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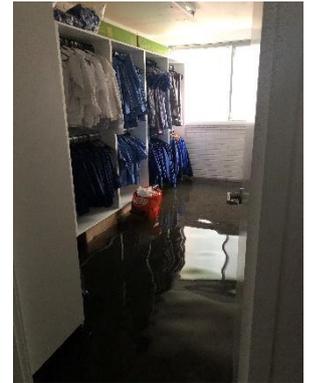
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30th March, 2021

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe term one is about to wrap up. What a fast paced, busy and eventful term it has been. The most significant event being the sad news of flooding at St Cecilia's last week. Nevertheless, as a community, we knew we would get through this. In comparison to what other parts of NSW are still suffering post floods, we must really count our blessings that we only sustained minor damage to the parent room, the sports shed, oval, some play areas, and our multi-purpose room which was being used as the Year Three classroom.



The experts have assessed most the damage and we were fortunate enough to be able to salvage a lot of our belongings thanks to the generous helping hands of Mr and Mrs Jordan, and their daughters. The Sunday morning of the flood, Mrs Jordan woke up to a flood in her own home but left her flooded house behind to rush and tend to our school, lifting as much as possible off the floor in the year three classroom, to salvage it. Thank goodness for your foresight and care Mrs Jordan. I know it is not just myself but the whole community who will be eternally grateful for your help and great rescue.



Luke with the tinnie.

To many of the other staff, students and parents or carers who spent time helping others in the clean-up or rescues – thank you. In these times, we usually become a better version of ourselves. One other instance of an inspiring Good News story is of Luke G. in Year 6 who assisted his father in a rescue of a man stuck under a kayak in Wyong River. I am not sure if Luke realises the extent of his good deed, but we are categorising him as one of our local heroes.

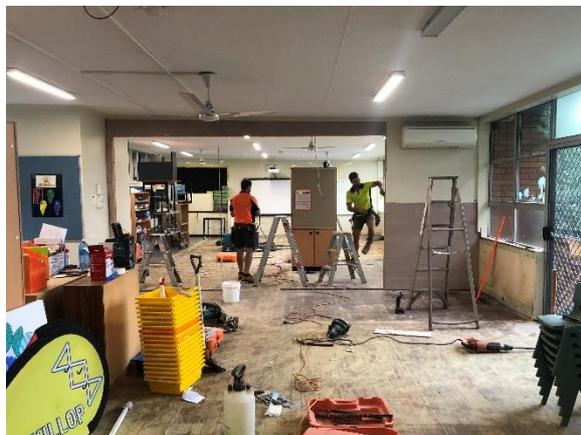
Overall, I have been most impressed with how our children managed the event and returned with continual focus on their learning. A final big thank you to our parents and carers who assisted in supervision of their children whilst the school was closed. Your support, cooperation and understanding at this difficult and unpredictable time was greatly appreciated.

Flood Restoration Updates

The new year three classroom had the carpet laid today and their new outdoor learning deck will be complete by the end of the week. Mrs Gray and Mr Madigan are already in there today rearranging some furniture and on Thursday Mrs Gray is hoping to spend the day at school relocating some of her furniture and preparing 3 Blue's new classroom for term two.

We are hoping to gain access to the Oval and under the hall after school holidays. The experts have disinfected and cleaned any tarmac areas affected by the floods in the school.

The Sport Shed had most of its equipment salvaged and we are just waiting for the shed to dry out post pressure hosing and disinfecting.



Athletics Carnival

Mr Lynch is still awaiting approximately 10-15 RSVP's for Thursday's Athletics Carnival. Please go into your Compass app to give you child permission to come on the day and to indicate whether your child will require a bus ride to and/or from the Carnival. Please remember to e-mail the office if you know your child is not attending on the day with an explanation as to why they cannot come.

Staff Development Day

Next term school will finish on Thursday 24th June as Friday 25th June will be a Staff Development Day. The Staff Development Day will be facilitated by the Catholic School Broken Bay about the Towards 2025 Vision.

Farewell

It is with much sadness we bid farewell to Mr Bill Townsend who teaches 2 Blue on Thursdays. Mr Townsend will be relocating to Young and has been appointed a full time teaching position of a 5/6 composite class. We thank Mr Townsend for his contribution to the school and wish him well on his new endeavours in Young.

Photo Day

School photo day will be week 1 on Thursday 22nd April. Please remember to make your photo orders online. Your child would have brought home a flyer with your special ordering code. An information flyer is further in this newsletter. We ask that all children wear full summer school uniform on this day. Family photo envelopes are available from the school office. If collecting an envelope from the office for single parent families, please indicate either “mum’s copy” or “dad’s copy.”

Save The Date

The Mothers’ Day Breakfast will be on Friday 7th May at 8am on the playground followed by a Mothers’ Day Liturgy starting at 9am. Due to Covid precautions, the Breakfast will be for our special mums only. If mum is unable to attend, dads, grandparents or carers are most welcome. For catering purposes, it is essential to RSVP via the TryBooking link. <https://www.trybooking.com/BQEWL>

Year 3 & 5 Practise Naplan Testing Session

To assist our school and children in becoming familiar with the online NAPLAN assessment platform and processes, the Year 3 & 5 teachers and students participated in some practice tests last week. The online trial had hundreds of schools Australia wide, accessing the platform at the same time to help identify any issues that may arise with the online assessment platform. These practice tests assist in navigation of dealing with any unexpected connectivity issues or any issues that need to be addressed regarding technical aspects within a school that may have changed. This process assisted in minimising any issues that may arise on the day.

