Dear Parents, Staff and Students

As Term 2 draws to a close, students continue to remain focused in our classrooms. Our Year 12 students are finalizing their major projects in Textiles and Design, English Extension II, Music, Drama and Visual Arts.

Year 7 and 8 Reports will be distributed to students on Monday 24th June (Week 9 Term 2). Year 9 and 10 Reports will be distributed to students on Tuesday 16th July (Week 1 Term 3).

Parents are reminded that students must not be removed from class for holidays without a formal application for leave. At all times family holidays should be organized during school holiday periods. Whenever students are absent from school for any reason, parents should ensure that the College receives an explanatory note on the first day they return to school.

As the term ends, there are a number of staff changes to report. Miss Karen Farrell has taken a permanent teaching position at Delany College. She has been replaced by Miss Marissa Caspe. Mrs Maria Commissio, our College Teacher Librarian, is leaving at the end of Week 1 Term 3 to take up a special project position in a primary school setting. She will be replaced by Mrs Nancy Sylaprany who is currently on the Library staff.

I wish to thank these teachers for their contributions to the College over a number of years.

God Bless

Mrs Patricia Baker
Principal

NSW Constitutional Convention

On Monday 17th June, I was given the rare opportunity to attend the State Constitutional Convention held at Parliament House in the City, along with 130 other students from schools all over NSW. The day began with talks from the The Hon Adam Serale MLC, Deputy leader of the Opposition and Professor Anne Twomey, followed by group discussions and debates, and a chance to present our arguments to the whole congregation. I was privileged enough to be selected as one of the 30 delegates to attend the 3-day National Constitutional Convention held in Canberra, early 2014.

I would like to thank Ms Bousimon, my legal studies teacher, for her assistance and Mrs Baker for providing me with the opportunity. I m t was a great experience.

Jessica Issa (Year 11)
Change to Report Coversheets for Years 7-10

Please be advised that as of this semester, the coversheet of your daughter’s report will no longer have a comment from the homeroom teacher. The coversheet will now detail your daughter’s daily attendance record and her attendance at special school events. Report coversheets for Years 11 and 12 will remain unchanged for 2013.

Campion College Knowledge Challenge

Cerdon College participated in the Campion College Knowledge Challenge again this year. The competition was held over two nights at their Toongabbie campus on the 11th and 12th of June. The school was ably represented by six Year 12 students organised into two teams: 

Alina Geagea, Liliana Huynh, Quynh Pham
and the second team of
Cindy Nguyen, Tessie Nguyen, Lidia Yousif

Both teams survived the elimination rounds to qualify for the semi-finals and were invited back for the second night of competition. The first team survived to the Grand Final which was quite an achievement but lost to Redfield.

The questions this year were found to be challenging by everyone, but both our teams put on an enthusiastic and entertaining performance.

We congratulate both teams for generously giving their time and talents to represent the school so well.

The girls would also like to thank Mrs Agius who trained them for this competition.

Year 11 Physics Excursion to Luna Park

On Friday 31st of May, the Year 11 Physics class had the opportunity to experience first hand the applications of Physics at Luna Park. We were fortunate to have a beautiful day for our educational experience. Travelling by train to the venue further enhanced our understanding of Newton's First Law of Motion.

Arriving at Luna Park, we were given a tour of the rides and handed worksheets which we had to complete by the end of the day.

We were able to calculate the amount of energy, velocity and force experienced on several of the rides. The ‘Wild Mouse’ ride involved the application of potential, kinetic and gravitational energy while the ‘Dodgem Cars’ was a great example of the Conservation of Momentum in action. In addition, the ‘Rotor’ and ‘Tango Train’ allowed for a first hand observation of centripetal force whilst being pushed into the wall.

Overall, the day was filled with fun and Physics and we thank Mr Tham for organising the excursion.

Nivaaz Sehmahi and
Jessica Hasbany

Science News

Fifteen enthusiastic Year 12 students took a day from their studies to participate in the NSW Schools Titrination competition on Saturday the 15th of June. This competition is a 1½ hour practical procedure and calculation to determine the concentration of an unknown solution. The 5 teams of three were:

Krysten Tupai, Miralta Zeid, Alina Geagea
Liliana Huynh, Jessica Ma, Tessie Nguyen
Zhi Lin Huang, Jade Hermogenes, Jaclyn Li
Mariella Hurtado, Jasmine Sclosa, Helen Nguyen
Christina Nguyen, Quynh Pham, Rachel Dang

The girls all performed the chemical analysis well and had a great time including a swish self-catered for picnic lunch whilst the results were being tallied.

The best titrator on the day was Krysten Tupai with a near perfect score, closely followed by Liliana Huynh and Miralta Zeid. Tessie Nguyen and Helen Nguyen were also impressive in their accuracy.

The best placed Cerdon team on the day came 4th at the University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury campus with an error score of a low 213. This team included Liliana Huynh, Jessica Ma and Tessie Nguyen.

Well done to all the participators and a big thank you to Ms Hulands who helped transport the students and provide the Bridget and Maeve cheer squad!

Mrs Hackney

Language Perfect World Championships 2013

The Language Perfect World Championships saw over 200,000 students in over 12 countries competing against each other between May 20-30.

