EASTER IS NEARLY HERE

There are many things that I like about Easter. Definitely the Hot Cross Buns and the chocolate. But what is Easter really all about?

What happened on Good Friday?
The Roman soldiers who arrested Jesus took him to Pontius Pilate, who was in charge of the province at the time. On Good Friday, Jesus’ fate was sealed - Pilate decided to ask a crowd of people outside whether Jesus should be put to death for making claims about being the Son of God. They said he should. The method of his execution was one of the most brutal known to man - death by crucifixion or being nailed to a cross.

When Jesus was taken to Pilate, he was flogged and whipped many times, and was made to wear a crown of sharp thorns while the soldiers in charge, taunted him. Exhausted after his various experiences before Jesus died, he was then made to carry his own cross to the spot of his execution, a hill overlooking the city. Here he was nailed to the cross and placed alongside two criminals. A sign was placed above Jesus’ cross which read ‘The King of the Jews’.

Three days later - Resurrection Sunday
Jesus had told his disciples in advance that he would rise again on the third day after his death. He had been buried in a tomb sealed by an enormous stone and guards posted, so that no one could steal the body. When some women came to visit the grave a couple of days after his death, they found that the huge stone had been moved by an Angel of the Lord, the tomb was empty, and the guards in shock. Jesus was seen that day and for several days later. He revisited old friends who realised what had been prophesied had come true - Jesus had indeed risen from the dead.

Easter is, therefore, a time of great celebration for Christians as they recognise that no matter what they have done, Jesus death on the cross has paid for all of their sins both past and present. There is nothing we can do to earn that forgiveness, because it is a gift from God. We just have to confess that we really have broken that relationship with God and actively receive His forgiveness. Now that’s good news.

Don’t forget about our special Primary School Easter Chapel next Thursday from 12:20pm. Parents/caregivers and friends are most welcome to attend. There’s also some special Good Friday services here at Oakden Baptist Church (in the Cedar Auditorium) at 9am and 10:45am, and also on Resurrection Sunday, at 9am and 10:45am.

Enjoy the Easter break, some Hot Cross Buns and Easter eggs, and remember the Good News that Easter brings.

Mr Peter Thomson
Principal
School Photo Day Reminder

A reminder that, as noted in the Newsletter earlier this term, that our School Photo Day has changed to Term 3 Week 1 - Friday July 24. This allows Senior School students to be photographed in Blazers, and also helps with forward planning for parents as well as the school.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Thank you to those families who supported the school’s fundraising efforts by ordering Hot Cross Buns. Orders will be available for collection from the Primary School Front Office on Wednesday April 1.

School Safety Petition

The petition on behalf of Cedar parents to raise concerns on the growing dangers for pedestrians on Fosters Road will be available until May 8 in the school’s Front Office. Please come in and sign it, if you would like to show your support.

Disabled Parking Bays

Please note that there is new signage for disability car parks alongside the Café, near the Kiss&Drop Zone. These spaces have been set aside for some school families who have students with a disability, so that these children are safe getting in and out of cars.

Navigator Drive Roundabout

It has been noted that at peak time, the roundabout on Navigator Drive, at the car park entrance can become grid-locked.

Please do not enter the roundabout unless traffic is flowing and it is safe to do so. This may mean stopping before the roundabout and giving way to traffic as necessary.

School Banking

It has been great to see many families take part in the new school banking program with the Commonwealth Bank. The Primary School was visited by Pat the Dog, during their last Assembly, where they heard about the fun banking incentives that school banking provides.

It’s not too late to join - if you would like to open an account you can still do so by contacting the Primary School Office for details and an application form. Remember that School Banking day is now every Wednesday.

POSHC Holiday Program

Details of the upcoming Paradise Out of School Hours Care (POSHC) Holiday Program are now available on the Cedar College website, on the “Family Information” page. For details contact Marisa Brady on 8336 0068 or 0433 013304.

TV Classification - Have a Say

You may have heard of the recent proposal to lower the Television Classification Standards. If you’d like to have your say about this, the closing date for public comment is 5pm on Friday, 3 April 2015. Further information is at freetv.com.au, or you can email Code2015@freetv.com.au.

Tax Deductible Building Fund

Cedar College has DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status for its Building Fund. This means that as well as supporting the continued growth and development of our school, any voluntary payments made specifically to the CEDAR COLLEGE BUILDING FUND can be claimed as a tax deduction. For further information, please contact the Finance Office.

NAPLAN 2015

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be held for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students on the following dates in Term 2: Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. Students will complete the following test components:

- Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing – Tuesday 12 May
- Reading – Wednesday 13 May
- Numeracy – Thursday 14 May

Students will need the following stationery in order to complete the tests: 2B or HB pencils; pencil sharpener; eraser; blue or black ballpoint pens; and calculators (for Year 7 and 9 students). If students are unable to locate this stationery the school will be able to provide it so that students can complete the tests. Homeroom Teachers will provide details for students in relation to test locations.

These tests provide information useful to schools in identifying particular student needs and areas for development within the curriculum, and information to parents on the educational progress of their children relative to other students. Results will be made available to parents in due course.

If you would like to discuss NAPLAN further please contact either of us at the College.

