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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see parents back onsite at morning assemblies. For any new families and a reminder to our existing families, you are all welcome back onsite every Monday and Thursday morning to join the staff and children in our whole school assemblies. These events are a chance to gather as a community for school prayer, birthday acknowledgements, outlining weekly highlights, singing the school song, and celebrating other achievements. All St Cecilia's families are welcome.

Another special event that took place this week was our Mass for grades 3, 4 & 5. We had an amazing turnout of mums and dads; the spirits were high, singing was back and gathering for prayer made it a memorable, faith-filled event. Thank you to all the staff who helped organise the mass.



Choir Returns

I am excited to announce that Mrs Cattabriga began choir today for grades 2-6. Choir will take place every Wednesday at 8:20am in the Kindy Blue classroom. Please complete the attached form if your child will be attending every week. <https://forms.gle/qDwJHGR2vDSqjQw2A>

School Closure

Thank you so much for your understanding last week with the school closure during the Flood Evacuation Order. These orders are issued by the NSW SES to immediately evacuate at-risk sections of the community from a flood threatened area and advise the safest actions to take.

In consultation with the Wyong SES Unit and CSBB we had to comply with the order to ensure everyone's safety. Furthermore, after last year's flooding, and with this year's accessibility issues we weren't going to take any risks that could compromise people's safety. Thankfully our school did not flood and with a few consecutive days of warm sunshine, the mud bath on the oval will hopefully dry up soon.

Staff Development Day

The last day of term two, Friday 1st July will be a System Wide Staff Development Day. Please note this in your diary and make alternate care arrangements for your children. The school will not be open this day.

Signing Children In/Out

Now that parents are welcome back onsite, we will return to the regular procedures for late arrivals or early departures. If children are leaving school before 3:05pm, parents will need to come into the office to sign their child out at the Compass Kiosk in the front office foyer. Similarly, if a child arrives after 8:45am the parent or carer will need to sign the child in at the front foyer of the office.

Families Learning in Partnership (FLIP)



Over the past two years parental involvement and learning participation played a significant and positive role in the commitment of our learners towards remote learning during the COVID-19 lockdowns. We want to harness the strong parental involvement that has occurred the past two years and build even stronger parent-school partnerships. This will occur in the new formation of *Families Learning in Partnership (FLIP)*.

A key objective for Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) Towards 2025 Strategy is to 'Strengthen family, school, parish and diocesan relationships.' In support of this strategy and in conjunction with our neighbouring Catholic Schools we ask for your insights in the survey below as we review, restructure, and refocus our previous Parent Advisory group towards creating a more collaborative partnership through the FLIP group actively involving parents and carers.

Feed forward Survey [Parent Survey](#)

We are also very excited to announce that at our first FLIP meeting, Carmel Hewitt from CSBB will be visiting our school to facilitate a parent educational forum. She will be talking about current educational research and how this informs the proposed parent partnerships moving forward. We will provide a suggested framework on what this can look like here at St Cecilia's and then go through a feedback survey that we will invite parents to complete at home in their own time.

Please RSVP if you can attend the first FLIP meeting Tuesday 29th 9-10am or put an Expression of Interest for an evening session if preferable.

[FLIP Meeting RSVP](#)

This is an exciting time at St Cecilia's as we embark on the beginning of a new chapter. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 29th March. We know strong parent-school partnerships is one of the best ways to support children's learning, development, and wellbeing.

Pastoral Discernment Project

As part of the 35th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has invited the community of the Central Coast to journey forward together in a process called the Pastoral Discernment Project. Through this project, all families are invited tonight at **5:30pm- 6:30pm at St Peter's Catholic College** to be a part of a conversation to ensure a more sustainable and thriving community. We want you to share your story as you are guided through leading questions. Your responses will be collated along with staff responses and then submitted to the Diocese of Broken Bay. If you can't make tonight the parish community is also hosting another session on 11th March 10.30-11.30am at St Cecilia's Meeting Room Wyong

Important Dates

Just a reminder of some final dates till the end of term.

