

St Cecilia's Catholic School

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Dear Parents,

SMART Goal Planning

- S SPECIFIC** → What EXACTLY do you want to accomplish?
- M MEASURABLE** → How will you know when you meet your goal?
- A ATTAINABLE** → Is it possible to meet this goal with effort by your timeline?
- R RELEVANT** → Is this goal worth working hard to accomplish?
- T TIMELY** → What is the deadline you set to meet your goal?

A goal without a plan is just a wish. --Antoine De Saint Exupery

Goal Setting Meetings

Please remember to pop onto Compass and book in for the COMPULSORY Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Zoom meeting with your child's classroom teacher. The meetings will be running all next week and in your Compass News Feed, you will find a Goal Setting message that includes a Google Form for parents to share their insights about their child.

When parents and teachers team up, we are doubling the level of academic support the children have. Setting goals and expectations together keeps us all on the same page throughout the year. It encourages mutual understanding and a shared vision for your child's academic growth. So please don't forget to book your meeting time for next week and complete the required Google Form for each of your children.

Staffing

Below is a recap of class teachers across all classes K-6 for 2022 as there were some changes in staffing throughout the holidays.

Kindy Gold - Mrs Annette Milne

Kindy Blue - Mrs Anastasia Cattabriga

Year 1 Gold - Mrs Tori Jones (Mon. - Wed) Mrs Emma Herd (Thurs. & Fri)

Year 1 Blue - Miss Sarah McEwan

Year 2 Gold - Mrs Mikaela Scott (Mon. - Wed.) & Mrs Tenille Callaghan (Thurs. & Fri.)

Year 1 Blue - Mrs Jaclyn Sheppard

Year 3 Gold - Mr Patrick Murton

Year 3 Blue - Mrs Emily Adcock (Mon. - Wed.) & Mrs Carol Nash (Thurs. & Fri.)

Year 4 Gold - Mrs Chloe Harrison (M, Wed. - Fri.) & Mrs Tenille Callaghan (Tues.)

Year 4 Blue - Mrs Sylvanna Jordan

Year 5 Gold - Mrs Sarah Xuereb

Year 5 Blue - Mrs Jamie Dowling (Mon. - Thurs) & Mr Paul Madigan (Fri.)

Year Six Gold - Miss Molly Clancy

Learner Diversity Teacher – Mrs Lianna Jones

Learning Diversity Support Staff – Mrs Rosa Sweeney,

Japanese- Mr Tony Brinley

Library - Mrs Virginia Cumming

Dance/Drama/Music - Mrs Jannette Whyte

Administrative Staff – Mrs Donna Clancy (Mon. - Thurs.), Mrs Cheryl O'Neill (Mon. - Wed.) & Mrs Rane Bagioffi (Friday)

Canteen Manager – Mrs Catherine Berry

Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW) – Mrs Jodie Bourke (Mon. & Tues.)

Family Liaison Officer (FLO) – Mrs Natasha Harman (Tues. & Thurs.)

School Counsellor – Wendy Thomas

Attendance Matters

School hours are 8:45am - 3:05pm. Any parents or carers who need to pick up their child early are requested to **phone or email the school office before 9am** on the day, to inform the school of the reason for your child's early departure. If your child needs to leave early, it is preferable they are not collected between morning tea (10:45am - 11:15am) and lunch time (1:15pm - 2:05pm). It is too difficult for our administrative staff to leave the office unattended to locate children on the playground. Therefore, please only collect early outside the break times.

I ask where possible, please try to get your child to school on time and minimise late arrivals and early departures, unless it's a regular specialist appointment you have informed the school about. Attending full days is essential for our children as it helps them to learn and retain information more effectively.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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You are also requested to notify the school immediately if it is known that a child's absence is likely to exceed three days. A long term planned absence (e.g. holiday) should be referred to the Principal, in writing to scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au at the earliest possible opportunity, BEFORE the holiday is taken.

Awards Assembly

This Friday at 2:20pm we will host our awards assembly via Zoom and the invitation will be posted in Compass on Friday morning. This is always exciting for the children, and I realise new parents may not be aware of our award system and the awards that can be achieved, so please find a brief outline below.

The main school rule at St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School is:

To be a learner at St Cecilia's we make smart choices when we:

Act Safely
Cooperate
Respect Others

Light of Learning Award

Coupled with the main school rule, is our school motto 'Let Your Light Shine'. The 'Light of Learning' Award is an award that acknowledges those students who let their light of learning shine by being safe, cooperative, respectful citizens of our community.

Towards the end of each month, the Principal gives the 'Light of Learning Award' to one student from each class, for being a shining example of excellence to our school community.

Class Champion Awards

Academic Achievement, Personal Best and the PBL Award

Each fortnight, three students are selected by their classroom teachers for three Class Champion Awards. The three awards have very different focuses and are presented to those students who have shown outstanding success in each of the three areas.

Academic Achievement

This award is presented to a student in each teacher's classroom to recognise outstanding academic success in their work each fortnight.

Personal Best

This award is given to a student who has tried their personal best throughout the fortnight and aims to acknowledge their improvement. Targeting student improvements academically, socially and/or behaviourally.

