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Dear Families,

Last Friday, Miss Clancy and Year 6 planned a beautiful Remembrance Day liturgy, where we paused for a minute's silence in memory of Australians who have died or suffered in wars and armed conflicts. May we continue to hold in prayer, those who sacrificed so much for us, so that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms we have today. May we look to live our lives in a way that honours their sacrifice.

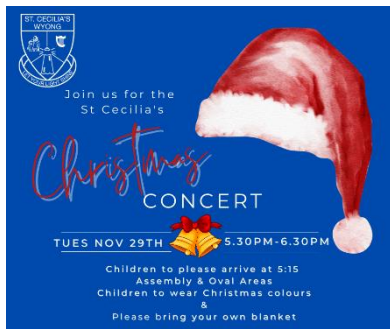
I can't believe we are only four and a bit weeks from finishing the 2022 school year, just six weeks shy of Christmas and then 2023 will be right around the corner before we know it.

This time of the year is always so busy with marked events in our own personal calendars and similarly in our school calendar. Our Year 5's have their leadership speeches starting tomorrow followed by their Bathurst camp next week, the K-2 Swimming Program due to start in week 8 (next week is week 7), we have our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Surf Safety days, the swimming carnival, our Christmas Concert and the End of Year Mass alongside the End of Year Awards with many more smaller events in between. As tiring as it can all sound and as busy as it may feel, many of these school experiences become positive long-term memories for your children, which they can reflect on with their friends in years to come.

END OF YEAR MASS incl. END OF YEAR AWARDS

Our End of Year Mass will take place on Monday 12th December starting at 9:30am. Following the mass, we will distribute our End of Year Awards. The teacher/s of each class will choose one student for each of the following awards.

- **Academic Progress** - This award recognises a child who has made significant gain, growth or increasing proficiency along a continuum of learning in a specific learning area or across the board.
- **St Cecilia's Creative Arts Award** - This award recognises a child's personal creative development, as an artist or art leader, building creativity, leadership and communication skills. The child who receives the Arts Award could be recognised in any area of the arts, including dance, drama, music or visual arts.
- **ACE (Attitude, Commitment, Effort) Award** - This child displays a positive attitude towards their learning, shows dedication and has given the best of their ability throughout the school year. Their strong work ethic has seen the child reach their potential and they have encouraged and enabled others to do the same.
- **Discipleship Award** - This child follows the example of Jesus by helping others and leading a life of peace, joy and love. The child reflects Jesus' love and goodness to others by being good citizens, showing that they are productive and caring members of society, treating others with respect and they respect the environment.



CAROLS EVENT

Please see below Mrs Dowling's elaborate details on this concert. A separate Compass message was sent out on Monday. Please refer to this message and we do hope everyone can make it to perform with their class.

CANTEEN UPDATE

WOW! What a busy week it has been at the canteen window during last week's morning teas. I know that I popped over on Friday to purchase myself a packet of chips and due to the excitement of the canteen reopening at morning tea and no doubt due to popular demand, they were all sold out! It's been lovely to see the children excited about making purchases independently on their own as well as working out the costings of what they want to buy at the canteen. Below is a reminder of the price list.

RECESS MENU
WED & FRI
CASH SALES ONLY!

- Cheese & Ham Bread Roll **\$1.50**
- Chocolate Brownie Slice **\$1.00**
- Popcorn **Sm 50c, Lg \$1.00**
- Frozen Fruit Sticks **80c**
- Mini Frozen Milk Choc & Strawberry **30c**
- Plain or Honey Soy Crisps **\$1.00**
- Apple Slices **80c**
- Milo **\$1.00**

A graphic for a recess menu. It features a yellow background with blue circles and a blue circle containing a white fork and spoon icon. The text is in blue and black, listing various food items and their prices.

PLASTIC FREE TUESDAY

Please do not forget that Year 4 are trying to drive their 'Plastic Free' Tuesday initiative. This inspiring movement from our Year 4 cohort is to help 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. Please all continue with 'Plastic Free Tuesday' which will help us to find great alternatives that can hopefully become new habits forever.

FRIDAY'S AWARD ASSEMBLY

Don't forget to join us at this Friday morning's awards assembly, which will include our Let Your Light Shine Awards too. Assembly starts at 8:45am and award recipients are listed below.

