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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to meet some of our parents at yesterday's Principal Coffee and Chat. It was nice to introduce myself personally and a great opportunity to hear from parents about the strengths and what they like about St Cecilia's. In addition, we discussed events parents would like to continue to see happening and suggestions were made for new ideas of what the parent community would like to see at St Cecilia's.

If you were unable to attend yesterday's Principal's Coffee and Chat you can still register for the upcoming gathering on Friday at 9am in the staffroom. Use the following link to RSVP <https://forms.gle/1Yuz8MEAewA1431K7>. If you are unable to attend either session but would still like to meet for a chat, please feel free to call the office to book in a separate time for us to catch up. Alternatively, feel free to e-mail your thoughts and ideas to me via scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Shrove Tuesday

Today we also celebrated Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday, the day preceding Lent, because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.

We marked this special occasion in several ways. Some of the year 6 children walked up to Bundilla Preschool to build community partnerships and cook pancakes with and for the children. Then Mr Madigan and Mr Lynch cooked up a storm in the playground at morning tea and our Year 6 leaders served the pancakes to children, to raise money for Project Compassion. Thank you for everyone's generous contribution towards such a good cause.



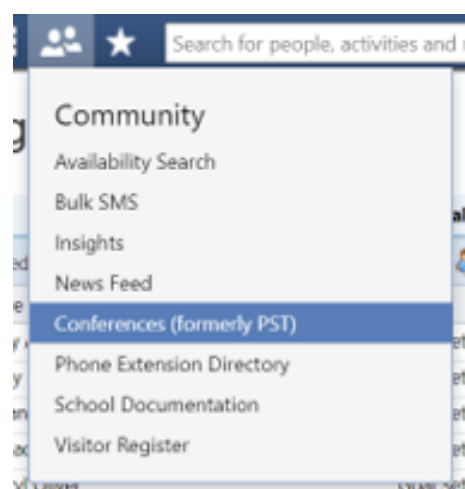


Goal Setting Meetings

Our **COMPULSORY** goal setting meetings will take place all next week. The meetings will be taking place with your child's teacher, in their classroom (***not in the hall like last year***). Please arrive five minutes before your interview to ensure your meeting can start on time.

If you have not yet booked your meeting, please enter Compass and go to the icon with two people on it and select 'Conferences (formerly PST)' from the drop-down menu (as shown below). Within the Conferences menu you will find the bookings for Goal Setting Interviews K-6. This is where you secure a day and time for your booking.

NOTE: Open Compass in Web Browser if you are making the booking from your mobile phone. It is easier via a tablet or laptop to follow the instructions above. If you are still having difficulties booking in a time through Compass, just call the school administrative staff and they will try to find a time that is suitable and can make the booking for you.



Friday Assembly

This week we will be coming together to celebrate our first assembly of 2021 where selected children from each class will be receiving one of the following awards:

- **Academic Achievement** (*fortnightly*) – Highlighting academic excellence in class tasks or subject areas.
- **Personal Best** (*fortnightly*) - Targeting student improvement in all areas; academically, socially and behaviourally.
- **Positive Behaviour Learning** (*fortnightly*) – Targeting students who displayed behaviours that align with the fortnightly PBL rule.
- **Light of Learning** (*monthly*) - Teachers nominate six students for the 'Light of Learning' Award in their classroom. After a detailed discussion about the positive attributes of each of the candidates, students vote and the winner receives their award from the Principal at the next whole school Assembly.

Whilst all of the awards target different behaviours or achievements, they are all connected to St Cecilia's school rules and [Behaviour Matrix](#). Each award not only aims to acknowledge the efforts of our children but is used as a valuable teaching tool to further promote and maintain these desirable behaviours.

Parents of **award recipients ONLY** can attend Friday afternoon's assembly which will be hosted outdoors in the assembly area from 2.40pm, with mask wearing encouraged for the protection and safety of children, staff and parents/carers. As COVID restrictions ease, your cooperation and compliance in this new process of integrating parents back into school events is pivotal. This will assist us to bring the community back together to celebrate momentous days and occasions.

