

# 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.*

## GOODBYE MRS O'NEILL



### WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH HARMONY DAY

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

To participate in the celebrations of this week we ask that on Wednesday 22nd March children wear **orange** or any cultural background attire to show their support.

### PERMISSION FOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This week we sent out the permission form for the Athletics Carnival. We already have over 100 children with permission to attend and 20 parent volunteers. To assist in the smooth running of the day, we really are striving for over 40 parent volunteers. Please consider supporting the staff and children in the running of the day. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

### SAVE THE DATE SPORT AWARDS PRESENTATION

Next term, we would like to spotlight the sporting achievements in our school to date. Therefore, we will host a Sport Medal presentation on **Friday 12th May at 2:30pm** in the hall. We will present our age champions for swimming and athletics at this presentation. All parents welcome!

The date is in the Compass and [school website calendar](#).



## BROKEN BAY NETBALL TRIALS

Earlier this week, Mikayla, Bonnie, Sophie and Ella were exceptionally representatives for our school at the CSBB Netball Trials. The girls demonstrated great skill, strength, and talent throughout the trials. The calibre of players was very high, and the girls were up to the challenge, making it very hard for the selectors. There could be only 8 girls selected from the Diocese and although they were not selected on this occasion, they are all to commended on their abilities.

# CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

It is my pleasure to announce our Cross Country Team for 2023. It was confirmed by CSBB this week that we can send through the top 6 children for each age group. The team will be able to participate in morning training sessions at school (more information on this to come). Congratulations to the following students in the table on the right.

8 Boys	8 Girls	9 Boys	9 Girls
Archer W.	Lucy I.	Harry L.	Ivy C.
Oscar M.	Claire G.	Parker G.	Bonnie B.
Ben L.	Iona M.	Spencer T.	Jayde G.
Archie W.	Ashlyn L.	James A.	Brooklyn B.
Advik P.	Kiara M.	Brayden H.	Ruby N.L.
Barrett M.	Daisy K.	Elijah A.	Matilda L.

  

10 Boys	10 Girls	11 Boys	11 Girls
Flynn W.	Skye P.	Zachary T.	Sophy N.
Finn Mc.	Emelia J.	Miller W.	Indie G.
Cody T.	Zali M.	Beau S.	Bonnie T-W.
Nicholas G.	Natalia S.	Leo C.	Allison W.
Taylor G.	Cindel H.	Asha D.	Lorelei F.
Ashton B.	Charlotte S.	Sam T.	Nehemiah M.

  

12 Boys	12 Girls
Lincoln G.	Kenzi G.
Troy L.	Sophie M.
Zavier W.	Azalia A.
Luke K.	Imogen V.
Abdur Rehman J.	Madeleine H.
Billy K.	Megan A.

# CCC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Archer W and Claire G who competed on Tuesday night at the CCC swimming carnival. Archer came 4<sup>th</sup> in his age group and Claire came 6<sup>th</sup>. What an amazing effort! We are so proud of both of you!

# INQUIRY STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Last Thursday we had our staff development day with the inquiry guru [Kath Murdoch](#). At St Cecilia's we strive to prepare our children for lifelong learning in the 21st Century. In preparing children to be active citizens we therefore must do more than just provide them with information. Knowledge alone is not enough; they also need the skills and dispositions to transfer this knowledge across learning domains and into the future. At St Cecilia's we empower our children to be inquiry learners. Teaching and learning is therefore focused on both **content AND process** - meaning that our children learn "the WHAT" together with "the HOW". Kath Murdoch's day introduced us to the **learner assets** (see picture to right). The children will be explicitly taught the skills and dispositions for lifelong learning through the Learning Assets, which outline the most important qualities and skills that good learners need to develop and enhance their learning. The learner assets encourage children to be **researchers**, **thinkers**, **collaborators**, **self-managers**, **contributors**, and **communicators** across all areas of learning. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.



Last Thursday evening the staff attended the Diocesan School Mass with all the teachers in Catholic Schools Broken Bay. At the Mass Mr Madigan and Mrs Milne were acknowledged by the Bishop and Director of Schools for their 35 years of teaching in Catholic Education. 70 combined years of wisdom and expertise right there!

Mr. Madigan and Mrs. Milne guide our children continuously to look and walk the right path. They are such great and exceptional educators, managing many aspects of class and school life distinctively. We are truly blessed to have such loyal and humble staff who make themselves accessible to all making a positive impact on the lives and learning of all those around them. Congratulations and thank you to both Mr. Madigan and Mrs. Milne for their 35 years of service to Catholic Education.

Yesterday the staff farewelled Mrs. Cheryl O'Neill who has been with us for 16yrs. To many in our community Cheryl has been more than just our administrative support officer. Cheryl's big open heart and listening ear has seen her as a counsellor to many, carer, substitute mum or grandmother and the biggest helping hand to all. There will be an opportunity for families to farewell Cheryl in a liturgy in term 2 on Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> May, 9am.



Kind Regards

Marta Chylewska



A colorful poster for an Easter Raffle. The background is light blue with white daisies and stylized clouds. A large pink Easter egg shape is the central focus. At the top, a brown rabbit with a crown is perched on the egg. The text 'YEAR 4 PRESENTS' is written in blue above the egg. The school name 'ST CECILIA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL' is in yellow. The main title 'EASTER RAFFLE' is in large yellow letters. A pink oval on the right lists ticket prices: '\$1 = 1 TICKET', '\$2 = 3 TICKETS', '\$5 = 10 TICKETS', and '\$12 = 30 TICKETS'. Below the title, '1ST PRIZE' is in blue, followed by 'Tickets to see the Central Coast Mariners & a large Easter basket!'. Below that, 'PLUS PLENTY OF EASTER HAMPERS TO BE WON!' is in blue. At the bottom, ticket availability is listed: 'Tickets available to buy: From Monday 20th March Via Qkr! or at school (cash only) 8.15-8.45am & 2.45-3.15pm Last day to buy tickets Wednesday 5th April and winners will be drawn before school pick up'. Two more brown rabbits are at the bottom corners.