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Dear Families,

Although I'm on leave this week, I always enjoy reminiscing over the term that has been and taking a moment to reflect on everything that has occurred. It's been a productive and enjoyable term three at St Cecilia's. Some of the highlights I pondered on from the past ten weeks include:

- **Introduction of Shine Awards on Compass as acknowledgement for PBL behaviours exhibited by our children daily. All parents would receive email notification of these when your child has earned one.**
- **Launching Reading Buddies in the library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. So grateful to Mrs Cumming for coordinating this opportunity for our Year 1 and Kindy children to practise reading their home reader to some of our older children in grades 4, 5 & 6.**
- **Our annual Grandparents Liturgy, Father's Day breakfast and Book Week Parade was hosted.**
- **Our annual Book Fair that raised over \$7000, which will go towards new Inquiry resources.**
- **Mrs Herd began her Gifted and Talented writing program with grades 3-6, putting together a school newsletter which has been forwarded to parents.**
- **516 Mathematic Goals achieved across the whole school as part of our Numeracy Learning Improvement Program. Our children's personal mathematical goals have provided them with direction and clarity and have been great motivators, encouraging children to overcome barriers.**
- **The children took you on a journey of their school days through their school musical. They showcased their talents for one matinee and two evening shows - each one attended exceptionally well with a packed hall throughout. The children and staff involved put in a huge number of hours over the last few months to bring you yet another fabulous musical production. With a never ending array of talent, catchy tunes and dances it proved to be a musical to remember for the whole community. Without all your support and the dedication of Mrs Whyte and Mrs Boler, it wouldn't be possible, so thank you.**
- **We welcomed our new canteen manager Mrs Nicholas who has taken the role in her stride.**
- **A successful trial of 40 minutes morning tea and 40 minutes lunch time break.**
- **Our first ever K-6 Public Speaking Competition took place and the talent was phenomenal! The competition saw many confident, clear and focused speakers, in a public situation. As we continue this event annually at St Cecilia's we hope to contribute to an improved self-esteem in our students in the world beyond school. Public Speaking is an integral part of the literacy program and part of every classroom's curriculum.**
- **We said goodbye to our coding teacher Grigory and welcome Henry Confos to help continue on our sophisticated level of Coding in grades 4-6.**

- Extra curricula, GKR Karate lunch club began this term with a full class of 30 children attending their lessons in the hall every Thursday at lunch time.
- Year 3 were blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit through their Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Thanks to year 6, Mrs Lianna Jones and Mrs Clancy we were able to restart our Peer Support Program
- Reviewed the buddies format for 2023. Year 5 will be the buddies of Kindy Gold and Year 6 will be the buddies of Kindy Blue. Then from 2024 it will only be Year 5 who will be the Kindy Buddies.



Term 4 Dates Start & Finish Dates

First day back for next term is Monday 10th October and children are to come dressed in summer uniform.

Although the NSW term dates list Tuesday 20th December as the last school day for term, **St Cecilia's children will be finishing up on Friday 16th December.** The last two days of term 4 (Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th) are Staff Development Days for the teachers.

Friday's Award Assembly

All parents are welcome to join us at this Friday morning's assembly on 23rd September at 8:45am. The recipients listed below will receive their award at the morning assembly.

School Disco

Save the date (Friday 21st October) and purchase your tickets via the QKR app. Tickets will include a snack pack with a drink, popcorn, a treat and a little gift.



It is hard to believe we are already three quarters of the way through the year! I only listed the term three highlights in my introduction, however when you think back over the many and varied achievements and events that have taken place since the beginning of the year, one can see just how busy our little school community has been!

Congratulations to all the children on their academic growth, social and behavioural development and willingness to take responsible risks in their learning. Thank you to our staff; teaching, support and administrative, for the hard work and commitment that has once again enabled our school to have a safe, engaging and productive term.

I hope everyone has a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all fresh-faced and ready for another action-packed term on Monday 10th October.

Kind Regards

Marta Chylewska
(Principal)

IMPORTANT DATES

KEY EVENTS FOR TERM FOUR

WEEK 1, TERM 4

Mon. 10th October
Tues. 11th October

FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL FOR TERM 4
Year 2 Excursion to the Powerhouse Museum

WEEK 2, TERM 4

Mon. 17th October
Tues. 18th October

Year 6 Leadership Camp Overnight @ Point Wollstonecroft.
Bright Beginnings - Mini Masterchef's @ 9:30am - 10:30am
Year 6 Leadership Camp finishes.

