**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Sports Day - A Great Training Ground**

What a great two days we had. A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson and our teachers, students, parents and caregivers for another amazing Upper Primary Sports Day!

Thank you especially to all of our parents and carers who have been very patient with the Upper Primary Sports Day changes that we made due to weather. We will endeavour to improve on our back up day notification and timing.

Sport provides many valuable learning experiences but for most, enjoyment is the highest priority. If they don’t have fun, they will not want to have a go. Ask children and you’ll discover the scores, trophies and winning are important but not the most important. While they may not remember the house scores from last week – they will recall a funny incident or who they played during recess or lunch. In fact, one of the most satisfying things about sport for our students comes from being with their friends and being part of Cedar Sports Day House groups.

All adults involved in our Sports Day – parents, spectators, teachers and officials – have helped children get the best from the day. We intentionally emphasise the importance of effort and having fun, as well as the score, and it was very encouraging to see students cheering for other teams during events like the tug-of-war.

Some top tips for parents wanting to encourage their children further in sports with a positive attitude include:

- Never criticise their performance, but discuss with children what they enjoy about a game
- Cheer and acknowledge good plays by both teams
- Thank the coaches and other team after the game
- Respect officials, coaches and opponents
- Talk about trying hard and having fun, not just winning
- Make sure you understand, uphold and support a club or school’s code of conduct

Many people have a role to play to ensure there isn’t negative behaviour in sports or athletics. These include teachers, coaches, officials, players, spectators and parents. As a parent, you can help encourage positive behaviour by being a good role model and creating a positive sporting environment.

**Having said this, I was encouraged by the very positive attitude from all of our parents at Sports Day. Everyone worked together so well. It was a huge success. So, thanks again to our parent/caregiver community for helping us have a great, positive day.**

Mr Peter Thomson
Principal

Acknowledgement: NSW Office of Sport & Recreation - Good Sports Suggestions

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Term Dates 2015

**Term 1, 2015** - Tue 27 Jan - Fri 10 April
**Term 2, 2015** - Tue 28 April - Fri 26 June
(Please note: We will continue to have a 3 week break between Terms 2 & 3)
**Term 3, 2015** - Wed 22 July - Fri 25 Sept
**Term 4, 2015** - Mon 12 Oct - Thu 10 Dec

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Regular opening hours during Term:
- **Monday**: 8:30am - 4:30pm
- **Wednesday**: 3pm - 5:30pm

Thursday Extended Opening Hours:
- **TERM 1**: Weeks 1-6, 3pm – 5:30pm
- **TERM 2**: Weeks 1-3, 3pm – 5:30pm
- **TERM 4**: Weeks 1-3, 3pm – 5:30pm

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High School Sports Day

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**Week 10**

MARCH / APRIL

| Mon 30 | PS Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Tue 31 | PS Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Wed 1 | Vaccinations Yr 8 Boys and Girls |

**Fri 3**

GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday

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**Congratulations to Team Laver, who won the Upper Primary Sports Day. (see photos and story page 2 & 3)**

[Image of Team Laver]
Changes to Term 3 and 4 Dates
This year, staff from Cedar College will be joining teachers from 21 other Christian Schools in South Australia for the Christian School Australia State Conference and workshop days.

To enable staff to attend both days of the conference, we have made the following changes to our school terms this year:

Term 3: Begins Wednesday 22nd July
Term 4: Begins Monday 12th October

This means that the Student Free Day, which was scheduled for the Monday of Term 4 Week 1, has been removed, and has been added to the start of Term 3.

High School Sports Day Change
Due to the forecast temperature of 37ºC, the High School Sports Day, originally scheduled for February 27 has now changed to the backup date of Friday March 6.

School Tours Parking
Please note that due to our School Tours on Tuesday March 3, Wednesday March 4 and Thursday March 5, a number of carpark spaces in the Sports Centre Carpark will be cordoned off in the morning, to allow visitors to utilise these parks. This will not affect after-school parking.

Cake Stall Fundraising
Thank you to all our parents and friends for the wonderful support at our Upper Primary Sports Day this year. Especially to those who provided items and manned our bake stall, and those who came back to help make hotdogs for the students.

This year all of our fundraising efforts will go towards new shade areas for the Primary School playground.

Our cake stall made $420 and we made $286 on the hotdog lunches raising a total of $706.

School Banking Account Opening Day
Cedar College is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The reward items available during 2015 are:

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week you need to bring your money inside your prepared Dollarmite deposit book and place it in your grey School Banking classroom satchel.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an “Account Opening Day” on Tuesday March 24th from 8.15am - 9.30am and again on Wednesday March 25th at 2.30pm - 4pm in the Front Office.

