

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.



Mini-Vinnies Leaders



Digital Leaders

POLDING SELECTION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children who tried out for Representative Football yesterday. 4-6 students from all 37 Broken Bay primary schools were selected to try out and our Finn McBride was selected and made it through to the Broken Bay Polding team.

Congratulations Finn! What a huge achievement.

STILL LOOKING FOR TOYS!

PLAYPOD EQUIPMENT

If any parents are cleaning out 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.

SHROVE TUESDAY

GOLD COIN DONATION

Thank you so much to all the families that generously sent their child in with a gold coin donation yesterday. We raised \$325.40 for Caritas' Project Compassion Lenten Appeal - *Unite Against Poverty*.

Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. If you forgot to make a donation, you can still contribute at this link. <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



At last week's FLIP meeting, parents discussed various fundraising ideas, but none were as exciting as the Colour Run! We're thrilled to confirm that this much-loved event will take place on **Friday, 6th June**. Due to upcoming building works at the school, the Colour Run will be held at **Baker Park**.

Parents at the meeting suggested using the funds raised to bring **Happy Healthy Harold** to all K-6 classes. We have reached out to Life Education for pricing, but we will first explore grant opportunities to help cover the cost of this valuable learning experience. If we secure grant funding for Happy Healthy Harold, the money raised from the Colour Run will instead go towards additional seating in our Infants playground.

We appreciate your support and look forward to an exciting event!

SPORT DAY CHANGE AGAIN

Starting from next week on Friday 14th March, all our 1 - 6 Gold classes will be beginning Basketball clinics and all Blue classes will cease their Basketball clinics.

We're excited to share that we've secured an **AFL Sporting Grant** this term, however, this does mean another change to your child's sport uniform days. As a parent myself, I completely understand how frustrating these changes can be. Just when I feel like I've mastered remembering my own children's sport days, a Compass message arrives with a change—and I need to adjust yet again!

Please know that we can never predict whether our applications for sporting grants will be successful but when they are, they bring incredible opportunities for our students. Having expert coaches and specialists deliver these lessons means that our students benefit from **high-quality coaching, skill development, and exposure to professional-level techniques**—something that greatly enriches their learning experience and supports our teachers.

Please see p.3 for updated 'Sport Uniform' changes for the remainder of this term.



REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS

Broken Bay Netball Trials are open, close Monday 21st March. If you haven't completed our Representative Spory form already, please do so by the end of the week so that Mrs Shaw is able to select the Representative team based on parent nominations and student level of ability in the selected sport. I share the following last week.

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>



This week, our school community came together to mark the beginning of Lent with our **Shrove Tuesday** celebrations and today's **Ash Wednesday** liturgies. Shrove Tuesday was a joyful occasion, reminding students of the tradition of preparing for the Lenten season. This morning, each class hosted a **meaningful and intimate Ash Wednesday liturgy**, allowing teachers to deeply explore the significance of this important event in the Liturgical calendar. Our **Pastoral Team** attended Bundilla Preschool yesterday to make pancakes with the little ones and today they distributed ashes across the classrooms with great reverence and connection, truly embodying their dedication to their role. These moments of reflection and faith help our students grow in their understanding of Lent as a time of prayer, renewal, and preparation for Easter.

Please see some writing from Bowen and Brayden for a recount of our Bundilla visit.

On Shrove Tuesday, Bundilla Preschool welcomed us with open arms and from the bottom of our hearts we would like to thank them on behalf of our St Cecilia's Community. We enjoyed our time with them and would like to come back. We form lasting relationships with these kids that we will never forget. We figured out many things about the kids and cooked them pancakes. We played with them and read stories to them, but most of all, we loved meeting the kids and getting to know them well. Written by Bowen.

Perfect
Respectful
Extraordinary
Super
Cool
Honorable
Optimistic
Overjoyed
Likable

Written by Brayden

God Bless

Marta Chylewska

SPECIALIST CLASSES			
	SPORT DAYS WKS. 6 - 10	LIBRARY	MUSIC, DANCE & DRAMA
Kindy Gold	Monday and Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
Kindy Blue	Monday and Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
1 Gold	Tuesday (AFL), Thursday (PE) and Friday (BB)	Thursday	Monday
1 Blue	Tuesday (AFL) Thursday (PE)	Thursday	Monday
2 Gold	Monday (AFL), Thursday (PE) and Friday (BB)	Thursday	Tuesday
2 Blue	Monday (AFL) and Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday
3 Gold	Tuesday (AFL), Wednesday (PE) and Friday (BB)	Wednesday	Monday
3 Blue	Tuesday (AFL) & Wednesday (PE)	Wednesday	Monday
4 Gold	Tuesday (AFL), Wednesday (PE) and Friday (BB)	Wednesday	Tuesday
4 Blue	Tuesday (AFL) and Thursday (PE)	Tuesday	Tuesday
5 Gold	Monday (AFL) and Thursday (PE) and Friday (BB)	Tuesday	Tuesday
5 Blue	Monday (AFL) and Wednesday (PE)	Tuesday	Tuesday
6 Gold	Monday (AFL) and Thursday (PE) and Friday (BB)	Tuesday	Tuesday
6 Blue	Monday (AFL) and Thursday (PE)	Tuesday	Tuesday



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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