

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.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE PARKING RESPONSIBLY

If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park legally and considerately to ensure you are not obstructing driveways, garages, or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that leaving your car unattended for more than 1-2 minutes in the Kiss & Drop areas is prohibited.

NAPLAN DATES

Due to limited availability at Mingara for our postponed Athletics Carnival we have had to move the **Numeracy NAPLAN** test from Thursday 12th May to the **new date of Tuesday 17th May**. This will only impact grade 3 & 5. Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th May will remain as testing days for the other tests; *Writing, Reading, Spelling and Language Conventions*.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS WELCOME MESSAGE

Please find attached a [Welcome to Term 2 message](#) from our Director of Schools, Danny Casey. The message summarises some of the key Towards 2025 initiatives and a brief COVID-19 Update with outline advice and regulations. Please visit the NSW Government site for latest information [Household and Close Contact Guidelines](#).



LIGHT UP THE DAWN

On Monday, students from St.Cecilia's proudly represented at this year's Anzac Day Ceremony at Wyong Memorial Park and at Palmdale ANZAC Ceremony. Over 50 of our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 stood respectfully and listened carefully to the messages of remembrance and the choir sang beautifully at Palmdale.

During the service our proud School Captains laid a beautiful wreath made with colours of blue and gold with the inscription 'Lest We Forget'. Following the service, the children formed up and marched with pride down Hely Street to the waves and proud smiles of families and the Wyong community. Well done and thank you to the students who came and their parents and families for supporting them.

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.



CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to attend and assist at the Cross Country with age group supervision, timing or check points. Parental assistance at these events aides the smooth running and execution of the day.

Please see to the right the schedule of Cross-Country events for the 5 -7 year-old children and 8-12/13 year old children. The times listed are approximate times, however, sometimes there may be unprecedented events that may cause a disruption or alteration in the times.

We are still awaiting consent for 56 more children to attend the Cross Country. The administrative staff and teachers do not have time to call parents individually to consent to attendance at this event. Therefore, if you received a reminder via Compass and/or email today, I ask that you complete the online permission form immediately under '*Events*', otherwise your child may be unable to attend.

Aged 5 - 7 year old SCHEDULE

8:45 Take roll, place into age groups, walk track
 9:00 - 7 years boys
 9:10 - 6 years girls
 9:20 - 6 year boys
 9:30 - 5 year girls
 9:40 - 5 year boys
 FRUIT BREAK
 Rotation Games until recess at 10:45

Aged 8 -12/13 year old SCHEDULE

9:00 - Depart to walk to Racecourse
 9:30 - Assembly, class roll and fruit break.
 9:50 - 12 years
 10:10 - 11 years
 10:30 -10 years
 10:50 - RECESS (20 minutes)
 11:10 -9 years
 11:30 - REST
 11:50 -5 - 8 years
 12:10 - REST
 12:30 - Children assemble
 12:40 - Walk back to school

I trust you have had a lovely break from the school routine, enjoyed some of the warmer weather over the Easter weekend and maybe your family has had a chance to perhaps have a holiday too! I shared with the children this morning that I went camping over Easter and in the second week, the family and I made our way to the Blue Mountains. It appears several other families and staff relaxed and recharged in similar ways or at the same location.

Every term is a busy one and like all terms we have lots happening this term. As well as the wonderful learning taking place in the classrooms we have – the Cross Country, Athletics Carnival, NAPLAN (Year 3&5), Year 6 going to Canberra, reports go home, Parent/Teacher interviews and much more! Please continue to keep an eye on the 'Dates for Your Diary' section of the newsletter to stay informed of events that may arise throughout the term.

Kind Regards,

Marta Chylewska