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Term 4 – Week 9

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From the Principal

This will be the final newsletter for the year from us here at Cecil Hills. On behalf of the staff, I'd like to wish everybody a safe and relaxing Christmas (our last day for the year is next Friday 19th December). It's a great time to reflect, and it's been a very productive and rewarding year for both teachers and students. Thank you to all our community for your continued support to ensure our children are happy and confident learners. **Our school will re-open in 2026 for all students on Monday 2nd February.** The school will be closed over the break so if you see any suspicious activity in or around the school contact school security on 1300 880 021 or Green Valley Police on 9607 1799.

A **huge** thank you to our community for your support of our Christmas appeal to support families who are affected by domestic violence and poverty. Our school donated hundreds of presents and hampers. The staff at Westcare were again blown away with not just the number of donated gifts, but the quality of the gifts and food, and were extremely grateful for the generosity of the Cecil Hills Public School community. As a community we should be very proud to have supported those in need-well done to all.

Please note children will stay in their 2025 classes for the first day of 2026. New classes will be formed when we are more informed of our student numbers and staffing entitlements. As you may be aware the way schools are staffed depends on the number of students enrolled. Some years it is easy to predict enrolments and the number of staff we will have available, however this year (for 2026) we are not 100% sure of our staffing entitlements. We will most likely have 27 mainstream classes.

If you think your child may be a little anxious about the new school year, you can use the flow chart attached. This may alleviate some fears they have.

Next Wednesday night is our Year 6 farewell. It will be held at St John's Park Bowling Club. Please ensure children move inside straight away (not waiting outside of the club). More information will be sent home to Year 6.

Attached to this newsletter is a form for parents who wish to buy sport or cultural group photographs. Follow the instructions on the attached sheet to view and order.

A note will go home in the next week outlining resources that your child will need for school in 2026. Please note that school shoes need to be black - not black with white symbols or white trim.

Semester 2 student reports will be sent home with students next Monday (15th December). If you require clarification of any comments, please make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher.

Cubby OOSH are now taking enrolments for 2026. Cubby OOSH is on our school site and provides before and after school care for children.

As the school holidays approach, it is a good time to remind students about safety, including stranger danger. We will speak to students about being safe and it would be beneficial if it were reinforced at home. Have a fantastic Christmas and a safe break.



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.

From 10 December 2025 (earlier for some), many social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australians under 16 create or keep an account.

The information on this link will help you understand why, and how you can help your under-16 through the change. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/social-media-age-restrictions>. The Office of the e-safety Commissioner have created a Social Media Age Restriction Video Series: a short, voice-led resource designed to help you understand what's changing, why it matters, and how to support your family through it. You can watch this with your child to start the conversation together.

This four-topic series covers:

- A delay, not a ban: What the changes mean for your child's access to social media
- Why delay social media accounts? Hear directly from a young person on the benefits of waiting
- How will the age restrictions be implemented? What to expect and how it will work
- Support, resources and tips to prepare: Practical advice to help your family adjust
- Whether you're watching at home or listening on the go, this flexible format makes it easy to stay informed and confident in your digital parenting journey. Watch the videos here: https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/social-media-age-restrictions?utm_campaign=2511_parent_news_nov&utm_id=8cdec9ca6f6a229e4c232745c96de684&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eSafety_edm#talking-with-under-16s-about-age-restrictions-%E2%80%9393-videos

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:

December: 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; 19th-Last day of school and talent quest.

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



I am moving to a New Grade soon

At the end of each school year, lots of things start to feel different. This is because soon, I will be **moving to a new grade**. Moving to a new grade is a normal part of growing up. All students do it every year!

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New Teacher

Next year, I will have a new teacher. My new teacher might do things a little differently—this is okay. Teachers care about their students and want them to feel safe and happy. My new teacher will help me learn new things. I can ask for help any time.

2



New Classroom

I will also have a new classroom. It may look different to the one I am in now. It might have new tables, new seats, new routines and new places to put my things. I can explore the classroom and learn where everything goes. My teacher will show me what to do.

3



New Friends and New Classmates

There may be new people in my class next year. I might be in a class with some of my friends—or I might meet new friends! New friends are exciting and fun. Everyone in my new class is learning and growing just like me.

4



Lots of Emotions

Sometimes I might feel excited, happy, nervous, or even worried about changing grades. All of these feelings are normal. If I feel unsure, I can talk to a grown-up I trust, like my teacher, or a family member.



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Even though some things will change, lots of things will stay the same:

- I will still come to school.
- I will still learn and play.
- Teachers and staff will still help me.
- I will still have fun with friends.
- I will still be safe at school.

I have learned so much this year! I have grown, tried hard, and achieved new things.

Now, I am ready to take the next step. I am strong, brave, and capable.

Moving to a new grade is a big change, but **I can do it!**

Next year will be full of new adventures, new learning, and new opportunities.

I am ready for my new grade.



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