A LETTER FROM DANA WORTLEY, MP

This week, I have invited the Member for Torrens, Dana Wortley MP, to address the Cedar College community regarding the issue of pedestrian safety on Fosters Road. Below is an open letter from Dana, with the latest news regarding the work which she has carried out on behalf of the school community.

“As a mother, I know there is nothing more certain to interrupt your sleep, than concerns about the safety of your child. This was relayed to me by parents of children at Cedar College at a meeting on the school grounds earlier this term.

Requests to the Minister and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) resulted in DPTI carrying out a pedestrian movement survey on Fosters Road in the vicinity of the College, on March 10. The survey took place during the morning peak traffic period between 7.45am and 8.45am and in the afternoon, between 3pm and 4pm. A department officer then met with College Principal, Mr Peter Thomson, to discuss pedestrian safety, school traffic management and options to improve the existing pedestrian crossing facility.

The survey reveals there are more pedestrians crossing on Fosters Road out the front of the College than when the same study was carried out in 2011. This is not news to either you or me! That is why I met with Mr Thomson in 4th Term last year to hear his views, which I then raised with the Minister. The important thing is that now the Minister knows too, and he has set the ball rolling for a concept plan for an Emu Crossing to improve safety for your children.

DPTI will work with Cedar College and the Port Adelaide Enfield Council to work out the finer detail, including my request for improved signage along Fosters Road.

When agreement is reached, the design will be completed and the project nominated on a priority list for future funding. During the next sitting of Parliament I will table the petition with the thousand signatures collected by parents, which demonstrates the level of concern about this issue. As your Member in the State Parliament it’s important I know about your concerns and I encourage you to contact me as the need arises.

I’m pleased to say the school leadership through the Principal Mr Thomson, the parents through Lidia Scuteri, the Port Adelaide Enfield Council through Councillor Basham and his colleagues and the State Government are working together to address your concerns.

I will keep you informed on the progress.”

Dana Wortley MP is the Member for Torrens. Her contact details are telephone: 8369 2323 or by email: torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au

I would like to once again thank Dana Wortley for working closely with us to try and achieve the best and safest possible outcome.

If you haven’t already signed the petition (available in the Front Office) and would like to do so, we have until Friday May 1, in order to allow the petition to be presented by Dana to Parliament on May 4.

Thank you also to all of our parents and caregivers who have expressed their support over the many years that we have been seeking to address pedestrian safety on Fosters Road.

Mr Peter Thomson
Principal

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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Last Day of Term 1
This Friday, April 10 is the last day of Term 1.

Primary School
Primary School students finish at 12:30pm on Friday. Primary School students may wear casual clothes with a gold coin donation toward our Compassion sponsor children.

High School
High School students finish at the usual time of 3:20pm on Friday. High School students may participate in the “Out of this World” dress-up day fundraiser on Friday, or wear normal school uniform.

Term 2 Student Free Days
A Term 2 planner has been enclosed with this newsletter, outlining major events for Term 2.

Please note the following Student Free Days during Term 2:

Monday April 27 (Week 1) is a Student Free Day for all students.

Friday June 12 (Week 7) is a Student Free Day for all students.

First Day of Term 2
Tuesday April 28 is the first day of Term 2.

High School starts at 8:30am,
Primary School starts at 8:40am.

Entertainment Books
Cedar College is now taking orders for Entertainment Books, with $13 from each book sold going toward our fundraising project for this year. Order your Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships before 1st May 2015 and you’ll receive an extra $160 in Early Bird Offers! (Subject to availability).

For only $65, Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, accommodation, travel, and much more.


Parent/Caregiver Questionnaire
Parents and Caregivers of Cedar College students are invited to take part in a 5-minute online questionnaire, regarding schooling at Cedar College. A link to the questionnaire has been emailed to all parents/caregivers this week.

If we do not have your current email address in our system please contact the Front Office to update your details.

Uniform Shop News
The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday April 27 from 10:00am. Please note that Winter Uniform is to be worn in Term 2. There is a change over period for Week 1 & 2. Please see the Uniform Policy on the school website for further clarification. Hats are not compulsory during Term 2 and 3.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
Thank you to all our families who supported our Kyton Bakery Fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your Hot Cross Buns and Lamingtons. Because of your support we were able to raise $568.70 which will be going towards new shade for the playground.

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.

Cedar Lunch Orders Now a Whole Lot Easier
A big change is coming to the Cedar Canteen in Term 2, with the launch of smartphone online ordering through MasterCard’s Qkr! App.

Cedar parents and caregivers can now place student lunch orders directly from their iOS or Android smartphone, using the Qkr! App, by MasterCard. Simply search for and download the Qkr! App onto your smart phone, follow the steps to register, locate Cedar College and then add your children. You can then select items from the canteen menu, place your order and pay via VISA or Mastercard.

Orders must be made before 9am on the day lunch is required, but can be submitted up to 2 weeks in advance. There is NO surcharge from Cedar College or Qkr! for using your credit card, and lunch orders are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We are excited to offer this convenient, secure and fast way for parents/caregivers to order from our Canteen. Students are still able to purchase items from the Canteen as usual during lunch and recess time, or place lunch orders using traditional lunch order bags and cash at the beginning of the day. If you’d like to order online but don’t have a smartphone, there’s a link to online ordering on the Cedar website, which you can use from any web browser.

