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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our first newsletter for a while! Life has been so different, but the beautiful thing is our children are still the same. Happy to be at school and eager to learn, for the most part!

Covid Fee Relief



Please know our Diocese is supportive of all our families in these challenging times. Please don't hesitate to contact the Catholic Schools Office. Below is a message from the CSO.

We're supporting families as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt throughout our community. Our program to assist families who are experiencing difficulties with school fees due to COVID-19 can be found here:

<https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/parenthub/Fee-Relief-during-Covid-19>

School Uniform

I understand how hard it is to get back into wearing a uniform after almost 3 months of not wearing one, but it is important that our children wear their uniform correctly. Please remember that the uniform includes black leather shoes and not joggers with the school uniform. Please also remember that the children should not be wearing a mixture of the summer and winter uniform. This term all children should be wearing their winter uniform. Thank you for your support in this.

Toys and Jewellery at School

During Covid Home Learning, the children who were at school were bringing some toys in to play with. We allowed this as they were limited in what they could play with. Also, it was much easier to monitor with only a few children here. With school now returning to relative normality, we will have to revert to our school policy of no toys at school. This is for several reasons such as these items becoming lost or damaged resulting in very upset children.

Jewellery is also something we discourage the children from wearing or bringing to school for the same reasons. It is heartbreaking to see a child distressed because they have lost a special piece of jewellery or a new watch.

Pickup Routines and Parents in School

Afternoon pickup routine under the hall will continue for the rest of the term. Also, a reminder that we ask that parents not come onto the school grounds unless you really need to until further notice.

Labelling of Children's Items

The return to school has led to an increased in the number of lost property items. Can you please ensure all your child's items are labelled clearly. You may need to check items you had previously labelled because many of these become faded and unable to be read. Thank you for help with this.

Enrolments 2020

If you, or anyone you know, have a child ready to start Kinder next year can you please collect an application pack from the office or download it from our school website.

IN CLASS LITURGIES

***St Cecilia's - Welcome Back!
Celebrating Gratitude Liturgy***



Last week, each class celebrated welcome back to school liturgies. Our liturgy theme was gratitude. The children reflected on what they are grateful for and responded beautifully. Here are some responses:

I am grateful for my parents. They do everything for me and keep me safe.

I feel loved by my parents and family.

I am grateful for my family and friends.

I feel happy.

I am grateful that we are back at school.

I am feeling happy and loved to see my friends again.

Wyong Catholic Parish

St Cecilia's Church & St John Fisher Mass Ctr

Under the Pastoral Care of the

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

Vision The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community

Mission Statement We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel:

Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform

Important Information:

- Weekend and Weekday Masses have resumed with limitations of 50 people per Mass.
- Live-stream Mass is every Sunday at 9:30am on Facebook. Please use this link

www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

God Bless

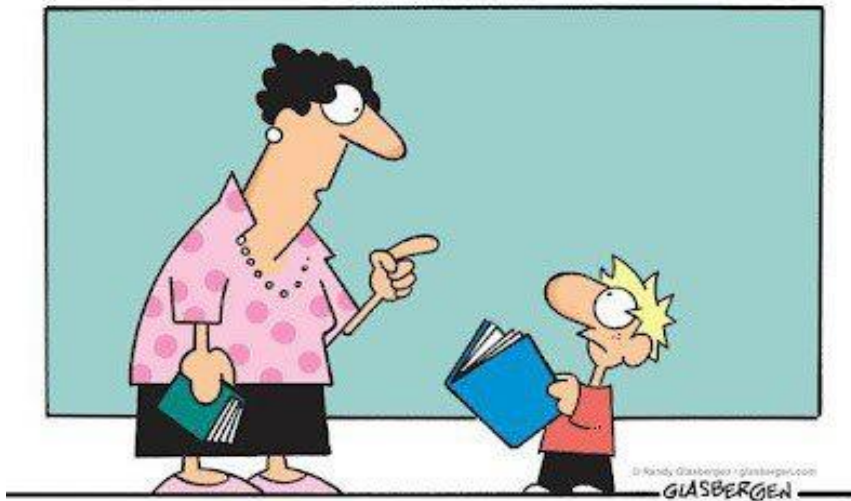
Mrs Jamie Dowling

Religious Education Coordinator

From the Librarian

“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

Library borrowing resumes this week. We have lots of new books just waiting to be read for the first time.



***“It’s called ‘reading’. It’s how people install
new software into their brains”***

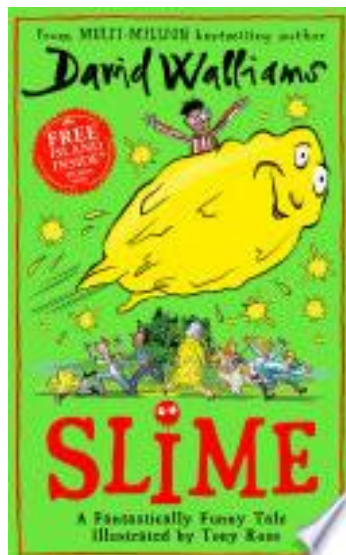
Please remind your child to pack their Library bag or something similar on the following days:

Tuesday 6B, 3/4G and 3/4W
Wednesday KG and KB
Thursday 5G, 5B, 6G, 1G, 1/2B, 1/2G and 3/4B

Children are most welcome to borrow before school and at lunchtime.

Thanks
Mrs Cumming

*Currently reading
Slime by David Williams*



From the FLO

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school and see and talk to parents from a distance. These past few months have certainly been another example of our St Cecilia's community all working together for our children and yet it has also come with worry and anxiety. The following links may be very useful with strategies and tips to support parents in helping to manage anxiety in their children particularly with the return to school.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-centres-groups-and-facilities/healthy-people/centres/centre-for-emotional-health-ceh/covid-19-weve-got-this-covered!>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/returning-normal-after-covid-19>

Building friendships and learning conflict resolution skills is an important part of child development. The following link is highly recommended by our school counsellor and would be very beneficial for all parents, particularly those whose children may struggle with making and keeping friends and the challenges that occur. At the moment membership is free for parents.

<https://urstrong.com/language-of-friendship/>

I am generally working on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you would like to speak with me please contact the school office.

The last few months have been challenging and with this week being Well Being Week I think we all should take some time out and do something nice for ourselves.

Have a lovely week.

Bernadette Daniel

Family Liaison Officer

