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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of the year but there still seems so much to do! With just 7 full school days remaining there is still so much to do, prepare and celebrate. As always there is much to communicate in our newsletter, which not only reflects this busy time of the year but as always I try to ensure the Newsletter is the primary source of all important notifications that parents and carers need to be made aware of. For those who weren't aware, the [Newsletters and Principal Updates](#) are posted weekly on the school website in case the Newsfeed on Compass expires and you want to go back to clarify any communications. Below is a recap of the return to school dates from the week 5, term 4 Principal's Update.

RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES FOR 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

These dates can be viewed at our school website under [Term Dates and Bell Times](#).

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

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

As we work our way towards the end of the year, we look forward to the Year Six Graduation Ceremony tomorrow on the 8th of December. This event will mark the end of one chapter for our class of 2021 as they move on to their next challenge in high school. This is a significant milestone in the learning journey of anyone and we wish all of our graduating students the best in their future pursuits. We look forward to greeting all the families and your year 6 child upon arrival to graduation at 4:45pm for a 5pm start.

COLOUR RUN

Hopefully all the excess colour on children's skin or hair has finally washed itself away. I know I've still got a persistent blue tinge lingering around in my hair. Nevertheless, it was worth it for all the smiles and amplified levels of joy brought to all by the Explosion Colour Run Day .

We exceeded our fundraising target of approximately \$1200 - \$1500 for a personalised marquee that can be used for sporting events, school functions or as an outdoor learning space. We have a total of \$4800 to spend. After purchasing the marquee we will review how to spend the remainder fundraising funds with the Parent Advisory Group next year. With all the money raised we contributed to the planting of 534 trees. It was great to receive donations that served a dual purpose: fundraising and environmental conservation.

Many thanks to Heidi West for being the instigator behind this great idea. It was exactly what many of the children and staff needed to brighten our 2022 school year. Many thanks also go out to Simone O'Connor who captured the day with many of her photos shared in the slideshow below. There are many more to still collate in the sequel to this first video footage. [Click here](#) to enjoy the video from the Colour Run day.

EXTRA CLASS TEACHER IN YEAR 4

As mentioned in previous communications the school was allocated extra staffing for the year 4 cohort in 2022. The larger cohort of 34 children will be split into two smaller classes with the hope to grow the cohort from next year and beyond. If you know of any other local families looking for a sea change and after an education that nurtures the whole child; spiritually, academically, socially, physically and emotionally, in an authentic Catholic community, please direct them to our [school website to the Enrolment tab](#). Any holiday inquiries will still be tended to during the summer break. I know the three year 4 teachers for 2022 are very excited to be working together with the upcoming year 4's.

TEACHERS AND CLASSES FOR 2022

We welcome Mrs Karen Knowles to the staff who comes to us from St Matthew's Primary School in Windsor. Mrs Knowles is currently a year 3 classroom teacher and has held a range of leadership roles in her previous schools, including; Literacy Leader, PBL4 Schools Coach, Sports Coordinator and Drama Club teacher. Please see below staffing appointments for 2022.

CLASS	TEACHER/S
K Blue	Mrs Anastasia Cattabriga
K Gold	Mrs Annette Milne
1 Blue	Mrs Cheryl Oliver
1 Gold	Mrs Tori Jones (<i>Mon - Wed.</i>) & TBC (<i>Thurs & Fri.</i>)
2 Blue	Mrs Jaclyn Sheppard
2 Gold	Mrs Mikaela Scott (<i>Mon - Wed.</i>) / Mrs Tenille Callaghan (<i>Thurs & Fri.</i>)
3 Gold	Mrs Karen Knowles
3 Blue	Mrs Emily Adcock (<i>Mon - Wed.</i>) & Mrs Carol Nash (<i>Thurs. & Fri.</i>)
4 Blue	Mrs Chloe Harrison (<i>Mon, Wed-Fri.</i>) & Mr Paul Madigan (<i>Tuesday</i>)
4 Gold	Mrs Sylvanna Jordan
5 Blue	Mrs Sarah Xuereb
5 Gold	Mrs Jamie Dowling (<i>Mon - Thurs.</i>) Mr Paul Madigan (<i>Friday</i>)
6 Gold	Miss Molly Clancy
Japanese	Mr Tony Brinley (<i>Tuesday, Wednesday</i>)
Drama	Mrs Jannette Whyte (<i>Tuesday, Wednesday</i>)
Library	Mrs Virginia Cumming (<i>Tues-Thurs & every second Monday</i>)

STEP UP MORNING

On Tuesday 14th December FROM 9:00am - 10:30am all children in Years 1 to Year 5 will be involved in a step-up morning with their 2022 class teacher/s. This is an opportunity for children to meet their new 2022 teacher/s and spend some time in their new learning space.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL GRADE 1-5

There are still a few outstanding permission notes for this Friday's swimming carnival. Please go to Events on Compass to accept the event and answer the relevant questions for the swimming events that you wish your child to participate in.

