

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.



VOLUNTEER!

CLASS PARENTS

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to take on the role of Class Parent this year! Class Parents play a valuable part in building community, supporting teachers, and helping to coordinate class events. (See more about the role on p.3).

If you're interested, please submit your **EOI** in the [form link](#). We'd love to have you involved!

FORTNIGHTLY starting 14/2/23

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* and *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](#).

19TH FEB 2025

@ 9:30 AM

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

We would like to welcome all parents to the Opening School Mass on Wednesday 19th February at 9:30am. This could be our last Mass we will get to host in our assembly area, so we invite all families to attend. We will present the new year six leaders with their badges and the SRC.



KINDY'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

This morning, we had the joy of welcoming our newest Kindergarten students to St Cecilia's! It was a special moment filled with a mix of emotions from both parents and children, but we know they will soon find comfort in the warmth of their teachers, the kindness of their new friends, and the nurturing environment of our school.

A huge thank you to our beautiful year one parents who helped prepare and host the lovely morning tea in the hall.

2025 FLIP MEETING DATES

At St Cecilia's, our parent committee, Families Leading in Partnership (FLIP), represents the voice of our families. FLIP meetings are held once per term, providing a space where important decisions impacting your child's school experience are made.

Our Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC), Jo Helm and I warmly invite all families to attend these meetings—please mark your calendars! As each meeting approaches, I will share an RSVP form to confirm attendance.

We look forward to strengthening the connection between home and school through meaningful collaboration. The impact of our partnership reaches beyond these meetings—it fosters a future generation that values teamwork, embraces diverse perspectives, and understands the power of working together.



2025 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff Development Days (SDDs), also known as professional development days, are essential in strengthening the quality of education your child receives. These dedicated days equip teachers and staff with the latest knowledge, skills, and strategies to enhance student learning.

As we implement new Australian Syllabi, Catholic Schools Broken Bay has committed to three additional Curriculum Reform professional learning days each year for the next two years. Please see the attached image for these dates where school will be closed.

This investment drives continuous improvement in education, ensuring that our teaching remains dynamic and responsive. Your support of these days plays a vital role in shaping a successful learning environment—for both our school and your child.



Welcome back to another exciting school year at St Cecilia's. It fills me with great 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: Jordyn, Paige, Kayson, Abel, Tobias, Gurjap, Ava, Isaac, Hailey, Olivia, Lily and Elaina.

The staff were thrilled to welcome everyone back for another exciting year at St Cecilia's and one favourite part of my job is welcoming the children at the front gate when I'm available. Over the past few days, it has been wonderful to see the children's smiling faces as they arrive. From our morning chats and interactions, it's clear they've returned well rested, with a positive mindset, ready to embrace learning, reconnect with friends, and get to know their new teachers.

It's been a fantastic start to the term, with students already demonstrating safe, respectful, and cooperative learning. It's clear that the values instilled in them year after year are taking root, setting the stage for a wonderful year ahead.

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

Marta Chylewska



ROLE OF A CLASS PARENT

Class Parent Overview

Class Parents play an important and rewarding role in the school. They help foster a sense of “school” community amongst the parents. Children in classes with a strong sense of community bond better and work more cohesively as a class. It is a great way to get to know other parents, the school executive and your child’s teacher. Parents are asked to consider being a Class Parent for a year (or sometimes two) and two parents may like to share the role.

Role competencies

Willingness to:

- co-ordinate and organise grade events
- co-ordinate class helpers and liaise with the Families Leading in Partnership (FLIP) body for school events, fundraising or initiatives
- have fun!

Role Description

The role of a Class Parent varies according to the individual needs of each class; however, it usually includes:

- Compile and circulate a voluntary class list of ONLY parent names and child’s name, in accordance to guidelines shared.
- Coordinating social activities for the class if desired e.g. picnics, end-of-year functions.
- Welcoming new families to the class throughout the year. PEC will communicate new families to class parent.
- Co-ordinate birthday card for teacher/s, cupcakes for class to share with teacher. Gold coin donation only to supply card, cupcakes and chocolate or flowers.
- A point of contact, communicator, and coordinator, for the allocated grade event throughout the year such as, Colour Run, Movie Nights, BBQs, Cake Stalls, Disco’s Days, Call for Volunteers etc.
- Class parents as a collective group will work and support other grades coordinating and running their focus event for the year.
- Attending the one scheduled FLIP meeting each term.
- Direct parents to Compass, Newsletter, Principal’s Update and school website for Calendar and other information regarding what is happening at school. Class parents may share reminders with families, but they are not the disseminator of information, and it is not their responsibility to update families on events in the school.

At the start of each year, the PEC and Principal will collect names of those interested in becoming a Class Parent. Thank you for considering this valuable position within our school community.

Marta Chylewska



TERM 1 KEY DATES

February

- Monday 3rd Feb ~ First Day for Grades 1-6
~ Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten
- Tuesday 4th Feb ~ Best Start Assessments continue
- Wednesday 5th Feb ~ First Day for Kindergarten
~ Tears and Tissues morning tea for Kindergarten parents
- Friday 14th Feb ~ St Valentine's Day ♥ Red or Pink mufti
- Monday 17th Feb ~ CC Zone Swimming Carnival at Mingara
- Wednesday 19th Feb ~ Opening School Mass

March

- Tuesday 4th March ~ Shrove Tuesday Gold Coin Donation
- Wednesday 5th March ~ Ash Wednesday
- Friday 7th March ~ School Cross Country grades 2-6
- Tuesday 11th March ~ Broken Bay Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 12th March ~ NAPLAN commences
- Tuesday 18th March ~ St Cecilia's Open Morning
- Wednesday 19th March ~ St Josephs Liturgy
- Monday 24th March ~ NAPLAN concludes
- Friday 28th March ~ Stage 3 Leadership Day with St Peter's

April

- Tuesday 1st April ~ St Cecilia's Open Evening
- Tuesday 8th April ~ K - 3 Holy Week Liturgy
- Wednesday 9th April ~ Stage 3 Touch Gala Day
- Thursday 10th April ~ Whole school Athletics Carnival
- Friday 11th April ~ Last Day of Term 1

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