Dear Parents, Staff and Students

As Term 4 commences, Cerdon College last week welcomed its 2014 Year 7 students for an Orientation Day, Year 11 VET students completed their final VET Work Placement, while Year 11 Non VET students were involved in a business simulation as part of Australian Business Week. Year 8 French students participated in a French language activity day with students from Parramatta Marist.

This week Year 12 students commenced their HSC examinations. Please keep these students in your prayers.

As a community we pray

In times of difficulty, Lord,
we appreciate the support and encouragement of others.
In better times, we hope we can help others
who are struggling with issues.
Remind us then to co-operate with people,
look out for the needs of others
and be ready to offer a smile,
a word, a kind act and
encouragement to others.
Amen

Bus Issues
A new bus operator, Transit Systems, has taken over buses including school special buses in the local area. Cerdon College was only informed of the change to bus operators on Thursday 10 October and students were informed.

Unfortunately, the change of operators has not been as smooth as it was hoped, and we are aware that buses are different in colour, have not stopped at proper stops, drivers have become lost and many morning and afternoon buses have been late.

The school is continuing to work to ensure that the problems with school buses are resolved as quickly as possible, however, parents and students are requested to let the College Office know of any issues they continue to experience with buses over the next weeks. If problems persist with the buses, I would also encourage parents to contact Transit Systems directly on 8778 5830.

God Bless

Mrs Patricia Baker
Principal

P & F Meeting
Monday 21 October
7:00 pm
Staffroom
ALL WELCOME
Australian Business Week

Once again, it was a busy start for Year 11 with the running of the ABW Program. Due to the October long weekend, the program had to be condensed into four days, however, this didn’t detract from this challenging but rewarding week.

2013 saw our largest cohort with nearly 120 students completing the program assisted by 14 VET Education students. The Program is based on the concept of discovery or experiential learning, and the students experienced a steep learning curve as they took over the running of a hotel for a two year period through a computer simulation program. They had to name their hotel and choose a theme on which they had to develop, a trade display and TV advertisement, to promote their business. Each team also had to develop a seven minute digital presentation capturing the essence of the week for them, along with a formal oral presentation to their ‘shareholders’ of their performance over the two years of the computer simulation.

It was a most busy week, with several sleepless nights for many participants as they prepared for the trade display on Friday. However, all the hard work paid off with possibly the best collection of displays since the program started in 1996. All students should be congratulated on their efforts throughout the week as they made decisions, met deadlines and discovered skills and talents within themselves and their peers.

I would like to thank the teachers who gave generously of their time and talents to mentor the students throughout the week, particularly when they gave up valuable lesson preparation time and had to also set lessons for the classes they missed - Miss Parker, Miss Herrera, Mrs Wang, Mr Tham, Miss Ojong, Ms W Young, Ms Peacock. Also thanks to Ms Maharoo for her assistance with ICT throughout the week.

Of course the ABW program relies heavily on the generous support of local businesses:

**ABW Enterprise Education, David Sproule Trophies and Corporate Awards, LJ Hooker, LMS Advisory Pty Ltd, Rotary International, Riger Transport Pty Ltd, Colommore Pty Ltd, Baxter’s Bus Lines**

A special thank you to our major sponsor, The Rotary Club of Holroyd, who provided mentors, judges and financial sponsorship of the program which helped make it such a success. The ABW program is a major undertaking by the College and required many months of preparation. I would like to especially acknowledge the wonderful work of Mrs Zakroczymski, without whom the program couldn’t have run.

Mr B Collimore, ABW Co-ordinator

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Enrichment @ Cerdon

Welcome back to Term IV. As always the holidays have provided many of our girls the opportunity to participate in a number of extra curricula activities.

Congratulations to the many students who, over the break, have participated in the many writing competitions, Tropeast jr and The Science Experience. As well as providing enrichment, participation in such activities is proving valuable as students apply for special programs outside of school and for scholarships.

**The Science Experience at the UNSW**

After enjoying The Science Experience at the University of Sydney in the Christmas holidays, a number of year 10 students returned to the experience at the University of NSW. As a result, many of them are now members of the Young Scientists of Australia and just as Simone Cheuanghane, has done, have the opportunity to help staff the program.

