Term 3 Calendar
14 July – Term 3 Commences
14 July – P&C Meeting, 7.30pm Ph 1800 141 220, Room 1149 273 350
18 July – Cairns Show Day Public Holiday
21-25 July – Cairns Mini School incorporating the PEDALS Program (Thursday/Friday)
21-25 July – Years 7-9 Mega School incorporating the PEDALS Program (Thursday/Friday)
21-25 July – Cert I Retail
29 July – Australian Schools English Competition
31 July-01 Aug – Italian Speaking Competition
04-08 Aug – Cooktown/Peninsula Mini School incorporating the PEDALS Program (Thursday/Friday)
05-07 Aug – Assessment of Language Competence Competition
11-15 Aug – Savannah Mini School in conjunction with Mt Isa School of the Air and incorporating the PEDALS Program (Thursday/Friday)
02-03 Aug – QCS Test
08-12 Sept – Tablelands/Mareeba Mini School incorporating the PEDALS Program (Thursday/Friday)
11-19 Sept – Year 11/12 Block Exams
20 Sept – 05 Oct – Spring Vacation
06 Oct – Labour Day Public Holiday
07 Oct – Term 4 commences

Have a great winter break!

*** State Fanfare Competition ***

On 25th May the Cairns SDE Instrumental Music Band directed by Mr Kelly Perger attended Cairns State High School and competed in the State Fanfare Competition.

This competition has students from all major state schools throughout Queensland compete in categories including Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Percussion Ensembles, String Ensembles and even complete Orchestras (such as Cairns SHS’s Orchestra).

The CSDE Concert Band was awarded a BRONZE Award for their performance of ‘Whirlwind’, ‘Dark Adventure’ and ‘Rolling in the Deep’. Other schools involved in this category were Bentley Park College, Redlynch State College, Gordonvale High Combined Band and Atherton High School.

The Students were excellent ambassadors for Cairns School of Distance Education and deserve all the accolades that they received. Well Done!
Message from the Principal

Welcome to the winter edition of Bush Whacked. This edition is jam-packed with all of the amazing activities and stories that students, home tutors, parents and staff have participated in over the course of term two.

The highlights include the Annual Camp Week activities and in particular check out our Junior Secondary ‘monsters’ at Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre. Looks like a ball of fun. Also of note were the home tutor development activities. Merran Blockey led our home tutors through an outline of our school’s development, retold the story of ‘Sleeping with Bread’ and then unearthed some absolute gems of ideas for marketing our school. This review of how our schooling is going, and where to next, continues into next term as we synthesise all of the terrific responses we have received.

The family focus this term highlights the Claudie family who are living at Chuulangun on Cape York Peninsula. Please take the time to read this delightful article written by Petra Claudie, a Year 9 student with CSDE.

The Cairns to Karumba bike ride is finally here. The final preparations are underway before we head off from the Cairns RSL on Sunday morning. This year we have over 110 road riders (aka Roadies) and 74 mountain bikers (aka Dirty Boys) weaving their way across to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Congratulations to Mr Perger and members of the school orchestra for another successful music camp. This program goes from strength to strength with Don Woods and Reon Sanders having made it to the Griffith University’s State Honours Ensemble Program and the band being awarded a bronze medal at the recent State Fanfare Competition – well done to all!

Ms Howser has launched an exciting new project based on the game ‘Mindcraft’. There are more details in this newsletter and also keep an eye on our newly created website for further updates as they get posted. I extend a special thank you to Ms Howser and Mr Beck for getting our new website up to standard by the allocated timeline. Your continued feedback regarding our website is appreciated. You can send this to Ms Howser at lhows3@eq.edu.au or to me at the.principal@cairnssde.eq.edu.au.

Congratulations are also in order to Mrs Lawson, a keen runner, who has written an article about her recent participation in the Comrades Marathon in South Africa. She finished the gruelling 89km ‘down run’ in 11 hours 24 minutes, 25 minutes faster than the year before. Well done, Lorraine!

During your reading of this newsletter see if you can find a ‘punked up’ Mrs Potter. She is hiding in there somewhere!

