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FROM **THE DIRECTOR OF PS CURRICULUM**

Term 2, Week 2 - May 9, 2024

## Decoding Literacy

Over the last term, our Reception to Year 6 teachers have been doing a wonderful job of implementing our new Literacy program, *Playberry Laser*. We have been thrilled with the progress made so far and are excited to see this continue.

**The Playberry Laser approach is in line with the most recent research and evidence available to ensure we are teaching all students to read and spell in the most effective and efficient way.** This research and evidence has been drawn from a body of work known as the “*Science of Reading*”. The *Science of Reading* draws on research from relevant disciplines such as education, literacy, psychology, and neurology, providing information on how the brain best learns to read.

**A key part of our Literacy program at Cedar College includes students taking home readers in order to consolidate the skills of reading.** This year, there have been some significant changes in the way our school approaches the reader system. Our insights into the *Science of Reading* have reshaped the way we think about the books that are sent home. We now use decodable readers, which are books that contain only phonetic code that students have already learnt. Their knowledge of phonics and word analysis skills enables them to decode unfamiliar words so they can read every word, consolidate their learning, develop fluency, and experience success. Our decodable readers are aligned to the Playberry Laser program taught in classrooms.

## Junior Primary Parents' Evening, May 16

**Our Reception to Year 2 parents and caregivers are invited to attend an Information Evening on Thursday the 16th of May at 6pm in the Library, to hear more about the *Science of Reading* and how decodable texts are being used at Cedar College.** We are excited to welcome Linda Clune, a Playberry Laser specialist with over 20 years' experience working with Primary School aged children, to speak at this special event.

Please RSVP using the details on the flyer or email sent to Junior Primary parents/caregivers last week, and join us as we explore the wonders of the *Science of Reading* and empower our students to become confident and proficient readers.

**Mrs Rachael Olafsen**, Director of Primary School Curriculum

Cedar College



□ Photo: Principal, Mr Peter Thomson, and Head of Primary School, Mr Nigel Austin, presenting awards at the Primary School Assembly

**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.**

<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>SACSA Cross Country</b> Carnival for selected students
<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>HS Student Leaders Wkshop</b> High School Student Leaders
<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>Rijken Cup Week May 20-24</b> Selected students in Senior School
<b>MAY 21</b>	<b>Year 8/9 Workshop</b> Talk Money Workshop
<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>Year 10 Vaccinations</b> Students in Year 10
<b>MAY 27</b>	<b>Year 9 Excursion</b> Engineering Foundations Excursion
<b>MAY 28</b>	<b>Year 8/9 Workshop</b> Talk Money Workshop
<b>MAY 28</b>	<b>Year 11/12 Girls SW Netball</b> Carnival for selected students
<b>MAY 30</b>	<b>Music Performance Evening</b> Year 9-12 student performances
<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>Year 10 - 12 PPEP</b> Information Session
<b>JUN 10</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b> King's Birthday Public Holiday
<b>JUN 13</b>	<b>Year 7/8 SACSA Soccer</b> Carnival for selected students
<b>JUN 14</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b> No school today
<b>JUN 17</b>	<b>Yr 10,11,12 Mid-Year Exams</b> June 17-20, various times
<b>JUN 17</b>	<b>Year 9/10 Girls SW Netball</b> Carnival for selected students
<b>JUN 21</b>	<b>Activity Day</b> Year 11 Bootcamp, Year 10 Program, Year 9 German Excursion
<b>JUN 24</b>	<b>Yr 10 Work Experience Week</b> Monday June 24 - Friday June 28
<b>JUN 27</b>	<b>Year 7 Service Day</b> All students in Year 7
<b>JUN 28</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b> Students 7-12 finish 3:20pm

**Term 2 - Off and Running**

We have hit the ground running for the start of Term 2! I would like to introduce you to two new temporary staff members in the High School.

Firstly, we welcome **Mrs Caroline Surtees** for a short period of time.

