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Dear Parents and Carers of our St Cecilia's Community,

I hope all our Mums had a truly beautiful day on Sunday, being spoilt rotten by their gorgeous children. I had the joy of spending the weekend with my mum, mother in-law and my two cherubs! I did have to laugh when my four and five year old decided to pamper me for Mother's Day with a manicure, a hand massage that involved a lot more hand cream than massage, a back massage with my four year old's Monster trucks and the final treatment of a shampoo and blow dry where half my hair was pulled out in the removal of hair rollers.

I tell this story because laughingly these special moments made me realise how important it is to be able to have a laugh with our children. No matter how old they are, on their way into the big wide world, as a family, we share not only dreams, aspirations and plans, but laughs along the way. Life can be very serious for our little people, and our family homes should be the place where they can have fun, be themselves and connect with their strongest advocates.

A huge thank you to our Family Liaison Officer Bernadette Daniel for organising the Mother's Day stall and gifts last week, and for leading the team of year 6 helpers with the sales. I would like to express my disappointment that we had to postpone our Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy due to the extra COVID precautions NSW Health placed upon us to. Despite this, I hope our St Cecilia's mothers/carers enjoyed their handpicked gifts on Sunday, which the children personally and proudly selected from the Mother's Day Stall.

Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

To extend the Mother's Day festivities from the weekend, I am delighted to be able to invite all our special mothers or carers again, to our re-scheduled Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy that WILL be hosted this Friday 14th May. Breakfast will be served from 8am and staff will stop serving food when the bell goes at 8:45am. This will allow the liturgy to begin promptly at 9am.

Although the event is held outdoors, I still ask the following protocols are adhered to:

- All attendees, including students, staff, and visitors, including parents and carers, must be well and free of any flu-like symptoms.
- Wearing a face mask is not mandatory for parents and carers visiting the school.
- Visitors in the school should maintain a 1.5m distance from other adults where possible. Avoid congestion of groups of visitors.
- All visitors must comply with sign-in arrangements upon arrival.
- Please re-register via Try Booking. <https://www.trybooking.com/BRHBA> Even if you registered your attendance for last week's Mother's Day celebrations, for best COVID safe practice we require an updated RSVP list of attendees.

Naplan

Today our Year 3 and 5 students began their NAPLAN and completed their Writing test. Year 3 wrote by hand, whilst year 5 typed their test. There were mixed emotions among the children, but by the

end, they were relieved to have one test completed, with only three to go; Reading, Language Conventions on Wednesday 12th May and Numeracy on Thursday 13th May.

While we acknowledge that the NAPLAN tests are one test on one day, it does provide the school with a snapshot of student academic achievement and progress over time. This data is valuable to our school as it highlights the effectiveness of our whole school teaching programs and provides all past and present teachers of your child, with information regarding levels of understanding about a range of literacy and numeracy concepts.

Please try to take a relaxed approach at home and keep each day as normal as possible for the students. If you have any concerns, please contact the class teacher in the first instance, as always, I am also available if you have any questions.

Good luck to our Year 3 and Year 5 students.

Staff Development Days x 2

Another reminder the following two dates will be staff development day and parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for care of their child/ren on these two days.

TERM 2 - Friday 25th June – *Diocesan Strategy Towards 2025*

TERM 3 - Monday 12th July – *Staff Spirituality Day*

Canberra Trip

Year 6 are getting extremely excited, preparing for their trip to Canberra from Wednesday 26th May – Friday 28th May. The year six teachers, Mr Lynch and myself will be travelling with the group and I am very much looking forward to spending time with our leaders as they explore the capital and enjoy one of the highlights of their Year 6 experience.

Cross Country

Thank you to all those children and their supportive parents/carers who were able to attend the CCC Cross Country. Some fantastic results were achieved from our Cross-Country representatives with a special mention to Skye P, Ella T, Emily P, Natalie P, Morgan K, Ethan W. and Isaac L. who have made it through to Polding level, representing Broken Bay Diocese.

Congratulations to all our runners! You all did the school proud with your commitment, stamina, and positive attitudes throughout the whole day. As always, a big thank you to all the mums and dads who came out to support the children.

Although term 2 has once again been mildly impacted by the ever-evolving Covid restrictions, I would like to thank our community for the responsible way in which you have supported the school in complying with the current restrictions in place. I have watched canteen volunteers in masks this past week, parents making a concerted effort to social distance and it is evident that you are all mindful that this will be an ongoing part of our lives for the foreseeable future. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Hopefully through the vaccine roll out and restricted overseas travels we may soon get back to some normality.

