

# St Cecilia's Catholic School

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

Yesterday the whole school gathered for Mass to celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Years 5 & 6 joined in the celebrations at St Peter's and Kindy – year 4 watched the live streamed Mass from St Peter's in the comfort of their own classroom with some parents present. Thank you to those parents who were able to make it.

The students joined thousands more across the country at similar events. It was lovely to come together with our primary feeder high school to celebrate such a momentous moment in history. Personally, I felt an immense sense of pride and gratitude for a system that I have had the satisfaction of being a part of, for the past 35 years. I live the present in the Catholic Education System with passion and abundance and I look to the future with hope, as we continue to teach, challenge, and transform the lives of young people.

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## Canberra Trip

We are off tomorrow! I hope the children have their winter woollies packed with the weather forecast that we have ahead of us. Beanies, scarves, warm socks, gloves and jackets are all essentials to ensure we stay warm. I am looking forward to getting away with the year six team. It will no doubt be a memorable three days.

For any year six children who are meant to be recipients of an award at this Friday's assembly, these will now be handed out to year 6 at Monday morning's assembly. All other K-5 awards will still be given out this Friday.

## Sport Representatives

We have several children representing the school today at AFL at Bateau Bay Oval and at Cross Country at Dural. We wish them well in their events and look forward to hearing the success stories. Just making it to this next level is already a success and you do our school proud.

## Reports

Teachers have been busy writing children's half yearly school reports. This undeniably, time consuming part of a teacher's job is a chance for teachers to acknowledge children's personal learning gains and a way to help communicate to parents a child's way forward.



As I have been reading through and editing some of the reports, I notice how thoughtful, helpful, and honest the teachers have been in their comments, which shows just how well they know your child. The opportunity to discuss these reports with teachers will be given at the Parent/Teacher Interviews beginning week 9, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Online bookings will open soon.

## Cyber Safety

As parents and carers, you play an important role in helping your children to develop digital intelligence — the social, emotional, and practical skills needed to successfully navigate the digital world.

Even for preschool children, it is never too early to instil good habits, and as your child gets older it is useful to keep reminding them of these basic digital intelligence principles: **respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour**, and **resilience**. I encourage all parents and carers to refer to these [principles](#) and emphasise them with your child regularly.

The eSafety Commissioner and our school website also provide many useful tips, strategies, and ideas for parents and carers on how to help your children stay safer and be responsible and respectful online users. Please take the time to explore the following useful, online resource [Parents | eSafety Commissioner](#) and our [Safe on Social school website resources](#).

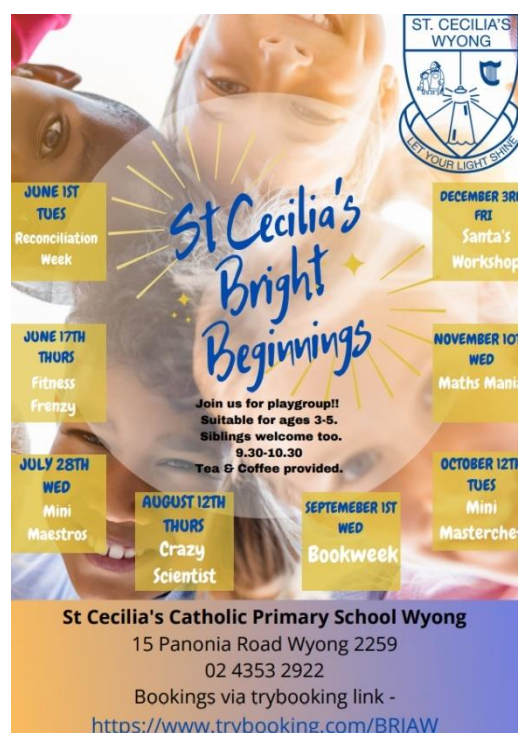
## Bright Beginnings

St Cecilia's is launching their new playgroup Bright Beginnings next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you have any children aged 3-5years old, please come along from 9:30 – 10:30am!

We have scheduled the sessions once a month (twice in June only), on varied days for wide-ranging availability of parents and carers. If your child is starting school with us next year, it's a great way to assist in transitioning your child/ren into their new school environment, meet some of the talented teachers at our school, who will alternate the facilitating of the playgroup sessions and of course just a great opportunity for the children to socially connect with prospective peers and for parents to catch up and meet with other future St Cecilia's families.

RSVP at Try Booking

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



The poster for St Cecilia's Bright Beginnings playgroup features a central image of a child's face with the title 'St Cecilia's Bright Beginnings' in a stylized font. The school crest is in the top right corner. A calendar of events is displayed around the central image, with dates and activities listed in yellow boxes. The bottom section contains contact information for the school.

