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: Welcome others to our community.

Principal’s News

Dear Parents,

We are now entering our last week of school before the Christmas break begins. Parent/teacher interviews have gone very well and while the learning is beginning to wind down there are still a number of important events to celebrate.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS TOMORROW EVENING 5:30PM TO 7:00PM
Our children are pleased to present a lovely evening of carols in the church due to begin at 6:15pm sharp. Parents are welcome to begin arriving at 5:30pm for a light BYO picnic on the playground before the event. Please note we cannot permit food and drinks in the church.

FINAL ASSEMBLY AND ACADEMIC AWARDS
Our very special awards ceremony will commence at 2pm in the church on Monday 12 December. At this final assembly for the year we will announce the recipients of the Core Value Hope Award, the Academic Awards and the Patrick Anthony Award. All parents are invited to join us to celebrate the achievements of our students at this ceremony.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR VOLUNTEERS
The staff and students at St Cecilia’s are grateful for the work of the parent body in supporting the needs of the school. To show our gratitude in a small way we are inviting all parents who have volunteered their time at school in any capacity this year to attend a ‘Thank You Morning Tea’ on Wednesday 14 December at 9am. Please RSVP to Sue Walmsley by Friday 9 December for catering purposes.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION 14 DECEMBER
Next Wednesday we will celebrate our Year 6 Graduation with a very special Mass commencing at 2pm in the church.

As our Year 6 graduating students celebrate the end of their primary schooling they celebrate a journey that began seven years ago with their first day in Kindy. A journey that has provided them with countless experiences and opportunities to learn, grow and mature. They are well prepared and ready to journey onto their selected high schools assured that they have the skills and independence needed to be successful. We wish them God’s blessings as they leave us and invite the entire school community to come along and celebrate this important milestone with us.

OUR THANKSGIVING LITURGY
Finally we will end the year with a Thanksgiving Liturgy on Friday 16 December at 10:30am. At this celebration we give thanks for the past year and farewell departing students, families, staff and outgoing P&F members. We will also announce the 2017 School Captains, Liturgy Captains, Social Justice Captains, Library Captains, Colour House Captains Choir and Environment Captains. It has become the practice at St Cecilia’s that students may leave school with their parents after the Thanksgiving Liturgy to picnic with other families and friends. If parents are not able to collect their children after the liturgy at midday, there will be supervision at school until 3.15pm.
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS OUR LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR. NEXT WEEK A ONE PAGE REMINDER OF DATES FOR 2017 AND CLASS TEACHER ALLOCATIONS WILL BE SENT HOME ON FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

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

Fran Taylor
Principal

**Religious Education**

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**
Thank you for the goods and gifts you have already donated to our ‘Christmas Hamper Appeal’. The hampers will be distributed via our local chapter of St Vincent de Paul Society.

The wrapping of Hampers starts at **8:30am, on Thursday 8 December**, so if you still need to donate food items, please take them straight to the ‘wrapping team’ in the Hall. **Wrapped and labelled gifts need to be delivered to me via Mrs Walmsley at the Office**, so that I can coordinate allocated gifts with assigned Hampers.

If you would like to be a part of the ‘wrapping team’ that wraps and decorates the hampers, please contact Jo Johnston at jos.johnston@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

2016 St Cecilia’s Catholic School Graduation Mass
Our wonderful Year 6 students graduate next week. Everyone is welcome to join us at this important Eucharistic celebration. Please see the invitation at the end of this newsletter for further details.

**GOOD SAMARITAN DAY**
Yesterday, we hosted our Term 4 ‘Good Sam Day’. Our focus this term was to create the word ‘H-O-P-E’ out of gold and silver coins. All classes and staff contributed to building the word with their coins. Thank you everyone for being so generous.

We raised **$396** for our ‘Christmas Hamper Appeal’.

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

**School News**

**UPCOMING DATES**

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**WEEKLY AWARDS**
We congratulate this week’s Awards’ recipients.

