Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It has been a very busy week for all High School staff.

Many thanks to all the High School staff for a wonderful Formal on Wednesday night at Glen Ewin Estate and a very encouraging and memorable Year 12 Graduation, with the Senior School Awards and Presentation Night last night. We are very thankful to our Lord for the way in which He has guided our students throughout this year, but especially our Year 12s over their time at Cedar.

As we near the end of Term 4, we are very pleased that the High School staffing for 2017 has been finalised.

As we do this, we warmly congratulate Mr Daniel Nowak for his recent appointment as Deputy Principal of Temple Christian College, Paralowie. He has served Cedar so well as Year 8 Coordinator and Senior and Middle School Drama teacher over the years. Mr Nowak is a vibrant and capable educator and we wish him well in his new role.

We also farewell Mrs Lorraine Nitschke as she retires after 45 years of service to education. She has been at Cedar since 2009 and has been a most valuable SACE Information Processing and Business Studies teacher, as well as Computing and Year 12 Homeroom teacher. Mrs Nitschke has always been a dedicated and well organised educator, and we pray for a smooth transition to retirement.

Mrs Dee Blucher will be going on Maternity Leave and we pray for her second child’s safe arrival in the new year. Mrs Harrington will cover Mrs Blucher’s classes while she is on leave in Semester 1.

We are delighted to announce the following new teaching staff to High School:

1. Mrs Nichole Tiller as the new Senior School Coordinator. She comes highly recommended from Tyndale Christian School and she will replace Mr Andrew Lock, who is taking on the role of Head of High School next year.
2. Mrs Anna Briggs will be the new Drama teacher, who comes with much overseas experience in Drama and Dance. She replaces Mr Daniel Nowak.
3. Miss Miriam Field will be full time in supporting our Special Education faculty. She has a Masters in Special Education.
4. Mr Steve Blucher will be replacing Mrs Nitschke and comes to us with much experience from Southern Vales Christian College.
5. Mr Mitch Clisby will be part-time, teaching mostly Design and Technology subjects, as this area expands in the High School. He will be working closely with Mr Watson.

We are very much looking forward to these new staff joining the Cedar community in 2017.

May I take this opportunity, as I step down from Head of High School, to thank the Cedar community for an amazing journey over my five years as Head of High School, and for five years before that, as Middle School Coordinator. I am very much in praise to our Lord, for He has guided me through many situations and brought support and encouragement at just the right times. I have loved teaching and being part of the community of educators. I would also like to thank Mr Peter Thomson for his wise and dedicated leadership. He is the founding Principal, and this school is very blessed to have him as Principal. In my transition to retirement, I will be teaching part-time here at Cedar in 2017.

As Christmas gets closer, may we all be mindful of the real reason for this season: the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. Take time to reflect on God’s love for us in sending His son to earth.

Mrs Susan Harris
Head of High School

This week’s front page is a special letter from our much-loved and respected Head of High School, Mrs Susan Harris.
NEWS AND NOTICES

2017 Term Dates
Please note the term dates for 2017 shown below.
In 2017, our staff will again attend the Christian Schools Australia State Conference, which is held every second year, on the first two days of Term 3.
Term 1, 2017 - Tue 31 Jan - Thu 13 April
Term 2, 2017 - Tue 2 May - Fri 30 June
(Please note: We will continue to have a 3 week break between Terms 2 & 3)
Term 3, 2017 - Wed 26 July - Fri 29 Sept
Term 4, 2017 - Tue 17 Oct - Thu 14 Dec

Canteen Lunch Orders
Please note that Wednesday December 7 will be the last day for Canteen lunch orders as there will be no lunch orders taken in Week 9.

2016 Graduations and Celebration Evenings
December is a busy time at Cedar, as the term draws to a close. Please note the following dates:
Junior Primary Celebration Evening
Tuesday December 6, 6:30pm (tickets will be sent home next week).
Middle School Graduation
Monday December 12, 7pm
Upper Primary Celebration Evening and Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday December 13, 6:30pm.

2016 Year Book
One copy of the 2016 Cedar College Year Book will be given to each family on the final day of Term 4 (usually the youngest child). 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 from the Primary School Office, at a cost of $15 each. Year 12 students will receive their own copy.

Primary School Celebration Evening tickets
Due to limited space in the Auditorium, we will once again issue three tickets per family for the Junior Primary Celebration Evening. These tickets will be sent home with students next week. Should you not be able to use all three tickets, please return them to the school, so that they can be given to other families, thank you.

POSHC Holiday Programme
The December/January Out of School Hours Care programme is now available for download from our website. Please download the programme from the SCHOOL LIFE page, under Documents for Download.

Recycle Your Old Jeans
The Home Economics students will be recycling old denim jeans into pencil cases next year, and would appreciate any donations of denim jeans.
If you are able to help, please send your old jeans (washed) to the High School Office, for the Textiles department, thank you.

CarolsAlive! 2016
Sunday December 11
Food from 5pm, Carols from 7:30pm
JOIN US FOR THE CITYREACH CAROLS ALIVE, ON THE CEDAR COLLEGE OVAL

CarolsAlive is a free community event featuring live music, children’s entertainment, live nativity, community carol singing, and spectacular fireworks display!
Bring the whole family for dinner and enjoy the festive atmosphere from 5pm with face painting, kids rides, bouncing castle and more! Then settle in for an evening of fantastic music and entertainment by local artists beginning at 7:30pm. Celebrate Christmas with your community!

