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FROM **THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL**

Term 1, Week 2 - February 4, 2021

2021 - A New School Year Begins

We would like to warmly welcome all of our new and returning families to the 2021 school year. As students begin to settle into new routines, and meet new friends and teachers, there is a positive buzz around the College.

Students and staff alike are excited to finally use the new extension to F-Block, which adjoins the High School Creative Arts building. After a number of years of planning and building, staff and students were grateful to be able to use the facility on the first day of school.

The main focus of the new extension is to meet the needs of our Canopy department (formerly High School CLIC), which occupies most of the ground floor. The name, Canopy, refers to the department's purpose; Cedar Anticipating New Opportunities for Potential in You, and also to the broader idea of the growth, protection, nourishment and beauty that a forest canopy provides.

It has been purpose-built with two classrooms, a kitchen classroom, as well as facilities for visiting therapists, meetings, and small group work. The new Arbour is open at lunchtimes for the use of our broader student community. Additional office areas are included for Canopy staff, Pastoral Care (Pastor Jeremy Wright), and there is also provision for a garden teaching space which will be developed this year. The rooms have been named after individuals who have overcome challenges and disability, such as the Spencer Room, which is named after Octavia Spencer, a well-known actress who also has Dyslexia. Flexible furniture options have been chosen, facilitating collaboration with peers and staff. We have already received an enthusiastic response from our students and a positive take-up of our lunch program. We are thankful for the provision of such a wonderful space, which will further enhance our programs involving life skills, academic support and pastoral care, beyond what was previously possible.

Upstairs, there are four new flexible teaching spaces and valuable storage space for the Drama department. These four spaces can be merged into two larger teaching spaces via moveable walls. Each of the four spaces are fitted with data projection including software to mirror staff and student devices, sound, and WiFi. Also upstairs, is a teacher office and much needed space for Senior School lockers.

We are very grateful for this new facility and know that it will enhance the learning experience of our students.

Mr Andrew Lock, Head of High School



Photo: Part of the new Canopy facility

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.

FEB 5 Interschool Swimming Info
8:10am parent information session

FEB 12 Year 12 Prefects/House Captains
All day training sessions

FEB 24 Year 8 Immunisations
All students in Year 8

FEB 24 Year 12 Learning Conversations
4pm - 7pm, book online

FEB 26 Year 9-12 Drama Excursion
Evening, from 6:30pm

MAR 2 SACSA Swimming Carnival
All day, Tuesday

MAR 3 Pre-Sports Day Events
Wednesday morning

MAR 3 Canopy Parent Evening
7pm - 8:30pm

MAR 5 High School Sports Day
All day, Friday

MAR 10 Year 9/10 SACSA Volleyball
Interschool carnival

MAR 11 Year 11/12 SACSA Volleyball
Interschool carnival

MAR 12 Year 7/8 SACSA Volleyball
Interschool carnival

MAR 16 High School Tours
9:15am - 11am

MAR 24 Year 7 Camp
Wed March 24 - Friday March 26

MAR 26 HS SACSA Athletics Carnival
All day, Friday

MAR 29 Year 8 Camp
Monday March 29 - Wed March 31

MAR 30 Year 9 Boys/Girls Camps
Tuesday March 30 - Thursday April 1

APR 8 HS SSSA Athletics Carnival
All day, Thursday

APR 9 Last day of Term 1
Students 7-12 finish at 3:20pm



High School Staff Update

It has been an exciting start to the 2021 academic year! I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding a small number of staff changes that have taken place in the High School this year.

In our newsletter at the end of Term 4 in 2020, we farewelled Mr Andrew Hill and Mrs Merrilyn Garfoot and thanked them for their many years of service to our school community. In addition, we farewelled Mrs Bittner and Mrs Stanley who are both currently on maternity leave.

I would like to acknowledge the service of **Miss Samantha Zimmerman**, who stepped down towards the end of last year from her role as our long term Home Economics/Food and Hospitality teacher, in order to spend more time with her family. Samantha has been employed at Cedar in various capacities for 17 years, being one of the first teachers employed in the High School, way back in 2004. She was instrumental in the set up of the High School in those early years, and most notably with the establishment of the Home Economics program and facility, as well as the Hospitality VET program. We are thankful for the legacy that Miss Zimmerman has left Cedar College.