A number of staff changes will occur next term. This will involve changes to the timetable and a letter is being sent out to those of you who are affected. The staff changes include:

- Mrs Jenny Brookes on long service leave
- Mr Jeremy Flynn returns
- Mr Mick Mendel is on long service leave and will be replaced by Ms Rahdika Wagh
- Ms Kate Negri will join our special education team as a transferee
- Ms Maryann Sullivan is on long service leave during the middle of Term Three and will be replaced by Mr Jim Buzacott
- Judy Lawrence will be on LSL for the remainder of the year.

I wish you all a safe and happy winter vacation and I look forward to an amazing Semester Two. School returns on Monday 14 July. And remember that Friday the 18 July is the Cairns Show Holiday!

Kind regards

Andrew Oliver
Principal
Parent Liaison Officer – Home Tutor Inservice

Marketing
Good picture of CSDE today, welcoming, funny. Great to have input into the new logo / brand. Positives of our school – making sure we ‘sleep with bread’.

Explicit Instruction
Theresa’s practical explanation of how to go through the GTMJ and task instructions with a highlighter over the verbs to cut through all the ‘teacher talk’ was so simple and practical.

Digging Deeper into Reading
Very interesting, realistic. Some good points were raised which I will use.

Developing Writing
Beneficial to see the various stages of input from teacher/home tutor. Well presented, good tips and ideas.

Microsoft Office Essentials
Very helpful, I learned a lot about Outlook that will be very helpful in organising school and work. Great to be asked for input into the new school website. Loved everything, especially her enthusiasm.

The Literacy of Numeracy
Informative. Exercise with the blocks demonstrated how we really have various responses with how we go about solving or not solving maths problems. I could relate to the battle some of the students have.

The Family Unit
Really enjoyed it. Good, related to life at home. This was informative and a good little social activity.

Senior Secondary Information
All of it was very useful. Information that we will need next year, best to be prepared.

The Cultural Day was an absolute hit! Not only trying new foods, but learning new songs and instruments and the older boys/girls in the band jamming, the younger ones were dancing and having a ball. It felt like an ‘old style’ school camp where everyone was together. Fantastic. Great end to a great camp.
Our family, the Claudie family, live a pretty peaceful life. It is beautiful where we live here at Chuulangun ‘the place of the frilled-neck lizard’ on the headwaters of the Wenlock River on Cape York. This is my Ngaachi, my homelands, my home. Dad and Mum have lived out here for 15 years and have raised me and my younger siblings David ‘DJ’, Ching’ka and Wilfred ‘Willy’ on the most beautiful place on Earth. My name is Petra, I am 14 years old, I am Kuuku I’yu Northern Kaanju / Lamalama, and I have been doing Distance Ed for nine long years.

Like many families who live and work in the bush we juggle work, school and play. Although I would like to play (listen to music, go swimming, explore down the river, ride the quad bike) more than do school, and so would my younger siblings, but we have to learn. Dad teaches us the Aboriginal law, language and culture of our ancestors, and Mum teaches us the C2C. With me in Year 9, DJ in year 7, Ching’ka in year 1 and Willy in e-Kindy, there is a lot to manage in our cramped 16.5 square metre school room, but we get by. Mum does a good job teaching four kids (which includes juggling a busy phone lesson timetable and trying to keep us up to date with at least ten work rate calendars between us), as well as managing a household and doing administration for our corporation.
Dad formed the Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation in 2002 and since then we have achieved much for our Ngaachi and our people including the declaration of the first Indigenous Protected Area on Cape York. The Chuulangun Rangers do patrols of country, fire management, weed and feral animal control, fauna surveys and cultural heritage surveys. Recently the rangers rediscovered some rock art sites on our homelands, which is very exciting.

Above: DJ, Willy, Ching’ka, Jasmine and me playing down the river

Over the years we have done filming and photography at Chuulangun and I have helped on some short documentaries about our homelands. This sparked my interest in film-making, photography and media, which is what I want to do when I finish school. Some of our documentaries can be viewed on our YouTube channel at http://www.youtube.com/user/ChuulaMedia. My brother DJ wants to be a ‘gamer’, which in his words, is ‘someone who plays video games and has passion for them’, Ching’ka (despite being very shy) is an aspiring actress, and Willy, well, he is an energetic four-year old who likes to get his own way.

