

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.

Congratulations to our 2024 SRC!



BUS REMINDER WITH MOBILE PHONES

If your child travels on the bus with a mobile phone, please remind them they are not allowed to take photos or videos of any other children, nor are they meant to be watching YouTube or other online videos that they're sharing with other children. In most cases I understand children have a mobile phone for the purpose of calling parents to let them know of their whereabouts. Please remind your child of this sole purpose of their mobile phone.

REMINDER PARKING

Please **DO NOT** leave your car to walk your child into school when parking in the two designated Kiss n' Drop areas: one being at the back school gate and the other opposite the staff car park. These designated areas are for quick drop off and no cars should be parked there any longer than 2 minutes. See Road Safety reminder from Central Coast Council below.

COMING THIS WEEK CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

By the end of this week, all families will receive a soft & hard copy of their child's Term 1 Curriculum Overview. This document is a great way to stay connected to your child's in-class learning and initiate conversation with them about the learning. Every year these are uploaded on our school website [Curriculum Overviews - St Cecilia's Wyong \(scwddb.catholic.edu.au\)](https://www.scwddb.catholic.edu.au)

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

**YOUR
CANTEEN
NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS**

Our school canteen is still in need of your fantastic help! With over 200 lunch orders some days, we rely on our amazing parent volunteers to help Margaret (Canteen Coordinator) keep things running smoothly. If you can spare some time this term to join our canteen team, please complete the attached form. Your support ensures our kids enjoy delicious meals on Wednesdays and Friday. <https://forms.office.com/r/9tB8wYBnfw>

CLASS PARENTS - Yr. 2 & 5

We have had a great response for parents volunteering to be class parents. Thank you to those who have already responded and offered to be a class parent. Jo Helm (our Parent Education Coordinator) and I will be in touch very shortly to confirm your appointment and our first meeting date will be at the first FLIP meeting on Wednesday 6th March at 6:15pm.

We are still short on year two and year five class parents, so please consider the role and respond below if you're interested. <https://forms.office.com/r/bGQ58NmsTH>



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

What a heartwarming experience some of our year six leaders engaged in on Tuesday! Our Year Six leaders demonstrated outstanding leadership and kindness during their visit to Bundilla Preschool. Collaborating with the toddlers to make pancakes showcased their nurturing and inclusive spirit. It's truly a blessing to foster such positive relationships with our local preschools, establishing early connections and partnerships. These interactions not only enrich the lives of our children, but the preschoolers as well and it lays a nice foundation for potential future students at St. Cecilia's. Kudos to our exceptional leaders for embodying the values of care and community.



This week we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. It was lovely to have so many parents join us at the Beginning of school year and Ash Wednesday Mass. Your presence at Mass is one of extreme importance in building our school and family partnerships and it makes our celebrations even more meaningful when families are participating in the religious life of the school.

A big thank you also to the families who provided their child this week with a gold coin donation on Tuesday (or a few days later- never too late). Each year in the Diocese our Catholic schools support Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal that brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity. To find out more you may like to view the Caritas website:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

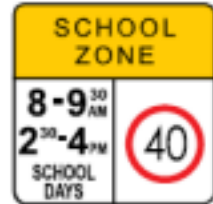
Peace and blessings.

Marta Chylewska

Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- ✔ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✔ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ✔ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP

BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- ✔ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



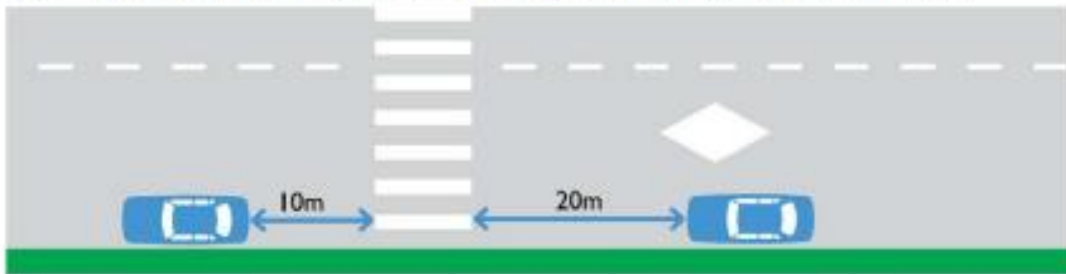
- ✔ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.



Other times when you must not stop

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

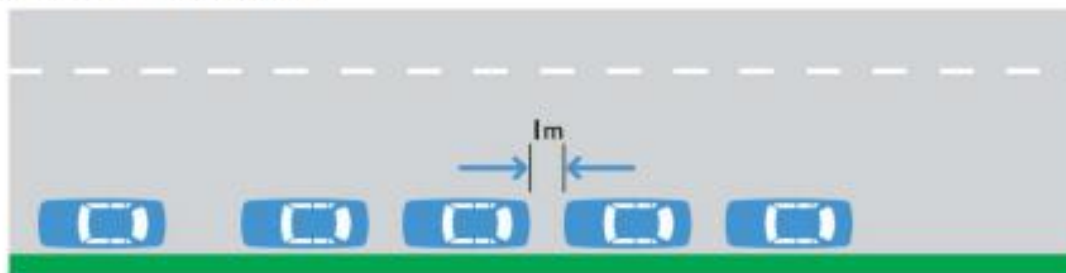
- ❑ Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- ❑ Across a driveway or footpath
- ❑ On a median strip or traffic island
- ❑ On footpaths and nature strips
- ❑ On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- ❑ Within an intersection
- ❑ Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise



- ❑ In Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signed areas
- ❑ At least one metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane



- ❑ Within three metres of any double centre lines
- ❑ Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop

Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.

