



# St Cecilia's Catholic School

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**24<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the start of Advent - the time of waiting and preparing. It is a busy time at school, with planning and preparations for 2022 well underway. All staff are currently editing student reports, considering next year's class lists and structures, planning transition and handovers, preparing for end of year events, as well as the new school year!

It is usually a busy time at best but this year it seems even busier and possibly made harder by the feeling that time has somehow been taken away from us and now we try extremely hard to condense all our normal end of year activities into a shorter period. Let us all remember to pause, breathe and know that all things will happen during this time of waiting and preparation, and not to put added pressure on ourselves. This term is a time to celebrate being together after being separated for so long during lockdown.

## **Classes for 2022 & Step-Up Morning**

When planning for 2022 classes, current teachers consult carefully and consider all relevant data in making the decisions about class placements for grades next year. Factors considered include; PBL data, academic, social, and emotional needs and of course class dynamics. Children also have a voice and have all completed a sociogram which will also be taken into account.

Teachers never rush these decisions, and many factors are considered. Overwhelmingly, the changes are positive and the mix up into a new cohort is a wonderful experience, encouraging resilience and the making of new bonds and new friendships. The two classes in each grade still often come together throughout the year and have many opportunities to work as one.

New classes and teachers will be announced in Week 11 with a 'Step Up' morning arranged for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Year 4, 2022**

We are looking to grow our 2022, year 4 cohort, so if you know anyone interested in enrolling their current year 3 child into St Cecilia's, please encourage them to contact the school office to ENROL NOW! Our school is now a direct feeder into St Peter's Secondary College, Tuggerah so any child who graduates from St Cecilia's is assured a place into St Peter's.

We have received extra staffing allocation for next year's Year 4 cohort from Catholic Schools Broken Bay. I will provide further information to the parents of this cohort when staffing appointments are finalised.

## **Year 6 Leadership Elections**

It is election time for the student leaders of 2022. These elections will also vary this year, as we still cannot have our whole school in one indoor, assembly space. The current year 5 children presented their speeches to Stage Three (years 5&6) this week for the first round of voting. The children with the most votes from ROUND 1, will then present their speech again to grades 2, 3 and 4 via Zoom in ROUND 2. **Year 5 parents will receive the Zoom link and are welcome to join us from home to listen to the speeches.** After all the speeches are presented voting from grades 2,3 & 4 will take place. Teachers will vote too. Parents of voted in school captains will be confidentially notified by Mrs Chylewska to attend the end of year Mass in the role of badge presenter.

### **Fortnightly Awards Assembly - Change Of Date**

As part of Wellbeing Week, Mr Lynch booked in an AFL clinic for the children this **Friday 26th November**. To ensure the AFL coaches maximise their time with the children, we would like to move the Fortnightly Awards Assembly from Friday to Monday 29th November. The awards will be distributed at the Monday morning assembly. The live stream link will be shared just before assembly starts at 8:50

**All children K-6 MUST wear sports uniform this Friday 26th November please.**

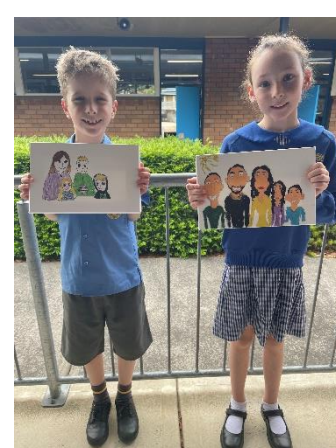
### **Awards Ceremony**

After much deliberation, we have made the decision to cancel the End of Year Awards Ceremony for Kindergarten through to Year 5. We appreciate the significance of celebrating outstanding student achievement, however due to the interrupted year of COVID and with focus only on Literacy, Numeracy and RE during HBL and upon our return to school, it would be too difficult to accurately identify our deserving candidates for all subject areas as done in previous years.

Year 6 will be the only grade receiving the awards as it's their last year and they have been continuing with the teaching and learning of all subject areas, in preparation for high school. The year 6 Academic Achievement awards will be given out at Year 6 Graduation. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Family Portrait Artworks**

Congratulations to my Chylewska Challenge Family Portrait winners who received their family portrait printed on a canvas at last week's assembly. Your representations of your families were outstanding, hence why I had a tie in Stage 1 and Stage 3. Congratulations Zac, Zach W, Isabelle, Grace, Elysse and Katherine.