Mrs Surtees is taking over Miss Adamson's classes until the end of Week 4, due to Miss Adamson's well-deserved long service leave. We welcome Mrs Surtees to the College, and I am sure you will also make her feel welcome.



**Caroline Surtees** **Susan Harris**

In addition, I would like to welcome back **Mrs Susan Harris**. Mrs Harris was our former Head of High School and is a seasoned educational leader. She is currently acting as the Director of Senior School Student Development and is part of the High School Leadership Team, filling in during Mrs Tiller's absence. She will be working closely with myself and the Senior School Year Level Coordinators, primarily on pastoral and academic matters. Mrs Harris will be with us at least until the end of this term.

**Towards the end of last year, I informed you of some significant health battles that some members of our High School staff were facing.**

Earlier this year, I was pleased to report that Mr Nowak's son, Murphy, officially went into remission from cancer, which is a real answer to prayer and testament to the treatment and medical team working with him. They are now in the USA for Murphy to receive preventative treatment.

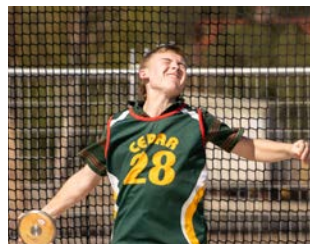
**I would also like to share some further good news.** Mrs Andrea Field has cleared a number of hurdles through her intensive treatment for cancer, and while treatment is ongoing and her situation is being monitored closely, there is very positive progress.

In addition, you may be aware that Mrs Nichole Tiller, Director of Senior School Student Development, has been undergoing treatment for cancer. I am pleased to inform you that she has made significant progress after undergoing intensive treatment, and I hope to report more positive news in the months ahead.

**With this encouraging news, and as we continue to progress through this busy term, we look forward to witnessing the continued progress and growth of our students.**

God bless!

**Mr Andrew Lock**, Head of High School



## Excitement and Growth



It's been wonderful to witness the smooth transition of all the Junior Primary students into their new classrooms and routines for 2024.

**In Reception, we explored how we belong as a member of our class, school, and the wider community.**

We shared our family cultural backgrounds with each other and had an adventure to Northgate Reserve to learn more about our neighbourhood. We loved getting to know our Year 5 Buddies, with the Teddy Bears' Picnic being a highlight. It has been special to be a part of our Cedar Assemblies and Chapels, where we celebrate being a valued part of God's family.

**The Year 1s have had a great time settling into the year.**

They have been learning about colour mixing and line work in Art, numbers to 120 and skip counting in Maths, God's creations and promises in Devotions, and poetry in Literacy. They also visited the Migration Museum as part of their History unit, where the children stepped back into the 19th century and enjoyed dressing up, writing on slate boards and playing old fashioned games such as quoits and knucklebones!

**The Year 2 students had an eventful term full of exciting learning experiences,**

from mastering numbers up to 1000 and refining measurement skills in Maths, to diving into stories and investigating the life cycle of monarch butterflies, including firsthand observation from egg to butterfly. They also

showcased their creativity in Art, crafting minibeads using a variety of mediums such as collage, oil pastels, and watercolour paint.

A special highlight was their visit to the Motor Museum, where they discovered the fascinating history of transportation and witnessed the remarkable evolution of technology, sparking their curiosity and deepening their understanding of progress and innovation.

The start of the 2024 school year for our Junior Primary students has been filled with excitement and growth. From Reception to Year 2, each year level has embraced new experiences with enthusiasm. Whether it's exploring belonging, mastering numbers, or diving into the world of butterflies, our students are eagerly learning and growing together. We look forward to the adventures ahead as we continue to celebrate achievements and nurture a love for learning.

### PHOTOS

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| 1. Year 2 Butterflies          | 8. State Opera Performance  |
| 2. State Opera Performance     | 9. 80s Day                  |
| 3. Year 12 Prayer Partners     | 10. Meet The Teachers Night |
| 4. R & Yr 5 Teddy Bears Picnic | 11. Year 12 Prayer Partners |
| 5. R & Yr 5 Teddy Bears Picnic | 12. Playberry               |
| 6. Primary School Chapel       | 13. Playberry               |
| 7. Primary School Chapel       | 14. 80s Day                 |



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# Spiritual Growth and Development



Term 1 in Senior School proved to be a very busy start to the year, with our senior students commencing their studies and extra-curricular activities in a positive manner.