Above: Willy on his phone lesson

Right: Me in our schoolroom when I was in Year 3.
ALICE-MIRANDA SHINES BRIGHT by Jacqueline Harvey

Mysteries abound and Alice-Miranda is on the case. Alice-Miranda and Millie have made a dazzling discovery in the woodlands near their school. They vow to keep the secret to themselves, but it seems that a greedy politician and a pair of old friends are searching for the same treasure.

Back at school, the sixth grade girls are preparing for a change to high school. Jacinta is being particularly grumpy with everyone and even with the most persistent questioning, no one knows quite knows why.

When Myrtle Parker’s husband awakes from his coma and disappears, Alice-Miranda puts on her detective hat. She’s determined to find Reginald Parker, deter the politician and uncover exactly why Jacinta is playing up.

FISHTALES FAR-FETCHED AND FOUL by Sherryl Jordan

Blood and guts. Smelly bait, jagged hooks and buckets of slippery slime.

Fishing isn’t for the faint-hearted, but who would have thought a baby eel would grow into a monster, or that terrifying tentacles would whip up from the deep?

Beware! This collection of freaky and fascinating fish tales might give you the shivers.

Are you brave enough ...?

ZEN TAILS: BRUNO DREAMS OF ICE CREAM

Zen Tails are classic philosophical stories adapted and beautifully illustrated for children. Each book includes a moral as well as the original Zen tale.

Everyone has an ice-cream except Bruno and he can’t get ice-cream off his mind. Bruno’s teacher, a martial arts master, shows how focused attention and caring for others brings freedom, happiness and even ice-cream!

WOMBAT GOES TO SCHOOL by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley

She sleeps. She eats. She scratches - and finds a hole. When Mothball discovers a new hole, it unexpectedly leads her to the local school.

The children learn that wombats love carrots and grass, while Mothball learns that lunch boxes contain very few carrots, that sports sheds can be a good place to have a nap, and that when you’re brown and round, it’s not a good idea to get too close to a ball.

IT CAN’T BE TRUE - an incredible visual comparison

It Can’t be True! lets you in on life’s little secrets that seem unbelievable but are totally true. For example: Did you know that the Moon is the same size as Australia? Or that a blue whale’s heart is as large as a car?

Explore a world of subjects, from the tiniest microchips to the massive, swirling planet Jupiter, with stunning photographs and images to help you visualise and understand each comparison. Learning is made easy and fun with amazing pictures and graphics that describe incredible facts to satisfy even the most curious children. With easy-to-read headlines and simple explanations, It Can’t be True! is the first book of its kind to deliver a major ‘Wow!’ moment as you turn each page.

Full of the most recent, verified facts and statistics full of facts that prove truth is stranger than fiction It Can’t be True! is the definitive ‘Did you know...?’ explorer’s guide.
Mountain bike riders are boosting numbers in the annual Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride with the Dirty Boys off-road section of the ride booked out.

Ride coordinator, Steve Corrie, said the interest in riding across creeks and outback tracks from Cairns to Karumba had been enormous with all 76 off-road spots taken and more people hoping to secure a place.

“We consistently have just over 100 road riders each year, but we have been rapidly increasing the number of available places on the Dirty Boys off-road section,” he said.

“Last year we had 50 places on the dirt and were surprised at how quickly they filled, and this year we have been able to grow the event again thanks to the support of Passions of Paradise co-owner, Roger Cumming, whose company sponsors the ride. “Not only has Roger provided trailers, but he also hosts the end of ride ‘thank you cruise’ for sponsors each August”, said Steve.

In June and July this epic ride that has now stood the test of time (17 years in operation) will also feature an ultra-marathon runner in Dean O’Mara who is using the event as training for an upcoming around the world run that he plans to attempt. Dean’s plan each day of the event is to hit the road early and run around 60km before jumping on the bike and riding into town with one of the road riding packs.

