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Dear Parents,

Last week we celebrated National Administrative Professionals Day. Mrs Clancy, Mrs O'Neill and Mrs Baggiozzi were all acknowledged by the staff and children for their daily contributions to our school. In the current climate of COVID, constant changes, increased absentees and teacher shortages, the responsibilities of these ladies are expanding, though you wouldn't know it with the calm, efficient and welcoming environment they provide at front of house. Thank you beautiful administrative staff for all you do, we couldn't run the school as smoothly as we do if it wasn't for you.

Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

In less than 24 hours we will be celebrating our annual St Cecilia's Mother's Day Breakfast & Liturgy. Thank you to all those who RSVP'd to the breakfast via Try Booking or pre-purchased gifts. This assisted greatly with catering purposes and ensuring the school ordered enough gifts for each child to purchase. Those who did not pre-purchase a gift via Qkr can still send \$5 with their child tomorrow as they can purchase a Mother's Day gift.

At tomorrow's breakfast **food will be served from 7:45am till 8:30am** so there will be plenty of time for everyone to enjoy breakfast with their child/ren. Following breakfast and a cuppa, the liturgy will begin at 8:45am and it should be finished within 20 minutes. We look forward to seeing all the mums and motherly figures at the celebration.

Lastly, I'd like to wish all the mothers in our community a very happy Mothers' Day for Sunday. St Cecilia's mothers are a very special part of our community who contribute an enormous amount to our school. St Cecilia's would not be the special place that it is without everything our mothers do on a daily basis. We hope that you all have a wonderful day on Sunday. May you be suitably spoiled by your children and that you receive the recognition that you deserve for all you do for your children. If you are extra lucky you may even get a sleep in! Here's hoping. Enjoy the weekend!

Kindergarten 2023 Enrolments

We have had an influx of enrolments for our 2023 Kindergarten cohort. Interviews have begun today with those families who have submitted their applications for a spot next year. If you are an existing family and have not yet handed in your child's enrolment form for 2023, please do so promptly. Our selection processes are beginning shortly and we don't want any siblings to miss a spot as I try to finalise numbers for the 2023 Kindergarten classes.

Transition to Winter Uniform

A reminder that it is full Winter school uniform starting from next week, Monday 9th May. A selection of second hand uniform orders can be purchased on Monday and Thursday (excluding this Thursday but Friday this week instead) on the school premises from Simone O'Connor, our uniform shop volunteer. Please just email Simone beforehand to check she has what you need and to arrange a specific time to meet her. Her email address is simbub21@gmail.com

Alternatively you can purchase the winter school uniform from Lowes at Tuggerah. Please see the outlined articles of clothing required for the winter uniform.

Athletics Carnival

There are still 38 children awaiting parental consent to attend next week's Athletics Carnival on Thursday 12th May. It is not too late to complete this permission form and offer your assistance, if you're free on the day. I know Mr Murton would be eternally grateful for any assistance we can get on the day.

If you received a reminder to complete the online Permission form for the Athletics Carnival, please complete it promptly.

Covid Regulations Updated 22nd April

St Cecilia's continues to follow current COVID guidelines in applying the recommended safety measures. The main change that has occurred is that close contacts are now allowed on the school site but they must inform the school.

If you are a **close contact** attending school:

- inform the school via phone or email that you are a close contact.
- you should conduct a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days and possibly longer if further household members become positive.
**If you have had COVID within the past 12 weeks of being identified as a close contact, you do not need to monitor with a daily RAT (see further notes in red below).*
- wear a mask if you are an adult entering the school grounds (*students who are close contacts are encouraged to wear masks*)

If your child is unwell they should remain home and rest to get well. Rapid antigen tests can produce false-negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students or staff who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

If you **test positive** you are required to:

- record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#) – there is NOW a prompt to add details of the students school or early childhood education centre
- notify your school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible via phone or email.
- follow [NSW Health advice](#) to isolate for 7 days.
- administer a RAT prior to your child returning to school to ensure they are COVID negative.

It is recommended that students and staff that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen testing for 12 weeks following release from self-isolation unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms. 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 12 weeks.

If your child has an allergy that presents with flu like symptoms, a medical certificate is required stating they are fit for school and suffer an allergy.

