FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FOSTERS ROAD CROSSING UPDATE

As a school, we often face challenges and changes that are necessary to accommodate our growing community. One such challenge, over many years, has been seeking the approval of a pedestrian crossing for Fosters Road.

If you read the newsletter from Week 1, you will be aware that the State Government has approved funding for the construction of a $100,000 “Koala crossing” on Fosters Road near Cedar College.

Work is scheduled to begin in March, 2016, and the new crossing will be marked by “CHILDREN CROSSING” signs with a 25km/h “WHEN LIGHTS FLASHING” sign. The Crossing itself will include alternating flashing yellow lights on a red and white pole on either side of the road and broken lines marked across the road to define the area for pedestrians to cross. The flashing lights will operate automatically when students are going to and from school.

I have had discussions with both Tony Piccolo, Minister for Road Safety, and George Carnazzola, Department of Planning, Training and Infrastructure, to determine the best location for the crossing.

We believe the best position for the new crossing is to line up with the pedestrian gate on the south-east corner of the school oval (see map below). This will avoid the heavy vehicle traffic at the Fosters Road main entrance.

The existing “School Zone” pedestrian crossing, near the Fosters Road entrance, will remain in place. Please be reminded that the official entrance to the school (for drop-off and pick-up) is still at the rear of the campus, accessible via Navigator Drive.

Mr Peter Thomson
Principal
Last Day of Term 4
HIGH SCHOOL
The final day for High School students is Monday December 7 (3:20pm finish), followed by the Middle School Graduation evening, from 7pm.

PRIMARY SCHOOL
The final day for Primary School students is Thursday December 10 (12:30pm finish). Friday December 11 is a Student Free Day.

Summer Uniform Reminder
From this week (Week 3) onward, full summer uniform is to be worn by all students, including their school hat at recess and lunch times.

Changes to Term Planner
Please note that the Primary School Transition Day, for students in R-6 has changed from the date on the Term Planner and will now be Tuesday November 17.

Book Collection Forms
Book Collection forms will be posted to all families this week, in preparation for 2016. Please ensure you fill out and return the required forms (for each student) to the School by Friday November 13, 2015.

Book Collection Days will be Thursday, January 21 and Friday, January 22, 2016.

Graduation and Celebration Evenings, 2015
Please note the following dates of our upcoming Graduation and Celebration evenings.

SENIOR SCHOOL GRADUATION (Yr 10-12)
Thursday November 19, from 7:30pm

JUNIOR PRIMARY CELEBRATION EVENING
Tuesday December 1, from 6:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION (Yr 7-9)
Monday December 7, from 7pm

UPPER PRIMARY CELEBRATION EVENING AND YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Tuesday December 8, from 6:30pm

Work Together to Create a Crazy Monster
After the success of the High School Parent/Child Clay Workshop, the Cedar Art Department is planning to hold a Clay Art Workshop for Primary School parents/caregivers and their children. Works will be fired and available for collection upon completion. The workshop will take place on either Wednesday or Thursday after school of Week 5, and will run from 3.30pm – 5pm. This free event is open to all parents and children (Years 2 - 6) and will be an opportunity to learn new skills, where parents and students can enjoy being creative together.

Please email Mrs Judith Carletti (judithc@cedarcollege.sa.edu.au) for further details and to request a place at the workshop.

Year 12 Art students: Bryn Abenoja, Alen Chin, Kieran Hookway.

YEAR 12 & Senior School ART EXHIBITION
Wednesday November 4, 2015
5:00pm - 6:30pm
in the Cedar College Resource Centre

Cedar College students, their family and friends, Cedar College staff, and the OBC Community are welcome to attend. Light refreshments and live music provided.

Year 12 Art students: Bryn Abenoja, Alen Chin, Kieran Hookway.

Finalising 2015 School Fees
Thank you to all the families that have finalised their school fees or are continuing to pay them as per an approved payment plan. Your attention to this is appreciated, as Cedar College does not receive the full Government funding that a public school receives, and relies on school fees being paid in a timely manner to help pay the many costs associated with running the school.

