

# 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.*



## PHONE APPS

### COMPASS & QKR

To any new and existing families, please ensure you have the Compass Manager (communication & student management system) and QKR app (purchasing) on your phone. Should you be having any username and password issues with Compass, please contact the office.



## COMING SOON

### CHOIR WITH MRS SCOTT

Mrs Scott has kindly offered to come back to take choir this year. It will take place at Wednesday lunchtime, in her classroom. She will be sending out communication about this soon.

Please start to gauge your child's potential interest in this extra curricula activity.

## HELP NEEDED

### CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all those generous parent volunteers who have already completed the online form to offer their assistance.

If you have not yet done so, please do so at this link  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ZPw0i5miwN>

Dads and grandparents are welcome too.



## OPENING SCHOOL MASS

All parents and carers are welcome to the Opening School Mass, which will be hosted on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am in the assembly area.

At the Opening School Mass we will welcome new families during our traditional rock placement ceremony and father will bless our prefect badges and they will be presented to our school captains and house captains for 2023.

## TEARS N TISSUES

This year we bring back the tradition of Year 1 families hosting the Tears n Tissue morning for our Kindergarten families.

Thank you so much to the many Year 1 parents who have volunteered their time to either prepare a platter of food or serve tea and coffee at the special event that will take place this Thursday morning at 9am in the hall.

The staff and year one parents look forward to welcoming and supporting our new and existing Kindergarten families on this big day of excitement and anticipation.



## HOW OUR DAY IS STRUCTURED

From Kindergarten to year 6, the school day is separated into three learning sessions. We have three opportunities for children to eat: fruit break, morning tea and lunch and they have two play breaks.

This structure allows the children enough time to fuel their bodies and enjoy a physical break before focusing on learning.

A reminder that ***no child is to be dropped off in the playground without parent supervision before 8:15am***. There is no teacher on duty till 8:15am so your child will be left unsupervised if they come before that time. If you know you need an earlier drop off, please contact Busy Bees on 0488 345 417 to make a before school care booking.



**There is something inherently wonderful about the cycle of the school year. I think back to the weary but grateful staff who I farewelled in December and wonder how the excited, chatty lively group who I welcomed back at our Staff Development Day last Friday can be one and the same. All the staff love what we do here at St Cecilia's and, believe me, we know how blessed we are to work with you and your children. We are looking forward to a year of mighty growth, challenges to which we shall rise together and a great deal of fun and laughter. I sense it's going to be a great year!**

**Please keep up to date with school information via Compass, the newsletter, Principal's Update, email and Facebook communication via the Parent's Corner.**

**God Bless**

*Marta Chylewska*

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