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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term three is well and truly underway in what is shaping up as a very busy term. It's lovely to be back together in the classroom with the children as we know it's the most effective way for students to learn and grow. As we have already had a few COVID cases surfacing in the school this term, could I please draw your attention to NSW Health Guidelines that state,

"Staff and students who receive a positive rapid antigen test must tell their school as soon as possible and follow NSW Health advice for [testing positive to COVID-19 and managing COVID-19 safely at home.](#)"

Please phone the school or email scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au if your child has tested positive so we can inform the staff and relevant cohort. The school is required to regularly communicate to parents about the presence and impact of COVID-19 in their community, rather than having parents find out on social media platforms. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

GRANDPARENTS LITURGY

I am pleased to confirm that given consideration around the new regulations, we will still be able to go ahead with the Grandparent's Liturgy on Friday 12th August at 8:45am followed by Open Classrooms. After completing the COVID Safety Plan, to minimise spread of infection, we will move the liturgy venue from the hall to outdoors, in the assembly area. We also ask that masks are worn inside the classroom by any grandparents or any special grandpeople who will visit our school for the event. To assist with coordinating the event please RSVP at the [attached FORM](#).

As always, I am grateful for your support with these measures as we try to minimise the infection rates at school and maintain face to face teaching and learning. Please be assured we are looking forward to welcoming all our guests on Friday 12th August and sharing this very special day.

UPCOMING STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Following system wide negotiations with the Independent Education Union (IEU), for the 2022 school year, Dioceses will offer at least one additional Staff Development Day, which will be aligned to school or system priorities.

St Cecilia's will be hosting this Staff Development Day on **Friday 2nd September**. Our timing for this professional learning opportunity was dependent on limited accessibility of the external provider.

We appreciate this could be short notice for some families, so we will be providing supervision for those children who require it on the day. A notification will go out on Compass to indicate if you require supervision for your child that day.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



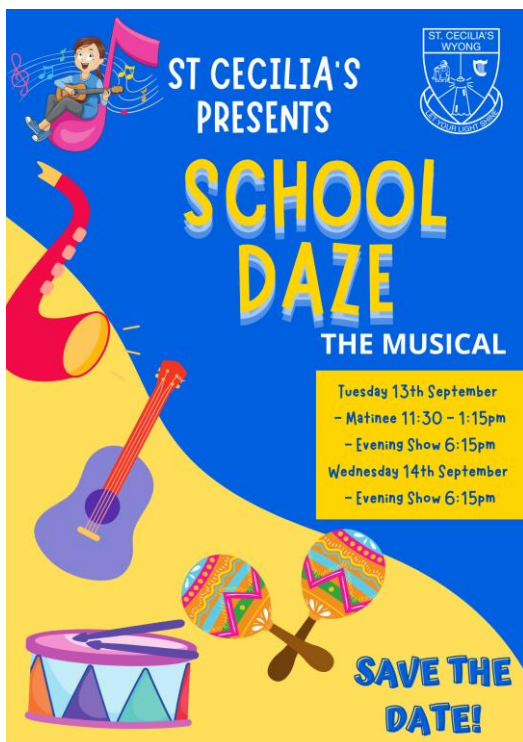
CANTEEN COORDINATOR

We are looking for a new canteen coordinator to start in the canteen from mid this term. If you meet most of the criteria or know someone else who would be a suitable candidate for the job, please share the advertisement below and encourage them to apply. Applications close Thursday 4th August.

Mrs Berry will assist with the handover when the appointment is made.

[Teachers On Net - Job Vacancy: Canteen Coordinator | St Cecilia's Catholic School](#)

SCHOOL MUSICAL



We are very excited to announce the dates for the whole school musical at the end of this term. Due to COVID restrictions over the past few years, we have been waiting for a while to be able to plan, bring the community together and have our children perform. We are fortunate to have Mrs Whyte coordinating this event as well as the wonderful staff and supportive families to help us prepare for the event.