From the 2nd to the 4th of October, Esther Duruchukwu, Marianne Chemuel, Anna Tran, Michelle Elas, Catherine Le and I attended the Conoco-Phillips Science Experience at the University of New South Wales. The program was an eye-opener for us all showing us the reality of university life. The facilities within the university as well as the different types of activities (lecture, tutorials and demos) exposed many different fields in science that we had not known of. Yet, it was the friendly staff members and opportunity to meet new people who we were also interested in science at that was definitely the most enjoyable part of the program.

Pamela Kahwashy, 10F22

From the 30th of September to the 4th of October, I along with 16 others members of the Young Scientists of Australia, assisted the University of New South Wales in running the 2013 Conoco Phillips Science Experience. The first two days were heavily devoted to meeting everyone involved, finding our way around the university (which proved to be a challenge), learning mind games and ice breakers as well as general rules regarding us as staffies and the students. This being my first time staffing, the more experienced staffies made me feel welcome and comfortable in the role I was given. I felt quickly at ease meeting people with similar interests and interesting personalities.

The three days of the experience with the students proved to be great fun but also a challenge at times, having to worry about getting to and leaving lectures on time and making sure we didn’t lose any students. Being a “group staffie”, I was able to get to know the students I was supervising, their interests and overall, encourage their love of science to enhance their overall leadership. I highly recommend both attending and staffing any of the Science Experiences offered at any of the universities to anyone who has an interest and wants to explore science or has a free week in their holidays and wants to make more friends.

Simone Cheuanghane, 10F24

The University of Sydney Gifted and Talented Discovery program

The University of Sydney is inviting gifted students in years 8 and 9 to apply for a position in the 2014 Gifted and Talented Discovery period. Entry to this prestigious program is via an entrance exam which will be conducted at school in November. Interested students are to see Mrs Agius.

The Somerset Celebration of Literature writing competitions

If you enjoy writing and dream of producing the next bestseller, these competitions are for YOU! As part of the Somerset Celebration of Literature, students are invited to participate in 2014 Novella Writing Competition and/or the 2014 Somerset National Poetry prize. The novella competition requires students to write a novel between 6000-10000 words, on any theme. As well as winning over $2500 worth of prizes, winners will receive personalised advice on their work from members of the Penguin Group (Australia) Publishing Company.

The National Poetry Prize students can submit any unpublished piece of work which is no more than 50 lines on any subject. Winners in each category will receive a $300 plus flights to attend the Somerset Celebration of Literature festival in Queensland. Further information is available from Mrs Agius or by visiting www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration.

Mrs S Agius, Enrichment Co-ordinator
PDHPE and Sport Report

NSWCCC and NSW All Schools Athletics
Congratulations to Natasha Milakovic and Jeg Deng on being selected in the PDSSSC Athletics Squad which competed at the NSWCCC Athletics Carnival on Friday September 13. Both students participated to the best of their ability and proudly represented the College. Congratulations to Natasha Milakovic on finishing 1st in the U13 Javelin event, allowing her to progress to the NSW All Schools Carnival, which took place on Thursday October 10 and Friday October 11. Natasha competed in the U13 Shot Put and Javelin events across the two days and was placed 8th in the U13 Javelin with a throw of 30.09m. Well done Natasha and Jeg! We look forward to more fantastic results next year!

National Aeroskools Championships
After many early morning and late afternoon training sessions, our Year 8 & 9 Sport Aerobics teams represented NSW and the College at the AeroSkool National Championships in Brisbane. Leanne Purkis, Rachael Vella, Rochelle Salatino and Angela Pham are to be commended on their outstanding performances in the Level 4 Intermediate Pair and Groups Division, where they were challenged by other athletes from around Australia to be crowned National Champions. Despite not coming home with a medal, the girls finished in an impressive 5th Place in the Group Division. The girls continued to battle it out in the very competitive Pairs Division finishing 9th (Rochelle and Angels) and 10th (Leanne and Rachael) in Australia. A very big thank you to Mrs Salatino for being our ‘big bus’ chauffeur for the weekend, and all the mums who came along for support!

Mrs Barbaro

Year 9 PASS Fun Run
On Thursday September 12, 50 Year 9 PASS students took part in a 6km Fun Run along the Canal Walkway located near the College. The students had been preparing for this run for a number of weeks during PASS lessons as part of the Fun Run unit. It was a warm day, however, that did not stop the students from running at their best. Congratulations to all students for their involvement and enthusiasm on the day. The following students are to be commended for finishing in the top 5.

