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FROM **THE PRINCIPAL**

| Term 4, Week 3 - October 30, 2024

A Warm Welcome

As I write my first newsletter as Principal of Cedar College, I want to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received.

The school assemblies, along with the commissioning service led by CityReach Church, were truly a blessing and encouragement as I begin my new role. I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful and supportive community.

One of the highlights of my time so far has been meeting the students across both Primary and High School. I have been impressed by the friendliness and kindness they've shown as I have walked around the school grounds. It is clear to me that our students feel confident and at home at Cedar College - crucial foundations for learning. It also pleasingly demonstrates to me they are living out our vision for students to display love.

Although I haven't had the opportunity to get to know our Year 12 students personally, I want to extend my best wishes as they embark on their final exams. We will be praying for peace, focus, and clarity during this pivotal time in their academic journey.

Striving to Finish Well

As we enter the final term of the year, I encourage us all to finish well. While beginnings are important, how we end the year is just as significant. Let's continue to support and inspire each other towards excellence.

If you see me around the school yard and we haven't yet met, please feel free to come up and say hello. I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

Warm regards,

Mr Tim Heading, Principal



□ Photo: Principal Mr Tim Heading being welcomed and presented with an official Cedar College Bible at the High 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.

OCT 30 **High School Welcome Day**
for all new students 2025

OCT 31 **Year 9 Writing Excursion**
Creative Writing & Writers' Club

NOV 4 **Year 12 Exams**
November 4-14, various times

NOV 6 **Year 8 Drama Workshop**
All Year 8 Drama students

NOV 12 **Yr 7/8 SACSA Touch F'ball**
Carnival for selected students

NOV 12 **Grad Art&Design Exhibition**
also, Year 9 Drama performance

NOV 19 **SW 7/8 Touch F'ball Finals**
Carnival for selected students

NOV 19 **Year 12 Formal**
Glen Ewin Estate

NOV 21 **Year 12 Graduation**
Auditorium, 7:00pm

NOV 25 **Year 11 Exams**
November 25-27

NOV 28 **Yr 12 (2025) Transition Day**
All 2024 Year 11s

NOV 28 **Year 9-12 Music Evening**
On the Gazebo Lawns

NOV 29 **Yr 12 (2025) Transition Day**
Year 10 & 11 Awards Assembly

DEC 2 **Year 10 Exams**
December 2-3

DEC 3 **Year 9 Exams**
December 3-4

DEC 4 **Year 7 Service Day**
Year 7 & 8 Awards Assembly

DEC 5 **Last Day of Term 4**
Students 7-9 finish 3:20pm

DEC 5 **Year 9 Graduation**
Auditorium, 7pm - 8:30pm

DEC 6 **Student Free Day / Holidays**
for all students in Year 7-9

**Term 4 - Cedar Cup**

Monday, October 21, was a significant day for many High School students and staff, following 12 months of effort, contribution, and strategy from each of our four Houses.

Over that time, our House Captains, House Key Teachers, and Community Teachers oversaw, guided, and encouraged every student within their House teams, so there was great anticipation for the final results of the Cedar Cup competition.

The Cedar Cup competition is designed to value the contribution of each individual in the High School. Every student contributes points for their House through: **Major event days, Service, Character, Sport, Academics, and Creative Arts.**

As each category has a different weighting, the winning House is the one that achieves the highest score once the pre-determined weightings are applied to all categories.

Incredibly, each of our four Houses has won the Cup once in the four years since its inception. The questions being asked before the big reveal were: Who will be the first dual winner? Will our inaugural winners, Laver, return to their dominant era? Will Jackson avenge being pipped at the line last year? Or will Gould's success on Sports Day and the Big Day In be enough to take them all the way?

Before the reveal, it was a pleasure to announce our incoming Year 12 Student Leaders and House Captains, who will lead our student body over the next year. A special moment was shared as our outgoing Student Leaders and House Captains passed the baton, handing our new leaders their badges.

After the Year 12 Student Leaders revealed the final positions for each of the six categories, I was pleased to announce our first dual and back-to-back winner, by a slim margin of 7 points: Bradman!

