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Dear Parents,



What an immense sense of pride I felt when looking at the sea of orange in the school playground today. As I sat back and observed the high levels of participation this morning, I wondered why orange?

According to [Media \(harmony.gov.au\)](https://www.harmony.gov.au)

'Orange has been the Harmony Week colour since the first event was held in 1999. Traditionally the colour orange relates to social communication, stimulating two-way conversations. It aids in the development of new ideas and frees the spirit of its limitations, giving us the freedom to be ourselves. At the same time, it encourages self-respect and respect of others.'

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The message of Harmony Day is **'everyone belongs'** and by participating in Harmony Day activities, the children learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds belong to this nation and enrich it.



Wellbeing Week



This year Harmony Week happens to coincide with St Cecilia's Wellbeing Week. This is quite timely as we know how acceptance, harmonious and respectful relationships impact positively on one's wellbeing and high life satisfaction. Something we wish for all our children.

The children started Wellbeing Week by inspiring each other in class with kindness ideas, kindness quotes and stories. All grades have explored how they could make kindness the norm in our school, home and our community. Some of the random acts of kindness that children have executed include:

I made a bookmark for my brother and am writing a letter of gratitude to my friend. **Samuel**

We helped our friend with a bleeding lip. **Natalia, Amalia, Lillianna & Hannah**

I've been checking in to see how people are feeling? **Ashlin**

I played a board game with my sister as she was feeling lonely. **Beau**

There are many other fun and feel-good activities planned for the week with the lunch time disco next on the schedule for tomorrow. We look forward to seeing the children have a boogy and bring out their groovy dance moves.

Pioneer Bay Dairy Walk

Due to the wet weather this event has been cancelled. We will try to reschedule to a later date.

Thank You for Lunch

Thank you to Samina for her delicious Chicken Biryani lunches she prepared for all the staff and some parents to enjoy a lunch together today during Harmony Week and Wellbeing Week. The lunches were nourishing and very delicious. Many teachers, including myself, have stocked up with some extra pre-homemade meals to take home to our families. How timely for Wellbeing week to have to cook one less meal at home this week. Many thanks again Samina.

School Banking

At St Cecilia's we have several children participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program, however, to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer (or two) for the School Banking Co-ordinator role to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. The School Banking is processed at the same time each week and is dependent on the number of deposits made each week. The Commonwealth Bank will provide training and support in how to run the program. Parent help with the program will benefit students as they practice saving skills and it also helps our school with fundraising.

As part of volunteering, you are eligible to receive a Certificate of Attainment that details the activities that you are involved in. For example: cash handling, program facilitation, account reconciliation and more.

The School Banking day is somewhat flexible and negotiable. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please send an email to me (Mrs Chylewska) via the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely day. May this week's message of respect and belonging go beyond the week-long celebrations of Harmony Week. It can be lived by each of us, every day.

Warm Regards

Marta Chylewska
PRINCIPAL

Catholic Education Celebrating 200 Years
What Makes St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School Special



During our Year 6 Religious Education lessons we discussed the significance of Catholic Education celebrating 200 Years. Following this discussion, the following question was asked: **What makes St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School Special?** Here are some of the children's responses.

At St Cecilia's Catholic Primary school:

We have a faith-filled environment where we are surrounded by sacred spaces, religious statues and crosses all around our school. When you walk into our school you will see our family welcome rocks that align with the lyrics in our school song "St Cecilia's where everyone is welcome". We also learn in a safe and calm environment filled with kind teachers that help us learn to the best of our abilities. At St Cecilia's we "Let our Light Shine". Natalie P & Hayley R

We believe in God and explore our faith through Religious Education lessons each day. We believe that Catholic education helps us discover our gifts and to be the best person we can be. We share our love with God through prayer (songs, liturgies and Masses). Aliza M & Bethany P

We collectively work together as a community. Our school provides various opportunities to assist our community, such as Project Compassion, Five for a Farmer and Mini Vinnies. At St Cecilia's we pray our school prayer daily to symbolise our faith and connection to God everyday, we let our light shine while deepening our relationship with God. Ella T & Eloise E



St Joseph's Liturgy
Year 5 will lead this special liturgy



*All Parents and Carers are invited to join us
in the Assembly Area or
via live streaming on
Friday, the 19th of March, at 8:45am
A link will be sent to families
prior to the liturgy*



Mini Vinnies

Following the liturgy the Mini Vinnies team will recite their Mini Vinnies pledge and be presented with their badges.

2021 Sacrament of Confirmation

Please read the following information:

- The 2021 Sacrament of Confirmation registration forms have been sent home
- Please return the completed registration forms and \$30 payment to Mrs Dowling
- For bookings 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

A reminder to the St Cecilia's community to join Fr Raul and Fr Alex Friday evenings during Lent for Stations of the Cross, St Cecilia's Church at 6.30 pm.

Please note: We are asking parishioners to please use the QR Code to check into Mass when you arrive instead of using the sign-in sheets. If you do not have a mobile phone and are unable to check-in then please use the sign-in sheet provided.

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.
- **We request you 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

From the FLO

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Well-Being Week. Recent research suggests that there are five main ways all individuals can play an active role in improving and maintaining a sense of wellbeing



Thank you to all who will join us today for our St Cecilia's Cooking Class where we will enjoy a lovely lunch and discuss future classes. This certainly ties in with Harmony Day as well as one of our parents is going to spoil us with a dish from her homeland, Pakistan.

