

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

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Term Four, Week Two, Tuesday 18 October 2022

Principal's Notes

Staffing

A very warm welcome to Mr Nikhil Sharma, Miss Selena Dixon and Mrs Sonja Tomerini. Mr Sharma has joined our staff as a permanent relief teacher for this term and has enjoyed his first two weeks with us in the Year Six classroom to cover Mrs Maher (formerly known as Miss Mullins) while she enjoys her honeymoon.

Miss Dixon and Mrs Tomerini have joined our Kindy team as our new Education Assistants. Miss Dixon came in to replace Mrs Casson after her departure at the end of last term and Mrs Tomerini has joined to replace Mrs Gona who has become an additional relief teacher for this term.

P&F and School Advisory Council ACM

The date for the ACM for both the P&F and School Advisory Committee (SAC) will be Wednesday 23 November, 6:30pm, in the school Library. There will be some executive positions available in both the P&F and SAC; please see Mrs Rozario for a nomination form if you are interested in joining either committee in 2023.

Uniforms

Last term, I promised an update on our uniform for 2023. We had overwhelming support for the change of the girls uniform and after feedback asking if we would consider switching to a polo and skort rather than blouse and skort, we issued a second survey. The second survey indicated that 68% of respondents would like to see the girls uniform change to the skort and polo shirt. The polo shirt will be the same design as that currently worn by our Kindy and PrePrimary students with the existing faction polos to remain for sport lesson days. The same survey also indicated support for the polo shirt to be made available for the boy's uniform.

The new uniform won't be available to order until next year. In the meantime, we have an excess of the current boy's uniform and with 2023 being a transition year, boys are still able to wear the current uniform. The current uniform is available at a discounted price to help clear stock. The discounted price also applies to any stock we have of the dresses. We have a number of size 4 dresses and these are being made available to Kindy and PrePrimary students for the remainder of this year and 2023, our transition year.

The new uniform policy and pricing list to reflect these changes will be available on our website later this term.

World Teacher's Day

Next Friday, 28 October, we will be celebrating World Teacher's Day at St Cecilia's. World Teachers' Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank our teachers for the important role they play inside our classrooms and out in the community.

Fundraising – Day for Daniel and Socktober

Don't forget to don your red shirts and bring your gold coin donation in recognition of *Day for Daniel* on Friday 28 October to raise funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. All funds raised will help the organisation to continue to develop and provide free resources and programs for parents, carers and educators to teach children how to stay safe.

The following Friday, 04 November, we encourage students and staff to wear their craziest socks and bring a gold coin donation to assist Catholic Mission's fundraising to continue to support church-run initiatives in Africa, Asia, Oceania, South America and remote dioceses within Australia.

First Reconciliation

After months of preparation both at school and at home, the children from St John the Baptist and St Cecilia's parish will be making their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 03 November at 6.30pm at St Cecilia's Church. Father Edward and Father Gaspar will be leading the Liturgy. Please keep these children in your prayers as the time draws near for them to receive this special sacrament. A big thank you once again to class teachers and parents for helping to prepare your child for this very special time.

Whole School Mass

Please join us in celebrating All Souls Day at a whole school Mass on Wednesday 02 November. The Mass will be held at St Cecilia's Church at 8:45am and will be led by the Year Four class.

Book lists for 2023

Booklists for 2023 classes will soon be available on the school website; we will notify families when they are live. If you are unable to access the website, please contact the office for a paper copy. If you want to have booklist items delivered to the school before the end of the current school year (this is a free delivery), then orders must be placed online by Friday 28 October. Any orders placed after this will be delivered to your home and will include a delivery charge. Please note, all ordering is to be done online; please do not send orders back to school.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Principal

Dates to Remember

TERM FOUR WEEK 2

Thursday 20 October
Assembly in the UCA 8.45am

Reconciliation Family Meeting II
6.30pm St John the Baptist Parish Hall

Friday 21 October
Interscholar swimming Carnival
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 3

Monday 24 October
Assembly 8.45am UCA

Friday 28 October
Day for Daniel - wear red for gold
coin donation

World Teachers Day

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 4

Wednesday 2 November
All Souls Day Whole School Mass
8.45am

Thursday 3 November
SAC Meeting 5.30pm in staffroom
First Reconciliation Liturgy 6:30pm St
Cecilia' Church

Friday 04 November
Crazy Sock Day—gold coin donation
for Socktober

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 5

Monday 7 November
Catholic Day for staff/Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 8 November
Reconciliation Y5 9.10am

Wednesday 9 November
Reconciliation Y4 9.10am

Thursday 10 November
Reconciliation Y6 9.10am
HSHS Y6 Families Information
Night—Transition Information Matt
Dann Theatre 6.30-7.30pm

Friday 11 November
Remembrance Day Assembly
10.40am UCA

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates
Term 4: 11-10-2022 to 09-12-2022
Term 1: 1-2-23 to 06-04-2023

Public Holidays & Pupil Free Days
& Catholic Day - No School

Term 4:
Mon 7 November - Catholic Day for
staff/Pupil Free Day

Link to website term planners:
[https://www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au/
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