| WEEK | DATE | WHAT'S ON? |
|------|---------------------------|--|
| 7 | Wednesday 9th March 2022 | Pastoral Discernment Project Parent Information Session 5:30pm at St Peter's School Tuggerah in the hall. <i>Sausage sizzle provided.</i> |
| | Friday 11th March 2022 | Stage 3 Leadership Day with St Peter's |
| 8 | Monday 14th March 2022 | WELLBEING WEEK (<i>more information to come</i>) |
| | Thursday 17th March 2022 | → Yr. 6 Leadership Camp → <i>St Patrick's Day</i> |
| | Friday 18th March 2022 | → Yr. 6 Leadership Camp → St Joseph's Liturgy & Acknowledgement and presentation of badges to Mini Vinnies Representatives (<i>parents welcome</i>) 8.45am - 9:15am |
| 9 | Monday 21st March 2022 | HARMONY DAY - Harmony Week Begins (children to wear orange or cultural background outfit today) |
| | Thursday 24th March 2022 | NAPLAN Writing Practise for Years 3 & 5 at 11:30am |
| | Friday 25th March | Year 1 Historical Excursion around Wyong |
| 10 | Tuesday 29th March 2022 | → 9am <i>Families Leading in Partnership</i> meeting → Year 4 Excursion at Hyde Park Barracks |
| | Wednesday 30th March 2022 | → OPEN DAY 9:30am → OPEN EVENING @ 6:30pm |
| | Thursday 31st March 2022 | CSBB School Captains Leadership Morning |
| | Friday 1 April 2022 | School Cross Country at Wyong Racecourse |
| 11 | Wednesday 6th April | Year 6 Taster Day at St Peter's |
| | Friday 8th April | → School Athletics Carnival → LAST DAY OF TERM ONE |

God Bless,
Marta Chylewska
Principal

From the REC

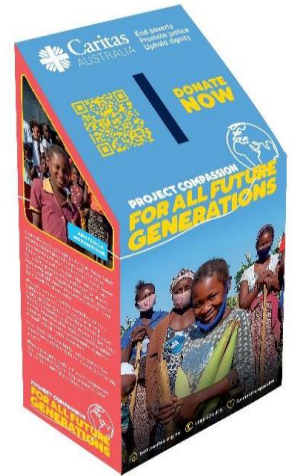
2022 Project Compassion Appeal



Ash Wednesday – 2 March 2022

Last week the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. ***Thank you for donating to this important initiative on Ash Wednesday. Our school community raised \$420!***



St Joseph's Liturgy

**YEAR 5 WILL BE LEADING OUR SPECIAL ST JOSEPH'S LITURGY ON FRIDAY,
18TH OF MARCH AT 8:35AM IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA.**

**AFTERWARDS THE MINI VINNIES' LEADERS WILL BE
ACKNOWLEDGED AND PRESENTED WITH THEIR BADGES.**



2022 Sacramental Dates



Reconciliation

Year 4 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 1

Ceremony Term 1,

4th April @ 4:00, Tumbi Umbi or 5th of April @ 5:00, St Cecilia's Church, Wyong

First Eucharist

Year 4 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 2

Ceremony Term 2, Friday 17th June

St Cecilia's Church Wyong

Confirmation

Year 3 Children

Teaching and Learning during Term 2

Ceremony Term 3, Sunday 31st July

St Peter's Catholic College and we have been advised

Confirmation is to be celebrated during a Mass.

*The information regarding the **Reconciliation ceremony** was given to the Year 4 children on Tuesday, the 1st of March. Please complete the relevant documentation with payment and return to Mrs Dowling ASAP.*

All of the sacramental dates have now been confirmed for 2022, please put these dates in your diary. If you are unable to attend any of these celebrations please contact **Jo Helm, the Wyong Parish Coordinator on 0424 763 734.**

