

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.



BOOK NOW

MID-YEAR P/T INTERVIEWS

Mid-year parent/teacher interviews are now open to book in your time through Compass.

In your Compass app on your phone, click on 'More' in the bottom right-hand corner, select 'Conferences' and book your suitable date and time for the meeting.

CANTEEN NEWS

MONDAY RECESS

For the remainder of this term the canteen will be open on Monday at recess with limited items consisting of large popcorn for \$1 and chocolate or strawberry milk for \$2.

This is just a trial for this term but if it goes well, we will review it to continue for the remainder of the year.

HELP NEEDED

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

If you can assist with helping in the canteen for any amount of time on a Wednesday or Friday, please text Margaret on 0413 022 010.

We are looking to grow our pool of helpers in the canteen.

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.**
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

LATE ARRIVALS OR EARLY PICK-UP

The school office is naturally a busy place with many interruptions, however one of our biggest interruptions throughout the day is late arrivals and early pick-ups. A reminder that if your child is late to school, it is the parent's responsibility to sign their child in at the office (not the child's or office staff). School starts at 8:45am and if you are unable to drop your child to school by that time, please walk your child into the office to sign them in.

Post 2:30pm we have also really noticed an increase in early pick-ups. I would like to remind families that this does impact on a child's attendance record. I will be sending out letters of notification regarding attendance below 85% and partial attendance contributes to a child's attendance rate. Where possible, please try to book specialist and medical appointments out of school hours to maximise your child's learning in school and minimise disruptions. Thank you.

SECOND STEP - WEEK 7

Kindy, and Year 6 are finishing up their **Skills for Learning** units around *Being Assertive* and all other grades are beginning on their **Empathy** units exploring *consideration of other's feelings as well as our own*.

Children are or have already learned that 'being assertive' involves using an assertive posture (face the person, head up and shoulders back) and tone of voice (calm, firm voice; respectful words). Assertive communication is the best way to ask for help. This help develop children's Self Management and Self Awareness personal and social capabilities.

Through the **Empathy** units, children are developing Social Awareness by learning that it is possible to have more than one feeling at the same time. Being able to understand that others might have complex feelings is an important part of empathy. Others may also have different perspectives and being able to recognise someone else's perspective helps us get along with others. Please check in about these concepts at home with your children.



Week 7 FOCUS

Kindy & Year 1 - Being Assertive
Year 2 & 3 - Identify Other's Feelings
Year 4 - Understanding Complex Feelings
Year 5 - Taking Other's Perspectives
Year 6 - Being Assertive

END OF YEAR DATES

Please see attached some key end of year dates for your calendar.

Mr Murton is still awaiting some confirmation on K-2 swimming sessions and the surf safety days, so our sporting event calendar for the remainder of the year will come soon.

A reminder that we have the live online school calendar in your Compass App or on the school website.

[St Cecilia's School Calendar - St Cecilia's Wyong \(scwdbb.catholic.edu.au\)](http://scwdbb.catholic.edu.au)

Save the Date End of Year Events 2023

Kindy 2024 Transition mornings:
 25 October,
 1 November,
 8 November
 9:00 - 10:30

St Cecilia's Feast Day Liturgy
 22nd November @ 8:45

Year 6 Grad Mass:
 29 November @ 5:00

End of School Mass:
 4 December @ 9:30

Andrew Chin Christmas Concert:
 5 December @ 5:30



I would like to welcome and announce some upcoming teacher changes and appointments that will be occurring at St Cecilia's.

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Hayman who has been releasing teachers for collaborative coaching on a Monday and Tuesday. Miss Hayman will be travelling to the UK to work abroad and travel. We thank Miss Hayman for her commitment to our school and the children. She will be missed.

Where one door closes, another opens and we are excited about re-opening our door to Mrs Sheppard who went on maternity leave, this time last year. Mrs Sheppard will take over the collaborative coach release role, working in all the 'Blue' classes, one hour a week to release teachers for Mathematics coaching.

We also say goodbye this week to Mrs Doughty from 4 Blue. Mrs Doughty is off to have her baby in a few weeks and we wish her all the best on this journey of growing the family and thank her for her time in 4Blue. Mr Cooper will be taking on the role as 4Blue classroom teacher from next week. Mr Cooper has come to us after 12 years of being at the Central Coast Adventist school. He brings with him a strong faith, passion for music and enthusiasm on integrating technology. We look forward to welcoming Mr Cooper into our community.

Mrs Jordan will also be taking a term of unprecedented medical leave from week 2, term 3. During her time away Mrs Sky McArthur will be taking 4 Gold. Mrs McArthur is very well known to our community as a casual teacher and prac student in our school in 2022.

We know there's an employee shortage out there in so many fields, so I feel very fortunate with the caliber of teachers that applied for our advertised roles and their strong desire to want to work in our beautiful school. I know you will all welcome them warmly to our school when they begin their new roles.

Peace and blessings
Marta Chylewska