School Prayer

At St Cecilia’s Catholic School we are committed to learning together within an environment that reflects the Gospel values. God of Love, Bless our school. Teach us to respect others and your Creation. Encourage us to be our best. Inspire us to treat others the way we want to be treated. Lead us to help people in need. Be with us as we celebrate the many gifts you have given us. St Cecilia, pray for us.

Core Value: Hope
School Rule: Be positive and contribute
Scripture: “With God all things are possible” Matt 19:26
Story: Parable of Talents
Weekly Behaviour Expectation: Share talents and ideas.

Dear Parents,

PARENT INFORMATION
A reminder that we will be holding a Parent Information session on Tuesday 29 November. The session will be in two parts.

The first session from 7pm to 7:30pm will address the questions parents have when considering whether to continue their sons and daughters at St Cecilia’s beyond Year 4. All parents of both girls and boys in Years K, 1, 2, and 3 are encouraged to attend.

The second session from 7:30 to 8:30pm will address the flexible learning arrangement for Year 4 students in 2017. In the meantime please contact me directly if you wish to discuss the arrangement before the evening. An open invitation has been issued on a number of occasions for parents to visit the flexible learning space in Year 5/6 to get a better understanding of the St Cecilia’s Flexible Learning Model. This invitation remains open to parents of any grade. Please let Sue know in the office if you wish to take up the invitation and she will let the Yr 5/6 teachers know to expect you.

STAFF
Nicholas Dowler will be on leave during the 2017 school year. He is taking the opportunity to travel and work overseas. He will return to us for the 2018 school year. Carly McDonald will join us in a temporary position for 2017. You may remember Miss McDonald as the teacher who took 3W when Gabriel Williams attended World Youth Day. We are still interviewing for an Italian teacher, a PE teacher, a Music teacher and a temporary full time teacher. Hence class teachers have not been finalised for 2017.

KINDY 2017 BLESSING
All of our Kindergarten children starting school at St Cecilia’s in 2017 are invited by the North Harbour Parish to receive a special ‘Blessing of Kindergarten 2017’ during Mass at St Cecilia’s on Sunday 4 December during the 9am Mass.

SCHOOL REPORTS
End of year Academic Reports will be emailed home on Friday 2 December. Parent/teacher interviews will again be offered to all parents and will be held during the week Monday 6 - 9 December. End of year interviews are optional. The procedure for booking of appointments will be included in next week’s newsletter.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
Linked to this newsletter is a one page document entitled 2016 Highlights at St Cecilia’s. Be sure to follow the link to our webpage and have a quick look.

In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus
In all things may God be Glorified.

Fran Taylor
Principal
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
Parents, students and staff are invited to donate goods and gifts to the ‘Christmas Hamper Appeal’ to be given to the local ‘St Vincent de Paul Society’.

These hampers will be distributed to those in need in our local community this Christmas. This year we are assembling 18 hampers.

A letter detailing this social justice initiative has been sent home with each of your children this week. Please check this letter for specific information regarding goods, gifts, assembling of hampers and due dates.

Thank you for your generosity.

The final day for donated goods and gifts is Monday 5 December. If you would like to be a part of the ‘wrapping team’ that wraps and decorates the hampers on Thursday 8 December, please contact Jo Johnston at jos.johnston@gmail.com. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together for a good cause.

Heaven on Earth - Invitation to ‘An Advent Journey’
Mrs Fran Taylor invites you to a parent reflection morning as we enter the season of Advent. This is a wonderful opportunity to pause to consider the footprints of grace in our lives and the steps we can take during Advent to draw us closer to the heart of God. See attached flyer for further details.

St Cecilia’s ‘Book of Remembrance’
November is the month of the Holy Souls. This month, the school community prays with love for those who have gone before us.

Staff and families are invited to write the names of their departed loved ones-relatives and friends-in the ‘Book of Remembrance’ that sits on the ‘Sacred Space’ table in the Office Foyer.

STAGE 1: YEAR 1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: ‘Advent to Christmas
For Advent: Advent is presented as a time of waiting and preparation. The students will examine, through scriptural stories, the sequence of events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

For Christmas: In this Module it is designed to enable students to explore and deepen their knowledge of key people and events described in the Infancy narratives. Students’ appreciation of Christmas as a time when their families and parish community thank God for the gift of Jesus, is developed through their participation in family and class preparations for, and celebrations of, Christmas.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS: This week, 1W attended the Wednesday Parish Mass. Thank you to those family members who joined the class.

On Wednesday 30 November, Stage 3 will attend the Parish Mass. This will be a wonderful way for the Yr 6 students to begin their ‘Yr 6 Reflection Day’. Please join us. Everyone is welcome!

‘FAMILIES COME GATHER’ MASS: Our next ‘Families Come Gather’ Mass for the year is on Sunday 27 November. Both KB and KW will be involved in this Mass. Please join us for this wonderful liturgical celebration. This Parish Mass starts at 9am.

