

# 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.*

## OPEN DAY 2025



### POLDING SELECTION

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Archer Watson on his success in Swimming and making it through to Polding level. You are such a sporting champ and we are incredibly proud of you Archer. All the best at the next round!

### COMPASS INFO.

#### COLOUR HOUSE GROUPS

If you're wondering how to find out your child's Colour House group they're in, you can pop on Compass and find it on your child's 'Dashboard' under groups.

**Mackillop - Yellow**

**Raymond - Red**

**Woodbury - Green**

**Joseph - Blue**

### HOLY WEEK

#### LITURGIES AND MASSES

All parents are welcome to join us in the following Holy Week celebrations:

K - 2 School Liturgy in hall at 8:45am on Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> April.

3 - 6 Mass at St Cecilia's Church at 9:30am on Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> April.



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the school's annual fundraiser will be the Colour Run on Friday June 6th to raise money for Happy Healthy Harold Education Van, which has been booked. Any surplus money raised will contribute to further seating and benches in the Infants playground. As part of our fundraiser our Year 4B class parent Nicole, has organised a lolly guessing competition for Easter. Guesses for lolly guessing competition will be \$1 and the children will be given opportunities in class to place their guesses. There will be one jar to win per grade and we will be ready to launch the Guessing Competition next week on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March! Guesses can happen any day throughout the next two weeks.

## FOOD ALLERGIES REMINDER

A friendly reminder about food allergies and the importance of being mindful when packing your child's lunch. We strive to be a **nut-free school** and ask for your support in ensuring our environment remains as safe as possible for students with severe allergies.

This means avoiding **all nuts**—not just peanuts—in the food you pack for your child, including spreads like peanut butter and Nutella.

Please check food labels carefully and refrain from sending any products containing nuts to school. Your support in creating a safe environment for all children is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

In Week 8, on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, St Cecilia's will celebrate Neurodiversity Week and Harmony Week. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange or cultural clothing on this day.

Neurodiversity Week encourages us to learn about the strengths and talents of different minds and celebrate inclusion for all. Harmony Week promotes respect and belonging for everyone from all cultures and backgrounds. Both celebrations support us to challenge stereotypes, learn from the diversity in our community, celebrate differences, and empower every individual. Throughout Week 8, our school will engage with learning opportunities about neurodiversity and cultural diversity.

We value the experiences of our community. If your family would like to share an experience of neurodiversity or cultural diversity with your child's class or our wider school community, please contact Mrs Garraway and Mrs Fisher, or your classroom teacher at [scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au).



What a wonderful Open Day we had! Led by our incredible Year 6 students and supported by our new executive team while Mr. Madigan is on leave until the end of term, the day was a true celebration of our school community. A special thank you to Mrs. Dowling who has stepped up as Acting Assistant Principal, Mrs. Harrison who has taken on the role of Acting Religious Education Coordinator and Mrs Callaghan who will be 5G classroom teacher in a full time capacity. I am grateful for their leadership and support.

It was a full house in the hall as our choir performed beautifully, setting the tone for the day. Year six did a fantastic job presenting stalls that highlighted the learning and wellbeing initiatives in our school, giving visitors valuable insight into what makes our community so special. The excitement continued in the classrooms, where year six delivered school tours and students proudly showcased their work to prospective families.

It was a truly beautiful morning—one that filled us with pride and gratitude. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event such a success. Our school community continues to shine!



Kind Regards, Marta Chylewska