

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.



CCC SWIMMING

CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to Mrs Shaw who coordinated her first ever CCC Swimming Carnival, taking over halfway from Mr. Murton's swimming carnival preparation last year.

38 of our students swam their little hearts out and represented our school proudly on Monday at the CCC Swimming. A special congratulations to Lachy & Archer W. who has made it through to Polding.

WANTED!

PLAYPOD EQUIPMENT

If any parents are cleaning out their home and trying to recycle or get rid of any toys/games e.g. cars, play animal/dinosaur figurines, sandpit equipment, quoits, etc. We would warmly welcome these for our infants to enjoy in their Kindy Playground.

Any donations help to keep our infants' children entertained during their breaks when engaging in creative play.

28TH FEB 2025

BLESSING OF BADGES

On Friday 28th February at our regular fortnightly awards ceremony, our Mini Vinnies and Year 6 T.E.A.M leaders will be receiving their badges. As they embark on this important leadership role Father Raul will join us for the assembly to bless and present students with their badges. All parents are invited to the assembly. See list on p.3 of our 2025 Mini Vinnies representatives.

GOAL SETTING MEETINGS



Currently we have 251 bookings (70%) for individual goal setting meetings. We apologise for any confusion that was caused with the Personalised Plan Meetings (also known as IEP's). Any parents that received both are only required to book into the Personalised Planning Meeting where goals will be discussed.

If you have yet to book in for your child's goal setting meeting please do so promptly as the teacher's will be printing up their meeting timetables on Friday so they are prepared for their meetings from Monday morning next week. **A reminder that year 5 & 6 are expected to attend their Goal Setting meeting with their parent/carer.**

2025 FLIP MEETING NEXT WEEK

Last week I included the attached flyer with the dates for this years FLIP meetings. Please RSVP below for our first FLIP meeting, which will take place on Tuesday 25th February (next week). This meeting does coincide with the staff's late night for Goal Setting meetings. Therefore, if you have a meeting scheduled later please do not hesitate to pop in and out of the meeting or arrive a little later if you're coming from the Goal Setting meeting.

The meeting will start at 6:15pm and finish at 7pm, however we ask that all Class Parents remain from 7 -7:30pm to kickstart the year with our plan for 2025 events.

RSVP HERE - <https://forms.office.com/r/bqtA5i95Mg>



REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS

In case you missed this message in last week's newsletter, please find a reminder for CSBB Representative Sport nominations.

CSBB have many opportunities for further growth and development of High Potential Students in the sporting realm through Representative Pathway Programs eg CSBB Zone and Broken Bay Teams.

To assist the school in ascertaining students in our school with suitable experience for a particular sport we ask that parents complete the attached form below to indicate if your child plays at a higher level in certain sports. As the school is limited in the number of children they can put forward, we will need to hold a trial at school level, if necessary, to vet ability/skill level and reduce numbers to within the limits.

This form is only for children aged 8 - 12 years old

<https://forms.office.com/r/KbeD11b68U>



At our Monday morning assembly last week, we were filled with immense pride as we shared the news of receiving the Roger O'Sullivan Award from the Council of Catholic School Parents. This award acknowledges the dedication and effort our school puts into strengthening parent-school partnerships to support our children in developing essential social and emotional skills through the Second Step program. This program explicitly teaches Skills for Learning (self-regulation), Empathy, Emotion Management, and Problem-Solving—key foundations that help shape confident, resilient, and compassionate learners.

You can read more about the award in this published article

<https://ccsp.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/article/468>

As the Second Step program begins in classes this week, home tasks will start coming home to reinforce these skills. Parent consolidation of this learning at home is highly beneficial and contributes significantly to your child's development. We encourage you to prioritise time each week for this important homework.

Kind Regards

Marta Chylewska

MINI VINNIES REPRESENTATIVES

K Gold	Cameron E	K Blue	Eden M.
	Aurora P		Bodhi P.
1 Gold	Zachary K	1 Blue	Eli S
	Millie G		Ava G
2 Gold	Oliver L.	2 Blue	Ollie Mc.
	Emily T.		Catalina M.
3 Gold	Isla G.	3 Blue	Xin-Yu Y.
	Elleah C.A.		Aria N.
4 Gold	Kiara M	4 Blue	Maggie G
	Daisy K		Benji I
5 Gold	Ivy C.	5 Blue	Lara S.
	Macie R.		Ciara H.
6 Gold (Pastoral team)		6 Blue (Pastoral team)	



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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