WATER FUN DAY

Kindergarten and Year 6 will be enjoying their Water Fun Day this Friday. The children can come dressed in mufti clothes with their swimmers underneath. Please pack a towel and your child's sports uniform in their bag for a change of clothes after they've been drenched. The children will remove their shoes when engaging in the water fun activities.

REPORTS

School reports will go live in Compass this coming Friday. Given the extended period of lockdown and the brief time children have been back at school, these reports are a snapshot in learning only. In line with all CSBB schools, there is no effort scale this semester and teachers at St Cecilia's have reported on English, Maths and Religion only. In addition, there is no five point achievement scale this semester - only a 'working toward,' 'working at' and 'working beyond' scale, to give a general sense of where your child is placed when assessed against the outcomes of the NSW syllabus. This reflects the differing experiences of students during lockdown and the varied levels of support students were able to access.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the School Office, they are more than willing to speak with you.

COMPASS ACCESS TO YEAR 6

The final access date for parents of Year 6 and any other students leaving the school this year to access their child's report card for printing is Friday 17th December. Please make sure if you need a hard or soft copy of your child's report, save the pdf or print it.

As this is the last newsletter for 2021, I would like to wish all our school families a safe and enjoyable holiday and blessed Christmas. This year has been a challenging one for all and has shown how resilient, strong and innovative we can be when being faced with the various obstacles we have been faced with.

I encourage you to take time for refreshing and reflection over this holiday period. The final day for students is next Wednesday 15th December

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday break and that you enjoy the warmer weather that this time of year brings with it. Thank you for being a supportive, inclusive and nurturing community that works together so well.

Peace and Blessings

Marta Chylewska
PRINCIPAL

From the REC

2022 Sacramental Dates



Please put these sacramental dates in your calendar for 2022

Reconciliation

Year 4 Children

Teaching and Learning Term 1 during Lent

Ceremony Term 1, late March, date to be confirmed

St Cecilia's Church Wyong

First Eucharist

Year 4 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 2

Ceremony Term 2, Friday 17th June

St Cecilia's Church Wyong

Confirmation

Year 3 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 2

Ceremony Term 3, Sunday 31st July

St Peter's Catholic College and we have been advised
Confirmation is to be celebrated during a Mass

Christmas Pageant at St Cecilia's Catholic Church, Wyong



All children are invited to take part in a Christmas Pageant at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve 24th December. We are looking for the following to join us at rehearsal and be part of the Mass, confident readers, angels, shepherds, kings and gospel procession. If your child would like to be in the pageant or you would like to help with the pageant, please call ...

<i>Rehearsal Times</i>	<i>Christmas Mass Times</i>
<p><i>Marie Dyer 4352 1994 for St Cecilia's Pageant Rehearsal will be 4pm Friday 24th December</i></p> <p><i>Chris 0406 539 444 for the St John Fisher Pageant Rehearsal will be 9.30am Sunday 19th December.</i></p> <p><i>Blessings, Jo Helm, Wyong Parish Coordinator</i></p>	<p><i>Christmas Eve Friday 24th Dec</i></p> <p><i>St John Fisher</i> 5.00pm Children's/family Mass</p> <p><i>St Cecilia's Church</i> 5.00pm Children's/family Mass 10.30pm Christmas Carols 11.00pm Midnight Mass</p> <p><i>Christmas Day Saturday 25th Dec</i> 7.30am St Cecilia's Church 8.30am St John Fisher 9.30am St Cecilia's Church</p>

**2021 End of Year Liturgy &
Announcement of School and House Captains**



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

The Busy Days Before Christmas Prayer

*Lord,
I feel so busy lately.
I pray you'll help me
remember what matters most
in the midst of what I need to do...
Give me eyes that see
the needs of those around me.
Give me ears that hear
the meaning behind the words.
Give me hands that reach out
to make a difference.
Give me a heart that beats
in tune with yours
rather than with
the clock on the wall.
Remind me often
that time is intended
to be given not spent.
And even in the midst
in all of my busyness,
may I truly be about your love
and the real meaning of Christmas.
Amen*

God Bless
Jamie Dowling
Religious Education Coordinator

Canteen News

Dear Parents,

Look at all these healthy salads! What a way to end the year – making fresh, healthy lunch choices. Well done to those children making small changes for a healthy body!

Thank you to the school community for supporting the canteen this year. From ordering lunch to volunteering to help in the canteen, this service would not exist without your help. It is very much appreciated.



Merry Christmas,
Safe and happy holidays!

Catherine Berry
Canteen Manager



From the FLO

Dear Parents

I cannot believe that this is the end of the year and the last piece that I will write for the newsletter. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, New Year and a well -deserved holiday.