Each year the ride has a new story to tell. Why not be a part of the action and greet the riders who assist the students at CSDE each year. Join the ride in any of the on-route locations from June 29 to July 5. Come and say g’day, enjoy a drink and congratulate the people who keep the wheels turning!

For further information simply go to the website at www.ridefnq.com

Steve Corrie
Ride Coordinator
Comrades Marathon – article by Lorraine Lawson

Most people think you are absolutely crazy to consider running a footrace that is 89km long. Yet it’s through ultra-running that I’ve experienced life to its fullest. We seldom put ourselves in a position where we might fail. This flawed human trait prevents many people from trying something new or challenging. I’ve learnt through my running that the reward is in the journey of doing something out of your comfort zone, and not the end point (that’s normally just really hard work!).

The human body is adapted very well for long distance running, and people who have a go achieve amazing feats. It’s our minds and thoughts that limit our success, not our bodies. Once you give yourself permission to try something new, you will be pleasantly surprised just what you are capable of doing.

Despite being quite a mediocre runner, I’ve proved that through hard work, dedication and commitment, you can achieve your goals. Some of you may remember that last year I participated in the 87km Comrades Marathon ‘up run’ from Durban to Pietermaritzburg in South Africa. I made the 12-hour cut off with 10 minutes to spare. This year I was back for my ‘back-to-back’ medal. And I am pleased to say that I have it, together with my second Comrades Marathon medal, after completing the hardest thing I’ve ever done in my life: the 89km Comrades Marathon ‘down run’ from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. It took me 11 hours 24 minutes.

There are many races today – like the Western States 100, the Marathon des Sables, the Badwater Ultra-Marathon and the 6633 Ultra - that claim to be the toughest, the longest, the hottest, the coldest, the windiest or even the best event you can ever do. The Comrades Marathon does not claim any of those things – but it is the longest standing ultra with the first race held in 1921. It is also on the road, where most other ultra-marathons are trail races. The Comrades Marathon slogan: ‘The Ultimate Human Race’ is a valid claim as the thing that sets the Comrades apart from any other race, and something that has never been achieved by any other footrace in the world, is the 12 000 competitors on the start line and the 250 000-odd spectators lining the course and urging the runners on relentlessly. I don’t have the words to describe the camaraderie and support you receive from fellow runners and supporters along the way, nor the elation of receiving your medal on the finish line, after eight months of training. But now that you know about the race, you can consider what it would take for you to one day stand on that start line and finish the ultimate human race. It is possible.
The Maths Corner

This is the famous Pythagoras Tree
Every triangle is the same shape, that is, ‘they are similar’.

If the largest triangle has sides 3 cm by 4 cm by 5cm, what is the area of the largest blue square? (The fourth largest square)

The Physics Dimension

Doctor Who is suspended in space between the Tardis and a spaceship. To return to the spaceship in the quickest method, he should:-

(a) Swim back
(b) Throw the ball at the spaceship
(c) Throw the ball at the spaceship and catch it as it bounces back
(d) Flap his arms and fly back
(e) Throw the ball at the Tardis

Solutions at end of ‘Competitions’ segment

Competitions

Winton Business and Tourism Assoc. Inc. presents the “Waltzing Matilda Bush Poetry Awards” 19th Annual Junior Festival
The Little Swaggies’ Written Competition

This competition aims to encourage the writing of traditional-style Australian Bush verse, incorporating rhyme and rhythm. Written entries should be submitted by 31st August 2014. For more details go to the Bronze Swagman website. [http://www.bronzeswagman.info](http://www.bronzeswagman.info)
**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide event for students from Prep to Year 7 and is aimed at improving literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for learning and pleasure.

All CSDE students from Prep to Year 7 have been registered and should have received a registration package in the mail.

Once you have read your quota of books please send your back to Leigh Howser via email or with your mail.  Happy reading!

**G20 Cairns School Art Competition**

In September Cairns will host the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ meeting. More than 1,000 people from around the globe, including some of the world’s most influential economic decision-makers will be in attendance.

As G20 host, Australia wants delegates to fall in love with Cairns and its unique natural attractions. To showcase the region, students from Prep to Year 12 are encouraged to get their pencils and paint brushes out to create works of art that show their favourite things about Queensland.

