March at 2.00pm
- Year 2 - Tuesday 26th March at 8.45am
- Year 3 - Wednesday 27th March at 2pm
- Year 5 – Monday 25th March at 2pm
- Year 6 – Friday 22nd March at 2pm

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher interviews for Term One will be held on Monday the 25th and Tuesday 26th of March in the library. Please ensure that you have booked in for your Term One interview by 4pm this Friday the 22nd March as online bookings close at this time. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the pass code which was sent home to parents recently. Please contact the office for any further enquiries.

NAPLAN 2013
Parents are reminded that the dates for this year’s NAPLAN tests are Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of May. It is important that all students in Years 3 and 5 are present on these dates. Teachers have been working with the students throughout the year on strategies and problem solving techniques, which will assist them with these tests. There will be further information regarding the tests closer to the dates.

Japanese Exchange
Early in Term Three we will be hosting a visit from the Primary students at Seigakuin, in Tokyo. For the past five years we have enjoyed an exchange program with Seigakuin. Their students first visited our School five years ago and we have had two groups of Year 6 and 7 students travel to Tokyo to continue our exchange program. We have already begun the preparations to host students from Seigakuin this year and I am now seeking families who may like to welcome a Japanese student into your home. The students visiting are approximately the age of our Year 6 students and representatives from the Exchange Program like to match the exchange students with similar age and gender host students. If you have a child in Years 4 to 6 you will be receiving an Expression of Interest note this week. If you would like to host an exchange student, please complete and return this form to the Office.

Class News

from 5ND

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on the 21st of March each year. It’s a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia.

In Year 5 we decided to do a “genealogy” survey which means we researched where our families originated. We collected results about where we as a class were born, where our parents were born and where our grandparents were born. This allowed our class to see where our cultural heritage comes from and to celebrate our diversity through our family history.

The results were that we as a class had two different origins of birth: Australia and England.

Our parents had five different origins of birth: Australia, England, Albania, Zimbabwe and Japan.

Our grandparents had six different origins of birth: Australia, England, Zimbabwe, Rhodesia (now part of Zimbabwe) and Japan.

As you can see our small survey of only seventeen students and one Teacher demonstrates the cultural diversity of our class (and school community) and the variety of cultures that our parents and grandparents have come from. This cultural diversity provides the opportunity for people to get to know each other better and discuss each others cultural backgrounds and experiences.

The main point that everyone can take from the Harmony Day celebration is no matter where we come from... Everyone Belongs!

Library News

Thank you to all who supported our Dr Seuss Bookfair last week. We achieved $1805 in sales which provided our library with many new books and a spinner book display.

Borrowing for the holidays

Students are permitted to borrow books for the holidays provided they do
not have any overdue loans. Notices will be going home during the next few days to students with overdue books.

**Sunshine Coast Libraries**

Don't forget to visit your local public library for a variety of resources and activities over the holidays such as:

**At Caloundra Library**

- **Green Man Masks** Make your own Green Man mask out of leaf rubbings.
- **Blossoming Paintings** Make a lovely blossom painting to hang in your room.
- **Balloon Bunny Craft** Stay after storytime to make a cute bunny out of balloons and scrap paper.
- **Cartoon Dave Cartoon Workshop.**
- **Libby Lou Ventures Out** Meet author Vicky Chan. Have fun reading about what happens when the TV won’t work!
- **Painted Hand Puppets** Body art hand puppets created to your design.
- **Softies Creations** Design and create your own felt softies. Some sewing required.
- **Finger-puppet Craft** Join us after storytime to make finger-puppets out of recycled materials.


I’d like to wish all our students and families a happy and safe Easter holiday break and hope you get some time to put your feet up, relax and read a good book!

**Quote of the week:** “How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.” ~ Mother Teresa

**Sport News**

By Michelle Murphy

Health and Physical Education

Congratulations to **Nick Reynolds, Daniel Reynolds, Lachlan Lawler** and **Abbey Reniers** who participated in the Sunshine Coast Regional Sports Trials.

**Abbey Reniers** has been named in the Sunshine Coast Regional team for Hockey. She will compete in the Queensland State Titles in Townsville on the 20th May 2013. Congratulations **Abbey**, we wish you all of the best.

**Lachlan Lawler, Daniel Reynolds** and **Nicolas Reynolds** attended the first round of selection trials on Tuesday for the SCR Cricket team. Both **Daniel** and **Nicholas** made the short list through to the second round of trials. We wish them the best of luck in the final selection process.