While many look forward to Christmas and spending time with family and friends, for some the festive season may come with challenges that can be stressful and depressing. The challenges may be due to financial issues, isolation, separation, bereavement, or difficult family relationships. If you are feeling like this, be gentle on yourself and consider ways of minimising the challenges and have realistic expectations. Remind yourself of how resilient and strong you have become over this last year. Be sure to chat with a friend or see your local doctor if you are concerned. Some useful phone numbers for over the holidays.

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 **Parent Line NSW** 1300 1300 52 **Mensline Australia** 1300 78 99 78
Beyond Blue 1300 22 46 36 **Lifeline** 13 11 14 1800 **Respect** 1800 73 77 32
Catholic Care 4356 2600

Some extra ideas for the school holidays. <https://playinginpuddles.com.au/school-holidays-central-coast/>

Thank you for all the support that you have shown to me over the last seven years. I am going to miss you all but know that you will continue to be the wonderful community that St Cecilia's has always been known for. I used to visit as a school nurse many years ago when I started work on the Central Coast so it is very special for me to retire from here.

Bernadette Daniel
Family Liaison Officer

Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Gold	Spoorthi A	Kinder Blue	Marley C
1 Gold	Sama G	1 Blue	Ruby J
2 Gold	River D	2 Blue	Miranda T
3 Blue	Zachary T	4 Blue	Nicholas S
4 Gold	Caleb C	5 Gold	Lorenzo C
6 Blue	Megan W	6 Gold	Sachin A
Drama	Logan H 4B		

Personal Best

Kinder Gold	Harrison O	Kinder Blue	Harrison F
1 Gold	Cooper K	1 Blue	Kyra R
2 Gold	Natalia S	2 Blue	Ashton B
3 Blue	Nehemiah M	4 Blue	Hallie E
4 Gold	Joel H	5 Gold	Elias M
6 Blue	Leah S	6 Gold	Bethany P
Library	Sama G 1G	Library	Harrison O KG
Drama	Sophia C 2B		

PBL Award

Kinder Gold	Zachary L	Kinder Blue	Ava J
1 Gold	Emilia W	1 Blue	Kash S
2 Gold	Arihan B	2 Blue	Annabelle L
3 Blue	Mikayla O	4 Blue	Madeleine H
4 Gold	Kaylee D	5 Gold	Charlotte L
6 Blue	Charli J	6 Gold	Ella T
Drama	Frances M 3B		

Principal's Light of Learning Award



Kinder Blue:

Henry D

For always being a kind and thoughtful class member with a growth mindset and a love of learning. Henry is always smiling

Claire G

For being a conscientious learner and for being kind and accepting of others. Claire is always a lovely friend who cares for others

Kinder Gold:

Aine H

For being a kind, helpful member of KG who displays a positive attitude towards learning

Grace W

For her positive attitude and application to learning using a growth mindset to achieve great improvement in reading and writing

1 Blue:

Gracie J

For her consistent enthusiasm towards all areas of her schoolwork

Advik P

For the fantastic effort that he has put into his persuasive writing and completing all his tasks on time

1 Gold:

Harry L

For being a positive member of 1 Gold who shows care and compassion to his peers

Oliver H

For consistently using a growth mindset towards learning. You put in 100% in everything you do

2 Blue:

Lilian N

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

Leviathan T

For your positive attitude and willingness to try your best at everything you do. You always care for others and help them when they are in need

2 Gold:

Hannah B

For showcasing a creative side to your personality, demonstrating initiative and finishing our school year with an inclusive and caring attitude towards your peers

Cindel H

For sharing with us your confidence and creative fun personality. You are a fantastic friend who includes all in your play

3 Blue:

Lizzy N

For her enthusiastic attitude to learning, respectful manner towards teachers and peers and positive approach to school

Oliver L

For his mature, helpful and kind attitude towards teachers and students in our school community

4 Blue:

Grace B

For always using a growth mindset towards her learning and being a kind and respectful class member

Jack W

For being a respectful and caring friend and putting a smile on other people's faces

4 Gold:

Ciera H

For always trying her best, working hard and being a quiet and calm learner

Abigail S

For persisting with her learning even when things seem tricky and always being a positive member of 4 Gold

5 Gold:

Linh P

For her pleasing results in all Key Learning Areas and her positive attitude in our classroom

Aaliah L

For her dedicated attitude towards her learning and her ability to always be there to lend a helping hand

6 Blue:

Katherine R

For her exquisite effort and dedication to completing a beautiful memory book that commemorated her primary school experience

Luke R

For his enthusiastic and mature approach to all challenges. Your ability to remain a positive role model and member of the 6 Blue classroom is appreciated

6 Gold:

Morgan K

For being a respectful and responsible leader who always contributes great ideas to group discussions. Thank you also for being a great classmate and friend

William S

For being a kind and caring friend during class time and on the playground. You are always thinking of others!