



St Cecilia's Catholic School

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Dear Parents,

Harmony Day

'Harmony day is on the 21st March in Australia. We celebrate Harmony Day to promote diversity and acceptance of other cultures. ... Harmony Day aims to start a conversation about heritage, culture and community. The event coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.'

This year St Cecilia's will celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday 19th March. On this day we will recognise and celebrate the different cultural backgrounds within our school community.

To help celebrate this special day, we are inviting students to bring in something that indicates what country their family is from. This will allow all students to learn about the variety of cultures we have within our school community and learn how important it is to respect our differences. We ask that no food is brought in, given the current situation.

Students are also allowed to wear something that represents their culture on this day or an orange item with their school uniform.

School as normal

There has not been a decision made to close school and St Cecilia's is operating as normal. All children who are well are expected to be at school.

If the situation changes, as it appears to be doing daily, we will continue to keep you updated. Staff are working to ensure learning will continue if the decision to close schools is made. Until then we ask that all children who are well attend school.

For further information on the virus please go to the [NSW Health Website](#)

Cancellations

Due to the government-imposed restrictions caused by the coronavirus, the following activities and events have been cancelled:

CCC Cross Country Carnival
All Polding Sport Events
St Cecilia's Athletics Carnival
All Masses and Liturgies including the Holy Week celebrations
All Assemblies; Morning and Friday afternoon

At this stage we do not know when events will be rescheduled to, but we will keep you updated.

Hygiene in School

I want to take this opportunity to further reassure you that we have increased our hygiene measures across the school and have reviewed practices to in regard to playgrounds, congregating in groups etc.

Families in Need

At the present time we have some families in need of St Cecilia's proven generosity. If you can donate a cooked meal, either frozen or fresh to help these families, please do so. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Busways Information

With the COVID-19 situation continuing to evolve in NSW, it is important to keep up to date with the latest information and advice. School and route bus services are currently operating as normal, however, should this change unexpectedly, our school bus operator, Busways, advises it will post updates to school and route bus services to its website. Parents are encouraged to regularly check the Busways website at www.busways.com.au <<https://busways.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=51f7a608ddab76bcfed043892&id=6c61c09e88&e=8c2856994b>> for updates and announcements regarding bus services for our school in case changes happen unexpectedly outside of school hours. Regular checks to the Busways website will ensure you have the most up to date information.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Yvette Owens
PRINCIPAL

School News

Linen Roster Term 1

Week 8	Kristy Clouten
Week 9	Kyly Slattery
Week 10	Sarah Reynolds
Week 11	Volunteer needed

From the FLO

Dear Parents,

With perfect weather we had a beautiful walk at the Pioneer Dairy last Friday. Remember the Dairy is open on weekends and is a perfect setting for family picnics, being suitable for strollers and children's bikes.

The Parent Room is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Join me for a cuppa and a chat, meet new friends and maybe borrow a book from our parent library. There are also many resources and pamphlets available. Please feel free to chat with me if you are having concerns. There is so much assistance available in the community and often people are unaware of these.

With our everchanging world and we as parents want to prepare our children to thrive in the future Michael Grose has written a very interesting article with some helpful tips.
<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/parenting-in-the-age-of-disruption/>

No Scaredy Cats is a three week program for parents to help reduce anxiety and build resilience in children aged 2–12 years which I hope to facilitate next term. The sessions will run for two hours over three consecutive Fridays. Dates and times to be organised.

We are celebrating Harmony Day this Thursday at our school and with recent events it is a time for all of us to work together for our future.

Bernadette Daniel
Family Liaison Officer

From the REC

Kindergarten and Year 6 Buddy Mass

On Saturday, the 7th of March we celebrated our first Parish Mass for 2020. Thank you to the many Kindergarten and Year 6 families who celebrated the Eucharist along with the Parish community. This celebration was a great opportunity for our Year 6 students to lead and support our Kindergarten students with their spiritual journeys.



Lent



Last Sunday we celebrated the third Sunday of Lent. Lent is a special time of year and a time we try to turn back to God. The short excerpt below is from Pope Francis asking us to have an open heart full of compassion during the Lenten season.

“Knowing how to love is never something acquired once and for all. We must begin anew every day. We must practice it so that our love for the brothers and sisters we encounter may become mature and free from limitations or sins that render it incomplete, egotistical, sterile, or unfaithful. Listen to this: we must patiently follow the school of Christ every day. We must forgive and look to Jesus with the help of our “advocate”, the Holy Spirit. We must learn the art of loving every day.”

Excerpted from On Love by Pope Francis

Term 1 Upcoming Events

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, we have had to cancel all whole School Masses, Liturgies and events.



2020 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.** At St Cecilia's the children have the opportunity to receive the following sacraments:

Sacrament	Year Celebrated	Ceremony Dates (Times are yet to be confirmed)
Confirmation	Typically Year 2 Students	Saturday, 23rd of May @ St Peter's Catholic College, 10:30am
Reconciliation	Typically Year 3 Students	Tuesday, 30th of June @ St Cecilia's Church, 4:00pm
Eucharist	Typically Year 3 Students	12th (5:00pm) & 13th (9:30am) September @ St Cecilia's Church 19th (5:00pm) & 20th (9:30am) September @ St Cecilia's Church

For further information or enquiries 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, Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8.30am & 5pm

God Bless

Mrs Jamie Dowling
Religious Education Coordinator

Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Gold	James A	Kinder Blue	Zara J
1 Gold	Zach W	1/2 Blue	Cohen J
1/2 Gold	Isaac S	3/4 Blue	Linh P
3/4 Gold	Madeleine H	3/4 White	Keely W
5 Blue	Sienna S	5 Gold	Leah S
6 Blue	Brady M	6 Gold	Bradley V
Dance	Bonnie T 1/2G	Japanese	Kyra H 5B

Personal Best

Kinder Gold	Catherine B	Kinder Blue	Spencer T
1 Gold	Emelia J	1/2 Blue	Brody W
1/2 Gold	Avayah Y	3/4 Blue	Kenzi G
3/4 Gold	Logan H	3/4 White	Miley B
5 Blue	Kyra H	5 Gold	Lachlan W
6 Blue	Saphyre J	6 Gold	Kiah G
Dance	Brody W 1/2B	Japanese	Chloe S 6G
Library	Tamara A 6B	Library	Cody T 1/2B

PBL Award

Kinder Gold	Jayde G	Kinder Blue	Nina I
1 Gold	Natalia S	1/2 Blue	Mikayla O
1/2 Gold	Zac S	3/4 Blue	Lincoln C
3/4 Gold	Savannah O	3/4 White	Rory W
5 Blue	Rosario R	5 Gold	Harry A
6 Blue	Paris D	6 Gold	Liliah K
Dance	Emelia J 1G	Japanese	Luke G 5B