PBL Award

The PBL award targets student behaviour, both in the classroom and on the playground, in accordance with the specific fortnightly PBL rule. It is acknowledged as a whole school community to reiterate that their behaviour has positively affected us all and we celebrate their efforts together.



Baby News!

Biggest congratulations to Mr Murton and his wife on the arrival of their new baby boy, Jeremiah. Baby Jeremiah couldn't wait to enter the world, arriving early to meet his parents and siblings early this morning at 2:43am, weighing in at 3.28kg.

We can't wait to meet baby Jeremiah. Enjoy this very special time with your family Mr Murton. We look forward to the baby spam in the upcoming weeks.

God Bless

Marta Chylewska
Principal

Sport News

This week on Monday 21st February, thirty of our St Cecilia's students, from year 2-6, took to the pool to represent our school at the CCC Swimming Carnival. They all represented us with pride and 'Let their light shine'! Congratulations to all our competitors for a wonderful performance. Further congratulations goes to Linh Pham who will be representing us in the girls 13 year old Freestyle at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival held Tuesday 15th of March.

A huge thank you to Mrs Callaghan for guiding and supporting all students, including giving pep talks when needed. I also want to thank all parents and guardians for assisting us by getting your children to and from the carnival promptly for the day to run smoothly.

For all competitors and parents I want you to understand that whilst you may have finished first in your heat, the competitors going through are purely based on times. Most categories had three heats and therefore some may have been faster than others. I hope this answers any questions you may have around this.

Thank you all once again for your support!

Paddy Murton
Sports Coordinator



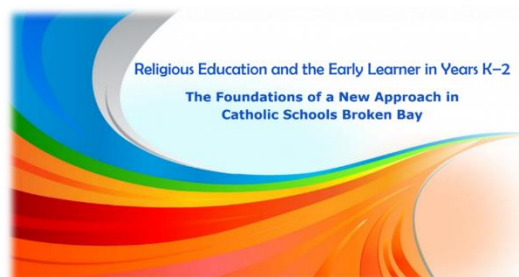
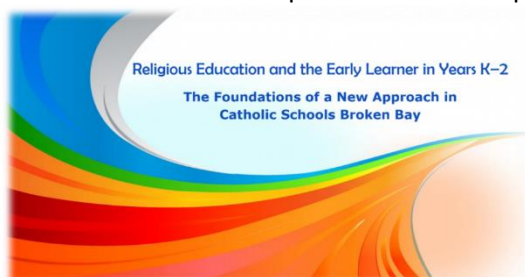
From the REC

Dear Parents,

Rationale for a New Approach to K-2 Religious Education

In 2021 teachers of Religious Education from the Broken Bay Diocese expressed the need for high quality educational resources, a more coherent scope and sequence and support with assessment. In response to this research (including research by Dr Ben Jensen commissioned by Catholic School Broken Bay) **the new approach to Religious Education in K-2 will provide the children and teachers at St Cecilia's:**

- renewed focus on early learning pedagogy
- high quality resources developed by the Diocese
- an established scope and sequence of experiences
- a new approach to assessment in K-2, whereby teachers will listen, observe and record, thereby providing a holistic view of the child. Reporting to parents in these years will therefore be created through comments, rather than A-E grades
- targeted professional learning and support to develop the expertise, confidence and joy of teachers who will implement the new approach



The New Pedagogy for K-2 Religious Education

The early years framework is a significant tool that assists teachers' understanding of early learners and is central to the development of early learners in our Catholic communities. **We want our learners at St Cecilia's to experience:**

Belonging: "Experiencing belonging – knowing where and with whom you belong is central to human existence." (EYLF, p.7)

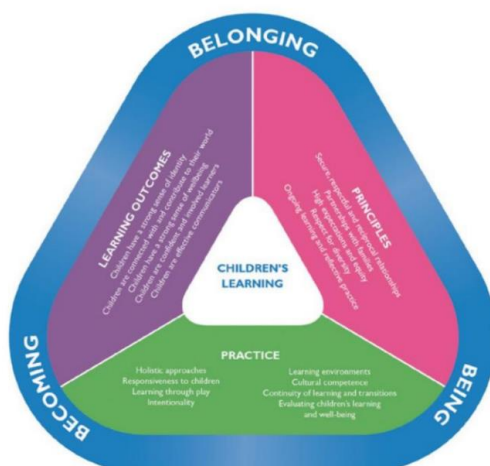
The new K-2 approach invites young children and their families to more fully understand what it means to belong to their Catholic school and parish communities.

Being: "Childhood is a time to be, to seek and to make meaning of the world." (EYLF, p.7)

The new approach offers children time to be, to engage in their own seeking and to make meaning when they are ready.

Becoming: "Becoming reflects the process of rapid and significant change that occurs in the early years as young children learn and grow." (EYLF, p.7)

The Early Learning Years Framework



This term the Kindergarten children will engage in this renewed focus of thinking and learning (as the year progresses Years 1 and 2 will be introduced to this same pedagogy). The lessons will be organised in 2 x 1 hour sessions followed by a 30 minute session in a new learning environment.