These artworks will be used to produce a 50m x 2m mural to feature at the G20 meeting in the Cairns Convention Centre. (Competition posters and a G20 fact sheet are available online)

As well as the opportunity to have their artworks on display, students will be in the running for a prize for their school of an iPad and a $100 iTunes gift card. There are 13 prize packs up for grabs.

Competition closes on Monday, 21 July, with winners to be announced in September.

**2015 Premier’s ANZAC Prize**

What a prize! You could win a place on a study tour to visit Gallipoli and the Western Front through The Premier’s Anzac Prize 2015.

What do you need to do? To enter you need to submit a two to five minute multimedia presentation on:
- How Anzac tradition has shaped our nation
- Why the Anzac tradition is still important
- How generations can continue to keep the tradition alive

The 2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize will provide 70 Queensland high school students and ten teacher chaperones the opportunity to experience the Anzac tradition firsthand. Winners of the Prize will witness the Anzac Day Centenary Commemorations at Gallipoli and travel to the Western Front battlefields in France and Belgium over two weeks in April and May 2015.

Student entries must be received by **5pm on Friday 19th September 2014.**

Further information including application forms, criteria, eligibility conditions and tips on applying can be found on the Premier’s Anzac Prize website [www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize).

**Student Cooking Competitions**

The ‘Country Style Magazine Healthy Harvest Competition’ is suitable for all students. Students are required to keep a written journal of their vegetable patch. The winning individual prize is an iPad.

The ‘McCormick Flavour Forecast 2014’ is suitable for Year 9 and 10 students. A participation certificate will be sent to all students who enter. Winning state individuals receive a $50 McCormick gift bag of various items. The national individual winning entry prize is $500 worth of EFTPOS cards.

Please contact Sue Dollery on 4080 9230 for more information.
Applications for **Buddyverse Minecraft Camp** are now open to all Year 6, 7 and 8 students in Queensland schools.

The Technology Leadership camp will be held at Cairns School of Distance Education on 15/16 August 2014.

Places are limited - only 24 participants will be selected from all schools based on the selection criteria in the Application Form. For enquiries contact Leigh Howser by email lhows3@eq.edu.au or phone 4080 9136.

If you think you are up for the technological and personal challenge check out the flyer, fill out the application form and get permission and endorsements from a parent, your teacher and your school principal.

Applications close 25th July. Successful applicants will be notified by email by 28th July.

**SSST News**

Members of the Student Support Services Team recently attended a two day workshop - Youth Mental Health First Aid, presented by Cairns Youth Mental Health Services.

The Mental Health First Aid course taught us how to recognise the cluster of symptoms of different mental illnesses and crisis, how to offer and provide initial help and how to guide a person towards appropriate treatments and other supportive help.

This training was important to Student Support Services as mental health problems often first develop in adolescence. These include depression, anxiety, eating, psychotic and substance abuse disorders. Half of all people who will ever experience a mental illness will have had their first episode prior to the age of 18.

Gayle Millett

**Maths and Physics Solutions**

**Solution – Pythagoras Tree**
Square 1 dimensions = 5 x 5 cm
Square 2 dimensions = 4 x 4 cm
Longest side triangle 2 = 4
therefore scale factor = triangle 2 Hypotenuse/ triangle 1 Hypotenuse
= 4/5
So 2nd longest side of triangle 2 = 2nd longest side of triangle 1 x scale factor
= 4 x 4/5
= 16/5 (Hypotenuse of third triangle)
New scale factor = triangle 3 Hypotenuse/ triangle 2 Hypotenuse
= (16/5)/5
= 16/25
Therefore 2nd longest side of triangle 3 = 2nd longest side triangle 1 x scale factor
= 4 x 16/25
= 2 14/25
Area of the square = 2 14/25 x 2 14/25 = 6.55 cm^2

**Solution - The Physics Dimension**

c) Newton’s Third Law – for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction
**eKindy – Year 3 Camp**

**eKindy students** enjoyed a very busy, but fun-filled camp week. The children had a great time with the home corner and dress-ups, as well as the all-time favourite – playdough! The water-balloon filled ‘ball pit’ was also lots of fun, especially when the children had to search for hidden objects. The obstacle course and tennis sessions provided a great opportunity to test out their skills with balancing, bouncing, hopping, jumping and crawling. The favourite part of camp for the eKindy children – ‘playing with our new friends’!

