



St Cecilia's Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK to all St Cecilia's children, staff, and families. It has been wonderful to have all the children back this week, enjoying catching up with their teachers and friends. Despite some positive COVID cases in the school, the atmosphere across the school has been buzzing with energy and all classes have very quickly settled. I hope the transition back to school is a smooth one for your child/ren.

Special welcome to all our new Kindergarten children in their very first week of school and to all new children and families who have relocated to St Cecilia's in all other year levels. We hope that you will have a happy and successful time with us, gaining new experiences and making new friends.

The staff and I remain optimistic that we can look forward to a productive year for our children. The focus initially for our teachers is on settling the children back in, building positive relationships with them and their classmates, helping the children get back into classroom routines and reviewing expected learning behaviours.

I also wish our Year 6 children a wonderful last year of primary school! This week we received the new Year 6 polo shirts, which the children designed last year. These can be purchased via the QKR app and once all shirts have been paid for Miss Clancy will distribute them to each child.

SRC MEMBERS

Congratulations to our SRC leaders who were elected by their peers. The children were presented with their badges at the Opening School Mass today. I have no doubt these leaders will work enthusiastically and with commitment to assist other students and staff and have a genuine desire to contribute to the continual improvement of the school for all children.

Announcing our SRC members from Grades 3-5

<u>3 BLUE</u>	<u>3 GOLD</u>	<u>4 BLUE</u>	<u>4 GOLD</u>	<u>5 BLUE</u>	<u>5 GOLD</u>
Zali M Taylor G	Zach W Charlotte S	Noah M Neil Y	Frances M Mia T	Ella L Pandora M	Megan A Lincoln G



CONGRATULATIONS

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mrs Sheppard is pregnant and expecting her first child. This is exciting news for Mrs Sheppard and her husband as they plan the first steps to an expanded family life. At this stage Mrs Sheppard plans to remain teaching 2 Blue until late in term two, once reports and parent/teacher interviews have concluded. On behalf of the whole St Cecilia's community we congratulate Mrs Sheppard!

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AT ST CECILIA'S

At St. Cecilia's we are committed to a partnership with parents in the education of their children. There are many forms of communication, where parents can stay informed and connect with the school. These include:

Fortnightly Newsletter: Details about anything school-related. Awards, Teaching & Learning from the AP, REC news, FLO update, schedule changes, updates, events, policy reminders, news, articles, community happenings...anything important and enjoyable will be included here. Each fortnight on a Wednesday the newsletter will be made available to download on the school website and through the Compass app.

Principal's Update: Every other Wednesday, upcoming 'Dates for the Diary' and a brief overview will be provided in the Principals' Update. This will be sent out via Compass, also available to download from the school website under 'News and Events.'

Compass: Updated regularly with calendar events, conferences (parent/teacher meetings), live stream/Zoom links and class/grade or whole school information and notices. Alerts and email notifications should always come through to all primary parents and carers.

School Website: Stationery requirement lists, download versions of notes, Absence of Leave forms, enrolments and the school newsletter. Maintained to ensure current information is available. Gallery of images from school events also updated frequently

Permission Notes: Permission notes are sent home via Compass as an **Opt-in event**. If you are unable to access the permission form please email the front office who can supply you with a paper copy.

Email contact: All staff are accessible by email by sending correspondence to the school email account scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au Please clearly identify which teacher you wish the correspondence forwarded to.

Parent Hub Facebook Page: The Parent Hub Facebook page is often updated with school events, information and questions.

St Cecilia's Facebook Page: The St Cecilia's Primary School Wyong Facebook page is often updated with gallery images of events that have occurred in the school. At times upcoming events are posted too.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

210 new devices have arrived in our classrooms to start the school year!!!

At St Cecilia's we now have 1:1 Chromebooks in Years 5 & 6. 1:1 Ipads in Years 2, 3 & 4 and approximately 20 devices in each Kinder and Year 1 classrooms. These are school owned and managed devices and we believe we are preparing our students for now and the future through using these learning tools. Thank you to Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Cumming for all the background work getting the devices into classrooms.



