



Wednesday June 3, Term 2 Week 6



## A Message from our Principal

### Christian Schools National Policy Forum

Last week the Cedars Executive staff were privileged to attend the Christian Schools National Policy Forum in Canberra. It was a valuable opportunity to speak with leaders from politics, education and Christian organisations. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education Julia Gillard addressed the forum and outlined a number of changes in government policy for schools. Some of the most significant changes that were discussed in the forum include the National Curriculum, the development of national Partnerships for school funding, the development of reporting standards and the impact of the recession on the independent sector. Our school community has been well served by the investment of time by our Executive to be engaged with these very significant educational issues.

### Are you free for morning tea?

Recently I wrote about the fast pace of change and the ways in which it impacts us as families and as a school community. I also wrote about the fact that in a world driven by relentless change we take hope in the fact that our God does not change – and that His commitment to us is a constant.

There is another constant in our community and that is our commitment to our children. As the educational, social and personal landscapes of our world change rapidly. Cedars' parents can be secure in the knowledge that the staff share their own commitment for good for their children. This commitment is demonstrated in our

classes each day, in our welfare programs, in our co-curricular initiatives, in our discipline processes and in the multiple relationships that unfold at school each day.

At the Board level of the College we have been spending time this year reviewing our vision and mission statements to ensure that they are in line with the current needs of our families. As we have been discussing these issues I have been speaking with parents and students about their hopes and aspirations. To help us in this process I would like to have more opportunities to meet with parents regularly and to discuss the issues that are important to you and to your families.

Over the next few months we will be hosting regular opportunities for parents to have morning tea with me and a few other parents. Our aim in this is to 'catch up' with one another and to have the opportunity to discuss issues, raise questions and dream for our children together. To get them started Michelle West our new Community Relations Coordinator, will be inviting Relations of parents to attend. If you would like to join us for one of these morning teas please phone or email Michelle West at the College and she will organise it.

I am excited about the opportunity to sit and reflect on our College with our parents. Because we share a common purpose to provide excellent outcomes for our children it is really important that we work together in the development of Cedars. I am looking forward to catching up with as many parents as I can.

**Julie Reynolds**  
Principal



## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 3rd June

Yr 11 & 12 excursion 'Art Express' Wollongong City Gallery depart 8.40am from Unanderra Station, arrive back 2.30pm

### Thursday 4th June

Yr 7 Shaun Timmins Shield (Rugby League) and Girls' Dragon Tag: Sid Parish Park Figtree Depart Cedars 8.40am return 3.00pm.

### Wednesday 10th June

Yr 1 Grevillia and 2 Boronia excursion to Woll Botanical Gardens, depart school 9.00am return 2.30pm

Yr 10 Leadership Day, Youthworks at Telford; depart Cedars 7.15am - p/up 9.00pm Cedars

### Thursday 11th June

Yr 10 Science and Engineering Challenge. UofW dep Cedars 8.30 am return 3.20pm

### Friday 12th June

Yr 12 Advanced English Excursion, UTS Broadway Campus, depart Unanderra 7.20am—return 5.11pm

1 Warratah and 1/2 Lilly Pilly excursion to Woll Botanical Gardens, depart school 9.00am return 2.30pm



## Recognising Achievement

### Joel Starr

Congratulations to Joel Starr, of 3/4 Casuarina, who came first at the CSSA State Cross Country which was held on the 28th of May at Eastern Creek.

Whilst there was stiff competition, Joel managed to obtain this great result.

What a great sporting achievement; well done.



## First Bronze Award Presented

Junior School presented its first Bronze Award for the year two weeks ago. Junior School's first Bronze Award winner for 2009 was Jordan from 4 Dendrobium. He received his bronze for citizenship.

**Mrs Jo Knight**

**Year 4 Teacher**



## Bee Keeper Visit

On Monday, Andrew and David from Illawarra Bees came and gave a fun, educational talk about bees, hives and honey making to our Yr 3/4 as a part of their study on Mini Beasts. Here are a few pictures taken during the talk:



## Mini Beasts

Our class has been studying mini beasts and we are propagating snails. We let them out recently to look at these little beasts under magnifying glasses.

