FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HAPPINESS COMES FROM KNOWING GOD

Last week, I spoke to the Class of 2015 at the Year 12 Graduation. The evening was a fantastic time of celebration and memories, as our Year 12s closed one chapter in their lives and began a new one, which may include Tertiary Education and the workplace.

I have included, below, an excerpt from my speech, which I hope is not only meaningful for our Year 12s, but also our Year 11s as they prepare for next year, as well as every student here at Cedar.

"Year 12s, some of you can look back on school life as far as 2003. In fact, nine students here tonight began their education at Cedar College in Reception, 13 years ago. These students are: Jasmine Duthie, Matthew Ferencz, Carlie Marafioti, Jayde Owens, Jay Riches, Ashleigh Trenwith, Christian Viscione, Huy Vuong and Brooke Wilkin.

Over your time here at Cedar College, whether it’s 2 or 13 years, you’ve made new friends, been on camps, been involved in dramas (both on and off the stage), sporting events, swimming carnivals, and a mountain of school work.

But tonight, all of that comes to an end. After tonight, you can never go back. Maybe you have had great academic achievements and made great friendships, or maybe you haven’t. Maybe you have made some bad decisions at school, or at home. But that doesn’t mean that what happened yesterday has to happen every day!

You don’t want to spend your whole life looking backwards. The past is the past, and you can’t change that. You can’t change your history.

But you can move forward. Your past doesn’t have to define who you are in the future. Up ahead, it’s all new! It’s yours if you want it.

Try and find a career or a job that you are passionate about. A job where you will love what you do. But in doing this, remember that real happiness comes from knowing God. That may sound a bit heavy, but when you speak to those who have found God, you will understand what I am saying.

Real success and happiness comes from knowing God. It doesn’t depend on your circumstances.

In Galatians chapter 5 it says: “But the fruit of the Spirit (that’s God’s spirit) is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against these things there is no law!”

When you know God, you will learn that these things will see you through the difficult times in life. Knowing God, is understanding success and happiness."

Mr Peter Thomson
Principal
**Student Free Day, Dec. 4**

Please note that Friday December 4 is a Student Free Day for all students.

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**Last Day of Term 4**

**HIGH SCHOOL**
The final day for High School students is Monday December 7 (3:20pm finish).

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

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**Graduation and Celebration Evenings, 2015**

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

**JUNIOR PRIMARY CELEBRATION EVENING**
Tuesday December 1, 6:30pm (tickets issued)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION**
Monday December 7, from 7pm

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

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**School Banking**

Please note that next week (Week 8) is the last opportunity for School Banking this year. Banking will not be available during the last week of school. Please note that should you bank at a branch during holidays, those deposits will not count for rewards tokens.

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**Thailand Team Takes Off**

At the time of year when many students head off to “Schoolies” celebrations to relax and enjoy a break, Cedar College has sent a group of Year 11 and Year 12 students to Thailand, to serve in schools, orphanages and missions.

The trip will include visiting three different projects in various areas of Thailand. The first of these projects is working with Burmese street kids. These unfortunate children cross the border into Thailand daily, in order to stay in a safe place off the street, get a wholesome meal, and learn in an informal way.

The second two visits are to Cedar’s two Compassion sponsor children. One of these lives in a hill tribe in northern Thailand, and the other is in a city slum area. All three projects are co-ordinated by Christian organisations, which aim to share the love of Jesus through practical action.

The team flew to Thailand on Monday, and are currently working hard in the northern part of the country, helping to paint and renovate a Church building.

Mr Ray White
Thailand Service Trip Co-ordinator

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**Fun starts at 5pm, Carols from 7:30pm, on the Cedar College Oval**

Carols Alive is a free community event featuring live music, children’s entertainment, live nativity, community carol singing, and the spectacular Protector Alsafe Fireworks Display! Bring the whole family for dinner, with international food, drinks, and ice creams on sale. Enjoy the family atmosphere from 5pm, with face painting, mini-golf, kids rides, bouncing castle, interactive stalls and more! Then settle in for an evening of fantastic music and entertainment by local artists beginning at 7:30pm. Come early and bring a rug or a chair to kick off the Christmas celebrations with your community!

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**2016 School Fees**

Please be aware that the school fee structure for 2016 have now been emailed to all families and are also available from our website, in the Family Information section.

If you did not receive the 2016 fees or have any questions, please contact the Finance Office on 8261 3377 to arrange to receive a copy.

As in previous years, the Board have approved a rebate of 5% off the tuition fees for families that pay their fees in full by the end of the second week of Term 1.

If you want to get ahead on next year’s fees, you can set up automatic payments starting this year. 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

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**2015 Year Book**

The 2015 Cedar College Year Book will be given out to the youngest in each family on the final day of Term 4. High School students may come in on this day to collect their book, otherwise they will receive it on Book Collection day.

Additional copies may be ordered at Primary School Office, at a cost of $15 each. Year 12 students will receive their own copy.

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**2016 Book Collection Days**

**Thursday January 21, 8:30am - 2pm.**
Surname beginning A-K

**Friday January 22, 8:30am - 2pm.**
Surname beginning L-Z

If you are unable to collect books on this day, please contact the Front Office to let them know.