Thurs. 20th October
Fri. 21st October

Mission Mass for pastoral team members & Mrs Dowling
School Disco 5pm - 6:30pm **TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QKR NOW!**

CRAZY SOCK DAY

Waratah Shield Cricket Event (selected students)

WEEK 3, TERM 4

Wed. 26th October
Thurs. 27th October
Fri. 28th October

TechMatics Day (selected students)
Kindergarten 2023 Orientation Session #1 & Parent Info Session in hall
Waratah Shield Final (if we qualify)

WEEK 4, TERM 4

Wed. 2nd November

Kindergarten Orientation Session #2

WEEK 5, TERM 4

Mon 7th November
Wed. 9th November
Fri. 11th November

RECYCLING WEEK

Bright Beginnings - Maths Mania @ 9:30am - 10:30am
FLIP Meeting #4 @ 6pm - 7:15pm
Remembrance Day, Whole School Liturgy @8:45am in Assembly Area

WEEK 6, TERM 4

Fri. 18th November

Year 5 & 6 Touch Football Gala Day

WEEK 7, TERM 4

Mon. 21st November
Tues. 22nd November

Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion
Year 5 Bathurst Excursion ends.
St Cecilia's Whole School Liturgy @ 8:45 am in Assembly Area

WEEK 8, TERM 4

Mon. 28th November
Tues. 29th November

K-2 Swimming Program Starts (9 day program)

K-6 Whole School Christmas Concert, Drew Lane @5:30pm - 7:30pm

WEEK 9, TERM 4

Mon. 5th December
Thurs. 8th December
Fri. 9th December

(Wellbeing Week)

Year 6 Graduation starting at 5pm - 8pm
2-6 Swimming Carnival - No K-2 Swimming Program today!
Last day of K-2 Swim Program

WEEK 10, TERM 4

Mon. 12th December
Tues. 13th December

End of Year K-6 School Mass @ 9:30 am in the hall.

Advent/Christmas Prayer @ 8:45am in Assembly Area

Wednesday 14th December

Stage 3 Surf Safety Day @ Toowoomb Bay

Stage 2 Surf Safety Day @ Toowoomb Bay

Thurs. 15th December
Fri. 16th December

Step up Morning with child's teacher for 2023
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2022 & Year 6 Bell ringing.

From the REC

Reflective Prayer



Each week before our general business meeting the staff at St Cecilia's come together to pray. Last week's prayer focus was being thankful for our school community. Our beautiful Tenille Callaghan wrote this reflective prayer of thanks...

Dear Lord,

The musical has glorified God's gift in the teachers and students at our school... the gifts of community spirit, musical and creative culture and gratitude.

Lord, without the selfless and tireless work of dedicated teachers, our talented student community would not have had the opportunity to perform and share their gifts.

**In your name we bless all involved and particularly give thanks to
Mrs Whyte and Mrs Boler.**

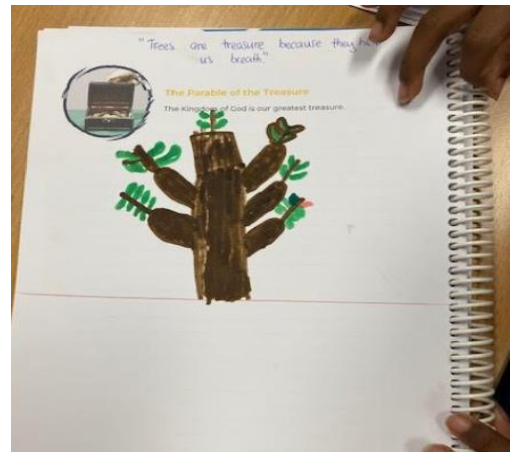
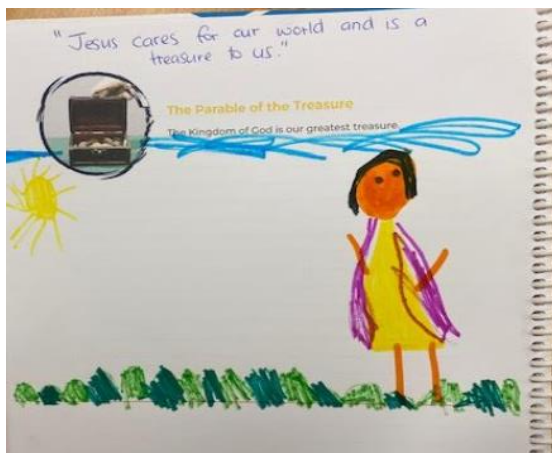
Mrs Whyte, your three thirds of a smile will be long lasting and forever remembered because it meant so much to those who put it on your face, the children of St Cecilia's.

