A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Students have quickly settled into the routines of the 2014 school year. It is important that parents continue to ensure that students are completing regular homework and revision of content covered in classes.

Students in Year 7-8 should be spending 1-1½ hours on homework, Year 9-10 1½-2 hours and Year 11-12, 3 hours on homework, assignments and study per night.

As a school community moving towards the Lenten season we pray -

God our Father,
we pray that we may grow in such a way
as to be welcoming to other people,
and generous in every way
to those people we don’t agree with.
Lead us to appreciate others in the same way
that we would like to be appreciated.
Never let us look down on others,
or consider anyone to be less than ourselves.
Show us how to be open-minded
and able to learn from each other
so that, together, we may grow
as the people you invite us to be.
Amen

God Bless

Mrs Patricia Baker
Principal

Ash Wednesday 5 March

Cerdon College has arranged with St Margaret Mary’s Parish for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy at the College at 9:00 am. This liturgy has been arranged so that students do not lose class time by attending Parish liturgies which will be attended by Primary school students.

Year 7 Uniform

New stock of the Year 7 Summer Uniform has now arrived and is available for purchase and pre-ordered Blazers are also available for collection from the College Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is open every Monday and Wednesday in Term 1 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Enquiries can be made directly to the Uniform Shop on 8724 7329 on these days.

Term 1 Diary Dates

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NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7 2015
COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT
TUESDAY 11 MARCH
4:00—7:00 PM
Included in this edition are more reflections from students on activities which took place over the holidays. There are also new activities and competitions on offer and I hope that many more students will take the opportunity to enrich their learning!

**What makes your Catholic School Great?**

To celebrate Catholic Schools week, a competition has been organised inviting students to produce a 30 seconds video on the theme ‘What makes your Catholic School Great?’ Entries can be produced in groups or individually. There are fantastic prizes on offer including $1200 JB HI-FI voucher a group entry and iPads for individual entries.

**The Human Genetics Society of Australasia (HGSA) DNA Essay Contest**

The HGSA is inviting students in Year 10, 11 and 12 to participate in an essay contest. The aim of this contest is to engage students with important genetics concepts through literature research and reflection. Essays are to be 750 words in length. There are cash prizes for winning entries, including $500 for first prize. Due date is April 1st, 2014.

**Write 4 Fun**

Students from Years 7-12 are invited to participate in the 2014 Write 4 Fun competition. Students can write a short story of no more than 500 words or write a poem of no more than 16 lines on any topic. There are some fantastic prizes available including the opportunity to be published! For further information please visit [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net) or see Mrs Agius.

**During the Holidays …**

For many of our students, the holidays were an opportunity to involve themselves in a variety of programs. We continue this week with reflections from students who attended the Women in Engineering camps at the UNSW and at the University of Wollongong and the many students who participated in the Science Experience at the University of Sydney.

**UNSW Women in Engineering Camp**

On the 13th to the 17th of January, Nicole and I made the journey to UNSW Kensington for the Women In Engineering Camp. Our week consisted of various site visits including ABC studios, Qantas, the Sydney Theatre Company, a Harbour Bridge climb and Government house where we met the governor. We were also given a week long project to create a knee or ankle brace with simple household materials which were judged and analyzed at the end of the week. Throughout the week we participated in lab activities involving electrical engineering, renewable and food engineering and computing. We also met some very inspirational women in engineering, met friends to last more than a lifetime, learnt some important networking skills as well as ticking off climbing the harbour bridge from our bucket lists. We can’t wait to hopefully commence engineering next year at UNSW to which we also received a $1000 scholarship towards any engineering degree. A big thank you to Mrs Agius for telling us about the camp and helping us write up our applications.

*Nivaaz Sehmbhi & Nicole El Turk*

**Women in Engineering Summit – University of Wollongong**

The Women in Engineering Summit, at the University of Wollongong, was a great opportunity for young women to partake in a week full of fun filled activities. The experience included various site visits to coal factories, bridges and power stations. It enabled us to really understand what engineers do and the different types of engineering courses available at the university. Overall it was a great experience which gave us an insight into the diverse field of engineering.

*Rebecca To, Vanessa Lam and Wendy Dao*

**The 2014 Conoco Phillips Science Experience**

This Holiday Science program is open to students in Years 9 and 10 and offered at a number of universities around the country. This year around 15 students participated in the program both as mentors and participants.

