27 November 2015

Principal's Report

The end of 2015 is just around the corner and what a year it has been. If you are not aware the College has finally been appointed a permanent Principal, Jeff Barnett, starting in 2016 which is great news. I would like to say thank you for the opportunity CSC has given me. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at CSC and we have made some significant inroads in our 3 focus areas: Quality Teaching and Learning, Student Success, and Retention and Growth.

I’d like to start with Student Success as we have just farewelled our graduating class of 2015 after their Senior Formal which was held on Thursday 12th November at Victoria Park Golf Course. The night was exceptional and the students who attended were dressed impeccably in an array of different suits and stunning dresses. They definitely exemplified the wonderful young men and woman they have become.

If our predictions are correct we should have another very successful graduating class. I will just share with you a little of what I said at their graduation:

159 school days ago I stood before you all for the first time and I spoke about the journey that lies ahead of you…

To reflect, there were 4 people about to take a journey of a lifetime. Time has now passed and you’ve planned this journey and the plane is about to take off, destination Las Vegas.

We have 3 types of passengers on board. Those who planned the journey well, those who did what they needed to do and those who were madly trying to catch the plane before it took off (often motivated by the thought of having to plan the journey again)… [4th didn’t make the flight].

For those of you that are on this plane the destination is exciting, adventurous and a bit of a gamble. You see no matter how hard you plan and how hard you try, life takes us places that you wouldn’t expect. That’s part of the journey, although unknown, it can be fun if you look for the opportunities and positives…

My advice is always consider every opportunity and don’t be discouraged by defeat. Continue on with your journey, your dream, just be ready to pivot on your pathway when needed, work hard, never lose focus and your dream will become reality…

I leave you with one of my favourite quotes from Abraham Lincoln – the best way to predict the future is to create it. So get out there and create your future!

They were an amazing group of travellers and wish them well.

Our Quality Teaching and Learning has come leaps and bounds this year. We’re explicitly delivering common curriculum elements (learning skills) in every lesson, spelling words and embedding the process of deeper learning through John Flemmings’ model of “I do, we do, you do”. Our NAPLAN results were better than the national average in all but one of the areas assessed.

For Retention and Growth we have grown our partnerships with our local primary schools in academic and leadership fields. We have an online presence with close to 800 followers on Facebook and we have a strategy in place to continue to grow our partnership with Brisbane School of Distance Education which includes the opening of the new shared Innovation Hub (library) early in 2016.

All of these achievements would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our fabulous staff. I would like to take this opportunity and thank them for the work they have done. Particularly I’d like to thank the Administration Team as they work closely with me each day and provide me with the support I’ve needed to lead the school.
Coorparoo Secondary College has a beautiful college community. I wish you all the best in the future and hope that our paths cross again.

Stay safe this holiday season.

Kristie de Brenni
College Principal

Senior Secondary Deputy Principal's Report

SENIOR PHASE OF LEARNING

The year has come to an end for the students of the senior phase of learning our Year 10s, 11s and 12s.

The Year 12s graduated on Friday the 20th November in a simple but symbolic affair. The finality of the event took many students by surprise as they realised school was now over. The staff of the College wish each year 12 student the very best with their future endeavours. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

A current snap shot of year 12 results would indicate that we are again going to achieve 100% Queensland Certificate of Education range. We must however wait on the OP results which will be released on 21st December, so fingers crossed.

On a recycling theme, when it comes time to throw out the old uniforms (shirts, short, skirts, ties or jumpers), please consider donating them back to the College. These donations will be used for students who are unable to purchase new uniforms. This request also includes school shoes. If you don’t need these, I would really appreciate them, as I spend a lot of time over the summer break frequenting second hand stores stocking up for students who are less fortunate. I love to see the smiles on student faces when I provide them with the uniform piece that they are missing from their ensemble. Uniform donations can be left at the office during office hours.

On a business issue, school reports will be issued from the College and will be posted home in the next week. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) will issue each graduating student with their Overall Position (OP), if eligible; Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE); if the student has been successful in banking 20 credit points over the past two years and a senior statement outlining what the student has studied over their senior phase of learning. Each year 12 student should receive an envelope in the mail on Monday the 21st December with their final education documentation. If students do not receive their package or there is something missing from the package they should ring the QCAA on 3864 0299 or ring their hot line 1800 804 991 for some clarification. Students who are ‘Rank Eligible’ will be able to access their ranking via QTAC’s Current Applicant online service from Wednesday the 30 December. Students who are QTAC applicants can call QTAC on 1300 467 822 to find out their rank or enquire via the www.qtac.edu.au.