SRC Representative

Congratulations to the following SRC representatives, who will be presented with their badges at tomorrow's Beginning of Year & Ash Wednesday Mass. Although we are beginning the integration of parents for some school events, this event will exceed the maximum time for gathering together (15minutes) so we ask that parents do not attend and only join this event via the Live Stream that will be sent out around 9:45am on Wednesday morning.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>SRC REPRESENTATIVES</u>
3 Blue	Tamryn H and Miller W
4 Blue	Kenzi G and Azalia A
4 Gold	Billy K and Keaton J
5 Gold	Linh P and Isabelle R

Parking Around St. Cecilia's

Sadly, we had a call from an irate neighbour who has threatened to tow any vehicles who park in a way that impedes a vehicle from entering, exiting, or turning into any residential driveways.

We understand that parking is limited around the school when arriving for pick up, however we ask that you are mindful of parking across neighbours' driveways or obstructing their driveway. Parking your car in a way that obstructs a driveway can make it unsafe for someone to enter traffic. Plus, it impedes a resident or visitor from accessing their driveway. It is best to park with courtesy and safety in mind. If you think where you are about to park might create a hazard or you are not sure it's a legal parking spot, please don't park there.

Music Bus

Music Bus lessons have been moved to Friday afternoon starting at 2:40pm. The company will have already notified families of this relevant change. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, we are trying to minimise classroom disruptions in the morning, during peak learning time.

In your Prayers – Mr Jerome McSweeney

Today many of the staff will be farewelling and celebrating the exuberant life of their beloved ex-colleague and friend Mr Jerome McSweeney. Please keep Jerome's family and Mrs Oliver in your thoughts and prayers. Sorrow fills their hearts at this sad moment, a sorrow that is deep and personal for many. The lives of many will be empty in the areas that Mr McSweeney had brightened. May his soul rest in peace forever.

Peace and Blessings

Marta Chylewska
Principal



Isaac R competed at Dancelife Unite in Homebush. The Boy's Troupe won the Grand National Open Age Championship Title. ***Congratulations Isaac!***

From the REC

2021 Opening School & Ash Wednesday Mass

Our beautiful St Cecilia's children have created some fabulous artworks to display at our Opening School and Ash Wednesday Mass. The artworks highlight how we all belong, love each other, show compassion and kindness and continue to let our light shine. Thank you boys and girls!



*Please join us in prayer via
live streaming at our Opening
School and Ash Wednesday Mass.
This will be celebrated on
Wednesday, 17th of February,
at 10:00am.
A secure link will be sent
prior to the Mass.*



Sacrament of Confirmation

The 2021 confirmation ceremonies will be held at St Peter's Catholic College on Saturday, the 1st of May. Bishop Anthony Randazzo will lead the students during these three special ceremonies. Registration forms will be sent home later this week. For further information or enquires about the Confirmation sacrament please contact Jo Helm at the St Cecilia's Parish Office on 0424 763 734.



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

Please read the information below from our Wyong Parish Coordinator, Jo Helm

Invitation to participate?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home?

Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic?

Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So this is that ***personal invitation*** and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above, invite that person.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA] is the faith-stirring process by which adults seek a deeper knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ and decide whether to commit themselves to the Catholic faith.

If you are: *Interested in becoming Catholic*

Never baptised or

Baptised in another Christian denomination

Come and join us. For further information, please contact the Parish Office 43 521011, Jo 0424 763 734 or speak to Fr Raul or

Fr Alex after Mass.

Please remember when coming to Mass that:

- If you have a temperature or a cold, please do not attend.
- You must sanitise your hands before entry into the church.
- **You must wear a mask during attendance at places of worship.**
- For Weekend/Weekday Masses you Must either check-in with the Services NSW using the QR code or make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.
- Individuals (not families) are asked to respect the 1.5m distancing from each other obligation.
- Boxes for 1st and 2nd Collections are inside the church/mass ctr.

May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe.

