

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.

ANZAC DAY MARCH



FLIP #6

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

All parents are welcome to our Families Leading in Partnership (FLIP) #6 meeting on Wednesday 10th May at 6:15pm. The meeting will take place in the staffroom within the office building and the agenda is still open to parent input. Please RSVP at the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/r/peYDmmGcYy>

BREAKFAST

MOTHERS DAY RSVP

Thursday 11th May from 7:50am the teachers will be serving breakfast for our mothers. Please RSVP for yourself if you plan to attend and have breakfast before the liturgy. Please feed your children breakfast beforehand, breakfast is for motherly figures only. [St Cecilia's Mothers Day Breakfast \(office.com\)](https://forms.office.com/r/peYDmmGcYy)

YEAR 5

FAITH & LEARNING WALK

All Year 5 parents are invited on Wed. 10th May at 2:30pm to participate in the first Faith and Learning Walk our school will be hosting.

This event will begin at 2:30pm in the classroom where children will be given some time to share their learning with parents and then finish up with the liturgy before home time. All other grades have their Faith & Learning Walks scheduled for later in the year in the [school calendar](#).



ANZAC DAY EVENTS

A big thank you to all the families who brought their children to the Anzac Ceremony at Palmdale or the Anzac March in Wyong Town Centre. Some families even made both events! Your support is greatly appreciated.

I'd also like to take this express my immense gratitude to Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Scott, who coordinated and rehearsed with the children for the two local community events where our school was so well represented. Both teachers and children gave up their own lunch times to prepare for these significant events.

SECOND STEP

Yesterday the whole staff participated in a three-hour workshop on *Supporting our Students with Social and Emotional Learning*. Part of the workshop included training to teach the Second Step program; a program which promotes social-emotional competence and self-regulation. It teaches skills that strengthen children's ability to learn, have empathy, manage emotions, and solve problems.

"Like any skill, self-regulation needs to be taught, practiced, and refined. Self-regulated learning is a process that assists children in managing their thoughts, behaviours, and emotions in order to successfully navigate their learning experiences." (Zumbrunn, Tadlock, & Roberts, 2011).

The Second Step program integrates Personal Development & Health curriculum outcomes and aligns with our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework, which encourage our children to be safe, respectful, and cooperative learners. Please watch for the weekly Home Link task that will come home with your child each week to revise & discuss the in-class learning



MRS O'NEILL'S FAREWELL LITURGY

A reminder that you are all invited to Mrs O'Neill's farewell liturgy next week which will take place on **Wednesday 3rd May at 9:00am**.

We are preparing a scrapbook of post-it notes of praise from the community to Cheryl. Classes and staff are writing messages of thanks to Cheryl on a post it note. We would also like to invite parents to join in and write their own Post-It-Note messages for Cheryl. Once you have written your message of thanks or a memory, please hand it in at the front office. If you don't have post-it-notes at home, we have a box set up at the front office to write your Post It of Praise. All welcome!



Post-It-Note messages due by Friday 29th April.

Welcome back to Term 2! It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces on day one and hear all about the wonderful holiday break families had. School holidays are an amazing opportunity for children, families, and staff to reset, reenergise and relax after busy terms of learning. That said, they can sometimes present a challenge in that children can become somewhat unsettled and out of routine upon returning to school. Though we have noted a smooth transition to the start of this term, and no doubt that is due to the wonderful support families have provided their children over the break. Our parent community at St Cecilia's are incredibly supportive, invested and nurturing, and we consider ourselves extremely privileged to work alongside you all. So, thank you to all of you. Teamwork really does make the dream work.

This term is a ten-week term finishing on Thursday 29th June. Like every other term there is a lot going on within the school. Already we have had the ANZAC ceremonies to attend, Mrs O'Neill's farewell coming up next week, Mother's Day in week 3, all amid the teachers making a start on writing their semester one reports, which will go out at the end of week 8, followed up by the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for your mid-year parent teacher interview in week 9.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS

Marta Chylewska



WE'RE OPENING OUR DOORS!

OPEN DAY 2023
SATURDAY 13 MAY
10AM - 2PM

Are You Ready?
Είστε έτοιμοι;
做到有备无患了吗?
Quý vị sẵn sàng chưa?
هل أنت مستعد؟



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