

# 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.*



MONDAY AUGUST 8TH

## MUFTI DAY

A reminder that on Monday we are raising awareness and money for Mary Mac's place, a place for anyone who is homeless, transient, or needing a helping hand. The children can wear mufti clothes and are asked to bring a gold coin donation. [Mary Mac's Place - CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay \(catholiccaredbb.org.au\)](http://MaryMac'sPlace-CatholicCareDioceseofBrokenBay.catholiccaredbb.org.au)

SCHOOL MUSICAL

## LIGHT AND SOUND

If there are any families who have access to, or a contact for lighting and sound equipment we would love to hear from you. We require the equipment for the school musical. Please email through contacts to [scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au) if you or someone else may be able to assist. Thanks.

TUESDAY AUGUST 9TH

## PHOTO DAY

Please make sure you have placed your school photo orders on Compass. The order forms this year were uploaded to Compass.



## 100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

Yesterday Kindergarten had an exciting and wonderful day full of fun to celebrate reaching 100 Days of School! The children dressed up as if they were 100 years old, and boy did they dress up! All the outfits were outstanding, and the students stayed in character. all day. Mrs Cattabriga and Mrs Milne organised a fantastic day for the children where they made crowns, read the book 100 days of school and celebrated all the amazing and brilliant things we've learnt so far this year!

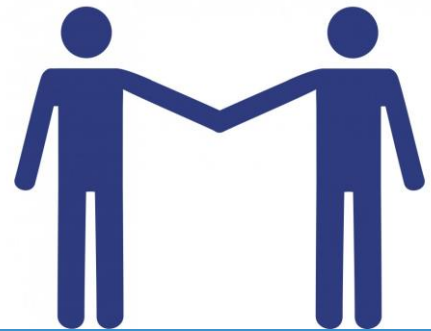
## BUDDIES PROGRAM

After discussion and consultation with staff and our current Year 5 children, there will be a few slight changes to our Year 6 and Kindy buddy program. This change arose from some parent input at our last FLIP meeting. Therefore from 2024, Year 5 will become the buddies to our 2024 Kindergarten cohort.

Next year, in 2023, when we are transitioning to the change we will have our Year 6 cohort be the buddies to our Kindy Gold class and our 2023, year 5 cohort will be the buddies to the Kindy Blue class.

The children identified many benefits to the change of structure, however they mainly identified that building leadership capacity earlier on in our students. Additionally, our Kindy children will have two years access and connection with their buddy, rather than having to say goodbye to them at the end of their first year of school.

# I'm a buddy!



## K-2 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Some Catholic Schools on the Central Coast organise a swimming school program in one form or another for their Infant classes, and other schools don't. St Cecilia's program runs in Term 4 and goes for 9 days over a two-week period. The program has been run at St Cecilia's for many years but not in 2021 due to Covid.

We have been weighing up the **PRO's** and **CON's** of the program and whether it is still the best option for our children. We would welcome your input after reading the **PRO's** and **CON's** outlined in the attached survey below.

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As mentioned above, this Monday is the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and I would like to extend a warm invitation to celebrate on Monday, 8 August 2022.

On this feast day let us be mindful that Mary MacKillop stands at the cross with us encouraging us to keep alive the flame of hope, bringing solace to those who may be going through a difficult time, lost loved ones or employment, and comforting those whose lives may have been changed forever through the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to impact many within our own community.

For Mary MacKillop the Cross became the Tree of Life. Walking in and through the Cross, she drew strength from the God who loved her. May we embrace the trying times in our life and persevere in the face of adversity. Please take to heart Mary's MacKillop's message:

*"God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark."*

Mary MacKillop 1899

On this feast, 'may we share in her courage, see with her vision, and love with her heart.' May Mary MacKillop's deep love for you be your gift on this beautiful day.

God Bless  
Marta Chylewska  
(Principal)