**Preppies** learnt about all of those things that make Australia special. They shared Dreaming stories and traditional tales. These little ones adapted to the new class situation like ducks to water, finding friendship along the way. **Year 1 students** learnt all about poetry, and created crazy rhymes using real and made up words. The Year 1 Shape Detectives were able to seek and find all manner of 3D and 2D shapes in the library, the gym and around the school grounds.

**Year 2 students** honed their maths measurement skills by choosing the best non-standard units of measurement to measure surface area. In English, students wrote and presented an alternative description of a non-stereotypical character, which might explain why Mrs Potter was seen strutting her stuff as a punk rock Cinderella Rockerfella around the school grounds.

It was a jungle theme for **Year 3** warthogs, zebras, lions and other such creatures as they planned and delivered short oral presentations in character. Students completed their persuasive writing task which saw them writing letters to Mr Oliver to persuade him to hold a sleepover at Year 3 Camp. All students without exception were in favour of the sleepover, so let’s see what happens next year.

**Prep to Year 3 students** weaved and bounced their way around the Barron Valley Gym yet again and were treated to tennis instruction from our local Tennis Australia coach.

All students attended the whole school Cultural Day and were treated to the food, arts and music of other cultures. Students also sang a canon in French and hip-hopped their way out of the school grounds on the final day.

Special thanks go to the dynamic SSS Team and our marvellous teacher aides for their work with students from all year levels.

Fiona MacGillivray  
**eKindy – Year 3 Camp Coordinator**
Year 4-6 Camp

How much fun can you cram into two and half days? Quite a lot if you consider how much the 4 -6 crammed into their camp at Daradgee. It may have been a tad damp and it may have been a smaller camp than usual, but those who attended made the most of the activities and challenges that were presented to them. There were a few that faced their own personal challenges and triumphed, which was the greatest achievement to come out of Camp Daradgee.

Students were exposed to a variety of activities that varied from photography, getting up close and personal with the farm animals and not so close to Roxanne the pet Python. The outdoor classroom at Polly Creek proved to be quite exciting with student making some interesting finds in the very clean and pristine creek. The dip at the end was a little too cool for some, but it certainly proved invigorating and refreshing. The hot milo on the return certainly warmed everyone’s insides.

The Pizza challenge proved a hit and also allowed the students to experiment with ingredients that they weren’t used to. I’m still not sure about the beetroot on my pizza, but it’s pizza. Everyone loves pizza. Well almost everyone.

The rope challenges lived up to their name. It was great to see the team work and camaraderie throughout. The team challenge proved to be one that had the students thinking, as they had to work as a collective group. Some great problem solvers were showing through.

The culminating activities of bouldering and top roping challenged a few of the students and thankfully they met their challenges head on and won.

Parents you will be interested to know how well the dormitory areas were kept during the few days we were there and how creative some students got with the shoe organisation, outside rooms. No excuses about washing up either, everyone was more than able.

It is hoped that the students have taken away many good memories of their stay at Camp Daradgee. It was great that they didn’t let the weather dampen their enthusiasm. The warm smiles certainly put paid to that.

Now which team won the ‘cleanest dorm’? I’m sure it was the Scrub Hens.

Looking forward to catching up with the Year 4 – 6 students again in 2015.

Regards,

Helen Sachlikidis,
Year 4-6 Camp Coordinator
Year 7-9 Camp

Everyone arrived on Monday morning ready for an action packed few days!!

Firstly we travelled to Holloways Beach Environmental Centre which would be our home for the next three days! We had to get to know each other first because some of us had never met until that day.

The first activity involved all of us working together to solve problems then after lunch we were in small groups trying to break the Orienteering speed record! Mykee, Ethan and Jarrod were the fastest and broke the camp record!! After a game of T-ball we had to cook different parts of the dinner in groups. While we waited for dinner Ethan had arranged for his Judo instructor to visit our camp. He was a Police Dog handler and brought his two dogs with him. One dog was older and very experienced but the other one was a crazy pup called Axel who had lots of fun running in the dark to retrieve objects. That night we all laughed a lot during the Theatre Sports!

