

ST CECILIA'S NEWS



Hard work pays off with musical success

School Daze The Musical was a big success for the students and teachers from St Cecilia's Wyong. Mrs Whyte and Mrs Boler were in charge of the musical with the students having eight weeks to prepare before the shows in week 9. "It has been great to watch the students grow in confidence in their performance and how they've worked together to choreograph their routines," said Mrs Whyte.

The theme was chosen by Mrs Boler, the same per-

son who put together the script for the students. She and Mrs Whyte gave up their weekends to plan this concert.

Mrs Whyte, who has helped organise five school musicals, was proud to work with such "talented children". "You have all done a remarkable job in a short time," she said.

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Photos by Zach and Finn.*

The mystery of the caped students

Some year 5 students at St Cecilia's, Wyong, have started to wear capes to lunch but there is no reason to be alarmed.

The mysterious cape-wearing children are Lunch Buddies, who help children in kindergarten and year 1 to make friendships. Year 1 teacher Miss McEwan

is the Lunch Buddies coordinator. "I started Lunch Buddies because I noticed that our younger students found it hard to make friends," she said.

The Lunch Buddies participate in different activities, such as playing basketball and art and craft.

"I find Lunch Buddies humbling to watch as the infants learn important skills and early leadership qualities from our older students," Miss McEwan said. Lunch Buddies are found in the infants playground on Thursdays.

By Caleb, Logan and Jack (Year 5)



Buddies program provides strong role models

After a break due to COVID the buddy program is back at St Cecilia's, Wyong.

The revamped program saw the year 1 and 5 teachers sit down to decide which of their students were best matched, in terms of

personality and behavioural needs. Although some buddies are more independent than others, they have all built a strong connection. Last year's COVID restrictions meant this year's year one students missed out on

having an older student as their buddy.

"Year 1 students now have a trusted student that they can form a close relationship with," Year 5 teacher Mrs Dowling said.

Though the buddy program

is in the trial phase, many year 5 students are already developing great leadership skills.

By Megan, Hallie and Izzy (Year 5).



A Berry sad farewell

After 17 years of working in the canteen, Mrs Berry has sadly left St Cecilia's. She left recently to do further studies in nutrition and dietetics but she definitely left her mark at the school. "I was a little nervous when I started my job, but I had a lot of support from staff, students and their families," she said.

Leaving was a big decision to make. "I had a lot of emotions both leading up to my decision to leave and on my last day," she said. During her last day, the school surprised her with a giant cupcake that they presented to her at the school assembly.

"I was very happy to hear all the lovely words that all the teachers spoke about me and when I finally went home at the end of the day, I was a bit sad," she said.

By Frances, Zac, Zachary, Koby and Asha (Year 4)



Busy Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies representatives and students of St. Cecilia's have been helping make the community a better place. This year all grades were included in the school's Mini Vinnies program; each class voted for two students to be in it. Indie Adcock was one of the year 1 students voted into Mini Vinnies. She felt excited to be selected and said she liked to be able to support people in need. Indie said her favourite thing to do was to help everybody learn. The St Cecilia's community has been part of Mini Vinnies for many years.

"It is a great way for students to follow in Jesus' footsteps," St. Cecilia's Mini Vinnies coordinator Mrs Xuereb said. She added that Mini Vinnies do "amazing things" for the school and the wider community. "We meet together at lunch time to discuss ways we can help those in need within the school and wider community," Mrs Xuereb said. In term 4 the Mini Vinnies team have organised a Socktober Day and a Christmas Appeal.

By Miranda, Zali and Hannah (Year 3)



Fond memories

The St Cecilia's teachers have introduced a writing keepsake for their senior students that still continues to this day. The Year Six memory book has continued to take students and their families on a trip down memory lane to reflect on their first seven years of schooling. "The purpose of the student's memory book is to remind the students and their families of all the wonderful times that have occurred throughout their primary school education," Year 6 teacher Miss Clancy said. This keepsake includes the intentional 7 writing styles which are used to assist

the students to reminisce about each year of primary school. In addition, these writing pieces are assessed by their teacher to see their progress since the start of the year. At the conclusion of the year, the students are able to fill the pages with farewell messages from beloved classmates and teachers. "I also have very fond memories of creating my own memory book when I was in Year 6, myself," Miss Clancy remarked.

By Maddy, Aditi and Arlo (Year 5 and 6)