Students then wrote their observations.

**Jackalyn Fera**

*I saw that snails were green, orange, black & brown. They all had shells and long tentacles that have little black eyes on them. They are very sensitive. They also have short tentacles that are sensitive to vibrations. I held one and it felt cold and tickly. My hand was shiny from the snails.*

**Brent Corneteg**

*The snails moved by sucking the back of his body in then the front part out. They moved very slowly. When you touched the eyes it would suck them in*

**Katie Bright**

*The snail was slowly moving and it looked slimy. I didn't want to touch it. I was grossed out when I saw it through the magnifying glass*

**Tian Collins**

*When I saw the snails they moved very, very slowly but the baby snails seemed to move much faster than the big ones. When it moves, it's eyes, which are on its head wobble around and it looks quite disgusting. Some of them have very long bodies and when they crawled over the containers you could see underneath the snail which Mrs Clifford said was called the foot.*

**Karen Clifford**

**Yr 3/4 Teacher**





## Writing Narratives

### Yr 5

Students in 5L have been learning about writing narratives. Within the narrative unit, they have written tweaked well-known fairytales, narratives with a given introduction and personal choice narratives. Below are stories written by two students in our class.

#### **Catnapped**

*I was trapped. There was no escape, and no hope. I was trapped inside my litter box. Then I heard my owner Mrs Snorkel calling "Mrs Snuggle Duggle." Yes, my name is Mrs Snuggle Duggle. It was Monday morning and it was time for breakfast.*

*Mrs Snorkel opened the laundry door and said "there you are Mrs Snuggle Duggle, oh are you stuck in your litter box again?" Then she mumbled to herself, "looks like the 55cm by 55cm litter box is too small, I guess we'll have to get the 70cm by 70cm litter box. Then she called to her husband Mr Snorkel and said "David come here please." Then Mr Snorkel came and said "did Mrs Snuggle Duggle get stuck again?" Mrs Snorkel said "Yes, so could you please get the bigger litter box after work?" Mr Snorkel answered "ok and I'll drop John and Johanne off at school before work." Mrs Snorkel said "I'll take Mrs Snuggle Duggle to the vet for a check up today because she hasn't had a check-up for six months. I'll take Damien Dog tomorrow." Mr Snorkel then lifted me off my litter box and said "ok I'm off to work now, bye." Mr Snorkel left with the kids. Mrs Snorkel gave me my breakfast and we were off. I was happy that Damien Dog wasn't coming because I hate him, little did I know he would save my life, or at least help.*

*When we got to the vet, Mrs Snorkel said "How are you today Dr Ilovetostealhelplesscats?" Dr Ilovetostealhelplesscats answered "fine, how about you Mrs Snorkel?" Mrs Snorkel said "good, I'm here for Mrs Snuggle Duggle's check-up." "Ok, come in" answered the vet. Mrs Snorkel had said good-bye to the vet and left without me. Then Dr Ilovetostealhelplesscats said "It's so good when I trick people into thinking their cats need to stay here when they're healthy, but this fat cat needs to go on a diet. Oh I know, I can say this thing died because it's fat. Ooooooh I'm so bad!!!" All I can remember is walking into a room and then I don't remember anything else. Afterwards I found out that I got a needle that put me to sleep.*

*The next day when I woke up I saw Damien Dog licking my face and a vet but not Dr Ilovetostealhelplesscats. It was Dr Iliketomakesickanimalsbetter. It turns out Mrs Snorkel was so worried about me when she brought Damien Dog to the vet, she asked for a really good specialist. Then the vet said "there's nothing wrong with her except she's a bit fat so she needs to go on a diet. It is also wrong to keep pets that are not sick so Dr Ilovetostealhelplesscats is in trouble." Mrs Snorkel said "good, I'll never trust him with my pets ever again."*

*When I went home and laid down on my bed. I realised the moral of the story, don't trust vets with weird names. The next morning Mr Snorkel gave me my new litter box. He left the room, so I went to do my business. Oh no I'm stuck! Not again! "MEOW!"*

