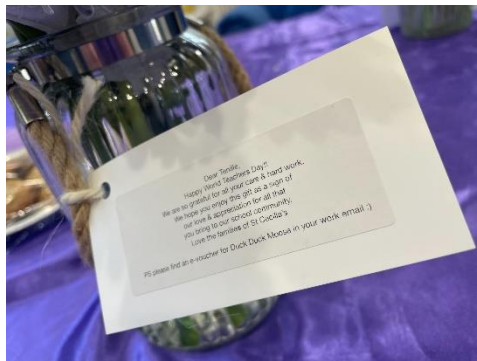
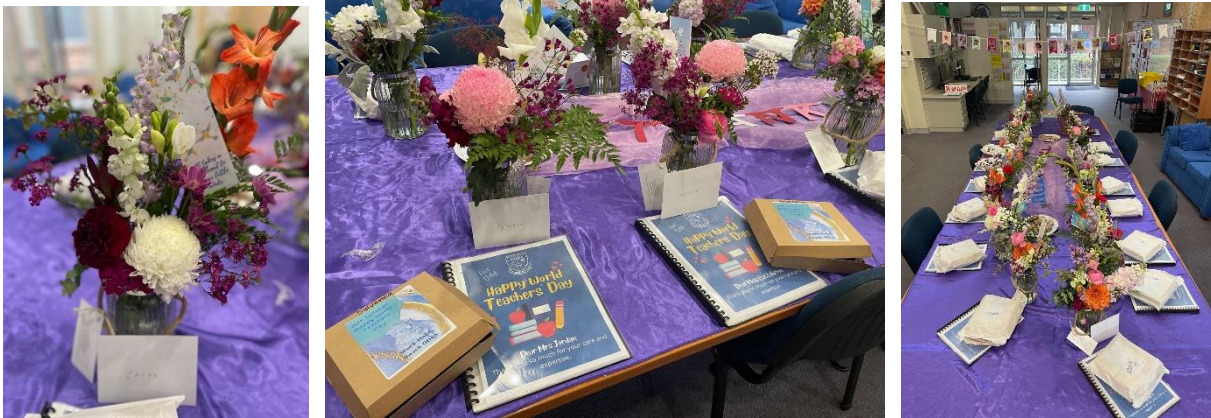


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are halfway through term four, report writing is in full swing, teachers are starting to sort class lists for next year and before we know it school holidays will be starting, and Christmas will be upon us.

Last week felt a bit like Christmas in our staffroom with the generous gifts parents contributed towards for the teachers at St Cecilia's. The staff were taken aback by the beautiful surprise they received on World Teacher's Day. Thank you to everyone for the thoughtful, community driven gesture to acknowledge all the teachers in our school. You truly made the staff feel special on this National day of celebrating teachers.



COVID SYMPTOMS

A reminder to please NOT send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:

- fever (37.5 degrees Celsius or higher)
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- runny nose
- loss of taste
- loss of smell.

Other reported symptoms may include fatigue, acute blocked nose (congestion), muscle pain, joint pain, headache, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting or loss of appetite.

Department of Education guidelines state that:

- All students are expected to be at school unless they are unwell. ***Do not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.*** Get tested for COVID-19 and follow NSW Health directions.
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, you will be sent home and must not return to school unless you have either:
 - a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom-free.
 - isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available

In circumstances where a student has other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from your GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

- If you can still hear a cough (or other symptoms) from a student who has been tested, then a letter from their GP advising that it may be allergies (or something else) and will clear up in another week.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT

As part of Catholic Schools Broken Bay's (CSBB) Repairs and Maintenance project all schools will be receiving significant improvements. We are one of the first eight schools where repairs and maintenance will commence late November 2021 and be carried out throughout the holidays. All workers coming into our school will be double-vaccinated and inducted to the site ensuring the safety of all staff, students, and visitors.