Final Results (weighted scores)

Bradman: 552 points, **Jackson:** 545 points, **Gould:** 503 points, **Laver:** 300 points

Congratulations to Bradman and to all of our High School students for giving their all – we look forward to another year of Cedar Cup excitement!

Mr Andrew Lock, Head of High School



Creativity, Teamwork, and Exploration



Term 3 has been an exciting and enriching time for our R-2 students, filled with hands-on learning experiences and memorable events.

From interactive performances to outdoor adventures, this term has provided opportunities for creativity, teamwork, and exploration, enhancing both our academic and social skills.

In Reception we enjoyed an interactive light show presented by Patch Theatre, called 'Spark: Glow and Tell', integrating storytelling and drawing with light pens. Book Week was a highlight as we celebrated the Paris Olympics and favourite book characters. It was a joy to dress up in costume and parade in front of parents and friends. We also participated in our very first Run 4 Fun, where we proudly wore our team colours and ran as many laps as we could. We cheered loudly and encouraged one another to do our very best.

As part of the Year 1s continued learning about looking after special places in Geography, and non-fiction information reports in Literacy, we enjoyed a great day out at Cleland Wildlife Park! We saw a wide range of animals such as koalas, kangaroos, wombats, emus and reptiles. We applied our mapping skills from our Maths unit to follow and give direction using the park map to find our favourite animals! We had a wonderful

time learning about how to care for animal habitats and some of us were even brave enough to pat a kangaroo!

Term 3 was filled with engaging and meaningful learning experiences for our Year 2 students! We explored where our food comes from, planted vegetables, learned about multiplication, division, shapes, and fractions, made prints, and discovered more about their place in the world. Students also developed growth mindsets and practised the Fruits of the Spirit. They challenged themselves in Playberry and explored fascinating facts about all things 'birds!' They even had the opportunity to visit the Urrbrae Wetlands and Farm, enriching their learning about farm animals, honey production, bird nests and beaks, microorganisms, and environmental protection.

As we reflect on Term 3, we celebrate the enthusiasm and accomplishments of our students. Their engagement in a broad range of activities has fostered a deeper understanding of the world around them. We are proud of their growth and resilience, and we look forward to more exciting experiences in the term ahead!



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| 1. Year 2 Digital Technologies | 8. Book Week |
| 2. Year 2 Science | 9. Book Week |
| 3. Patch Theatre Show | 10. Grandparents Day |
| 4. Run 4 Fun | 11. Run 4 Fun |
| 5. Year 1 Cleland Wildlife Park | 12. Book Week |
| 6. Book Week | |
| 7. Year 2 Science | |



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Opportunities to Learn and Grow



Term 3 is always a busy time for Senior School students here at Cedar, with numerous activities for them to participate in, providing opportunities to learn and grow.

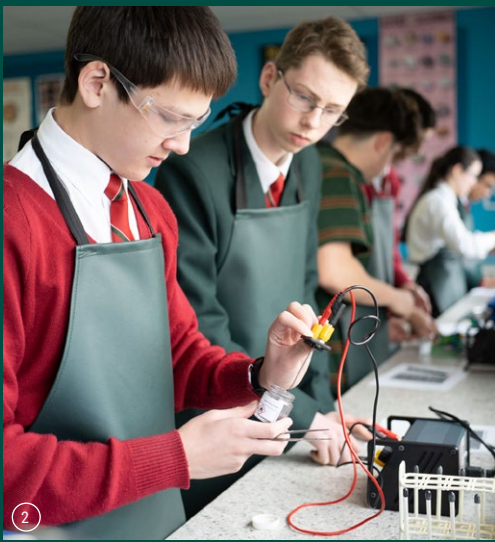
The variety of activities allows all students to excel in areas where they are most gifted and interested, while also providing chances for growth in areas they may find challenging. Likewise, the broad range of subjects available offers many choices, enabling students to select subjects that suit their career pathways, interests, and abilities.