In 2021, we would like to warmly welcome our new and returning staff! We welcome Mr Thomas Giles, who will be teaching Year 8 and 9 Health and Physical Education, Year 7 Christian Living, as well as being a Bradman Community teacher. We also welcome Mrs Kimberley Bendikov, who will be an Education Support Officer in the Home Economics department, supporting staff and students with the daily program and the running of the facility. Mrs Gauthier has returned from maternity leave to teach Year 7 and Year 8 Music and we are glad to have her back at Cedar.

Mr Andrew Lock, Head of High School



Celebrating the Class of 2020

The High School Academic Assembly was held this week, to celebrate the academic successes of the Year 12 Class of 2020.

The 2020 Year 12 cohort achieved excellent Stage 2 results and **a special insert in this newsletter outlines the achievements of our graduates.** While the 2020 College Dux, Vedit Patel, who received an ATAR of 99.25 was unable to attend, he sent some words of encouragement and tips for this year's students. Runner-up Dux, McKenna Paull, who received an ATAR of 98.20, also gave some advice to the Senior School regarding time management and priorities for their year ahead.

We again congratulate our 2020 graduates for their outstanding achievements, and thank them for returning to Cedar to inspire this year's students, as they begin their Year 12 journey.



A Warm Welcome Back

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families to Cedar this year. We had a great start in the Primary School, with an entertaining Welcome Assembly on the first day, and also a fun time in Chapel on Friday.



There are a couple of things I would like to mention, in preparation for the term ahead.

Parents and caregivers have received information regarding our new Learning Conversations, which will be held in **Week 4, on Monday February 15 and Tuesday February 16**. These conversations will allow you to meet your child's teacher(s) and begin building a connection with them, as we work together towards a successful year for your child(ren). You can book your Learning Conversation time-slot online using the information which was emailed this week.

The Junior Primary welcomed many new families this year at the Reception Morning Tea Party, held in the week before school began. This was a great opportunity for the Reception teachers to meet many of our new families. I would warmly encourage our new families to continue to make connections and enjoy being a part of our school community, and also encourage our existing families to connect with our new families.



The Upper Primary is looking forward to holding their annual Sports Day in Week 7, on Friday March 12, and students will begin preparing for events in the coming weeks. As this is an outdoor event, we are anticipating that many families will be able to join us on this day. Further information will be sent home in the weeks ahead.

I trust that your first two weeks of the 2021 school year have been smooth and enjoyable. We look forward to connecting with you in various ways over the coming weeks.

Mr Nigel Austin, Head of Primary School

COVID-19 Restrictions and Reminders

While 2020 may seem a distant memory, we need to remain aware of the continually changing COVID-19 landscape.

At schools, physical distancing requirements remain in place for adults, which continue to have an effect on some events and activities. If your child is feeling unwell, please do not send them to school.

In line with SA Health's requirements, **Safe Check-in (QR codes) are now displayed around the school** at entry points and various other locations. All adults entering the site must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the paper recording log, located in the Front Office.

The COVID Safe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and does not take the place of the existing sign-in process we have for contractors and other visitors (i.e. parent helpers, guest speakers etc.). If this is applicable to your visit to Cedar College, you will still need to sign in at the Front Office as well as scan the QR Code.

PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS

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8:10am parent information session

FEB 15 Learning Conversations
from 3:30pm - 7:30pm, book online

FEB 16 Learning Conversations
from 3:30pm - 7:30pm, book online

MAR 2 SACS Swimming Carnival
All day, Tuesday

MAR 3 Year 5 Camp
Wednesday March 3 - Friday March 5

MAR 8 Public Holiday
Adelaide Cup, Monday March 8

MAR 9 Year 3-6 200m Races
8:50am - 9:25am

MAR 10 Year 3-4 400m/800m Races
8:50am - 9:25am

MAR 10 Year 6 Twilight Tours
Wednesday evening, starts 6pm

MAR 11 Year 5-6 800m Races
8:50am - 9:25am

MAR 12 Upper Primary Sports Day
Parents & friends welcome

MAR 17 Primary School Tours
9:15am - 11am

APR 2 Good Friday
Public Holiday

APR 5 Easter Monday
Public Holiday

APR 9 Last day of Term 1
Students R-6 finish at 3:15pm



CedarNews Print Edition

Welcome to the Term 1 print issue of CedarNews.

