

St Cecília's Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we had a busy week launching our Public Speaking Competition, having all the children courageously deliver their speech to their classmates. We are so proud of all our speakers who have proved themselves to be ceaselessly resilient when presenting their speech in front of the class. I would like to congratulate the following children from each grade who will be taking part this week in Round 2 of the Grade Level Public Speaking finals.

Kindy Blue: Elsie, Jannaya, Isla, Bailey, Angus,

Kindy Gold: Courtney, Elleah, Georgia, Jackson, Claudia 1 Blue: Bella, Samantha M, Zachary L, Arlo, Maggie

1 Gold: Lena, Kiara, Daisy, Archer, Theodore2 Blue: Eva, Ciara, Jimmy, Bonnie, Kallie2 Gold: Iona, Ivy, Ruby J., Advik, Parker G.

3 Blue: Olivia, Brayden, Vivien, Leon, Laila, Miranda, Bowen

3 Gold: Zach W, Charlotte, Finn

4 Blue: Koby, Tamryn, Hartley, Lily M, Johnny, Bonnie
4 Gold: George, Zachary T., Will, Frances, Ojaswini,
5 Blue: Caleb, Logan H., Jack W., Pandora, Billy K
5 Gold: Maddy, Megan A, Ethan T, Logan H., Lincoln G

6 Blue: Arlo, Aditi, Hayley, Nasiah, Zoie, India T, Grace C., Indiana

Uniform Expectations

As we near the halfway mark of term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the school's uniform expectations. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow children to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare children for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

It would be fair to say that, in the last two weeks, we have had a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for students and parents.

The uniform guidelines are outlined in the <u>Parent Handbook</u> (p.25-26) available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below:

Girls – Blue check tunic OR navy blue, long pants with white long-sleeved Peter Pan collared shirt with navy tights or white socks.

Boys – Long grey school pants with blue long or short sleeved shirt with layback collar and grey school socks. Boys can also wear shorts instead of long pants however, they must wear long grey socks with blue and yellow band with the shorts.

Shoes – black polishable leather or simulated leather.

<u>Jewellery</u> This is a general reminder that the only earrings to be worn are plain silver or gold studs or sleepers. Sparkly, coloured or dangly earrings of any size are not part of our uniform. No ornate jewellery is to be worn to school. Children are permitted to wear a watch and sacramental chains may only be worn if they are kept under the tunic or shirt.

<u>Hair</u> - Hair should always be kept clean and tidy. Long hair on both boys or girls should be worn tied back. Hair dyes and ornate hairstyles eg. mohawks etc are NOT allowed at school.

Makeup and accessories such as nail polish, fake nails etc should be removed after holidays or weekends before children return to school. Please email the class teacher if there is an issue with this or a need for these items to be left on longer.

We take pride in our personal appearance at St Cecilia's and strive to present a positive image of the school in the local community. Underpinning this is always wearing our uniform well and in accordance with our guidelines in the Parent Handbook. We ask that parents and carers assist in reinforcing these messages, which the children are hearing at school from teachers.

All articles of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name. The Lost Property is overflowing.

Any unmarked items in lost property that are not collected by the end of the week will be taken to the second hand uniform shop on Friday afternoon. Lost property is outside the Year 6 classrooms.



UPCOMING STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - School CLOSED Friday 2nd September

A reminder that St Cecilia's will be hosting our final Staff Development Day for the year on **Friday 2nd September.** This means school will be closed that day.



<u> Father's Day - Breakfast & Book Parade</u>

Please do not forget to RSVP for the Father's Day breakfast by the end of Friday 26th August. For catering purposes we need to get final numbers sorted by the end of this week. RSVP at this link ... https://forms.office.com/r/uet390U5Fm

Father's and special fatherly figures get your handball swing ready as there will be a chance to play some old school playground handball in the morning. Alternatively, some basketball if you wish.

Father's Day - Gift Stall

A reminder that you have till the weekend to place your child's Father's Day Gift Stall order via the QKR app. There is a maximum of two presents that can be ordered per child.

Thank you to the parents who attended last week's FLIP meeting and volunteered to assist Tash (our FLO) at the stall. The Father's Day stall will take place on Thursday 1st September from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

Awards Assembly Time Change

A reminder that our morning award assembly will be taking place this Friday morning at 8:45am. The Let Your Light Shine Awards will be presented this week too. All parents and carers are welcome!

School Musical Permission Form

Thank you to all those families who have completed the permission form on Compass to have their child attend all three sessions for the musical, as listed below:

- Tuesday 13th September matinee @ 11:30am (LIMITED SEATS)
- Tuesday 13th September @ 6:15pm
- Wednesday 14th September @ 6:15pm

If you have not yet completed the Compass permission form for your child to attend all three sessions, please do so promptly so Mrs Whyte has an indication of anyone who will be unable to attend ALL three performances. For those who can't make it, Mrs Whyte may need to redistribute your child's role, so please complete the form ASAP.