**By Kathryn Collins, 5L.**

#### **Little Red Riding Hood**

*Once upon a time there was a little girl with a red hood. Her name was little Red Riding Hood. Her mum had sent her to her grandmother's house. A wolf was nearby and went halfway up the road that led to Grandma's house. As she was skipping, the wolf jumped and ran away.*

*Grandma was starving and then a wolf jumped into the house and stored her in the cupboard.*

*By then, Little Red Riding Hood was at the house. The house that Grandma had been waiting for her food at. She found out that Grandma was the wolf and she screamed so loud, that she made the woodcutter jump and land on the rake so he knocked himself out. All the heroes heard her scream.*

*First there was Flash but since he was in a flash he ran straight past the house. Then there was Spiderman but he accidentally tied himself up before he got there. Superman and Batman hit heads while flying when Wonder Woman came. She and Superman got married.*

*The woodcutter came with a big massive dint on his face and it scared the wolf so much that he wet his pants and never returned again. Grandma was let out of the cupboard and had her food.*

*By Nathan Collins, 5L.*

#### **Koko Woolley**

Koko Woolley in 5L submitted her creative artwork to the 'Artists with Autism' exhibition. She submitted three of her artworks in total. She is to be commended on her creative passion and talent.

**Mrs Tania Lauretti**

**Yr 5 Teacher**

## Youth Achievement Award

Cedars Christian College student Bradley Dryburgh (Year 7) was recognised at the Youth Achievement Awards hosted by Wests Illawarra and Wave FM on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Bradley was nominated for the Special Achievement Award for achieving outstanding results in the face of hardship.

Bradley was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at 2 months of age. The condition has given him a number of challenges in his life both inside and outside of school.

Although Bradley is strong academically and consistently achieves in the top quartile of his classes, it is on the sporting field where he excels most. Cystic Fibrosis can be a debilitating disease that causes complications predominantly in the respiratory and digestive systems. Although simple exercise is part of the physiotherapy for those with the disease, Bradley has taken it to the next level.

During his time at Cedars Christian College Bradley has consistently represented the School and the State in athletics. With his main events being the 100m and 200m sprints Bradley has not only placed highly at State he has also been named age champion at that level. Although Bradley has a competitive edge it never gets in the way of his sportsmanship. He is always an encouraging voice to his fellow students and urges them along to do their best as well.

Bradley received a certificate, \$750 and a \$1000 gift certificate from Stockland Mall. Congratulations Bradley.

**Steve Walton**  
**Deputy Principal Welfare**





## Taping Workshop Yr 12 PDHPE Sports

This Term the Yr 12 PDHPE students have been studying Sports Medicine as part of their HSC Course. They have really enjoyed learning about issues relating to injury prevention, assessment, management and rehabilitation in sport. As part of this course they were required to examine various preventative actions to maintain the well being of athletes, including sports taping.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, all the students took part in a workshop on Sports Taping led by Physiotherapist Matt Whalan, from Figtree Physiotherapy. Matt demonstrated the correct method for taping ankles, knees, wrists and shoulders to prevent injury during physical activity and then asked the students to pair up and have a go. While he made it look simple, the students found that, like most things, it was not quite as easy as it looked! However, after a few attempts, a few screams and lots of empty rolls of tape, most of the students were able to produce an effective result, securing and stabilizing the joints to minimize the risk of injury.



Matt, who also works as a Sports Trainer for Dapto Rugby League Club, was then able to relate his first hand experiences to the students, giving them insight into the practical assessment and management of sports injuries in a high pressure setting. The students were actively engaged throughout the whole workshop, asking lots of questions and appreciated having the opportunity to learn from this "hands on" experience.

**Mrs Julie Cochrane**  
PDHPE Teacher



## Business Studies Competition

The Year 11 Business Studies Class recently participated in the PriceWaterHouse Australian Business Studies Competition. This was run in conjunction with The University of NSW and our students are in contention for over 200 monetary prizes for the highest scores.

This was an opportunity to test their skills against students from all across Australia.

Watch this space for details of prize winners!

