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Dear Families,

It was heart warming last week to be joined by many parents from across grades K - 6 at our second FLIP meeting for the year. The meeting was a great success as parent participation provided a forum for exchanging ideas and contributed to discussions that will shape your children's experience at St Cecilia's. There was a positive energy in the room with all parents cultivating their partnership with the school by forging links with other parents and staff. Thank you to all those who attended.



Among the agenda items, we assigned term 4 for the whole school disco, which will take place Friday 21st October from 5pm - 6:30pm. The **Community Building Team** and **Parent Connectors** will take the lead in organising this fun social event for the children. If you are interested in joining the coordinating teams to assist in the organisation of this event, please put in an expression of interest in the form below.

Expression of interest to assist with whole school disco planning

<https://forms.gle/hjC8ZFdx7NxWmYi8>

At the FLIP meeting we also discussed the review of our End of Year Awards Ceremony where currently 8 Learning Area awards are awarded per class. These include; RE, Mathematics, English, Human Society & Its Environment, Science & Technology, PD/H/PE, Creative & Practical Arts & Christian Values.

This review process began two years ago pre-Covid and has laid dormant for the past two years. Following on with the School Improvement Plan we are asking the parent community for feedback regarding the awards presented at the end of year. Please review the proposed award structures and place your vote in on the preferred model or make further suggestions for some other ideas.

End of Year Awards Proposals. VOTE HERE NOW! <https://forms.gle/W2EFbgLfBVqcivjw5>

Principal's Award

I shared with parents at the FLIP #2 meeting that a new Principal's award will be introduced at the end of the year where children with Outstanding effort grades in all Learning Areas will receive special recognition. Without effort there is no growth and in order for our children to achieve goals, hard work, perseverance and tenacity are key. For this reason, at St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School we want to emphasise the value of effort as an educational pillar.

We will keep you updated on the developments around this topic, as we strive to ensure a clear and consistent approach is applied for allocation of effort grades across all grades K-6.

Year 6 Graduation

Monday 5th December was the confirmed date for Year 6 graduation Mass and supper. At the FLIP meeting a group of Year 6 parents attended and volunteered for some roles. As part of the **Parent Connectors** team, Amanda Lear has volunteered to be the communications manager between school and parents in preparation for the end of year events for Year 6. All these communications will be sent via the school on Compass to ensure that anyone who may not have Facebook does not miss out on important messaging.

The other big project that requires attention and completion by the end of term three is the Year 6 photobook, which is gifted from the school to the children at the end of their primary schooling years. I know there has already been a shout out for your top 10 - 15 photographs to be shared. More information about this will be sent out shortly. Heidi West, who created last year's photobook is familiar with the online software and process and has kindly volunteered to work closely with Simone (Savannah's mum) and Isabeau (Lincoln's mum) in collating the relevant materials needed for the book. Thanks so much for offering your help ladies. If anyone else would like to assist with this task in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email.

Bright Beginnings

A reminder that next week on Thursday 23rd June, we are running our second Bright Beginnings Playgroup. If you have a toddler or child beginning school next year, please feel free to register and join us for the Fitness Frenzy session, which the Year 5 children will be hosting. The playgroup is hosted at 9:30 - 10:30am in the hall once a month. Please click the link below to register for any sessions you would like to attend. <https://www.trybooking.com/BYKVW>

Families Leading in Partnership (Flip)

Please refer to our [school website](#) for guiding principles and some responsibilities of the three different teams that make up Families Leading in Partnership (FLIP). The teams include: **Community Building Team**, **Parent/Carer Connectors**, **Faith and Learning Partners** and **The Advisory Team**.

The teams remain fluid throughout the year based on specific projects, people's strengths and interests that may complement the agenda items or targeted matters for address. The agenda items for discussion in each team will be shared ahead of time to allow people a chance to consider where they may best add value before attending the meeting. At times I will call on individual teams to attend meetings, dependent on events or matters that arise in the community.

It's not too late to put in an expression of interest to participate in the FLIP group if you are willing to be called upon or hope to join future meetings. Please do so at the attached link

<https://forms.office.com/r/AkAKzsDS1f>

Mid-Year Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder to book in the compulsory mid-year parent/teacher interviews via Compass. If you are accessing the booking system on your mobile device via the Compass app, follow these instructions:

1. Click 'More' menu in the bottom right hand corner of your screen.
2. Select 'Conferences'
3. Choose a Face to Face or Zoom interview booking.

