FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A BUSY YEAR DRAWS TO AN END

The 2015 academic year has come to an end. Graduations are completed, our wonderful presentation nights are finished, and Christmas is only a few weeks away.

For most of us, it is still an extremely busy time as we continue to work, oversee our families and prepare for Christmas Day. I would like to pause momentarily from our hectic planning to reflect on our final Term of 2015.

Term 4 has brought us, once again, many special moments as we have enjoyed seeing the fruit of our labour, with students across all ages performing their class items at the various graduation services. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in the different aspects of their school life.

There have also been stressful moments, as Senior School students sat their SACE exams and felt the pressure to do their very best. Once SACE exams were over, our senior students finished the year well with their Year 12 Formal at Glen Ewin Estate. This was a wonderful evening where students and staff could celebrate a great year together.

During the final week of school, the Cedar College staff and students said farewell to Librarian Assistant, Mrs Kathy George, who has been involved with Cedar College since it began almost 20 years ago. Kathy started volunteering in the school library in the very early days, and has been instrumental in the growth and smooth-running of the library, ever since the first roll of contact was applied to a book! The Primary School recognised Kathy’s incredible contribution to Cedar College at their final assembly, by presenting her with a book that featured photographs and messages from each student.

On Friday morning, as our staff celebrated the end of their year, we were reminded of how blessed we are in Australia as we were able to Facetime with the Thailand Service Trip team of Year 11 and 12 students, and teachers. We heard from some of the students as they briefly shared with us what had impacted them during their time in Thailand. It was obvious from their comments that their lives are being changed by this experience. We look forward to seeing them in the next few weeks, with many more stories to tell.

On behalf of Cedar College, I would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas. Please feel welcome to join us in the Main Auditorium on Christmas Eve at 6pm or 7:30pm for the CityReach Baptist Church Christmas Eve Service.

I pray that you will enjoy the Christmas season, and reflect upon the true meaning of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Mr Peter Thomson
Principal

Term 1, 2016 - Tue 2 Feb - Fri 15 April
Term 2, 2016 - Tue 3 May - Fri 1 July
(Please note: We will continue to have a 3 week break between Terms 2 & 3)
Term 3, 2016 - Tue 26 July - Fri 30 Sept
Term 4, 2016 - Tue 18 Oct - Thu 15 Dec

DECEMBER / JANUARY

December 24 Christmas Eve Services
6pm & 7:30pm at CityReach Baptist Church (Cedar Auditorium) all welcome.

Thu Jan 21 Book Collection Day - Surname A-K 8:30am - 2pm
Fri Jan 22 Book Collection Day - Surname L-Z 8:30am - 2pm
Tue Jan 26 Australia Day Public Holiday

WEEK 1 FEBRUARY

Mon 1 STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 2 Term 1 Begins
HS 8:30am, PS 8:40am.
Tue 2 Student ID Photos

Wed 3 - Fri 5 Year 12 Camp

WEEK 2

Mon 8 High School Information Night 7:30pm - 9pm
Tue 9 PS Meet the Teacher Night
JP 6:30pm, UP 7:15pm

WEEK 4

Thu 25 Year 11 & 12 Drama Excursion

WEEK 5

Monday 29 SACSA Yr 8/9 Boys & Girls Basketball
Monday 29 SSSSA Swimming Carnival

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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Office Numbers: Ph: 8261 3377 - then, Press 1 - Front Office (Primary School & enquiries), Press 2 - High School Office, Press 3 - Enrolment Officer, Press 4 - Return Front Office.
First Day of Term 1

Term 1 begins on Tuesday February 2nd.

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

2015 Year Book

A copy of the 2015 Cedar College Year Book was given to the youngest in each Primary School family on the final day of Term 4.

High School students, and any students who were away on the last day of term, will be able to collect their Year Book during Book Collection in January 2016.

Book Covers for 2016

To assist with book covering requirements, book lists will be available on our website over the holidays. Note that you should NOT purchase any of the items on the book list, as these are supplied to you on Book Collection Day. The lists are made available to assist parents/caregivers with book covering requirements.

One book covering option for parents/caregivers is to order their covers online at www.ezcover.net.au. Cover are available 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.

