

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Term 4 Newsletter for 2023

As the year draws to a close The Catholic Education Foundation would like to take the opportunity to recognise and thank our Corporate and Community partners, From the Heart Giving Program contributors and donors for all their support during the 2023 school year.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." ~ John Bunyan

It is because of your support we have been able to provide 6,077 students with a CEF Bursary in 2023. Their families experienced financial, social or cultural hardship and were very appreciative of the support. This is an increase of 8% on last year.

2023 Bursary Tools

Bursary Type	Number
Foster Bursary	103
Indigenous Bursary	1005
Refugee Bursary	701
Full Financial Bursary	487
Partial Financial Bursary	3781

Together we have achieved great things this year and we look forward to partnering with you in 2024 to create more educational opportunities for our students. Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas and New Year!

Kathleen Badolato, Janet Freeman & Dominica Pafumi

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SONG WRITING COMPETITION

The CEF in a joint initiative with the Sydney Catholic Schools Arts Team, is proud to announce that Jacinta Drummond from St Ursula's College, Kingsgrove has won the CEF Song writing Competition!

Congratulations to Jacinta for composing a magnificent original song in response to the CEF theme of 'Opportunities for All'.

As the CEF celebrates our 10 year anniversary, we are looking forward to Jacinta professionally recording her song and launching the release at our upcoming CEF End of Year Corporate Partner Event.



This song will be adopted as the theme song for all CEF promotional material over the next two years and we can't wait to share this with the wider community. To read what this young multi-instrumentalist had to say about the creative process, follow the [link!](#)

MEET VOLODYMR

In 2022 Volodymr, along with his two sisters and mother relocated to Australia seeking refuge from the war and conflict-ridden Ukraine.

Volodymr, a Year 5 student at Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School Beverly Hills receives support from the CEF via the Refugee Bursary Program, aiming for a brighter future. Volodymr dreams of one day becoming a video game designer.

The CEF has been honoured to be able to share Volodymr's [inspiring story](#) and provide him with a MacBook.



CEF Walk for a Refugee Fundraisers



We would like to thank Sydney Catholic Schools Staff for their generous support in raising funds for our Walk for a Refugee Fundraiser. Their unwavering support has enabled us to fulfil a profound mission – providing four wonderful students with the invaluable opportunity to own their personal MacBooks, allowing greater equity with their classmates..

By securing these MacBooks, we are actively promoting a level playing field among classmates, ensuring that every student has access to the same technological resources.

The four fortunate students, now equipped with their own MacBooks, not only gain the means to engage with their studies more effectively but also experience a sense of parity and belonging within their academic environment.



Their stories touched our hearts and the CEF was honoured to visit and present the MacBooks at Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School Beverly Hills, Mary MacKillop Catholic College Wakeley and Patrician Brothers' College, Fairfield.

Thank you Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College Burwood

On Wednesday 6 September, the CEF attended the Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College Awards Ceremony evening, where we had the opportunity to thank the talented students who produced the CEF Corporate Partner Film.

We loved seeing the creativity of our students and are so excited to promote the CEF Film amongst prospective partners.

2168 Sadlier Miller Breakfast Club!

The CEF and Lucky Legato, Director of Liverpool Catholic Club were so excited to join St Therese Catholic Primary School at their 2168 Sadlier Miller Breakfast Club.

A large number of families have been affected by the rising of interest rates and the increased cost of living, to alleviate some of the financial burden the 2168 Sadlier Miller Breakfast Club has been established to feed up to one third of students attending St Therese Catholic Primary School each morning.

Again, we thank the Board of Directors at Liverpool Catholic Club for the continued support of our students!



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BUSINESS MANAGER MEETING

On Tuesday 12 November, the CEF and our Corporate Partners attended the Finance and Property Business Managers Workshop at Liverpool Catholic Club.

It was a great opportunity to meet and mingle with Sydney Catholic Schools Secondary Business Managers during morning tea and lunch to promote the incredible work and services that our Corporate Partners provide.

[PHOTOS CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)

Melbourne Cup

We thank you all SCS Head Office staff for attending the Melbourne Cup Afternoon Tea to watch the race

We appreciated staff donations which raised \$260.00 which supported a Foster student in one of our Primary schools to have the opportunity to join the Swim Program and in some cases learn to swim.

Thank you for your wonderful support!



CEF Teaching Scholarships Afternoon Tea



On Tuesday 21 November, the CEF invited our eight CEF Teaching Scholarship recipients to World Square for an afternoon tea to celebrate their fabulous first year of studying their Teaching Degrees.

A special thank you to (Director of Education and Research) for sharing his inspiring story and Vivian Mourani (Education Officer: Church Engagement) for putting together a beautiful liturgy of gratitude.



CEF End of Year Corporate Partner Event

The Catholic Education Foundation is proud to be celebrating 10 years of creating "Opportunities for All".



We thank our Corporate Partners for going above and beyond their partnership this year by hosting Principal Network Meetings, donating School Uniforms, donating prizes for events, hosting a Father's Day Breakfast at St Therese Catholic Primary School, Sadlier Miller, donating Stationery items to our School Communities and hosting Fun Days across our Primary Schools to support their CEF Annual Appeal Fundraiser.



We look forward to continuing working with you in 2024 to create more "Opportunities for All"