

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.



2024

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

A reminder of the last days of school for each term.

Last day of [term two](#) will be **Thursday 4th July**.

Last day of [term three](#) will be **Friday 27th September**.

[Last day](#) of the [school](#) year for 2024 will be **Wednesday 18th December**.

CONGRATULATIONS

CC CROSS COUNTRY

How lucky we were that the weather held off last Friday at the Central Coast Cross Country. All children got to run their event and we are super proud of their efforts, grit, and determination.

Good luck Daisy K., Lucy I., Claire G., Jayde G., Harry L., Flynn W., Finn Mc. And Zach T who got through to Polding level.

WELCOME

NEW PE TEACHER

We welcome Mrs. Rayward our new PE teacher who will be working on Monday and Tuesday's teaching sport for grades K and 3-6.

Mrs. Rayward is an experienced primary school teacher with a passion for Physical Education and we welcome her to St Cecilia's.



COLOUR RUN PHOTO GALLERIES

We have finally managed to collate the hundreds of pictures from our Colour Run from the end of last term. This is always a mammoth task as we need to factor in the many photo permissions, which each family grants at the start of the year for their child. Please find attached the two galleries of photos for your viewing. [Colour Run Slideshow 1](#) & [Colour Run Slideshow 2](#)

FAMILIES LEADING IN PARTNERSHIP (FLIP MEETING #10)

Please join us at the next Families Leading in Partnership meeting, hosted 29th May at 6:15pm in the library. The agenda for the evening will be:

- Second Step Program (Social and Emotional Learning Program)
- New reporting process in CSBB
- Building Works update
- Uniform Change (story board sharing of some changes)
- Colour Run and Mother's Day feedback/reflection update and future events.
- Sacramental program changes update

RSVP below. <https://forms.office.com/r/ivsfqitrH8>



ARIA RAISES AWARENESS

This week on 12th May marked 1 year since Aria in year 2 had major head surgery. Aria stayed at Westmead Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House (RMH) for 9 days. During this time, Aria saw lots of children with no hair in the ward, at RMH, and in the Starlight Room. This made her ask lots of questions and made her aware of Wigs for Charity. She reflected on how lucky she was that the surgeon only cut a small amount of her hair and then committed that a year on from her surgery she would cut and donate her own hair to charity.

Aria donated her hair to Wigs for Kid and is going to do this every year from now on as a donation. The price of each wig is \$2,750 as they are hand made to fit each individual child's head measurements. Each wig takes around 40 hours to make. The wigs are then provided FREE to a child needing one.

We are so proud of you Aria and how you have shown compassion through your actions of giving generously to those in need.



It is with mixed emotions, we bid farewell to Mrs Carol Nash, who after four decades at the school has decided to retire.

Carol was always a beacon of warmth and wisdom, guiding generations of children through their educational journey. Through the years, Carol has witnessed the ebb and flow of time, embracing each change with grace and resilience. Her passion for education has illuminated countless minds, instilling not only knowledge but also kindness and compassion. Her passion for creative arts in particular, sowed seeds of curiosity and ignited flames of creativity, shaping young minds into confident individuals.

Carol, as we bid adieu to the corridors you've tread for so long, know that you touched the hearts and minds of many staff and students along the way. Your absence will be deeply felt.

May your retirement be filled with joy, adventure, and moments of serenity which you so richly deserve. Take this time to savour the beauty of life's simple pleasures and cherish the company of loved ones. Though you may be retiring from education, your impact will continue to ripple through the lives of those you've inspired. May God bless you and keep you safe in the palm of his hands.

Marta Chylewska