Date	Day	Activity
JUNE 1ST	TUES	Reconciliation Week
JUNE 17TH	THURS	Fitness Frenzy
JULY 28TH	WED	Mini Maestros
AUGUST 12TH	THURS	Crazy Scientist
SEPTEMBER 1ST	WED	Bookweek
OCTOBER 12TH	TUES	Mini Masterchef
NOVEMBER 10TH	WED	Maths Mania
DECEMBER 3RD	FRI	Santa's Workshop

Join us for playgroup!!  
Suitable for ages 3-5.  
Siblings welcome too.  
9.30-10.30  
Tea & Coffee provided.

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Bookings via trybooking link - <https://www.trybooking.com/BRIAW>

## New Enrolment Interviews

It has been such a pleasure getting to personally meet some of the existing and new 2022 Kindergarten families and their children who will be joining us at St Cecilia's next year. In the busyness of life, it has been nice to sit back and enjoy a conversation about the topic you are well-informed about and that is your child/ren.

***Our Kindergarten classes for next year are filling up*** so if you have a child you need to enrol for next year, please call the school office on 4353 2922 to book in for 2022 Kindergarten Enrolment meetings, with myself and Father Raul. All 2022 Kindergarten **parents/carers are encouraged to attend the interview with their child/ren**. Whilst the parent/carers are with me, the child will be with our Learner Diversity teacher, Mrs Jones who will conduct a mini-informal screener.

## Stock needed for second hand uniform shop

We are currently low in stock of a variety of second-hand uniform items, particularly the girl's winter tunic and zip up jackets but would be grateful for any other items. We would also like some bibs off the winter skirt. If your child has grown out of their uniform, please consider donating those items to the school uniform shop.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Marta Chylewska*  
Principal



## ***From the REC***

### **Mother's Day Liturgy Kinder and Year 6 Buddy Mass Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education Mass**

Over the past two weeks we have been fortunate to celebrate a number of liturgies at St Cecilia's Church, with the St Peter's school community and in our school. Thank you to Father Raul and to the parents who could join us in our celebrations.





## Learning Scripture in Year 4

Year 4 has been learning about the Story of Creation. The children have been exploring the **scripture passage Genesis 1** and have created beautiful artworks using biblical micrography. Their responses have shown a deep understanding of God's continual love for us.



### Term 2 Celebrations

- **Friday, the 11th of June**, Sacred Heart Liturgy at 8:45am, St Cecilia's Assembly Area
- **Wednesday, the 23rd of June**, NAIDOC Mass at 10am, St Cecilia's School Hall



### Term 4 Celebrations

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

God Bless

Jamie Dowling

Religious Education Coordinator





Thank-you to the families who have sent in toiletry items for St Vincent De Paul - your kindness is very much appreciated and the donated items will provide much needed support – thank-you!! The Mini Vinnies children did a wonderful job sorting and packing the toiletry items.



## ***From the FLO***

Dear Parents,

It was a very touching moment to look over and see the return of our families at the Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy. It certainly has been a long time and it was so lovely catching up with many of you that I have not seen in a while.

Next week is Well Being Week. Make sure that you do something nice for YOU. It might mean a nice walk, coffee with a friend, lunch, a weekend away.

YOU CAN DO IT! The Zonta Club of the Central Coast is offering a free program for women designed to help women gain more self confidence . The program includes a small group workshop run over four hours on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the Red Tree Theatre Tuggerah. For more information and to register your interest <https://zontatickets.com.au/event/12657> I also have some pamphlets in the office. This would be very valuable for those who may want to re-enter the workforce but are nervous about it. Also, for anyone who would like to increase their confidence.

Our next St Cecilia's Cooking Class will be Tastes from India. Details will be forwarded soon when a date can be arranged.

Have a lovely week,

Bernadette Daniel  
Family Liaison Officer

## ***Canteen News***

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **QKR! Online ordering**

I am aware that there have been issues for some people trying to place lunch orders on the QKR! App.

The main reason for ordering difficulty is the time/traffic issue. Please try to place orders outside of peak ordering times. Internet traffic is extremely high around 7.30am to 8.30am on the day of canteen, so ordering the night before or day before is strongly encouraged to avoid disappointment.

### **Cut Off Time**

All schools have an ordering cut off time. This is necessary so orders can be tallied, stickers printed, and canteen operations can get underway in an efficient and timely manner to ensure lunch orders are delivered on time. The cut off time at St Cecilia's is 8.30am on Wednesday and Friday.