Language Perfect is a fast paced, exciting, competitive and interactive language program which enables students to develop their linguistic skills. Unfortunately the championships took place during exam week which prevented students from fully dedicating themselves to the competition. However, Cerdon College still achieved tremendous results and our Year 9 students were awarded a Bronze award and a Credit award.

Congratulations:
Martina Gambacorta - awarded with a Bronze award earning 1,064 points.
Yvonne Aguirre - awarded with a Credit award, earning 809 points.

CONGRATULAZIONI!!!!!
La Gita Scolastica

Last Wednesday we spent a wonderful day with the boys from Fairfield Patrician Brothers. Our first stop was Pure Gelato. There we saw how gelato is made and then we tasted a variety of flavours like chocolate, passionfruit, coffee, hazelnut, bacio, strawberry and tiramisu. Our second stop was Haberfield. It is a very Italian suburb and is an area filled with many local shops like Pasticceria Papa, the Italian supermarket, the cheese shop and the fruit shop. According to us, the bread from Haberfield is the best in Sydney! Our final stop was Leichhardt (little Italy). We had lunch at Moretti (an Italian pizzeria). The pizza was really good and authentic and the pasta was exquisite.

Year 9 Italian

Abbiamo trascorso una bellissima giornata con i ragazzi di Patrician Brothers Fairfield. La prima fermata era Pure Gelato. Ci hanno fatto vedere come si prepara il gelato e poter abbiamo assaggiato tanti gusti diversi come cioccolato, frutto della passione, caffè, nocciole, bacio, fragola e tiramisu.

La seconda fermata era Haberfield. È un quartiere molto italiano, e una zona piena d’italiani. Mentre camminavamo sentivamo tanta gente parlare in italiano. A Haberfield, abbiamo visitato tanti locali italiani come Pasticceria Papa, la Monica, la laiteria, il fruttivendolo e il fornaio. Secondo noi, il pane di Haberfield è il migliore di Sydney! L’ultima fermata era Leichhardt (little Italy). Abbiamo pranzato da Moretti (una pizzeria italiana). La pizza era buonissima e autentica. La pasta era squisita.

Anno 9 Italiano

PDHPE and Sport Report

School Athletics Carnival

Despite the cloud cover, the rain held off and we were blessed to have a dry day for our Athletics Carnival. This year’s carnival was held at Homebush Athletic Centre on Friday 7th June. Participation levels were very pleasing and all students should be commended on their involvement. There were some fantastic performances on the day and the following students are to be congratulated for achieving Champion and Runner Up awards in their respective age group.

12 Years Age Champion  Louise O’Neill (Marcellin)
12 Years Age Runner Up  Claudia Ong (McOscar)
12 Years Age Runner Up  Jeg Deng (Marcellin)
13 Years Age Champion  Julia Achmar (Perroton)
13 Years Age Runner Up  Natasha Milakovic (McOscar)
14 Years Age Champion  Kaitlin Allan (Marcellin)
14 Years Age Runner Up  Hayley Nolan (Marcellin)
15 Years Age Champion  Georgia Crelley (McOscar)
15 Years Age Runner Up  Emily Gittany (Colin)
16 Years Age Champion  Naomi Amosa (Colin)
16 Years Age Runner Up  Monique Brunet (McOscar)
17 Years Age Champion  Jessica Stanton (Perroton)
17 Years Age Runner Up  Mariella Hurtado (Perroton)
18 Years Age Champion  Victoria Quested (Colin)

House Champion

Congratulations to Marcellin House who have won the 2013 Athletics Carnival. Whilst Marcellin has achieved a fantastic final result, the other three houses are to be commended on achieving very competitive final scores.

1st Marcellin  939
2nd Perroton  827
3rd McOscar  795
4th Colin  775

Many thanks also to the PDHPE department, Cerdon Staff, Year 9 and 10 PASS students and other student helpers who assisted with convening this year’s event. It is important to acknowledge the work that also goes on behind the scenes – to Mrs Sanderson for her help with printing; to Mrs De Santis for organising accountancy issues, to Ms Mahrous, for organising the results package and to Mrs Kilgannon for her efforts in finalising the results. The day would not have been as successful as it was without the assistance of all involved and we look forward enthusiastically to next year’s carnival.

NSWCCC Tennis

On Sunday June 16 and Monday June 17, the Cerdon College Open Tennis Team travelled to Bathurst to compete at the NSWCCC Tennis Teams Championships. The squad performed very well throughout the competition, making it through to the semi finals. The team was defeated in the semi finals and then played off for the Bronze Medal only to be defeated by a very talented team from St Joseph’s College, Gosford. It is a fantastic achievement to be amongst the top four teams in NSW Catholic Schools and all players should be commended on their efforts in the lead up to the competition and on the day. The squad was made up of the following students: Lauren Mita, Rachel Fogarty, Yasmine Abou Hamed and Emma Andrew. Special mention must also go to Shelby Pahuta who travelled with the squad as a reserve. Thank you to Mr Porter for his astute coaching and his efforts in organising the team, including the overnight stay in Bathurst.

Mr R Zammit

PDHPE/Sport Co-ordinator

Upcoming Events

24 June  PDSSSC U/15 Soccer
19 July  Aeroskools State Championships
23 July  PDSSSC Netball
12 August  PDSSSC U/14 AFL
14 August  NSWCCC Netball
16 August  PDSSSC Dance
21 August  PDSSSC Athletics Carnival