**Lukas Matysek**  
Secondary Dean of Learning

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary international leadership program available for young people between the ages of 14 to 25. Participants may seek a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

There are four components to the Award:

- Service
- Skill
- Physical Recreation
- Adventurous Journey

This year we currently have 50 students from Years 9 and 10 undertaking the Bronze Level of the Award. Congratulations to the following five students: Ben, Shonae, Luke, Chris and Rachel who received their Certificates and Badges at Assembly 2 weeks ago.

The awards will enhance students' CV's and give them a competitive edge in the job market.

All students are encouraged to complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Award as it is highly beneficial in gaining Early Entry into university, securing a traineeship at the end of Year 10 or Year 12 or gaining part time or full time employment.

These students will be commencing the Silver Level of the Award in 2009. Congratulations in achieving an internationally recognized Award.

**Mrs Natalie Hvalica**  
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



*Luke was absent when the photo was taken.*



## UOW - High School Enrichment Program 2009

The University of Wollongong –(Faculty of Informatics) offers Enrichment Programs for students Years 7 – 12 in: Mathematics, Engineering, and Computing.

The goal of the program is to make Mathematics, Engineering and Computing fun, and to present an interesting learning experience in these areas through a number of lectures and hands on workshops. The program is FREE of charge for ALL students from Years 7-12. The lectures and workshops are held on Friday afternoons (4:30 pm – 7 pm) and on Saturdays during Term 2 and Term 3. Light refreshments are provided for participants at all program events.

All students receive a Certificate of Participation to enhance their CV. Places are limited to 25 students per topic so make sure you register early to avoid disappointment.

To register - Visit the UOW website: [www.informatics.uow.edu.au](http://www.informatics.uow.edu.au) and click on the Enrichment Program Link or phone UOW on 02 4221 3606 or email [enrichment@uow.edu.au](mailto:enrichment@uow.edu.au). I recommend that any student who wishes to do Mathematics or Engineering at the University should attend. It looks great on your CV and will be an advantage if you wish to gain early entry to the University in Year 12.

**Mrs Hvalica**  
**Mathematics Coordinator**

## Geography Competition

The results of the Geography Competition held between March 25th and 3rd April have arrived and Cedars' students have done exceptionally well in a very difficult competition. Outstanding results include:

### High Distinction

Ji Won Bang, Joel Brown, Mark Meleka

### Distinction

Teaniel Mifsud

### Credit

Rebecca Biasotto, Esteban Caques, Jonathan Su, Connor Van De Haar, Robin Zita, Kristina Cetinski, Rachel Larkin, Joshua Lukies

Thanks to all of the students who participated.

**Mr Carm Fedele**  
**Geography Teacher**

## CSSA State Cross Country Senior/Middle School

The CSSA State Cross Country was held on May 6th. Cedars competed exceptionally well this year with nine students going on to compete at the next level.

Special mentions for the following students:

Rhys Cull (12 yr boys) 8th  
Rebecca Apostolovski (14 yr girls) 8th  
Alexandra Adams (15 yr girls) 2nd  
Maddison Rogers (17 yr girls) 2nd  
Emily Matthews (17 yr girls) 8th  
Mark Sidrak (18 yr boys) 10th  
Bradley George for great sportsmanship

Alexandra, Maddison, Emily and Rhys all went on to the CIS Carnival (the next level) and performed admirably.

The entire team representing Cedars should be congratulated for an outstanding effort.

**Mr Tim Johnson**  
**PDHPE/Sport Teacher**

## Maths Challenge

Cedars offers the Maths Challenge for students from Years 5 to 10 as an extension program in Mathematics.

The program runs for a three week consecutive period between: Monday 18 April and Friday 12 June 2009 – Term 2, weeks 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Students must hand in their Challenge solutions by Friday 12 June 2009. By late July each school will receive their results. These include comprehensive statistics of student's achievements and a Certificate of Participation for each student. Meritorious students will receive Certificates of Credit, Distinction or High Distinction.

For further information go to our Cedars College Website directly at: [www.cedarschristiancollege.com](http://www.cedarschristiancollege.com) and go into the 'News' Section, then 'Newsletter' and open the most recent Snapshot, May 20th.