2016 Dates & Information

If you’re needing to check out 2016 school dates, looking for a Newsletter, checking on uniform requirements or wondering when Book Collection is, it’s all available at the click of a mouse or swipe of a phone, on our new-look Cedar College website. The new site has been totally rebuilt to be easier to navigate and search, and much friendlier to use on mobile and touch devices. Simply visit www.cedarcollege.sa.edu.au.

Student Free Day, Term 1

Please note that Monday February 1st is a Student Free Day for all students.

Holiday School Office Hours

Mon 14 - Wed 16 December: Open 9am – 4pm.
Thu 17 December - Fri 8 January: CLOSED
Office re-opens Monday January 11, 2016, 9am.

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 interest and 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 2016 students will lose their place and 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, up to and including this Thursday 17th December, or after the 11th January 2016.

Mr Jeff Thorpe
Business Manager

School Shoes

All students must wear black leather school shoes with standard school shoe heels. No platforms, canvas shoes, sandals, fancy logos, prints or markings.

Girls in Primary School (R-6) may wear an optional black “T-Bar” shoe with a buckle or “Mary Jane” style school shoe, however, it must be a plain, flat shoe, with a standard heel, and no fancy buckles and patterns.

Sports Shoes

Sports Shoes of any style and colour are worn for the whole day on the student’s designated PE day, but must have a non-marking sole.

Reception students ONLY may wear a shoe with velcro straps. All other year levels must wear lace-ups.

NOT acceptable R-12

Girls (R-6 only)
Reception only
Boys/Girls R-12

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

2016 BOOK COLLECTION DAYS

Please note, as in previous years, if we have not received your Book Collection forms (which were sent home in November) you will be unable to pick up your child’s books on Book Collection Day; until the form is completed.

Primary School students collect all books & stationery from High School E-BLOCK, Room 1, and High School students collect from High School C-BLOCK, on the following days:

**SURNAME A-K**
Students whose surname falls between A - K,
Book Collection is Thursday 21st January, 8:30am - 2pm.

**SURNAME L-Z**
Students whose surname falls between L - Z,
Book Collection is Friday 22nd January, 8:30am - 2pm.

Please ensure that you collect your books on the allocated day, to ensure smooth processing. Further information will be posted to you in January.

The Uniform Shop will also be open on these two days, from 8:30am - 2pm.
The Fridge Magnet - holidays

Holidays, especially at Christmas time, are a fun time for the whole family, but they can also be busy and stressful. A good idea is to make a point of setting time aside to simply spend time together with your family in a simple, unstructured way. It might be visiting a park for a picnic, or a holiday away from technology and screens. Remember that children spell the word LOVE as T-I-M-E.

Try to make time to read the real Christmas story as a family this year. You can find it in the Bible in Matthew 1:18 - 2:12 and Luke 1 & 2, or look up an online version, such as www.whychristmas.com.

A Music Note

Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed Australian Music Examination Board exams.

- Hannah Taylor Flute Preliminary A
- Millie Hodges Flute Preliminary A
- Mikayla Jankovic Flute Grade 1 A
- Charlotte Watson Flute Grade 3 A
- Benjamin Wright Piano for Leisure Grade 1 A+
- Aroanne MacLean Piano Trad. Grade 2 B+
- Timothy Cook Piano for Leisure Grade 5 B+
- Samuel Burge (2014) Piano Trad. Grade 6 A
- Samuel Burge (2015) Piano Trad. Grade 7 C+

2016 Instrumental Lessons

All instrumental students who have returned their triPLICATE Enrolment form but have expressed interest in learning an instrument/ singing through the Cedar College Instrumental Program in 2016, are required to see Mrs Thorpe on their Book Collection Day in January. Students received this form during Week 9 or with their Instrumental Report.

All instrumental students must return their Enrolment form in order to begin lessons in Term 1 - so if you have not already returned this form, please bring it with you. Students who are new to Cedar College, and have returned an Expression of Interest Form, are able to complete the Enrolment form on Book Collection Day.

High School instrumental students are able to nominate preferred times for lessons on Book Collection Day. This is the only opportunity to do this, before the lesson schedules are organised. For further enquiries, please email joannet@cedarcollege.sa.edu.au after 19th January.

