WHERE TO NOW? - STUDENT DISCUSSION

This is the question we have been asking our school community this term, as we continue to engage students and families in considering the next 5-7 years at Cedar College.

In this past week, there have been some survey questions on our Learning Management System, My Big Campus, for our High School students to answer. Cedar College Principal, Mr Peter Thomson, spoke to the High School a couple of weeks ago to launch the “Where to now?” discussion.

It was a wonderfully enriching and encouraging time of building our faith and confidence in the essence of Christian schooling and hearing some very thought provoking speakers.

One speaker, Dr Brian Harris, Principal of Vose Seminary in Perth, talked about the Christian worldview - that the world is not a God-free zone. The Christian worldview can make a huge difference in our schools. In faith, love and hope we have a future forever. Our hope is in Jesus.

As educators, we pray that we will teach our young people well. At Cedar we aim to prepare our students for life; a life where their God-given gifts and talents are well used and they have had opportunities at school to personally discover Jesus.

Homerooms in the High School had an Open Forum the next morning and then questions were formed from the students’ submitted ideas and comments. Staff are also involved and are continuing to work through their ideas and had a whole staff meeting to fine tune some of the suggestions that came from the Staff Professional Development day, on Monday 27th April.

If any of the school community want to be involved in the “Where to now?” discussion and would like to make some comments, please do so by contacting the Front Office. It is not too late.

This week the Principal and I have been in Canberra at the Christian Schools’ Association National Policy Forum. This was about bringing school leaders from Australia wide to Canberra, providing a great opportunity to hear many informed speakers, including politicians, both at the conference and at the dinner in the Great Hall in Parliament House.
**Term 2 Student Free Days**

Please note the following **Student Free Days** during Term 2:

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

Please note that **Monday June 8** is a Public Holiday (Queen’s Birthday) this Term.

**Sibling Enrolments**

Although siblings are given enrolment priority at Cedar College, we cannot guarantee placement. Families are required to submit an Enrolment Form for each sibling, in order to be considered for enrolment. The process begins three years before entry into Reception, and two years before entry into all other year levels. Sibling Enrolment Forms can be found on our website or at the Front Office. Failure to submit a Sibling Enrolment Form will result in the school even if you choose NOT to order photos. All envelopes should be returned by the end of Week 8 - Friday June 19.

**Out of School Hours Care (POSHC)**

POSHC bookings are available on the Student Free Day (Friday June 12) from 6.50am – 6.00pm. If you would like to utilise POSHC, please book with Marisa @ POSHC on 0433 013 304 by Tuesday June 2.

**School Photo Envelopes**

School Photos are scheduled for Week 1 of Term 3, on Friday July 24. Ordering Envelopes will be sent home with students next week. Please note that the envelope MUST be returned to the school even if you choose NOT to order photos. All envelopes should be returned by the end of Week 8 - Friday June 19.

**Don’t Miss Wonderland**

Limited tickets are still available (adults $10, students $6) by clicking the link on the Cedar website or through the Front Office. Performances are on **Tuesday June 9 and Wednesday June 10**. 7pm at The Parks Theatre, 46 Cowan Street, Angle Park.

**Road Works Update**

Road works are continuing on the North East Road intersection with Sudholz Road, with construction works on Blacks Road beginning in June. Please keep this in mind if these roads impact your travel to and from school, as speed restrictions will be in place while these works are in progress.

**Qkr! Tips - Automatic Email Receipts**

One of the great features of the Qkr! App is the ability to pre-order lunches up to two weeks ahead. To enable you to keep track of when you’ve ordered, you can check your receipts within the App, and also have them automatically emailed to you. This week’s tip explains how to do this.

Keep track of your Qkr! payments with eReceipts

Itemised Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! orders and payments.

1. To turn on **Automatic Email Receipts**, launch the Qkr! App, then:
   - Tap the Menu icon in the top left corner.
   - Tap on the Automatic Email Receipts function, then return to the Home page.

2. To view your eReceipts within the Qkr! App, simply sign into your Qkr! account and scroll down to the ‘My Receipts’ section (on the front page on the App). From here you can view your receipts, and manually email them to yourself (select a receipt, tap the icon on the top right of your screen and tap ‘Email Receipt’).

To use eReceipts to cancel a food order, select the receipt. You will see the ‘minus’ symbol in a red circle beside your child’s photo. Tap this and confirm that you wish to cancel the order. A ‘Refunded’ stamp will appear on the eReceipt which you cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders.
News From the Primary School

Science Week Blasts Off

Science Week 2015 was a blast, as we rocketed our way through activities that led to learning more about our solar system and beyond. With the help of a guest presenter, the students were challenged to think big about our earth, moon and sun through pictures, hands on activities and discussions.

