

# 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.*

## GRANDPARENTS DAY AND NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS



THURS. 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

### BOOK WEEK PARADE

Our annual Book Week parade will be hosted after the Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy.

Reading is Magic is the theme, so let your imagination soar and get your children's Book Week costumes ready for an enchanting adventure!

GIFTED WRITERS

### CAREERS DAY 3.9.24

St Peter's English teachers are offering a Stage 3 writing opportunity to extend our gifted and passionate writers while exploring career options and pathways all the stage 3 children.

To support this initiative, we are looking for parents to discuss their career path with **all** our stage 3 students. If you are interested in sharing your career story with our students, please complete [this form](#). We would like a range of careers to showcase.

REMINDER 8.8.2024

### STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY

A reminder that tomorrow 8th August school will be closed for our Staff Spirituality Day.

The office will be closed this day as well.

## CONGRATULATIONS MIA!



Last term, we had several of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children complete an artwork for the local Drawing Us Together competition. A collection of community stories from authors across the nation were read to the children and they were given the chance to illustrate a picture to match the story.

A huge congratulations to Mia T. in year six who participated in the Drawing Us Together competition and won for our school. We are extremely proud of Mia and this amazing achievement. Please see her artwork attached on the left.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - Yr. 4 or older

This year in Wyong Catholic Parish our First Eucharist Ceremony will be celebrated on Friday 13th September (Location & Time TBA)

***In preparation for this, please note the following:***

→ Your child will need to have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and be in Year 4 or above.  
→ Parent Information night 7pm Monday 12th August in the hall behind St Cecilia's Church, 23 Byron Street Wyong.

**Presentation Weekend**

- St Cecilia's Church, Wyong - Saturday 17th August 2024, 5pm Mass
- St John Fisher, Tumby Umbi - Sunday 18th August 2024, 5pm Mass

Children will be asked to attend Mass/Children's Liturgy for the 4 weeks leading up to the First Eucharist Ceremony.



## WINTER WONDERLAND DISCO

It's still not too late to purchase your child's disco tickets on QKR! Due to cooler weather and system-level changes in safety protocols, the disco will be held in the school hall this year. This will limit the number of adults we can have at the event. Therefore, only parents who have volunteered to assist and completed the Catholic Schools Safeguarding Induction will be able to attend. Unfortunately, we cannot provide supervision for toddlers during this time either.

We are fortunate to already have 26 volunteers across year 5 and Kindy, however it is not too late to still offer your assistance. We just require further willing helpers to please complete the attached form by the end of this week: [Disco Volunteers 2024](#)

We understand these changes are different from previous years, but they are essential for the safety of our students. The back gate will be open from 5pm for checking in of students and pick up will happen under the hall. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Today, as we celebrated the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, where we were reminded of her profound legacy of compassion and service. In her spirit, our St Cecilia's community came together to support [Mary Mac's Place](#), an organisation dedicated to aiding those who are homeless, transient, or in need of a helping hand. Thanks to everyone's generosity and commitment to follow in Mary MacKillop's footsteps, we raised \$450. This contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. We are deeply grateful for your support and kindness. Thank you, families and staff, for embodying the values of compassion and community spirit that Mary MacKillop so dearly cherished.

Just a reminder that for the next two weeks I am only in on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Mr. Madigan is Acting Principal on Wednesdays and Fridays till Friday 16th August. In weeks 5 & 6 I will return on Friday's, however Mr. Madigan will continue as Acting Principal on Wednesdays. From week 7 (2nd September), I will be returning full time.

**Kind Regards**

**Marta Chylewska**