Mr Tim Maddern Mr Nigel Austin
(Director of Curriculum) (Upper Primary Coordinator)

Higher Performance

Work is progressing on both the ground and first floor of the new Performing Arts Centre. The first floor (pictured below) will house large separate Music and Drama spaces, along with a computer suite, recording studios and dressing rooms. Music and Drama teachers, Mr Andrew Hill and Mr Daniel Nowak were able to inspect the building progress earlier this week, looking forward with enthusiasm to being able to use the facility in 2016.
A Music Note

Term 1 Week 9 2015

In the Cedar College Instrumental Program, we have students receiving tuition in piano/keyboard, guitar, bass, drums, singing, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone.

**It is now time to plan for Term 2.** Current Instrumental Students – please note the following:

Lessons for students who are already learning will continue as normal, beginning on first day back (Tuesday) of Term 2. If there are any changes to lesson times required I will need to know them by the end of Week 11 as the schedules will be set before the beginning of next Term.

For parents/caregivers of existing instrumental/singing students, who do not plan to continue their lessons in Term 2, please either send written/email notification to me, or leave a message for me at the Front Office and I will phone you back. A message from a student is not sufficient. This information is needed before the end of the Term so I am able to offer the position to another student. The planning for Term 2 is now done.

**Would you like to learn to play an instrument?**

Any students who would like to begin learning an instrument or singing through our Instrumental Program for next Term, need to ask for an Expression of Interest form from the Front Office or from Mrs Thorpe. These forms must be returned before the end of the Term. Please understand there are limited positions available.

If you would like any further information, please contact me via the Front Office.

Mrs Joanne Thorpe
Instrumental Program Co-ordinator
joannet@cedarcollege.sa.edu.au

Sports Day Champions

This year’s UP Sports Day winner was Laver, but every student worked incredibly hard to earn points for their team. The top girl and boy who contribute the most points in each class are awarded a medal engraved “Sports Day Champion”. We are proud of all of our students who participated in Sports Day and look forward to next year!

Mrs Bek Robinson, Primary School PE Co-ordinator

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**NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Year 5s Enjoy the Country Life**

A rowdy herd of Cedar’s Year Five students were released at Narnu Farm on the 4-6th March. The herd immediately divided into rival groups, competing against each other over the duration of the camp for a mighty feed (of candy) contained in the “Jar of Greatness”. Teams such as “The Hunting Ducks”, “Goats Got Talent” and “Mega Amazing Sparkling Kangaroos” (MASK) came close to herd domination, but it was the “Swaga Pigs” who would claim the top spot and devour the spoils. Other teams such as the “Ploughing Chickens” and “The Flamin’ Farmers” enjoyed galloping in front of GoPros for a dancing challenge, whilst the “Farmyard Rookies” were rounded up and relished a ride in a vintage truck. “The Fox Busters” hunted other herd members in games of Gang-up Chasey and Capture the Flag and squabbled with others in the quiz night and orienteering activities.

God surely blessed the Year Fives with a beautiful campsite to roam, and they are all to be congratulated on a wonderful and memorable camp experience.

Mr Phil Klassen, Year 5 Teacher

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**Mesmerising Monarch Metamorphosis**

Year 2 students have been mesmerised by the recent changes that have taken place with what began as a few caterpillars.

The students observed the caterpillars creating their chrysalis, ultimately emerging as Monarch Butterflies and flying to freedom.

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL EASTER CHAPEL**

You are invited to join the Primary School classes for a special Easter Chapel, on Thursday April 2, 2015, from 12:20pm in the Cedar College Auditorium. The Chapel will feature artwork by the Reception students, as well as an Easter message from our Primary School Chaplain, Mr Matthew Cook. Parents/caregivers and friends are also invited to join us for tea, coffee and Hot Cross Buns, following the Chapel Service.
Mock Trial Goes to Court

Tuesday evening saw Cedar College’s very first Mock Trial team “go to court” against Golden Grove High School. Cases are provided by the Law Society, and the student “legal teams” (assisted by a practising lawyer) have two weeks to prepare their evidence and witnesses, before arguing their case against other schools before a Law Society judge.

In this trial, Cedar College was the prosecution in a case of theft and serious criminal trespass. The students all performed brilliantly on the night - witnesses Taylor Tinev and Abbey Bengtson were very cool under pressure, and Barristers Hannah Bengtson and Lesen Lawry handled their evidence and cross-examinations with ease, assisted by their team of solicitors and other court officials. The case resulted in a tie, and Lesen Lawry was named “Best Barrister” on the night. Well done to the team for their hard work, and all the very best for the upcoming cases!

Mr Jordan Rose and Miss Danielle Guscott, High School Teachers

High School Gets Info-Active

This year, the Middle School Student Leaders will be facilitating a new creative space in the Resource Centre called the ‘InfoActiveZone’ (I-Zone).

The aim of the space is to build a sense of community and shared ownership over an informal area, where students can play board games and 80’s arcade games, relax on the lounge and bean-bags, check out the large TV screen for inspirational quotes and updates and to raise money for Compassion. The I-Zone is also a space where the students can share their gifts and talents, participate in a range of activities throughout the year, and join in on discussions, debates and other exciting events. In a nutshell, the I-Zone lounge is a place where you ‘consume’ information!

Mr Andrew Mooney, Year 9 Coordinator