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4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

Dear Parents,

## Canberra Excursion

Last week the Year 6 students travelled to Canberra to consolidate their learning about Government and Civics. We had a very busy three days, visiting the National Capital Exhibition, Australian War Memorial, National Dinosaur Museum, Australian Institute of Sport, Deep Space Communication Complex, Australian Parliament House, Questacon, National Electoral Education Centre and the Museum of Australian Democracy. The students' behaviour and manners were commendable and they reflected an extensive knowledge over the three days.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist with the payment of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program and we hope that this excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

Thank you to the teachers and parent who accompanied the students on this excursion: Mr Lynch, Mrs Jones and Mr Laing. I felt really privileged to spend the three days getting to know this beautiful group of children.

## A reflection of the Canberra Excursion by some Year 6 students

*"We loved Canberra because the sights were amazing, for example the War Memorial was historic. Questacon was a fun-filled thrill ride that kept us all entertained. The 7 hour bus ride didn't stop us from having fun. The cabins were really comfy and the food was fantastic. The nights were freezing and one day went down to -4 degrees. At the War Memorial, our school captains represented our school by placing a wreath by the eternal flame at the Last Post Ceremony. We loved Canberra!"*

By Ruby, Charlee, Kiara and Skyla



### ***Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey***

Students, teachers and parents have the opportunity to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Cecilia's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device until the 5th June by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/g247r>

### **Cheese and Chat and Parent Group Meeting**

The next Cheese and Chat and Parent Group Meeting is on tonight **Tuesday 4th June at 6pm in the School Hall**. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

### **Mufti Day**

There is a Mufti Day tomorrow (Wednesday 5th June) to raise money for Kiah Greentree and Charlotte Moore as they will be travelling to New Zealand to represent the Central Coast in Netball. Children are invited to wear a sports team mufti (or any mufti) and bring in a Gold Coin Donation.

### **Mindfulness and Anxiety Talk**

A Mindfulness and Anxiety talk for parents will be held in the hall this Thursday 6th June at 2pm. Anxiety is a significant health issue in our society. Join us to learn how to recognise anxiety in children and ways to assist, particularly using mindfulness.

### **Staff Development Day**

A reminder that we have our Staff Development Day on this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. We will be at another school on that day so there will be no options for supervision.

### **Friday Assembly**

Due to the Staff Development Day on Friday, the school Assembly will take place on Friday of next week, 14<sup>th</sup> June. The list of Award Recipients will be in the Principal's Update next week.

### **School Disco**

The school disco for this term is on Friday 28th June at 5:30 – 8pm. More information to come.

### **Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews**

The Semester One Reports will be emailed home on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June with Parent Teacher Interviews the following week, Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Online booking sheet is attached to this newsletter and will be open today from 3pm and will close on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Compass Is Coming**

**A new student information system, Compass, is on the way ...**

I am excited to let you know that our school community will shortly start using a new student information system called Compass. It is expected that Compass will be rolled out to all systemic Catholic schools in our diocese over the next twelve months or so.

### **What is Compass?**

Compass is a whole school administration system. It will streamline many school operations such as attendance, reporting and communication.

### **How will this impact you?**

Later this term you will receive details about a Parent Portal and App which will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

Initially you will be able to –

- View information on your child/ren's attendance
- Enter explanations for absences
- Receive school communications
- Update your contact details

More functionality will become available during the year – we will keep you updated!



Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Yvette Owens**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## ***From the FLO***

Dear Parents,

### **Mindfulness and Anxiety Presentation**

This presentation will be held in the hall this Thursday 6th June at 2pm. Anxiety is a significant health issue in our society. Join us to learn how to recognise anxiety in children and ways to assist, particularly using mindfulness. If you are unable to attend and would like information or would like to discuss concerns that you may have please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **123 Magic and Emotion Coaching**

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching is a program designed to teach parents ways to manage their children's behaviour that also builds their children's emotional resourcefulness.

All are invited to participate in this valuable workshop which will run over three consecutive Fridays, 14th, 21st and 28th June at 9am.

Have a lovely long week.

**Mrs Bernadette Daniel**  
**Family Liaison Officer**

## ***From the REC***

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**



Congratulations to the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 24th and 25th of May. A special thank you to Father Raul and Father Alex for celebrating three beautiful ceremonies and to the parents and teachers who carefully prepared the children to receive this sacrament.



## Shine

On Friday the 24th of May, the Year 6 leaders attended **Shine, a Student Gathering** at St Peter's Catholic College. The event was hosted by Michael Tobin and the Youth Ministry team to assist students in exploring their faith journey and servant leadership in their lives. The event was an exciting and uplifting experience where Genevieve Bryant, a prominent singer, songwriter and storyteller performed during the day. The students enjoyed Genevieve's performance and the various workshops they participated in.

The following adjectives are the words that the Year 6 leaders used to describe **Shine**: *fun, awesome, feelings, educational, amazing, enjoyable, exciting, extraordinary, surprised, happy, engaging, spectacular and loud.* Thanks to the leaders of our school for being great representatives!



