

# 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.*



## MAKE UP DAY FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

Considering we had up to 60 families absent on school photo day, we will be having a make up school photo day tomorrow on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The photos will just be individual portrait shots and family shots. All children are asked to wear their full winter uniform for this day.

## WARMER WEATHER SUMMER UNIFORM

Beginning on the first day back of Term 4, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, children can wear their summer school uniform.

## WEEK 10 AWARD ASSEMBLIES

Next week we will host two award assemblies. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am, Mr Murton will present our Age Champion & Runner Up awards from the Athletics Carnival.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September we will have our Awards Assembly in the Assembly Area at 8:45am. Light of Learning awards will be given out this week too.



## PEER SUPPORT

Last week we started our school Peer Support program run by Year 6 and Year 5 students with the first lesson focus on Zones of Regulation. The program provides children with opportunities to develop and practise skills and strategies to improve their mental, social, and emotional wellbeing, all while placing children at the centre of their learning, where they are empowered with practical skills and strategies to positively navigate life and relationships. Thank you to our Wellbeing for Learning Leader Mrs Jones and Miss Clancy, for preparing the children to run this program. This week's focus for the Peer Support lessons is about being an Upstander rather than a Bystander.

## GOOD NEWS STORY

The screenshot on the left is a text message I proudly received last week following the Polding Athletics Carnival on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The message is referring to Linh and Tahlia in year 6, who both attended the Carnival, where they competed against each other in the 100m sprint.

Tahlia displayed an admirable act of sportsmanship to stop mid-race and help Linh after she stumbled over. Sportsmanship is a choice, which reveals a person's character and their ability to be a good sport. I was extremely proud to read of Tahlia's general goodwill towards an opponent when representing our school at a Diocesan sporting event.

Both girls made it through to the next round. Congratulations and good luck competing at the next level!

Friday 11:19 pm

Awesome display of sportsmanship by your girls in the 13 yrs 100m today. One fell so the other one stopped to help her up and they both continued racing 💕

## MUSICAL MAGIC

We are two thirds of the way with our school musical with only one more performance to go tonight. Thank you to all the families who brought their child to all three shows this week. Your continued support to Creative & Performing Arts and enforcing to your child the importance of teamwork and commitment that went into this school production is greatly appreciated.

The show has been such a team effort with all staff, children and families involved. There has been so much meaningful support around making it the successful event it was. The energy and enthusiasm of the performers, the gusto with which songs were sung and characters played had the audience beaming and made it a joy filled event. A special thanks to Mrs Whyte & Mrs Bolter for all their hard work, patience, and countless hours of preparations. The show couldn't have been possible without them!

We are looking forward to the last show tonight and hope to have all children attending for one last performance. [Tickets still available if you wish to come.](#)



Annually, in Catholic Schools Broken Bay the students, teachers, and parents have been invited to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The survey closes this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September and plays an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process for the future.

I would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey. We value the role of parents and carers within our school community and greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Cecilia's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please click the attached link. [Survey \(tellthemfromme.com\)](#)

This will be my final communication to families for the term as I will be on long service leave from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September till Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. My family and I have a long-awaited holiday coming up, which was booked three years ago, however due to Covid we have had to postpone numerous times. Mr Madigan will be Acting Principal in my absence with Mrs Michelle Moylan from CSBB and Mrs Dowling supporting him.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday break with the last day of school this term being Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, though Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a Public Holiday commemorating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**God Bless, Marta Chylewska**