### **Colour Explosion Fun Run**

A reminder that tomorrow **Thursday 25th November** your child/ren must come dressed in a white (or pale) top with pants they don't mind getting discoloured. The event schedule is as follows:

**1:30pm** - Kindergarten

**1:45pm** - Year 1 and Year 2

**2:00pm** - Year 3 and Year 4

**2:15pm** - Year 5 and Year 6

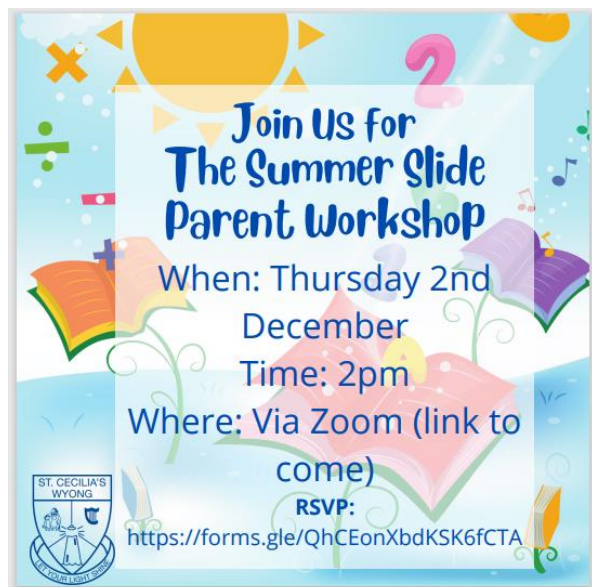
Please send children to school prepared to participate in the Colour Run as the weather has been too unpredictable, however if we get a window of opportunity without rain in the afternoon, we will make sure the event takes place and doesn't need to be postponed. Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, parents will not be allowed on the premises.

If you have not yet given consent on Compass for your child to take part in the Colour Explosion Fun Run, please access your Compass app and go into Events to find the relevant post in your News Feed and accept the invitation. Children who have not been given consent will sadly need to miss out on the day.

Event Consent/Payment Required  
There are 3 events awaiting your consent and/or payment.  
[Click here for more information](#)

## **Swimming Carnival**

Parents of children in grades 1-5, please also give consent for your child to participate in the swimming carnival if you have not yet done so. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who have offered to assist on the day. We are still short of some helpers for the Novelty Events in the pool. If we do not get enough volunteers for the Novelty Events, we may need to cancel this part of the carnival. If you are double vaccinated and able to assist on the day, please indicate this on the Event Form in Compass. Alternatively, you can email Mr Lynch via the office [scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au) to let him know if you are able to help out.



## **Summer Slide Parent Information Session**

All Kindergarten and Year 1 parents are invited to join our Literacy Coach Mrs Adcock and our Numeracy Coach Mrs Taylor for an end of year parent information session. The session will be about the 'Summer Slide' and how important it is to keep up with some reading and simple number games over the holidays. These skills are not yet embedded in our younger children and without ongoing practise, your child may regress. The session will be brief and practical, assisting your child in hopefully retaining their learning from this year.

**When:** Thursday 2nd December

**Time:** 2pm

**Where:** Via Zoom (link to come)

**RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/QhCEonXbdKSK6fCTA>

## **St Vincent De Paul**

Thank you to all those families who have contributed food for the St Vincent De Paul appeal. There are many families in our community who won't have the experience of writing a Christmas list and planning a wonderful Christmas feast. We are still collecting the following items from children in different grades.

The last date for collection of these items will be tomorrow, Thursday, 25th November.

Kindergarten	Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)	Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)	Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cereal (small box)</li><li>• Tinned vegetables</li><li>• Jelly</li><li>• Jam</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tea/Coffee</li><li>• Long-life milk</li><li>• Milo</li><li>• Hot chocolate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tinned fruit</li><li>• Muesli bars</li><li>• Packet chips</li><li>• Savoury/Sweet biscuits</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Custard (long life/1 litre)</li><li>• Christmas cake/pudding</li><li>• Fruit mince pies</li></ul>

Please remember these items need to be in-date and of good quality as these are treat items these families would not otherwise be able to afford. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Three weeks of the year to go! Three very exciting weeks and we look forward to celebrating the end of year events including our Colour Explosion Run tomorrow, the AFL Clinics, Year 6 Graduation and plenty more!

Lastly, if you know your child/ren will not be returning to St Cecilia's in 2022 could you please email the school as soon as possible as we are finalising enrolment numbers for next year.