UPCOMING DATES

November
Thurs 24th Yrs 5 & 6 Debating
Fri 25th Millie Smith Pop Up Shop 3 – 3.30pm
Mon 28th 2.15pm Prayer Assembly & Evergreen Music
Tues 29th Kinder 2017 Transition to school
Wed 30th 1.40pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass

December
Thurs 1st Final Debating
Fri 2nd Reports home

Sun 4th Kinder 2017 Blessing Mass 9am
Tues 6th Good Sam Day
Thurs 8th Carols Evening 5.30 – 7.30pm
Mon 12th Final Assembly and Core Value Awards
Wed 14th 1.40pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass
Thurs 15th Step Up Day
Fri 16th 10.30am Thanksgiving Liturgy

January 2017
Mon 30th MAI Yrs 1-6 and Kinder Best Start appointments
Tues 31st Yrs 1 – 6 commerce & Best Start Kinder appointments

February
Wed 1st Kinder commence
WEEKLY AWARDS
We congratulate this week’s Awards’ recipients.

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK
This week our Artists of the Week come from Yr 4. Drop into the office foyer to view the works of art from Charlize I and Ethan R.

Wellbeing
This week is Wellbeing Week at St Cecilia’s. During wellbeing week students and staff are encouraged to look after their mental health by paying more attention to the little things that alleviate stress and anxiety in their lives. The children are encouraged to congratulate each other on their achievements and share their talents with others. They will continue the Examen each day as a form of meditation and relaxation.

Yesterday we held a games afternoon to honour the Feast of St Cecilia but also to give the children opportunity for active play. You will also notice that homework this week is more about sending time with the family.

Amongst other things, looking after our wellbeing promotes:
- healthy engagement with classmates and teachers
- improved concentration and ability to flourish
- spurs creativity and productivity
- helps create resilience and positive relationships
- reduces teacher’s time managing behaviour to focus on teaching
- lowers stress and misbehaviour

STUDENT VOICE
Last week Stage 3 had the opportunity to visit Port Hacking for our 2016 Camp. The focus of this camp was to build teamwork, develop relationships and importantly solve real world problems.

We participated in rock climbing, fishing, sailing, archery, orienteering and Christian discovery (to name a few). We came back with a new perspective on team building and the importance of communication.

Stage 3

Parent Network News

REMINDER: PARENTS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY
This Friday 25 November 7pm – 11pm at the Seaforth Bowling Club 39 Kirkwood St Seaforth. Dress – relaxed cocktail.

YEARBOOK
Please send in any photos of special moments that you would like to see in this year’s book such as Communion, Confirmation, drama, taekwondo, Year 5/6 going off to camp ... to scb.pf.photos@gmail.com

The Yearbook Committee is calling for new members to publish and take photographs for next year’s 2017 Yearbook. The Yearbook is a time honoured tradition at our school that is organised and published every year by parent volunteers from our St Cecilia’s School Community.

- This is a rewarding role which produces a memorable keepsake for our children. We would love to see this tradition continue at St Cecilia’s, but it can only happen with the help of volunteers.

- We’re ideally looking for a publisher and 2 more photographers in order to share the work and cover every event. Our current team of photographers have generously committed to staying on for 2017 - Many thanks to Karen, Ingrid & Steve!
The Yearbook is designed with a program called Fotofusion - no publishing experience necessary, very user friendly and will work with Mac or Windows and comes with full technical support from MSP (our professional School Photo suppliers). Complete handover and training assistance provided during Term 1 2017.

Please contact Melanie Nunn (mlslagel@hotmail.com) for more information about this creative and rewarding role. Thank you from your Yearbook Team!

If you are available for any of these shifts (regardless of Year allocation), please sign up on the electronic sign-up sheet. This can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click here.

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Any feedback is welcome.

I can be contacted directly at julie.harrison1@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Please note I can only access this email on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Julie

MILLIE SMITH UNIFORM SHOP
The Millie Smith Pop Up shop opens Friday, 25 November from 3-3:30pm.
The Millie Smith Uniform shop stocks pre loved uniform items in good condition generously donated by parents of the school. All proceeds go to local charity.
  • Boys'/girls' shirts $5
  • Gala shirts $10
  • Girls' Summer uniforms $10
  • School ties $5
  • St Cecilia's logo swimwear $5

Cash only please. Also if you have anything to donate, please drop off to the office or to us on the day!

We have high stock levels thanks to everyone’s kind donations, so the pop up shop will be located in the Millie Smith Room behind the canteen.

If anyone is available to help out on the day please let me know? Congratulations to Sonia Walsh on her new Parent Network leadership role & thank you Sonia for all your help during the year!

Thank you!

Orla

SCHOOL BANKING
Next Tuesday (29 Nov) is last day for rewards orders for the year. Please make sure any orders are placed in next week’s banking.

We are looking for new members of the banking team. We meet every Tuesday morning so please drop in and say hello if you are interested.
Vacation Care: The Northern Beaches Council has released their Holiday Program and Skate Nights Program. For information go to northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

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An opportunity to pause to consider the footprints of grace in our lives and the steps we can take during Advent to draw us closer to the heart of God.

Gentle meditation, interactive discussion, engaging clips, and some beautiful supper to refresh and revive your Spirit.

DETAILS
When: Thursday 1st Dec 2016
Time: 9am—11am
Where: St Cecilia’s School, Balgowlah (Library)
RSVP: monica.office@dbr.catholic.edu.au

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