The musical is called 'School Daze', involving all students K-6 in dancing, performing, singing, and music! The musical will be hosted on the evenings of **Tuesday 13th and 14th September at 6:15pm** and there will be one dress rehearsal matinee, hosted on **Tuesday 13th at 11:30am**. The children are rehearsing every week and can't wait for performance day!

More information will be sent to parents in the coming weeks regarding details of performances, costumes and

how to purchase tickets to the big show.

To guarantee a show of quality, we require all children to attend and to be fully committed. Commitment comes in many forms: practising your part at home and/or with your teacher, being alert and engaged in rehearsals, and, above all, being present on the evenings and days of the show. Your child's commitment to attend is not just to Mrs Whyte and the school, but most importantly, to their fellow performers. A musical is a group effort; every member is important and contributes to the success of the show.

Please pencil the dates in your diary and bookings will open soon! If you know you will be away for the musical dates, please email Mrs Whyte and your child's class teacher via scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au

MORNING TEA AND LUNCH TIME CHANGE

As you would be aware, at present we have limited access to the oval and space for children to run around during their breaks. Therefore, we are trialling a shorter lunch as lunch is just that little bit too long and patterns in data show that behavioural issues on the playground occur more often in the last 10-15 minutes of lunch time. Therefore, we have taken 10 minutes from lunch and added it to morning tea so that morning tea and lunch are both 40 minutes. If the change works in the best interest of the children, we will continue the 40 minute morning tea and 40 minute lunch. The times for breaks from this week are as follows:

Morning Tea will be 10:45am - 11:25am

Lunch 1:25 - 2:05pm.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY - note change!

It was lovely to have such a great turnout at last week's Tuesday morning assembly where our award winners from term 2 received their awards. This week on Friday we will still host our assembly during the regular time of 2:35pm, however **going forth from next week Awards Assemblies will move to Friday morning at 8:45am in the morning**

SYSTEM LEADER'S RETREAT DAY

This Friday Mrs Dowling, Mr Madigan and myself will be with the Bishop and other CSBB Leadership teams at a Spirituality Retreat day. Therefore, Mrs Kerry Power from CSBB will be stepping in for the day to supervise the school, with Mrs Lianna Jones' support. Mrs Jones will present awards at Friday afternoon's assembly at 2:35pm.

BABY NEWS



We want to congratulate Mrs Cattabriga and her husband who will be expecting a baby in January 2023. This is a very exciting time for their family and I know you will wish them well on this new journey.

Mrs Cattabriga will continue as the Kindy Blue classroom teacher for the remainder of the school year.

PARENT INPUT - HAVE YOUR SAY

A reminder to please have your say on the new end of year awards restructure. Any offers to assist with the school disco would be greatly appreciated too if you're available that evening. The Bop Till You Drop company have been booked in for the disco next term on Friday 21st October at 5pm - 6:30pm.

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

Expression of interest to assist with whole school disco planning <https://forms.gle/hjC8ZFzdx7NxWmYi8>

Kind Regards

Marta Chylewska

(Principal)



KEY EVENTS FOR TERM THREE

WEEK 2, TERM 3

Tues. 26th July

Sun. 31st July

Bright Beginnings - Mini Maestro's **CANCELLED**

Sacrament of Confirmation 11am @ St Peter's

WEEK 3, TERM 3

Fri. 5th Aug.

Animals of the Dreaming Incursion from Taronga Zoo for Kindy

WEEK 4, TERM 3

Mon. 8th August

Tues. 9th Aug.

Fri. 12th Aug.

Mary Mackillop Liturgy & Mufti Day with Gold coin donation for Mary Mac's Place

School Photo Day

Grandparents Liturgy and Open Classrooms from 8:45am

WEEK 5, TERM 3

All week

Mon. 15th Aug.

Tues. 16th August

Thurs. 18th August

ROUND 1 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION; Class level speeches.

Feast of the Assumption Mass at 9:30am in Hall

Aunty Peach Show; K - 6 Roald Dahl Fractured Fairytales

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

WEEK 6, TERM 3

Day varies per grade

Thurs. 25th Aug.