There is a public demonstration site which helps children and parents understand the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests. The site also provides an opportunity for children to further experience the interactive navigation of the online test. Children can access the public demonstration site at [Public demonstration site \(nap.edu.au\)](http://nap.edu.au)

School Newsletter

I hope you have been enjoying reading the detailed fortnightly newsletter, providing you with a snapshot of what has been happening in our school, important school updates and other relevant community notices. I endeavour to include all relevant information for parents in the fortnightly Newsletter or the Principal’s update, which happens every other week. These two letters are my single preferred mode of ensuring clarity and consistency in key messages delivered to all families. Occasionally, an emergency reminder will be sent out via Compass, however I do strive to have the newsletter as a “One Stop Shop” for communication with families.

We also have a school Facebook page called ‘St Cecilia’s Primary School Wyong’ where we do share some weekly updates. Plus, all classes (year 1 & year 2 coming) also have access to Google Classrooms to provide families with an insight into the children’s classroom learning environment. If you have not signed up to your child’s Google classroom, please ask your teacher for details.

During this upcoming festive season, let us all be thankful to the Lord for his blessings. I hope this holiday season brings you happiness just like you do in our school.

Have a safe and sound holiday and enjoy spending quality time with your family and friends, over Easter. We look forward to welcoming you all back next term.

Take Care,

Marta Chylewska
(Principal)

From the REC

Holy Week

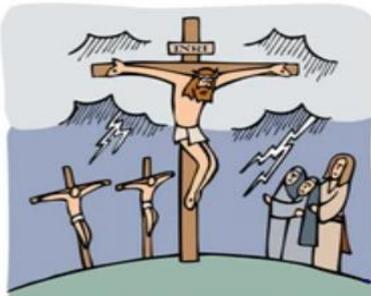
Over the past week the children at St Cecilia's have been celebrating Holy Week by engaging in different activities. These activities align with the important events of Holy Week and highlight the commemoration of Jesus Christ's last days on Earth as man. Please view the following videos that are part of the Holy Week celebrations created by the children in Year 4 and Year 6. These videos will be accessible for a week to view.



Please click on this link to view

[Washing Feet Video](#)

Created by Year 6 students



Please click on this link to view

[Jesus Suffers Video](#)

Created by Year 4 students

We wish all the beautiful families at St Cecilia's a safe and holy Easter!



GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross

St Cecilia's Wyong 10am & St John Fisher Tumby 10am

The Lord's Passion

St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm & St John Fisher Tumby 3pm

REFLECTION JOHN18:1-19: 42

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At the centre of the Passion of Jesus according to John is the trial before Pilate. Convinced that Jesus is innocent Pilate has Jesus scourged and then hands him over to the Roman guard for crucifixion. Jesus is despised and rejected by the Romans and the Jewish authorities and abandoned by all his disciples, save the handful at the foot of the cross. Yet, throughout the Passion Jesus is all knowing, majestic and fully in control of events. Today we see what yesterday's metaphor of love is all about. How has Jesus loved us? To death! Not our death, but his. As Isaiah tells us, ours were the sorrows, or more appropriately, the sins he carried. He died to wipe out our sins, so that when our physical life ends, our glorious new life with God could begin. In short, his death brings us the gift of everlasting life with God.

From the Wyong Parish:

If you would like to attend the 7 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St Cecilia's or either the 7.30 am or the 9.30 am Easter Sunday Mass at St Cecilia's Church, please message Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance



2021 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Early next term the children in Year 3 (and some children from other grades) will make their sacrament of confirmation. In preparation for this special sacrament the children created some beautiful artworks of saints.



God Bless
Mrs Jamie Dowling
Religious Education Coordinator

From the FLO

The last two weeks have been very difficult and disappointing for many families. I do hope those who have sustained flood damage can have their problems resolved quickly and it hasn't been too disruptive.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Easter break. Enjoy your time together.

Bernadette Daniel
Family Liaison Officer

Canteen News

Last canteen day for this term is this Wednesday 31st March
First canteen day for Term 2 is Wednesday 21st April

Look out for our new Winter Menu with delicious warming meals like Lasagne and Macaroni Cheese.

Thank you for your support this term,
wishing you a restful Easter and school holiday.

Catherine Berry
Canteen Manager



say cheese

School Photo Day is

22 April 2021

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography Flyer and remember these helpful points:

You can place your order online up to 7 days after photo day

1. Log on to www.msp.com.au and click ORDER ONLINE.
2. Enter the Shoot Key and select the pack you wish to order.

To order a pack for another student from the same family at the same school use the "Change Shoot Key" function to enter the next shoot key.

Want to order later, individual students only...
phone our office (orders will be subject to a surcharge).

Family order forms can be collected from the school office

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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