It was exciting to recognise the outstanding achievements of some of our 2023 graduates at our first Chapel service. Our current Year 10, 11 and 12 students were able to learn from the wisdom of our 2023 College Dux, Nathan Priest, and Runner-Up Dux, Tushar Pillai, as they shared some of the strategies that led to their academic success. Both boys are wonderful role models, and we are very grateful for the contribution that they have both made to the College.

The timing of this event always provides an amazing platform for our Year 12 students to launch into their year, with the experiences shared and bonds formed uniting the group to face the challenges that are part of the final year of schooling. Staff feedback on the engagement of students at the retreat suggested that this group started their year exceptionally well, and this engagement continued throughout Term 1.



**Not Ashamed of the Gospel was another highlight for the term.** It was such a blessing to have 210 students and 30 staff from 11 different schools come to Cedar to learn more about how to share their faith in Jesus with others. A massive thank you must go to Pastor Jeremy, our Veta Morphus students, Reg Thompson and Shamiah Tiller (Veta Morphus teachers), Elmeirra Gask and Talia Sparks (our Faith and Fellowship Prefects), Emily Little, and our Worship Band, on organising another successful day of equipping students to make an eternal impact.

**High School Sports Day was another highlight, especially for those belonging to Gould,** who raised the trophy at the end of the day, despite some very stiff competition from Bradman who came a close second. Congratulations to Mr Watson and his team for tasting success on this day of celebration for the entire College.



This term, among other things, we look forward to our Year 11 students experiencing their camp, our Year 10 students gaining valuable information for their future at their Careers Expo, and our Rijken Cup team plying their trade against other senior sporting teams in Week 4.



**Our Year 12 students enjoyed physical challenge, personal development and spiritual growth on their retreat early in the term.**

It promises to be another exciting and rewarding term!

PHOTOS

- 1. High School Sports Day
- 2. High School Sports Day
- 3. High School Sports Day
- 4. High School Sports Day
- 5. Year 12 Retreat
- 6. Harmony Day
- 7. Harmony Day
- 8. Harmony Day
- 9. Year 12 Retreat
- 10. Year 12 Retreat
- 11. Year 12 Retreat
- 12. High School Sports Day
- 13. Not Ashamed



# Launching into Learning, New Activities and New Relationships



The Middle School students launched into a new school year, and are embracing the opportunities of early adolescence and thoughtfully navigating the trickier aspects.

## Camps for the Year 7s, 8s and 9s were wonderful times to connect with both peers and staff.

Relationships are so critical and delicate during this age and stage, so the opportunities to encourage one and other, while embracing new challenges, has helped form stronger relationship connections. The camps provided valuable opportunities for students who thrive in the learning activities beyond the classroom to shine and have their strengths recognised among peers. Year 7 Science practicals were another highlight of the term, as students observed vivid reactions among solutions, and learnt to use heat to enhance reactions.