**Fun Run**

The school’s first fun run/walk will be held on Sunday, 28th April 2013 at Noosa. Students will choose from three fun/run events this year. Each student who participates in the fun/runs will earn ten 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

If this fun run is not for you or your family 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
Jessica Hoskin – Australian Youth Triathlon Championships

Jess is currently fourteen years of age and recently competed in the Under 15/16 Australian Youth Triathlon Championships. Competing against girls who are at least one year older than Jessica she finished fourth overall. She came out of the water in sixth position, with the cycle leg next, despite falling on the wet road she entered the compound in 8th position and following the running leg she was only ten metres behind the 2nd place getter. Jessica moves to the Australian Schools Championship in Penrith in two weeks, when only the top four Schoolgirl Triathletes compete for each state. She has also been invited to participate in an exciting Asian Championship international event in The Philippines later this year. We would like to congratulate Jessica on such an amazing result and wish Jessica all of the best in Penrith.

Touch Football Competition

U8’s improved out of sight this week and managed to walk away with a draw (3-3). Training will be held Monday lunch time.

U12’s played outstanding which reflected their win five tries to two. Well done boy’s, fantastic result. Training will be held Monday and Friday lunch time.

U15’s played well again this week however lost their game against Unity. Next week will hopefully be a better week. Training will be held Tuesday and Friday lunch time.

Junior Sport Information

Prep to Year 6 were fortunate to have George from Sunshine Coast Football run a soccer clinic for the students during their PE lessons. The students will have another week involved in this clinic.

Senior Sport Information

Independent District Trial Information

Secondary District/Regional trials are listed below, any student interested in trialing for the following sports are encouraged to see Mrs Murphy for a Principal permission slip and venue information.

22nd March 2013
• Golf Open Boys & Girls

30th April 4:30-5:30pm
• Basketball 15 years Girls & Boys
• Rugby Union 15 years Boys
• Football (Soccer) 15 years Boys & Girls
• Surfing Open

Venues and information will be given upon Principal permission.

Interschool Sport Results Round 4

TEAMs CCPS v’s RESULT
Water Polo Boys CCPS v’s CCC Draw (1-0)
Water Polo Girls CCPS v’s CCC Win (1-0)
Netball Girls 1 CCPS v’s CCC Win (13-10)
Netball Girls 2 CCPS v’s CCC Win (23-18)
Badminton Mixed CCPS v’s CCC Loss x 2 Win x 4
Basketball Boys CCPS v’s CCC Loss (55-72)
Touch Boys 1 CCPS v’s CCC Win (8-3)
Touch Boys 2 CCPS v’s CCC Win (4-1)
Court Hockey Boys CCPS v’s CCC Loss (4-6)
Court Hockey Girls CCPS v’s CCC Win (8-2)

Parents & Friends Association Meetings

The next P and F Meeting will be held at 9am Wednesday 27th March in the library. All welcome.

Email: pandf@ccs.qld.edu.au
Parent and Friend’s Association News

Disco
Thank you to all the families who came along to our Disco last Friday night. We hope you all enjoyed the evening and got the chance to welcome new parents, and catch up with old friends. A special thank you to our Year 10 student helpers who worked tirelessly all evening, from set up to pack up, and all things in between. Your assistance on the night is greatly appreciated. DJ Andrew Stokes commented at the end of the evening that it is a pleasure coming to our School as our students are so well behaved and well mannered. Well done to everyone on making the first Social Event of 2013 an enjoyable success. Funds raised will be re-invested into the purchase of resources that will benefit our School Community.

2013/2014 Entertainment Books
If you would like to purchase an Entertainment Book as outlined in an Email on Wednesday 13 March, please contact Karen Petfield on Mb 0407 917317 or by email kp.etfield@bigpond.com to place an order. Books cost $65 each and our P & F receives $13 from the sale of each one.

Easter Hamper Raffle
Time is running out to purchase your tickets in the Easter Hamper Raffle. The prize is valued at $300, and contains a $50 Civic Video Caloundra Hire Voucher, Picnic Foods & Wine, Soft Toys & Easter novelties, BBQ Apron & Mitt, Beach Bag and Sarong, His and Hers Toiletry Items, Dr Wheatgrass Antioxidant Skin Recovery Gel, Chocolate & much more. The proceeds are going towards the School’s Permaculture & Chicken Project and will assist Mr Maguire and the Year 6 students in the building of a Greenhouse and maintenance of this area. A Permaculture Wish List is attached to the P & F notice board outside of Junior Reception, if you are interested in assisting the Project to achieve their 2013 plans. The raffle prize is on display in the library. If you would like extra raffle ticket books, these are available from School Admin. Ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets are due back by Friday 22nd March and the raffle will be drawn on Easter Assembly on 28th March. A giant egg will be won by the student/family who sells the most tickets. Good luck and thank you for your support.

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN 2013 BEGINS 8TH APRIL
START COLLECTING YOUR POINTS NOW
We have been advised by Woolies that their promotion will begin on 8th April to 9th June. Pelican Waters Woolies has been very generous to our School in the past, giving extra points. Our School received $8000 worth of classroom resources last year from this promotion so please remember when you shop at Woolies to ask for the points for our School.

The P & F would like to wish all our School families, Teachers and Staff a very Happy Easter and a safe and relaxing holiday. See you in Term 2.