If you have booked a Zoom meeting, your teacher/s will send the Zoom link via Compass in a News Feed before the weekend.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the stage three children who represented our school at the Paul Kelly Cup, AFL Gala Day. I know Mrs Xuereb was extremely proud of how the children conducted themselves, displaying excellent sportsmanship skills throughout the day. Thank you to all the parents who drove their child to the event so that they could participate. I heard a fun and memorable day was had by all.





WEEK 8 - Wellbeing Week

Mon. 13th June

Thurs. 16th June

Fri. 17th June

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - Public holiday

Reports accessible on Compass today

Awards Assembly including Let Your Light Shine Award

Year 4 Sacrament of First Eucharist 5pm and 6:30pm

Kindergarten Excursion

WEEK 9

Mon. 20th June

Thurs. 23rd June

Fri. 24th June

Mid year parent/teacher interviews all week. BOOK IN NOW!

Bright Beginnings Playgroup 9:30 - 10:30am in hall for all children aged 3-5

Year 4 Sacrament of First Eucharist 5pm

WEEK 10

Mon. 27th June

Tues. 28th June

Thurs. 30th June

Fri. 1st July

NAIDOC WEEK Activities Begin today; *Smoking Ceremony & Guest Speaker*

NAIDOC Whole School Mass 9.30am

Last day of school for children

System Leadership Staff Development Day

KEY EVENTS FOR TERM THREE

WEEK 1, TERM 3

Mon. 18th July

Staff Spirituality Day - SCHOOL CLOSED.

WEEK 4, TERM 3

All week

ROUND 1 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION; Class level speeches.

WEEK 5, TERM 3

Day varies per grade

Tues. 16th August

Thurs. 18th August

ROUND 2 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION; Grade level speeches.

Aunty Peach Show; K - 6 Roald Dahl Fractured Fairytales

FLIP Meeting #3 @ 6pm - 7:15pm

WEEK 6, TERM 3

TBC

ROUND 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL; Stage level speeches. Parents welcome.

WEEK 7, TERM 3

Thurs. 1st Sept.

Fri. 2nd Sept.

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy, Book Week Parade & Book Fair

Last day of Scholastic Book Fair

God Bless

Marta Chylewska

Principal

From the REC

Shine

Last Thursday the Year 6 Pastoral Team and School Captains attended **Shine**. This event was hosted by the Youth Ministry team at St Peter's to assist students across the Central Coast in exploring their faith journey and servant leadership in their lives. The event also provided our Year 6 Pastoral Team and School Captains with an insight into the "bigger picture" of spirituality and Youth Ministry that is offered at St Peter's Catholic College.



Sharing our Fabulous Learning - Year 3

The children in Year 3 have been exploring the sacraments of initiation. To demonstrate their understanding of baptism the children have been learning about the importance and symbols of baptism. This knowledge will assist them in preparing them for confirmation.

Learning Intention - We are learning to demonstrate our understand of Baptism

Success criteria:

- What is baptism?
- Why is baptism important?
- Who is involved in a baptism?
- Symbols for baptism

What?

Baptism is a sacrament, baptism is one of the 3 initiation sacraments. In fact it is the first sacrament that you have to do. Baptism is a choice that your parents have to decide. If you are Baptised you are Catholic.

Who?

When you get Baptised the priest is the one who baptises you. When you get Baptised your family will always be at the front.

Why?

We get Baptised because then we are Catholic and then we are blessed and apart of God's family and our sins get forgiven.

Symbols

Holy water
candle
cross on head with oil
white garment

✓ Well done identifying elements of baptism 18/5

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What?

Baptism is a choice you can choose if they want you to become Catholic.

Who?

When you get Baptised you become apart of God's family.

Why?

The candle represents the light of God and Jesus. and the water represents holy water.

Symbols

a white garment is what you wear when you get baptised. oil goes on a baby's head when they get baptised.

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What?

Baptism is a sacrament were your parents make a choice to make you Catholic and become apart of God's family. It also is a ceremony that happens in a church.

Who?

The priest will be there, your family will be there, your Godparents will be there, God and Jesus and the Holy spirit.

Why?