The first newsletter of each term is sent home as a printed issue, with the remaining fortnightly editions being online only. **These fortnightly newsletters will be sent to parents/caregivers via the email address we have on file**, and are also available on our website.

Public Holidays - Term 1

Monday March 8 – Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Friday April 2 – Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday April 5 – Easter Monday Public Holiday

Summer Uniform

Full summer uniform, including school hats, must be worn by all students during Term 1.

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Thursdays up until Week 6, from 3pm – 5.30pm**, in addition to the normal Monday & Wednesday trading hours.

Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly marked, this provides the best chance for any lost property to be returned.

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

Order School Lunches, Uniform Items with Qkr!

All lunch orders at Cedar College are made online, using the Qkr! app from your smartphone, or computer via the link on our website.

If you used Qkr! last year, you would have received a notification to update your child's details for the new school year.

The Canteen introduced *Fresh Sushi Friday* last year, and has now added Fresh Cold Rolls to the Friday menu. These items must be ordered by Thursday 9am via the special **Fresh Sushi/Cold Roll Friday** menu

The Uniform Shop also has its own menu on the Qkr! app (just below the Canteen menu), where you can order and pay for a range of items such as hats, socks, tights and hair accessories. When you order, you will first need to **select a delivery and notification method**.

Please note that the Uniform Shop can usually only fulfil these orders on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Contact Details changed?

It is important to ensure that the school has up-to-date contact details for all parents, caregivers and emergency contacts.

If your address, phone number or email address has changed since last year, please complete a *Change of Details* form as soon as possible, available from the Front Office.

House Team Shirts

If your student is new to the school or has outgrown their House team coloured shirt you will need to **order a new shirt through the Qkr! app** in time for the upcoming High School and Upper Primary Sports Days.

High School students require a coloured polo shirt and Upper Primary students wear a coloured T-shirt. **Orders should be placed by Friday 19th February, in order to arrive in time.**

School Banking 2021

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program will resume from Week 3.

School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you can place your bank book either in the grey satchel in your Primary School student's classroom or in the blue School Banking box in the Primary School Front Office.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy, simply visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click the link to open a Youthsaver account.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away, using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. For further information, please see our School Banking Co-ordinator, Mrs Riches, in the Primary School Front Office.



2021 School Fees



Term 1 tuition fees are due by Friday of Week 2 of this term or an approved payment plan put in place.

To receive the early payment discount, the full year's fees need to be paid by Friday Week 2. Thank you to those families who have paid their fees promptly. If you have not yet paid your fees or discussed arrangements for this term, please contact the Finance Office on 8261 3377 to organise payment. This includes families that had a direct debit in 2020 who have not updated their details and amounts.

If you make a payment directly to the school's bank account, **please include your debtor reference number (shown on your Fee Invoice, which was emailed to you)**, to ensure the payment is allocated correctly.

The school bank details for payments are:

BSB: 065141
Account Number: 10059036
Account Name: Cedar College

Mr Jeff Thorpe, Business Manager

Fruit Fly Information

The South Australian Government has recently issued advice regarding fruit fly in Adelaide.

Parents are advised to stay up-to-date with the latest information by visiting the Primary Industries website: <https://www.pir.sa.gov.au>

Sibling Enrolments 2024

Application for sibling enrolments for 2024 are now open. It is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to submit an enrolment application. Failure to do so may result in placement being unavailable. Please contact Lara Webb on 7221 3606 for more information.

Bread Tag Recycling

The Primary School Office have a bread tag collection box from 1079Life. Bring in and deposit your plastic bread tags so they can be recycled to fund wheelchairs for those in need in South Africa.

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1, 2021 - Wed 27 Jan - Fri 9 April

Term 2, 2021 - Tue 27 April - Fri 25 June

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

Term 3, 2021 - Wed 21 July - Fri 24 Sept

Term 4, 2021 - Tue 12 Oct - Wed 8 Dec