Peace and Blessings

Marta Chylewska  
(Principal)



## From the REC

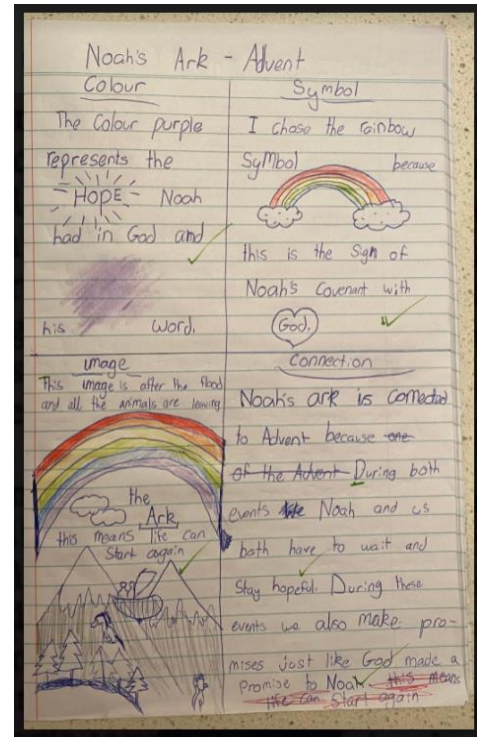
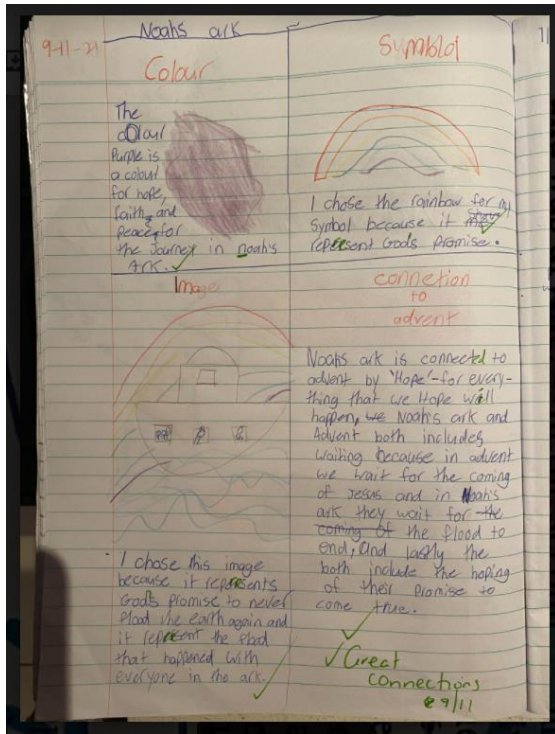
### Learning About Scripture

This week we are sharing the fabulous learning by our Stage 2 students. Thank you for the creative way you have demonstrated your understanding of these two stories: Noah's Ark and The Birth of Jesus.

*The children in stage 2 have been exploring the story of Noah's Ark. In this story the children know that God made a promise to bring light to the world, with the rainbow as a symbol of hope. The children have created artworks which reflect our understanding of the story and a covenant between ourselves and God in which we agree to care for creation, including people and the natural world. (Genesis 6: 18 Covenant story of Noah, Genesis 7:1-24 The great flood, Genesis 8:1-19 The flood subsides, Genesis 9:13-17 The covenant with Noah)*







**The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2: 1-20) pastel artworks.**



THANK  
YOU GOD

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER AT OUR  
END OF YEAR LITURGY ON  
MONDAY, 13TH OF DECEMBER AT 9:30AM  
A LIVE STREAM LINK WILL BE SENT VIA COMPASS  
PRIOR TO THE CELEBRATION



#### **Term 4 Celebrations**

- Wednesday, the 8th of December, Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 5:00 pm, outdoors on oval.
- Monday, the 13th of December, End of Year Liturgy @ 9:30 am, Live streaming

God Bless

*Jamie Dowling*  
**Religious Education Coordinator**

# 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](mailto:scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au) , dropped in the school mailbox or sent in with current students.

[Family Registration Form](#)

## ***Canteen News***

Dear Parents,

### **Healthy Lunch Choices**

It is very exciting to see the children making more healthy choices for their lunch orders! From small changes like adding a side salad or corn on the cob to a big healthy salad, the children are "greening up" their lunch orders with ease.

These are the things that I'm looking for –

- Side Salad
- Large Salad (plain, warm chicken, burrito bowl)
- Corn on the Cob
- Plain Water
- Plain Milk
- Sipahh Straw
- Salad on a sandwich



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Incorporating these choices into your child's lunch order will earn them a sticker that they can bring to canteen to receive a FREE Mini Frozen Cup!

Let's get healthy!