Students in Years 3-6 were amazed as they entered the huge planetarium, where they learnt the names of some of the stars and that stars form patterns in the sky called constellations. They also learnt that these constellations come with stories which vary from culture to culture. The Reception - Year 2 classes were treated to a series of different stations set up to help them to understand the distance from the earth to the moon, the size of the moon compared to the earth, the stars' colours and how this relates to their size and temperature, and also had the chance to see a mini-planetarium, where they made up patterns and stories with the constellations they saw.

Congratulations to all who entered the R-6 Astronomy Quiz Competition! I hope you all learned a lot and had fun at the same time! Science is awesome!

Mrs Julie Volkoff
Primary School Science Teacher

Judgement Day for Year 4 Convicts

On Wednesday last week, both Year 4 classes went up into the Theatre Room, which had been changed into a Courtroom. When we went in, Mrs Barnard had a cardboard wig and a black robe, so that she looked like a judge. After a few minutes the judge, Mrs Barnard, spoke in a different but serious voice. The Court was now in session!

We were in the Court so we could learn what it was like to be a convict, back in 1787 in London. Four people from each class dressed up as convicts. From 4NA the "convicts" were Michelle, Aimee, Amber and Ashlee. Amber and Aimee looked as though they were going to cry, when they were brought before the Court. Their acting was very believable, and everyone did a great job. The "convicts" from 4MN were Cooper, Rhett, Amy and Lara. Rhett and Cooper looked realistic (and very funny) in their convict outfits!

All convicts were found guilty and sentenced to 7 years transportation on the First Fleet.

Lisa Cook, Year 4 student

Fusion Lunch Tickets

Tickets are still available for the three-course Fusion Lunch on Wednesday June 3. Visit the Cedar website or Front Office - Tickets $18. Proceeds support projects for the 2015 Thailand Service Trip.

Year 12 Prayer Partners

Continuing a tradition which was established for the first graduating class of Year 12s in 2008, each Year 12 student was presented to their Primary School prayer partner class at the Primary School Assembly last week. This year, the class connections have been made earlier, enabling the Primary School children to learn about, encourage and pray for the Year 12 students throughout the year.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Madison W, who recently came 2nd in the National Irish Dancing Competition held on the Gold Coast. A great achievement at National competition level.

Primary School Assembly

The Primary School Assembly is held on Thursdays at 12:35pm. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend this time, which features different year levels each week.

Assemblies for Term 2, 2015

Wk 6: Year 5
Wk 7: Reception
Wk 8: Year 4
Wk 9: Year 2
**Trials and Jubilations**

**Veni, Vidi, Vici! – Mock Trial, Round 2**

On Tuesday evening, May 12th, Cedar College’s Mock Trial team headed into the Adelaide District Court to compete in Round 2 of the Law Society’s Mock Trial competition, against Eynesbury Senior College. Cedar’s team were representing the Respondent in a dispute over the contents of the will of our “client’s” uncle.

Staving off some fierce competition from Eynesbury, Cedar College came away with the victory. The judge (provided by the law society) stated in his deliberations that he was particularly impressed by the excellent opening and closing addresses by barristers Hannah Bengtson and Lesen Lawry. Congratulations to the team on a well-earned victory! Round 3 of the competition will be held in Week 9 of this term.

**Year 10 Humanities Excursion**

On Monday, 25th of May, the Year 10 Humanities class went to the Adelaide Magistrates Court. We were given a tour of the court building, as well as some information about its history. Students were then directed into an empty court room where the education officer explained to us how the justice system works. The students (and Miss Guscott) also got a chance to dress up in the official robes and wigs, as we did a short role play of a trial.

After this, we sat in a real courtroom and watched several cases before The Hon. Magistrate Whittle. We witnessed various lawyers defending their clients, and others being notified of the sentences being handed down in their cases. We also saw another person who chose to defend themselves, and found out just how serious it is to be a repeat offender before the courts. Overall it was a fascinating learning experience.

**SACSA State Team**

Nine students from Cedar College travelled to Queensland last week as part of the South Australian State Team in the Christian Schools Association National Games. The team had some great results, which will be featured in a full report in the next Newsletter.

**Robots Wrestle in the Round**

The Year 10 Information Technology students battled for Robot Supremacy last week in the Resource Centre. The Year 10s have been designing, building and programming “Lego Mindstorm” robots, to decide who will be the Robot Sumo Champion of Cedar College for 2015. The robots were designed and programmed to obey the rules of Sumo - stay within the black ring, while trying to push your opponent out of the circle. After a series of heats and semi-finals, the two top robots met in a fiercely fought Grand Final, with “Bulldozer”, designed by Ben D and Justin K, claiming the Sumo title for 2015. Runners-up were Jayden F and Danyon B, whose robot “Hades” had won previous contests against “Bulldozer” in earlier rounds of the competition.