God Bless,

Jamie Dowling

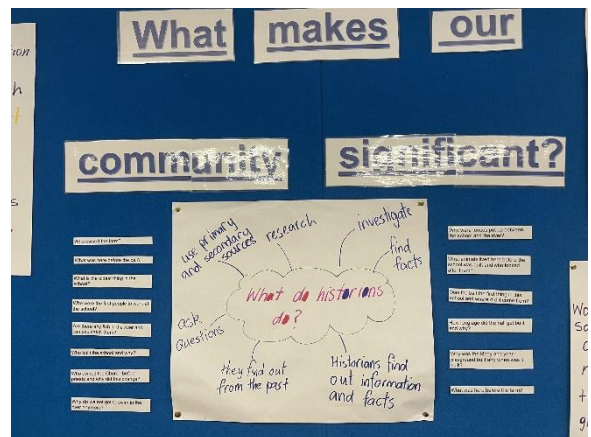
Religious Education Coordinator

Assistant Principal Learning Spotlight

Inquiry Based Learning

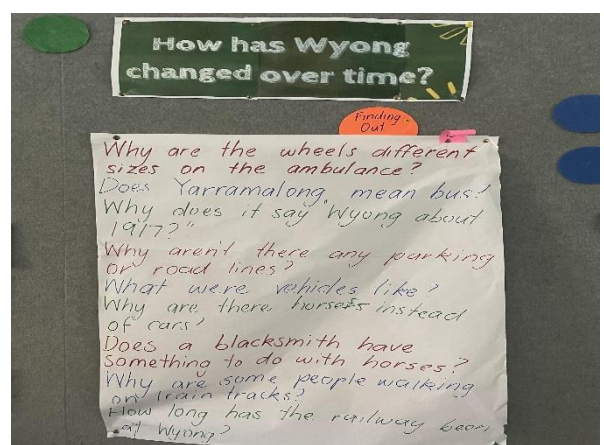
"Inquiry is an approach to learning whereby students find and use a variety of sources of information and ideas to increase their understanding of a need, problem, topic or issue".

"Kath Murdoch 2018"

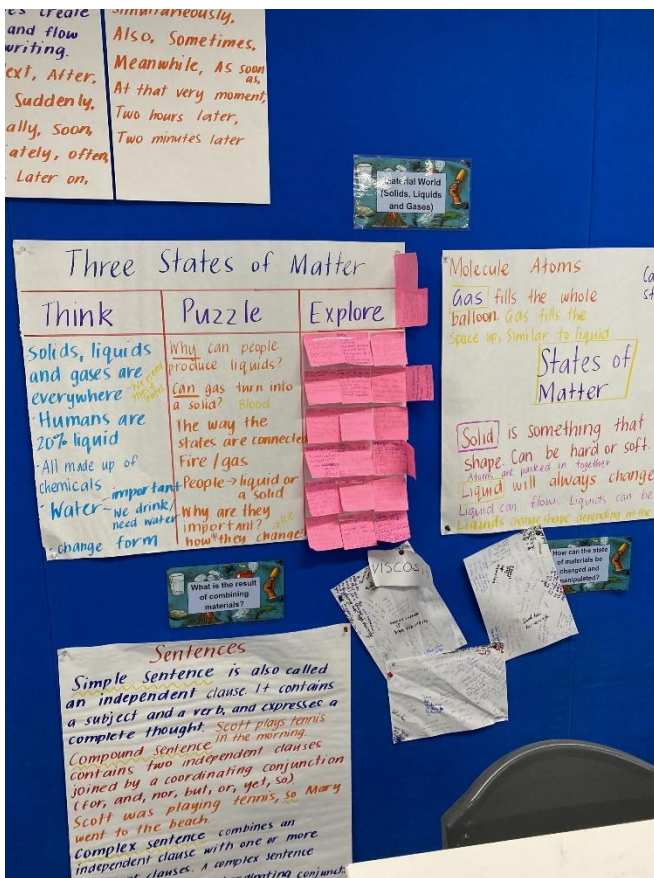


St Cecilia's students are embarking on inquiry based learning across the school. Students learn through a cycle of inquiry:-