The Year 10s and 11s finish their schooling for 2015, on Friday 27th November. The Year 11s now move towards their final year of schooling and the 10s take that step into year 11. It is an exciting time for all however one where every minute must count. Students and staff are often amazed at how quickly the year passes. I’m sure that goes for parents as well. One thing to consider though and may need discussing with your child, all outstanding assessment will need to be completed prior to starting the new year. Failure to do so may result in the student repeating the year. This situation will result in a formal meeting to discuss the process forward.

Senior students need to be constantly aware of where they are within their subjects and how they are travelling with their QCE points. On top of this they should always be considering their aspirations and dreams and planning how to get there. Students need to be careful not to live too much in the moment and to keep their long term plans clearly visualised.

At this point, I would like to thank everyone for a busy yet productive year, and wish each of you a safe and happy festive season. Take time to play as a family as it is amazing how quickly children move through adolescence into the adult world leaving all that is familiar behind them. Stay safe and thank you for a memorable year.

Best wishes
Allison Tumini

Junior Secondary Deputy Principal’s Report

All year 7, 8 and 9 students were issued with a Subject Selection form for 2016 on Tuesday 24th November. The forms must be completed and returned to the College by Monday 30th November at the latest.

Only 2 weeks to go for our junior students. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all back next year refreshed and ready to go.

Amy Lunney
Deputy Principal

Year 12 Visual Art Display

As the year comes to an end the Arts Faculty has celebrated with a number of culminating performances and displays. The Visual Arts have been busy with their contributions – an Art display of student work coinciding with the Dance Tread concert and an exhibition of the work produced over the two year course by Year 12 Visual Art Studies students.

The Year 12 Visual Art Studies group had, earlier in the term, had an excursion into Brisbane city to take digital photographs in preparation for their final exhibition. They were inspired by the many shapes, forms and angles of the city buildings, including
City Hall and the old Regent Theatre in Queen Street Mall. As a contrast to the man-made aspects of the city, they also took photographs of the flora and fauna in the Botanic Gardens, encountering many ducks, water dragons (lizards) and even an unexpected snake!

In mounting their display of these images, it was decided to include selected works from their body of work over two years. In Week 7 staff were invited to participate in the exhibition opening where they viewed the works and indulged in some refreshments. The students were very pleased with the attendance and interest shown.

From the Office

The office has mailed out invoices and information for 2016. Parents/carers should have received this information this week. If you have not received this or your student is not returning to the College next year please contact the Office on 3394 8888.

Also, donations of uniforms to the office would be much appreciated as our emergency store is very low.

P&C Report

As our year draws to a close I reflect on the great things we have achieved this year. The holidays will give us time to recharge our batteries for an exciting 2016.

Our seniors have finished their exams and while we farewell many of our friends we know they leave us equipped to face the challenges ahead. We wish them all the best for their futures.

2016 sees Jeff Barnett start as our new permanent Principal. It has been four years since the College has had a permanent principal and we are very excited to welcome him to our College family. We look forward to working with him in establishing our College as the local school. Mrs Kristie de Brenni who has been our Acting Principal this year has done an amazing job. She has not just been a care taker, she has left her mark. She has continued great programs and established new ones which will set our College apart. We wish her all the best in her career and thank her for all her hard work.

The Uniform Shop will be open in the week before school goes back (see hours below). You can pre order your uniforms so they will be ready to collect.

Opening hours for week before school resumes:
Tuesday 19th January - to Friday 22nd January -8.30am to 2.00pm

Finally have a happy, safe and restful holiday. Look forward to seeing you in 2016

Georgina Kinchin
P&C President
All boys and girls 3 Day and 4 Day Uniform Packs have been discounted from $50 to $80 until the end of the 2015 School year. Only while stocks last.

To secure your order, payment can be made by direct deposit to BSB 064107 ACC 000090059.

Please include the Students name and form class as the reference for the payment and email the payment details to cantn1@eq.edu.au.

Boys Uniform packs
- 3 Day - $305.00
- 4 Day - $382.00

Girls Uniform packs
- 3 Day - $347.00
- 4 Day - $420.00

Until the end of the year all bulk packs will include 1 tie, school badge and hat or cap. Next year the bulk packs change and these items will be in their own pack.