Friday 26th Aug

ROUND 2 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION; Grade level speeches.

Bright Beginnings Playgroup Book Week at 9:30am (dress up optional)

Netball & Soccer Gala Day for Year 3&4

WEEK 7, TERM 3

TBC

Thurs. 1st Sept.

Fri. 2nd Sept.

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

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

Staff Development Day (No school this day)

WEEK 8, TERM 3

Thurs. 8th Sept.

Public Speaking Finalists present their Speeches at Whole School Assembly

WEEK 9, TERM 3

Tues. 13th Sept.

Wed. 14th Sept.

Thurs. 15th Sept.

Fri. 16th Sept

Bright Beginnings Playgroup - Crazy Scientist at 9:30am

School Daze Musical Matinee #1 at 11:30am & Show #2 at 6:15pm

School Daze Musical Show #3 at 6:15pm

Diocesan Public Speaking Final

Netball Gala Day Year 5 & 6

WEEK 10, TERM 3

Thurs. 22nd - Fri 23rd Sept.

Year 6 Leadership Camp

God Bless

Marta Chylewska

Principal

From the REC

Staff Spirituality Day

On Monday, the 18th of July the staff at St Cecilia's engaged in a staff spirituality day. Kerry Power and Jo Spek, from Catholic Schools Broken Bay, lead a day where we were able to strengthen our own faith. As a staff we were able to connect with each other through prayer and scripture and spend time exploring Bishop Anthony's Pastoral letter and values.



Diocesan Wide Fundraising Initiative

HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR MARY MAC'S PLACE

An educational opportunity for our schools and community



MUFTI DAY
MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2022
Mary MacKillop Feast Day



We will be participating in a new annual Diocesan wide fundraising initiative that will support Catholic Care's homelessness services. The focus of the initiative is Mary Mac's Place, located in Woy Woy, on the Central Coast. Mary Mac's is a shelter open to anyone who is homeless, transient, or

needing a helping hand.

We are asking all students to participate in a gold coin donation mufti day on Monday, the 8th of August, Mary MacKillop's Feast Day.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will support Mary Mac's and assist with the annual costs of over \$150,000 to run. We thank you in advance for your support.

Upcoming Celebrations

Term 3 Dates

- Sunday, the 31st July, **Confirmation Ceremony**, St Peter's Catholic College @ 11am, parents/carers please wear masks in the hall.
- Tuesday, the 2nd of August, **Stage 1 Mass**, St Cecilia's School Hall @ 9:30am, parents/carers please wear masks indoors in the hall.
- Monday, the 8th of August, **Mary MacKillop Liturgy**, St Cecilia's Assembly Area @ 8:45am and participate in a cold coin mufti day, supporting Mary Mac's Place.
- Friday, the 12th of August, **Grandparents Liturgy**, Assembly @ 9am, grandparents please wear masks in the classrooms.
- Monday, the 15th of August, **Assumption Whole School Liturgy** @ 8:45am
- Thursday, the 1st of September, **Father's Day Breakfast**, Liturgy & Book Week Parade

Term 4 Dates

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

God Bless

Jamie Dowling
Religious Education Coordinator

PARENTING TIPS 101

Just remember this one rule of parenting, its an absolute game changer.

**The ratio should be 5:1
5 Positives to 1 Negative
NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!**

All kids thrive on positive interactions with their caregivers, surprisingly they don't wake up thinking of all the ways they can get into trouble or push our buttons and wear us down, that is not the desired outcome for them at all. They need support and encouragement and someone to praise them when they do the right things and hold them accountable when they don't. A child's value of self and what they think of themselves comes from positive interactions with their caregivers and from us delighting in who they are as a person, not from how well they do at sport or school etc to make the grades and have another trophy or medal on the shelf.

Every child needs to hear the good things they do and they need to be praised for the things they do right. Then they'll do more of the good things to get that feel good that helps to boost their self esteem and confidence.

Building self esteem comes from the the parent/carers positive engagement with them.