Stay safe and well,

Marta Chylewska

(Principal)

From the REC

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children who made their Sacrament of Confirmation. We are proud of you all!



Catholic Education Celebrating 200 Years National Mass - Join in the Celebration



200 Year Mass Invitation

All Catholic schools are celebrating the Bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia by celebrating Mass on the 24th of May. The children in **Years 5 and 6** have been invited to celebrate this Mass with the St Peter's Community and the children in **Kindergarten to Year 4** will celebrate this Mass in their classrooms via a live stream. Parents are welcome to celebrate this 200 year Mass with their children at 10.30am.

Term 2 Celebrations

- **Monday 24th of May**, Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education Mass at 10:30am
Years 5 and 6, St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah
Kindergarten - Year 4, Live streaming the Mass, all parents are welcome to celebrate the Mass with their children in classrooms
- **Friday, 11th of June**, Sacred Heart Liturgy at 8:45am, St Cecilia's Assembly Area
- **Wednesday, 23rd of June**, NAIDOC Mass at 10am, St Cecilia's School Hall



Term 4 Celebrations

- **Tuesday, 7th of December**, Christmas Concert, time to be confirmed
- **Wednesday, 8th of December**, Year 6 Graduation Mass at 5pm
- **Monday, 13th of December**, End of Year Mass at 10am

God Bless

Jamie Dowling

Religious Education Coordinator

From the FLO

Dear Parents,

Last Friday I was very fortunate to see so many excited and beautifully mannered children choosing a gift from the Mother's Day stall for those very special people in their life. I do hope that you all had a lovely day. Motherhood is one of the greatest gifts and one of the most important roles that you will play. At times we become overwhelmed, exhausted while juggling everything and can question ourselves, but this is a day to take in how much our children love and appreciate us. A big thank you to the children who helped on the day. I am so looking forward to seeing many of you at the Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy.

Don't forget to register for the 'No Scaredy Cats three- day workshop on the 21st, 28th May and 4th June from 9am-11am in the library. Register here <https://www.trybooking.com/BRDYA>

The workshop **No Scaredy Cats** is a program to support and reduce anxiety and build resilience in children aged 2-12 years old. If you have any questions, please contact me on bernadette.daniels@dbb.catholic.edu.au . The article by Michael Grose "When Kids Need a Gentle Push" ties in beautifully with the workshop <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/when-kids-need-a-parental-push>

Have a lovely week,
Bernadette Daniel
Family Liaison Officer

**Australian Red Cross
Lifeblood**

Give life. Give blood in Wyong.

Wyong RSL Bowling Club
20 Anzac Ave, WYONG, NSW-2259

31 May to 01 June

Monday 31 May 12.30pm – 06.00pm
Tuesday 01 June 10.30am – 04.00pm

give blood

Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Gold	Grace W	Kinder Blue	Lucy I
1 Gold	Charlotte T	1 Blue	Patrick M
2 Gold	Lucas R	2 Blue	Vivien K
3 Blue	Koby S	4 Blue	Logan H
4 Gold	Levi B	5 Gold	Zoie P
6 Blue	Jazmyn G	6 Gold	William S
Music	Olivia C 2G	Japanese	Elysse H 6B

Personal Best

Kinder Gold	Kiara M	Kinder Blue	Amelia M
1 Gold	Nevaeh J	1 Blue	Kyra R
2 Gold	Cody T	2 Blue	Grace B
3 Blue	Nehemiah M	4 Blue	Troy L
4 Gold	Caleb C	5 Gold	Lincoln C
6 Blue	Jaedyn P	6 Gold	Phoenix J
Music	Fernando A2B	Japanese	Nicholas G 2G
Library	Nikeeta R 3B	Library	Ki J 6G

PBL Award

Kinder Gold	Aine H	Kinder Blue	Chase J
1 Gold	Max S	1 Blue	Spencer T
2 Gold	Hannah B	2 Blue	Aaliyana A
3 Blue	Oliver L	4 Blue	Andrew W
4 Gold	Scarlett K	5 Gold	Tahlia M
6 Blue	Luke R	6 Gold	Summer L
Music	Finn M 2G	Japanese	Patrick M 1B