A Message from the Principal

As students settle in to Term 3, students in Years 8 and 10 have begun the process of choosing subjects for next year. Our Year 11 students have learnt much from their Work Placement programs in the last week of Term 2. Many students received very favourable reviews of their ability to work in real work environments. Year 12 students are making final preparations for their Trial HSC examinations, which begin next week.

Over the school holiday break, much maintenance work was completed around all areas of the College, with all gutters and drains cleaned, refurbishment of lights in the Hall and fencing of the Netball courts completed. Work on the refurbishment of the Netball court surfacing was again delayed by rain, but is now on track for completion at the end of next week.

Cerdon College welcomes back Ms T Singleton from maternity leave.

As a community, please keep in your prayers Christie Nguyen and Mirjana Stancic from Year 11, who are currently in Rio de Janeiro, as part of the WYD contingent from Parramatta Diocese.

As a College community we pray -

Lord, I pray for all who suffer from hatred and prejudice, from abuse and ill-treatment, and for all who are victims of what others do.
I pray, too, for the people of violence, that they may change their ways and learn to respect others.
I pray for myself, that when I face what is negative or evil I may have the courage and generosity to break the cycle of violence, hatred, fear or distrust, and make my own choices and take responsibility for the direction in which I want my life to go.
I pray that I may always do to others as I would wish them to do to me.

Amen

God Bless

Mrs Patricia Baker
Principal

Staff Development Day
Parents are reminded that tomorrow - Friday 26 July 2013 is a Staff Development Day.
The College will be closed on this day.

P & F Meeting
Monday 29 July, 7:00 pm
Cerdon College Staffroom
ALL WELCOME!
Enrichment @ Cerdon

Welcome back to Term 3! In this issue of Enrichment we look back on the many fantastic learning experiences some of our students were fortunate enough to be part of. This term also offers many opportunities for our gifted.

Australian Catholic Young Journalist Awards

This competition invites young students across Australia to write about people who inspire them. Judging has been completed for this year and we are pleased to announce that Antquie Edey from Year 11 has been awarded Highly Commended in the senior division.

Congratulations on such a fantastic achievement!

The University of Sydney Gifted and Talented Discovery Program

During the holidays I was privileged to be a part of the Gifted and Talented Discovery Program at the University of Sydney. This program is Australia-wide and only accepts 10% of the students that apply. The program focused on Chemistry, Physics and Biology over three whole days. Chemistry was a blast with explosive balloons and activities involving liquid nitrogen and slime. Physics was very educational with a talk about an invisibility cloak and experiments involving lasers and telescopes. Biology was very lively with MasterBiologist where experiments were conducted on live insects, on the conditions they live in plus a dissection of a locust. To finish the program Dr Tanya Latty talked about her love of insects and their contribution to the world.

Overall this was an amazing experience where I met great people and learned a lot from the scientists at the university.

Now I can’t wait to go back in October!

Leanne Purkis (Year 9)

The International Science School at the University of Sydney (ISS)

The International Science School is run by the school of Physics at the University of Sydney. The program runs over two weeks during the July holidays, attracting students from around Australia and the world including Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, China and Singapore. The theme for this year’s event was ‘Small Wonders-Big Future’, focusing on the science of nanotechnology. Each day included informative and challenging lectures by renowned world scientists including Professor Brian Schmidt, winner of the 201 Nobel Prize for Physics, Professor Gerard Milburn, Director of the Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems at the University of Queensland and Dr Karl Kruszelnicki who is best known as an author and science commentator on Australian radio and television.

We took part in was the Science and Engineering Challenge where, amongst other things, we had to build a Mars Rover and even build a satellite which could detect radiation! On a lighter note, the program provided us with the opportunity to meet and socialise with like-minded students from around the world. We had many social activities including a harbour cruise, a bush dance, a trivia night and even ‘The Great Gatsby Ball’ where we got to dress up and re-live the glitz and glamour of the 1920s. The International Science School was an amazing learning experience, one I felt very privileged to be part of!

Quynh Pham (Year 12)

CSIRO Work Experience

This year the CSIRO received around 950 applications centrally from students wanting to do work experience with them. Placement in the program is very competitive and it was a great privilege to be offered such an opportunity. As an organisation the CSIRO is committed to promoting science amongst the youth of Australia. To do this, they run their annual work experience program to encourage students at a young age to get into science and to then hopefully go on to become the future scientists and leaders. I was fortunate to work with David Burt in the Strategy, Performance and Flagships Program. In this field I was able to visit a number of areas at the centre. More importantly I was able to experience first-hand a number of current and future science projects. I was able to learn so much about how an organisation such as this works and experience how much fun it is to work in science and to experience the vast numbers of roles and opportunities I could have in the future.

