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Dear Parents,

Farmer Friday Mufti Fundraiser

We are having a 'Farmer Friday' mufti day on Friday 6th December and we would appreciate any donation you can make no matter how small... or large! Children are asked to wear 'Farmer' clothing and bring in a donation.

My hope is that we not only give financial support, but that we communicate with the families we help, send messages from our students and hopefully have some messages returned. I believe it would be wonderful for our children to see the results of their / your help.

School Reports Compass

The 2019 Semester Two report will appear in Compass on Thursday 12th December. You will be able to access the report from this date.

Important message for Year 6 Parents and parents of leaving students regarding school reports: Once a student leaves a school, parent access to that student's details in Compass ends therefore you will need to download and save or print off the semester reports currently appearing in Compass by 31 December 2019 if you wish to keep a copy of them. If you have any problems doing this during the holiday period, please contact us from the 28th January 2020 when we are open for the new school year.

Family Registration Forms for 2020

All families attending St Cecilia's in 2020 should have received the Family Registration Form. If you haven't already done so please complete this important form and return to school ASAP.

It is imperative that this form be returned to school as it decides the fees charged for 2020 and allows us to register for any sibling discounts. If it is not returned, families will be charged at the highest rate and no sibling discount can be given.

Reminder of our End of Year Dates

Whole School Mass and Awards Presentation: Monday 9th December 10am

Year 5 Surf Safety Day: Tuesday 10th December

Stage 2 Surf Safety Day: Wednesday 11th December

Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner: Wednesday 11th December 5pm

Reports available on Compass: Thursday 12th December

School Swimming Carnival Years 1 – 5 and Water Fun Day Kinder and Year 6: Friday 13th December

Year 6 Movie day: Monday 16th December

Step – Up Morning: Tuesday 17th December 9:30 – 10:30am

Last day of school for students: Wednesday 18th December

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Yvette Owens

PRINCIPAL

From the REC

Learning Scripture in the Year 6 Classrooms

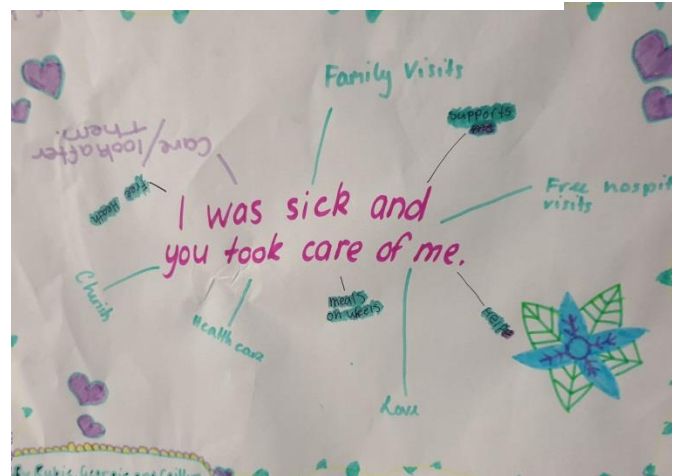
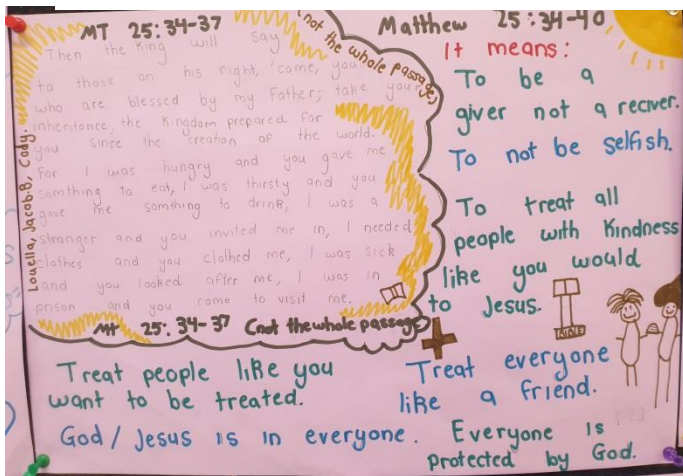
This term, Year 5 have been learning about Justice and Mission. We have been exploring the scripture of Matthew 25:34-40.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

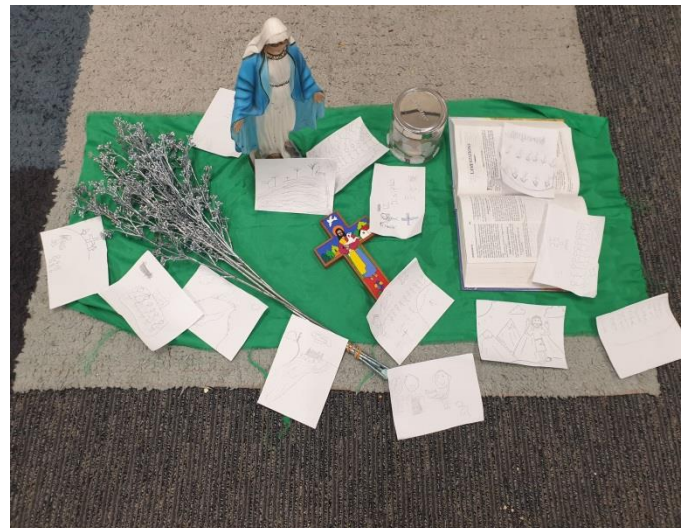
37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

We began by reading the passage in small groups and reflecting on what we thought the message of the passage was and we completed a 'Chalk Talk' to brainstorm how the different parts of this passage apply to today...