From the participants…

Have you ever tried to commit the perfect murder? Well on the 8th January, 2014 we found out how! Kindly enough the University of Sydney allowed over 100 Year 9 and 10 students from across NSW to participate in a forensics course delivered in the form of a perfect murder case. The activities we were involved in were varied and allowed us to further develop our science skills. Activities included lectures by leading university scientists, forensic experiments such as blood classification, finger printing, testing for variety of substances and of course solving a crime as a detective. We met many like-minded students from across the state and had the opportunity to become part of the Young Scientists of Australia. Overall we learnt many valuable skills from this experience and had an incredible time doing so!

*Ruby Baker, Antonella Bova and Leanne Purkis (Year 10)*

From the mentors…

The Conoco Phillips Science Experience held at the University of Sydney proved to be an enjoyable and enriching learning experience. Two days prior to the program commencing, we were required to attend training at the university to prepare for any possible scenario which could arise during the three days of activities. This experience, enabled us to further enhance our leadership skills and allowed us to practise being effective leaders during the program. Our role included guiding students to and from lectures, ensuring their welfare and safety, and of course making sure they enjoyed themselves. For us, the experience as a mentor in the program, meant that we could participate in many activities, had the opportunity to meet new people with similar interests as well as foster our passion for science…it is definitely an experience we would recommend to any students interested in science!

*Simone Cheouanghane, Esther Duruchukwu, Marianne Chemuel (Year 11)*


*Mrs S Agius, Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator*
At our Opening School Mass the following student leadership team received their badges as a symbol of their leadership role within the College and in their commitment ceremony dedicate themselves to learning and serving others in the school community. Congratulations to -

**YEAR 7**
**Homeroom** | **Class Captain** | **Vice Captain** | **Mission Promoter**
--- | --- | --- | ---
7E5 | Isabella Tolomeo | Dilara Aulam | Ashley Eldick
7E6 | Olivia Carniel | Sabrina Granata | Trinity Taylor
7E7 | Christina Mifsud | Jamie-Lee Merhi | Perpetual Nkatsia Boadu
7E8 | Caitlyne Halabi | Madha Fua | Alexandra Makary
7E9 | Chrisaoula Vavdnos | Monica Chan | Brooke Moody
7E10 | Olivia Bleeker | Georgia Ashkar | Charbella Rizk

**YEAR 8**
**Homeroom** | **Class Captain** | **Vice Captain** | **Mission Promoter**
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8G23 | Claudia Semaan | Ivana Singh | Carissa Zajac
8G24 | Emily Dang | Sarina Rapley | Mae Sleiman
8G25 | Isabella Matias | Rochelle Cohen | Natalie Bainou
8G26 | Monique Khattra | Julia Beshara | Christina Epenian
8G27 | Aloha Jimenez | Kiranpreet Kohli | Jessie Khouri
8GL3 | Mikayla Menouhos | Gabriela Badrov | Serina Papa
8KL6 | Nicole Yu | Kelly Nguyen | Maria Razouk

**YEAR 9**
**Homeroom** | **Class Captain** | **Vice Captain** | **Mission Promoter**
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9I31 | Aneesa Eldick | Lamya Saba | Allyson Issa
9I32 | Claire Duffy | Alena Fares | Jessica Nguyen
9I33 | Vanessa Caruso | Rochelle Salatino | Catherine Raftopoulos
9I28 | Thiy Mai | Lauren Smith | Yasmine Abou Hamed
9I29 | Nicole El Jamaal | Ysabella Mani | Layla Manson
9I30 | Nicole Cinque | Kylah Beshara | Lucinda Lai

**YEAR 10**
**Homeroom** | **Class Captain** | **Vice Captain** | **Mission Promoter**
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10F18 | Tania Fatoula | Ruby Mae Baker | Isabella Reitano
10F19 | Tiana Lardiery | Adina Tarabiyah | Colleen Merhi
10F20 | Catalina Valdivia | Channelle Succar | Alica Allan
10F21 | Andrea El Turk | Zoya Shah | Portia Cheung
10F22 | Erika Arabit | Melissa Cuadros-Lu | Leilani Minici
10F24 | Alexandra Boutoubia | Clair Espinola | Rachel Muscat
10FD1 | Susie Anna Sukarieh | Leanne Purkis | Mary Nguyen

**Service Leaders**
Colin – Emily Del Principe | Violet Elkhouri | Nicole O’Connor
Marcellin – Emma Younan | Amelia Menouhos | Isabella Reitano
McOscar – Rachael Veal | Mallory Morrell | Olivia Townsend
Perronoto – Channelle Succar | Hayley Nolan | [Table continued...]