The next day we were off to Aeroglen for abseiling! The cliff looked so high and scary! Most of us managed to abseil down even though we were very nervous! Then it was off to tennis with Ryan which was lots of fun. After lunch we walked to the Mud Pit! This was a big patch of deep mud in the mangroves which we all sunk in and got covered in black mud! It was so funny seeing only everyone’s eyes! We all ran to the beach to wash off! That night we walked to the cafe for dinner which was a yummy lasagne. It was a long walk because the tide was high and the sand was wet but it was worth it!

Our last day started with a big clean up, then it was off to the Recreation Centre for an action packed morning of rollerblading and attempts at the climbing wall. By 11am we were all hungry and tired so we jumped on the bus to the Esplanade for a BBQ and swim in the Lagoon.

The camp was fun and exhausting at the same time!

It was great to see all our old friends and to meet new ones.

Year 7 – 9 Students
Sixteen students attended the May camp this year. Twelve teachers were enlisted to make the camp a success. Jeremy Flynn and Lorraine Lawson shared the camp coordinator role, but both of them were away on leave during camp week. Ros Scott, Mick Mendel and Ann Leeson each took up overall responsibility for the students for one day at the camp.

**Day 1:** The Seniors’ Camp was an action-packed, laughter-filled adventure for students and teachers alike. The seniors were thrilled to see old friends again, and welcomed new classmates with typical, friendly CSDE style. The speedy expertise and enthusiasm shown in everything from tent pitching, camp games, hiking, cooking, abseiling, team challenges and canoeing was impressive.

Teachers Ros Scott, Amy Malsem and Ken Newman had great fun demonstrating canoe skills - how to turn in endless circles and finish last in every race. The seniors shared good times learning with friends and made great memories.

“Camp was amazing! Being a new student I was welcomed straight away everyone was so nice and the teachers were really supportive and enthusiastic about all the tasks we faced. It also helped me conquer my fear of heights”. (Jezeeka Jeffrey)
Day 2: Mick Mendel and Veronika Michaels launched their canoe at 9.00am. With no prior training they canoed themselves to the front of the pack with only Michael Ryan and Dale Muccignat to beat. They canoed upwind to achieve the Boomerang effect in their navigation arriving second with plenty of energy in reserve. The other teacher on duty for the day, Manjit Khalsa, had an ‘easy’ day and travelled around in the boat!

Time to change footwear to scale a mountain. Some students struggled and hats off to Kevin O’Sheehy who persisted even when completely exhausted. At the top they digested the view, an orange and some healthy biscuits. Food never tasted so good.

Back to the canoes, destination abseiling. Mrs Michaels, the wild Czechoslovakian, impressed all by dropping down the scariest cliff first. She is simply made of true grit. Not one student piked out. Exhausted, everyone canoed back 4.5km to base camp where Coen Sanders and friends made Spaghetti Bolognese for dinner and fruit custard for dessert. Thanks to all student for making this day so enjoyable and being such exemplary students.

“Camp this year was awesome! Met some amazing people, we had our ups and ‘falls’, well I did at least, but we had the best time!😊”. (Michael Ryan)

Day 3: The day began with a series of group challenges that focused on team work, communication and problem solving. Students slipped through the spider’s web, shuffled their way along the sinking ship and shimmied around the lava pit. Records were set, competition was fierce and leadership and co-operation skills were clearly on display.

After lunch, it was time to conquer any fear of heights on the giant swing. Most ventured to the very top of the trees, screamed through the free-fall and then engaged in all manner of aerial acrobatics as they swung out over the lake. Most exercised excellent self-control!

The perfect day was capped off with a camp fire under a brilliant night sky. Thank you to teachers Ann Leeson, Marion Morris and Chris Kruger for helping out on Day 3.

