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FROM **THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM**

Term 4, Week 2 - October 24, 2019

Navigating NAPLAN

NAPLAN data has assumed a great deal of significance within the current educational landscape.

The media has scrutinised the recent move to online testing very closely, and there has been an abundance of discussion around both State and National results since their release in early September.

Much of the media coverage surrounding NAPLAN has been somewhat unfair, with many schools' experience of online testing being a positive one. Certainly, the transition to online testing at Cedar this year was smooth, and we must thank everyone involved in ensuring that this was the case, especially supervising staff and the IT Department.

From a results perspective, the performance of our students at Cedar was also very pleasing. Not only was **our school mean (or average) above the State mean for every single testing category at Year 3, Year 5, Year 7, and Year 9**, our mean results were also beyond the Australian mean within every single testing category as well. Given that the National mean is generally well beyond the South Australian mean, this is a significant achievement.

It is also pleasing to note that the Cedar mean increased from 2018 to 2019 in 14 out of 20 testing categories, and that the percentage of students reaching the National Minimum Standards set within NAPLAN increased or remained the same in 18 out of 20 testing categories.

Therefore, while our overall results compared favourably to both State and National means, it is also the case that our school results have improved from 2018 to 2019. Not only this, but the students who completed testing with us two years ago have, on average, demonstrated impressive growth between NAPLAN resting periods, and this has always been the case at Cedar College.

We continue to be blessed with diligent teaching staff who work tirelessly to develop the literacy and numeracy skills of our students, and these skills continue to be reflected in the outstanding results that our Senior students achieve in their final years of schooling.

Mr Tim Maddern, Director of Curriculum

PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS

A guide to major events this term

Please see our fortnightly online newsletters, Term Planner or online calendar for the latest details.

Dates are subject to change.

- OCT 25** **Junior Primary Sports Day**
March starts at 8:30am

- OCT 28** **JP Swimming Week**
Monday Oct. 28 - Friday Nov. 1

- OCT 29** **High School Transition Day**
For Year 6 students

- OCT 29** **Year 5 Excursion**
See Canvas or class teacher for details

- OCT 30** **Year 4 Camp**
Wednesday Oct. 30 - Friday Nov. 1

- OCT 31** **Year 3 Camp**
Thursday Oct. 31 - Friday Nov. 1

- NOV 4** **UP Swimming Week**
Monday Nov. 4 - Friday Nov. 8

- NOV 7** **Year 1 Excursion**
See Canvas or class teacher for details

- NOV 22** **Year 5 Excursion**
See Canvas or class teacher for details

- NOV 27** **Primary School Transition Day**
For all students in R-5

- DEC 2** **Year 6 Graduation Lunch**
See Canvas or class teacher for details

- DEC 3** **Junior Primary Celebration**
From 6:30pm, Main Auditorium

- DEC 6** **STUDENT FREE DAY**

- DEC 10** **Upper Primary Celebration**
From 6:30pm, Main Auditorium

- DEC 11** **Last day of Term 4**
Yr 6 Excursion, students finish 3:15pm



Photo: The 2019 Cedar College Thailand Service Trip Team at their recent training day.

Around the Campus

Big Day In - a big success



On the last day of Term 3, High School students participated in the inaugural, and overwhelmingly successful, Big Day In.

This major event was a new concept designed to expand the scope of student engagement within their House teams, and to value a broad spectrum of student abilities.

With 16 battles to choose from in both the morning and afternoon, students were able to choose how they wanted to contribute to their House team, according to their areas of interest areas and abilities.

From Soccer to Mario Kart and from Medieval Castle construction to the Amazing Race; every student had a great time battling for as many points as possible, in something they were good at and passionate about.

Schoolyard scores were settled once and for all in the epic Handball Championships (overseen by our fully kitted-out, old-school staff professionals), the Middle and Senior School Basketball titleholders were revealed, and the smartest House was discovered in the Trivial Pursuit General Knowledge Challenge.

Cooking up a storm proved to be a heated contest in the MasterChef Mystery Box Battle,

the creatives were judged in the Culinary Decoration and the Out of the Box Creative Arts Challenge, whilst Bear Grylls would have been proud to witness students overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges in "You vs Wild".