The children will play and encounter through:

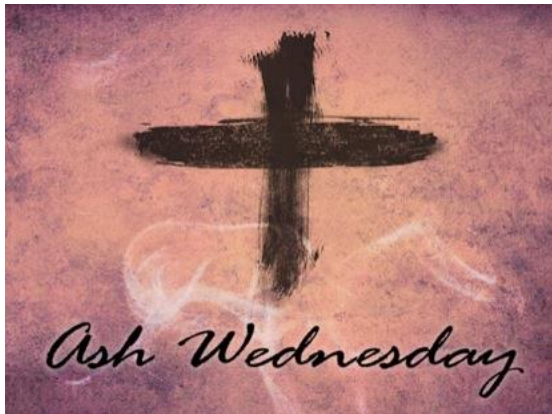
- **scripture and liturgy**
- **concrete 3D materials**
- **experience, reflect and respond using a listening book.**

Below are examples of high quality concrete 3D materials that the Kindergarten children are using.



*“... childhood and children’s relationships with God are valuable in themselves, and not simply as a prelude for what is to come. These relationships are already expressions of the eternal love of God present and at work in children’s hearts”
(Children: Close to the Mystery of God (Catholic Education, South Australia).*

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March 2022



Children are invited to wear purple clothes on Ash Wednesday and bring a project compassion donation.

2022 Sacramental Dates



Reconciliation

Year 4 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 1

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.

God Bless

Jamie Dowling

Religious Education Coordinator

Canteen News

Dear Parents,

New Products

- Glee 250ml 99% fruit juice plus bubbles! No added sugar, natural colours and flavours, no preservatives.
- Healthy Nugget Meal Deal.

6 x chicken nuggets

1 x small salad box

1 x 350ml plain water

- Mexican Meatball Salad.

6 x warm meatballs plus lettuce, tomato, grated cheese, salsa, sour cream and crunchy corn chips!

All salads come with a plastic fork.

Available for online lunch orders.

Chill J is no longer available.

Remember, ***cut off time for orders is strictly 8.30am Wednesday and Friday.*** Orders can be placed the day/night before and up to 2 weeks ahead. If your child is absent on the day that they have a lunch order, please notify the school before recess and we can move the lunch order to another day when your child returns to school.

Catherine Berry
Canteen Coordinator



Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Isabella S	Kinder Gold	Caiden P
1 Blue	Levi C	1 Gold	Ruby-L S
2 Blue	Sama G	2 Gold	Advik P
3 Blue	Laila F	3 Gold	Finn M
4 Blue	Samantha W	4 Gold	Oliver L
5 Blue	Ella L	5 Gold	Hallie E
6 Blue	Scarlett M	Drama	Pandora M 5B
Japanese	Zachary T 4G		

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	John H	Kinder Gold	Layla I
1 Blue	Bella T	1 Gold	Riley D
2 Blue	Harry L	2 Gold	Sienna M
3 Blue	Olivia C	3 Gold	Cody T
4 Blue	Tamryn H	4 Gold	Alisha P
5 Blue	Billy K	5 Gold	Ethan T
6 Blue	Summer H	Drama	Imogen V 5G
Japanese	Lincoln C 6B		
Library	Poppy H KG	Library	Jackson M KG

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Jackson Y	Kinder Gold	Georgia L
1 Blue	Yu Han Y	1 Gold	Henry D
2 Blue	Malachi E	2 Gold	Catherine B
3 Blue	Brayden H	3 Gold	Sophia L
4 Blue	Miller W	4 Gold	Nikeeta R
5 Blue	Abigail S	5 Gold	Azalia A
6 Blue	Ethan L	Drama	Azalia A 5G
Japanese	Alisha P 4G		

Principal's Light of Learning Award



Kindergarten Blue: Oscar M

For being the ultimate quiet achiever and trying his best in all areas of his learning

Kindergarten Gold: Ajay B

for his consistent application to learning and the respectful way he interacts with others

1 Blue: Archie W

For being a very kind friend and a great helper to his class mates in maths

1 Gold: Indie A

For working hard to produce her best product in all learning areas

2 Blue: Kyra R

For a fantastic start to Year 2 by being settled, ready to learn and having a can do attitude

2 Gold: Charlotte T

For being a kind and helpful member of 2 Gold. Charlotte always wears a smile and we are so lucky to have her in our class

3 Blue: Zali M

For consistently giving every task 100% and challenging herself to produce her best work. Keep up the great work, Zali

3 Gold: Sophia C

For always striving to do best by asking questions and taking risks

4 Blue: Jayden M

For always having a positive attitude towards anything and everything he does at school, especially his attitude and effort with his learning tasks

4 Gold: Zachary T

For being a kind and friendly class member who participates wholeheartedly in all activities

5 Blue: Andrew W

For trying his best and demonstrating he is a Disciple of Jesus

5 Gold: Nicholas S

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

6 Blue: Nasiah M

For consistently adapting to the growing responsibilities and expectations that accompanies the title of a Year 6 leader