**YEAR 11**
**Prefects**

- Liliyan Abosh
- Vanisha Prasad Adhar
- Andrianna Agowards
- Damien Aguayo
- Keira Anderson
- Monique Brunet
- Amy Camilleri
- Simone Cheuanghane

**SRC Representatives**

- Colin – Elissa Hadchiti
- Marcellin – Alicia Jane Kotsiopoulos
- McOscar – Sally Eid
- Perronoto – Catherine Le

**House Captains**

- Colin – Elissa Hadchiti
- Marcellin – Alicia Jane Kotsiopoulos
- McOscar – Sally Eid
- Perronoto – Catherine Le

**SRC Representatives**

- 11F1 Valentina Bajakaterevic
- 11F2 Lara El Hussein
- 11F3 Thu Thao Tran
- 11F4 Rita El Takchi
- 11F5 Mourra-Murai Georges
- 11F6 Vanessa Sarmento
- 11F7 Latonya Matai

**YEAR 12**
**College Captain**

- Olga Zerefos

**SRC Representatives**

- 12FF2 Simone Ligori
- 12FF3 Melissa Orellana
- 12FF6 Lauren Mita
- 12FF8 Myrna Tran
- 12GL4 Cynthia Salloum
- 12GL5 Danielle Galluccio
- 12HA Melina Leonello
Numeracy at Cerdon

On Monday 10th February, approximately 120 parents of Year 7 students participated in our first Numeracy Evening. The main aim of the evening was to give parents an experience in Year 7 Maths at Cerdon and outline ways parents can assist, reinforce and even extend their daughters in Numeracy. Every parent received a bag of items they could use at home when working with their daughters.

Fourteen teachers lead the workshops and they were assisted by Louisa Aoun, Amy Carr, Chanel Dib, Grace Faulkner-Irvine, Katherine Hampouris, Katrina Helou, Samira Ngata, Merel Yalda and Antonella Zahra from Year 8.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who made the evening a very enjoyable, worthwhile and successful event.

Mrs Grace Muscat, Lead Teacher in Numeracy

Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to the following students who performed consistently well at the College Swimming Carnival and have been awarded Age Champion and Runner Up for their respective age groups:

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It was great to see our talented swimmers not only perform to their best, but set new carnival record times. Congratulations to Katarina Planinic of Colin House, who won the prestigious Victoria Buckler Opens 50m Invitational Freestyle event in a carnival record time of 28.74 seconds. This race included the fastest 10 swimmers in the 50m Freestyle event. In addition to this, the following students set new record times:

- U14 50m Freestyle: Katarina Planinic (Colin) (29.20)
- U15 50m Backstroke: Bianca Buttigieg (Colin) (34.17)
- U14 100m Freestyle: Katarina Planinic (Colin) (1.06.99)
- Open 4x50m Medley Relay (Colin) – Katarina Planinic, Bianca Buttigieg, Mikayla Menouhos, Emily Walshaw (2:26.66)
- Junior 4x50m Freestyle Relay (Colin) – Katarina Planinic, Bianca Buttigieg, Emily Walshaw, Mikayla Menouhos (2:09.25)
- Intermediate 4x50m Freestyle Relay (Perroton) (2.11.53) – Emily Green, Channelle Succar, Nicoletta Andreou, Mikayla Ozols

Congratulations to our House Winners, Colin.

1st: Colin 1386 points
2nd: McOscar 1232 points
3rd: Perroton 1074 points
4th: Marcellin 798 points

NSWCCC Softball

Congratulations to Emma Cleary of Year 12, who has been selected in the NSWCCC Softball Team after a fine performance at the CCC selections on February 19. Emma was also selected in this squad last year, proving that she has maintained her high performance level from last season. We wish Emma all the best as she represents NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Selections on March 11 2014. Alicia Allan of Year 10 progressed to the CCC selections at the end of last year, however, she was forced to withdraw due to a recent injury and unfortunately could not compete on the day. We wish Alicia a speedy recovery and hope to see her back on the field in 2014.