**We send our prayers of gratitude to you Lord so that you can bless
and provide love to our school community. Amen**



Sharing Our Fabulous Learning

This term our Kindergarten students were introduced to their special Religious Education journal. This is an opportunity for them to record their learning and thoughts. Here are some examples of students' entries into their journals.



Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations

Term 4 Dates

- Friday, the 21st of October, **Crazy Sock Day**, gold coin donation
- Friday, the 11th of November, **Remembrance Day Liturgy @ 8:45**, Assembly Area
- Tuesday, the 22nd of November, **St Cecilia's Liturgy @ 8:45**, Assembly Area
- Tuesday, the 29th November, **Drew Lane Christmas Concert @ 5:30**, Assembly Area
- Monday, the 5th December, **Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 5:00**, Assembly Area
- Monday, the 12th December, **End of Year Mass @ 9:30**, St Cecilia's School Hall

God Bless,
Jamie Dowling
Religious Education Coordinator

Teaching Matters

NAPLAN Results

A huge congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their performance in the NAPLAN tests they sat earlier this year. This is the best overall result we have on record at St Cecilia's.

Our Year 5 students average scores were above or well above the similar schools average and the state average in all areas, numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar & punctuation.

Our Year 3 students average scores were above or well above the similar schools average and the state average in the areas of writing, spelling, and grammar & punctuation and above the similar school average in numeracy and reading.

Mathematics Goals

We are continuing our focus on improving the Place Value knowledge and skills in Mathematics. All our students are working towards individual Place Value Goals set at their current point of need. This term we have had students achieving 516 goals which includes many students achieving multiple goals.

This is a great effort from all the students and we will continue to monitor their progress next term.

Paul Madigan
Assistant Principal

Awards and Acknowledgements



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

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Eli P	Kinder Gold	Kyden F
1 Blue	Aine H	1 Gold	Archer W
2 Blue	Quinn R	2 Gold	Charlotte S
3 Blue	Elijah D	3 Gold	Zach W
4 Blue	Nehemiah R	4 Gold	Alisha P
5 Blue	Andrew W	5 Gold	Imogen V
6 Blue	Sibella B		
CAPA	Caleb C 5B	Japanese	Cindel H 3G

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	Aydin P	Kinder Gold	Jackson M
1 Blue	Levi C	1 Gold	Connor G
2 Blue	Sama G	2 Gold	Lara S
3 Blue	Ivanna M	3 Gold	Ashlin W
4 Blue	Mikayla O	4 Gold	Sam T
5 Blue	Toby R	5 Gold	Kenzi G
6 Blue	Indiana L		
CAPA	Ella L 5B	Japanese	Zoe S 1G
Library	George C 1B	Library	Taylah A 4G

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	John H	Kinder Gold	Kodah A
1 Blue	Samantha M	1 Gold	Jian S
2 Blue	Mitchell G	2 Gold	Ivy C
3 Blue	Amalia M	3 Gold	Matthew T
4 Blue	Asha D	4 Gold	Flynn W
5 Blue	Grace B	5 Gold	Azalia A
6 Blue	Samuel M		
CAPA	Izabele M 5G	Japanese	Liam W 5B

Principal's Light of Learning Award

Kinder Blue: Isla G

For her exceptional effort in class towards her learning and always striving to follow the St Cecilia's school values

Kinder Gold: Rafael R

For being a respectful member of KG who strives for excellence in all Key Learning Areas

1 Blue: Benji I

For being a positive and caring member of 1 Blue. Benji has been a kind and respectful student, helping others in the classroom and on the playground

1 Gold: Lena G

For always making excellent learning choices, persisting in the face of challenge and enjoying herself in all of her learning

2 Blue: Oliver H

For always trying his best during our Heggerty's spelling lessons and sharing his ideas and achievements with the class

2 Gold: Spencer T

For being a happy and kind student in 2 Gold. Spencer helps keep our classroom a happy place with his great sense of humour. Thank you Spencer!

3 Blue: Hannah B

For always being a polite, respectful and courteous member of our school community. Thank you for helping others and doing it with a smile on your face!

3 Gold: Charlotte S

For demonstrating a good understanding of the P.DH. unit this term

4 Blue: Noah M

For his dedication and commitment he shows with his learning and always being a positive role model to his peers

4 Gold: Elizabeth N

For her consistent effort in all Key Learning Areas and modelling Christ like behaviours in her interactions with her peers

5 Blue: Xavier S

For displaying a growth mindset towards challenging tasks. I am proud of you!

5 Gold: Hallie E

For consistent problem solving in class and on the playground whilst demonstrating respect and kindness

6 Blue: Aditi P

For her increased dedication to tackle the additional challenges of the advanced learning programs at St Cecilia's. Aditi, you are a life-long learner and it has been a pleasure watching you grow

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