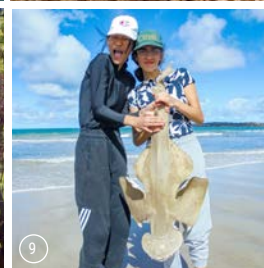
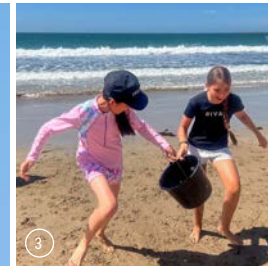
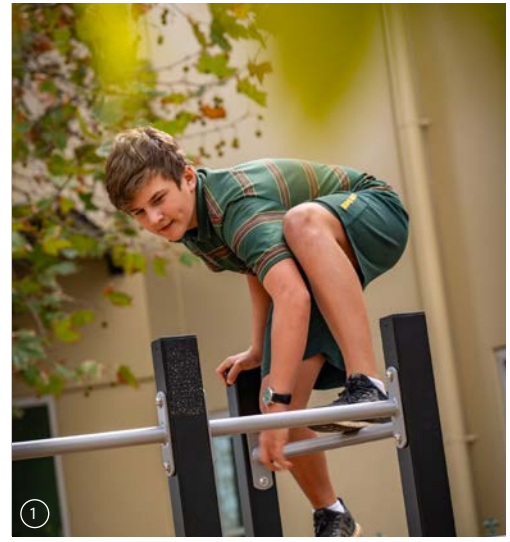
The launch of the Middle School Play Equipment in Week 11 was a personal highlight, as our students have more opportunities to be active, regulate, connect with others, and play during their time on campus. It has been particularly pleasing to maintain the vision for play equipment that can be as accessible as possible, challenging and requiring

users to regulate their behaviours to match the rules. Rather than forming explicit rules for this equipment, we are having success with these four expectations of all users: *Consider Others; Show courtesy; Be Safe; Have Fun*. I thank the students, and the adults of the college community, who have used this equipment while upholding the rules of this area.

As Term 2 commences, we look forward to students continuing to strengthen their connections with peers, and to their continued maturity in navigating their relationships and learning at Cedar College.

### PHOTOS

- 1. MS Play Equipment
- 2. Year 7 Camp
- 3. Year 7 Camp
- 4. Year 9 Boys Camp
- 5. Year 7 Science
- 6. Year 9 Girls Camp
- 7. Year 7 Science
- 8. MS Play Equipment
- 9. Year 8 Camp
- 10. Year 8 Camp
- 11. Year 8 Camp
- 12. Year 8 Camp
- 13. Year 9 Boys Camp



# Immersive Learning and Activities



It has been a successful start to the year. We have appreciated the completion of the Outdoor Learning Space; a beautiful area for our students to work, collaborate and socialise.

**Our Year 6 Prefects and Sport Captains thoroughly enjoyed attending the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre and networking with other student leaders across the State.** They came back to school inspired and filled with fresh ideas. They then had the opportunity to participate in a thought-provoking meeting with Clint Hendry, General Manager Commercial of the Adelaide Football Club, who shared his experiences as a leader, and challenged the students on what kind of leader they would like to be here at Cedar College.

**The excitement continued at the Upper Primary Sports Day—a joyous occasion filled with spirited cheers, excellent sportsmanship, ribbons, and a delicious sausage sizzle, culminating in a triumphant victory for the Gould team.**

**The Year 3s embarked on a journey that included a guided tour of Adelaide Oval and a scenic Popeye boat ride down the River Torrens,** enriching their understanding in their Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) lessons.

**The Year 4s have been growing vegetables from seeds** including corn, rocket, carrots, coriander and spinach. They have also been propagating plants indoors from cuttings the students have brought in from home.

**The Year 5 cohort had a wonderful camp at Narnu Farm.** The students made and cooked damper, built their own mud bricks, made butter, fed animals, cuddled guinea pigs and searched for the golden key! It was a lot of fun and a wonderful chance to build and strengthen friendships and learn outside of the classroom.

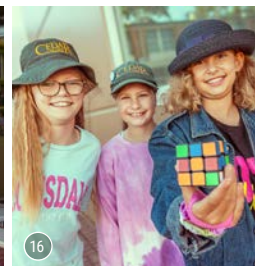
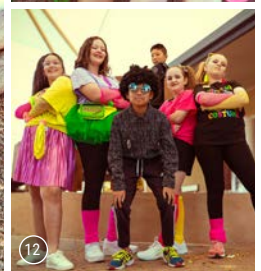
Friday of Week 10 saw a delightful transformation as Primary School students donned an array of neon hues, leg warmers, and retro denim—a fun-filled day organised by our Primary School Prefects that raised over \$500 for our Compassion Sponsor Children.

It certainly has been a wonderful start to the year, and we look forward to great things ahead.