### **No Lunch Protocol**

No lunch orders will be taken over the phone.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

**Catherine Berry,**  
**Canteen Manager**



# Awards and Acknowledgements



*Congratulations to the following students for their achievements*

## *Academic Achievement*

<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Harper-Rose G	<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Arlo W
<b>1 Gold</b>	Eva W	<b>1 Blue</b>	Iona M
<b>2 Gold</b>	Skye P	<b>2 Blue</b>	Bodhi I
<b>3 Blue</b>	Lily M	<b>4 Blue</b>	Logan H
<b>4 Gold</b>	Keithen L	<b>5 Gold</b>	Grace C
<b>6 Blue</b>	Charli J	<b>6 Gold</b>	Marcus L
<b>Music</b>	Advik P 1B	<b>Japanese</b>	Caleb C 4G

## *Personal Best*

<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Oscar M	<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Claire G
<b>1 Gold</b>	Elijah A	<b>1 Blue</b>	Ruby J
<b>2 Gold</b>	Bentley C	<b>2 Blue</b>	William T
<b>3 Blue</b>	Zac S	<b>4 Blue</b>	Liam W
<b>4 Gold</b>	Beau S	<b>5 Gold</b>	Keely W
<b>6 Blue</b>	Rosario R	<b>6 Gold</b>	Isaac L
<b>Music</b>	Ruby B 1G	<b>Japanese</b>	Summer H 5G
<b>Library</b>	Zachary L KG	<b>Library</b>	Parker F KB

## *PBL Award*

<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Zoe S	<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Archer W
<b>1 Gold</b>	Isabelle G	<b>1 Blue</b>	Charlotte S
<b>2 Gold</b>	Sophia L	<b>2 Blue</b>	Leviathan T
<b>3 Blue</b>	Bonnie T	<b>4 Blue</b>	Kaitlyn O
<b>4 Gold</b>	Joel H	<b>5 Gold</b>	Aaliah L
<b>6 Blue</b>	Chloe M	<b>6 Gold</b>	Elliot K
<b>Music</b>	Eva W 1G	<b>Japanese</b>	Ashton B 2B

# *Principal's Light of Learning Award*



## ***Kindergarten Blue: Violet H***

*For being a good listener, following the school rules, being a hard worker and being kind to others*

## ***Kindergarten Gold: Julie C***

*For being a motivated learner and considerate class member who treats others with kindness*

## ***1st Grade Blue: Kallie M***

*Kallie is always thinking of others first and she kindly helps people who need a friend in the playground*

## ***1st Grade Gold: Ivy C***

*For being a hardworking student of 1 Gold who consistently follows the classroom and school rules. We are so lucky to have her in our class*

## ***2nd Grade Blue: Lillianna G***

*For always being a polite, respectful and courteous member of our school community. You are always helping others and doing it with a smile on our face.*

## ***2nd Grade Gold: Heath C***

*For consistently respecting others and showing kindness to everyone*

## ***3rd Grade Blue: Khushi U***

*For her effort, positivity and enthusiastic attitude towards learning and classmates*

## ***4th Grade Blue: Dean H***

*For being a disciple of Jesus and following in his footsteps in the way he treats and speaks to others*

## ***4th Grade Gold: Kelsey P***

*For working to a high standard in all areas of her learning and being a kind and caring member of 4 Gold*

## ***5th Grade Gold: Charlise B***

*For being a respectful, kind classmate who tries her best in everything she does*

## ***6th Grade Blue: Leah S***

*For showing her love for learning in all Key Learning Areas and displaying persistence in challenging tasks*

## ***6th Grade Gold: Clay P***

*For being kind, inclusive and respectful. Thank you Clay!*





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## **Free Dr Justin Coulson Webinar**

Ask a few parents about what they're trying to achieve with discipline and you'll hear A LOT of different ideas.

Take these for example:

- "I want to teach my kids **right from wrong**"
- "**I need cooperation** from them"
- "I want them to **listen to me**"
- "I just **want some quiet!**"
- "I'm trying to **stop bad behaviour**"

None of them are necessarily incorrect or wrong. Sometimes we do need quiet or cooperation. But whatever we think, none of us discipline our children wanting to hurt the relationship - and that's a real risk if we go about it the wrong way.

The good news is that when you know how to discipline your kids without creating resentment or resistance, you're a big step closer to a happier family.

**And that's what we're diving into with our next Happy Families free webinar: The Do's and Don'ts of Discipline.**

In the webinar, I'll be talking about:

- **Why the centuries-old strategies** we still cling to should be left in the past
- How we **get discipline wrong** and why
- The **secret to perfect discipline** (the secret is simple to learn, but hard in practice)
- **Real-world examples** of discipline that are as imperfect as you and your kids but still work
- Ideas for discipline that **turn everything you thought you knew about the topic on its head**

Ultimately, this webinar is about giving you a truckload of ideas about better discipline and more importantly, a new understanding of how vital this part of parenting is to a happy home.

The webinar is happening on **Thursday, 10 June, at 8pm AEST**.  
(That's 6pm WA time, 7:30pm SA time, and 10pm NZ time.)

[Find all the details and register for free right here.](#)

# Nutrition Snippet

## MEAT-FREE MONDAY.

Get your family eating more veg by making Monday 'meat-free'.



Try these meat-free meals:

- [Easy pizza](#)
- [Cauliflower and spinach dahl](#)
- [Tofu soba noodles](#)

Any leftovers can be used in the lunch box the next day!

For these recipes and more visit:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



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