# Principal's 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.



#### ALL WELCOME

#### MONDAY ASSEMBLY

Every Monday morning, we gather as a school community for our school prayer, the National Anthem, birthday celebrations and distribution of Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Shine Award certificates.

This year our first Monday morning assembly will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and all parents are welcome to join us.

#### FORTNIGHTLY starting 9/2/23

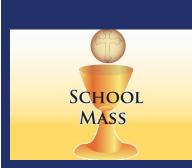
#### FRIDAY AWARDS 8:45AM

Fortnightly on a Friday morning at 8:45am teachers present 3 children in their class with a *Personal Best, Academic Achievement or PBL Award.* In week 8 of each term the teachers also distribute an additional Light of Learning Award. All parents are welcome next Friday to the Awards Assembly. You can read more about these awards at our school website.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB @ 9AM TEARS N TISSUES

This Friday at 9am in the hall, the year one parents, Jo Helm and I are looking forward to welcoming our new and existing Kindergarten families after they drop their precious Kindy child off to the classroom.

Thank you in advance to all the year one parents for providing nibbles or assisting in setting up or serving tea/coffee and food.



## **OPENING SCHOOL MASS**

We would like to welcome all parents to the Opening School Mass on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The mass will encompass Ash Wednesday and it will take place in the assembly area. The opening school Mass will present the new leaders with their badges and we welcome any new families to the school.

## FLIP MEETING DATE

A parent committee is the voice of parents and at St Cecilia's our parent body is called Families Leading in Partnership (FLIP). FLIP meetings are hosted once a term. It's at these meetings that decisions affecting your child at school are made. We welcome all families to these meetings so please pencil in your FLIP meeting dates and as the date approaches, I will send out an RSVP form.

I can't wait to continue to collaborate and build bridges with families between home and school. The impact of our partnership extends far beyond the meeting. It lays the foundation for a future generation that values collaboration, appreciates diversity of thought, and understands the strength that comes from working hand in hand.

## 2024 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff development days (SDD), also known as professional development days, play a crucial role in enhancing the overall quality of education that your child receives. These days are dedicated to empowering teachers and school staff with new knowledge, skills, and strategies that directly benefit your child's learning experience.

With the introduction of the new Australian Syllabus documents, Catholic Schools Broken Bay has scheduled three additional Curriculum Reform professional learning days. There will be no school on the 6 SDD listed in the image on the right.

The investment in these days will be a great opportunity to foster the continuous cycle of improvement within the educational system. Your understanding and support of these days contribute to the overall success of the school and, ultimately, the success of your child.





Welcome back to another exciting school year at St Cecilia's. It fills me with immense joy to extend a warm welcome to both familiar faces and new additions to our school community. We welcome the following new children and their families: Connor, Hazel, Rosa, India, Aarav, Ashton, Marco, Raha, Lucien, Nicholas, Noah, Jai, Indie-Lee and Reigan.

As we embark on this journey of knowledge and growth, let us embrace the opportunities to learn, discover, and create together. Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff is ready to inspire and guide each child towards success. Parents, your support is invaluable, and together, we will nurture an environment where every child can thrive.

Here's to a year filled with curiosity, achievement, and memorable moments. Let's make it extraordinary!

Marta Chylewska