The main items included in the scope of works are the following:

- New security fencing surrounding the school
- New security camera and intercom at the main entry point of the school.
- Painting of walls and ceilings in all classrooms, admin building, canteen, and library.
- Kindergarten – new carpet, painting, and doors.
- Year 1 classrooms – new carpet, painting, doors, vinyl, outdoor sink, benches
- Year 4 - painting and carpet
- Year 5 & 6 - painting, new benches, cupboards
- Installation of exit signs to Australian standards
- Painting in the Year 3-6 classrooms
- Learner Diversity room - new carpet and painting
- New blinds in library, Japanese room and Admin building
- New bubblers around the school.
- Car park - New line markings on bitumen and patch up potholes and trip hazards.
- Security staffroom door
- Replace shade cloth in infant's playground

The repairs and maintenance project will take close to 16 weeks to complete at a cost of approximately \$354 000. More than \$18 000 000 is being spent on our Diocesan schools over the next 8 months.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our Kinder 2022 children will thankfully get to attend their first Orientation next Thursday 18th November with one fully vaccinated parent dropping off and picking up. At the Kindy Parents Information Session last Wednesday, I announced Mrs Anastasia Cattabriga, and Mrs Annette Milne will be the Kindergarten teachers for 2022.

We have a limited number of places available for Kindy 2022, so if you know of anyone still looking to enrol their child into a school, please share the office contact details with them so they can organise an out of school hours tour of the school and a meeting with the principal.

TAKE 5 WITH OUR TEAM

Last week I congratulated some of our current staff who were appointed more permanently within our school. Over the next few weeks, I will be introducing the staff through our Take 5 segment where you can get to know each staff member a little more. Enjoy!

Take 5 with Mrs Xuereb

5. Why St Cecilia's?
The St Cecilia's School Community is like a second family to me. I love coming to work at St Cecilia's and always feel a great sense of warmth and belonging there. St Cecilia's provides a nurturing, welcoming, caring and inclusive community for everybody.

4. Three words to describe you as a teacher?
Passionate, innovative and dedicated.

3. What's the best thing about your job?
The best thing about my job is making a difference to the students' I teach. I love celebrating the success of my students and seeing growth in their learning. Witnessing the 'light bulb' moments when students have learnt or understood a new concept is immensely rewarding.

2. Where did you go to school?
I attended St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Camden. I had amazing friends and inspiring teachers and learnt valuable lessons in life. I have the best childhood memories attending that school.

1. What's one piece of advice you would give the children in your class?
You can achieve anything if you put your mind to it. Never give up on your dreams!

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

We know that this year has certainly been a challenge and our children have missed out on a lot. We are endeavouring to add in some events that can be held within our cohorting model in a COVID safe approach. These include our Year 6 Fun Day, The Great Debate - Year 6 vs. Teachers, a colour run, St Cecilia's Feast Day and of course the Swimming Carnival and the fun Kindy and buddy water day.

The annual Year 6 fun day is on Wednesday, the 17th of November. The Year 6 students have organised fun activities for the children at St Cecilia's to participate in. Each student is asked to bring a \$2 donation on the day. The money donated will go towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

See below for a reminder of some important dates for the remainder of the term.

November

Thurs. 11th - Remembrance Day Liturgy 9am (*live streamed*)

Fri. 12th - Whole School Assembly 2:15pm (*live streamed*)

Wed. 17th - Year 6 FUN DAY; All children bring \$2 for the fundraiser event.

Thurs. 18th - Kindergarten Transition Session #1 9am - 10:30am

Mon. 22nd - St Cecilia's Feast Day Liturgy 9am (*live streamed*)

December

Thurs. 2nd - Kindergarten Transition Session #2 9am - 10:30am

Mon. 6th – Year 6 Orientation Day at St Peter's

Tues. 7th - Andrew Chinn visit & Christmas Concert (tbc)

Wed. 8th - Year 6 Graduation 5pm

Thurs. 9th - Reports go home

Fri. 10th - Swimming Carnival

Mon 13th - End of Year Mass (*live streamed*)

Tues. 14th - Step up morning

Wed 15th - Last day of school for 2021

Thank you to the families who have already completed the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning parent surveys. If you haven't yet had an opportunity the link is below. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to continue to improve our school.

To access the survey, please go to <http://tellthemfromme.com/stcecilias2021>

If you can join us at Friday's live streamed assembly from 2:15pm, the award recipients listed below will receive their award. The live stream link will be shared with the community around 2:10pm via Compass.

