

# St Cecilia's Catholic School

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Dear Families,

Welcome to week 9 of an 11 week term that will finish up on Friday 8th April with our Athletics Carnival.

I want to take the time to thank all the parents who have contacted the school via email or phone to notify us if your child has tested positive for Covid. We are definitely feeling the emptiness in some classes as the number of cases in the school has increased significantly. Currently, we have approximately 120 members in our community either in isolation due to testing positive with Covid, having symptoms or they may be a household close contact. I can confirm that these current cases are across all the classes, with more significant numbers in Kindergarten, Years 2, 5 & 6. Due to these high number of cases I did pause the regular notifications for the week to minimise the barrage of emails coming through, however these will restart next week.

Just some reminders regarding COVID:

- If a student tests positive to COVID-19 on a RAT or PCR they, you and all their household contacts must isolate at home for 7 days (unless you have recovered from COVID in the last 28 days). The rules regarding isolation of a household close contact still apply and with several such circumstances within our community it is important to maintain the 7 days since the household member tested positive.
- Families were provided with RATs last week. Children should conduct RATs if they have any COVID-like symptoms. If students experience prolonged symptoms, it is recommended that they go for a PCR test and isolate until they have received a result.
- Staff and students will be supported to wear a mask if they choose to do so.
- You should inform the school office via phone or email that your child is isolating due to their COVID status or because they are a household contact.
- It is recommended that students who return to school after recovering from COVID-19 not participate in rapid antigen test surveillance for 28 days (four weeks after recovery) following release from self-isolation. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 28 days. After 28 days (from week five after recovery), students and staff may resume participation in RAT surveillance

We are unable to provide face to face learning at school and remotely (HBL). Some of the older grade teachers may have regular classwork on their Google Classroom, which your child can complete from home, however our priority would be for your child to rest and recover.

We have been advised to direct parents to the following link if they wish to find easily accessible learning experiences for their child while in isolation. They are detailed and of good quality.

[Learning remotely \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/learning-remotely)

## Families Leading in Partnership



Thank you to the handful of parents who have responded to the Parent Survey which will inform the future directions and discussions to be had at our termly Families in Partnership meetings.

I would like to request all families to complete the 2 minute parent survey. Even if you are unable to attend the FLIP meeting this coming Tuesday 29th March at 9am, your say is still very important to us. I also believe a more accurate representation of school climate, perceptions and beliefs, as well as matters for attention or fundraising goals will be identified and addressed when more families respond. Your input is greatly valued and currently some of the priority agenda items expressed by families include; *school fundraising events, parental involvement, awards system & year 6 graduation.*

RSVP for the FLIP meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

Parent Survey [CLICK HERE](#)

## Open Day

If you are an existing family and have a child starting next year you are most welcome to attend our Open Day or Open Evening. Children are welcome! Tours will occur during the day. The evening will be a presentation only. See below for details. [Click here for RSVP.](#)



## Transition To Winter Uniform

The first two weeks of Term 2 is a transition phase for winter uniforms. I leave it to parents to gauge the weather and decide on the most suitable uniform on any particular day. I do ask however, that either full winter or full summer uniform is worn and not a hybrid of both.

Monday 9th May is the official change to winter uniform (Week 3) and all students should be dressed accordingly. Thank you for your support.

### **UNIFORM SHOP (PRICE LIST AS AT 07/05/18)**

#### **NEW ITEMS**

\$45.00	Back Pack
\$20.00	Hats
\$15.00	Library Bags

#### **USED ITEMS**

##### *Summer*

\$2.00	Boys blue short sleeve shirt
\$3.00	Boys grey shorts
\$3.00	Girls dress
\$2.00	Girls white short sleeve shirt (Yr 6)

##### *Winter*

\$4.00	Boys blue long sleeve shirt
\$7.00	Boys grey trousers
\$8.00	Girls winter tunics (K-5)
\$7.00	Girls navy blue trousers
\$4.00	Girls white long sleeve shirt
\$7.00	Girls skirt (Yr 6)
\$5.00	Jacket (w/zip)
\$5.00	Pull over jumper (w/out zip)

##### *Sport*

\$3.00	Sports shirt
\$3.00	Sports shorts
\$3.00	Sports skirt
\$5.00	Tracksuit pants

##### *Other*

\$0.50	Socks
\$3.00	Used hats
\$8.00	Used bags

## Uniform Shop

Should you require any second hand Winter Uniforms, the orders are tended to every Monday and Thursday morning. Parents can place their orders online by sending an order request to [simbub21@gmail.com](mailto:simbub21@gmail.com). The email order must include the following information:

1. Item of Clothing
2. Size
3. Number of items
4. Total cost

Orders are filled twice a week and you will be contacted via email when your order is ready to be paid for and collected at the front office. Simone O'Connor volunteers her time and we are incredibly grateful for the wonderful job she does.