Nicole El Turk (Year 11)

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 or see Mrs Agius. Entries close October 10, 2013.

The ConocoPhilips Science Experience

The ConocoPhilips Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students, during the holiday breaks in 2013/ 2014. The program which is run in universities right around Australia, is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences. This program is a fantastic opportunity for our girls to meet like-minded individuals, and to share their science experiences with students from different schools. For further information please visit scienceexperience.com.au or see Mrs Agius

For any further information on any enrichment program please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sonya Agius, Enrichment Co-ordinator
PDHPE and Sport Report

Aerobics State Championships

Congratulations to our Sport Aerobics squad who competed at the State Championships on Friday July 19 at Liverpool Catholic Club. The squad performed very well against tough competition with all students placing in the top three in the state.

Congratulations to the following students for these fantastic results:

Kylah Beshara (8KL6) and Tayla Noble (8KL6) - 2nd in the Level 3 Pair category.
Leanne Purkis (9J28) and Rachael Vella (9J30) – 2nd in the Level 4 Pair category.
Rochelle Salatino (8KL6) and Angela Pham (8G25) – 3rd in the Level 4 Pair category.

The Level 4 Team consisting of Leanne Purkis, Rachael Vella, Rochelle Salatino and Angela Pham finished 1st overall, which is a fine achievement.

We will wait with great anticipation to see whether their final scores are high enough to qualify for the National Championships.

Special thanks to Mrs Barbaro, who organised the team’s entry, coached and guided the squad and accompanied the students on the day.

Mr R Zammit
PDHPE/Sport Co-ordinator

Upcoming Events

29 July PDSSSC U/15 Soccer (Rescheduled)
12 August PDSSSC U/14 AFL
14 August NSWCCC Netball
16 August PDSSSC Dance
21 August PDSSSC Athletics Carnival
2 September PDSSSC Oz-Tag

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Thursday 8 August
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day

Week 5
Monday 12 August
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Thursday 15 August
Feast of the Assumption

Week 6
Monday 22 August
Year 7 Immunisation

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Monday 29 August
Year 7 2014 Parent Information Evening 7pm

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Advertising

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

SECONDARY FOCUS EVENING:
Safe Partyng plus Financial Literacy for Youths
(THE IS A COMBINED PARENT & CHILD WORKSHOP)

- Are you planning a party for teenagers at home?
- Is your teenager hitting the party scene?
- Does your teenager's pocket money cover their spending?
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Are you planning a party for teenagers at home?

Come and hear a “Safe Partyng” presentation conducted by your Local Area Police Liaison Officer. An initiative to help your teenager have a great time and remain safe.

- Does your teenager’s pocket money cover their spending?
- Is your teenager able to save/invest money?

Share in a Financial Literacy presentation designed to help your teenager make successful financial decisions & avoid “the credit trap” – now & for the future!

Cluster presentation venues:
- MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2013 – Cerdon College
Sherwood Rd, Merrylands West NSW 2160
- TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2013 – Patrician Brothers’ College
100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148
- TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2013 – St Mark's Catholic College
160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768
- THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2013 – St Dominic's College
Gascoigne St, Kingswood NSW 2747

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – email your name, school, contact number and venue choice to prcparraevents@hotmail.com

This is a FREE workshop open to all our parents, teachers and staff in the Parramatta Diocese

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8:00 am—2:00 pm

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8:00 am—2:00 pm

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Co-ordinator's Awards

Sabina Abi Kabalane 8GL3, Andrianna Agathos 10F20, Lara Ahmad 7E5
Daniela Angeloni 9J29, Zali Aquilina 7E6, Lillian Awad 9J29
Taylah Baker 7E5, Evana Dannoun 7E8, Camilla Diab 8G26
Nicole Diaz 7E7, Sally Eid 10F21, Nicole El Jammel 9J29
Rita El Takchi 10F21, Salwa Hanna 8G26, Natalya Jozic 10FD1
Monique Khattar 7E5, Tiana Lardieri 9J29, Rachel Muscat 9J29
Cindy Nguyen 12FF2, Monica Pham 10F19, Wendy Sclosa 7E6
Charmaine Semaan 7E5, Briana Sleiman 7E10, Mae Sleiman 7E6
Lauren Smith 8G24, Balpreet Sunner 7G23
Maddison Temple-Twindley 7E5, Jessica Torbay 7E9, Rachael Vella 9J30
Billie Windred-Palmer 7E7, Veronica Wong 10F19