We are baptised because we become Catholic, and we are blessed with the holy spirit. Also we get a bit wet and all of our sins are washed away in the water and God forgives us. Since we are baptised we are apart of God's wonderful family.

Symbols

We have very special symbols for Baptism the first one is water the water represents when we are baptised the water washes away all our sins. the second one is the oil that we make a cross on our forehead with it represents that we are special. the fourth one is a candle it means Christ to the world. the last symbol is a white garment it represents life a bride. Christ

✓ Great effort identifying aspects of baptism 18/5

Natalia

Success criteria:

- What is baptism?
- Why is baptism important?
- Who is involved in a baptism?
- Symbols for baptism

What?

Baptism is the first sacrament. It's a choice to follow Jesus. So God knows your apart of his family. It's a ceremony of the church.

Who?

The priest will be there. Your family will be there. So will your Godparents. God and Jesus will be watching you from above. The Holy Spirit will be by

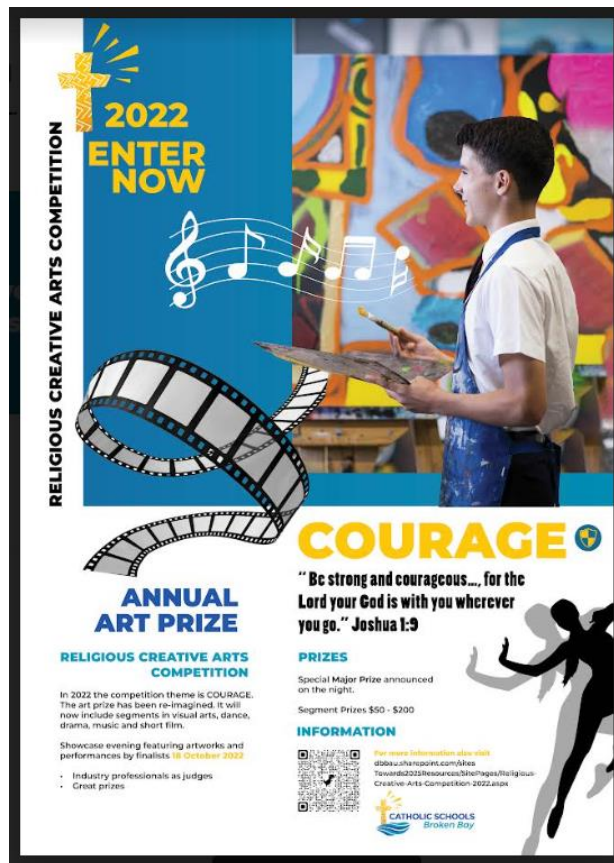
Why?

So God knows we love him. Your sins are washed away. The water will clean your worries. Jesus God knows your apart of their family. It could help you become fully Catholic. Your blessed by the holy spirit.

Symbols

The symbol water represents. The holy water washing sins away. The symbol oil will set you sinning self apart from you Jesus following self. The candle represents light. It is God and Jesus. The white garment represents pureness after your baptism.

✓ A fabulous effort at identifying many important elements of baptism 18/5



Sacred Heart Liturgy
 Parents and Carers are invited to
 join us in prayer to celebrate the
 Feast of the Sacred Heart on
 Friday, 24th of June, at 8:45am,
 Assembly Area

Upcoming Celebrations

Term 2 Dates

- **First Eucharist Ceremonies**, Friday 17th June (5:00 pm & 6:30 pm) **and** Friday 24th June (5:00 pm), St Cecilia's Church, 23 Byron Street, Wyong
- Friday, the 24th June, **Sacred Heart Liturgy**, Assembly Area @ 8:45am
- Tuesday, the 28th June, **Whole School NAIDOC Mass**, St Cecilia's Hall @ 9:30am

Term 3 Dates

- Sunday, the 31st July, **Confirmation Ceremony**, St Peter's Catholic College @ 11:00am

Term 4 Dates

- Tuesday, the 29th December, **Drew Lane Christmas Concert**, (time to be confirmed)
- Monday, the 5th December, **Year 6 Graduation Mass** @ 5:00pm
- Monday, the 12th December, **End of Year Mass** @ 9:30am

God Bless

Jamie Dowling

Religious Education Coordinator

Canteen News

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Products Out of Stock

Canteen continues to see supply chain interruptions in food availability. The following items are temporarily unavailable –

- Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets
- Hash Browns.

