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FROM THE **BOARD CHAIR** | Term 4, Week 4 - November 8, 2018



The Price of Freedom

100 years ago, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous war.

Every Remembrance Day we honour those who have died in wars, those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. They fought tyrants, dictators, regimes that would want to control what we believe and how we should live. They gave their lives so that the world might be free.

The freedom and peace we enjoy in Australia is the envy of many nations. However, I believe it is under threat, not from outside, but from within. "Political correctness" is shutting down free speech for those who disagree with the modern narrative. Anti-discrimination laws are being used in a futile attempt to eliminate offence. Our culture calls for tolerance toward minorities yet grows more and more hostile toward Christians.

The recent media focus on religious freedom foreshadows threats to our future ability to freely believe and worship God. It is sad that Christian institutions require exemptions from the law to do what is right before God. Martin Illies (ACL) recently said, *"The voices seeking to redefine truth, justice and morality are very loud and increasingly effective. It looks as though they won't stop until everyone falls into line"*. Illies defines freedom of religion as *"protecting our right to believe, express and be convicted about something other than (what) the State (imposes)"*. The question we need to consider is *"Should the government tell us what we can and cannot believe?"*. Irrespective of your view of religion, you should be very concerned at the prospect of the loss of religious freedom in Australia, because freedom of speech, conscience and association are at stake.

Despite the blood-bought sacrifice of our soldiers, our earthly freedom is tenuous.

True freedom can only come through a right relationship with our Creator God. This freedom does not come by our human efforts. We cannot earn it. Jesus bought our ultimate freedom when he shed His precious blood on the cross for us. *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* - John 8:36.

Mr Lou George, Cedar College Board Chair

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4

Week 4	NOVEMBER
Fri 9	Remembrance Day Chapel 10:35am
Week 5	NOVEMBER
Tue 13	Year 6/7 Girls Basketball
Wed 14	Year 8/9 Boys KO Basketball Finals
Wed 14	Year 4/5 Boys&Girls Basketball Carnival
Wed 14	Reception Transition Visit 2
Wed 14	Year 8 Immunisations
Thu 15	Year 6/7 Boys Basketball Carnival
Thu 15	Year 2 Assembly
Fri 16	Year 3/4 & 6/7 Netball Carnival
Week 6	NOVEMBER
Mon 19	Choir Excursion
Tue 20	Year 3 Excursion
Wed 21	Reception Transition Visit 3
Wed 21	Year 8/9 Badminton Carnival
Wed 21	Year 12 Formal
Thu 22	Year 12 Graduation
Fri 23	Year 11 SWOT Vac Day
Week 7	NOVEMBER
Mon 26-Wed 28	Year 11 Exams
Mon 26	HS Drama full dress rehearsal
Tue 27	Year 10/11 Drama: The Great Gatsby 7:00pm
Wed 28	Primary School Transition Day
Wed 28	Year 10/11 Drama: The Great Gatsby 7:00pm



Junior Primary students and families enjoying the Aerobic/Dance station.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Student Free Days - Term 4

Please note the following for Term 4.

Friday December 7 - Student Free Day

The final day for Middle School students is **Thursday December 6**, finishing at 3:20pm, followed by the Year 9 Graduation evening.

Primary School students conclude Term 4 on **Wednesday December 12 at 3:15pm**.

(Thursday December 13 & Friday December 14 are Student Free Days for Primary School)

2019 Parent & Student Agreement Forms

If you have not already done so, please ensure that you have returned your completed Agreement Forms to the Front Office this week.

These forms allow us to update any information and permissions/agreements relating to each student's new year level, and also begin ordering books, stationery, laptops (7-12) and other items, in time for Book Collection in January.

**Term 4 Canteen Menu**

Please note that the final day for lunch orders will be **Wednesday December 5th (Week 8)**.

The Canteen will not be open for Recess or Lunch in the last week of school (Dec. 10 -12).

Best Foot Forward

For every pair of shoes sold to Cedar College families at Athletes Foot Modbury, the school receives a \$5 donation. This year we received a cheque for \$890, which will go towards our ongoing playground upgrades. Thank you to all of our families who have supported Cedar College in this way.

