

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Newsletter for 2023

This quarter, the Catholic Education Foundation received a generous donation of \$2,000, with the donor specifically requesting that it be allocated to support a bursary student at Marist College Kogarah, where it will directly benefit.

In donating the money, he advised The Foundation and Marist College should be very proud of Kurt Cheng's achievements to date – latest news: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-law/news/utss-kurt-cheng-named>

This served as his inspiration for making the donation, and we express our sincere gratitude to him.



We extend a warm welcome to our new staff contributors who have joined the CEF Staff Giving from the Heart Program. Your biweekly donations are genuinely valued by our students.

We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Zing Activ for generously donating their time to organize day programs in several schools, aiding in their efforts to raise funds for the annual Catholic Education Foundation Fundraiser.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support.
Kathleen Badolato, Janet Freeman & Dominica Pafumi

Supported Grant Appreciations

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Board of Directors at the following Clubs for their generous support of the CEF Grant applications:

- Liverpool Catholic Club - \$100,000.00 towards Year 11 and Year 12 Scholarships at four Secondary colleges within the LGA
- Liverpool Catholic Club - \$15,000.00 towards a Breakfast Club at Therese Catholic Primary School, Sadlier Miller
- DOOLEYS Lidcombe Catholic Club - \$30,000.00 towards the Catholic Education Foundation Bursary Program



- Norths Cammeray - \$5,000.00 towards financially supporting the purchase of school uniform items for student families experiencing hardship at Marist College, North Sydney
- Canada Bay Club - \$4,000.00 towards financially supporting school uniform items for student families experiencing hardship for All Hallows Catholic Primary School, Five Dock
- Mosman Returned Servicemen’s Club - \$2,400.00 towards financially supporting school uniform items for student families experiencing hardship at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Mosman.

Thank you!

We would like to thank all of the Catholic Education Foundation’s Corporate and Community Partners for their continued generous support of our vision and mission

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Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Bursary Story

One of our Primary schools had tried working with an Aboriginal family to complete an application form for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bursary.

This was over a few years and during this time the fees were not being paid and the debt was accruing.

The school spoke with the Student Wellbeing Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander team and asked if they could approach the family. After meeting mum, they became aware she was illiterate and had been unable to complete the form and felt embarrassed to tell the school.

This team helped her complete the form and the bursary was awarded and the outstanding debt was addressed. Mum now pays \$260 a year for her child to continue to receive a Catholic Education in the community she is nurtured and cared for

Events

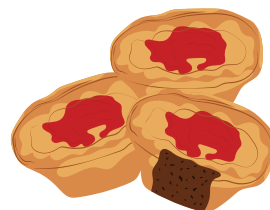
Acknowledgement of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day



The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) would like to thank Margaret Holles from Our Lady Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School, Waterloo for showcasing her Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in a series of traditional dances at our World Square office.

We would also like to thank the following schools for showcasing the talented artworks of your students:

- Our Lady Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School, Waterloo
- St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, Malabar
- Our Lady Sacred Heart Catholic College, Kensington
- Corpus Christi Catholic College, Maroubra



This was a wonderful way to celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day and learn about the crucial impact that culture, family, and community play in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the SCS central office staff for their invaluable support of the CEF. The pies sold at the event were in high demand and quickly sold out. The proceeds from these sales will be directed towards the support of our 973 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bursary recipients. These students are the recipients of the gift of a Catholic education within our schools.

Once more, we'd like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of this event. Your support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is deeply appreciated, and we look forward to celebrating with you again next year.

CEF Year 12 Social Justice and Excellence in Learning Awards



For the second year the CEF invited each secondary college to nominate a Year 12 recipient for the Catholic Education Foundation Social Justice & Excellence in Learning Award to be presented at their college awards presentation.

The award was granted to a student who leads by example, displays empathy and compassion, goes beyond with a community parish or youth group and is actively involved in social justice activities. They also have a consistent approach to their studies and display personal learning excellence.

We thank those Secondary colleagues that invited a Sydney Catholic School representative to take part in the presentation.

Mercy Market Day

We thank the incredible K-6 students at St Aloysius Catholic Primary School, Cronulla for coming together in the spirit of compassion, collaboration and service at their Annual Mery Market Day and choosing the Catholic Education Foundation as one of the charities to raise funds for. We also loved having the opportunity to visit the school and speak about the assistance we provide to families, in particular our Refugee Students.



Batger Furniture sponsors a Father's Day Breakfast!



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our CEF Sapphire Corporate Partner, Batger Furniture, for their generous donation of breakfast items. These items were provided for the Father's Day Breakfast at St. Therese Catholic Primary School, Sadlier Miller, and were enjoyed by the school community.

A special thank you goes to David Hurley, Principal, for inviting us to be a part of this wonderful morning celebration!



CEF Teaching Scholarship Retreat

The CEF was delighted to collaborate with Vivian Mourani from the Mission and Identity Directorate to realize our inaugural CEF Teaching Scholarship Retreat.

This retreat took place at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney, where our eight scholarship recipients had the opportunity to engage in three sessions, Attitude towards God, self and others, whilst also having the opportunity to get to know one another.



We ended the day with a beautiful mass lead by Fr Jonathan Vala and thank him for taking the time to spend the afternoon with us!

Retreat

Our Commitment

The Catholic Education Foundation is committed to helping Catholic families to access a Catholic education for their children in one of our 150 primary and secondary Sydney Catholic schools.

Our Vision is that every child from a Catholic family has access to an education in a Sydney Catholic school, and no child is denied this opportunity due to genuine financial, cultural or social hardship.

Our Mission is to raise sufficient funds to sustain our school fee support program to assist Catholic families in educating their children in a Sydney Catholic schools values