For the full details, we’ve included a comprehensive guide with this newsletter.
NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Robots Running Riot

Meet the newest additions to the Primary School - Ollie, Sphero, Dash and Dot. They are programmable robots and 5PK were the first (very excited) class to take them out for a spin. With technology becoming a normal part of everyday life, students in the Primary School are learning that Computing is not restricted to desks and classrooms. The robots interface via the students’ iPads and are programmed and controlled via Bluetooth, making them ideal for outdoor testing.

These robots have the pesky quality of doing exactly what we tell them to do rather than what we mean for them to do. Students need to give the correct instructions in the correct order for the robots to successfully navigate where they want them to go. This is a great way to learn the programming skills and problem solving strategies emphasised in the Australian Curriculum and have some fun while we do it!

Miss Lauren Butler
Primary School Computing

Science News

Science Week is coming in Term 2, but Cedar students have been busy this term investigating the Environment and the Universe.

The Reception classes discover how our needs change as our environment changes.

The Year 3 classes working out how we get day and night.

Bringing Meaning to Easter

The excitement of the long-weekend, hot cross buns and Easter eggs were put into perspective, when the Primary School took time out last Thursday to remember the real meaning of Easter.

Parents and friends were able to join the students and were treated to a presentation by the Reception students, who showed their Cross Artwork (pictured below). The empty crosses were a reminder that Jesus died in our place, and then rose again. This was the amazing story that Primary School Chaplain, Mr Matthew Cook, led the Primary School students through during the Chapel Service. Mr Cook used the Jesus Storybook Bible to present the Easter story, beginning with Jesus’ arrest, trial and death, and concluding with Jesus’ triumphant resurrection. Thank you to those parents and friends who stayed after the Chapel Service to enjoy coffee and hot cross buns together - we trust that each one had an enjoyable and meaningful Easter time.
**InterSchool Athletics Success**

On Tuesday, Week 11, Cedar College participated in the Secondary School Sport SA Track & Field Championships (C2-Grade). After many weeks of hard training, Sports Day and PE lessons, our best 65 athletes were prepared for the job ahead of them, and were rewarded with some very encouraging results. All athletes who regularly attended training achieved either Personal or Season Best performances.

In this competition the boys and girls compete for separate shields, and an overall winner declared after combining these results. **Our girls convincingly won the Girls’ Shield, achieving 1st place, whilst our boys achieved 3rd position.** The combined total revealed Cedar College just fell short of overall winners, **coming 2nd in the end.** This is very encouraging, considering all but one of the schools we competed against has a secondary enrolment equivalent to 1000 students or more, compared to Cedar’s 330 Year 8-12 students! As in previous years, we have been promoted into the next grade in 2016 as a result of our success.

On Thursday Week 9, Cedar College competed in the SACSA Athletics Championships. Competition within the SACSA network is very strong, and of a very high standard in Athletics. Cedar came 5th overall against the Division 1 schools (large schools division), and 3rd in the Challenge Shield. Again, this is another encouraging result and an improvement from the previous year.

Overall results and outstanding individual performances will be published at the beginning of next Term. Many Cedar records were broken, and particular mention must be made of Zahli Clarke, who achieved a Standard (national qualifier) for the 1500m! A big thank you to all staff and the school community for your on-going support of these successful events, and particular thanks to the PE and Sport staff for their dedication and passion in training our students. **Well done to the students of Cedar College!**

Mr Andrew Lock, Senior School Co-ordinator

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**Vetamorphus Students Tackle Big Issues**

This term, in Vetamorphus, we have been exploring Biblical issues and examining the affect that they have on people’s beliefs. Each Veta student was allowed to pursue an issue of interest to them, and some of the topics included; “Does praying harder mean your prayers are more likely to be answered?”, “What is Heaven like?”, “Are there gender roles in the Church?”, and “Is there potential for Christians to worship more on musical performance than on God?”. We have also discussed prayer and conflict, which has helped us all in our personal lives. In February we attended a weekend retreat where we said a restful time as he takes long service leave during the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Mr Upton will be in to help cover his classes during this time. The High School also welcomes back Mrs Leana Coleman and Mrs Emma Shaw, returning from maternity leave to rejoin us in Term 2.

As a class we’re all really looking forward to everything that we’re going to learn next term as we continue to grow together.

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**Staff News**

We wish Mr Jeff Hodges a restful time as he takes long service leave during the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Mr Upton will be in to help cover his classes during this time. The High School also welcomes back Mrs Leana Coleman and Mrs Emma Shaw, returning from maternity leave to rejoin us in Term 2.

School staff members are always available to help our students and caregivers. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

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**Student Achievement**

Congratulations to Cedar College Year 8 student, Lachlan Falco, who has been accepted into the Norwood Football Club Development Squad. We wish Lachlan, who is also a talented cricketer, all the best as he trains with Norwood, and continues his outstanding sports achievements.