Students with a flair for Humanities were well catered for in the Bee and Bowl History battle and the Mock Trial, with certain Word Gamemasters being so Articulate™ that they sent their opposition Scrabble™ing for dictionaries.

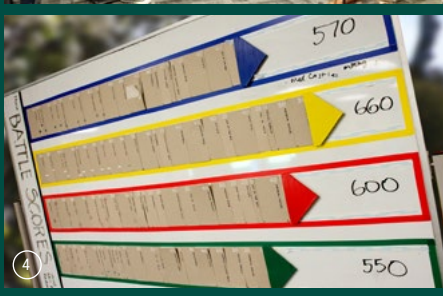
After a whole High School community sausage sizzle, students poured into the Auditorium for some surprise on-stage battles between their House Captains and House staff members, accompanied by a highlight reel from the day.

So who, in the end, showed the broadest amount of talent overall – coming to the stage and taking out the inaugural Big Day In? First, a brief history lesson.

When the current house teams were established in 2005, Laver won our inaugural High School Sports Day in that year. In 2007, it was Laver who won our first ever High School Swimming Carnival (and has won 6 more times since).

When it comes to firsts, there must be something about the colour yellow!

1. Fusion Dinner
2. Interschool Basketball
3. Work Experience
4. Big Day In - scoreboard
5. Big Day In - soccer
6. Big Day In - Laver
7. Big Day In - Amazing Race
8. Big Day In - MasterChef
9. Year 10 Bushwalk
10. Big Day In



Around the Campus

Enjoying Life in the Middle



There is no denying the extraordinary rate of development that young adolescents experience.

Middle School students seek intellectual challenges, while still developing their thinking capability.

Our staff work hard to provide curriculum that is genuinely challenging, relevant and stimulating for students. Peer approval is commonly valued and sought-after during adolescence and sometimes leads to acceptance-driven decisions. At Cedar we intentionally encourage a variety of peer relationships both within the classroom and the vertical communities. Through the variety of peer connections and positive staff relationships, we endeavour to guide our students in their contributions to the social landscape of the college.

We had many great memories from third term in the Middle School. In Mathematics, Year 7 students put their textbooks away and applied

their math concepts to a range of challenging activities with various physical props. The students made great connections with the concepts as they explored the relationships between scale and proportion.

Acknowledging Academics

At our Academic Assembly, students who sustained consistently high achievement across their subjects were recognised. We value the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our students and trust this is one of the many tools that contributes to this. We also appreciated celebrating the sporting success of many teams including the Year 6/7 Soccer team who won their SACSAs carnival, the persistence of students during the Science Week challenges, and the learning opportunities during the German excursion.

We have enjoyed reconnecting with the students after their break. It is wonderful to recommence classes with refreshed students. During fourth term, we look forward to finishing strong and helping students to clearly see the growth they have experienced as learners within the Cedar community.

PHOTOS

1. Year 7 Maths
2. Semester 1 GPA Awards
3. Interschool Soccer
4. Science Week
5. Big Day In - MasterChef
6. Big Day In
7. Big Day In
8. German excursion
9. Big Day In



Around the Campus

Epic time in Junior Primary



Term 3 was another exciting and busy term in the Primary School.



The Junior Primary children looked forward to their weekly Performing Arts lessons where they used apps on the iPads to compose their own piece of music. They played untuned percussion instruments to create their own four beat pattern and also listened to lots of classical music.

The Year 2s marked the centenary of the epic first flight from England to Australia by Sir Ross Smith, Sir Keith Smith, Wally Shiers and Jim Bennett by presenting a play for Grandparents Day, and again at the Primary School Assembly. In the photos you can see some of them in costume and with the fantastic Vickers Vimy plane prop created by Marilyn Sakovits (one of our talented SSOs).



Super-Fun Book Week

There was great anticipation for Book Week in Week 5, where the students came to school dressed up as either a super hero, to fit the theme of *Reading is My Super Power*, or their favourite book character. They enjoyed parading their costumes for parents and friends, and visiting the Book Fair and Art Display in the Library.