## Upcoming Celebrations

### Term 2 Dates

- Tuesday 2nd July, *Whole School NAIDOC Mass at 10am, St Cecilia's Hall*

### Term 4 Dates

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, *Andrew Chin Christmas Concert at 6:30pm*
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, *End of Year Mass*
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, *Year 6 Graduation Mass*

### 2019 Sacramental Program

The sacraments, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, are effective signs of grace perceptible to the senses. Through them divine life is presented to us. There are seven sacraments: Baptism, **Confirmation**, **Eucharist**, **Reconciliation**, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1113-1131).

**Sacraments are ongoing symbols of God's care for all of us.**

Sacrament	Year Celebrated	Ceremony Dates
Confirmation	Typically Year 2 Students	This sacrament was celebrated on <b>Friday 24th May</b> and <b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Reconciliation	Typically Year 2 Students	<b>TBA</b>
Eucharist	Typically Year 3 Students	<b>TBA</b>

For further information or enquires about the sacramental program please contact Jo Helm at the St Cecilia's Parish Office on 0424 763 734.

### Parish Mass Times for St Cecilia's Parish

#### St Cecilia's Wyong

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am

#### St John Fisher, Tumby Umbi

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 8.30am & 5pm

God Bless

*Mrs Jamie Dowling*

**Religious Education Coordinator**

## ***School News***

### ***Linen Roster*** ***Term 2***

<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Kyly Slattery</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Julia Webster</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Amy Martin</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Kristy Clouten</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Kyly Slattery</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>Carolina Saenz</b>

#### **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop, located next to the Multipurpose Room, is opened on **Monday and Friday mornings from 8.45am-9.15am** and **Friday afternoons from 2.45pm-3.15pm.**

Thank you to our parent volunteers who help keep the uniform shop running efficiently.

## **New School Banking rewards now available!**

Exciting new Term 2 Polar Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!



**Icicle Slapband Ruler**



**Yeti Fluffy Notebook**

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Tuesday.

**School Banking Coordinator**

## Canteen News

Dear Parents

### **This Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Is Cupcake Day**

Bring your decorated cupcakes on a disposable plate, clearly marked with your **child's name and class**, to the canteen before assembly.

Store bought cakes will be gratefully accepted for sale at recess, they just won't be eligible for judging.

Cupcakes that make it to the judging tray will be sold for \$2 each and proceeds raised from the sale of these cupcakes will be donated to Cancer Council.

All other cupcakes will be sold at recess for 50c each.

**Canteen will not be open for lunch orders! Please bring lunch from home.**

Remember.... **NO NUTS!**

**Mrs Catherine Berry**  
**Canteen Manager**



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### **From the Music Bus!**

Did you know?

**The Mi-Tunes Competition is now on!**



For Term 2 all **The Music Bus** student will be given the chance to compete in our annual **Mi-Tunes Songwriting Competition**. The children have 5 weeks to make up and prepare their song in readiness for the Mi-Tunes performance day. On the Mi-Tunes performance day each child, in the Music Bus class will be asked to play their composition out loud for their teacher and the other children.



The overall winning entry for each category will win:

**A DAY IN THE RECORDING STUDIO AND  
A RECORDED PRODUCTION OF THEIR SONG!**

Visit our Youtube Channel - *Music Bus Productions* to listen to past winners!

**Phone 1300 168 742**

**Limited space available.**

**[www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au)**

\*Offer available until end of term. To new students only. 1 free trial per student.

**BOOK  
your child's  
Free Trial  
Lesson  
Now!**

Dear St Cecilia's Parents and Carers,

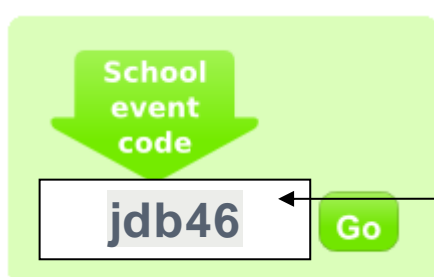
Goal Setting Interviews will take place at various times in Week 9 from:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June.**

You can book interviews at times that will best suit **YOUR FAMILY**.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

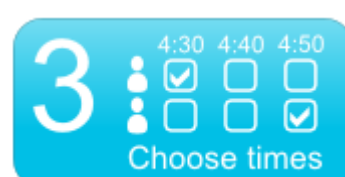
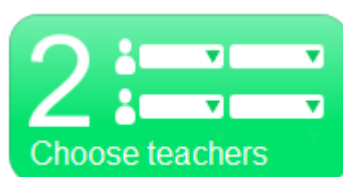
**BOOKINGS OPEN Today – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm and CLOSE Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm**



Go to ...

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter THIS school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents who don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, please contact the school with dates and times you are available and we will assist you.

All interviews will be of a 10 minute duration. Please ensure you leave a short gap between appointments if you have more than one child in case the teacher is running late.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly via email as soon as possible. Please attention your email to the relevant class teacher.