If you have not paid your fees when they have fallen due, or made the payments as per an agreed payment plan, your school fee account is now considered overdue and will have a late payment charge of $25 added to the account.

Please note that continued failure to pay your fees will result in a recommendation to the Principal that your child(ren)’s enrolment is suspended, pending payment of your fees to date. This is an action that you have agreed to in your enrolment contract. Additionally, any siblings that are enrolled as future students will be moved back to the waiting list. Continued non-payment will result in your child(ren)’s enrolment at Cedar College being withdrawn and further action taken to recover the outstanding debt.

If you need to discuss payment of your fees please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office on 8261 3377.

Mr Jeff Thorpe
Business Manager

2015 Year Book
One copy of the 2015 Cedar College Year Book will be given out to each family at the end of Term 4 (or during Book Collection for students unable to collect them during the last week of school). If you would like to order additional copies for siblings, please leave your details with the Primary School Office, together with payment of $15 for each additional copy required. All Year 12 students will receive an individual copy.

Swimming Week Lunch Orders
Please note that students in the Primary School will not be able to place lunch orders during the following weeks, due to swimming:

Junior Primary Week 4 - No lunch orders
Upper Primary Week 5 - No lunch orders

Operate Christmas Child
Thank you to the many families who packed shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts in support of Samaritan’s Purse “Operation Christmas Child”. The shoeboxes will be sent to the collection centre this week, to bring the message of Christmas to children around the world.
The Fridge Magnet - Week 3
This week we’re continuing our focus on digital media. I know I’ve been challenged myself. It’s always interesting to watch children pretend-play and when Miss 15 Months is “on her phone” a lot, I know it’s time to be on mine less!

Mrs Kristen Jettner
Pastoral Care

Develop a game-plan for technology use in your home/family.
Involve your children. List expectations, guidelines, time limits, boundaries, consequences and dangers. Then work together as a team to be responsible users of technology.

More Than Just a Card
During the last few weeks, all 379 students in the Primary School have been making cards. More than simply a quick thought, these cards were the culmination of two terms of meeting with Year 12 students, getting to know them, and praying for them. The Primary School students were able to contribute to their class card using pictures, comments and other creative ideas, to personalise them for each Year 12 student. The cards took all sorts of form, shape and sizes, such as giant heads, cakes and books. While the cards were all different, they symbolised something that is unique to Cedar College - a culture of friendship and prayer that spans the gap between Primary School and Year 12.

The Primary School classes presented their prayer cards to the Year 12 students during their final Chapel service last week, where Pastor Jeremy Wright encouraged the Year 12s to continue to make Jesus the most important part of their lives. The Year 4 classes sang a song which was composed especially for the Year 12s and the High School Chapel Band led the school in praise and thankfulness to God.

With eleven of the Year 12 students starting at Cedar College in Reception, having spent their entire school life at Cedar, there were many photographs and memories to be shared. At the conclusion of the Chapel service, the Year 12s made one final visit to their Primary School prayer-buddy classes - a special way to finish their final day at Cedar College.

Netballers Achieve Their Goal
Many students in the Primary School have trained incredibly hard this year for the various sporting carnivals that Cedar takes part in, competing against many other schools around the State. This effort and commitment has resulted in an outstanding year for Cedar sporting teams.

In Week 2, students from Year 4-7 competed in the annual SACSA Netball Carnival. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day and it turned out to be our most successful netball carnival to date. The Year 4/5 girls made the Grand Final. The 4/5 boys were undefeated all day, but unfortunately lost the grand final by 2 points. Although they were disappointed, they walked away with their heads held high and I am so incredibly proud of their efforts.

The Year 4/5 girls came back from behind, to tie at full-time, sending us into two minutes of overtime. They were nervous but focused and thanks to some incredible defence we won the Grand Final by 2 points.

All teams played hard against tough opposition and I want to thank each student for their dedication to their training.

Thank you to all of the parents who came and supported, especially those who helped score and coach. Thank you to Mr Wilson, Miss Butler and Mrs Napier, who coached the students. All the best for next year!

