

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.



POSTPONED

YEAR FIVE TASTER DAY

Please see the attached notice on p.3 to all year five parents, regarding the postponed date for the St Peter's year five taster day.

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

COMPASS PERMISSION

SWIMMING K-2

We are still awaiting consent for 17 more children regarding the K-2 Swimming Program.

Thank you for those who have completed the Compass event information. If you have not yet given permission for your child to attend swimming lessons, please do so as soon as possible please.



WARATAH SHIELD CRICKET

Congratulations to the stage three boys who represented our school last Friday at the Waratah Shield Cricket event, playing against other local Catholic Schools.

The boys won their first match against Mackillop College Warnervale, however they weren't as lucky in round two against Star of the Sea Terrigal. Nevertheless, it's not always about winning, it's about the fun experience, personal growth and the journey that creates lifelong memories for the team. Congratulations boys for showing such good sportsmanship on the day. You should all be proud of yourself.

CATHOLIC MISSION FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much for all the donations brought in on Crazy Sock Day last week. As a school community we raised \$415 for Catholic Mission. This year Catholic Mission will be donating their money to East Timor, which holds a close place to my heart as I use to work there and assisted in opening the first ever tertiary education centre in Baucau with the Australian Catholic University. I will be sharing the story of my years I spent in East Timor on Thursday 9th November at 11:30am in the hall. All parents welcome for the talk.

The money we raised will cover the cost of lifesaving medication for up to five children or a bit more than half the yearly wage of a nurse.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Today we welcomed all our 2024 Kindergarten children and their parents for the first Kindy Orientation session. There was an overwhelming sense of excitement and anticipation in the air as the children entered the school grounds wide-eyed and full of curiosity, embarking on their first steps into the world of primary education. Meanwhile the parents joined Jo Helm and I in prayer and a social gathering, where there was a mix of pride and a hint of nostalgia, while letting their little ones go. It was a moment that reminded me of the magic of new beginnings and the promise of a bright future for these little ones.

Upcoming Orientation Sessions:

Wednesday 1st November - Orientation Session #2 and Parent Information session in the hall.

Wednesday 8th November - Orientation Session #3. Parents to drop off and go. All pre-ordered bags, hats, and library bags from QKR will be available for collection at this session.



A final message to our fantastic families.

A massive thank you doesn't quite capture the depth of gratitude the teachers and I are feeling after the incredible World Teacher's Day celebration yesterday. Your generosity and thoughtfulness turned an ordinary day into an extraordinary one.

From the delightful treats we enjoyed during morning tea and lunch to the unexpected joy of a new coffee machine, you've truly spoiled us. The personal notes in the 'love jars' from your children touched our hearts in ways words cannot express. Those little tokens of appreciation are treasures we'll cherish forever.

Your support and kindness make our work even more rewarding, and we feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring community. Thank you for making World Teacher's Day a day to remember—we were truly filled with warmth and gratitude.

God bless.

Marta Chylewska



Dear Year 5 Families,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We are writing to inform you about a change in plans regarding the upcoming Year 5 Taster Day.

Due to unforeseen staffing constraints and the high level of busyness experienced during this term, we regret to inform you that we will need to cancel the originally scheduled Taster Day on Tuesday 6 November. We understand the significance of this event for both our prospective students and their families, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

To ensure that we can provide the best experience for everyone involved, we have decided to reschedule the Taster Day to Tuesday 26 March 2024. This adjustment will allow us to offer a more comprehensive and enriching experience for our prospective students. Rest assured, we are committed to making this event a memorable and valuable experience.

We will be in touch with further details as the new date approaches. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for Tuesday 26 March 2024, and be prepared for a day of insightful activities and an opportunity to get a glimpse of life at St Peter's Catholic College.

Similarly we would also encourage all families to come along to the College Open Day on Tuesday 5 March 2024 and see the College our wonderful facilities, students and staff in action.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to welcoming you and your child on the rescheduled date.

Warm regards

Tim Hildebrandt
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St Peter's Catholic College