

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 17th March 2010

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Calendar

25 March	Primary Student Led Conference
26 March	P & F AGM - 9:00am in P & F
27 March	Opening of Multi Purpose Hall @ 3:00pm
31 March	Chapel Performance - Jesus & Me Year 1 Art Show
1 April	School Cross Country Pizza Day - Tuckshop Term 1 Concludes

A Note from the Principal

Supporting your teenager in Years 10 to 12.

Literacy and numeracy are essential skills that young people need to succeed in their everyday lives.

Young people have more opportunities than ever before to plan for their education and future career. They can gain recognition for a broad range of achievement through flexible pathways including school subjects, TAFE courses, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, University subjects, job readiness programs and structured work placements, community projects and work.

It is critical for you, as a parent or carer, to continue to play an active role in helping to develop your teenager's literacy and numeracy so they can achieve the best possible outcomes and have every chance for the future.

You can help your teenager continue to develop literacy and numeracy skills by :-

- Working with them to develop a timetable to ensure a balance of study and work commitments, home life and social activities;
- Looking together at numerical information, statistics and data in newspapers and thinking critically about the author's purpose;
- Discussing time-management skills such as planning and setting priorities;

- Talking about household bills, such as telephone, electricity and rates - analysing graphs and discuss costs and ways to reduce energy consumption;
- Comparing the cost and value of various mobile phone plans and providers to find the most economical option based on call costs, calling patterns, your teenager's phone usage and analysing previous bills;
- Discussing why a filmmaker may have created a movie in a certain way - what was the purpose, who was the intended audience and what points of view or values were conveyed? Talking about language choices and why characters are depicted in certain ways;
- Helping them develop and implement their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan. For more information about SET Plans, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/etrf/setp.html; and
- Encouraging them to monitor their progress towards attaining a Queensland Certificate of Education or Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement by checking their online learning account through Queensland Studies Authority's Career Information Service website at www.qsa.qld.edu.au/certificates/3169.html.

These are just a few suggestions on how you can support your teenager in Years 10 to 12.

Non-Uniform Day for Haiti

Last Thursday we had a non-uniform day to raise money for Haiti. Thank you to all who participated. We will be sending a cheque for \$500 to an aid organization in Haiti, to be used for rebuilding schools that were damaged in the earthquake.

Thanks again!!

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matt 6:19-21

Gympie Show

The following sections have Junior classes that do not form part of the schoolwork section:-

- Household
- Fancy work
- Arts & Crafts
- Fruit & Vegetables
- Horticulture
- Caged Birds
- Scrapbooking
- Lego Competition
- Novelty Dog Competition



Entries need to be registered on an **Official Entry Form** at the Show Office, Gympie Showgrounds, Exhibition Road, by the closing dates stated in the schedules.

Copies of schedules available from the show office.

Loaves and Fishes

Volunteers

Thursday 18th March

Lunch : Rosanne Dobson

Tuesday 23rd March

Morning & Lunch : Amanda Covington

Thursday 25th March

Lunch : Rosanne Dobson



Please note that help is needed for the other days.



Gympie Regional Careers Expo 2010

Coming Soon

21st July 2010 @ The Pavilion, Gympie

SMS Notification



Starting next week, absences / late without notification will be sent by SMS to the nominated mobile phone on the day of the absence / late. When parents receive a text, they should ring the office (54821222) immediately. **DO NOT REPLY BY TEXT.**

Uniform Shop News

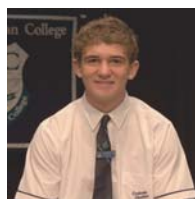
Opening Times :

Monday 8:30 - 10:30; Wednesday 2:30 - 3:30.

If Monday is a holiday or student free day we will open Tuesday mornings 8:30 - 10:30.

Australian Secondary Schools Athletics Championships.

Congratulations to Jacob Hawksworth, who last week came 6th in Australia (Sydney) for Long Jump with a jump of 6.50m.



Primary and Secondary School shoes

At present there seems to be some misunderstanding as to what shoes are allowed at the College. This note is to help clarify some of the misunderstanding.