As we draw closer to the end of the year, please consider donating your old uniforms to the uniform second hand shop. We accept all reasonable quality boys and girls formal and sports uniforms, including all ties and jumpers.

The uniform shop will be open for extra hours the week before school returns next year.

- Tuesday 19th January - 8.30am - 2pm
- Wednesday 20th January - 8.30am - 2pm
- Thursday 21st January - 8.30am - 2pm
- Friday 22nd January - 8.30am - 2pm

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PCYC Holiday Programs

December/January FREE School Holiday Activities for young people

Hip Hop Dance Workshop (10 to 17 years) Monday 14th December 10am to 2pm
Songwriting Workshop (12 to 17 years) Wednesday 16th December 10am to 2pm
Hip Hop MC Techniques Workshop (12 to 17 years) Friday 18th December 10am to 2pm
CHILLOUT – Film Making Workshops (12 to 17 years) 10am to 3pm

- Beginners Wednesday 6th January
- Intermediate Tuesday 12th January
- Advanced Thursday 21st January

Daytime Hike (10 to 17 years) Wednesday 13th January 10am to 3pm
CHILLOUT – Circus Skills Workshop (10 to 17 years) Thursday 14th January 10am to 2pm
Cypher Workshop - Record a song and film it for Youtube (12 to 17 years) Monday 18th January 10am to 4pm

*PCYC Membership of $20 applies to all non CHILLOUT events

Numbers are strictly limited – BOOK NOW

BYO Lunch
PCYC Mt Gravatt – 90 Klumpp Road 3420 4655

Check us out on Facebook www.facebook.com/pcycmtgravatt
or visit our website: pcyc.org.au/MtGravatt

All workshops are proudly presented or supported by the Brisbane City Council.
Free Dental Health Checks

Dear Parents

Has your child had a free healthy mouth check-up this year, especially those children starting or finishing school?

Metro South Oral Health is committed to improving the oral health of our children.

Simply call 1300 300 850, Tue-Fri 7:30-4:00pm to arrange a free dental appointment.

Our dental clinics are open over the school holidays so call to arrange a dental appointment today.

Who is eligible for free dental care?

- All children age 4 through to grade 10
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
- Adults & children who hold a current:
  - Centrelink Card
  - Health Care Card
  - Pension Concession Card
  - Seniors card

1300 300 850

Women’s Hockey

Bulimba Women’s Hockey Club Inc.

Players Needed

Experienced players are needed to help rebuild and strengthen our turf teams in 2016 in our Senior & Junior Divisions.

Due to a new Bipartisanship change, in 2015 our Senior Turf Division will comprise of:
- Division 2 + Division 3 (played on Saturday)
- Division 5 (played on Sunday)
- Masters Div 2 + 3 (played on Monday nights)
- Junior Turf Division; will comprise of teams in the J12 Division (Friday nights)
- U13 & U17 competition (Saturday mornings).

New and experienced players are needed to boost our Grass Division; we will look to have Senior teams in DP 1 + DP4.

8 Junior teams: J5, U13, U11, U9, U7

[All grass games are played on Saturdays at Doony Park]

As with every season, we will sadly say goodbye to a few of our players, moving on to new life experiences and we wish you good fortune.

We especially look forward to welcoming some new faces to our club and to welcome back some old friends and past team mates.

For further information, please contact: Guye Smithfield (Turf Coordinator)
Mob: 0408 333861 or Home: 33389391 or email: guyesmifield@hotmail.com
Carols on the Oval

Sunday 6th December, 4-8.30pm – ‘Carols on the Oval’

The Salvation Army Carindale and Belmont State School invites you to join in the pre-show entertainment – Christmas Gift Shopping at our Market Place, BBQ, Face Painting, Jumping Castle and so much more.

Bring your picnic rug and meet with friends for our Free Carols Concert and Fireworks.

We’ll see you there.

Faith Works Uniting Community Events

Faith Works Uniting Community at Norman Park (part of Coorparoo parish) is holding a series of Messy Churches for families to share the Christmas message with their children and teenagers on the third Sunday of each month.

Messy Christmas is on 20th December and Messy Epiphany is on 17th January.

Nights include craft and games for all ages with a 15 minute celebration service which includes lots of fun Christmas songs. Each night ends with a meal.

Cost: gold coin donation per person.
Time: 5 - 7pm.
Address: 177 Bennetts Road Norman Park.
For more info or dietary requests please ring Rev Linda on 0412 570 843.

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