Athletics

Congratulations to Natasha Milakovic of Year 9, who broke the U14 Javelin record at the Regional Athletics Championships earlier this month with a throw of 32.64m. This result continues Natasha’s fine achievements in the Javelin event after progressing to the Athletics State Championships on the March 22. We wish her the best of luck.

PDSSSC Tennis

On Tuesday February 25, 8 students from the College competed at the PDSSSC Individual Tennis Championships at Nepean Tennis Centre, Penrith. It was a great day for tennis and a very successful tournament for Cerdon College. The squad consisted of the following students: Daniella Stramandinoli, Lauren Mita, Rachel Fogarty, Emma Andrew, Kajol Chand, Tina Tran, Giovannina Melisi and Sarah Talab.

Congratulations to Daniella Stramandinoli of Year 12, who won an impressive 7 straight matches, including a convincing final victory over Marian College Kenthurst to win the Open age division. In addition, Kajol Chand of Year 7 was able emerge victorious in an amazing 9 straight matches, including a memorable victory against her OLMC Parramatta opponent in the final. We look forward to more great results in the doubles competition next term. Congratulations to all players involved and special thanks to Mr Porter who coached the players and assisted in the running of the event.

Mr R Zammit, PDHPE/Sport Co-ordinator

Upcoming Sporting Events

- 7th March: NSWCCC Triathlon (teams)
- 14th March: School Cross Country (Competitors only)
- 17th March: PDSSSC Basketball
- 19th March: PDSSSC Touch Football
- 1st March: PDSSSC Swimming
- 24th March: PDSSSC Soccer
- 29th April: NSWCCC Swimming
- 9th May: PDSSSC Cross Country Carnival
Youth Off The Streets scholarship opportunity for your students

Youth Off The Streets is a non-denominational community organisation working for young people aged 12-21 who are facing challenges of homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, exclusion from school, neglect and abuse. We provide a range of services to support these young people as they work to turn their lives around.

It is our belief that education is the key to breaking the cycle of disadvantage and poverty that traps so many of the young people we work with. Our Scholarship program is a way in which we offer young people in Australia an opportunity to achieve their best.

Scholarship Program

The Youth Off The Streets National Scholarship Program celebrates the gifts and strengths of young people from the Australian community who exhibit extraordinary promise but who lack the personal support networks and resources that will allow them to fulfil that potential. The initiative developed by Father Chris Riley, CEO and founder of Youth Off The Streets, provides financial and personal support for young people to pursue their educational dreams in any field, including (but not limited to): academic skills, visual or performing arts; sport; trade skills; and music.

This year, over 20 young people aged between 16 and 21 throughout Australia will be awarded scholarships. Scholarship recipients will receive mentoring and funding of up to $6000 for two years to help them with their education and training. Each recipient and their guest will attend a special award ceremony in Sydney in September.

Nominations can be made by the young person themselves, or on their behalf by a teacher, Youth Worker or other individual involved in the young person’s life. The closing date for nominations is 5pm on 4 April 2014.

For further information, to complete online or download a 2014 Scholarship Program ‘Nomination Form’ please visit www.youthoffthestreets.com.au. For further information please contact the scholarships team at scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au or alternatively please phone (02) 9330 3500.
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Refereeing is all about player management skills. You will develop life skills and keep your fitness up.

GRANVILLE DISTRICT FOOTBALL REFEREES ASSOATION

Seeking males and females aged 13 and over (no restriction on maximum age) to become involved in refereeing.
GDFA wishes to advise that there is a change to the structure of referee’s courses for the 2014 season.

ALL NEW CANDIDATES WISHING TO BECOME REFEREES FOR THE 2014 SEASON MUST READ BELOW

Email k_fisher18@hotmail.com to receive further details & book your place.

Our 2nd course for 2014 will be run over 3 weeks starting:
Monday, 17th March 2014:
6:30pm to 9:00pm
North Rocks Oval (Clubhouse)
North Rocks Road, North Rocks NSW 2151

If you wish to know more please feel free to contact: Kieran Fisher at k_fisher18@hotmail.com or on 0448 898 847 OR Emma Higgins (former Cerdon College student, Class of 2008) at e.k.higgins@hotmail.com or on 0416 527 947.

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FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN SYDNEY

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

7.30pm on Wednesday, 5th March at the
Adina Apartment Hotel
Cnr Kent & Bathurst Street
SYDNEY

www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)