

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.



SALES ON QKR

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

A reminder to Year 6 families to purchase the adult graduation tickets from Qkr.

No siblings allowed to the event and we ask that all payments are made by Monday 28th November.

COME ALONG

CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The Choir has been asked to perform a Christmas Memorial Service at Palmdale in the Hillside Chapel on Saturday the 3rd of December at 10am.

They will be performing 3 songs during the morning performance. Families welcome to attend and support the choir.

HELP NEEDED

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Margaret (Canteen Manager) only had one parent volunteer complete the form below to offer their assistance with canteen this term.

Please complete the form below if you can help for the remainder of term (from week 8) in any capacity. If you become available last minute, please just pop into the canteen to see if help is needed.

<https://forms.gle/1Sz8qqq6UEnECpHTA>



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A REMINDER to please all attend the Christmas Concert on Tuesday 29th November. The children will be well rehearsed after working with Drew Lane and ready to present their Christmas Carol to the families on this evening.

Please arrive at 5:15pm for a 5:30pm start. Children can meet their teachers in the classroom to have the roll marked off for the event. We anticipate the event to be finished by 6:45pm at latest. We look forward to having you all there.

TALENT QUEST

A reminder that many children are currently preparing their shows for the upcoming St Cecilia's Talent Quest.

During Wellbeing Week in Week 9, St Cecilia's will be holding a talent quest - St Cecilia's Got Talent! Any student may audition for the talent quest however this is an *optional NOT compulsory event*. The auditions will take place on Monday Week 9 in classrooms.

A small number of acts will be selected from each grade to progress to the finals which will be held on Friday morning 9th December. Parents are invited to attend the finals. More details to come later in the term.

To keep the talent quest to a reasonable time, acts can be no longer than 2 minutes. We look forward to showcasing a range of talents during St Cecilia's Got Talent!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

A reminder that the children are collecting goods in their classroom for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas and your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas and give them hope for a better future. Suggested items are;

Kindy - cereal (small boxes), jam, shampoo/conditioner, tinned vegetables or jelly.

Stage 1 - tea, coffee, hot chocolate, long life milk

Stage 2 - tinned fruit, muesli bars, chips, savoury or sweet biscuits.

Stage 3 - long life custard, mince pies, fruit cake or body wash.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

We invite you to share in the spirit of Christmas by donating food and toiletry items. These items will help provide families with a Christmas filled with happiness and joy.

14th Nov – 30th Nov

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| Kindergarten Cereal (small boxes) Tinned vegetables/Jelly/Jam/Shampoo/Conditioner | Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Tea/Coffee/long life milk/Hot chocolate |
| Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) Tinned fruit/Muesli bars/Packet chips/Savoury/Sweet biscuits | Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) Custard (long life)/litre/Christmas cake/pudding/Fruit mince pie/body wash |

Teachers are finalising classes for 2023 and throughout the careful process of considering many factors, we identify any children or cohort that may benefit from some extra transition processes.

These transitions can take form in a variety of ways. Some children will just benefit from a social story, others may require more frequent, informal 'connects' with their teacher for 2023 (instigated by this year's teacher or just frequent incidental hellos from the prospective teacher), sometimes small group sessions may occur where possible with their new teacher, on occasional instances it may be beneficial for us to trial a few days or a week with their new 2023 teacher, where possible if the staff member is currently with us.

Whatever form of transition may be implemented for different children, we do know change isn't always easy. Whether it's a small change in routine, altering the environment or adjusting to a new class or teacher, there are endless ways that we as teachers try to help in the adjustment and preparations for the new 2023 school year.

If you know your child may benefit from assistance in transitioning, why don't you prompt them to write a letter or fact file about themselves to share with their 2023 class teacher at their Step-Up morning on Thursday 15th December at 9:15am. The new teachers would love to hear from their new upcoming class.

God Bless

Marta Chylewska