



From the desk of the Headmaster

Dear Cedarwood Parents

We are already in the middle of Term 2 and our very busy program seems to be getting busier. During May the Prep Staff attended a number of training workshops, in the hope of equipping themselves with up-to-date skills to provide a relevant, modern education to our learners. These workshops included a week long training session/conference in Thinking Skills, attendance at a Pastoral Care Conference, a Technology Summit, computer training for academic, support and estate staff as well as some training for our facilitators. We are also in the process of holding a number of Maths Indabas/Workshops. I will report, below, on a number of past and upcoming activities.

Calendar Events

2 June	Multilingual Day
5 June	World Environmental Day
10 June	Netball Tournament @ Cedarwood
16 June	Public holiday
23 June to 3 July	Half Term

Sport

Many parents will no doubt be aware that the sports department has established Whatsapp groups to assist with sport communication. We trust that this will help with any questions or misunderstandings around practise or match times, venues or changes to any part of the program.

Please do communicate with Oliver Ngwenya if you have any queries.

Our annual interschool Netball Tournament takes place on Saturday 10 June. Please do join us. The day should begin around 8am and will be completed by 11am.

The POD

Our 'Place of Discovery' is open to parents two days a week for you to spend time with your child, if you would like to work with them and do some fun activities. Please contact Michelle Servant to book some time. We would love the space to become a resource for the entire Cedarwood community, not just our children.

Parent Forum

As part of our ongoing Parent education efforts, we like to host Parent Fora in order to answer questions and educate parents about what we do at Cedarwood. We also have a few potential speakers for parents who would provide valuable insight into a number of topics.



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Parent Forum cont

We have found that very few or no parents attend these meetings or presentations despite many reminders.

We would like to encourage parents to attend these presentations and discussions.

In Term 3 we will be having a very interesting and valuable presentation by a parent of a child who has great wisdom and insight into dealing with her own child who experienced multiple challenges to learning. A date and time for this presentation will be communicated at a later stage.

IP Play

Our Intermediate Phase has started rehearsals for their play, which will be presented on 1, 2 and 3 November. All the children in the Intermediate Phase are involved in the Play and rehearsals are on a Friday from 1pm to 3pm. Mrs Shannon Jacobs is in charge of the production and will communicate any needs and requirements for the show.

Outreach

As part of our Outreach program we are currently collecting bread tags and plastic bottle caps. Please send them into school to your child's teacher, who will then pass them on to our Outreach team.

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Headmaster