Events such as the Year 10 Bushwalk and SACSAs carnivals offer opportunities to develop different skill sets outside of the classroom, including relationship building, planning, and teamwork, to name a few. In Term 3, we also come together as a community to support important events such as Book Week, Bullying, No Way! Day, and RU OK? Day. The activities associated with these events help raise awareness of issues that may arise, how to address them, and what it means to care for one another within a community.

Book Week dress-up day was a fun opportunity for students to get creative and dress as characters related to the Book Week theme. This was the second year we held this in the Senior School, and it was encouraging to see so many students get involved and participate.

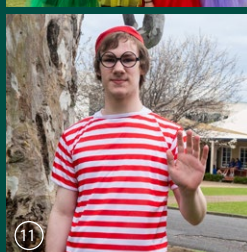
This term, we also hosted the Bible Society Masterclass, which brought together students from several schools to explore contemporary issues from a biblical perspective. It also provided Cedar students with a chance to meet and network with peers from other schools.

As always, we concluded the term with the Big Day In. Just like previous years, it was a fantastic day filled with fun and challenging activities for students to choose from. What a brilliant way to end a wonderful term!



PHOTOS

1. Big Day In
2. Year 10 Science
3. SACSAs Basketball
4. R U OK DAY
5. Year 11 Chemistry
6. Year 12 Food & Hospitality
7. Big Day In
8. Book Week
9. Year 11 Uni Session
10. Year 11 Visual Art
11. Book Week
12. Year 10 Bushwalk Camp
13. Bible Society Masterclass



Reflections from the Middle



Term 3 was marked by the introduction of new semester subjects and Year 9 electives.

It was wonderful to see students returning refreshed from the mid-year break, ready to explore new learning and build on their relationships with peers and staff.

Starting Food and Hospitality is a highly anticipated moment for the Year 7s. I wonder how many students recreated meals from these classes? For parents, a common highlight was seeing students further develop their skills in hand-washing dishes and cleaning up more efficiently!

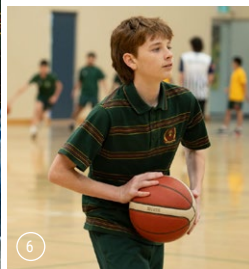
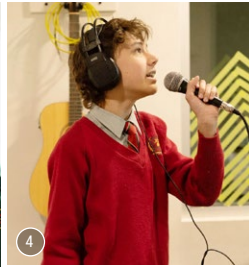
The student uptake of the new Year 9 Engineering elective has been very strong, and it has been delightful to observe a wide range of students engaging with this course. Reflecting on the paper plane competition, I wonder if it's time for our Middle School students to challenge the best from other sub-schools, or perhaps collaborate with Primary School students to help enhance their fine motor skills while designing and flying their planes.

Our Year 8s had their first taste of small ensembles through the formation of their bands. The courage and persistence displayed by students during these lessons as they try new things and work collaboratively with their peers to make music is inspirational. We look forward to seeing them continue refining these skills and building strong connections with fellow students.

Book Week in 2024 had a keen following among many Middle School students. This was the second year in a row that Middle School students participated in Book Week at Cedar College, and we appreciated the discussions about characters and literacy, as well as the creativity shown in designing costumes and group themes.

PHOTOS

- 1. Year 7 Food & Hospitality
- 2. Year 9 Engineering
- 3. Year 9 Music
- 4. Year 9 Music
- 5. Year 7 Food & Hospitality
- 6. Big Day In
- 7. Year 9 Music
- 8. Year 7 Design Tech
- 9. Book Week costumes
- 10. Year 7 Design Tech
- 11. Year 7 Design Tech
- 12. Book Week costumes



Enriching Learning Experiences



Term 3 was packed with exciting events, including Book Week, Grandparents Day, and many enriching learning experiences.

The Year 4 students participated in 'History Day', an immersive activity set in 18th Century England. They took on roles such as blacksmiths, factory workers, merchants, and coal miners, performing specific tasks to earn money, which they could then exchange for prizes. Despite their hard work, they discovered that their efforts didn't amount to much, leading to reflections on the challenges children faced back then and how fortunate we are to live in Australia today.

