

Principal's Update
Term 4 Week 10
15th December, 2020

Dear Parents,

It is with much sadness I write my last newsletter to you. Leaving a place that you hold as dear as I do St Cecilia's is really difficult. The students, staff and families are what makes this school so special and I will miss each and every one of you.

This truly is an amazing school and it has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to be part of this wonderful community. You will forever be in my heart and prayers.

It is also with sadness we farewell Vicki McCudden. Vicki is going to Holy Cross, Kincumber as Assistant Principal and I am so pleased her many talents have been recognised in this way. She is such a loss to St Cecilia's and Kincumber are very lucky to have her. The contribution Vicki has made to St Cecilia's is immeasurable. The calm that permeates the school is one small testament to the impact she has made. We wish her all the best as she moves on in this new adventure!

We also want to farewell and thank Lisa Johnson who came to us from St Mary's, Toukley for the year as Learning Support Teacher. We are grateful for the incredible knowledge, skills and experience she has brought to the school, particularly the children. We wish her well as she returns to Toukley.

A special welcome to your new Principal, Mrs Marta Chylewska. Marta is highly experienced and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the role of Principal. She truly is a great addition to the St Cecilia's Community and I know you will make her feel very welcome.

We also welcome three new teachers to the St Cecilia's Community. Mrs Emily Adcock, Mrs Anastasia Cattabriga and Miss Molly Clancy. Please make them feel welcome. I know they will love St Cecilia's as much as we do.

I would like to wish you a very happy and holy Christmas. If 2020 has taught us anything it is the importance of the people in our lives. Enjoy every minute with your families and friends. In this holy season, please keep Jesus as part of your celebrations, after all, He is the reason for the season! May God bless you all.

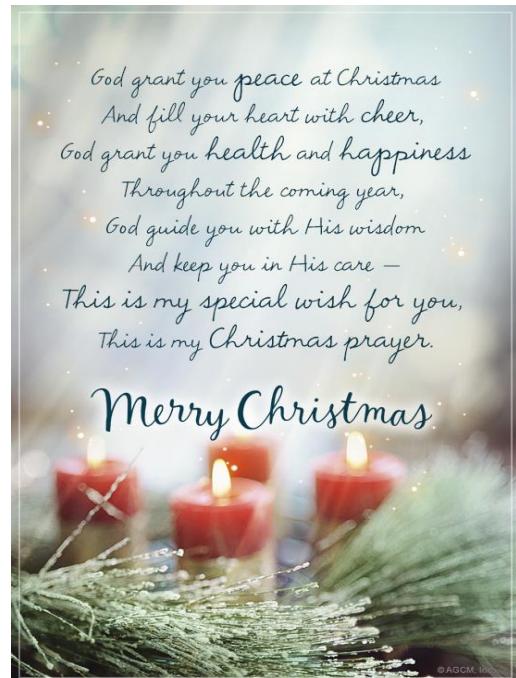
Wyong / Tumbi Parish Christmas Mass Times
Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December 2020
5 pm Children's/Youth family Mass at St Peter's Catholic College 84 Gavenlock Road, Tuggerah.

There will be a number of roles for children/youth to undertake. These include being a reader, being part of the gospel procession or part of the Nativity.

If you would like your child to be a part of this, please contact Chris on 0406 539 444.

There will be a short rehearsal on Tuesday, December 22nd at 10 am in St Peter's Catholic College Hall for those Children/Youth taking on a special role.

We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration. If you have any questions or wish to book into this Mass please contact Jo on 0424 763 734.



Staff for 2021

KB: Bernadette Taylor / Carol Nash

KG: Annette Milne

1B: Cheryl Oliver

1G: Jaclyn Sheppeard

2B: Steve Lynch / Bill Townsend

2G: Sarah Xuereb / Tenille Callaghan

3B: Kelli Gray / Paul Madigan

4B: Emily Adcock / Sarah Xuereb

4G: Anastasia Cattabriga

5G: Sylvanna Jordan

6B: Molly Clancy (Karla Williams until maternity leave in week 5)

6G: Jamie Dowling / Carol Nash

MAI Bookings

St Cecilia's will again have the Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAI) at the beginning of 2021. You will receive a link to the online Compass booking today. Please book in as soon as possible so your child can have this important assessment completed before classes begin.

With all my heart I thank you for your ongoing support over my six years at St Cecilia's. You are genuinely an amazing group of parents. Your children are lucky to have you and are a credit to you! Hopefully this is not goodbye but see you soon!

Yvette xx

From the FLO

Dear Parents,

This year has been a year like no other and we have all been affected in some way. Along with the end of year comes tiredness and I feel that tiredness is more accentuated this year. Please take the time these holidays to rest, relax, enjoy and connect with your families. It can also be a time to be grateful for what we have and to look out for each other. Michael Grose offers some strategies you may find useful for your children in regard for caring for others, although I have seen many instances of children looking out and helping each other here at St Cecilia's.

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/make-caring-common/>

While many may enjoy a wonderful Christmas there may be some who dread or feel disappointed.

To our leaving families it has been lovely getting to know many of you and I wish you all the very best for the future.

I am so looking forward to welcoming you to our new parent room and to facilitate some new workshops in 2021 for our families.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2021.

**Bernadette Daniel,
Family Liaison Officer**