

# St Cecilia's Catholic School

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Dear Families,

Last week marked the 28th anniversary of World Teachers' Day and once again, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our exceptional teaching staff for their tireless commitment to education. They ensure your children are known, valued and cared for, and are engaged and challenged to continue to learn every day. Thank you to many of our wonderful families for acknowledging the staff with your very generous snacks, platters and desserts that kept us well-nourished for the whole of last Friday and beyond.



## **Parking Issue**

Please note that the street parking across from the school office on Panonia Road is a Kiss and Drop zone. The parking outside the back school gate of a morning (not afternoon) is also a Kiss n' Drop Zone.

The Kiss and Drop Zone is an area near enough to the school gates that it enables you to drop your child off safely and quickly. The intention is that *drivers do not wait in these zones, and they stay in the vehicle so that drop off is streamlined and traffic queues are minimised*. Maximum of 2 minutes in the kiss & drop zone.

St Cecilia's has limited car bays in the Kiss and Drop Zones, so please adhere to the road rules to be considerate of others wanting to utilise the Kiss and Drop Zone. If you want to walk your child out to the zebra crossing or to school, please find alternative parking to the Kiss and Drop zone e.g. Marathon St.

## **Canteen Update**

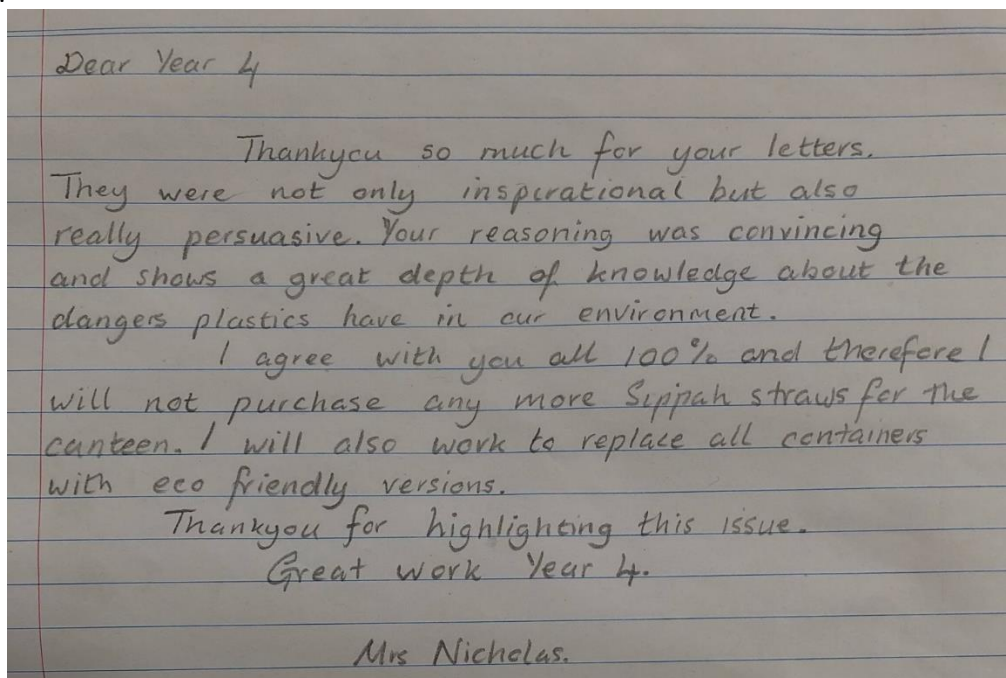
The canteen will be re-opening for morning tea sales as on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022. It will be monetary sales over the counter. To assist you in how much money to give your child for morning tea, please find the attached price list of food items that will be sold.

<u>FOOD ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Ham & cheese roll	\$1.50
Chocolate brownie slice	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00 ( <i>Large</i> ) 0.50c ( <i>Small</i> )
Frozen fruit sticks	0.80c
Mini frozen chocolate or strawberry milk	0.30c
Plain or honey soy chips	\$1.00
Segmented apple	0.80c
Milo (cold in summer/warm in winter)	\$1.00

## **Plastic Free Tuesday**

As part of Year 4's learning within their inquiry unit on Sustainability, they wrote me a letter with a very persuasive proposal to try and reduce the school's single-use plastic waste, starting with them and our canteen THIS TERM!

The children have asked that for the remainder of the year, children strive to not bring any single-use plastics or packaging in their lunchbox on Tuesdays. Posters will be displayed around the school to promote this initiative that I was in support of. Furthermore, the children wrote to Mrs Nicholas in the canteen, pleading for an end to the milk flavoured plastic straws. Mrs Nicholas responded below...