As of the beginning of Term 2, **completely black lace up leather** shoes are to be worn with the Secondary and Primary Formal uniform. These do not need to be the polished work wear shoe, but can be a **leather** jogger. Canvas shoes are not acceptable.

Also from the beginning of Term 2, **completely black lace up joggers** are to be worn with the Sports uniform in both Primary and Secondary. Basketball sports shoes are not acceptable.

In Secondary, students who do not wear completely black lace up shoes / joggers will be given a blue slip for being out of uniform. Contact will be made with parents of primary students who do not wear the correct shoes to discuss this matter.

As of 2011, all Senior students (Years 10, 11 & 12) will be required to wear completely black lace up polished work wear shoes with their Formal uniform. Completely black lace up joggers are to be worn with the sports uniform only.

Leanne McClintock
Principal

Sports Uniform Shoes

The last few weeks there has been new information about shoes and what will be accepted after the Easter holidays.

Shoes to be worn with the sports uniform in both primary and secondary need to be black lace up joggers.

The following pictures show what is **not acceptable**:-



Volleys



Basketball Shoes

Joggers are a sports shoe.



Is acceptable



From the Head of Primary

This week I thought it might be useful to highlight some points about homework. All our Primary students receive homework most weeks of the term. Homework is a useful tool for reinforcing what is learnt in class, memorising spelling, number facts and scripture, and for developing work habits that will equip students for future studies. Education research shows that, for primary students, doing homework regularly instils positive attitudes towards learning. At CCC we ask parents to take an active role in encouraging students to do homework and to spend time talking with your child about the tasks set and how best to approach them. It is also a great encouragement for your child to have you check their recall of spelling, and memory verses.



Homework Tips for Parents

- If your child is struggling with the amount of homework set, or you think he or she should be doing more, organise a meeting with the class teacher to discuss your concerns.
- Decide with your child at the beginning of the year what time homework is to be done and where he or she will be doing it. Once your child reaches third grade, it is best to have an organised space where they will do their homework. It doesn't have to be in their bedroom, but make sure all the necessary stationery and reference books are on hand.
- Don't agree to having the TV or music playing while your child is doing his or her homework. It is distracting and forms a habit that will be hard to break as the student gets older.
- Boys find it harder than girls to settle down to their homework. To help boys focus, set some boundaries and goals, such as a time limit. By placing a clock near their work space and agreeing to a time limit, boys will then know how long they are expected to work.
- Tackle big projects with small steps. Together, set a schedule for completing the project, taking into account other homework, extra-curricular commitments and fun time. If you break it down into a number of smaller tasks the project won't seem so overwhelming, and you won't be left sitting up late the night before it is due finishing the task.

A Guide for Homework at CCC

Below is a guide only. Obviously some students work more quickly than others and some weeks there will be more or fewer tasks set. Reading and assignments would be additional to this time.



Grade 1-3	3 nights x 15 minutes per week
Grade 4-6	3 nights x 20 minutes per week

Student Led Conference

On the 25th March, as part of our legislated reporting to parents, we will again hold our Student Led Conference for Primary students from Year 1 through to 6.

The Student Led Conference is an opportunity for students to show parents what they have been learning. Student Led Conferences put the student in charge, holding them responsible and accountable as they present their work to their parents. Each conference will run for about 25 minutes, with up to six (6) parents with their child involved at one time.

Because of the many benefits to students, all Cooloola Christian College families are encouraged to participate. You should have received an information letter and booking sheet earlier this week. Please return the booking form by this Friday.

ROBO Tech Primary Performance

On Monday we had a visit from Marshall and his misbehaving robot, Albetron. The primary students really enjoyed the show and have been inspired to develop their skills in Science and Technology.



**Zone Winter Carnival Selection Trials
Netball, Tennis, Hockey, Rugby League and Soccer**

Due to the weather and the condition of most venues, the Zone Winter Carnival Selection Trials scheduled for Wednesday, 10th March have been postponed. At this stage the trials will be held from 11.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 19th March (weather permitting and subject to condition of fields).

