

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

Parent Memo

Term One, Week Two, Thursday 08 February 2024

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Principal's Notes

WELCOME TO THE 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We have had a great start to the new school year, welcoming new faces amongst our staff and students across all year levels.

This year, we welcome Mrs Sarah Dance, Mrs Courtney Russell, Ms Nicole Greeno, Ms Melissa Callahan, Miss Marlee Snaauw, Ms Cindy Collinson, Mrs Dolly Derschow, Mrs Lourds Enoch and Mrs Teegan Paul to our staff and we welcome back Mrs Lee-Gowland to the role of HPE Teacher. We have also welcomed a number of new students and families to the school and our school community have extended our values of Friendship and Family to make them feel very welcome in their first few days of a new school, and for some of them, a new hometown.

We started the year with two staff only PD Days. Monday 29 January was a day for new staff to learn about the history of the school with the Faith Story and Witness program run for new staff. Not only does this form part of their requirements for Accreditation, it also helps them to learn the history and context for the foundation of the school. Tuesday was a day for 'essential back to school knowledge' before going into classrooms to put the finishing touches to classroom preparation ready to welcome students back. Wednesday saw lots of eager and smiling faces coming through the gates. The new Kindy class was amazing – almost no tears and those that did, only had a couple and they were gone in a matter of minutes. On Friday, we celebrated and blessed the beginning of the school year with a Whole School Mass, celebrated by our Parish Priest Father Octavian.

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to our annual open night tonight, in-term swimming lessons beginning next week and the Year Six Leadership activities and presentation of our student leaders.

We have had a busy week of setting up, settling in and getting back into routine but it has been a fantastic week and I'm sure it is a very positive sign of the year to come.

CENSUS

Friday 16 February is Census Day not only for St Cecilia's, but for all schools across the state. It is vitally important that all students are in attendance on this day. If your son/daughter is absent on this day, a written note of explanation must be provided to meet our requirements for Census. This Census has many purposes, one of which relates to funding allocations, so please ensure your child is at school on Friday 16 February.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last year, some of our Year Five students entered a competition run by Girls in STEM Toolkit (GiST). The competition encouraged the students to create presentations that shared the achievements of women in the field of STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This competition was an Australia-wide competition with four students in the Year Five and Six categories announced as winners – two from Victoria, one from Queensland and one from St Cecilia's! Congratulations to Whitney Chikwaka whose entry was selected as one of the four winning entries from all those submitted by Year Five and Six students across Australia. Whitney was awarded two \$500 gift vouchers for winning – one for herself and one for the school. I'm sure Mrs Drysdale and Whitney will have fun selecting some new STEM resources for the school.

SEESAW

Seesaw is not just an app used by students to complete and share work, it is also one of our main communication tools with teachers able to send messages and notifications to families about important events within classrooms and the school, such as our Open Night tonight and the in-term swimming program next week. Emails have been sent to families to activate accounts and we ask that all families do this as soon as possible as teachers have already begun to share information on this platform. Please sign into your account, download the app if you haven't already and remember to check for messages regularly.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

A reminder to all students and families that the two forms for swimming (one green, one white) sent home earlier this week must be returned **TOMORROW**.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Principal

Dates to Remember TERM ONE WEEK 2

Thursday 8 February

School Open Night
Classrooms open 4.00 to 5.00
Free BBQ 5.00 to 6.00

Friday 9 February

Y6 Leadership Day
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 3

PP-Y6 Swimming lessons

12 to 16 February

Monday 12 February

Assembly in the UCA 8.45am

Tuesday 13 February

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday whole school Mass 8.45am
Y6 lead

Thursday 15 February

Deja Brew Mobile Barista 7.30-8.30
Commissioning Mass 3.30pm - all staff & SAC members

Friday 24 November

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 4

PP-Y6 Swimming lessons

20 to 23 February Tu to Ri
(**** NO Monday lesson)

Thursday 22 February

Deja Brew Mobile Barista 7.30-8.30
Y6 Leadership Assembly in the hall 8.45am

Friday 23 February

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates

Term 1: 31-01-24 to 28-03-2024

Term 2: 16-04-24 to 28-06-2024

Term 3: 16-07-24 to 20-09-2024

Term 4: 08-10-24 to 06-12-2024

Public Holidays & Pupil Free Days & Catholic Day

Monday 04 March - Labour Day P/Holiday

Tuesday 05 March - Pupil Free Day

Friday 29 March - Good Friday P/Holiday

Monday 15 April - Pupil Free Day

Thursday 25 April - Anzac Day P/Holiday

Monday 03 June - WA Day P/Holiday

Monday 15 July - Pupil Free Day

Monday 12 August - Hedland Cup P/Holiday

Monday 07 October - Pupil Free Day

Friday 04 November - Staff Catholic Day - no school

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