If all we do is pick at them for all the things they do wrong, then why would they bother doing anything at all if we are NEVER happy with their efforts??

Keep a look out for all the little things and the big things they do well and praise them for it. Then if you need to focus on anything negative, the child's cup will be full enough to accept the criticism, listen to it and take it onboard. Its really easy to be on their back and all they hear is what they're constantly doing wrong.

Turn it around and find good things to praise them for and watch you child become more compliant, blossom within themselves and grow in to secure adults with good self esteem.

Raise them to know you are their BIGGEST FAN because one day your children will be raising your grandchildren.

www.safehandsfs.org.au

Canteen News

Product News

Fresh and Fruity Snack Pack has been modified to include seasonal seedless mandarins instead of grapes.

Canteen continues to see interruptions in stock availability and supply chain disruptions. A suitable substitute will be arranged where possible or some items may be out of stock until the issue resolves.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Catherine Berry,
Canteen Manager**



Awards and Acknowledgements



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

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Anastasia G	Kinder Gold	Aria N
1 Blue	Claire G	1 Gold	Connor G
2 Blue	Malachi E	2 Gold	Jayde G
3 Blue	Jesse G	3 Gold	Ashlin W
4 Blue	Mia T	4 Gold	Ojaswini S
5 Blue	Liam W	5 Gold	Abdur Rehman J
6 Blue	Hayley L		
CAPA	Quinn R 2B	Japanese	Lincoln G 5G

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	John H	Kinder Gold	Courtney R
1 Blue	Archie W	1 Gold	Kiara M
2 Blue	Zara J	2 Gold	Parker G
3 Blue	Natalia S	3 Gold	Bodhi I
4 Blue	Asha D	4 Gold	Taylah A
5 Blue	Keithen L	5 Gold	Beau S
6 Blue	Matthew B		
CAPA	Kash S 2B	Japanese	Asha D 4B

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Oscar M	Kinder Gold	Teddy J
1 Blue	Oscar M	1 Gold	Rydah D
2 Blue	Hannah S	2 Gold	Sienna M
3 Blue	Lillianna G	3 Gold	Jessaliiyah F
4 Blue	Jayden M	4 Gold	Lizzy N
5 Blue	Zavier W	5 Gold	Kaydee C
6 Blue	Beau M		
CAPA	Nikolas Y 2G	Japanese	Fernando A 3G

Principal's Light of Learning Award



Kindergarten Blue: Aleena C

For her excellent work ethic. Aleena always tries her best and takes pride in everything she does. Keep it up Aleena!

Kindergarten Gold: Claudia S

For her consistent application to learning and the additional responsibility she readily accepts to assist her KG family

1 Blue: George C

For consistently being a kind and respectful member of 1 Blue and encouraging others to do their best

1 Gold: Lilly-Mae T

For working hard across all areas and always displaying her caring nature when she works with her peers

2 Blue: Kash S

For a positive and fantastic start to term 3 by being settled and ready to learn with a can do attitude

2 Gold: Iona M

For being a motivated and independent learner who always strives to do her best. Iona spreads kindness and happiness everywhere and is a pleasure to teach. Thank you Iona!

3 Blue: Laila F

For being a Disciple of Jesus, always trying her best, and for her wonderful improvement in her attitude towards challenges

3 Gold: Duncan C

For always endeavouring to try his hardest and take risks to further his learning

4 Blue: Tamryn H

For always being such an amazing friend to all her peers as well as striving to do her best in everything that she does. Tamryn, you should be very proud of yourself

4 Gold: Oliver L

For always being ready to commit to his learning. Oliver also consistently shows respect and kindness to his peers. 4G is lucky to have him

5 Blue: Scarlett K

For following in Jesus' footsteps by showing empathy and kindness to those around her

5 Gold: Callum H

For showing kindness and compassion towards others... Just like Jesus. Thank you for making your friends and teachers smile!

6 Blue: Rory W

For his dedication to memorising his fantastic Prime Minister presentation. Rory demonstrated a mature approach to preparing and organising his knowledge to share with his St Cecilia's peers