I will continue to inform the relevant grade when there is a positive case in the year group and guide families on NSW Health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

Awards Assembly

Please see below for this week's list of PBL, Academic Achievement and Personal Best Award winners. These will be presented in the assembly area at our Awards Assembly this Friday 6th May at 2:30pm. We will normally start assemblies at 2:35 but this week we will start a little earlier as we will also be distributing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters for Cross Country. We look forward to seeing any parents or carers who can attend.

Collaborative Coaching

As you may have read in the Term 2 letter from Danny Casey, our Director of School's (attached in last week's Principal Update), we have commenced our K-6 collaborative coaching program this term. The Towards 2025 strategic plan in Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) places strong focus on a culture of improvement focused on teaching and learning, which will be enhanced through the system-wide Collaborative Coaching Program.

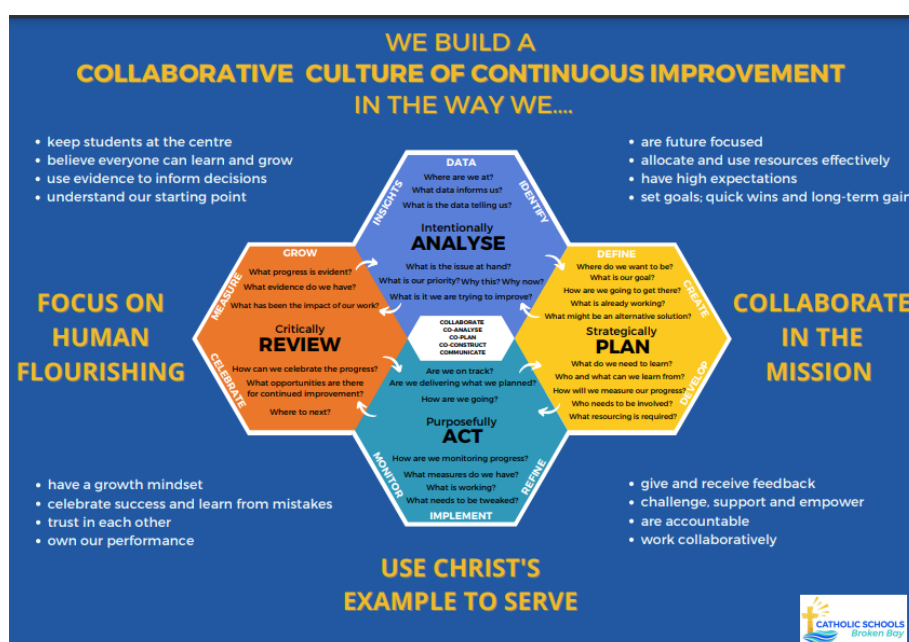
What does this mean for our school?

The Assistant Principal (Mr Madigan) will facilitate weekly Collaborative Coaching sessions on a Monday and Tuesday with pairs of teachers from each grade. These sessions will run for an hour and they're an excellent opportunity to drive learning improvement through co-analysing, co-planning, acting on and reviewing of teaching and learning programs and student assessments.

Miss Phoebe Hayman and Mrs Claire Potter (now Mrs Garth) have been appointed as the Collaborative Coaching teacher release staff. This means that Miss Hayman and Mrs Garth will cover the teachers when they go out to coaching and under the guidance of the classroom teacher they will deliver teaching and learning of a specific subject area, including reporting and assessing in the area they will be teaching.

We were so fortunate to be able to secure these passionate and experienced casual teachers on a more permanent basis for the rest of the year. Both teachers are already known to the children so this will result in consistency for the children. Miss Hayman will always relieve the **Blue** class teachers for their hour of Collaborative Coaching and Mrs Garth will relieve the **Gold** classroom teachers.

Mr Madigan and myself will continue to keep you posted with our progress on Collaborative Coaching.





