

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.



THIS FRIDAY 10.11.23

SWIMMING BEGINS

Our K-2 children will begin their swimming program this Friday. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their swimwear under their clothes. Pack a pair of underwear for when they get changed after swimming. The Compass event has all the details you require.

YEAR 6 TICKETS

GRADUATION NIGHT

Year six graduation tickets for parents can now be purchased online via QKR. Limit of two adults per child.

Tickets include food, drinks, decoration costs and photo booth.

Graduation is on Wednesday 29th November 5pm - 8pm. Thanks

WHAT SUPERSTARS!

YEAR 6 CAMP

Last week I attended year six camp and was incredibly proud to have these children represent our school. They were polite, helpful, worked as a team, collaborated, problem solved, cared and encouraged others.

A lovely mid-term break for their final few weeks of primary school. What a memorable experience!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Please all pencil in 5th December for our annual school Christmas Concert. This year the children will be preparing for the evening with Andrew Chin.

This could be the last time we gather as whole community for 12 months, as our building works are supposed to begin soon after.

Pack your picnic blanket and/or chairs and light snacks for adults (no alcohol). The children will be busy performing so you will not need to pack food for them as the event is only an hour, starting at 5:30pm and finishing 6:30pm

PAUL WADE - LIFE SKILLS

Today we were fortunate enough to be visited by ex-Socceroo's captain Paul Wade. Paul shared his life experiences with grades 2-6 and challenged their thinking, as well as inspiring them to make positive life choices.

Over the next three weeks, Paul will follow up on his talk today to run clinics that promote awareness of key life values that can be experienced through sport and activity. Paul's messaging today was focused around these four key words:

1. Fun
2. Respect
3. Teamwork
4. Making good choices



FUNDING IN SCHOOLS FOR ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Catholic Schools have experienced an emerging increase in English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) and new arrival students across the system. To assist in responding to this emerging need we require accurate data on the number of EAL/D students in our school and languages spoken at home.

It is important that all students who are EAL/D and/or LBOTE are correctly identified in the upcoming census to ensure accurate funding and support is provided to our school. Therefore if you have another country of origin and/or English is an additional language in your home and you speak another language, please complete the attached survey for all of your children.

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



Today we hosted the last of our Kindergarten Orientation sessions, all of which were a over the past three a success! The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as parents and little ones alike immersed themselves in the welcoming environment we created. Our 2024 Kindy's were busily engaged throughout the session with a variety of activities that fostered curiosity and showcased the inquisitive nature in our little ones. Our Kindergarten teachers and the Learner Diversity Team made sure everyone felt comfortable and informed. The engagement between teachers, parents, and the future kindergarteners was heartwarming, setting a positive tone for the upcoming school year. It's been a delightful journey of connection, preparation, and anticipation, leaving everyone eager for the official start of this educational adventure.

Peace and blessings,

Marta Chylewska