**2018 YearBooks**

One copy of the 2018 Cedar College Year Book will be available for 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 each receive their own copy).



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

2018 NAPLAN Data

Parents and caregivers of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 received reports at the end of Term 3 outlining student achievement within the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) tests conducted earlier in the year.



While a great deal can be gained from analysing individual student performance within NAPLAN, many within the College community would be interested in how Cedar College performed with reference to State and National means and student improvement.

Based on the preliminary NAPLAN 2018 summary results recently made available on the ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority) website, it would appear that our results compare very favourably with State and National means. Five NAPLAN components are tested at each year level.

These testing components include: Reading; Writing; Spelling; Grammar and Punctuation; and Numeracy. Given that we have four year levels completing 5 testing components, we have 20 components tested across the College.

Of these 20 components, **the Cedar College mean score was higher than the State mean in all 20 areas for the third consecutive year.**

Furthermore, the Cedar College mean was also higher than the national mean in 18 out of 20 testing categories. These are very pleasing results.

While the College is delighted with the mean scores achieved by our students, the improvement made by students since their last NAPLAN testing period is of even greater significance. When we analyse the scores achieved by individual students two years ago and compare them with their 2018 scores we can calculate an 'effect size'. An effect size of between 0.3-0.4 statistically represents one year of growth, so in the two years between NAPLAN testing one would expect to see an effect size of 0.6-0.8. **The mean effect size achieved by Cedar students across all year levels and testing components was 0.84, beyond what is expected within a two year period.** This is data that we are very proud of and a credit to our hard-working staff and students.

If you have any questions in relation to NAPLAN data at Cedar College, please do not hesitate to make contact with me at the College.

Mr Tim Maddern, Director of Curriculum

End of Year Graduations and Awards Evenings

Please take note of the following dates and times for upcoming graduations and awards & celebration evenings.

Due to seating capacity in the Auditorium, some events will be issued with tickets in order to be fair to all families.

Senior School Graduation and Awards Presentation Night

Thursday November 22, from 7:30pm

Junior Primary Celebration Evening

Tuesday December 4, from 6:30pm

Year 9 Graduation

Thursday December 6, from 7:30pm

Year 6 Graduation and Upper Primary Celebration Evening

Tuesday December 11, from 6:30pm

TERM DATES 2018/2019

Term 4, 2018 - Tue 16 Oct - Wed 12 Dec

Term 1, 2019 - Tue 29 Jan - Fri 12 April

Term 2, 2019 - Tue 30 April - Fri 28 June

(Please note: We will continue to have a 3 week break between Terms 2 & 3)

Term 3, 2019 - Wed 24 July - Fri 27 Sept

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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FROM THE CEDAR PASTOR

Christmas is Coming

Pageant floats are being dusted off, carols are playing in the shops, and mince pies are available again (at last!)

Christmas is on the way. In

Chapels this term we're revisiting the events of Christmas to investigate why the people were so happy to hear about the birth of an obscure baby. It wasn't just the start of some cute tradition. Jesus' birth tells us that God cares about us, God brings the peace we need, and he gave us a King who is worth following. It was good news for them. It's good news for you too - that's something worth celebrating!

Don't miss the good news this Christmas.

Pastor Jeremy Wright, Cedar College Pastor



NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Twice in a Blue Moon - Gould Wins!

What a beautiful day the Lord blessed us with for the Junior Primary Sports Day.



The day went very smoothly as teachers and students enjoyed a variety of new activities this year. The addition of an Aerobic/Dance station also seemed to be very popular and provided some participation for the grown-ups. A big thank you goes to the Upper Primary and Year 8 students who helped run the activities on the day. Also a big thank you to Sophie, Ava, Maddie and Daniella, our dancers who helped Mrs Webster at the Aerobic/Dance station.

Well done to the captains and their House teams for a super effort on the day! Congratulations to Gould who, after a long drought, managed to win the day, following their historic Upper Primary win earlier in the year. **The final scores were:** Gould 845, Jackson 801, Laver 785, Bradman 750. Thank you to all the parents and friends who cheered us on, and to those parents who provided items for the Bake Stall, as well as our maintenance team of Bruce, Pete and Josh for setting up the oval for the day.