A Growing Garden
Visitors to Cedar College this week would have noticed the garden that has “sprung up” on the Gazebo Lawns this week (pictured left).

The new gardens were designed by High School Design and Technology teacher, Nigel Watson, who is also a qualified horticulturist. A range of Australian natives were planted with the help of Bruce Marshall, Lou George, Josh Smith, and Cedar graduates Austin Hill and Isaac Jonas. The result is a beautiful outdoor area for students to enjoy, with a further native plant teaching garden, which will include edible plants, to be added soon.
Upper Primary Sports Day - Double the Fun

This year the Upper Primary Sports Day was due to be held on Friday the 20th of February with a modified program due to hot weather. When the forecast changed to 37ºC the night before, Mr Thomson made the decision to split the days to ensure that students were safe from the heat. The students participated in the first half of Sports Day and had amazing attitudes towards the split Sports Day. Thank you to the parents who took the day off to watch and support your children, you are very much appreciated and we are sincerely sorry if you missed the final day.

Monday we were blessed with gorgeous weather and we were very thankful that many parents were able to come for a second time. The students, ran, jumped, threw and splashed to the best of their abilities.

We saw some amazing results. Many students may not have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, but many beat their Personal Best that they had set in PE, and that is something to be incredibly proud of.

The day drew to a close with some awesome tug-of-wars, relays, and the ever-enjoyable Teacher versus Student relay, which was won by the teachers (yay!).

Coming first this year was LAVER (768 points), (no one was more happy than Mr Klassen) second was JACKSON (736 points), third was GOULD (658 points) and fourth was BRADMAN (564 points).

A huge thank you to Bruce Marshall and Josh Smith for setting up the sound, tents and water sports, Gavin Garfoot for marking the lines several times, Tania Watson for administration and helping answering many parents’ questions, Jane Riches for administration and organising the hot dog lunch, and Jeff Thorpe for scoring.

Also a massive thank you to all the Upper Primary teachers who helped set up, ran their classes through two days of Sports Day and also helped to prepare them before the day. Thank you again to all the parents, grandparents and caregivers who came out to support the students and who worked on the cake stall.

I look forward to seeing you again for the Junior Primary Sports Day in Term 3.

Mrs Bek Robinson
Primary School PE Coordinator

Hands-on Games and Toys Incursion

During Week 3, the Year 1 students were able to experience a great range of games and toys from the past, with Museum operator Mr Alan Griffiths. This was a different session to the Year 2 visit in Week 3, as the Year 1s were able to experience playing with the games and toys, rather than just learning about them.

As part of the Year 1 History studies, the Year 1’s are focusing on similarities and changes in a variety of areas in Family Life. The students were able to learn how to play some games and play with toys that their parents, grandparents and even great grandparents might have enjoyed.

The activities brought back some memories for a few helpers who were able to join in the fun with us.

“I played with the dominoes. You had to put them in place. Next I played the spinner tops. I had to use my finger and my thumb, I liked it. Then I played with the string spinners, and only Keeley’s dad could do it. I had a fantastic day!” - Isaac

“I had a happy day. First I tried to get the rings on the clown then I put the balls in the milk pots. I was playing with the moving toys and I was trying to put the rings around the circle things. I played the musical band and my favourite thing was the skittles.” - Angelina

Mrs Meredith Glaetzer (Year 1 Teacher)
Surf, Sunrise and Abseiling

For our Year 12 Camp, we went to Port Elliot for three days. Upon arrival at the YHA we got settled then went into the dining room for a chat with Justin who was a surfing instructor. He told us a bit about his life and his journey about becoming a Christian. Later that day after the talk we hopped on the bus and headed down to Middleton beach to go surfing. Some people had success with standing and others got half way but collided with the waves. The SonTeam came later that night and took us to the beach for a few games and Tiana Green told her story about becoming a Christian.

On the second day of Year 12 camp, we split into our home groups; we had the opportunity to experience abseiling down a 5-7 metre rock, and op-shopping for that night's geriatrics dress-up theme. After arriving back at the YHA we went into the dining room to sit and listen to a talk about work habits by a speaker from Elevate. We then got dressed up into our op-shop costumes and we had a parade. Once dinner was finished, we split into boys and girls groups and we each had a teacher talk about their walk with God.

On the final day we were woken up at 5am to go down to the beach and sit and watch the sunrise and have individual prayer time. It was a struggle for people to get up but the view we experienced was worth it. It came time to pack our bags to head to Victor Harbor to listen to an inspiring talk by Luke George, about reasons for God’s existence.

Overall the camp was an amazing experience, the food was great and the people were really nice; through this everyone grew closer and we all learnt a lot. As Year 12’s this year it was our last camp and it was definitely one to remember!

- by Naomi and Shari, Year 12 Students