2023 STAFFING

As the school is growing, we have increased in another class for next year, meaning we will have two classes in each grade from K-6. These will be straight classes rather than composite classes. With the growth of our school and Mrs Cattabriga leaving us to have a baby we have some newly appointed staff for 2023; Mrs Garth and Mrs Haynes (both of whom have been working at our school this year) and we welcome two new teachers Mrs Doughty and Mrs Ross.



Mrs Doughty is an experienced educator, with majority of her teaching experience being in high performing independent school in the UK. She is currently working in Sydney Catholic Diocese and has a passion for technology and prides herself on her strong partnership with parents in their children's learning journey.



Mrs Ross has been teaching for eight years, having worked at Central Coast Sports College, International schools, and Department of Education schools. Mrs Ross is trained in KidsMatter centring much of her teaching and learning practice through utilising mindfulness and a growth mindset to prioritise with children's social and emotional development. She is passionate about the Science of Reading proudly utilising the research-based pedagogy to help her children achieve significant growth in this area in her year 1 classroom this past year.

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming our new and some existing staff to their new roles at St Cecilia's. All the new staff will be present at the step-up morning on Thursday 15th December to meet their 2023 class.

2023 CLASSES

The 2023 classroom teachers for each grade will be announced in the next newsletter.



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

We invite you to share in the spirit of Christmas by donating food and toiletry items. These items will help provide families with a Christmas filled with happiness and joy.

14th Nov – 30th Nov



Kindergarten	Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)
Cereal (small boxes) Tinned vegetables/Jelly/Jam/Shampoo/Conditioner	Tea/Coffee/Long-life milk/Milo Hot chocolate
Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)	Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)
Tinned fruit/Muesli bars/ Packet chips/Savoury&Sweet biscuits	Custard (long life/1 litre)/Christmas cake/pudding/Fruit mince pies/Body wash



BUNDILLA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This is a community space that you can borrow, take or give library books.

Currently our books are aged towards preschool aged children, however, from time to time there will be a variety of books that may interest some of the children at St Cecilia's and we would love some visits.

Our library is located out the front of our premises and can easily be accessed.

6 Byron St,
Wyong NSW 2259

Have a lovely day!

Marta Chylewska
(Principal)