BIRTHDAYS

At St Cecilia's, we enjoy honouring children on their birthday. We also respect families that do not want us making a big deal out of their child's birthday. We enjoy many St Cecilia's traditions that go along with acknowledging birthdays. We announce the weekly birthday children at Monday morning's assembly, classes sing the "Happy Birthday" song, and families have always had the option of bringing in treats for classmates. Please know that you do not have to send treats or gifts with your child on his or her birthday. Teachers take great pride in making your child feel special on their birthday. If you do feel the need to send something for your child to enjoy with her or his classmates, please follow the birthday guidelines below:

- Foods made at home may not be distributed within the school.
- Any food item must be individually, commercially wrapped.
- Any food item must be NUT FREE.
- Please do not send cupcakes, doughnuts, or sheet cakes to cut up for your child's birthday treats. These items are not individually wrapped and will be sent back home.

If your child has any food allergies, could you please email the office to let the school know ASAP.

UNIFORM SHOP

Mrs Simone O'Connor has volunteered her time again this year to coordinate the second hand uniform shop. If you require any items from the shop please email scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au
In your email include the following information:

1. Child's name
2. Child's class
3. Items of clothing needed
4. Size of clothing
5. Parents phone number

Simone will only work on Mondays to organise orders and stock up the second hand uniform shop. You will be contacted by phone or email when your order is ready to collect and the total amount owing will be specified too. Orders will be held for seven days but then returned to the uniform shop if not collected.

We thank many families in advance for your generosity in donating your unwanted uniforms to the school. These are always sold at a cheaper rate for the benefit of other parents or carers.



FEBRUARY

**Live streamed*

Wed. 9th – Opening School Mass 10am *

Mon 14th – Coding begins for grades 4-6

Thurs. 17th – School Videographer

Mon. 28th - Goal setting mtgs. BEGIN with teacher & parents via Zoom

MARCH

Tues. 1st – Fri. 4th Goal setting meetings all week.

Tues. 1st – Shrove Tuesday

Wed. 1nd - Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Tues. 8th – International Women's Day]

Wed. 9th – OPEN DAY 9:30am

Fri. 11th – Stg.3 Leadership Day with St Peter's

Thurs. 17th – St Patrick's Day

Thurs. 17th & Fri. 18th – Year 6 Leadership Camp

Fri 18th - St Joseph's Liturgy @8:45am *

Mon. 21st – **HARMONY DAY**

Sat. 26th – EARTH HOUR

APRIL

Fri. 8th - Athletics Carnival

We look forward to working with you throughout 2022 with many events to look forward to. A positive home and school partnership is essential to ensure children feel supported to meet their full potential. We strongly believe that parents are their child's first and foremost educators, you know your children well and we want to work with you to ensure 2022 is a successful year.

Peace and blessings

Marta Chylewska
Principal

Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Eli P	Kinder Gold	Rafael R
1 Blue	Zachary L	1 Gold	Katelyn C
2 Blue	Taj S	2 Gold	Ivy C
3 Blue	Jesse G	3 Gold	Matthew T
4 Blue	Leo C	4 Gold	Zac S
5 Blue	Caleb C	5 Gold	Indie G
6 Blue	Aditi P		
Dance	Nasiah M 6B	Japanese	Samantha M 1B

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	Abigail K	Kinder Gold	Claudia S
1 Blue	Benji I	1 Gold	Rydah D
2 Blue	Kallie M	2 Gold	Ruby L
3 Blue	Thomas P	3 Gold	River D
4 Blue	Neil Y	4 Gold	Oliver K
5 Blue	Sophie M	5 Gold	Abdur Rehman J
6 Blue	Charlotte L		
Dance	Lucas B 6B	Japanese	Ciara H 2B
Library	Skyla M KG	Library	Taylem Y KB

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Aleena C	Kinder Gold	Jackson M
1 Blue	Samantha M	1 Gold	Connor G
2 Blue	Hannah S	2 Gold	Nikolas Y
3 Blue	Connor P	3 Gold	Declan B
4 Blue	Mikayla O	4 Gold	Will C
5 Blue	Logan H	5 Gold	Joel H
6 Blue	Beau M		
Dance	Elias M 6B	Japanese	Neenah M 2G