WEEK 2

- Wed. 4th May** Kindergarten 2023 Enrolment Interviews and child screeners 12pm - 3:30pm
Thurs. 5th May Mothers Day Breakfast, Liturgy & Mother's Day Stall
Fri. 6th May Whole School Awards Assembly & Cross Country Ribbons presented; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Kindergarten 2023 Enrolment Interviews and child screeners 9am - 12:30pm

WEEK 3

- Mon. 9th May** Kindergarten & Year 6 Parish Mass 9:30am
Central Coast Cross Country Event
Tues. 10th May Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Writing @ 9.00am
Wed. 11th May Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Reading @ 9.00am & Language Conventions @ 11.15am

WEEK 4

- Mon. 16th May** Kindergarten 2023 Enrolment Interviews and child screeners 9am - 12:30pm
Thurs. 19th May Year 3 @ 11.15 am & Year 5 @ 9.00am NAPLAN Mathematics
Fri. 20th May Awards Assembly including Light of Learning Award @ 2:35pm
Youth Ministry in hall for Years 5&6

WEEK 5

- Wed. 25th May** Year 6 Canberra Excursion (2 nights)
Thurs. 26th May **NATIONAL SORRY DAY**
Year 6 still at Canberra Excursion
Fri. 27th May Year 6 return from Canberra Excursion at approximately 6:30pm

WEEK 6

- Mon. 30th May** RECONCILIATION WEEK
Tues. 31st May Bright Beginnings Playgroup 9:30 - 10:30am in hall for all children aged 3-5
Year 6 still at Canberra Excursion
Fri. 3rd June Awards Assembly @ 2:35pm
Kindergarten 2023 Enrolment Interviews and child screeners 9am-12pm

WEEK 7

- Mon. 6th June** Bookings for Mid Year P/T Interviews open on Compass
Thurs. 9th June Shine Concert at St Peter's for Year 6

WEEK 8 - Wellbeing Week

- Mon. 13th June** QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - Public holiday
Thurs. 16th June Reports accessible on Compass today
Fri. 17th June Awards Assembly including Let Your Light Shine Award
Year 4 Sacrament of First Eucharist 5pm and 6:30pm

WEEK 9

- Mon. 20th June** Mid year parent/teacher interviews all week.
Fri. 24th June Year 4 Sacrament of First Eucharist 5pm and 6:30pm

WEEK 10

Mon. 27th June	NAIDOC WEEK Activities Begin today; Smoking Ceremony & Guest Speaker
Thurs. 30th June	Last day of school for children
Fri. 1st July	System Leadership Staff Development Day

God Bless

Marta Chylewska

Principal

From the REC

Mother's Day Liturgy

Let us treat you and show you that we appreciate you...

Inviting All Mothers and Motherly Carers

We welcome you to attend a special Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy to be hosted in our school assembly area on Thursday, 5th May

Breakfast will be served from 7:45am
Liturgy to follow at 8:45am

We look forward to welcoming all of our beautiful Mother's and Motherly Carers



Kindergarten & Year 6 Buddy Mass

**It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to
celebrate our Kinder & Year 6 Buddy Mass on
Monday, the 9th May @ 9:30am
St Cecilia's Church, 23 Byron Street, Wyong**



First Eucharist Sacrament

Thank you to all of the families you have returned their Eucharist registration forms and payment to the office. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament please return this form as soon as possible for processing. With thanks!

2022 Sacramental Dates



First Eucharist

Year 4 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 2

Ceremony Term 2, Friday 17th June OR Friday 24th of June (5:00 pm & 6:30 pm)

St Cecilia's Church, 23 Byron Street, Wyong

Confirmation

Year 3 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 2

Ceremony Term 3, Sunday 31st July (time to be confirmed)

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.**



**Pastoral
Discernment**
Central Coast

Conversation Forums

Pastoral Discernment Project Central Coast

Sunday 15 May 12noon - 2:30pm

An opportunity for all to come together to hear of the themes and data beginning to emerge following local community consultation sessions.

Light refreshments will be available on arrival

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall
239-243 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance.**

Listening to one another and
journeying forward together, guided by
the **Holy Spirit.**

For more information and to register visit
www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc
Registrations will close 9th May 2022



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FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR

School Cross Country

A huge congratulations to all students who participated in the K-1 and 2-6 Cross Country events on Friday. I've heard wonderful things from the K-1 teachers and students who can proudly say that they have 'literally' run around the school. There was wonderful sportsmanship and plenty of cheering which is needed with such a gruelling sport.