This inspiring movement from our Year 4 cohort will encourage our school community to be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, rivers, oceans, and beautiful communities.

Thank you to year 4 for proposing a small change which will collectively make a massive difference to our community. Best of all, being part of 'Plastic Free Tuesday' will help others to find great alternatives that can become new habits forever.



## **Techmatics Day**

Next week on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November our school will be hosting a technology enrichment day with selected students in grades 4 – 6 who have demonstrated advanced skills during technology lessons throughout the year. The day will allow students to further apply their current technological skills while also enhancing their skills with new devices such as drones.

Mrs Harrison has coordinated the event, which will include our coding teacher, Grigory from Info Code who will assist in facilitating some of the sessions throughout the day and Mrs Gray and some OLR's digital leaders will also be joining in on the activities that day.

The enrichment day will begin at 9am in the hall and finish at lunchtime. The students will join their classes for the remainder of the day. We are very excited to be able to offer the students this opportunity to be enriched with technology, enhancing their skills in this digital world.

## **Friday's Award Assembly**

It's an assembly week again this Friday. Please join us for the morning assembly at 8:45am. We will also be acknowledging and presenting our APSMO Maths Games participants with their certificates and medals. Please see below for results on APSMO Math Games.

## **Australasian Problem-Solving Mathematical Olympiads (Apsmo)**

For the second year running some of the following children, and some new entrants have participated in the APSMO Math Games. The Maths Games program has been specifically designed to provide students in Years 5 and 6 with an opportunity to learn and develop valuable maths problem solving skills. The Maths Games is focused on encouraging students to challenge themselves and develop their own abilities whilst working with teachers and fellow students to enhance their skills in this area.

I would like to congratulate the amazing achievements of all the children listed below. The complex thinking required to solve some of these math problems is very sophisticated and we are proud to say we had several children from St Cecilia's competing in this international competition. Parents are welcome to attend Friday morning's assembly for presentation of these awards.

<b>Ranked in the top 10% of participants</b>	<b>Ranked in the top 25% of participants</b>	<b>Participation recognition</b>
Logan H Zavier W Aditi P Lincoln G	Luke K Oliver A Billy K Logan H Keithen L Jack W	Linh P Zoie P India T Dean H Hayley L Nicholas S Hartley R

## **Flip Meeting**

A reminder that we have our final FLIP meeting for the year, held next week on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm – 7:15pm. Agenda items in each team include:

### *Parent Connectors*

- ➔ Class Parents Role Description
- ➔ End of Year Awards & Shine Awards. Behavioural Guidelines update

### *Faith & Learning Partners*

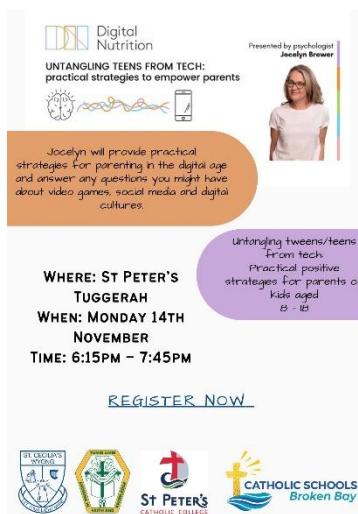
- ➔ Sport Parent Partners for 2023
- ➔ SCW Gifted & Talented Programs

### *Community Building Team*

- ➔ 2023 Events for scheduling for the school calendar e.g. Colour Run, World Teacher's Day, St Cecilia's Feast Day, Movie Night etc.
- ➔ Assign Secretary for FLIP meetings to take minutes for the community.

Would love to see as many parents at the meeting as possible. [RSVP here](#)

## **Digital Nutrition Evening**



The flyer for the Digital Nutrition Evening event features a title 'Digital Nutrition' with a logo of three vertical bars. Below it, the subtitle reads 'UNTANGLING TEENS FROM TECH: practical strategies to empower parents'. A small photo of Jocelyn Brewer is shown next to the text 'Presented by psychologist Jocelyn Brewer'. A quote from her states: 'Jocelyn will provide practical strategies for parenting in the digital age and answer any questions you might have about video games, social media and digital cultures.' Another quote says: 'Untangling tweens/teens from tech. Practical positive strategies for parents of kids aged 12-15'. The event details are listed as: 'WHERE: ST PETER'S TUGGERAH', 'WHEN: MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER', and 'TIME: 6:15PM - 7:45PM'. A 'REGISTER NOW' link is provided. At the bottom, logos for St. Cecilia's School, St. Peter's Catholic College, and Catholic Schools Broken Bay are displayed.

A reminder to register if you are interested in attending the Digital Nutrition Event for parents. It's truly going to be an amazing event, funded by the school and not an event we will be able to fund annually.

