The Pre-Primary class began the year by learning to use their Ctrl, Alt, Del fingers. This is the first step to learning how to log onto the schools computer network. Without this, they will not be able to use the computers at school. By the end of the year, the students were beginning to ‘log on’ without assistance from a teacher.

The Year One class have been learning to use Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. They have been creating new documents, inserting text, changing font size/colour, inserting clipart/photos and saving their work.

The Year Ones also learned about what makes a boat float. They then set about building a boat from recycled materials.

Both the Year Three and Four classes studied flight and what makes an object able to fly. They also designed, built and tested kites. Some of the kites were very well made and looked great.

The Year Five class had a rather ‘yucky’ but useful project to design, build and test. They had to make their own mosquito traps. After talking about what makes a good trap, where mosquitoes like to hide and what would make the best baits, the students worked in small groups to complete their traps. After a couple weeks of testing we checked the traps. Lots of other insects were collected, even a gecko but not many mosquitoes. Well, back to the drawing board.
Similar to last year, the Year Six and Seven students learned to use the Stop Motion software to create their own short movie. This is the same kind of software that is used to create the Wallace and Gromit movies. Unlike last year where a theme was given, this year the students could make up their own theme. Some very interesting and amusing movies were produced. We have very talented students at St Cecilia’s.

Both classes also designed, built and tested water bottle rockets. There were some very interesting designs and results on test flight day.