To celebrate the 100th year since this epic first flight, the Primary School participated in The Great Air Race. Each child made their own paper plane to fly in the race and they enjoyed challenging their friends to see whose plane would fly the furthest. This event was a lot of fun for the students as they cheered each other on and even got to see their Year 12 Prayer Partners race planes against each other. It was a great success and a wonderful way to celebrate this historic event that took place in our local community.



Book Week concluded with a visit from many of our grandparents for Grandparents Day.

The children were able to share some of their work, show them around their classroom, participate in some craft or other activities together and even present a special item on stage. This was a very special time as families connected and our grandparents had a glimpse into our life here at Cedar College.

On the last Thursday of Term 3, the Year 2s had a sleepover at school. They enjoyed some games and activities, a picnic supper, a movie, and pancakes for breakfast. Fun was had by all, and a good sleep by a few!



PHOTOS

1. Performing Arts - Music
2. Year 2 Assembly
3. Great Air Race
4. Grandparents Day
5. Book Week Art
6. Book Week Parade
7. Epic Flight Centenary
8. Book Week Parade
9. Year 2 Sleepover

As we begin Term 4, we often find ourselves consumed in 'to do' lists in preparation for Christmas. My prayer for us all is that we can really enjoy these last weeks of 2019 and find the time amongst our busy schedules to celebrate our children's efforts and achievements and to remember some of the year's highlights.



Around the Campus

Discovery in Upper Primary



Term 3 certainly was packed full of activities and discovery, to engage our Upper Primary students.

Book Week, Grandparents day, a MasterChef competition, Year 3 Immersion Week, Year 6 Art Exhibition and the Great Paper Plane Air Race were just some of Term 3's activities!

The Year 6 Art Exhibition was a wonderful experience. Their classrooms were transformed into an exhibition hall, showing off the wonderful and diverse talents of the Year 6 students. Incredible photographs of nature and varying structures, drawings with amazing detail, paintings and an assortment of other artwork were displayed for families to come to visit and enjoy.

The Year 3s embarked on a discovery of some of Australia's neighbours. They researched a neighbouring country, created a village in the classroom, ate only rice, and created some activities for the other year levels to come to visit and enjoy.

Grandparents Day was successful once again, giving students the opportunity to present a short performance with a mixture of song, poetry, dance and even a play.

Our Book Week Parade was a fun time for students to dress up in their favourite

book character and immerse themselves in some award winning books. Many different costumes were presented on stage for our school community to see, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Great Paper Plane Air Race

Finally, we had a special time when all of the students in R-6 created a paper plane to fly the farthest distance. It was fast, fun and our Year 12 students, who we have been praying for all year, came to join in. Each student threw their plane, with prizes awarded for each year level and an overall winner for Upper and Junior Primary. Mr Klassen nearly succeeded winning the teacher competition, but Year 12 teacher, Mr Petersen, made sure Mr K came second. There's always next year Mr Klassen!

Incredibly, Term 4 is here and with that comes many events on the calendar. We are set for a final term full of engaging activities and learning to complete 2019.

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| 1. Grandparents Day | 6. Year 6 Exhibition |
| 2. Grandparents Day | 7. Paper Plane winners |
| 3. Cubby Houses | 8. Year 3 Love Your Neighbour |
| 4. Book Week | 9. Great Air Race |
| 5. MasterChef Challenge | 10. Great Air Race |



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

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OCT 28 **Year 12 SWOT Vac week**
October 28 - November 1

OCT 29 **High School Transition Day**
Students in Year 7-12 2020

NOV 4 **Year 12 Exams commence**
November 4 - 20, various times

NOV 11 **Remembrance Day Chapel**
Monday November 11, 10:30am

NOV 12 **Senior Visual Art-Design Exhibition**
Cedar College Resource Centre, 4pm