All donations of second hand uniforms are always warmly received by our office staff so please feel free to drop off any unwanted or outgrown uniform articles of clothing.

## Congratulations To Our New Mini Vinnies Leaders

At Monday morning's assembly Father Raul blessed the badges of our newly appointed YEAR 6 focus TEAM leaders. The goal of these teams is to involve our year six children in leadership roles in a purposeful and meaningful way where they extend and use their individual gifts and talents to inspire others. Congratulations to all the following children in their new leadership roles. We know you will do us proud and make a profound impact on our school.

Pastoral TEAM	Wellbeing TEAM	Arts TEAM	Environmental TEAM	Digital Leaders TEAM
Lorenzo Hayley Savannah Isabella Beau Indianna	Nasiah Ethan Aaliah Riley Elias Zoie	Linh Isaac Summer Aditi Isabelle India	Keely Tahlia Lucas Charlotte Charlise Grace Sienna	Arlo Lincoln Samuel Scarlett Rory Matthew

*\*Any children who missed out on receiving their badges, will do so at their next Monday morning assembly.*

## 2022 Mini Vinnies Representatives

Congratulations on the newly elected Mini Vinnies Team. The K- 5 children were acknowledged and received their badges last week. The Year 6 Pastoral TEAM leaders will lead by example and help to empower their younger fellow Mini Vinnies members to become advocates within their school and local community by putting their values into action. The children will meet regularly to learn about social justice issues, develop leadership skills and engage with the wider St Vincent de Paul Society.

<b>K Gold</b>	Ajay B	<b>K Blue</b>	Eli P
	Georgia L		Aleena C
<b>1 Gold</b>	Indie A	<b>1 Blue</b>	Lucy I
	Lilly T		Archie W
<b>2 Gold</b>	Iona M	<b>2 Blue</b>	Eva W
	Catherine B		Harry L
<b>3 Gold</b>	Matthew T	<b>3 Blue</b>	Natalia S
	Duncan C		Laila F
<b>4 Gold</b>	Taylah A	<b>4 Blue</b>	Jayden M
	India T		Johnny M
<b>5 Gold</b>	Izzy M	<b>5 Blue</b>	Abigail S
	Joel H		Logan H
<b>Year 6 PASTORAL TEAM</b>	Lorenzo C	Savannah o	Beau M
	Hayley L	Isabella S	Indiana L

## **Flood Appeal**

We are still awaiting our school contact from the Presentation Sisters who are working on helping schools in the Northern Rivers. Yesterday the children raised \$300 in coins to help support the people up North and hopefully help bring back what has been damaged by the unprecedented floodwaters.

Thank you to our Mini Vinnies leaders who helped organise this fundraiser. With our donations we can provide hope. Should any parent wish to make any further donations, please insert money into an envelope or zip locked bag clearly marked; Northern Rivers Flood Appeal, Child's Name, Class and Amount. Alternatively donations can be made via Qkr.



### **WEEK 9**

**Thurs. 24th March** Practice NAPLAN tests for Yrs. 3 & 5  
**Fri. 25 March** Awards Assembly 2:30pm

### **WEEK 10**

**Tues. 29th March** Families Leading in Partnership meeting in staffroom at 9am  
**Wed 30th March** Open Day 9:30am  
Open Evening 6:30pm  
**Thurs. 31st March** Year 6 School Captain Leaders Day with CSBB  
**Fri 1st April** Cross Country

### **WEEK 11**

**Tues. 5th April** Reconciliation Sacrament, St Cecilia's Church, 5:00pm  
**Wed. 6th April** St Peter's Taster Day for Year 6  
**Fri. 8th April** Athletics Carnival & Last Day of School

### **WEEK 1, TERM 2**

**Tues. 26th April** First Day back to school for Term 2

Stay safe and well.

**Marta Chylewska**  
***Principal***

## *From the REC*

### 2022 Project Compassion Appeal

#### Third Week of Lent



We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Janice, a Wagilak woman and traditional dancer who tells her family's stories through movements handed down over generations.

Like many remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, Janice faces a range of challenges – low employment and education, financial hardship, poorer health and lower life expectancy.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Janice believes that Djilpin Arts' work is essential to create opportunities for young people to stay in-country, to share intergenerational knowledge between elders and the younger generation - to promote healing, and to keep culture alive.



