A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

As the term draws to a close, Cerdon College formally farewelled its Year 12 class at a whole school Mass on Wednesday 18th and its Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 19th. These students now make final study preparations for their HSC exams which begin on Monday October 14th. I ask that you keep our Year 12 students in your prayers over the next few weeks.

We farewell from our staff, Mrs Jennifer Sharp, Year 8 Co-ordinator, who has commenced Maternity Leave and will return to the staff in 2014. Mrs Melissa’s Barbaro will be taking up the role of Year 8 Co-ordinator for the rest of the year. We also farewell our Acting Assistant Principal, Mrs Brooke Prideaux who is taking a temporary secondment at the Board of Studies, National Curriculum Project. Mr Nathan Mulheron will be taking up the Assistant Principal’s role for Term 4. Mrs Michelina Schinella will be acting as Religious Education Co-ordinator for Term 4.

We wish Mrs Sharp and Mrs Prideaux all the best in their new roles and am sure that all in the community will assist Mr Mulheron and Mrs Schinella as they take up their new roles in Term 4.

As a school community this week we especially pray for the people of Syria who have been so impacted by the Civil War in that country.

Prayer for Peace in Syria

God of Compassion,
Hear the cries of the people of Syria
Comfort those who suffer violence
Console those who mourn the dead
Give strength to Syria’s neighbouring countries to welcome the refugees
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms
And protect those who are committed to peace.

God of hope,
Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with their enemies
Inflame the Universal Church with compassion for the people of Syria
And give us hope for a future built on justice for all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace and Light of the world.
Amen

God Bless

Mrs Patricia Baker
Principal
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The ceremony for the Bishop of Parramatta Award for Student Excellence was held on Thursday 12 September 2013 at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta.
This prestigious award is made to one Year 12 student from each Catholic school in the Diocese of Parramatta.
Each year the award seeks to recognise some of our outstanding young men and women, at the culmination of their schooling, who
witness their Catholic faith and achieve well in their academic, sporting, creative, vocational or community endeavours.
The student recipient is a model for their peers and a source of inspiration and encouragement within their school communities, particularly in the expression of the Catholic life of our schools.
The Award is also a just recognition for the recipient’s parents, who have nurtured their son or daughter, as well as teachers who
have instilled a passion for excellence.
Congratulations to Claudia Tawil (Year 12) on being the recipient of this prestigious Award for 2013.

Leadership Forum
On 9 September, four Year 10 students represented Cerdon College at a leadership forum held at Marist Sisters College Woolwich.
It was an enriching and enlightening day filled with exciting activities and vital advice. Each student was awed by the speakers Layne Beachley and Ruth Medd, who inspired them to promote women’s leadership and act on it within their own school and community. They participated in both individual and group activities with students from schools across the Sydney district. The day was a great success for the students, Megan Cuskelly, Carina Uremovic, Keira Anderson and Achol Juk who have matured further from this experience.
Megan Cuskelly and Carina Uremovic (Year 10)

Ignite Leadership Conference
On 6 September we were selected to attend Ignite Student Leadership Conference at McCarthy Catholic College. During the
time we spent there we attended workshops in order to develop our leadership skills along with many other students from
Catholic schools. We chose 2 workshops which were ‘Community Development’ and ‘Charity/Business’. Here we
discussed and were taught about issues that us as leaders of the future, can deal with. We came up with 3-4 resolutions to add to the
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Gabriela Badrov, Elise Cribbin (Year 7)
Kylah Beshara, Claire Duffy (Year 8)

Enrichment @ Cerdon
It’s the end of another busy term and if you are looking for some activities to do during the holidays, take note of some of the fantastic competitions available.
This term finished off with two of the most exciting knowledge challenges; the final one for Year 12 as well as the teachers vs students challenge. These are such fantastic opportunities for students to really test their knowledge but ultimately to enjoy the last few days as senior students.

Year 12 Knowledge Challenge
There was lots of excitement and healthy competition in this, the last challenge for Year 12. Each colour house put forward their best teams, and after hundreds of questions the final was a replay of the 2011 and 2012 match between Colin and Perroton. Congratulations to both teams for making the finals and a particular congratulations to the Colin team for winning the 2013 Knowledge Challenge.

The Teachers vs Students Knowledge Challenge
One of the privileges of being the winning team of the year 12 knowledge challenge, is the opportunity to play against the teachers. This is a fantastic way to end the year 12 school year and as always, in this challenge, there was lots of healthy competition, lots of excitement and lots of laughs. In the end, after some very close scoring, the deserving winners were the students’ team made up of Alina Geagea, Liliana Huynh, Tessie Nguyen and Quynh Pham. A big thank you to all the teachers that made up the Superteam and who played so well and taught the girls so well too!

Trop Jr. 2013
Modelled on the world’s largest film festival, Tropfest, JR Tropfest is a short film making competition for students aged 15 years and under. Films need to be made especially for the competition, be no longer than 7 minutes and include the Trop Jr Signature Item for 2013, which is, ‘MONSTER’. For further information and entry details visit tropjr.com

Write 4 Fun Schools Writing Competition
Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems, for the Chance to win some great prizes on offer. There is no theme or topic for either pieces of writing. The competition is open to all students K-12. For further entry details visit www.write4fun.net. The competition closes September 22, 2013.