1. Hayley Nolan (30.44)
2. Kaitlin Allan (32.14)
3. Natalie Stipic (35.48)
4. Charnel Rizk (36.49)
5. Channary Srey (37.16)

School Sport Australia Diving Championships
From Monday September 9th to Saturday September 14th, Ellen Martin of Year 11 competed at the 2013 School Sport Australia Diving Championships at Marion Aquatic Centre Adelaide. Ellen achieved some fantastic results at the championships including an official first place in the 17-19 years girls Synchronised Diving with her diving partner Madeleine Lucas. This is an amazing achievement and is testament to the hard work and commitment that Ellen has invested in her diving over the years.

Throughout the Championships, Ellen achieved the following results:
1st in the 17-19 years Girls Synchronised
5th in the 17-19 years girls Platform
6th in the 17-19 years Girls Springboard.
Congratulations to Ellen for competing amongst the best divers in the country and representing our College with pride. We hope that you continue to compete at such as high level and look forward to more great results in the future. Well done!

Mr R Zammit
PDHPE/Sport Co-ordinator

Upcoming Events
22 October PDSSSC Softball
25 November PDSSSC Cricket
Term 4 Diary Dates

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

Week 5
Thursday 7 November
Year 9 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
P & F Luncheon 12:30 pm
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 7:00 pm
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

Week 12
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

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Co-ordinator’s Awards

Alexia Abou-Hamad 8KL6, Faid Ahmad 10F20
Zali Aquilina 7E6, Aniesia Azar 7E7
Valentina Bajraktarevic 10FD1, Suzan Baran 10F18
Vera Chakti 7G23, Rebecca Chamoun 10F19
Charlotte Chidiac 7E6, Gabrielle Chidiac 10F19
Elise Cribbin 7G23, Chanel Dib 7E7, Emily Furtado 7E5
Kate Hughes 7G23, Caitlin Kaua 7E9, Jessica Li 7G23
Isabella Matsias 7E10, Eugenia Mentis 7E10
Claudia Ong 7E5, Antonela Pavlovic 7E5
Madison Reynolds-Pace 7E8, Annabelle Robertson 7E10
Tiffany Samaranji 7E10, Claudia Semaan 7E10
Balpreet Sunner 7G23, Wei Yee Lucy Tan 7G23

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 at present. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Uniform Shop Management
Telephone: 0419 403 901

Catholic Education Office News

2013 Buunjil National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference

A reminder that the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference is being held at the Sydney Convention Centre from 5 – 7 November 2013. The theme for the conference is ‘to share in a sustainable future’. Please visit the conference website to find out more or to register: www.buunjil.com.au

Harmony Walk Sunday 27th October 2013

People from across Sydney are encouraged to show their support for a fair and compassionate Australia at the second annual Harmony Walk. Departing from St Mary’s Cathedral Square in Sydney’s CBD at 2:00pm on Sunday 27th October, the Harmony Walk serves to bring together Australians from diverse national, ethnic and religious backgrounds to help build an inclusive society, and to acknowledge and celebrate the enduring principles of fairness, harmony and respect.

The 1km walk is free and is suitable for people of all ages and abilities. For more information and to register, go to www.harmonywalk.org.au Please direct enquiries to Mr Peter Grace, State Co-ordinator – Student Wellbeing on 02 9287 1383 or peter.grace@cecnsw.catholic.edu.au

World Teachers’ Day Competition

Please ask your students to join us in celebrating World Teachers’ Day by entering our Facebook competition to recognise the great work of their teachers. There’s a great prize to win for the teacher and the class. The competition is open to all Catholic systemic primary and secondary schools in Diocese of Parramatta. Special provisions have been made for those students under 13 years of age to meet Facebook usage conditions. An advertisement is attached for your school newsletters.

Competition Details:

Tell us why your teacher is so great in 25 words or less or submit a 30 second video for your chance to win a $100 iTunes voucher for you and your teacher plus a $500 voucher for classroom resources.

Those under 13 years of age your parent/guardian can Like the Facebook Page and post your entry on your behalf or you can email your entry to promotions@parra.catholic.edu.au

Emailed video submissions need to be less than 5mb in size. Entries close 24 October 2013. Competition entry link: http://a.pgb.me/pg4qrG