Year 2 imaths

"In class we have been making marble ramps for imaths to see how far we can make a marble travel. We needed to design a marble ramp and make it using boxes, tubes and lots of sticky tape." *Emma Kraak and Michael Benoit*



"Our marble can roll very fast". *Bethany*
 "Everyone has been very creative." *Tommie*
 "Some of our ramps are big and some are small." *Chloe*
 "We've been working hard together." *Maddy*
 "Our marble ramp is really long." *Hailey*
 "Our marble travelled more than 2 metres." *Mackenzie & Michael*



P & F Annual General Meeting

All Parents and friends of Cooloola Christian College are invited to attend the **Annual General Meeting** for our College P & F at **9:00am on Friday, March 26th** in the P & F. Nominations for Executive positions have been received and only need to be ratified.

Changes to the constitution will be presented for adoption at the AGM. Copies of the proposed changes will be available in the school office from Tuesday 16th March.

This is a great opportunity to meet new people and to support the school.

Great websites for Primary students -

Here are some fantastic web sites for you to investigate with your children:

- www.multiplication.com - a great website with games to consolidate multiplication tables.
- www.starfall.com - a terrific site for beginner readers
- <http://www.magickeys.com/books/> - online books
- <http://www.abcfastphonics.com/> - teaches phonics
- <http://www.spellingcity.com> - wonderful for reinforcing spelling words with teaching, testing and games

Weekly Encouragement Awards

Prep	Anastacia Drew
Year 1	Adele Finney
Year 2	Hailey Belling
Year 2 / 3	Abi McAllister
Year 4	Kadison Redden
Year 4 / 5	Thomas Fea
Year 5	Tarni-Bree Griffiths
Year 5 / 6	Rose Vance
Year 6	Emerson Finger



Australian Curriculum

Last week the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) released the draft K-10 Australian Curriculum in four learning areas: English, mathematics, science, and history for national consultation. Feedback is easy to provide. The drafts are available through a consultation website for everyone to read, review, download, or print. ACARA would like as many people as possible to be involved in the consultation process and to provide feedback on what we would like young people to learn in English, mathematics, science and history across K-10.

ACARA is committed to listening to you, carefully considering your feedback and developing the best possible Australian Curriculum. If you want to know more about what ACARA is responsible for you could visit the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

Year 1 Request

Year One is looking for donations of Taped stories (or storybooks on CD) with story book, and lanyards for classroom activities please. All donations are gratefully received.

With thanks
Year One Cherubs

Recognition for Excellence in Mentoring

On Monday night Sue Waltisbuhl received an award for excellence in Pre-service Teacher Mentoring from Christian Heritage College. During the address from Dean of Education and Humanities, Dr Robert Herschell commended Christian Schools from all over Queensland for their support of the Professional Experience Program which enabled their student teachers to gain valuable teaching experience. He also spoke of the important role that Christ-centred schools have in shaping the future of our Nation. "We need to focus on the head, hands and heart of a child. Without the heart, knowledge and skills are less effective", said Dr Herschell. "We need to take Athens to Jerusalem."



This is also Sue's passion and, in mentoring up and coming teachers, it is evident she has the balance of head, hands and heart right. Sue was among 16 teachers from schools as far North as Townsville and West to Dalby who were recognised for excellence in mentoring.

Cooloola Christian College has a strong tradition of supporting Pre-Service Teachers and over the years has helped countless students launch their career in Education. This year our staff will be working with at least 5 students from Universities such as James Cook, Sunshine Coast, Christian Heritage and the University of Tasmania.

NEWS FROM THE ILC



Open Night is an excellent opportunity for students to visit ACU, take a tour around the campus and talk to staff and current students about courses they are interested in.

Brisbane Campus Open Night Wednesday 21st July from 5.30pm.

- Also be a student for the day :-
- Nurse for a Day - Friday 1st October
 - Art Industries - Wednesday 29th September
 - Exercise Scientist - Monday 27th September
 - Buzz with Business- Wednesday 26th May

For more details, please see Mrs Dowell in the ILC