**Mrs Hvalica**  
**Mathematics Coordinator**

## Wollongong Art Gallery's "Just Imagine"

The time has come again for the Wollongong Art Gallery's *Just Imagine...2009* creative writing competition. The exhibition is made up of 12 artworks from a range of artists. There are four artworks for Years 5 – 6, four for Years 7 – 8, four for Years 9 – 10 and Years 11 – 12 students may choose any artwork in the exhibition. The Gallery is currently running an exhibition of the art works included in the competition and can be viewed at your leisure any time until the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, a group of Year 5–10 English students participated in a creative writing master class in preparation for the competition. The afternoon included a range of brainstorming and group activities designed to develop student's descriptive language. Each student selected an art work on which to base their imaginative composition and spent time preparing their stories.

The final date for entries has now closed and we eagerly await the judge's decisions. The story judged the most imaginative response to each artwork will be included in a catalogue published by the Gallery. They will also be displayed in the Wollongong Art Gallery alongside the work that inspired them. Book vouchers will be awarded to the writers of 13 winning stories. There is also a special presentation for Competition winners on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2009.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Matthews who served a delicious afternoon tea, and to the parents, guardians and teachers who have supported the students through their writing process.

**Mrs Cyle Warren**  
**English Coordinator**



## Swine Flu

Please be advised that Cedars is adhering to the following requirements to help prevent the spread of swine flu within our community.

There are 3 basic requirements:

1. Students/staff travelling to a select list of overseas countries must remain at home for seven days after returning.
2. Students/staff in contact with people diagnosed or waiting for diagnosis for swine flu must remain at home for seven days.
3. Any students/staff with flu-like symptoms should remain at home until symptoms end.

For further information please go to the following link:

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine\\_flu.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine_flu.asp)

## Cedars' Community Trivia Night

Held in our own Middle School Assembly Hall on Saturday night, 19th September, this is a night not to be missed.

Start getting your table of eight people together now and prepare to battle mind against mind.

Some suggested battles are:

- For teachers: 'Are you smarter than your School Captains?'
- Parents vs Teachers
- Sub School Battle

Stay tuned for more information.



## Parent Participation Scheme Opportunities

Volunteering to assist in the Canteen is a great PPS opportunity. Narelle would appreciate the help of anyone in our school community between the hours of 10am – 2.00pm on a day suitable to you. Please call Narelle on 0418 685 802 – she would love to hear from you.

Also, remember to keep Saturday, 27th June aside, to come and help at our 'Working Bee' here at the College. Another great way to add some PPS hours.

## Book Fair

The **Carnival Book Fair** will be held in the library from **Tuesday June 9 to Friday June 12**. Students, parents and grandparents are invited to come to our Book Fair. A new book of their very own is a wonderful way to encourage children to read.

Classes in K-6 will have a specific time allotted to them to visit the Book Fair for purchasing, but the library will also be open from 8.40-9.00am, lunch time and after school until 4.00pm as well, for any students and parents.

I invite you to come and help make our Carnival Book Fair an enjoyable experience for our students and to support our school and by doing so you will also support World Vision.

**Mrs Sheree Pupovac**  
**Librarian**

## Upcoming Events

For more detailed information on upcoming events, please go to our website: [www.cedarschristiancollege.com](http://www.cedarschristiancollege.com) and click on 'Events' which will bring up our Events Calendar; then click on the date which you are interested in.



## Prayer Points

**We want to praise God for:**

- Our local community leaders.
- Our local pastors and churches.

**Bible verse for the week:**

*"O LORD, I will honor and praise your name, for you are my God. You do such wonderful things! You planned them long ago, and now you have accomplished them."*

Isaiah 25:1 (NLT)

**We also want to pray for:**

- One of our students in Junior School who has been admitted to hospital in Sydney for surgery.
- Continued health and protection over our students and staff as various sicknesses move through the local community.



## Canteen Roster

- **Tuesday 9th June - Mika Lakicevic**
- **Wednesday 10th June - Helen Djukic**
- **Thursday 11th June - Jean Thompson**
- **Friday 12th June - Terina White and help needed**