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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been waiting in anticipation to welcome their grandparents or a significant grand person to the Grandparent's Liturgy on Friday 12th August at 8:45am. They have been preparing for the event by creating a card, painting, bookmark or other significant memoirs to give or send to their grandparent/s.

Yesterday was the final day to RSVP to assist us with seating plans, coordinating the event and placing special orders for a surprise that will be shared with the grandparents. We currently have 200 RSVP's and thank all families who took the time to complete the RSVP form. This does assist the school in planning for these big events.

The Grandparents event schedule is as follows;

8:30 - 8:45 Seating of grandparents

8:50 - 9:10 Grandparents Liturgy (LIVE STREAMED)

9:10 - 9:30 Awards Assembly

9:30 - 10:0 Open Classrooms

CASUAL TEACHERS

As Covid and flu-related illnesses are sweeping across the school at present, classes are sometimes being combined or our specialist teachers, classroom teachers, leadership staff and support staff, are juggling extra duties and taking additional classes to help fill any gaps where a casual teacher was unable to be recruited for the day.

The teacher shortfall is widespread across many schools at present and we are doing our best to have consistency of teachers in the classroom, however some days this is not possible. Nevertheless, our staff are operating with a lot of goodwill and dedication, taking on extra teaching and supervision duties, sometimes at the last minute. Therefore, please be aware that these additional responsibilities may sometimes impact accessibility to your child's teacher e.g. *their response rate to calls or emails may be delayed due to fulfilling extra duties elsewhere.*

We thank you for your patience and understanding regarding matters beyond our control.

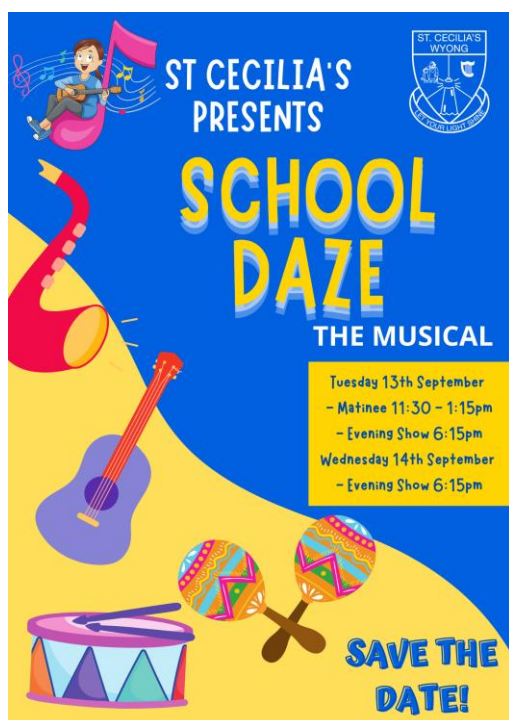
UPCOMING STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - School CLOSED Friday 2nd September

A reminder that St Cecilia's will be hosting our final Staff Development Day on **Friday 2nd September**, which means school will be closed that day. I was hoping to provide supervision by a casual teacher that day, however we are struggling to secure a casual staff member at present and all staff will be engaging in the training. If possible, please try to organise supervision for your child/ren but if you get stuck, do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au

AWARDS ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE

A final reminder that award assemblies will now be hosted Friday morning at 8:45am and no longer at the regular time of 2:35pm. This Friday will be the first morning Awards Assembly but it will be grandparents who will be the blessed audience to help celebrate the achievements of your child/ren.

SCHOOL MUSICAL



A Compass Event will soon be distributed asking all parents to please respond and commit to their child's attendance at the school musical for all three performances:

- **Tuesday 13th September matinee @ 11:30am**
- **Tuesday 13th September @ 6:15pm**
- **Wednesday 14th September @ 6:15pm**

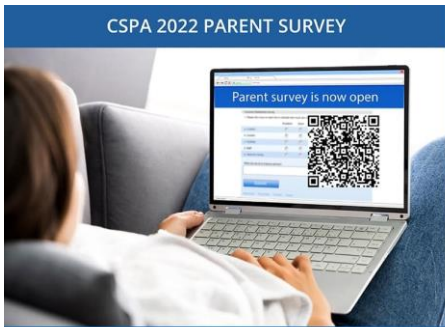
Your child's commitment to attend is not just to Mrs Whyte and the school, but most importantly, to their fellow performers. A musical is a group effort; every member is important and contributes to the success of the show, so if you know your child won't be able to make it, Mrs Whyte needs to know NOW so she can redistribute roles if needed.

Please pencil the dates in your diary as ticket bookings will open soon. Tickets will be limited to one show per family. We are still finalising the seating arrangements in line with COVID Safe protocols and to ensure we maximise the space. Confirmation of how many tickets per family will be outlined in the ticket booking form.

