

Principal's Update

Term 4, Week 5

3rd November 2021

START DATES FOR 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

WEEK	DATE	WHAT?
1	Friday 28th January 2022	Staff Development Day
2	Monday 31st January 2022	Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) Grades 1-6
	Tuesday 1st February 2022	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Grades 1 - 6
	Monday 31st Jan - Wednesday 2nd February 2022	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
	Thursday 3rd February	Kindergarten's first day of school

BANKING

The CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools beyond 2021. Sadly it will no longer continue for this and due to Covid restrictions we will cease the program from now at St Cecilia's. Please see attached link for further details. [School Banking - CommBank](#)

WATER BOTTLE

A reminder that the bubblers are off so we ask that your child brings their water bottle to school every day. Especially as the days get warmer.

EARLY DEPARTURES

There appears to be several children leaving school early for unexplained reasons. On a daily basis there are several interruptions in the office to seek out children in the school for an early departure.

To help minimise daily interruptions in the office we ask for the following protocols to be followed if you require your child to leave school early.

1. Email the school office 24 hours beforehand or at latest 9am of the day your child will be leaving school early. Please do not email the class teacher during the day as they may not read the email when busy teaching face to face. All emails to teachers go via scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au
2. In the email please include the early collection time and reason for your child's early departure. If a reason is not included, the partial absence will be marked as unexplained in Compass.
3. Please avoid early collection between morning tea (10:45am - 11:15am) and lunchtime hours (1:15pm - 2:05pm). It is too hard to locate the children on the playground during their break times. If your early collection time falls between the break time, please try to do it as close as possible to the start or end of break time.

STAFF CHANGES 2021

Bernadette Taylor is departing St Cecilia's after 21 years as classroom teacher and a longstanding member of the school leadership team, in the role of Numeracy Coach. Mrs Taylor is a highly skilled and dedicated classroom practitioner. She has provided excellent knowledge of numeracy pedagogy to meet the particular needs of our school community through high-quality professional learning delivered to staff and parents. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and infinite wisdom Mrs Taylor, we wish you all the best at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR), Shelly beach.

Kelli Gray will also be moving to OLR, Shelly Beach after 7 years at St Cecilia's. Mrs Gray has been the school ICLT and Wellbeing Coach, inspiring and motivating many of the staff and children at St Cecilia's to embrace new digital technologies in the classroom. Your whole school approach towards ICLT and Wellbeing has always involved everyone to embed a safe and inclusive learning culture and environment. Thank you Mrs Gray for always striving to have each child flourish in their education journey.

Bernadette Daniels will be retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs Daniels began at St Cecilia's in 2014 as our school's Family Liaison Officer. She has supported and worked with countless families and has brightened our school community. We will enjoy our last few weeks with our parent confidant, calm and knowledgeable Mrs Daniels.

Thank you Mrs Taylor, Mrs Gray and Mrs Daniels for all your wonderful work with the children, parents, and staff of St Cecilia's over the many years. You will all be missed and never forgotten.

Karla Williams has extended her maternity leave. We're hopeful to see Mrs Williams return in term 3 in a casual capacity ...if bubba let's her momma out of sight. Cherish this precious time Mrs Williams and know we eagerly await your return, when you and baby are ready.

STAFFING FOR 2022

Although we say goodbye to some staff, I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Cattabriga, Mrs Xeurub, Miss Clancy, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Tori Jones** will be staying at St Cecilia's for the 2022 school year.

All our newly re-appointed staff are well known to the children and the whole school community so I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them on their new appointments. It has been wonderful to be able to secure teaching positions for so many of our current, experienced and knowledgeable staff. These teachers understand our school context, the children and families and share the vision of the school.

Mrs Cattabriga, Mrs Xeurub, Miss Clancy, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Tori Jones we are all happy and excited to have you stay with us. We look forward to your contributions and continuing to grow and learn together.



Mrs Cattabriga

Mrs Xeurub

Miss Clancy

Mrs Sheppard

Mrs Harrison

Mrs Jones

Classroom teachers for 2022 will be announced next week.

The class teachers will soon begin the process of sorting classes for next year. When preparing classroom placements for next year, teachers consider the match of student and teacher/s, the blend of children within a class and the balance of both classes academically, socially, (including sociogram) and by gender. The rigorous process strives to have classrooms of the same grade heterogeneous and balanced. Dividing the current children in one class between the two classes next year helps children establish new friends and, therefore, to develop socially. We thank you for trusting in the teachers and their deep thinking involved throughout every step of this process.

Kind Regards, **Marta Chylewska**