NOV 18 **Year 8 Immunisations**
All students in Year 8

NOV 20 **Year 12 Formal**
from 5:45pm

NOV 21 **Year 12 Graduation**
From 7pm, Main Auditorium

NOV 22 **Year 11 SWOT Vac Day**
All students in Year 11

NOV 23 **Thailand Team Leaves**
Saturday departure

NOV 25 **Year 11 Exams**
November 25 - 27, various times

NOV 28 **Year 12 Transition Days**
Thursday 28 & Friday 29

NOV 29 **Year 10 & 11 Awards Assembly**
Main Auditorium, from 2:40pm

DEC 3 **Year 9 & 10 Exams**
December 3 - 4, various times

DEC 4 **Year 7 & 8 Community Service**
Students remain at school

DEC 4 **Year 7 & 8 Awards Assembly**
Main Auditorium, from 2:35pm

DEC 5 **Yr 8 Cedar X, Yr 7 Excursion**
Last day for High School students

DEC 5 **Year 9 Graduation**
Main Auditorium, from 7pm

NEWS AND NOTICES

Student Free Days - Term 4

Please note that **Friday December 6** is a Student Free Day for all students.

The final day for **High School** students is Thursday December 5, and for **Primary School** students is Wednesday December 11.

CedarNews Print Edition

Welcome to the special Term 4 print issue of CedarNews.

There's plenty of highlights from Term 3 in our **Around the Campus photo pages**. The remaining newsletters for this term will be on our website, and sent directly to your email address.

Summer Uniform

Full Summer uniform must be worn by all students from the beginning of Week 3.

Hats are compulsory for all students in Term 4 and Term 1. The Uniform Shop will be open on **Thursday of Week 3 from 3.00pm – 5.30pm**, in addition to the normal Monday and Wednesday trading hours.

Operation Christmas Child

Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the Front Office by Friday October 25.

The cost of shipping the box is \$10, and this can be paid online or included in the box itself.



CREW SPORTS BASKETBALL SKILLS TRAINING

Term 4 at Cedar Sports Centre

Starting 21st October

- Yr 2,3 & 4 Mondays 3:30pm - 4:15pm
- Yr 5,6 & 7 Tuesdays 3:30pm - 4:15pm

\$45 Remaining Attendees

\$60* New Attendees

For more info contact: Andrew Filmer
mob:0411442398 or andrew@crewspportsbasketball.com.au

Register now: <http://tiny.cc/CSB-Term4>

*Registration for new attendees includes a training singlet



31ST OCT | 7PM - 9PM
COFFEE + CAKE \$5
CITYREACH CAFE

Join Maria Viscione, Jenny Marshall, Bonnie Nissen and Grace Browning as they share stories of what it means to walk with one another through life's difficulties.

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Term 4 Tuition Fees

A reminder that Term 4 tuition fees are due by Friday of Week 2 of this term, or as an approved payment plan.



If you make a payment directly to the school's bank account, **please include your Family Reference Number (shown on the Fee Invoice, which was sent to you)** so we can ensure that the payment is allocated correctly.

Please also be aware that we require a **full term's notice** of an intention to withdraw a student from the school. Families that fail to give adequate notice will be required to pay one full term's fees, as per the Enrolment Agreement.

Mr Jeff Thorpe, Business Manager

2020 Parent & Student Agreement Forms

All families will have received an envelope containing their 2020 Parent & Student Agreement Forms, as well as Medical and Instrumental forms, this week.

Parents/caregivers are required to update and return these forms in readiness for the new school year. Please read, fill-in and return these forms by **Monday October 28**.



TERM DATES 2019 / 2020

Term 4, 2019 - Tue 15 Oct - Wed 11 Dec

Term 1, 2020 - Tue 28 Jan - Thu 9 April

Term 2, 2020 - Tue 28 April - Fri 26 June

Please note: We will continue to have a three week break between terms 2 & 3

Term 3, 2020 - Wed 24 July - Fri 27 Sept

PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Primary School Assemblies and Chapel times are held on Friday mornings at 8:55am. Parents, caregivers and friends are welcome to attend. **Coffee and tea** is available before Assembly and Chapel in The Terrace, just outside of the Auditorium.

Term 4, 2019

Wk 2: Year 5	Wk 5: Chapel
Wk 3: Chapel	Wk 6: Year 6
Wk 4: Reception	Wk 7: Chapel