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**Book Covers for 2016**

Cedar College has a membership with EZcover, a manufacturer of fun, eco friendly school book covers, available by online purchase.

Parents/caregivers are able to order their book covers online at www.ezcover.net.au for $1.40ea and enter the promo code EZ15 which allows EZcover to give .15c back to the school for each cover purchased.

If you order from EZcover, a delivery charge of $5 applies to your order, which will be sent directly to your home address.

To assist with book covering, book lists will be available on our website (books are supplied by Cedar) before the end of Term.

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**From the Business Manager**
The Fridge Magnet - Week 7

Here’s a thought: If you say words of affirmation; “I love you”, “you’re amazing”, “I admire how you think”, to your child two times a day, by the time they’re 10 years of age they will have been encouraged 7,300 times. Our kids can also receive 3000 pieces of information a day via media (many are not affirming). By the time they are 10 years of age they will have received 10,950,000 messages.

Mrs Kristen Jettner
Pastoral Care

“Download” as much encouragement and love into your kids as you can! Find out how they best receive this and then “spam” them multiple times a day with love!

Primary School Pool Party

The annual Primary School Pool Party will be held on Wednesday December 9 for all students in R-6. Students will travel by bus to the Payneham Swimming Centre.

Parents are reminded to fill in the permission slip which was sent home recently and return it by Thursday December 3.

Students are required to bring their own lunch, towel and extra sunscreen. The event is provided at no cost.

Congratulations to the Year 4/5 boys, who were runners up in the SACSA basketball Grand Final last week.

Recognising Our Volunteers

The Cedar College community could not function properly without the many volunteers who help each week in various capacities. In recognition of the contribution that volunteers make to our school, we are pleased to announce the 2015 Volunteer Awards, presented by the Dana Wortley MP.

Sharon Maclean has been volunteering with the Primary School Band since it began two years ago. She has faithfully attended the weekly Tuesday lunchtime rehearsal and has undertaken to mentor our young musicians and support and encourage them. Sharon has also played trumpet with the Primary School Band, which has been a great asset. Her dedication to the group was particularly demonstrated when she led the band at the last minute when the band leader was sick. We are delighted to honour her with this award.

The High School Volunteer award was presented to Cameron Smith, a 2012 graduate of Cedar College, currently studying a double degree in Law and Justice at Flinders University.

Cameron has been volunteering every Friday this year, helping the Year 11 & 12 Legal Studies students develop their research skills by showing them how to use legal databases and academic articles. It has been wonderful to see one of our old scholars volunteering in this way, and giving back to the school.

The Hon. Dana Wortley MP, presenting the 2015 Volunteer Awards.
Farewell to the Class of 2015

The end of Year 12 exams, last week, was celebrated with the annual Year 12 Formal, held this year at Glen Ewin Estate. Featuring beautiful scenery, great food, and a fun time together as a group, the Year 12s thoroughly enjoyed their big night, which was planned and organised by Mrs Kristen Jettner and the Student Formal Committee.

The Formal was followed the next day by the final official function for the Year 12s - the Senior School Graduation Evening. Along with the many memories, photos and speeches that were shared, the Year 12s received their Principal’s Gold Medallion, marking the completion of their schooling at Cedar College - nine of whom have been at Cedar from Reception to Year 12.

As well as Subject Dux Awards and Character Awards, two special awards were presented to Year 12 students. The “Caltex Best All Rounder Award”, acknowledging all-round contribution to school and the community, was presented to Rachel Hurni, while the Tabor Adelaide Award recipient, for outstanding character and academic achievement, was Alexandra Early. Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with the Class of 2015, some of whom are already serving in Thailand, as they prepare for tertiary studies and the next chapter of their lives.

Student Achievement

Cedar College would like to congratulate a number of our students on their selection for the Pacific School Games, held in Adelaide from November 21 - 29. Jayden Chambers, Marcus Wirth, Shae Blackwood and Lachlan Wilson represented South Australia in Touch Football, along with Zahli Clarke, who was mentioned in our previous newsletter. Well done on representing your State and school in this way - a fantastic achievement.

Canned Food Appeal

Students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to bring a canned food item next week, to be donated to the Salvation Army at Christmas time.

Basketballers Win Again

Continuing a run of recent inter-school sporting success, Cedar College had another Grand Final win at the SSSSA Statewide Year 10 Boys Knockout Basketball Carnival, held at Port Adelaide on November 12. Congratulations to the team, and to coach Mr Ray White, on a very successful year.

Music Students United

The High School Chapel was visited by students from Portside Christian School last week, reciprocating the visit of the Cedar Chapel Band, earlier this Term.

Cedar College has been influential in piloting an initiative to connect with other like-minded music students from Christian schools in Adelaide. The Portside band led the Chapel worship time, and were an encouragement and inspiration to Cedar’s music students, and the whole High School, in the way they used their gifts and abilities to serve God.

Through this joint initiative, Cedar aims to develop our heart, passion and musical gifting by learning and growing through a shared journey, as we seek to impact our respective schools with the message and love of Jesus, through music. We look forward to further opportunities to connect with other Christian schools and their music departments during 2016.

Mr Andrew Hill, High School Music Teacher