Parenting in a digital world adds a new level of complexity to an already tough gig. Seeking knowledge, skills and strategies to assist parents in managing digital devices and avoiding problematic use of screens is a key feature of modern parenting.

To discuss this topic, we have highly sought after registered psychologist, accredited teacher and educational consultant, Jocelyn Brewer presenting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6:15pm at St Peter's.

Please join us for this amazing event and [RSVP at this link.](#)

Kind Regards

Marta Chylewska  
**(Principal)**

# IMPORTANT DATES

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## WEEK 4, TERM 4

Wed. 2nd November

Kindergarten Orientation Session #2 @ 9am – 10:30am

## WEEK 5, TERM 4

Mon 7th November

Wed. 9th November

Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> November

Fri. 11th November

## RECYCLING WEEK

Bright Beginnings - Maths Mania @ 9:30am - 10:30am

Techmatics Day (selected students)

Kindergarten Orientation Session #3 @ 9am – 10:30am

FLIP Meeting #4 @ 6pm - 7:15pm

Remembrance Day Whole School Liturgy @8:45am

## 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 RETURN from Bathurst Excursion

St Cecilia's Whole School Liturgy @ 8:45am in Assembly Area

## WEEK 8, TERM 4

Mon. 28th November

Tues. 29th November

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**K-2 Swimming Program Starts** (9 day program)

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

Choir performing at Palmdale at 10am

## WEEK 9, TERM 4

Mon. 5th December

Tues. 6th December

Thurs. 8th December

Fri. 9th December

## WELLBEING WEEK

Year 6 Graduation starting at 5pm – 8pm

Bright Beginnings – Santa's Workshop

1-5 Swimming Carnival & Water Fun Day at school for Kindy & Year 6

**Last day of K-2 Swim Program**

## WEEK 10, TERM 4

Mon. 12th December

Tues. 13th December

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thurs. 15th December

Fri. 16th December

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

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

Stage 3 Surf Safety Day @ Toowoomba Bay

Stage 2 Surf Safety Day @ Toowoomba Bay

Step up Morning with child's teacher for 2023

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2022 & Year 6 Bell ringing.**

## ***From the REC***

### **MISSION MASS**

On Thursday the 20th of October, four members of the Pastoral Team and four St Peter's students travelled to the Light of Christ Centre in Waitara to celebrate the Mission Mass. When we arrived we saw many students from other Catholic schools from the Broken Bay Diocese.

At the beginning of the Mass a member from Catholic Mission, Dorthy Makasa, explained how she had a troubled childhood and highlighted the many challenges she experienced. Makasa talked about how much Catholic Mission changed her life because of the generous donations that people from all around the world have donated. These donations provided healthy food for her large family.

During the Mass, Father Brendon reflected on the significant role of missionaries and how they think and act with their brains and more importantly their hearts. At the conclusion of the Mass another member from Catholic Mission, Mr Matt announced that all of the donations raised from Socktober will help the families in Ethiopia. Many of these families will buy food and make more goat milk farms.

We are very proud that our school has contributed to this important fundraiser and we were lucky to travel with the St Peter's leadership team on this day.

By Lorenzo C, Hayley L, Savannah O, Beau M (Pastoral Team Members)



# SOCKTOBER DAY

**Yipee! St Cecilia's raised \$377  
to go towards Catholic  
Mission.**

**Thank you to our generous  
St Cecilia's school  
community.**

**We will make a difference to  
many families like Dorothy's.**





# Remembrance Day Liturgy

*Parents and Carers are invited to  
join us in prayer to celebrate Remembrance Day on  
Friday, 11th of November at 8:45am,  
Assembly Area*

## **Wyong/Tumbi Parish**

### **Dried Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**

For a festive activity full of jolly good fun, Christmas cheer + creativity, treat yourself to a Wreath Making workshop. In this 1.5 hour workshop hosted by Rachel Mills, Florist + Founder of The Posy Project, you will learn the basic skills + techniques of wreath making,

and take home your very own Wreath creation.

**Date: Friday the 25th of November**

**Time: 6.30pm**

**Cost: \$135.00 per person.**

**Address: Parish Hall 23 Byron Street Wyong**

You will use a mix of fresh and dried flowers + foliages to create a beautiful everlasting Christmas wreath. Your wreath will dry out beautifully and can be used for Christmas and beyond

(or as a wall hanging all year round).