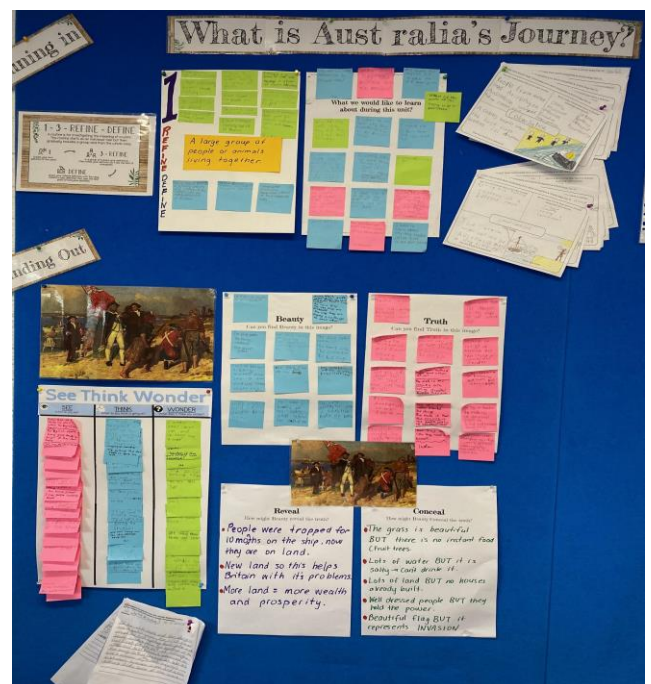
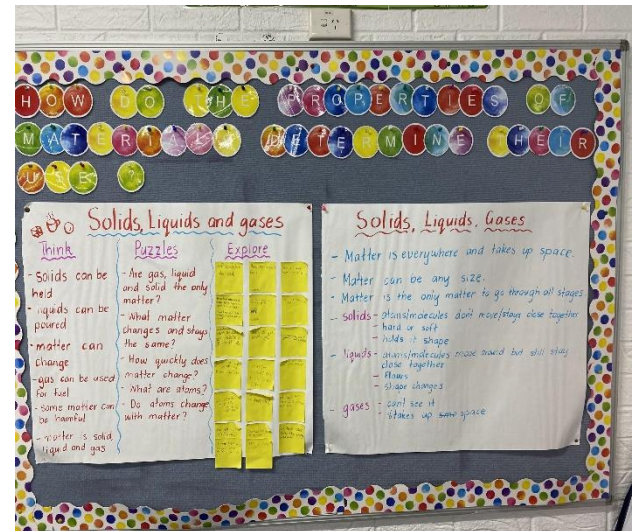
- * Tuning in (prior knowledge)
- * Finding out (researching)
- * Sorting out (evaluating/understanding)
- * Going further (analysing/exploring more)
- * Reflection and Action (synthesising)



We incorporate our Thinking Routines into the Inquiry process to help us to be deep thinkers and explore our big ideas.



Paul Madigan
Assistant Principal



Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Kinder Blue | Bailey K | Kinder Gold | Tomas J |
| 1 Blue | George C | 1 Gold | Parker F |
| 2 Blue | Oliver H | 2 Gold | Harry W |
| 3 Blue | Natalia S | 3 Gold | Finn M |
| 4 Blue | Johnny M | 4 Gold | India T |
| 5 Blue | Zavier W | 5 Gold | Oliver A |
| 6 Blue | Savannah O | Dance | Ella-Rose R 3G |
| Japanese | Summer H 6B | | |

Personal Best

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|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Kinder Blue | Taylem Y | Kinder Gold | Skyla M |
| 1 Blue | Ashlyn L | 1 Gold | Jian S |
| 2 Blue | Liam G | 2 Gold | Elijah A |
| 3 Blue | Lillianna G | 3 Gold | Sophia L |
| 4 Blue | Hartley R | 4 Gold | George P |
| 5 Blue | Pandora M | 5 Gold | Madeleine H |
| 6 Blue | Samuel M | Dance | Natalia S 3B |
| Japanese | Hendrix D 1B | | |
| Library | Ella Lopez 5B | Library | Frances M 4G |

PBL Award

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|--------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Kinder Blue | Jannaya B | Kinder Gold | Scarlett B |
| 1 Blue | Barrett M | 1 Gold | Lilly-Mae T |
| 2 Blue | Quinn R | 2 Gold | Macie R |
| 3 Blue | Lucas R | 3 Gold | Matthew T |
| 4 Blue | Bonnie T | 4 Gold | Flynn W |
| 5 Blue | Beau G | 5 Gold | Izabele M |
| 6 Blue | Hayley L | Dance | Vivien K 3B |
| Japanese | Laila F 3B | | |