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



# Awards and Acknowledgements



*Congratulations to the following students for their achievements*

## *Academic Achievement*

<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Zoe S	<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Archer W
<b>1 Gold</b>	Nina I	<b>1 Blue</b>	Kallie M
<b>2 Gold</b>	Cody T	<b>2 Blue</b>	Brayden H
<b>3 Blue</b>	Noah M	<b>4 Blue</b>	Luke K
<b>4 Gold</b>	Keaton J	<b>5 Gold</b>	Savannah O
<b>6 Blue</b>	Ethan W	<b>6 Gold</b>	Izak W
<b>Drama</b>	Izak W 6G		

## *Personal Best*

<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Bella T	<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Lucy I
<b>1 Gold</b>	Matilda L	<b>1 Blue</b>	Machi E
<b>2 Gold</b>	Tyler K	<b>2 Blue</b>	William T
<b>3 Blue</b>	Jayden M	<b>4 Blue</b>	Grace B
<b>4 Gold</b>	Keithen L	<b>5 Gold</b>	Grace C
<b>6 Blue</b>	Jazmyn G	<b>6 Gold</b>	Hayley R
<b>Library</b>	Riley D KB	<b>Library</b>	Savannah O 5G
<b>Drama</b>	Ella D 6G		

## *PBL Award*

<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Sienna T	<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Henry D
<b>1 Gold</b>	Sienna M	<b>1 Blue</b>	Taj S
<b>2 Gold</b>	Amalia M	<b>2 Blue</b>	Fernando A
<b>3 Blue</b>	Khushi U	<b>4 Blue</b>	Alison W
<b>4 Gold</b>	Xavier S	<b>5 Gold</b>	Matthew B
<b>6 Blue</b>	Sienna S	<b>6 Gold</b>	Holly M
<b>Drama</b>	Emily P 6B		



# Principal's Light of Learning Award



## **Kinder Blue:**

**Lucy I**

*For always being a kind and helpful class member. She has been trying really hard to complete tasks to the best of her ability*

**Ruby-Lou S**

*For always being enthusiastic and having a love of learning. She is kind to her friends and always has a smile on her face*

## **Kinder Gold:**

**Harper-Rose G**

*For being a calm, gracious and considerate member of KG who consistently takes responsibility for her own learning*

**Ava S**

*For being a friendly member of our class who offers assistance to anyone in need*

## **1 Blue:**

**Catherine B**

*For applying best effort in all areas of learning and being a wonderful class member*

**Neenah M**

*For spreading the love of Jesus to others and always giving best effort with learning*

## **1 Gold:**

**Charlotte T**

*For being kind, caring and thoughtful. 1 Gold thinks your actions are like a disciple of Jesus*

**Ruby B**

*For being a cooperative and respectful student who tries their best in all aspects of school*

## **2 Blue:**

**Zach W**

*For having a growth mindset and always trying your best in all situations. You make everyone feel welcome with your positive attitude*

**Bowen N**

*For being a kind and compassionate friend. You set a great example by trying your personal best at everything you do*

## **2 Gold:**

**Nicholas G**

*For being a motivated learner and helpful class member who treats everyone with kindness*

**Ella-Rose R**

*For consistently trying her best and being a wonderful friend. Thank you Ella-Rose*

### **3 Blue:**

**Oliver K**

*For always putting in 100% effort to his learning and his positive and friendly attitude towards his peers*

**Hartley R**

*For displaying enthusiasm for learning and eagerness to challenge himself further*

### **4 Blue:**

**Kenzi G**

*For consistently working hard throughout the year and demonstrating she is a disciple of Jesus*

**Ella L**

*For consistently working hard throughout the year and demonstrating she is a disciple of Jesus*

### **4 Gold:**

**Izabele M**

*For working hard and doing her best consistently over the whole year*

**Sophie M**

*For always being a kind member of 4 Gold and giving her best in all subject areas*

### **5 Gold:**

**Aditi P**

*For her valued efforts during all tasks and the respectful manner in which she interacts with peers and teachers*

**Zoie P**

*For her consistent application to learning and being a kind friend to everyone*

### **6 Blue:**

**Rosario R**

*For always displaying the admirable servant leadership qualities of courage, compassion, community minded and reflective*

**Kaylee C**

*For taking initiative towards her own learning and extending herself in all key learning areas*

### **6 Gold:**

**Natalie P**

*For being a Year 6 leader who consistently demonstrates kindness and respect and for always letting your light shine. You are amazing!*

**Ki J**

*For being a thoughtful friend and for showing respect to his teachers and friends.  
Thank you Ki for being you*