Across at Baker Park the students endured a tough muddy course on a relatively warm and muggy day. There were plenty of tired, exhausted faces, lost shoes and student's saying 'I don't think I can do it' as they ran past to complete another lap and yet perseverance and mental toughness won the day! There were a lot of very proud faces. Not just from parents or teachers but students as they crossed the finish line surprisingly themselves.

I want to say thank you to all the parents who came out and cheered or assisted on the day. Without your support these events can't run as smoothly as they do. Thank you also to all the teachers who were adaptable and supportive to their students and myself, we are blessed to have such wonderful staff here. Lastly, thank you to all the students who 'gave it their all!' Cross Country is not an easy sport but everyone had a go and tried their hardest and in the end that's all we can ask for.

On Monday 9th May, 70 students will be representing our school at the Cluster Cross Country Carnival venue TBC. Below is the table of successful students. These are in order from our carnival. **The top 3 will receive ribbons this Friday at the awards ceremony.**

8 years GIRLS	9 years GIRLS	10 years GIRLS	11 years GIRLS	12 years GIRLS
Ivy C	Skye P	Sophy N	Kenzi G	Isabelle R
Ruby N	Izzy S	Tamryn H	Sophie M	Indiana L
Matilda L	Zali M	Alison W	Azalea A	India T
Bonnie B	Emelia J	Indie G	Madeleine H	
Catherine B	Laila F	Nikeeta R	Izabele M	
Quinn R	Natalia S	Nehemiah M	Grace C	
Isabelle G	Avayah Y	Mikayla O	Keely W	
Eva W	Grace B	India C		

8 years BOYS	9 years BOYS	10 years BOYS	11 years BOYS	12 years BOYS
Harry L	Flynn W	Beau S	Lincoln G	Arlo B
Spencer T	Finn M	Asha D	Lachlan B	Beau M
Parker G	Matthew T	Miller W	Zavier W	Matthew B
Patrick M	Zach W	Will C	Abdur J	Ethan L
James A	Ashton B	Noah M	Luke K	
William T	Bentley C	Sam T	Billy K	
Harry W	Nicholas G	Nicholas S	Levi B	
Brayden H	Taylor G	Leo C		
		Zachary T		

Thank you once again to all for the support and encouragement to assist making this event run so smoothly!

Paddy Murton
Sports Coordinator

Canteen News

Dear Parents,

New Products

Check out these yummy new products available on the Winter Menu!

- Lasagne
- Macaroni Cheese (V)
- Spinach and Ricotta Roll (V)
- The Fresh and Fruity Snack Pack is still available while stocks last.
Find it under the Salads Tab on Qkr!

Super New Product Introducing Birthday Buckets

Make your child's Birthday a breeze at school by ordering a bucket of Zooper Doopers for their class!

Only available for delivery Wednesdays and Fridays. Available to order under the Icy Treats tab on Qkr!

Enjoy,

Catherine Berry
Canteen Manager



Awards and Acknowledgements



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

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Angus A	Kinder Gold	Courtney R
1 Blue	Nixon B	1 Gold	Julie C
2 Blue	Jimmy A	2 Gold	Parker G
3 Blue	Bowen N	3 Gold	Charlotte S
4 Blue	Axle B	4 Gold	Taylah A
5 Blue	Keaton J	5 Gold	Megan A
6 Blue	Grace C		
Music	Bonnie B 2B	Japanese	Callum H 5G

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	Bella W	Kinder Gold	Evie P
1 Blue	Spoorthi A	1 Gold	Chase J
2 Blue	Cooper K	2 Gold	Ruby J
3 Blue	Aaliyana A	3 Gold	Jessaliiyah A
4 Blue	Koby S	4 Gold	Hunter K
5 Blue	Keithen L	5 Gold	Luke K
6 Blue	Sienna C		
Music	Cooper K 2B	Japanese	Oliver K 4G
Library	Lillianna G 3B	Library	Archer W 1G

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Aydin P	Kinder Gold	Monica D
1 Blue	Ava J	1 Gold	Kiara M
2 Blue	Kash S	2 Gold	Jayde G
3 Blue	Grace B	3 Gold	Skye P
4 Blue	Leo C	4 Gold	Mia T
5 Blue	Abigail S	5 Gold	Indie G
6 Blue	Rory W		
Music	Ivy C 2G	Japanese	Tamryn H 4B