Kind Regards



Marta Chylewska

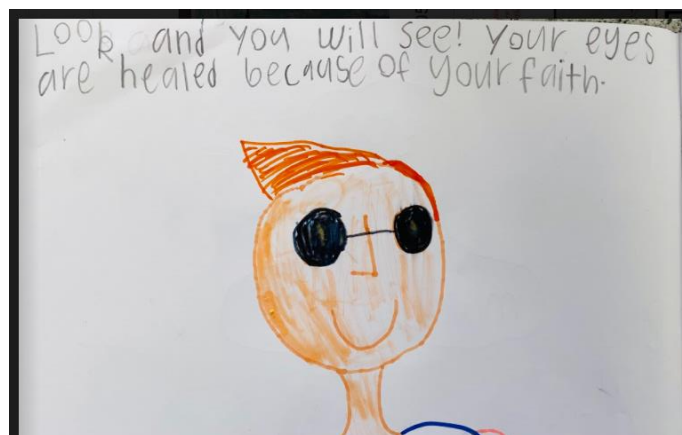
Thought for the Week: "Beneath every behaviour is a feeling. Beneath every feeling is a need and when we meet that need rather than focus on the behaviour, we begin to deal with the cause not the symptom."

R.E. News

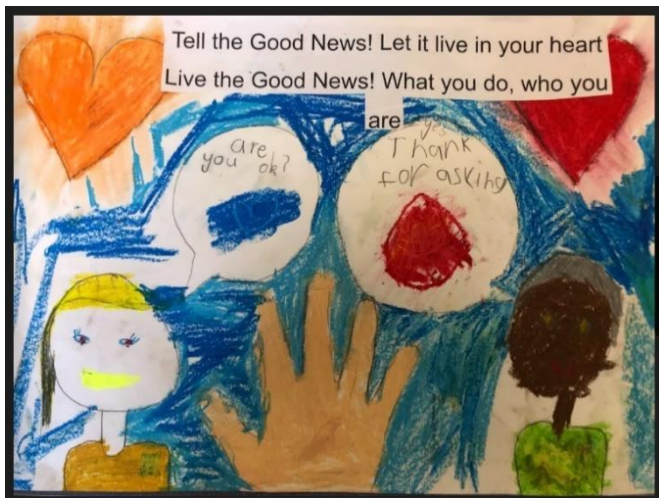
LEARNING ABOUT SCRIPTURE

The children at St Cecilia's continue to develop their relationship with Jesus and God through daily prayer and engaging in Religious Education lessons. Thank you Stage 1 for sharing your outstanding thinking and learning.

Year 1 has been learning about the mission of Jesus and how he shows love to all. Students responded to the scripture 'Jesus heals a blind beggar' (Luke 18: 35-43). They reflected on Jesus' statement 'Look and you will see! Your eyes are healed because of your faith' and drew a picture of the story.



The Year 2 students have been learning about how we can share in the mission of Jesus. We unpacked the lyrics of Andrew Chinn's 'Be The Good News' and thought about symbols and pictures we could use to make posters showing the important messages from the song.



The Year 2 children have also been learning about the Creation Story (Genesis 1-2). These colourful drawings represent God's love for us.



TERM 4 CELEBRATIONS

- Thursday, the 11th of November, **Remembrance Liturgy**, Live streaming @ 9:00
- Monday, the 22nd of November, **St Cecilia's Liturgy**, Live streaming @ 9:00
- Wednesday 8th December, **Year 6 Graduation Mass** @ 5:00pm outdoors on oval.

From the OFFICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM 2022

2022 Family Registration Forms have been emailed to all 2022 St Cecilia families. It is a Government requirement that this form be filled out by ALL 2022 FAMILIES. Please complete and return this form before the 19th November 2021.

It is essential that all school aged children, regardless of what school they attend, are listed on the form.

If applicable, this form is also required for the sibling discount to be applied to your school fees account for next year. **Even if you only have one child at school, please fill out and return this form.**

Signed forms can be emailed to the school's email address scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au , dropped in the school mailbox or sent in with current students.

[Family Registration Form](#)

FLO News

It is with mixed feelings that I have decided to retire at the end of this year. We have all had our own challenges over the last two years due to the virus especially not being able to see our loved ones. I feel that it is time for me to spend more time with my children and grandchildren. I have always considered it to be a privilege and honor to be a part of the wonderful St Cecilia's community. You will always have a special place in my heart. I will so miss standing at the school gate chatting with parents and seeing the happy faces of your children.

Well-Being Walk Friday 26th November Pioneer Dairy. Put on your joggers, hat, sunscreen and bring a water bottle for a walk at Pioneer Dairy after school drop off. Meet at the car park at 9am. Parents with younger children very welcome.

Michael Grose from Parenting Ideas has written an article "Growing Up Is Not So Straight Forward" and we can all relate to this, particularly this year.