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 6, TERM 4

Fri. 18th November

Year 5 & 6 Touch Football Gala Day

WEEK 7, TERM 4

Mon. 21st November

Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion

Tues. 22nd November

Year 5 RETURN from Bathurst Excursion

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

WEEK 8, TERM 4

Mon. 28th November

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

Tues. 29th November

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

Sat. 3rd December

Choir performing at Palmdale at 10am

WEEK 9, TERM 4

Mon. 5th December

WELLBEING WEEK

Year 6 Graduation starting at 5pm – 8pm

Tues. 6th December

Bright Beginnings – Santa's Workshop

Wed. 7th December

Thurs. 8th December

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

Fri. 9th December

Last day of K-2 Swim Program

WEEK 10, TERM 4

Mon. 12th December

End of Year K-6 School Mass @ 9:30am in the hall, including
END OF YEAR AWARDS

Tues. 13th December

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

Wed. 14th December

Stage 3 Surf Safety Day @ Toowoomb Bay

Thurs. 15th December

Stage 2 Surf Safety Day @ Toowoomb Bay

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

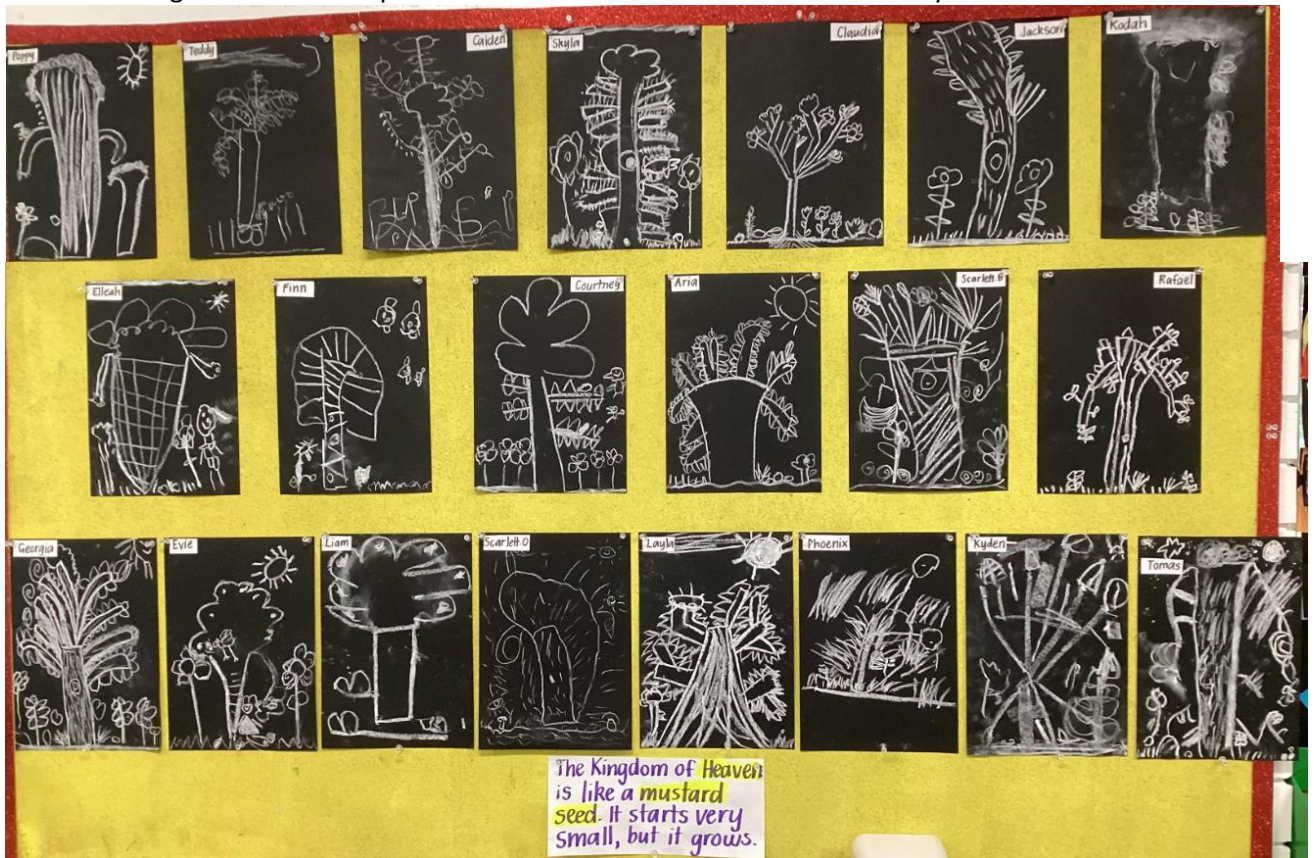
Second Rite of Reconciliation

Over the term Father Raul has visited the Stage three students to celebrate their Second Rite of Reconciliation. These celebrations have given the students an opportunity to strengthen their relationship with God and for the students to reflect on what it means to reconcile. The four stages of forgiveness: owning up to what happened, saying sorry, being forgiven and repairing the damage was also revisited. Thank you, Father Raul for your time and for leading these important celebrations.



Sharing Our Fabulous Learning

The Kindergarten students continue to engage with the new lessons from the RE curriculum by actively listening to presentations and responding accordingly. Last week the students listened to the Mustard Seed Parable and responded beautifully with amazing artwork. The artwork highlights how our Catholic faith grows and develops over the course of our lives. Well done Kindy!



Please read the following communication from Vinnies NSW

Vinnies NSW are currently looking for volunteers 18+ years for our Vinnies Support Centres.

Vinnies Support Centres are client-centred support and referral services operated by the St Vincent de Paul Society. They offer face to face support to those in the community who require financial, food or material assistance. The support teams work with our clients to offer the best possible assistance for their needs and connect them to the Society's Conference home visitation teams or Vinnies' Services.

As a Vinnies Support Centre volunteer, you will assist staff with providing advocacy, referrals and support to clients navigating the appropriate services. Vinnies have a number of volunteer roles available including administration & reception support, assisting with client interview rosters, data entry and helping out with ad hoc duties as requested.

Vinnies Support Centres offer a friendly and supportive team environment, flexible volunteer hours (school hours available) and the opportunity to learn a variety of skills. Significantly, your volunteer contribution will make a tangible difference to the lives of those in your community.