The Year 6 Prefects had a busy term, organising a Donut Day fundraiser, which raised over \$550 for Backpacks 4 SA Kids. They later visited the Backpacks 4 SA Kids facility to personally deliver the funds raised. The Prefects also had the privilege of representing Cedar College at the Royal Adelaide Show, where they painted postcards and handed them out to visitors in the Art Exhibition.

Mr White's class enjoyed having Mr Millard as a Pre-Service Teacher. They had a lot of fun learning about measurement in Maths lessons and worked on 3D projects about natural disasters.

Year 3 students were busy this term learning about Australia's neighbouring countries. As a culmination of their studies, they created displays showcasing the native flora and fauna of their chosen countries, along with visual presentations of the information they had gathered. In the last week of the term, they transformed their

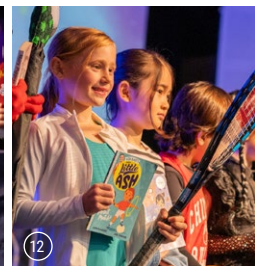
classrooms into a Tourism Expo and invited other Primary School classes to visit. The displays and interactive games provided an engaging way for other students to learn about different countries.

The Year 3 classes wrapped up the term with a fun-filled two-day camp at El Shaddai, where students enjoyed activities such as reptile handling, archery, scavenger hunts, laser tag, and rock wall climbing. It was a fantastic opportunity to build friendships, resilience, and teamwork. The camp was a memorable experience full of fun, food, and friendship—a perfect way to end the term.

The term concluded with a wonderful German Assembly, where students proudly showcased what they had been learning in their lessons.

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| 1. German Assembly | 7. Grandparents Day |
| 2. Year 4 Science | 8. Grandparents Day |
| 3. Book Week | 9. Year 3 Travel Expo |
| 4. Run 4 Fun | 10. Year 4 Digital Technologies |
| 5. Grandparents Day | 11. Book Week |
| 6. Donut Day Fundraiser | 12. Book Week |



Junior Primary Sports Day

After a term of preparation and growing anticipation, the Junior Primary students arrived at Sports Day full of energy and ready to give their best performances.

The day kicked off with a fantastic Health Hustle and an opening prayer by our new Principal, Mr Tim Heading, setting a positive tone from the start. We were blessed with perfect weather, enthusiastic supporters, and determined children. They gave their best efforts and completed all events with a positive attitude—it was clear that teachers and parents were very proud.

The morning was full of races and fun activities, including the egg-and-spoon relay, water relay, long jump, and "chuck a chicken"! As we headed into the final events, we heard passionate team chants and watched children run relays with such effort that some even lost their shoes on the track!

Finally, the moment everyone had been waiting for arrived. After a full day of competition involving seven classes, eleven teachers, eight student support officers, and 159 students, the event concluded with an incredibly close points tally.



Team Results

In fourth place was Laver, third went to Bradman, an exciting second to Jackson—and, who would have guessed, Gould took first place once again! That's five in a row.

Each sports day seems to bring a tight competition. All the students did incredibly well, and it's a privilege to witness them achieve and succeed in their unique ways.

Mrs Nel Blackeby, Junior Primary PE Teacher

PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS

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

Dates are subject to change.