Mrs S. Agius
Enrichment Co-ordinator
The Gutsy Challenge
Throughout this term, Year 7 has taken part in a fundraising initiative for the Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer Institute. The initiative is known as “The Gutsy Challenge” and involved our Year 7 students committing themselves to eating four servings of vegetables and two servings of fruit per day for a week. Students were asked to find sponsors to raise money for the GI Institute. Year 7 approached the initiative with great enthusiasm and raised a record $5,750. This will make a fantastic contribution to GI Cancer research and assist those in need. Year 7 are to be commended for not only raising money but for getting behind the initiative and helping to raise awareness about the issue. Each class held a healthy eating food stall during the fundraising period, which raised money for GI Cancer research and promoted healthy eating at Cerdon. Thank you to all year 7 students for their involvement in the initiative and to the PDHPE Department for facilitating the program during PDHPE lessons.

National Aeroskools Championships
We wish the Sport Aerobics squad the very best of luck this weekend at the National Championships in Brisbane. The students involved have done a fantastic job training and fundraising in the lead up to the competition. We look forward to hearing about the students’ progress and results in the coming days. Best of luck to the following students: Leanne Purkis, Rachael Vella, Rochelle Salatino and Angela Pham. Many thanks to Mrs Barbaro for her efforts in preparing the squad and best of luck for the competition.

Mr R Zammit
PDHPE/Sport Co-ordinator
Term 4 Diary Dates

Week 1
Monday 7 October
Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 8 October
School Resumes
Australian Business Week/Year 11 Work Placement Commences
Wednesday 9 October
Year 7 2014 Orientation Day
Thursday 10 October
Year 7 Immunisation
Week 2
Monday 14 October
HSC Exams Commence
Year 11 Australian Business Week
Presentation (P3)
Week 3
Monday 21 October
P & F Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday 23 October
Year 7 2014 Alternate Orientation Day
Week 4
Monday 28 October
Year 9-10 Exams Commence
Friday 1 November
All Saints Day
Memorial Tree Planting 11:00 am
Year 9-10 Exams Conclude
Week 5
Thursday 7 November
Year 11 Reports Distributed
Friday 9 November
Week 6
Monday 12 November
Remembrance Day Ceremony 8:50 am
Friday 15 November
Year 12 Collect References and Formal Tickets 9:00—11:00 am
Week 7
Wednesday 20 November
Year 11 Liturgy and Presentation Assembly
Year 9 Peer Support Training
Friday 22 November
Year 12 Formal
Week 8
Monday 25 November
Creative and Performing Arts Showcase 4-7 pm
Week 10
Monday 9 December
Presentation Night 7pm
Tuesday 10—Thursday 12 December
Year 10 Alternate Programme
Wednesday 11 December
Year 7-10 Reports Distributed
Thursday 12 December
Year 11 Liturgy and Presentation Assembly
Year 9 Peer Support Training
Friday 13 December
Year 11 Picnic
Year 10 End of Year Function
Year 9 Peer Support Training
Week 11
Monday 16-18 December
Year 11 Assessment Period
Monday 16 December
Year 10 Prefect Training
Tuesday 17 December
Year 7-9 Liturgies and Presentation Assemblies
Wednesday 18 December
HSC Results Released
Year 7-9 Picnics
Last Day Term 4
Thursday 19 December
Staff Development Day
HSC Morning Tea 10:30 am
Friday 20 December
Staff Development Day
Last Day 2013 School Year

Co-ordinator’s Awards

Rachel Ashworth 12FF3, Amanda Awad 7ES
Louise Awad 7ES, Georgia Azar 7E10
Elizabeth Cheung 12HA, Kiara Correia 7E8
Crystal Curtis 7G23, Tori Duncan 12FF8, Sally Eid 10F21
Georgia Elias 7E10, Carmela Espinosa 8KL6
Lisa Galafassi 12GL5, Alina Geagea 12FF8
Elissa Hadchiria 10F21, Zhi Lin Huang 12FF2
Sharon Huynh 12FF8, Katrina Jelavic 7G23
Annmaree Kenny 8GL3, Coreen La Rocca 7E8
Juania Lim 12GL5, Elissar Maalouf 7E6
Yasmin Mani 10F21, Taylor Mansour 7E6
Belinda Martin 7E7, Amelia Menouhos 9J29
Natasha Milakovic 8KL6, Cindy Nguyen 12FF2
Kim Nguyen 12HA, Tessie Nguyen 12GL4
Theresa Nguyen 8GL3, Claudia Ong 7E5
Quynh Pham 12HA, Alexandra Serbin 12GL5
Elizabeth Serbin 10FD1, Zoya Shah 9J28
Gabriella Siderides 9J28, Priscilla Tannous 10F20
Shiarna Tarasenko 7G23, Ashleigh Taylor-Robson 12FF2
Amy Townsend 7G23, Rebecca Walker 12FF6
Christine Yong 12HA, Joanne Zeariar 9J28

IMPORTANT REMINDER—SCHOOL ZONES

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 3 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.
School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.
School zones for our school will end on Monday 23 September and resume on Tuesday 8 October 2013.

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

TERM 1
Monday and Wednesday
8:00 am—2:00 pm
TERM 2
Mondays only from 27 May
8:00 am—2:00 pm
TERM 3
Monday
8:00 am—2:00 pm
TERM 4
Monday and Wednesday
8:00 am—2:00 pm
Telephone enquiries can be made to the College Uniform Shop during opening hours on 0419 403 901. The Shop is unable to be contacted via the College office number at present. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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