Student Free Days - Term 4
Friday December 9 - Student Free Day
(Staff in-service day)
Friday December 16 - Student Free Day
(School holidays begin) The last day of Primary School is Thursday Dec. 15, finishing at 12:30pm)

From the Business Manager

2017 School Fees
Please be aware that the school fee structure for 2017 has been emailed to all families and is also available from our website, from the SCHOOL LIFE > Fee Information section.
If you did not receive the 2017 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, (4% if paying by credit card) 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

School Banking
Please note that next Wednesday 30th November is the last day for school banking this year.
Well done to all those students who have been consistent savers throughout 2016. We look forward to helping you with your saving again next year.

A Music Note
Congratulations to the following students on achieving great results in their Australian Music Examination Board Exams.

Mrs Lucas’ students
Ethan Lawrie Piano Preliminary Honours A
Eden Thewodros Piano Preliminary Honours A
Aronne Maclean Piano Grade 3 Honours A
Luke Cook Piano for Leisure Grade 5 Honours A

Mrs Thorpe’s students
Tani Cook Flute Grade 2 Honours A
Ava Blumson Flute Grade 1 Honours A
Mikayla Jankovic Flute Grade 2 Credit with Merit B+
Hannah Taylor Flute Grade 1 Honours A
Nadia Jeffries Flute Grade 3 Credit with Merit B+
Private teacher
Naomi Ngo Cello Grade 4 Credit with Merit B+
Naomi Ngo Piano Grade 4 Credit B
Elijah Ngo Violin Grade 4 Honours A

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Questions for an Olympian

The Year 1 students had an exciting time recently, meeting a real life Olympian, who is also the son of Cedar’s previous Year 1 teacher, and current SSO, Mrs Glaetzer.

Matthew Glaetzer is an Australian track cyclist who has competed in both the 2012 and 2016 Summer Olympics, and won the team sprint World Championship in 2012.

The students were able to hear about Matthew’s experiences at this year’s Rio Olympics, where he competed in the men’s sprint, men’s keirin, and men’s team sprint events. The students had lots of questions to ask Matthew about his cycling, and what it is like to win a medal and represent your country in the Olympics. The Year 1s were inspired to continue to enjoy their sports, and keep practicing, so that one day they might have the opportunity to compete in the Olympics themselves.

Year 3 Adventures in the Hills

Earlier in Term 4, the Year 3 students were very excited to go on their first over-night camp to Shiloh Hills.

The Year 3s had the opportunity to check out the walking trails and native Australian Wildlife, as well as try out their skills on the Koala Creek Challenge obstacle course. They were also able to explore the woodlands and wetlands, before settling down for an evening of toasted marshmallows around the camp fire-pit.

“I liked falling in the mud on the obstacle course at Koala Creek” - Lara

“I liked doing the hike and seeing the old village. It made me want to learn more about past history.” - Addison

“My favourite part of camp was the bushwalk, because learning about how Aboriginals use to live in the area was fascinating.” - Kam

“My favourite part of camp was the Koala Creek Obstacle Course, because it was funny to see the people fall in the water in front of me.” - Georgia

“My favourite part of camp was night-time when we watched a movie and had a bonfire, because we could roast marshmallows.” - Violet
### Class of 2016 Graduation

Cedar's Year 12 class of 2016 officially marked the end of their schooling days with the annual Year 12 Formal on Wednesday night, followed by Thursday night’s Graduation.

The Formal was held at Glen Ewin Estate, in the beautiful Adelaide Hills. The evening began with the opportunity for students to have a class photo with their Reception teachers, Mrs Elizabeth Crawford and Mrs Kristen Jettner, who attended the dinner along with a number of other Primary and High School teachers. The remainder of the evening featured a red carpet entrance, a banquet of fine food, games, dancing and many more photos.

The Formal was a fitting prelude to the following evening’s Senior School Graduation and Awards Night, where each of the 47 Year 12s received their Principal’s Gold Medallion and graduation certificate. The awards night recognised students who have excelled in their chosen subjects throughout the year, as well as awards for character - something which Cedar values greatly. Congratulations to the recipients of the Tabor Adelaide Character award, Georgia Paull and Raquel Ferguson, and the Caltex Best All-Rounder recipient, Hannah Bengtson.

Cedar’s Sportspersons of the Year were also announced, with Connor Rozee and Emily Hill recognised for their incredible sporting achievements during 2016. Year 10 student, Cameron Walsh, was also recognised for gaining the highest Grade Point Average across the entire school, achieving outstanding results in Stage 1 Physics and Maths Methods.

We wish the Class of 2016 every blessing as they enter a new phase in their lives, and look forward to continuing to hear of their successes in the years to follow.

### Year 7 vs The Machine

This term, the Year 7s have been studying Simple Machines in science.

As part of this unit, the assessment task included the design of a crazy simple machine - a machine that could keep a marble moving for longer than 15 seconds, or move a 50g weight over 500cms.

Some of the ideas the students came up with were a pulley trolley going up a ramp; a bingo ball rotator; a high-ropes cable car and an “inside out” marble track. The machines were all designed and built at school, by the students themselves, with material supplied by the Science department. These machines were presented as models that could not be bigger than a 50cm cube. Many amazing creations were designed and made. As a class, they were cooperative and supportive of each other, sharing resources and ideas which resulted in these amazing machines.

Mr Herman du Preez, High School Science Teacher.