

# 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.*

## GOOD LUCK BODHI



### BODHI ISTED CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bodhi who finished equal 2nd in the Junior Boys Long Jump. He jumped 3.83m and has been selected for the Polding Athletics Championship this year.

Bodhi will be competing at Sydney Olympic Park on Fri 13th Oct (week 1 next term). We wish him all the best.

### SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

This Friday at 6pm both Eucharist groups will be combined in the ceremony. We look forward to seeing all the children and families.

### INFANTS PLAYGROUND SANDPIT TOYS

Any families that happen to have any old sand toys or baking trays, plastic cups/bowls, or kitchen utensils e.g., ladles. We would welcome any of these donations for our infant's sandpit.

Please send them in with your child or deliver them to the office. Thanks.



## BOOK FAIR - Huge thank you!

Mrs Cumming, all the staff and myself, would like to thank the parents for their support in our annual Book Fair during Book Week. We sold \$6809 and made a commission of \$2042.50, which will be spent on library resources. This is wonderful news! Thank you once again.

We would also like to apologise on behalf of Scholastic for the delay in filling the reorders. Scholastic are working on rectifying the situation.

## CONGRATULATIONS PANDORA!

Last week I had the privilege of accompanying Pandora and her family to an important celebration regarding her academic achievement in the language of Filipino.

Pandora of Year 6 was selected to receive a Highly Commended Award as part of the 2023 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement - Community Languages Schools. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects Pandora's commitment to the study of Filipino.

The ceremony was made even more special by the fact that 30 years ago, I won the same award for my Polish language. What an honor it was to be there in the celebrations for Pandora.



## END OF YEAR DATES

Please find attached another reminder of key End of Year dates to put in your calendar. Below are some other important sporting events for your term 4 calendar.

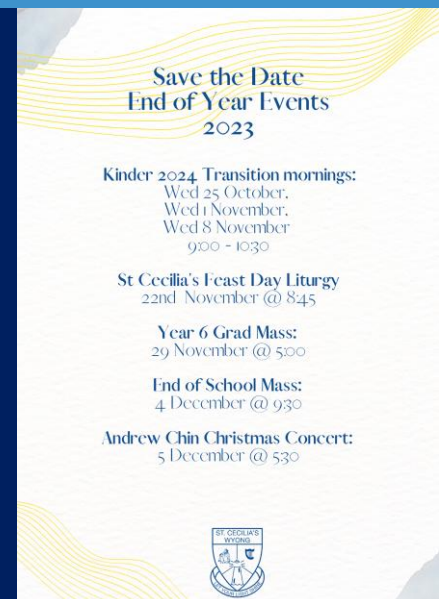
### *Sporting dates:*

Grades K-2 will also take part in a swimming program, which will begin on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The program will run twice a week (Wednesday and Friday) for five weeks. So, a total of 10 swim lessons will be had.

School Swimming Carnival - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Stage 3 Surf Day - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (all day)

Stage 2 Surf Day - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (all day)



I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you who took the time and thought to complete my Principal Survey. The survey was only open for a week, and I had 59 parents respond and most staff. Your participation in this process has been immensely valuable, and I truly appreciate your dedication to our school community.

The feedback received from the survey has been very affirming and I thank you all for your heartfelt words. It was also encouraging to see that some of the identified areas for growth and development are shared concerns among staff and myself in a changing educational landscape nationwide. This alignment reinforces our shared commitment to continuous improvement of our school.

I want to assure you that we have already been actively working on addressing the identified areas for development, one which included a few mentions of *challenging student behaviours* that can impact on others. This is an area we take very seriously, and the school has been doing a lot in this space. In the past 12 months have reviewed our school Behaviour Guidelines including, the Behaviour Matrix and consequences, implemented Shine Awards (continuously reviewing), opened the Zen Den and Reflection Room, resourced playgrounds with new sporting equipment and we have introduced Restorative Practice as well as the Second Step teaching program. We believe we are already making many meaningful changes to increase positive outcomes for our students; however, we are in different phases of implementation for each strategy. Upon continuous review and consistent implementation, we believe all members of our school community, especially our children will benefit once all these things are embedded in implementation.

As we navigate any challenges together, please know that your support, feedback, and engagement are invaluable. Our collective efforts will undoubtedly lead to positive outcomes, creating the best learning environment for our children.

Once again, thank you for your participation and your dedication to our school. Your input is a testament to the strength and unity of our community, and I am excited about the positive changes that lie ahead.

Kind Regards, Marta