

Principal's Update
Term 2, Week 1
Tuesday 20th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so nice to be welcoming families back at the front gate and having the school grounds beam with the teachers and children's warm presence. The staff and children all appear well rested after the break and ready to commence the upcoming term with aspiration and vigour. I wish everyone an exciting and productive term. Some of the exciting, upcoming events are outlined in the notices below:

Kindergarten Parents Information Session

All Kindergarten parents are welcome to join Mrs Emily Adcock (Literacy Coach) and Mrs Bernadette Taylor (Numeracy Coach) this Thursday 22nd April for an Information Session of how you can help your child/ren in their early years literacy and numeracy development. There will be two of the same sessions hosted in the *Kindy Blue classroom*; one session at **2pm** and the later at **5pm**. Children can attend with parents to the 5pm session as care will be provided in the classroom next door by some of our school staff. Currently we have 18 bookings but we are hoping for a FULL HOUSE, so BOOK IN NOW at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQGHH>

Photo Day

A reminder that school photos will be taking place this Thursday 22nd April. ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR FULL, SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM. No sports uniform on this day, even if your class normally has sport on a Thursday.

The morning will begin with School Captain photos taken at 8:40am, followed by the year six class, whole grade, and colour house captain photos. Once all the year six photos are finished, the individual and class shots will proceed in order from Kindergarten through to year five. The last photos of the day will be sibling photos, which are scheduled to take place from 1pm.

Winter Uniform Reminder

The weather is already starting to get cooler, and it will no doubt continue to get chillier. The official change to WINTER UNIFORM IS MONDAY 3rd MAY (wk. 3). If the weather is especially cold before this date, I will allow a period of transition from the start of Term 2 and rely on parental judgement to dress the children accordingly.

I would like to emphasise that the students must be in either FULL WINTER or FULL SUMMER UNIFORM. A hybrid of the two is not acceptable.

Canteen Open

The school canteen is open this week for lunch orders via Qkr! and recess cash sales. Wednesday and Friday as usual.

Open Day

Any prospective parents that have a child starting Kindergarten in 2022, we would like to invite you to our Open Day on Wednesday 5th May from 9:15 – 10:30am. Please book in via the TryBooking link if you plan to attend. <https://www.trybooking.com/BQEAK>

Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

A reminder that the Mothers' Day Breakfast will be held on Friday 7th May at 8am on the playground, followed by an outdoor Mothers' Day Liturgy starting at 9am. Due to Covid precautions, the Breakfast will be for our special mums only. If mum is unable to attend, dads, grandparents or carers are most welcome. For catering purposes, it is essential to RSVP via the TryBooking link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQEWL>

Staff Appointments

I would like to announce the appointment of Mrs Tori Jones who will be replacing Mr Bill Townsend in 2 Blue for the remainder of the year, each Thursday. Mrs Jones has come to us from St John's Narraweena, where she currently still holds a part-time teaching position. She is widely experienced, previously holding the role of Numeracy Education Officer at the Catholic Schools Office and spending several years in the role of Mathematics or Social Justice coordinator at St John's, Narraweena. Mrs Jones is a dedicated and enthusiastic educator who thinks deeply about how we should be preparing our children to live and lead in a changing world.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Chloe Harrison who will be working with Mrs Lianna Jones in the Learning Support team on Mondays. Some of you may remember Mrs Harrison as Mrs Fisher as she previously taught at St Cecilia's before heading off on maternity leave. Mrs Harrison is passionate about gifted education and ensuring each student reaches their potential. Mrs Harrison has some exciting plans, interventions, and programs she is looking to explore, and we cannot wait to have the staff and children work closely with her in her new role.

I trust you will all make both teachers feel most welcome here at St Cecilia's, just as you have warmly welcomed me upon my arrival to this beautiful school.

Newly Renovated Year Three Classroom.

Our regular school builder, Dave Parkinson has done an outstanding job in promptly delivering a newly renovated year three classroom space for Mrs Gray, Mr Madigan and their class of children who were most affected by the floods. We are in the process of re-ordering new furniture for this classroom and finishing some final touches in it. As soon as the class have settled in their new classroom environment, I am sure Mrs Gray and Mr Madigan will organise a scheduled time for parents to come visit before parent/teacher interviews occur in week nine.



Baby News

Behold! A miracle has blessed the family home of Mrs Karla Williams. We would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Williams on the arrival of their new daughter and Eva's baby sister, Hope Eden. We know Hope will bring the family lots of cuddles, smiles and happy memories, which will no doubt make up for any sleepless nights. We look forward to welcoming Hope into our St Cecilia's community and cannot wait to meet her. Wishing you all the best during these precious early days Mrs Williams.



God Bless

Marta Chylewska
(Principal)