Mrs Joanne Thorpe
Instrumental Coordinator

Junior Primary’s Night of Nights

The Junior Primary’s biggest night of the year was once again filled with singing, dancing and colourful costumes! The Reception students are always a performance favourite, this year singing a Christmas song with a great message - “Born is the King”. The Year 1 classes joined together to sing “Funky the Monkey”, and the Year 2s gave a fun flash-mob performance of “Do Re Mi”. Each of the Junior Primary teachers enjoyed talking about their favourite moments with their class during 2015, and awarded certificates for academics, character and most improved. The big finale, produced by Junior Primary music teacher, Mrs Amy Webster, was “Merry Christmas to You” which featured the entire Junior Primary on stage, in a colourful, fun finish to the 2015 school year.

Thank you to all of our teachers, parents and friends who helped make the evening a very special time for the excited students, who had been rehearsing all term, and performed wonderfully.

Upper Primary Spectacular

The whispers were escalating throughout the Primary School, urging us to expect something spectacular at the Upper Primary Presentation Night - and the evening did not disappoint! Mrs Joanne Thorpe (Instrumental Coordinator) led the Year 3 Christmas favourite, “Feliz Navidad”, while the Year 4s moved and shook their way through “Cha Cha Groove”, which also featured recorders and shaker percussion. After some encouraging and humorous reflections by Mr Carson and Miss Dix, the Year 6 students were presented with their Bronze Medallion, by Cedar College Principal, Mr Peter Thomson, marking the end of Primary School. The new Primary School Prefects for 2016 were also announced. Mr David Webb, Cedar Middle School Coordinator, warmly welcomed the Year 6s into Middle School, assuring students of a smooth transition to the next stage of their schooling at Cedar College, as well as an exciting time of learning and growth.

The spectacular finale was the Year 5 item “O Holy Night”, filled with amazing choreography by Mrs Laura Carson, who volunteered her time to teach the students dance, movements, lifts and synchronised LED light patterns, to ensure that the evening finished with a breathtaking bang! Congratulations to all of the Upper Primary students and teachers on an amazing night.
Thailand Team Update

Our team of Year 11 and 12 students have been serving in Thailand for three weeks, with one more week of their Service Trip remaining. Below is an update from Mr Jordan Rose, one of the Cedar teachers who is part of the Thailand Service Trip team.

“After some time with various projects in Maesai, Chiang Rai and Ban Huay Rim, the Thailand team has just finished the final service part of the trip, working with Compassion at Santi Church in Phitsanulok. We have helped to paint a new building, dug out a fish pond, created gifts for the project children, and helped with Christmas parties for the Youth Group, the Compassion children, and children in a juvenile detention centre. Most importantly, we were able to spend time with our sponsor child, Oat, visiting his home, and going white-water tubing with him and others from the youth group.

We have continued to build on the relationship between Cedar College and Santi Church, during our time in Phitsanulok. The staff and youth group have been so welcoming and hospitable, and we will all be very sad to say goodbye. They were particularly grateful for the enduring impact of the 2013 team, whose advocacy with Compassion after the last trip has not only led to the project being allowed to remain open, but has even increased the quota of children being accepted in! It was such a blessing to see a group of 3-8 year-olds who are in the program because of the support of the previous Cedar College team.

We look forward now to spending some time with Allan Fjording and his family in Bangkok, before heading to Krabi for a few final days of debriefing and winding down. We really appreciate the prayers and support of the Cedar College community, and we have been honoured to serve as ambassadors for you all in God’s work.

Blessings from Thailand!”

Mr Jordan Rose
High School Teacher

Middle School Graduation

Students in Years 7-9 had the opportunity to celebrate the 2015 school year last week, at the Middle School Graduation evening. The awards night featured a showcase of Middle School talent, with performances by the Cedar College Vocal Ensemble and Year 9 Stage band, as well as Year 7 and Year 9 Poetry Recitals. Artwork by the Middle School students was also on display, and awards were presented to students in each year level, based on their Grade Point Average throughout the year. Congratulations to each year level dux for 2015 - Jennifer Lynnette Feliciano (Year 7), Georgia Doubtfire and Taylor Henderson (Year 8) and Cindy Pang (Year 9) on an excellent effort throughout the year.