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welcome to our

Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome

We're thrilled to bring you the latest news and updates from the Catholic Education Foundation. As we settle into Term 3, we're filled with gratitude for your continued support, which allows us to provide life-changing opportunities for students in need.

Your commitment helps us continue our mission of ensuring that every child has the chance to thrive and reach their full potential. Thank you for being such a vital part of the CEF community.

Enjoy reading about the incredible impact you're making!

Kathleen Badolato, Janet Freeman & Dominica Pafumi

CEF Team





CEF Refugee Bursary Student Story

This student came from Syria with her mother, grandparents and uncle. Her biggest challenge was to learn English so she can study and reach her full potential.

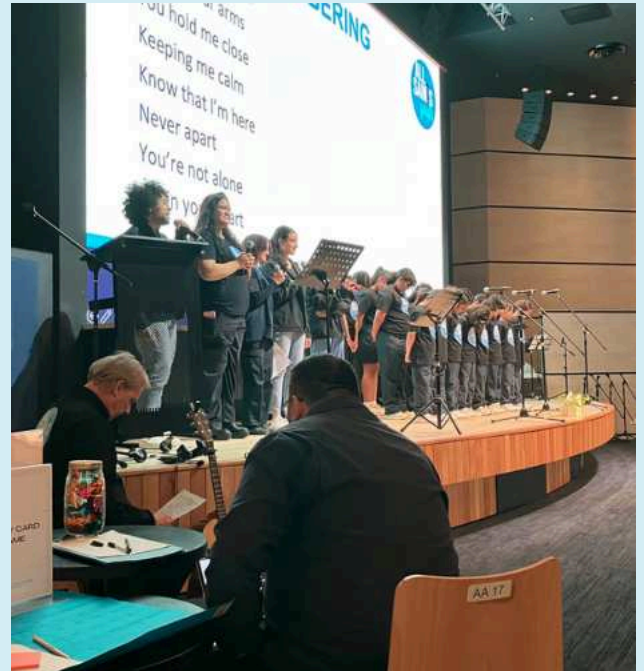
She has just entered Year 11 this year and is looking forward to the opportunity to study engineering and feels her future is perfect as she is in a safe country and has wonderful opportunities to learn.

This young lady is very grateful for the gift of a CEF Refugee Bursary as it has given her access to a full education in a safe environment that reflects her Christian values. Her family is very happy that she has the opportunity to attend a good school with many educational opportunities.

She loves that she can pray with her classmates as they have the same faith and she feels connected to them.

This student loves studying textiles as it is creative and she feels she can express herself, however she is also interested in maths as it has structure and challenges her.

She loves going to school as it is a welcoming environment and is very safe.



All Saints Praise and Worship Fundraiser

The All Saints Praise and Worship Event at Liverpool Catholic Club! It was an incredible night filled with uplifting music and heartfelt worship.

A special mention to Jacinta Drumond for her beautiful performance of "Opportunities for All," and to Madison Ede, our inspiring CEF Guest Speaker.

We're also thrilled to share that \$939.00 was raised. These funds will go directly towards supporting the 383 bursaries at All Saints Catholic College, Liverpool.





CLMP Personal Development and Luncheon

During the July School Holidays, 83 students from Years 8 to 12 gathered for the annual City Link Mentor Program's Personal Development Day and Luncheon. We extend our sincere thanks to Macquarie Group for their generous hospitality.

Before enjoying a networking lunch and an inspiring address from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, students participated in dynamic workshops focused on essential life skills. Topics included social etiquette, Human Resources, and pathways to university. It was a fantastic day of learning, growth, and meaningful connection. We look forward to watching these students continue to thrive in the years ahead.



CLMP Jindabyne Experience

As part of the City Link Mentor Program, a five-day country immersion was organised in April, taking 41 students to Jindabyne for a rewarding regional experience.

This year was extra special, as students also had the opportunity to attend the ANZAC Day commemorations in Canberra—an unforgettable and meaningful addition to the trip.

This initiative offers students more than just a taste of life in rural NSW, it helps cultivate lasting connections across school communities.

It's been especially encouraging to see senior students forming subject-specific WhatsApp groups and building networks that go well beyond their own campuses.





LJ Harper Donation

A huge thank you to LJ Harper Educational Supplies for going above and beyond as a CEF Corporate Donor!

Last week, we visited Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Cabramatta, where we joined the school community assembly to present exercise books to families in need—an incredible gesture made possible thanks to LJ Harper's generosity.

Your generous support continues to make a significant and lasting difference in the lives of our students and their communities

St Kevins Eastwood

The CEF were truly honoured to be invited to St Kevin's Catholic Primary School, Eastwoods 100-year Centenary Mass celebration



A visit to Holy Spirit Catholic College, Lakemba

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) were so delighted to present a trophy to the College Captains at Holy Spirit Catholic College, Lakemba as a token of appreciation for being the top fundraiser in the Secondary School category for 2024. The students raised \$5,931.73, which will help the CEF continue to support families in need within Sydney Catholic schools.

NEW CEF CORPORATE DONORS

We welcome our new Corporate Donors to the CEF Family

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Refugee Soup Kitchen

In acknowledgement of Refugee Week, the Catholic Education Foundation held our Annual CEF Refugee Refugee Soup Kitchen Fundraising Event on Thursday 20 June.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who attended and supported the event. Guests had the opportunity to hear from an inspiring panel of students from Mary MacKillop Catholic College, Wakeley, and Patrician Brothers' College, Fairfield, who generously shared their personal stories.

We are also grateful to the Sydney Catholic Schools staff who took the time to speak with students during their tour of our office, offering valuable insights into their roles.

A special thank you goes to the hospitality students at Mary MacKillop Catholic College for preparing and serving delicious soup, which was available for purchase on the day. Thanks to their efforts—and the generosity of our supporters—we raised a total of \$750.00 in support of our 873 Refugee Bursary recipients.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the Catholic Education Foundation and our mission to provide “Opportunities for All.”



New Initiative

We're thrilled to announce an exciting new initiative: "The Community Table: A Flexischools and CEF Program!"

This partnership marks a significant step in ensuring that our deserving bursary students, particularly those who face daily challenges, have consistent access to nutritious meals. "The Community Table" will directly support students by providing them with a healthy lunch once a week, easing the burden on families and ensuring students can focus on their learning without the worry of hunger.

We're proud to see this program roll out to selected schools, offering vital support to students who need it most. This initiative of how, in collaboration with our partners, we're providing opportunities for all and fostering an environment where every student can thrive.



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 school.

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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