

# 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.*



## PLEASE STAY OFF!

### OVAL RESTORATION

Our caretakers are currently working on regrowing the grass on the oval. To give the grass the best chance to thrive, we have sectioned off some of the bare areas. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping these areas undisturbed so that the grass can fully restore.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### GOLD AWARD WINNERS

At the end of last term, we had our first Gold Award winners acknowledged in the school; Benji, Claudia, Lilliana & Finn. This means they have received 100 Shine Awards and with utmost confidence I can say these children are excellent role models of *safe*, *cooperative* and *respectful learners* in our community. They celebrated in week 9 with a morning tea with the Assistant Principal, however Finn got his award in week 10 so he will be celebrating with Mr Madigan later this term.

## REMINDER

### HATS

As the warmer weather will be approaching us, I ask that you please ensure your child packs their hat to school each day. Any child with no hat at morning tea or lunchtime will be asked to go under the hall or the assembly area.



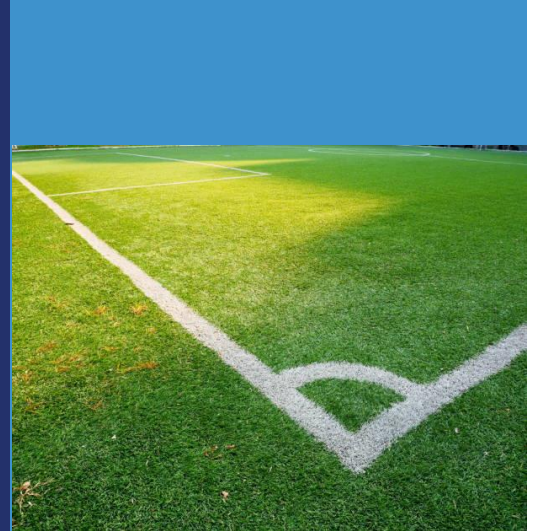
## SUMMER SKORT UNIFORM ADDITION - VOTE NOW

We currently have 72 responses to review the six different options for a girls' skort, which we are considering introducing as an additional uniform choice for the summer.

This new skort option is not intended to replace the tunic but will offer an alternative for girls who may feel restricted in their movements on the playground, in class, or during assemblies when sitting down. Please place your vote if you have not yet done so. <https://forms.office.com/r/E7PpB2Nneg>

## INFANTS PLAYGROUND UPDATE

While restoring our oval, we also received quotes to resurface the Infants playground with astroturf. After receiving expert advice, it became clear that restoring grass in this area would not be a sustainable long-term solution. I am working closely with Catholic Schools Broken Bay to gain their support to prioritise the resurfacing of the playground, alongside a complete refurbishment of the seating, which the whole community raised money for. This has meant a delay in the seating purchase with community funds raised as the astroturf would need to be laid first. Though, that would ensure we address the number of challenges at once in the current space, rather than just one at a time. Hopefully we will then be able to provide a more welcoming and practical area for the children. Thank you for your understanding in the delay of purchasing benches, as we work towards these improvements. Should you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to email me at [scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



## INVITATION - CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Wyong Catholic Parish warmly invites you to attend Catholics Returning Home: An Open Door for Returning Catholics - a welcoming and supportive program designed to help you reconnect with your faith.

- Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?
- Are you a Catholic who feels separated from the church?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
- Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Candice Little, Director of Wellbeing at St Peter's Catholic College, will be leading the program with my support. This program seeks to listen to lapsed Catholics wishing to return to the Church but may hold anger, disillusionment or resentment towards past experiences or teachings that have caused them to distance themselves from their faith. This is a program of compassion, kindness and understanding. Candice was also a non-practicing Catholic for many years.

For further information please contact:

Jo Helm: [joanne.helm@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:joanne.helm@dbb.catholic.edu.au) and [RSVP here](#).

We look forward to walking this journey with you and offering a place of comfort.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

**Start Date:** Monday, 11th November 2024

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Location:** St Peter's Catholic College Library

**Duration:** 6 weeks (Monday evenings)

*Refreshments will be available.*

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting term four! As we begin the final stretch of the school year, there is so much to look forward to and prepare for.

This term will be filled with a range of important events, including **Kindergarten Orientation sessions**, as we welcome our new families to the school community. Our **Year 6 students** will also begin preparing for their **graduation**, marking the end of their primary school journey, while our **Year 5 students** will deliver their **leadership speeches**, stepping up to take on new responsibilities in 2025.

In addition to these milestones, our teachers will be busy with **end-of-year school report writing**, ensuring that we celebrate and reflect on the progress each child has made throughout the year. Of course, we will also be embracing the spirit of the season with our **end-of-year Christmas festivities**, a joyful time to celebrate as a whole community. We're excited for the term ahead and look forward to all the learning, celebrations, and memories we will share together.

**Marta Chylewska**



# TERM 4 KEY DATES

## October

- Monday 14th October ~ Term 4 Commences for Teachers and Students
- Wednesday 23rd October ~ K2025 Orientation #1 Parent Social Session
- Thursday 24th October ~ Mission Mass at OLR Cathedral
- Friday 25th October ~ Crazy Sock Day Gold Coin Donation
- Wednesday 30th October ~ K2025 Orientation #2 Parent Information Session

## November

- Wednesday 6th November ~ K2025 Orientation #3 Kiss and Drop
- Monday 11th November ~ Remembrance Day Liturgy
- Wednesday 13th November ~ RE Creative Arts Prize Showcase  
~Term 4 FLIP Meeting
- Monday 25th November ~ Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 28th November ~ Stage 3 Touch Gala Day
- Friday 29th November ~ Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

## December

- Tuesday 3rd December ~ Drew Lane Christmas Concert 5.30pm
- Thursday 5th December ~ Whole School End of Year Mass 9.30am
- Friday 6th December ~ Bright Beginnings Santa's Workshop  
~ Gingerbread House Making 5.30pm
- Monday 9th December ~ K-2 Swimming Program Commences  
~ Stage 3 Surf Education Day
- Wednesday 11th December ~Year 6 Graduation 5pm  
~ Stage 2 Surf Education Day
- Tuesday 17th December ~ Step Up Day 2.05pm  
~K-2 Swimming Program Finishes
- Wednesday December 18th ~ Last Day of school for students