If you would like to attend, please call Jo on 0424 763 734 by Monday 7th November to register. If we have more than 20 people attend the price will come down to \$125.00 each.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

**From Jo Helm, Parish Coordinator, Wyong**

## **Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations**

### **Term 4 Dates**

- Friday, the 11th of November, **Remembrance Day Liturgy @ 8:45am, Assembly Area**
- Tuesday, the 22nd of November, **St Cecilia's Liturgy @ 8:45am, Assembly Area**
- Tuesday, the 29th November, **Drew Lane Christmas Concert @ 5:30pm, Assembly Area**
- Monday, the 5th December, **Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 5pm, Assembly Area**
- Monday, the 12th December, **End of Year Mass @ 9:30am, St Cecilia's School Hall**



## ***Library News***

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to the following parents who took up the challenge of contacting our new readers. Your generosity of time and your skill is much appreciated:

**Jayde Caboche**

**Georgina Mastroianni**

**Cindy Elford**

**Fiona Bray**

**Natasha Hughes**



It's not too late to join in the fun. There are still many books left to cover so please drop into the Library and pick up a bundle.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Virginia Cumming

# Awards and Acknowledgements



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

## *Academic Achievement*

<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Isabella S	<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Layla I
<b>1 Blue</b>	Arlo W	<b>1 Gold</b>	Theodore B
<b>2 Blue</b>	Zara J	<b>2 Gold</b>	Emilia W
<b>3 Blue</b>	Brayden H	<b>3 Gold</b>	Ashton B
<b>4 Blue</b>	Samantha W	<b>4 Gold</b>	George P
<b>5 Blue</b>	Sophie M	<b>5 Gold</b>	Luke K
<b>6 Blue</b>	Savannah O		
<b>CAPA</b>	Oscar M KB	<b>Japanese</b>	Linh P 6B

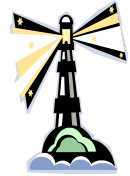
## *Personal Best*

<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Angus A	<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Scarlett B
<b>1 Blue</b>	Maggie G	<b>1 Gold</b>	Alexsia O
<b>2 Blue</b>	Brooklyn B	<b>2 Gold</b>	Sienna M
<b>3 Blue</b>	Lilian N	<b>3 Gold</b>	Avayah Y
<b>4 Blue</b>	Axle B	<b>4 Gold</b>	Zachary T
<b>5 Blue</b>	Logan H	<b>5 Gold</b>	Dean H
<b>6 Blue</b>	Zoie P		
<b>CAPA</b>	Isabella S KB	<b>Japanese</b>	Koby S 4B
<b>Library</b>	Austin D KB	<b>Library</b>	Miranda T 3B

## *PBL Award*

<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Parneet K	<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Elleah C
<b>1 Blue</b>	Barrett M	<b>1 Gold</b>	Harper-Rose G
<b>2 Blue</b>	Kallie M	<b>2 Gold</b>	Isabelle G
<b>3 Blue</b>	Thomas P	<b>3 Gold</b>	Cody T
<b>4 Blue</b>	Koby S	<b>4 Gold</b>	Ojaswini S
<b>5 Blue</b>	Jack W	<b>5 Gold</b>	Abdur J
<b>6 Blue</b>	Charlise B		
<b>CAPA</b>	Rafael R KG	<b>Japanese</b>	Mia C 4B

# Principal's Light of Learning Award



## **Kinder Blue: Bailey K**

*For his enthusiasm and engagement in all Learning areas and his positivity that makes him a great role model for other kindy students*

## **Kinder Gold: A**

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

## **1 Blue: Ashlyn L**

*Ashlyn has been a disciple of Jesus by showing kindness to others. Ashlyn is a kind and considerate friend and member of 1 Blue*

## **1 Gold: Daisy K**

*For consistently giving her all to her learning and working hard to produce her best work*

## **2 Blue: Liam G**

*For using a positive culture of thinking and sharing his learning and understanding of place value with his teacher and peers*

## **2 Gold: Harry W**

*For always showing kindness, respect and caring for his classmates*

## **3 Blue: Grace B**

*For being a kind, respectful and cooperative member of the St Cecilia's community. You try your best at everything you do*

## **3 Gold: Ella-Rose R**

*For always striving to do her best and using a growth mindset when things seem difficult*

## **4 Blue: Bonnie T**

*For always treating other people with kindness, compassion and respect. She is always striving to make the world a better place, especially St Cecilia's and 4 Blue*

## **4 Gold: Nikeeta R**

*For being a gentle, friendly and welcoming friend and always focusing on using a growth mindset in her learning*

## **5 Blue: Het K**

*For being a motivated learner who treats everyone with kindness and respect*

## **5 Gold: Logan H**

*For showing initiative in the classroom and on the playground, whilst being kind and respectful towards others. You have definitely let your light shine this year Logan*

## **6 Blue: Summer H**

*You have developed yourself as an independent learner and persisted through challenging tasks. I am very proud of how far you have come this year and it has been a pleasure watching you grow*