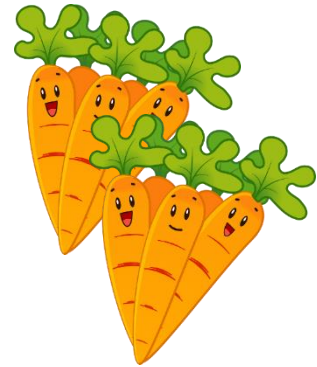
Sorry for any inconvenience.

Absent children and lunch orders

Please notify school if your child is away and has a lunch order, so we can reschedule delivery for when your child returns to school.

Thanks for your help and support,

Catherine Berry
Canteen Manager



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The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) is supported by the Australian Government.

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Sports News

Paul Kelly Cup

On Tuesday we had 23 students venture to Adelaide Street Oval in Killarney Vale to represent St Cecilia's at the Paul Kelly Cup – AFL Gala Day. They played very well and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Big shout out to our amazing parents who assisted on the day and to Mrs Sarah Xuereb for her enthusiasm on the day.

Patrick Murton
Sports Coordinator



**'Always fill your own cup first and
allow the world to benefit from the
overflow.'**



**Join us for a
cuppa and
parent catch up
with our Family
Liaison Officer
Natasha**

**Every Thursday
9-10am**

**In the parent room
(opposite the hall)**



Awards and Acknowledgements



*Congratulations to the following students for their achievements
Awards Assembly will be this Friday at 2.35pm*

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Charlie N	Kinder Gold	Poppy H
1 Blue	Benji I	1 Gold	Harper-Rose G
2 Blue	Ciara H	2 Gold	Elijah A
3 Blue	Zali M	3 Gold	Ashlin W
4 Blue	Mikayla O	4 Gold	Zac S
5 Blue	Sophie M	5 Gold	Kenzi G
6 Blue	Keely W		
CAPA	Ojaswini S 4G	Japanese	Indi G 5G

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	Aleena C	Kinder Gold	Kyden F
1 Blue	Yu Han Y	1 Gold	Sienna T
2 Blue	Bonnie B	2 Gold	Ivy C
3 Blue	Ivanna M	3 Gold	Cohen J
4 Blue	Bonnie T	4 Gold	Levi W
5 Blue	Billy K	5 Gold	Lincoln G
6 Blue	Linh P		
CAPA	Mia T 4B	Japanese	Zac S 4G

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Parneet K	Kinder Gold	Layla I
1 Blue	Harrison O	1 Gold	Riley D
2 Blue	Ruby B	2 Gold	Charlotte T
3 Blue	Lincoln B	3 Gold	Giselle C
4 Blue	Hudson B	4 Gold	India T
5 Blue	Pandora M	5 Gold	Nicholas S
6 Blue	Charlotte L		
CAPA	Mikayla O 4B	Japanese	Mikayla O 4B

Principal's Light of Learning Award



Kinder Blue: Abigail K

For always striving to do her best in the classroom and sharing her knowledge with her peers

Kinder Gold: Elleah C

For embracing each learning task with joy and positive energy so she is able to do her personal best

1 Blue: Lucy I

For consistently showing kindness to others and being a fabulous role model with all of her Mini Vinnies duties

1 Gold: Katelyn C

For consistently striving to achieve her best in all Learning Areas

2 Blue: Oliver H

For displaying discipleship behaviours by being kind, considerate and always thinking of how they can help others

2 Gold: Macie R

For being a friendly, independent learner who cooperates beautifully with others.

3 Blue: Leon I

For being an active and valuable contributor in our class discussions and for beginning to take initiative towards his own learning Keep up the great work Leon!

3 Gold: Cody T

For striving to do his best and helping others to do so

4 Blue: Miller W

For his consistent effort and dedication to his learning. He is always showing respect and kindness to everyone around him. 4 Blue are very lucky to have him

4 Gold: George P

For showing great maturity towards all his learning and in his interactions with his peers

5 Blue: Caleb C

For his dedicated attitude towards his learning and showing kindness to others

5 Gold: Luke K

For his excellent application, organisation and thinking during mathematical tasks. Well done!

6 Blue: India T

For consistently extending herself and demonstrating a genuine love for learning