#### St Joseph's Liturgy & Mini Vinnies Leaders Celebration



LAST WEEK YEAR 5 LEAD A SPECIAL LITURGY CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPH. DURING THIS LITURGY THE MINI VINNIES LEADERS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED AND PRESENTED WITH THEIR BADGES.



## 2022 Sacramental Dates



### **Reconciliation**

Year 4 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 1

Ceremony Term 1,

4<sup>th</sup> April @ 4:00, Tumbi Umbi or 5<sup>th</sup> of April @ 5:00, St Cecilia's Church, Wyong

### **First Eucharist**

Year 4 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 2

Ceremony Term 2, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June OR Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of June

St Cecilia's Church Wyong

### **Confirmation**

Year 3 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 2

Ceremony Term 3, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

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

All of the sacramental dates have now been confirmed for 2022, please put these dates in your diary. If you are unable to attend any of these celebrations please contact **Jo Helm, the Wyong Parish Coordinator on 0424 763 734.**

God Bless

*Mrs Jamie Dowling*

**Religious Education Coordinator**

## Academic Matters

### Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN Assessments

As with every other year, children in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN this year. Parents and students are reminded that the purpose of NAPLAN is for schools and school systems to gain valuable information to inform our current teaching practices and professional learning offerings for staff.

To support students in preparing, practice NAPLAN tests are scheduled to take place over the next two weeks. This practice consists of a 40-minute omnibus test that provides students with examples of the Numeracy, Spelling, Language Conventions and Reading questions, and a 40-minute writing test for Year 5 students only.

The purpose of these tests is to familiarise students with the online test format and the types of questions they will be asked. These tests also provide an opportunity for the school to work out any technical issues that may occur with the test or devices. Practice tests will not be marked, and students will receive no feedback on their performance.

NAPLAN practice tests will begin tomorrow and we will ensure all children who are away get a chance to take part in the practice tests before the term is out.

The testing window for the actual NAPLAN test is from 10-20 May. Dates for our school will be:

	Year 3	Year 5
Writing	Tuesday 10 May	Tuesday 10 May
Reading	Wednesday 11 May	Wednesday 11 May
Conventions of Language (spelling & punctuation)	Wednesday 11 May	Wednesday 11 May
Numeracy	Thursday 12 May	Thursday 12 May

**Paul Madigan**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Canteen News

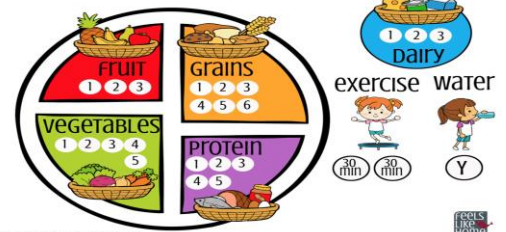
Dear Parents and Carers,

It is very pleasing to see the children (and staff) making healthy salad and snack pack choices for lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays! The Fresh and Fruity Snack Pack (found under the sandwich tab on QKR!) is so popular, we may have to keep it on the menu! The Mexican Meatball Salad is also a great meal, growing in popularity each week. Keep up the good work and keep on munching our healthy salad selections!

Unfortunately, we are continuing to see disruptions to supply chains with some canteen products, mainly fresh milk, as we use a local NSW supplier and they have been heavily impacted by the recent floods. We will provide a suitable replacement where possible. Thank you for your understanding until things get back to normal.

Thanks for your continued support,  
**Catherine Berry,**  
**Canteen Manager**

### MY HEALTHY CHECKLIST





## ***From the FLO***

### ***Something to think about...***

Have you ever just asked your child to play one of **their** games with you? Not a game that you suggest, one that *they* suggest.

It's the best way to get into their world and by letting them be the leader in the game/activity with you, will help you connect and build on your conversations with them as you learn about the things they like. Remember the saying "your presence is better than your presents". Well, it's so true. The more time you make to stop what you're doing, put down your phone and connect meaningfully with your child the more time they will give you. They will let you into their world and even open up to you about the things that they struggle with and this is such an important part of the parenting journey with your child/ren as this will set them up to know they can come back to you again and again with things they struggle with well into their teen years and beyond.

By taking time to "be" together, you are showing your child/ren that they are important to you. More important than the phone in your hand. How often have you unplugged for a whole day? In my house, every now and then we have "no technology days" where we are all required to unplug and have no devices, no internet, games or tv on in the house and we choose an activity to do together, like going to the beach or going outdoors. The adults can have their phones for emergencies but are not to go on them. My kids are all teenagers and we give them a week's notice that no technology day is coming up and they whinge and carry on but, on the day, they put their devices away and they join in. By the end of the day or the weekend, they all report back about how good it was to unplug and hang out together. My kids would never have done this for themselves if we didn't insist on doing it as a family.

