

Principals' Update

At St Cecilia's School, we acknowledge that the land on which the school is built is the Darkinjung people's land. We appreciate the Darkinjung people sharing their land with us.



HARMONY DAY & TEAM LEADER BADGES

It was lovely to see the children come together to promote the strength of our community's cultural diversity and have our Year 6 TEAM Leaders presented with their blessed badges last Monday. We know our Year 6 TEAM Leaders will do our school proud this year in their new roles.

THANK YOU FLIP GROUP

What a great turn out to our first ever Families Leading in Partnership meeting this week. We had families on Zoom and some face to face. From the parent survey data, it appears most parents would prefer evening meetings or 2pm meetings, just before school pick up. Meeting dates and times for the remainder of the year will be shared in next week's newsletter. Including an update on the FLIP minutes and the new proposed structure.

COMPASS FORM ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We still have 129 children who require parental consent to attend the Athletics Carnival on the last day of school this term. Please jump onto Compass and complete the Event form online. There is an option in the form to volunteer as a helper on the day too. Mr Murton is still short of some helpers for the day.



THANK YOU SO MUCH

Just for a bit of fun to see the term out, on Thursday 31st March we will celebrate Easter with an Easter Hat Parade. Please create your Easter Hats at home and your children can wear them for the Parade that will be hosted at 8:45am at Thursday morning assembly. Full school uniform to be worn with hats created at home and worn to school.

Mother's Day Save the Date

Our annual Mother's Day breakfast, followed by the liturgy is fast approaching.

WHEN: Thursday 5th May

TIME: 7:45am

WHERE: Playground

RSVP: <https://www.trybooking.com/BYOJS>

This year our children will be included in the breakfast too. For catering purposes please RSVP and book a ticket for yourself and each child attending, with food options included. Thanks.



EXCURSION IMMERSION

TEACHING AND LEARNING

This week both year 1 and year 4 went on excursions to visit key historical locations to help conceptualise some of the History Inquiry learning that has occurred in class this term. Year 1 went to Allison Homestead in Wyong and ventured around historical landmarks in our local area to learn of their significance.

Year 4 travelled to Hyde Park Barracks to help deepen their learning on *What is Australia's journey?* Every child loves to get out of the classroom and explore and great school excursions take planning and effort, which I want to thank the teachers for organising. Additionally, the days could not happen without the generous support and time from parents who attended. The rewards from excursions can be huge for both children and teachers and something the children will remember for a long time. Thank you again to all those involved in the coordination and assistance of these memorable learning experiences.



Yesterday we welcomed many existing and prospective families to our Open Day and Open Evening. The two events were extremely successful with many families attending. Our year 6 children did us proud by showcasing the teaching and learning in our school and giving friendly, guided school tours to parents and children who are keen to get their children into our school. I was extremely proud of how the Year 6 children conducted themselves. Each one of them truly let their light shine.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year, please complete the attached form below so we can be sure to secure a Kindy 2023 class placement for all siblings. We have a lot of interest and want to make sure no one misses out. In the attached form you can indicate whether you would like us to send an enrolment pack home with your siblings or if you will pick it up from the office yourself.

Click on the blue link to complete the [2023 Kindergarten enrolment](#) form.

Thank you

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