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians and we see this daily within our St Cecilia's community. We are very blessed and enriched to have families from a variety of cultural backgrounds and today we celebrate this. Thank you to Mrs Bourke, teachers and children for helping to make today so special and remind us all how lucky we are.

Due to recent heavy rain and more expected our Pioneer Dairy Well Being Walk this Friday will need to be cancelled until next term.

Remember this week to consider your own wellbeing and do something for YOU!

Bernadette Daniel
Family Liaison Officer

Canteen News

Dear Parents,

Online Lunch Order Information

Absent/Sick Lunch Orders

Please notify the school if your child is absent and they have a lunch order asap in the morning. You will then be able to move the delivery date of your child's lunch order to when they return to school.

If you are picking up your child at lunch time, please check with canteen, via office, if your child's lunch is ready so you can take it with you.

Any lunch orders returned to canteen at lunch time that are unclaimed due to sickness or absence, will be thrown out and need to be reordered.

When is the best time to place a lunch order online

As most people order their children's lunch on the day of canteen, internet traffic can be heavy and some may have trouble getting orders through on the Qkr! App.

Please consider ordering the day/night before – orders can be placed up to 2 weeks ahead!

Canteen lunch orders WILL NOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE

Any child that has no lunch will be given a vegemite or jam sandwich free of charge.

Thank you for your help and support.

**Catherine Berry,
Canteen Manager**



Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Gold	Julie C	Kinder Blue	Nixon B
1 Gold	Samuel S	1 Blue	Catherine B
2 Gold	Finn M	2 Blue	Leon I
3 Blue	Hartley R	4 Blue	Kenzi G
4 Gold	Billy K	5 Gold	Matthew B
6 Blue	Katherine R	6 Gold	Morgan K
Dance	Kaitlyn O 4B	Japanese	Cindel H 2G

Personal Best

Kinder Gold	Sienna T	Kinder Blue	Ava J
1 Gold	Emilia W	1 Blue	Kallie M
2 Gold	Lincoln B	2 Blue	Duncan C
3 Blue	Samantha W	4 Blue	Luke K
4 Gold	Izabele M	5 Gold	Hayley L
6 Blue	Ivy Y	6 Gold	Eloise E
Dance	Grace B 4B	Japanese	Spencer T1B
Library	Arlo B 5G	Library	Ethan L 5G

PBL Award

Kinder Gold	Benji I	Kinder Blue	Jian S
1 Gold	Ruby B	1 Blue	Malachi E
2 Gold	Cindel H	2 Blue	Laila F
3 Blue	Mikayla O	4 Blue	Alison W
4 Gold	Abigail S	5 Gold	Elias M
6 Blue	Harry A	6 Gold	Luke G
Dance	Pandora M 4G	Japanese	Sophy N 4G

Principal's Light of Learning Award



Kinder Blue: Lilly-Mae Turk

For always being a kind and respectful class member who has a growth mindset and who follows the school rules

Kinder Gold: Theo Buys

For his positive attitude and application to learning and being a kind friend who makes everyone feel welcome

1 Blue: Bonnie Bryant

Bonnie is a kind friend who listens carefully, plays gently and takes care of our school environment

1 Gold: Zara Jones

For being a great learner who follows the school and classroom rules

2 Blue: Taylor Greentree

For being a kind, respectful and cooperative member of the St Cecilia's community. You try your best at everything you do!

2 Gold: Skye Partelle

For being an active listener in class who tries her best and for being a helpful and kind friend

3 Blue: Tamryn Hunter

For always showing a growth mindset towards her learning and being a kind and caring class member

4 Blue: Azalia Arangio

For challenging herself during all learning experiences

4 Gold: Abdur Rehman Jameel

For his continuous effort in all areas of learning and showing the St Cecilia's school values every day.

5 Gold: India Twist

For being a positive and enthusiastic class member who listens attentively and models respectful behaviour

6 Blue: Charli Jordan

For going above and beyond in all key learning areas and showing a persistent love for learning

6 Gold: Hayley Robertson

For consistently working hard during all key learning areas. All of the hard work you do on a daily basis does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

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OFFICE OF SPORT



A weekend adventure with your daughter awaits!

Enjoy quality time with your daughter and experience the multi-award winning Daughters and Dads program developed by the University of Newcastle, filled with traditional camp adventure activities.

OUR DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER PARTICIPANTS:

- Enjoy quality one-on-one time, together
- See daughters develop confidence and skills in a range of sports
- Have fun being active together with fun dad-tested activities
- Learn about building self-esteem and resilience in girls



DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Two-night weekend stay at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre. Each dad and their daughter will have a private room at our scenic centre and your stay includes all outdoor recreation activities and meals
- Our fun practical sessions focus on rough and tumble play, sport skills, and fitness
- Our theory sessions focus on building confidence, self-esteem, and resilience in girls
- The emphasis is on fun and the program caters for all physical activity and skill levels
- Daughters and dads both receive a program t-shirt, drink bottle and activity book

WHEN	PROGRAM TYPE	WHERE	COST
5.30pm Friday 26 March - 3.00pm Sunday 28 March	Weekender	Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre Hawkesbury River return ferry trip included from Brooklyn Wharf	\$257 dad/carers \$182 daughter includes return ferry trip

*Father or significant male role models/father-figures are welcome

*Daughters should be primary school aged, minimum of five years old

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 sport.nsw.gov.au/daughtersdads
or for more information call 13 13 02