I believe that us parents are the ones that give our kids the devices so we can be the ones to select when and how much time they are on them. We need to lead by example and show that being together in the same house isn't being together if we are all on devices and not even talking or spending time together.

*Have a great day!*

*Tash*

**Natasha Harman**  
**Family Liaison Officer (FLO)**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8am – 3.30pm

# Awards and Acknowledgements



*Congratulations to the following students for their achievements  
Awards Assembly will be this Friday at 2.30pm*

## *Academic Achievement*

<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Cooper B	<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Elleah C
<b>1 Blue</b>	Aine H	<b>1 Gold</b>	Sienna T
<b>2 Blue</b>	Bonnie B	<b>2 Gold</b>	Isabelle G
<b>3 Blue</b>	Arihan B	<b>3 Gold</b>	Nicholas G
<b>4 Blue</b>	Hartley R	<b>4 Gold</b>	Mia T
<b>5 Blue</b>	Liam W	<b>5 Gold</b>	Dean H
<b>6 Blue</b>	Riley S		
<b>Dance</b>	Lilly-Mae T 1G	<b>Japanese</b>	Lily M 4B

## *Personal Best*

<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Isla G	<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Scarlett O
<b>1 Blue</b>	Arlo W	<b>1 Gold</b>	Luka M
<b>2 Blue</b>	Ruby B	<b>2 Gold</b>	Iona M
<b>3 Blue</b>	Hannah B	<b>3 Gold</b>	Bodhi I
<b>4 Blue</b>	Asha D	<b>4 Gold</b>	Elizabeth N
<b>5 Blue</b>	Sophy N	<b>5 Gold</b>	Logan H
<b>6 Blue</b>	Aaliah L		
<b>Dance</b>	Indie A 1G	<b>Japanese</b>	Arihan B 3B
<b>Library</b>	Samantha W 4B	<b>Library</b>	Nehemiah M 4B

## *PBL Award*

<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Austin D	<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Poppy H
<b>1 Blue</b>	Maddison T	<b>1 Gold</b>	Marley C
<b>2 Blue</b>	Ciara H	<b>2 Gold</b>	Matilda L
<b>3 Blue</b>	Lilian N	<b>3 Gold</b>	Duncan C
<b>4 Blue</b>	Noah M	<b>4 Gold</b>	Sam T
<b>5 Blue</b>	Andrew W	<b>5 Gold</b>	Lincoln G
<b>6 Blue</b>	Lucas B		
<b>Dance</b>	Maggie G 1B	<b>Japanese</b>	Julie C 1G

# *Principal's Light of Learning Awards*

## ***Kinder Blue: Isabella S***

*For always working to a high standard with her learning and for being a fantastic role model for her peers. Keep up the good work Isabella!*

## ***Kinder Gold: Kyden F***

*For being a kind and gentle friend who always wears a smile in class while learning*

## ***1 Blue: Harrison O***

*For continuously being a kind and caring friend in 1 Blue. He lets his light shine by taking turns and speaking respectfully to others*

## ***1 Gold: Zoe S***

*For sharing her ideas in class discussions and trying her best in all her work*

## ***2 Blue: Eva W***

*For being a good role model for others. She is creative and loves to share her knowledge with our class*

## ***2 Gold: Emilia W***

*For being a kind, polite and gentle member of 2 Gold who is a wonderful friend to everyone*

## ***3 Blue: Bowen N***

*He always works hard and tries his best. He amazes us with his written works*

## ***3 Gold: Cindel H***

*For her huge improvement in attitude towards all learning areas. Congratulations on taking great risks for your learning*

## ***4 Blue: Mikayla O***

*For striving to be the best learner she can be with her amazing effort, perseverance and her commitment to all areas of her learning*

## ***4 Gold: Frances M***

*For her dedication in all her tasks this term and being a good friend to everyone in our class*

## ***5 Blue: Xavier W***

*For his dedicated attitude towards his learning and his ability to lend a helping hand to others*

## ***5 Gold: Imogen V***

*For trying her best and demonstrating that she is a Disciple of Jesus (kind and loving towards her friends and teachers).*

## ***6 Blue: Linh P***

*For her consistent approach to all learning tasks. Linh, you are a life-long learner and it is a pleasure to watch your knowledge grow*