Mrs Bek Robinson
Primary School PE Teacher

Primary School Swimming Weeks
Junior Primary Swimming Week (Week 4) Upper Primary Swimming Week (Week 5)
Students in the Primary School (R-6) will participate in the swimming program, taught by experienced instructors, in all aspects of water safety, survival and swimming styles.
What to bring: bathers, towel, goggles, rashie shirt, 30+ sunblock, and a named bag for wet clothes.
Please Note:
· Students may wear casual clothes for the whole week
· Please name all clothing, goggles and towel
· If possible, wear sandals or thongs - no socks
· Students will not be able to swim if they do not have a rashie (UV protection) shirt
· Students must have 30+ sunblock
All students are to be picked up at the end of the school day at the normal time (3:15pm). Students cannot be picked up from the pool.
Due to swimming lesson times, students may not order canteen lunches during their swimming week.
Year 12 Farewell, Year 7 Welcome

With High School classes officially coming to an end for Cedar’s 45 Year 12 students, there was opportunity to for some relaxation on the Year 12 Fun Day, before the return to hard work and exams.

Continuing a tradition that began with the first Year 12 students at Cedar, the Class of 2015 met together on the school lawns for a 7:30am breakfast of bacon and eggs, specially prepared by Mrs Cioffi, Mrs Xiao, Mr Rose, and some wonderful Year 11 students. The breakfast was a time for the Year 12s to chat with teachers and classmates, before heading off for a fun day of paint-balling - a chance to de-stress and get some exercise, before hitting the books for SWOT-Vac. Please continue to be in prayer for our Year 12s, with exams beginning in just over a week.

As one group of students finished their time at Cedar, a new group visited for the first time this week. Our new Year 7 students, as well as a number of new students starting in other High School year levels, participated in the High School Orientation Day on Wednesday. The new students were able to explore the school, meet teachers and make new friends over a sausage sizzle lunch with our current Year 6 students, who also had their first opportunity to prepare for their transition to High School. We welcome all of our new students and families to the Cedar community, and look forward to you joining us in 2016.

Spring Poetry Festival - 1st Prize!

We are delighted to announce Year 11 student Olivia’s poem “Stress” has been awarded first prize by Friendly Street Poets in this year’s statewide Spring Poetry Festival competition! The 2015 Judges Report describes Olivia’s poem as “short, to the point, with disarming juxtaposition of images within a sustained metaphor linking the ocean, tears, and deep emotion. As such it stood out from all the poems in the selection.” Olivia receives a cash prize, two books of poetry, complimentary membership of Friendly Street Poets for one year, a copy of the anthology featuring her poem, and a certificate. Congratulations, Olivia!

What Happens in the City of Churches?

During Christian Living this year, the Year 8s have covered the topics of The Church and Service. One of the areas students explored was how the Church practically out-worked their beliefs and values. This flowed very effectively into our Service unit where students investigated how people serve their local community.

As teachers we wanted to provide our students with the opportunity to see and experience different church communities and to be inspired by how they demonstrate their faith in connecting with their local sphere. During the excursion we visited four different churches in the Adelaide CBD - Holy Trinity, Influencers, Coastlands and The Salvation Army. What the students discovered was, that although all of the churches looked different on the outside, the message they told and the faith that compelled them to action was the same - love others as Christ loved us. This led to great conversations back in the classroom as the students shared how they were challenged and inspired to make a difference in their community.

“Each church had a different way of serving the community. I especially enjoyed listening to the Salvo’s church talk to us about how they let poor people come to their church, have a meal and also let them sleep overnight.” - Luke, Year 8.

This was the first year we ran the excursion and we were incredibly pleased with the outcome.

Mrs Leah Gauthier, High School Teacher

Year 7, 8 & 9 ACER Testing

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 received a letter to take home to parents and caregivers last week in relation to the completing of ACER tests in Reading and Mathematics in Week 4 of this Term. We encourage parents and caregivers to read through this information with students and to call the College if further information is required.