Jo Helm

Parish Coordinator

Wyong Catholic Parish

0424 763 734

God Bless

Mrs Jamie Dowling

Religious Education Coordinator

Canteen News

Dear Parents,

Wow! What a huge week we had in canteen last week. Thank you for your support. It was wonderful to catch up with the children at recess and serve up some yummy treats. 😊

A few reminders

- **Recess** – cash sales over the counter

What's available at recess

- Salsa and corn chips
- Hummus and wholegrain rice crackers
- Frozen watermelon or pineapple
- Frozen grapes
- Mini frozen juice, yogurt or choc milk cups
- Popcorn
- Honey Soy Chips
- Choc Brownie Slice
- Milk, juice or water drinks.

Lunch

NO CASH SALES. All lunch items and Icy Treats order online via QKR.

Ice Blocks are collected from canteen when the children are dismissed for play using their lunch bags/order as proof of purchase.

- **Please note QKR! lunch order cut off time is 8.30am on Wednesday and Friday.**
- Parents please ensure you have the correct class entered for your child on their QKR! profile or they may not get their lunch.

Thank you for your support,

Cathy Berry
Canteen Manager

Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Gold	Zachary L	Kinder Blue	Samantha M
1 Gold	Ivy C	1 Blue	Spencer T
2 Gold	Brody W	2 Blue	Zali M
3 Blue	Zachary T	4 Blue	Dean H
4 Gold	Lincoln G	5 Gold	Linh P
6 Blue	Leah S	6 Gold	Natalie P
Dance	Ella T		

Personal Best

Kinder Gold	Maggie G	Kinder Blue	Indi A
1 Gold	Isabelle G	1 Blue	Quinn R
2 Gold	Emelia J	2 Blue	Lillianna G
3 Blue	Angel-Rose J	4 Blue	Grace B
4 Gold	Ciera H	5 Gold	Lucas B
6 Blue	Ashton J	6 Gold	Aliza M
Dance	Rosario R		
Library	Lilian N	Library	Mia C

PBL Award

Kinder Gold	Ashlyn L	Kinder Blue	Olivia O
1 Gold	Harry L	1 Blue	Brooklyn B
2 Gold	Amalia M	2 Blue	Sophia C
3 Blue	Flynn W	4 Blue	Indie G
4 Gold	Kelsey P	5 Gold	Isabella S
6 Blue	Ethan W	6 Gold	Roxy B
Dance	Ethan W		

Principal's Light of Learning Award



Kinder Blue: Archer W

For always being a great listener who tries his hardest in everything he does

Kinder Gold: Harrison O

For his consistent application to learning and the respectful way he interacts with others

1 Blue: Parker G

For following in Jesus' footsteps by showing empathy and kindness to those around him

1 Gold: Eva W

For coming into Year 1 with a ready to learn attitude. You have had a fantastic start to the year

2 Blue: Charlotte S

For your caring nature and positive attitude. You always try your best in everything you do and set a great example for the rest of 2 Blue

2 Gold: Natalia S

For being an excellent role model and displaying a positive attitude towards all learning experiences Well done!

3 Blue: Frances M

For being a positive and enthusiastic class member who is kind and helpful to others

4 Blue: Kaitlyn O

For being an active listener and a valuable contributor to class discussions

4 Gold: Pandora M

For her hard work in class and working to her best ability

5 Gold: Savannah O

For always being polite, using a positive attitude and doing her best in everything she attempts

6 Blue: Lachlan H

For always displaying his great leadership skills within the classroom, on the playground and with his kindergarten buddy

6 Gold: Holly M

For being a positive role model for other students. Thank you for demonstrating great leadership qualities

Tap on and **tap off** every time

because it tells us how many people are using the public transport service. This allows us to better plan buses and trains for you.



**Tap on and tap off your
School Opal card every time**



It is a condition of the *School Pass Terms* and the *Student Codes of Conduct* when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. Per section 3.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and taps off to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure.

Nutrition Snippet

BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE

Kids will take around 200 packed lunches to school each year!



Check out our [top tips for packing a healthy lunch box](#) to make your job a bit easier!

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box