A warm welcome back to the last school term of the year and a special welcome to all of our new families. These warm days again make us thankful for the efforts of the hard-working P&C Association in regards to the installation of the air-conditioning in all classrooms. Nick Dopper and Linda Richardson did a wonderful job with this project from start to finish last year. We now need to ensure our fund-raising efforts continue with diligence so that we may repay the Treasury loan. This term finishes on Friday, 13th December and is ten weeks in duration. At the end of Week 3, Mr Matt Taylor, our current Head of Curriculum, will be leaving us due to a transfer. Matt lives on the north side and he is deserved of a school closer to home. Matt will be dearly missed as he has had a major positive influence on all staff and students. There will be a special assembly on Matt’s last day in the MPC.

Parent-teacher meetings are scheduled for Week 3 on Tuesday (22nd) and Thursday (24th). Our sincere apologies to all parents who have had difficulties making an online booking. Please don’t hesitate to email or contact the office by phone to gain some assistance. The PTO link is on our school’s homepage. The cut-off date for online bookings is Friday, 18th October. Hopefully the information below will be of assistance:

1. If you have never registered before, you will need to register. The registration code for the top box on this page is “JHSS”. A login (your surname) and a password (pin number) will be emailed to the email address you provide:

2. If you have registered before, you will need to obtain a new pin/password for this round of interviews using this option:

3. When you have your pin, use this with your surname to login:

4. Once you have logged in, you will need to enter the EQ ID numbers of your child or children recently sent home (don’t forget to click on ‘add’) You won’t see their name but you will see their ID number and their teacher’s name:

5. Once your child or children are registered, you can then go to the booking page.
A huge thank you to Helen and Rodney James (and dad Les), Chris and Linda Richardson, John Crowhurst, Neil Cochrane, Claire and Allen Bellenger and Matty Ware for attending the working bee over the holidays. It was a major effort removing the old Prep playgrounds and building a privacy fence for the Preppies. Big thank you also to the Ledez family for providing the earthmoving, a major cost-saving donation! Well done team! Construction of the new playground starts in Week three. Our thanks also to Helen James who has been giving up a great deal of time as project manager of the new Music Room. It is really taking shape and will be a fantastic resource for our school and students. Many thanks to Wayne Hawkswell for giving up his time to design the new room. We now look forward to celebrating the ongoing efforts of our Music Committee.

If any families are not returning next year or if any family is returning late next year, we would really appreciate this information being given to Elaine at the office. This will greatly assist our planning for 2014.

A reminder that Storm Season will soon be upon us. All teachers have been instructed to keep all students in the classroom if there is a severe storm happening at the same time as the bell at the end of the day. Parents can of course go to the classroom or wait a little longer than normal until the storm passes. Parents may wish to instruct their children to wait at the office if the weather looks quite ominous, should they walk, ride or catch a bus home at the end of the day.

Planning for 2014 has commenced. A letter regarding the Combined Year 6/7 Canberra Trip next year will go home this week, so too some correspondence regarding the Year 2 and 3 iPad classes for 2014. In addition, all students in Years 5 and 6 will soon have an assembly to discuss the Student Leader positions for 2014 and the qualities needed to fulfil these roles effectively.

SCHOOL DISCO: Friday, 18 October!

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Calendar of Events

October
18  Disco
21  Pupil Free Day
22  Silkstone Eisteddfod
23  2014 Instrumental Music Information Night
   Year 6 – Centenary High (Science)
24  Parent Teacher Interviews
25  Hands On Moving Toys – Prep
   Junior Choir – Jacaranda Festival
   “A Day for Daniel” free dress day
26  Brisbane Bands Festival
27  Brisbane Bands Festival
28  Raw Art
29  Raw Art
30  Year 6 – Centenary High (Science)

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Centenary High School Uniform Shop

The CSHS Uniform Shop will be conducting ‘Try On’ afternoons for the 2014 year 8 students in October. There will be four sessions as follows:

Monday 14 October 3-5pm
Tuesday 15 October 3-5pm
Wednesday 16 October 3-5pm
Thursday 17 October 3-5pm