OCT 28 **Junior Primary Swimming**
Oct 28 - Nov 1. All students in R-2

OCT 29 **Year 5/6 SACSA Basketball**
Carnival for selected students

OCT 30 **Year 3/4 SACSA Basketball**
Carnival for selected students

OCT 31 **Reception 2025 Welcome**
Evening for families Reception 2025

NOV 4 **Upper Primary Swimming**
Nov. 4-8. All students in Year 3-6

NOV 6 **New Reception 2025 visit 1**
Students starting Reception 2025

NOV 13 **New Reception 2025 visit 2**
Students starting Reception 2025

NOV 14 **Yr 5/6 SACSA Touch F'ball**
Carnival for selected students

NOV 15 **Primary School Tours**
Tour for prospective families

NOV 20 **New Reception 2025 visit 3**
Students starting Reception 2025

NOV 27 **Primary R-5 Transition Day**
All students in Year 1-6, 2025

DEC 3 **Junior Primary Musical**
+ Celebration evening Rec - Year 2

DEC 4 **Year 6 Graduation Lunch**
All Year 6 students

DEC 6 **Student Free Day**
No school today

DEC 9 **Year 6 Graduation**
Evening event Year 6 families

DEC 10 **Upper Primary Celebration**
Evening event Year 3-5

DEC 11 **Year 6 Excursion**
All students Year 6

DEC 11 **Last Day of Term 4**
Students R - 6 finish 3:20pm

DEC 12 **Student Free Day / Holidays**
for all students in R-6

CedarNews Print Edition

Welcome to the Term 4 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.

Student Free Day

Please note that **Friday December 6**, is a Student Free Day for all students in Primary and High School.

Finish Days - Term 4

Senior School students finish on various dates in Term 4, following their exams and transition days.

Middle School (7-9) students final school day is Thursday December 5.

Primary School (R-6) students final school day is Wednesday December 11.

Street Parking Reminder

If you utilise 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.

RRHAN-EC updates for all volunteers and coaches

Members of the school community that have previously completed the RRHAN- EC training, should be aware their certificate will expire at the end of 2024. **To continue volunteering in any capacity in education, you are required to update your training online via the Plink website before December 31, 2024.**

A copy of your completed certificate **must** be sent to the Front Office (office@cedarcollege.sa.edu.au or hand in person) before commencing any volunteer or coaching position in 2025.

TERM DATES 2024 - 2025

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

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

Term 2, 2025 - Tue 29 April – Fri 27 June

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

Term 3, 2025 - Tue 22 July – Fri 26 Sept

Graduation Dates

Graduation dates, for students in Years 12, 9 and 6, are as follows:

Year 12 Graduation

- Thursday November 21, 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

Year 9 Graduation

- Thursday December 5, 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

Year 6 Graduation

- Monday December 9, 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Graduations are held in the Main Auditorium.

Celebration Evenings

Our Primary School Celebration Evenings, will be held in December on the following dates:

Junior Primary (R-2) Celebration Evening

- Tuesday December 3, 6:30pm - 7:45pm.

Upper Primary (3-5) Celebration Evening

- Tuesday December 10, 6:30pm - 7:45pm.

Summer Uniform

Full summer uniform must be worn by all students from the beginning of Week 3, and hats are compulsory for all students in Term 4.

The Uniform Shop will also be open on **Thursday of Week 3** from 3.00pm – 5.30pm. For further information regarding the summer uniform, please see our Uniform Policy.

Outgoing Uniform Sale

With the introduction of the new Cedar College uniform in 2025, the Uniform Shop is now selling items from the outgoing uniform at reduced prices.

During the two-year changeover period, from 2025 until the end of 2026, students can choose to wear either the old or new uniform.

Canteen - Term 4

The final day for Canteen lunch orders will be Week 9, **Monday December 9**. Subway lunch orders will be available on Tuesday December 10.

2024 Yearbook

One copy of the 2024 Cedar College Yearbook will be available for each family at the end of the year (usually given to the youngest child).

High School students may come to the Front Office to collect theirs from December 12, otherwise they will receive it on Get Ready Day!

Additional copies of the Yearbook may be ordered from the Primary School Office, at a cost of \$16 each (Year 12 students will each receive their own copy).

Term 4 Tuition Fees



Term 4 tuition fees were due on 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

Absentee Notification

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

In Term 3, we introduced myCedar, which included a new absentee form. From Term 4, the Absentee link on our website will now redirect you to this same form, **through your myCedar login**. You can then complete the form with the required information and click send.

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

Year 12 SATAC Reminder

A reminder for Year 12s to have their SATAC course preferences finalised by December 2.

December 2, 2024 - Equal consideration deadline for 2025 Semester 1 courses. Applications must be submitted and paid for by this date to be guaranteed equal consideration for selection. For further details, contact our Pathways Coordinator, Mrs Bronwen Burleigh.

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