FLIP MEETING #3 - VIA ZOOM

Please see below the agenda items to be discussed amongst each FLIP team at next week's FLIP meeting on Thursday 18th August at 6pm. Parents will join one team and then each team will come back with a spokesperson to share what was discussed, planned or questioned in their group. Please RSVP and nominate which team you will be working with to share your strengths and input with this term. [RSVP HERE](#)

COMMUNITY BUILDING	PARENT CONNECTORS	FAITH & LEARNING PARTNERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Disco Planning (K-5 parents) ● Year 6 Graduation (sub group of Year 6 parents) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Father's Day Stall ● FLO Family Support Programs & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Behaviour Management Guidelines review. ● Growth and achievement in Numeracy this year.



CSPA 2022 PARENT SURVEY

HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholic School Parents Australia is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS AUSTRALIA (CSPA) - 2022 PARENT SURVEY ON STUDENT WELLBEING AND LEARNING

Have your say on what matters regarding the wellbeing and learning of your child. Click on the survey link and share your feedback to assist CSPA in reporting to the Federal Government and Catholic education. Your feedback will remain anonymous.

[Click here for CSPA Parent Survey](#)

SWIMMING PROGRAM - HAVE YOUR SAY

Thank you so much to the 37 families who responded to the swimming survey last week. Currently that's about 15% of our parent community who have responded. I would love it if we could get to 100 responses, which would take us to almost 50% of our families enrolled into St Cecilia's.

So far, I am so grateful for the thoughtful and respectful responses from many families. The parent feedback to date has been so useful that I have utilised some of the comments to further elaborate on other PRO's of the program that were omitted initially.

It is not too late to have your say at this link → <https://forms.gle/34TdkRHKA46HbAAu7>

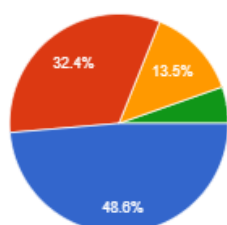
Whatever the outcome from parent and staff input may be, please rest assured that all schools are still mandated to teach about water safety, safe places to swim and play, safety equipment and safety skills, and their learning will continue to be delivered at St Cecilia's.

Please see below for the current summary of the 37 responses in regard to some of the questions.

My child/ren have spent some time having swimming lessons out of school hours.

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37 responses

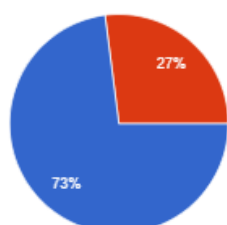


- All my children are currently having swimming lessons.
- Yes, all my children have previously had swimming lessons.
- Some of my children have previously had swimming lessons.
- No, none of my children have had swimming lessons.

The Swimming Lessons are a valuable use of class time

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37 responses

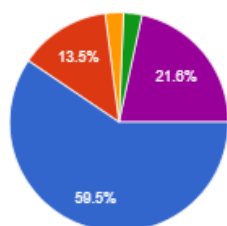


- Yes
- No

If the lessons were to go ahead I would prefer them to run in:

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37 responses



- Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2
- Kindergarten only
- Year 1 only
- Year 2 only
- Years 1 and 2

Kind Regards

Marta Chylewska

(Principal)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KEY EVENTS FOR TERM THREE

WEEK 4, TERM 3

Fri 12th Aug. Grandparents Liturgy and Open Classrooms from 8:45am

WEEK 5, TERM 3

All week

ROUND 1 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION; Class level speeches.

Mon 15th Aug.

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

Tues. 16th August

Aunty Peach Show; K - 6 Roald Dahl Fractured Fairytales

Thurs. 18th August

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

WEEK 6, TERM 3

Day varies per grade

ROUND 2 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION; Grade level speeches.

Thurs. 25th Aug.

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

Friday 26th Aug.

Netball & Soccer Gala Day for Year 3&4

WEEK 7, TERM 3

TBC

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

Wed. 31st Aug.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thurs. 1st Sept.

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

Fri. 2nd Sept.

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.

Bright Beginnings Playgroup - Crazy Scientist at 9:30am

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

Wed. 14th Sept.

School Daze Musical Show #3 at 6:15pm

Thurs. 15th Sept.

Diocesan Public Speaking Final

Fri. 16th Sept

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

TERM 3 CELEBRATIONS

Confirmation

Congratulations to the students who made their Confirmation last week.

What does Confirmation 'do'?

Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

It grounds us more deeply in our relationship as sons and daughters of God;

It unites us more firmly to Christ;

It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;

It strengthens our bond with the Church;

It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit

to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.

See Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 1303.



Thank you to Bishop Anthony, Jo Helm and the Year 3 teachers for making this happen!

Stage One Mass

Thank you to the stage one team and children who led a beautiful Mass last week.

Father Alex was impressed with the way the children engaged during the liturgical celebration. Thank you boys and girls!



Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Liturgy

We also celebrated the life of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop who was Australia's First Saint. We remembered the way Mary MacKillop lived her life for the poor and needy. Thankyou Kindergarten and teachers for leading such an important liturgy.

Our school community has supported Mary Mac's house, located in Woy Woy, by raising \$400. Thank you for generously supporting this Diocesan wide fundraising initiative.



Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations

Term 3 Dates

- Friday, the 12th of August, **Grandparents Liturgy** @ 8:45, Assembly Area, grandparents please wear masks in the classrooms.
- Monday, the 15th of August, **Assumption Whole School Liturgy** @ 8:45, Assembly Area
- Thursday, the 1st of September, **Father's Day Breakfast, Liturgy & Book Week Parade**

Term 4 Dates

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

God Bless
Jamie Dowling
Religious Education Coordinator

Sports News

CCC Athletics

A huge congratulations to our wonderful athletes who competed last Friday at the CCC carnival. They did their very best in all events they ran, jumped or shot in and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Harrison, Mrs Sartor and Mr Madigan for your assistance with the students on the day and for the preparation beforehand in my absence.

We want to further congratulate the following students who have progressed to the Broken Bay Primary Athletics Championships on the 30th of August.

Lincoln G - 11yrs Long Jump
India T - Snr Girls Long Jump
Emelia J - 9yrs 100m
Skye P - 9yrs 100m
Tahlia M - 13yrs 100m
Linh P - 13yrs 100m
Sophy N - 10yrs 100m and Jnr Girls 200m
Savannah O - Snr Girls Shot Put

We wish them all the best in the upcoming event.

Basketball Clinic Information

Last week we were praised as a school for our great participation and enthusiasm towards the basketball session run by Luke Cassidy.

Over the next 2 weeks (**Weeks 4 and 5**) K-2 will continue their sessions.

Week 6 will see Year **5 and 6** enjoy a 40 minute session each while Years 3 and 4 will be participating in the Netball/ Soccer Gala Day.

Week 7 Staff Development Day (Friday)

Weeks 8-10 will see years **3-6** participate in their own sessions.

The session lengths are 30 minutes long each.

Plenty more sporting news to come so watch this space.

Paddy Murton
Sports Coordinator

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Wyong Wildcats

Invites you to attend our

Try Baseball Days

The new season is nearly here, and we would like to invite you all to come along and give baseball a try with a session run by our talented coach and senior players

WHEN:	28 th August & 11 th September
WHERE:	Watanobbi Oval
TIME:	TBall (U8s) + Zooka Ball (U10s) 10:30am – 11:30am Sausage Sizzle 11:30am – 12pm Live Pitch (U12s) + Juniors (12+) 12pm – 1pm
TO BRING:	Drink Bottle Hat + sunscreen
MORE INFO:	

PHONE: Jess Matulaitis, President 0450424396 EMAIL: wyongwildcatsbaseball@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: [Wyong Wildcats Baseball Club Inc](#)




For new and returning boys and girls. All welcome!

Library News



Book Week News

Book Week 2022 at St Cecilia's will be celebrated with several events over the coming weeks.

Tuesday August 16 Whole school performance of the Aunty Peach Show. This very entertaining show is based on Roald Dahl's popular, very funny and twisted fairy tales.



Wednesday August 31 and Thursday September 1 Scholastic Book Fair in the Library



Opening times:

Wednesday 8.15 - 8.45, 3.05 - 3.45

Thursday 7.45 - 8.45, 3.05 - 3.45

Children can order books online (order forms coming home soon) or purchase by cash or card with an adult on the day.

Thursday September 1 Book Week Parade 9.00 - 10.00 approx. (Following the Father's Day breakfast and Liturgy)



Our first whole school parade for 2 years is worth celebrating! Students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character for the day. We ask that the outfits are age appropriate and any props/weapons such as guns or swords are left at home.

Looking forward to sharing these celebrations with the whole school community.

*Mrs Cumming
Teacher Librarian*

Awards and Acknowledgements



*Congratulations to the following students for their achievements
Awards Assembly will be this Friday at 8.45am*

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Bailey K	Kinder Gold	Monica D
1 Blue	Ava S	1 Gold	Indie A
2 Blue	Cooper K	2 Gold	Iona M
3 Blue	Bowen N	3 Gold	Emelia J
4 Blue	Hartley R	4 Gold	Frances M
5 Blue	Jack W	5 Gold	Levi B
6 Blue	Riley S		
CAPA	Luka M 1G	Japanese	Benji I 1B

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	Austin D	Kinder Gold	Liam D
1 Blue	Arlo W	1 Gold	Marley C
2 Blue	Jimmy A	2 Gold	Neenah M
3 Blue	Olivia C	3 Gold	Fernando A
4 Blue	Lily M	4 Gold	George P
5 Blue	Beau G	5 Gold	Hallie E
6 Blue	Lucas Bu		
CAPA	Kiara M 1G	Japanese	Izabele M 5G

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Fletcher B	Kinder Gold	Tomas J
1 Blue	Aine H	1 Gold	Parker F
2 Blue	Brooklyn B	2 Gold	Max S
3 Blue	Arihan B	3 Gold	Charlotte S
4 Blue	Koby S	4 Gold	Lorelei F
5 Blue	Xavier S	5 Gold	Oliver A
6 Blue	Tahlia M		
CAPA	Samantha M 1B	Japanese	Harper-Rose G 1G