



Cecil Hills News Public School



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Term 4 – Week 5

Monday 10th November 2025

From the Principal

We are currently preparing for the 2026 school year. Schools are staffed with teachers and administration staff based on the number of students enrolled. So we can plan our staffing and classes we need to know of any families who are leaving the area in 2025. If you are leaving the area please send a note or an email to the school by the end of this week. Naturally students currently in year 6 do not need to inform the school. We also need to know if your child/children will not be returning on the **first day** of school next year. If you are returning to school late next year due to an extended holiday please email or write a note and send it to the school office so we can count your child in our numbers. All students in 2026 will return to school on Monday 2nd February.

This Thursday our band tutor will give a demonstration of some instruments that will be available to play in the 2026 school band. If your child is interested in joining the band please contact Martin (contact below-school bands). Congratulations to the students in our school band for their commitment to our music program as well as their perseverance in learning a musical instrument in 2025. Their performances this year have been a huge success and we hope to repeat that in a recital later this term. A lot of the students picked up a new instrument and learnt to read music for the very first time. We had a number of instruments in our band ranging from flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, percussion and keys. Students learnt to tune, adjust their intonation and play as part of an ensemble. Not only have our students been able to gain a new skill, but research has shown that practising a musical instrument involves using all motor, visual and auditory parts of our brain and can improve reading skills, memory and overall cognitive function. Thank you to the efforts of our students, tutors, conductor and parents who took part in and supported our music program this year. We look forward to a new and even bigger music program for 2026! The following link demonstrates how playing an instrument can benefit your brain - Anita Collins TED talk <https://youtu.be/R0JKCYZ8hng> We have a fantastic Instrumental Program at our school & your child can be part of it. Go to www.schoolbands.com.au to become part of our school band. Your child's brain will thank you for it!

Tomorrow 11th November is Remembrance Day (originally Armistice Day).

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare, known as the First World War (1914–18). The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead. Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Our office is finalising outstanding payments for 2025. If you have any outstanding payments please complete them as soon as possible. Any issues contact the office.

This Thursday (13th November) we are holding our second of 3 Kindergarten transition sessions for our 2026 Kindergarten students. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2026 and have yet to enrol please do so, as our transition is well planned to ensure our students are well supported from the day they start.



Congratulations to all of our year 6 students for their leadership and efforts in hosting their annual 'Fun Day' recently. This is one of the main year 6 fundraisers of the year and was very well supported by all of the students. I think our year 6 students really enjoyed the experience and responsibility. Everyone seemed to have a great time and our year 6 hosted the event like professionals. Thanks also to parents for your support and the year 6 teachers for assisting with organisation.

From 10 December 2025, many social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australians under 16 create or keep an account. Please use the following link to get more information: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/social-media-age-restrictions>.


Applications for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2027 will be open from 6 November 2025 to 20 February 2026. Information about applying can be found at [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#).

Upcoming Dates for the diary:


November: 13th/21st-Kindergarten transition; 14th-Gala day; 26th-Year 3 excursion.

December: 1st-K-2 Movie Day; 2nd-High School Orientation; 3rd-Christmas mufti for Westcare; 4th-Presentation Day assemblies; 5th-Sport & Cultural Groups assembly; 8th-10th-School sport and recreational camp; 11th-Band recital evening; 12th-Gold Party; 15th-Unit excursion; 16th-Dollars for scholars; 17th-Years 4 & 5 excursion, Year 6 farewell; 18th-Year 6 excursion; 18th-Last day of school and talent quest.

Please note **the last day for students is Friday 19th December**.

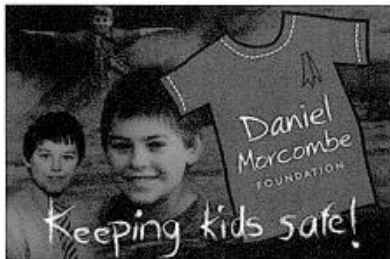


SRC Fundraiser Day for Daniel



Wednesday 12th November

Wear something RED in support of
Australia's largest child safety
education and awareness day!



**Please bring in a gold coin
donation. No singlets or
thongs are to be worn. Must
wear closed shoes.**