PHOTOS

- 1. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 2. Year 6 Student Leaders
- 3. Primary School Chapel
- 4. Year 4 Planting
- 5. Year 4 Planting
- 6. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 7. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 8. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 9. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 10. 80s Day
- 11. 80s Day
- 12. 80s Day
- 13. Year 6 Student Leaders
- 14. Outdoor Learning Space
- 15. 80s Day
- 16. 80s Day



# The Wonders of Science

'I wonder' is a term used to promote thought, imagination, and also scientific discoveries!

On Tuesday afternoon of Week 2, the entire Primary School was treated to the Flying Elephant Production, "I Wonder," which combined singing and science in a drama about two travellers who had to solve mysterious puzzles to recharge the King's light beam. **Those puzzles could be solved in a scientific way, with the scientific explanations demonstrated throughout the drama.** It was such a fascinating way to share the importance of science, and the students loved it, especially the toilet roll blowers at the end!

For more science explained in simple ways, check out *Silly Science with Simon* on YouTube, who played the part of the scientist in the "I Wonder" production.

**Mrs Julie Volkoff**

Primary School Science Teacher



# High Energy SACSA Athletics

Students from Year 3-12 competed in SACSA Athletics on Thursday and Friday of Week 1. Both days we were blessed with amazing weather and spirits were high.

Records fell with some amazing performances: **Isaac C** - 27.97 U15 Discus (prev. 25.62m) and 30.29m U14 Javelin (prev. 28.06m), **Anja J** - 4.39m U13 Long Jump (prev. 4.23m) 9.85m Triple Jump (prev. 9.50m) and U13 Discus 23.56m (prev. 22.80m), **Alistair D** - 1.65m U15 High Jump (prev. 1.62m), **Coby F** - 10.50m U13 Shot Put (prev. 8.96), **Adam L** - 2.19.29 U15 800m (prev. 2.31.35), **Liam A** - 1.44m U12 High Jump (prev. 1.38m)

**A big thank you to all the students who competed, filled in events and helped run events.** We had many amazing performances over the two days and each student who competed contributed to the team. Congratulations to our MVPs for High School: **Anja J** and **Isaac C**, and Primary School: **Liam A** and **Grace P**.

## Final Team Results

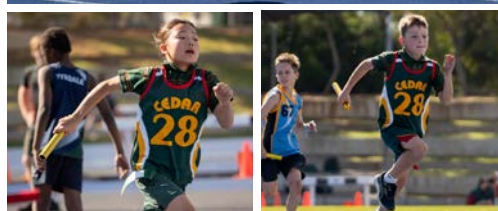
Our Primary and High School Athletics teams both performed well amongst the 7 teams in Division 1:

**Year 7-12 Division 1** - Cedar 3rd place, **Year 3-6 Division 1** - Cedar 4th place

Thank you to all the teachers, parents, and friends who came to support students, dropped off students for early training, and offered words of encouragement to both students and staff. Special thanks also to the staff who managed high jump, long jump, and shot put events over the two days; your efforts are greatly appreciated

**Mrs Bek Robinson**

Year 3-12 Sports Coordinator



## PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS

### A guide to major events this term

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**Dates are subject to change.**

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#### Winter Uniform Changeover

All students to wear winter uniform

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#### Year 6 Camp

Wednesday May 15 – Friday May 17

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#### SACSA Cross Country

Event for selected students

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#### District Cross Country

Event for selected students

MAY  
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#### Science of Reading

R-2 parent/caregiver evening, 6-7pm

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#### Year 1 STEM Incursion

STEAM into Nature

JUN  
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#### Primary School Tours

For prospective families, 9am

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#### State Cross Country

Qualifying students

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#### Public Holiday

King's Birthday Public Holiday

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#### Year 3/4 SACSA Soccer

Carnival for selected students

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#### Year 5/6 SACSA Soccer

Carnival for selected students

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#### Student Free Day

No school today

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#### Year 4 Camp

Wednesday June 19 - Friday June 21

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#### Run4Fun

All students in Primary School

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#### Last Day of Term 2

Students R - 6 finish 3:20pm

### Mid-Year School Holidays

Monday July 1 - Friday July 19

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#### Student Free Day

No school today, CSA Conference

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#### First Day of Term 3

Students R - 6 start 8:40am

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#### School Photo Day

Full winter uniform

## CedarNews Print Edition

Welcome to the Term 2 print issue of CedarNews.