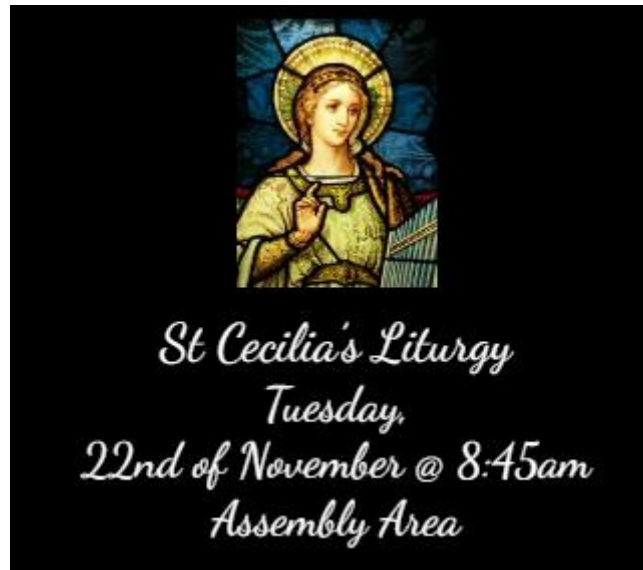
If you are interested in hearing more about volunteering in a Vinnies Support Centre, or helping out in a volunteer capacity elsewhere, please contact the Volunteer Experience Team at volunteers@vinnies.org.au

Want to assist Vinnies but time poor? Keen to volunteer but need to be there for the kids?

Vinnies NSW are currently looking at what we can offer in terms of increased flexibility around volunteering. Covid 19 has encouraged many of us to reassess our priorities including where we spend our valuable time. The historical volunteer model of committing to a regular weekly time slot no longer suits our busy lifestyles.

The Volunteer Experience Team at Vinnies are looking to create a mailing list of volunteers who would be happy to volunteer on an ad hoc basis. Volunteer tasks may range from assisting packing Christmas hampers at a Vinnies centre for a few hours to committing to sharing a Vinnies Campaign via social media once a month. Once placed on our 'Vinnies Support Volunteer Crew' mailing list, you will be contacted once a month via email to inform you of upcoming ad hoc opportunities. To be placed on our mailing list and become a part of our valued Vinnies Support Volunteer Crew please email volunteers@vinnies.org.au . We thank you wholeheartedly for your contribution.

YOU'RE INVITED TO...



Christmas
CONCERT

St Cecilia's Christmas Concert
Lead by Drew Lane
Tuesday, 29th of November @ 5:30 - 6:30
(children to please arrive at 5:15)
Assembly & Oval Areas
Children to wear Christmas colours
Bring your own blanket



Christmas Concert: On the 29th of November, religious singer/songwriter and performing arts specialist, Drew Lane, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Drew will be working with our students to present a Christmas concert for our community. He brings a wealth of experience to share with the students and it'll be a great time full of singing, movement and drama. All are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun.

COME HELP DECORATE THE

CHRISTMAS TREE

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO COME AND HELP
DECORATE THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

St John Fisher Mass Ctr on
Sunday 27th November at the 5pm Mass
followed by a sausage sizzle

or

St Cecilia's Church on
Sunday 4th December at the 9.30am Mass
followed by morning tea

Children will be invited to join the
Children's Liturgy and make some
decorations for the Christmas Tree



Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations

Term 4 Dates

- 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

Awards and Acknowledgements



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

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Jackson Y	Kinder Gold	Finn I
1 Blue	Aine H	1 Gold	Ben L
2 Blue	Hannah S	2 Gold	Charlotte S
3 Blue	Lincoln B	3 Gold	Nicholas G
4 Blue	Neil Y	4 Gold	Alisha P
5 Blue	Liam W	5 Gold	Lincoln G
6 Blue	Beau M		
CAPA	Spoorthi A 1B	Japanese	Frances M 4G

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	Austin D	Kinder Gold	Phoenix R
1 Blue	Spoorthi A	1 Gold	Ruby-Lou S
2 Blue	Kash S	2 Gold	Max S
3 Blue	Amalia M	3 Gold	Sophia C
4 Blue	Mia Curtis T	4 Gold	Lorelei F
5 Blue	Zavier W	5 Gold	Ciera H
6 Blue	Tahlia M		
CAPA	Kiara M 1G	Japanese	Duncan C 3G
Library	Aaliyana A 3B	Library	Abdur Rehman J 5G

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Cooper B	Kinder Gold	Ajay B
1 Blue	Hendrix D	1 Gold	Julie C
2 Blue	Kyra R	2 Gold	Neenah M
3 Blue	Hannah B	3 Gold	Bodhi I
4 Blue	Hudson B	4 Gold	Zac S
5 Blue	Beau G	5 Gold	Madeleine H
6 Blue	Scarlett M		
CAPA	George C 1B	Japanese	Amalia M 3B