Mr Michael Butler, Primary School PE Teacher

ThinkUKnow Discussions

This week we had the opportunity to have a police officer present the program called *ThinkUKnow* to parents and students from Year 3 to Year 10 inclusive.



Monday night was the session for parents/caregivers, presented by Snr. Constable Glen Shepherd, and it proved to be a great night that was mixed with learning and discussion. Glen encouraged parents to be aware of the online environment that their child is in, but instead of being nervous of this unknown world, to sit alongside them and learn from them.

Glen also presented four sessions on Tuesday, with the students in differing year level groups. He gave them age appropriate information about things to be aware of in the online world and what to do about them, and also encouraged them to invite their parents into their space and even teach them within the gaming or apps they are using. Glen was able to connect well with the students, and there were plenty of questions related to online gaming and social media. He was very clear in reminding the students not to meet up with people they meet online, to develop their skills in managing social media and to discuss concerns with their parents or a trusted adult, rather than working through difficulties alone or only with peers. We encourage you to continue this discussion with other parents and seek out further information at the *ThinkUKnow* website: www.thinkuknow.org.au.

Mr Nigel Austin & Mr David Webb, Upper Primary & Middle School Co-ordinators



PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Primary School Assembly is held on Thursdays at 12:35pm. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

Assemblies for Term 4, 2018

Wk 5: Year 2

Wk 7: Year 4

The alternate weeks are Chapel Services, parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Year 12 Exams

Monday November 5 - Friday November 21

Year 8 Boys & Girls Immunisations

Wednesday November 14

Year 12 Graduation

Thursday November 22, 7:30pm

Year 10/11 Drama Performance

Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 November, 7pm

Summer SOULstice

Thursday 29th November 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Creativity on Display

The Senior Visual Art & Design students held their annual exhibition in the Library, joining with Senior Design & Technology students to showcase their major projects.



On display was student work that covered a wide range of medium and themes including interior design, fashion design, sculpture, watercolour, graphic design and furniture design.

Of particular note was the work of the Year 12 Art students, whose finished pieces and portfolios were on display for SACE moderation this week. Outlining the year's work and the creative journey of each student, the portfolios contribute to a large portion of the Year 12 final SACE assessment.

Also on display was a range of furniture pieces designed and built by the Year 12 Design & Technology students. Each piece began life as a simple wooden pallet, which were re-purposed to become amazing furniture designs including side tables, an esky table, storage units and a dart board cabinet. It is exciting to see so much creativity and effort from our Year 12 students.

Award Winning Spring Poets

The Spring Poetry Festival is an annual competition run by the South Australian English Teachers Association and open to students from all Australian schools.



Congratulations to the following 10 Cedar College students who had their poems chosen for the state-wide poetry publication: Renae H, Caitlin L, Madison W, Irene L, William S, David R, Shanessa G, Sammi G, Jeffery C, and Mitchell C.

Up to two poems per student can be entered and a team of English teachers then chooses a selection of the best submissions to publish in each year's Spring Poetry Festival Anthology. Successful young poets, their families and teachers are invited to attend the Spring Poetry launch to celebrate and hear fellow students recite their work. Some poets are also awarded cash prizes for categories sponsored by the SA Writers' Centre and Friendly Street Poets.

Cedar College has had the work of several students selected each year for many years. We are excited to see creative writing continuing to thrive at our school.



Farewell Year 12s

At the end of Week 2, our Year 12s celebrated their final Chapel.

Throughout the year, each of the Primary School classes are visited by a small group of Year 12 students which they, as a class, are praying for. This is a way for the Primary School to connect with and encourage the Year 12 students.

The Primary School classes also presented each Year 12 student with a special card filled with notes from the whole class. Our prayers continue to be with them as they sit their final exams and prepare for life after school.

Year 6/7 Volleyball

Well done to the Year 6/7 Boys and Girls volleyball teams who have had an outstanding three weeks of Volleyball, indoor and outdoor.

The Year 6/7 Boys won the SACS carnival (6-a-side) with nine straight victories! The girls won the Div 1 Beach Volleyball (4-a-side) and were runners-up in the Div 2 (4-a-side).

Both boys teams finished third in the Div 1 and Div 2 competitions.

Mr Michael Butler, Primary PE Coordinator