The first newsletter of each term is sent home as a printed issue, with the remaining editions being online only. **These 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 2

**Monday June 10** – King's Birthday

## Student Free Day

Please note that **Friday June 14** is a Student Free Day for all students in Primary and High School.

## Winter Uniform

Full winter uniform, including ties, must be worn by all students from the start of Week 3, Term 2.

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

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

Please note that, due to the introduction of the new Cedar College uniform in 2025, **some items and sizes will be no longer be available**. The changeover period, between 2025-2026, will allow both old and new uniform to be worn.

## Street Parking Reminder

If you utilise any street parking around the property for drop-off or pick-up, **please respect the driveways of the community around us** and do not park across driveways or block street access in any way. This includes the Cedar College internal Kiss&Drop road as traffic needs to remain moving along Navigator Drive.

For those with older children, please consider if you can pick your child up 10 minutes later, to help reduce the traffic impact at pick-up times.

## TERM DATES 2024 - 2025

**Term 2, 2024** - Tue 30 April – Fri 28 June

*Please note: We have a three week break between Terms 2 & 3*

**Term 3, 2024** - Tue 23 July – Fri 27 Sept

**Term 4, 2024** - Tue 15 Oct – Wed 11 Dec

**Term 1, 2025** - Tue 28 Jan – Fri 11 April

## Absentee Notification

**It is important to always notify the College if your child will be absent from school.**

Parents/caregivers can use the **student absentee email**, which can be accessed via the Cedar Portals menu on our website. **Clicking the link will open an email**, prompting for the required information.

If required, the Front Office may phone, email or send a text message to confirm the absence.

## Canvas and Portal Login

We will be introducing changes to login procedures for both Canvas and the Parent Portal during Term 2.

These changes will streamline the login procedure for both portals, enabling parents/caregivers to utilise their email address or existing third-party sign-in credentials. This will enable all parents/caregivers to set and maintain a single password for Canvas and Learning Conversation bookings.

**To help with a smoother changeover, please ensure that the Front Office has your current email details, as this will be used to authenticate against your username.** Further information will be sent to all parents/caregivers before the login changeover takes place.

## School Photos - Term 3

Please note that our school photos are scheduled for Week 3 of Term 3, on **Friday August 9.**

Sports team photos, and absentee photos, will take place the following week, on Tuesday August 13. Further information will be sent home later this term.



PlayStart Soccer is again running after school on Thursdays at Cedar College.

The PlayStart program is for boys and girls aged 2-10 who are looking to gain new social and soccer skills, all while having a blast with some fun weekly games!

Registrations for programs can be made online at [www.playstart.com.au](http://www.playstart.com.au) or call Andrew on 0401 410 465 to find out more.

Parents and caregivers may be entitled to receive a \$100 sports voucher to use with **any** approved Sports Voucher provider. Visit [www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au) for details.

## Term 2 Tuition Fees



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

**Thank you to those families who have paid their fees promptly.** If you have not yet paid your fees or arranged a FACTs payment plan, please refer to the email sent to your debtor email address, or contact the Finance Office on 8261 3377 for a copy to be sent.

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

## Contact Details changed?

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

Your email address is also crucial for portal login procedures, and must be kept up to date.

Therefore, if your address, phone number, or email address has changed recently, please complete a *Change of Details* form as soon as possible, available from the Front Office.

## School Yard Times

**Please note the times when the school yard officially opens and closes, and teachers are on duty.**

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

Before-school duty starts at **8:25am**

After-school duty finishes at **3:40pm**

### HIGH SCHOOL

Before-school duty starts at **8:10am**

After-school duty finishes at **3:40pm**

## 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