“Best camp I have ever been on and I had a lot of fun.” (Sam Simmonds)
Cultural and Wellbeing Day

The aim of Cultural and Wellbeing Day was for students to look within to build resilience and to look outwards by experiencing different foods and culture. Students also unleashed their creativity by participating in art and music sessions. Our special guest, Made’ Denis, came all the way from Bali to teach our students, teachers and parents how to play the angklung and perform the Kecak dance. This was great fun and enjoyed by all.

Lunchtime was really special. Our language teachers cooked up a feast with food from various countries around the world and the CSDE teacher band got the crowd going with their rendition of ‘Kids’. What a day!
Sports Day

After a bleak looking start to the day the Cairns School of Distance Education Sports Day 2014 went ahead without any issues. In fact Gordonvale was kind to us with near perfect weather and I’m sure enjoyed by all in attendance.

Little Mulgrave Athletics once again provided us with a perfect athletics arena, and had a plentiful supply of food to keep the hungry worms at bay. Thanks to Brett Bettini and his crew for the support and technical support for the events. Thanks also to Chris Stirling for her efforts and yet another awesome MEGA relay.

Thanks are extended to those who dressed for the day. it was great to see families getting into the spirit of the day while our very own Beach Patrol Gals ensured all lives were safe.

Although not all age groups were represented, those who did compete did so with gusto and great enthusiasm. Special mention needs to be made of our Tuto fairing participant who managed to participate in all his events wearing the iridescent yellow tutu. Well done Dale, it’s great to see the spirit of participation and enjoyment shining through with you. Congratulations to the winners of the CSDE staff and home tutor races. Very determined winners Lisa Atkinson, Melissa Clarke and Andrew Oliver.

To students, home tutors and CSDE staff thanks for a great day, I’ll let you be the judge of how successful the day was by the pictures and happy smiling faces.

Catch you all next year. ☺

(L-R) The Atkinson, Wynberg and Simmonds’ families enjoy the day!
Age Champions 2014

2005
Boys – Kurt Plant (Jardine)
Girls – Kate Hinrichsen (Gilbert)

2004
Boys – Jole Muccignat (Jardine)
Girls – Anastasia Wynberg (Mitchell)

2003
Boys – Jacob Lutton (Jardine)
Girls – No participants

2002
Boys – David Claudie (Gilbert)
Girls – Kali Woods (Mitchell)

2001
Boys – Kyle Muccignat (Jardine)
Girls - Tempest Lutton (Jardine)

2000
Boys – Don Woods (Mitchell)
Girls – Luna Mueller-Daniels (Gilbert)

Seniors
Boys – Dale (Tutu) Muccignat (Jardine)
Girls – Ocean Mitchell-Croft (Mitchell)

Overall house winner
Jardine

Putting it right with Don
Going Crazy over Sports Day
Doing the high jump
Beach Patrol Babes
Cute Sports Day Snips
Sports Day Buddies
Ball Games
Look at me!
Art students from Years 9 to 12 met for a week in May to be inspired, share their creative conceptions and produce amazing art works.

At the beginning of the week, the students worked together with clay to produce some very creative and clever relief sculptures, collaborated with Phil the Photoshop genius to create incredible digital images whilst the Year 12 students worked with Mr Nancarrow on their major sculpture assessment item.

Guest artist Elizabeth Hunter amazed us all with her monoprinting techniques. These included using water-soluble crayons, experimenting with tonality using black ink and experimenting with oil based prints emphasising the beautiful effects of ghost prints.

The students then worked with artist Jane Heraghty on a collaborative installation project that asks questions about what to do with unwanted objects. It is a large scale installation of sculptures made from unwanted things. The sculptures reflect our collective need for objects and things and the effect this has on our environment and sense of self and our imaginations. The students’ work will be exhibited in January 2015 where thousands of sculptures will totally transform gallery 2 at Kick Arts into a world of melting ice, strange creatures and high anxiety.

Lastly, a few lucky students got to work with Sydney based artist Stephen Bird. Using clay, digital cameras and computers, pupils produced their own stop motion film clip. Stephen Bird uses digital technologies in a medium that is usually exhibited as finished static pieces.

Overall it was a very eventful and exciting week filled with a wide variety of Art endeavours that challenged and motivated all the students who attended.