School Musical Tickets

We are limited on seating, even over the two nights, so we need to limit the tickets to 3 per family. If there are any tickets remaining we will let families know via Compass.

Book in your tickets now at the following link!

https://www.trybooking.com/CBTLX

Flip Meeting

We had a great turnout for our third FLIP meeting this year and I thank all the families who were able to attend. The next date for our term four meeting was assigned. We will come together November 9th at 6pm - 7:15pm in the staffroom. Agenda items will come closer to the meeting date.



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

ST CECILIA'S PRESENTS

THE MUSICAL

Get your

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

Canteen Update

Canteen will re-open Week 8 on Wednesday 7th September.

Kind Regards

Marta Chylewska (*Principal*)



KEY EVENTS FOR TERM THREE

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

Wed. 31st Aug. ROUND 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL; Stage level speeches. Parents are welcome.

8:45 - 9:30 - Stage 2 (Years 3&4)

9:45 - 10:15 - Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) **11:30 - 12:30 -** Stage 3 (Years 5&6) **2:15 - 2:50 -** Stage 1 (Year 1&2)

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

Father Raul Visits

During the term our Parish Priest, Father Raul has been visiting different classes to get to know the St Cecilia's children. He has been praying the reading of the day, singing songs, sharing stories about his life as a priest and children are consolidating their Religious Education knowledge. The children have been intrigued about the different ways Father Raul serves our Wyong community. Thankyou Father Raul! You are appreciated by the St Cecilia's school community.





FATHER'S DAY LITURGY led by Stage 3 students
Please join us in prayer to celebrate all of our
special fathers and fatherly figures.
Thursday, 1st of September @ 8:45 am
St Cecilia's Assembly Area



A Father's Day Prayer God,

Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be great role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.



Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations

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

Jamíe Dowling

Religious Education Coordinator

Awards and Acknowledgements



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

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Parneet K	Kinder Gold	Georgia L
1 Blue	Spoorthi A	1 Gold	Riley D
2 Blue	Kyra R	2 Gold	Ruby L
3 Blue	Aaliyana A	3 Gold	Annabelle L
4 Blue	Axle B	4 Gold	Will C
5 Blue	Alison W	5 Gold	Logan H
6 Blue	Samuel M		
CAPA	Claudia S KG	Japanese	Yu Han Y 1B

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	Claire K	Kinder Gold	Xin-Yu Y
1 Blue	Hendrix D	1 Gold	Amelia M
2 Blue	Eva W	2 Gold	Macie R
3 Blue	Grace B	3 Gold	River D
4 Blue	Johnny M	4 Gold	Alisha P
5 Blue	Lachlan B	5 Gold	Megan A
6 Blue	Summer H		
CAPA	Elleah C KG	Japanese	Lachlan B 5B
Library	Lucas B 6B	Library	Tahlia M 6B

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Abigail K	Kinder Gold	Finn I
1 Blue	Ashlyn L	1 Gold	Katelyn C
2 Blue	Harry L	2 Gold	Nikolas Y
3 Blue	Thomas P	3 Gold	Max B
4 Blue	Tamryn H	4 Gold	Zachary T
5 Blue	Keaton J	5 Gold	Ciera H
6 Blue	Nasiah M		
CAPA	Isabella S KB	Japanese	Samantha W 4B

Principal's Light of Learning Award



Kinder Blue: Elsie P

For her outstanding poem presentation and always following the school rules with a smile on her face

Kinder Gold: Skyla M

For being a respectful member of KG who consistently does her personal best in all learning areas

1 Blue: Violet H

For always letting her light shine in everything she does. She is a caring and considerate member of 1 Blue and shows kindness to others

1 Gold: Julie C

For letting her light shine by always speaking respectfully and listening to others

2 Blue: Ciara H

For her outstanding presentation of her speech. Ciara was able to memorise her speech and recite her entire speech with confidence and pride

2 Gold: Matilda L

For being a kind friend who puts 100% effort into everything she does. Thankyou Matilda for helping make our classroom a happy place!

3 Blue: Vivien K

For being a motivated learner and helpful class member who treats others with kindness

3 Gold: Zach W

For always striving to do his best work as well as being a cooperative and respectful member of 3 Gold

4 Blue: Asha D

For always displaying safe, cooperative and respectful behaviours in everything he does. His passion about his learning encourages others around him. A true role model

4 Gold: Zac S

For being a kind, loyal friend and following in Jesus' footsteps by modelling respectful behaviour

5 Blue: Abigail S

For working hard in all key learning areas and being kind to her peers

5 Gold: Troy L

For trying his best and making smart choices. We are really proud of you Troy

6 Blue: Beau M

For his dedication to every aspect of his learning inside and outside the classroom. Your consistent willingness to improve has made you a memorable leader