Next, in groups we organised a class liturgy using the scripture...



Then we made connections to the scripture using the 4Cs Thinking Routine...

4Cs Thinking Routine

CONNECTIONS:

What connections do you draw between the Scripture and your own life and/or other learning?

Friends who experienced depression and received support from helplines.
Professionals who support people with depression and anxiety.
Someone who had cancer and did not tell family members.
We have donated food, clothing and items for Vinnies, Operation Christmas Child.
Donated hair to kids with cancer.
Donating blood.
Return and Earn - donating the money.
Making bracelets to sell and giving the money to the hospital.
Donating money to Caritas
Running marathons to raise awareness and money.
Colour run
Jeans for genes day.
World's Greatest Shave raising money for Leukaemia.
Shopping Centres - donations for the farmers
McDonalds - Ronald McDonald House
Busking to raise money for Cancer Research
Farmers Christmas Donation
Bushfires - raising money and awareness
Farmers - buy a bale, water
Selling deceased estate property/ garage sales and donating it to Cancer research
RSPCA - donating money, items, rescue animals
Adopt a tiger
Guide Dogs

CHALLENGE:

What ideas, positions, or assumptions do you want to challenge or argue with in the Scripture?

Why did the disciples question Jesus when he gave them this message?
Do the people who don't belong in his Kingdom still count as his people? What is his Kingdom?
When Jesus was saying 'Do it for my people', was he also talking about people who don't believe in him or believe in another Religion?
When Jesus is talking about 'my people', does he regard everyone who is living as his people?
If Jesus were in our world today, would he still stand by what he said back then?
If Jesus gave this message today, would he still give the same examples?
What lead to Jesus wanting to give this message to his disciples?

CONCEPTS:

What key concepts or ideas do you think are important and worth holding onto from the text?

Take care of everyone like you would take care of Jesus.
Do not be selfish because there are others in the world you need more than you do.
Care for everyone even though they are different.
Put others needs before your own.
Treat everyone equally.
Treat people how you would like to be treated.
Think of people as a close friend, not an enemy.
Be kind to everyone, even if they aren't people you would like to be friends with.
Don't judge a book by its cover.
Give people a chance like Jesus would.
See the good in people.
Let your light shine.

CHANGES:

What changes in attitudes, thinking or action are suggested by the Scripture, either for you or others?

To treat everyone the same.
See the good in people.
Put yourself in other people's shoes.
To give more than you receive.
To give something and not expect anything in return.
Be kind to people even though they are different.
Give people a chance.
Forgive people.
Care about others, not just yourself.
Help someone if they need it.
Help out everyone
Help others, not just to make you feel good about yourself.
Don't ignore people in need.
Realise that donating time is just as important as donating money and items.
If you have more, always give a little.
If you aren't in the habit of giving to others, give it a go!

St Cecilia's Feast Day Celebration

Thank you to the Stage 2 teachers and students who lead our beautiful St Cecilia's liturgy and to the parents and carers who were able to join in our St Cecilia's in-class celebrations.





Advent

On Sunday a new Church year begins with the ***first Sunday of Advent***. At the beginning of each week we will have a short Advent focus during morning assembly as we celebrate this special season.



Christmas Eve Mass

The Christmas Eve Vigil (5pm) will be held at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong. This is a great opportunity for primary school children to get actively involved. If you are able to celebrate this occasion, please contact ***Maree Dwyer, a parishioner from the Wyong Parish on 0409 659 563***. Children are needed for different roles during the mass (preparation of gifts, choir and children to dramatise the retelling of the Christmas story). All are welcome!



Upcoming Celebrations

Term 4 Dates

- Monday 9th of December, ***End of Year Mass at 10am***
- Wednesday 11th of December, ***Year 6 Graduation Mass at 5pm***

Parish Mass Times for St Cecilia's Parish

St Cecilia's Wyong

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am

St John Fisher, Tumby Umbi

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 8.30am & 5pm

God Bless,
Mrs Jamie Dowling
Religious Education Coordinator

School News

Linen Roster Term 4

Week 8	Kristy Clouten
Week 9	Kyly Slattery

School Banking

We would like to thank all students and parents who have participated in the School Banking program this year. The **final day** for banking this year will be **Tuesday 17th December 2019**.

We will resume school banking next year on **Tuesday 11th February**.

From the FLO

Dear Parents,

9 Ways To A Resilient Child by Dr Justin Coulson and **Rewire Your Anxious Brain – how to use the neuroscience of fear to end anxiety, panic and worry** by Catherine Pittman and Elizabeth Karle have been purchased for the parent library located in the parent room. These are highly recommended books. Please come in and feel free to browse. Borrowing will resume next year. Please return any books that have been borrowed.

Michael Grose from Parenting Ideas has a very interesting article on creating healthy digital habits with your children. www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/creating-healthy-digital-habits-in-your-child/

The Christmas season is meant to be a time of joy but it can also be a time of stress, anxiety, loneliness and disappointment. **Health Direct** (131114) and **Beyond Blue** (1300 2246636) have some valuable articles on line and steps to assist with these issues.

Mrs Bernadette Daniel
Family Liaison Officer

Canteen News

This Friday we are raising money for Aussie Farmers!

Canteen is supporting this fundraiser by offering Aussie themed treats for recess and lunch.

Recess - Cheese and Vegemite Scrolls 60c
- Lamingtons \$1.00

Lunch - Red Back Spider Lollies 20c
- Rainbow Paddle Pops \$2.00

A portion of canteen sales will be donated to this fundraiser.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Catherine Berry
Canteen Manager





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