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/growing-up/>

Have a lovely week and remember to do something nice.

Bernadette Daniel
Family Liaison Officer

Canteen News

Healthy Lunch Orders

I'm on the lookout for Healthy Lunch Orders!

Simply include salad, corn cob, water or a plain milk and a Sipahh Straw in your lunch order to earn a sticker - then claim your **FREE** Mini Juice, Yogurt or Choc cup!!

Bring your lunch bag with the sticker on it to the canteen to claim your prize!

Little healthy choices can make a big difference!!



Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Gold	Luka M	Kinder Blue	Indie A
1 Gold	Ciara H	1 Blue	Kallie M
2 Gold	Jessaliiyah A	2 Blue	Avayah Y
3 Blue	George P	4 Blue	Toby R
4 Gold	Levi B	5 Gold	Charlise B
6 Blue	Kaylee C	6 Gold	Summer L
Drama	Ante O	Japanese	Advik Patil

Personal Best

Kinder Gold	Zoe S	Kinder Blue	Olivia O
1 Gold	Samuel S	1 Blue	Catherine B
2 Gold	River D	2 Blue	Aaliyana A
3 Blue	India T	4 Blue	Imogen V
4 Gold	Abdur R	5 Gold	Beau M
6 Blue	Chloe M	6 Gold	Ella D
Drama	Elliot K	Japanese	Alison W
Library	Finn M	Library	Callum H

PBL Award

Kinder Gold	Levi C	Kinder Blue	Arlo w
1 Gold	Zara J	1 Blue	Patrick M
2 Gold	Ivanna M	2 Blue	Grace B
3 Blue	Mpemba I	4 Blue	Ethan P
4 Gold	Logan H	5 Gold	Isaac R
6 Blue	Cooper H	6 Gold	Luke G
Drama	Jude s	Japanese	Scarlett K

Principal's Light of Learning Award



Kindergarten Blue:

Arlo W - for making great choices when working with others and for trying his hardest when completing tasks since returning from HBL.

Olivia O - for having a growth mindset and always trying her best when learning. She is also a kind and thoughtful friend.

Kindergarten Gold:

Maggie G - For her valued contributions during class discussions and the respectful way she interacts with others.

Barrett M - For his consistent application to learning and being a kind friend who makes everyone feel welcome.

1 Blue:

Kash S - For bringing a happy smile to his new classroom, settling quickly and showing kindness to his new classmates.

Iona M - Showing an amazing attitude to all learning, consistently giving her best effort and showing kindness to others.

1 Gold:

Jayde G - for having a positive growth mindset and not giving up when a task becomes challenging.

Max S - for consistently trying his best in all areas of learning.

2 Blue:

Zali M – for a positive return back to the 2 Blue classroom. You are a kind and caring friend that is always looking after others. We love your positive attitude in 2 Blue.

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

2 Gold:

Eloise B – For striving hard, achieving her goals and always smiling. Keep up your great positive attitude.

Lucas R – For dedicating himself to his learning, achieving his goals and maintaining a positive attitude. Well done.

3 Blue:

Will C - for his outstanding efforts during HBL, his positive approach towards learning back at school and his friendly attitude towards his peers.

Bonnie TW - for her amazing efforts during HBL, her helpful and supportive attitude towards teachers and peers and her enthusiasm towards learning.

4 Blue:

Dean H - for being a disciple of Jesus and following in his footsteps in the way he treats and speaks to others.

Indie G - for being a kind, friendly and supportive member of our class and letting her light shine.

4 Gold:

Lincoln G - for continually doing his best in everything he attempts and being a positive member of 4 Gold.

Megan A - For always acting as a positive role model for her St Cecilia's peers and trying her best in all she does.

5 Gold:

Hayley L - For being a motivated learner and considerate class member who treats others with kindness.

Riley S - For being kind, inclusive and respectful. Thank you, Riley!

6 Blue:

Ashton J - For his continued effort in all HBL tasks and his mature approach to transitioning back to on-site learning. You have displayed persistence in challenging tasks and your love for learning is always evident.

Megan W - For displaying a consistent growth mindset towards challenging tasks and improving her knowledge and skills.

6 Gold:

Tenille B - For consistently listening to her friends and teachers and contributing great ideas during small and whole class discussions. Thank you for being an amazing friend and student.

Lilly H - For being a student who consistently demonstrates servant leadership qualities. Thank you for being compassionate, courageous, community minded and reflective.