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Dear Parents and Students

The borrowing of library books has now ceased for 2016. I would really appreciate the quick return of all borrowed books as soon as possible. Please look through your books at home to see if they have a St Cecilia’s bar code on them.

I have done a complete audit in the library this year and there are a lot of outstanding books and it would be wonderful to see these books back on the shelves for all students to read.

Thank you to those parents who helped with the covering of books this year and for the generous donations of books from the Book Fair.

I would also like to thank the Library Captains, Grace Revill and Scarlett Wadham for the hard work they have put into the library this year.

Regards
Stephanie Harding, Assistant Principal

ARTIST OF THE WEEK
This week our Artists of the Week come from 1B. Drop into the office foyer to view the works of art from Oliver Duncan and Addison Meaney.

STUDENT VOICE
On Tuesday 6 December, Stage 3 had the opportunity to lead Good Samaritan Day. This involves the community coming together as one to serve others in need in support of the Vinnies hamper appeal. Classes from K-6 brought in coins to create a trail around the word ‘Hope’ which was recorded on the concrete near the quiet area in the school playground. The Stage 3 class would like to thank the St Cecilia’s families for their generosity with the coin trail as well as the Christmas hampers.

Stage 3

Parent Network News

URGENT FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – 1 x MORNING SHIFT & 1 X AFTERNOON SHIFT

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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2017 ROSTER: The canteen will re-open on Wednesday 1 February. We will be operating on a limited menu (jaffles & sushi only) as I will be away until Monday 13 February. The 2017 roster will be up and running on Friday of this week, so your assistance in signing up for those first 2 weeks would be appreciated.

MILLLINS BUTCHERS: A huge thank you to Millins who have supplied the canteen with their high-quality meat and sausages during Term 4.

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
**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking has now wrapped up for 2016. There will be no banking in week 10.

Thank you to the all members of the school banking team for your commitment throughout the year: Kelly Chapman, Belinda Van Meurs, Jane Berry and Tracey O’Sullivan.

On behalf of the team we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyous 2017.

Fiona McVicar – Coordinator

**ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS WANTED FOR THE 5.30PM FAMILY VIGIL MASS**

Children (Kindergarten 2016 and up) are invited to participate in a Christmas nativity play at the 5.30pm Family Mass, Christmas Eve. We also require older children for speaking parts.

If your child is interested please contact kateconners1@bigpond.com by 15 December.

Please note children who are keen to participate must attend both rehearsal dates below:

- **10am -11am, Sunday 18 December** at St Cecilia’s church
- **10am – 11am, Saturday 24 December**, rehearsal in the church with readers and musicians.

**Community News**

**BE HAPPY YOGA**

Yoga class continuing for 2017! Does your child suffer from anxiety or stress? Do they have difficulties regulating their emotions or controlling their moods? Or even have problems with their focus and concentration? Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation has been proven to have huge positive benefits for children. It teaches children to connect with themselves by becoming more self-aware and also how to interact with other children in a positive, fun, playful learning environment.

Our classes focus on movement, poses, yoga games, partner poses, mindfulness activities, breath awareness techniques and relaxation. The 4 week trial program was a huge success and we are happy to offer an 8 week block of yoga for Term 1, 2017.

- **When:** Monday morning
- **Time:** 7:45am - 8:30am (45minutes)
- **Dates:** Commencing in week 2 -10 (8 weeks) PLEASE NOTE NO CLASSES ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017
- **Price:** $120 (8 classes) We give a 10% discount for bookings and payment prior to Term 4 ending.

**Please book prior to end of Term 4 finishing via email to angelatonkin@behappyyoga.com.au, (Payment due 2 weeks prior to Term 1).** There are limited spaces in the class so be sure to secure your child's place.


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**Stella Maris Year 7 2018 Academic and Performing Arts Scholarships**

Applications open on 1 December 2016 and close on 22 February 2017

Details and application forms can be downloaded from the website

Please contact the Registrar, Kerrie Dudley at registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au for further information

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many Thanks!

Volunteers Morning Tea

Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 9am

Please RSVP to Sue Walmsley by Friday 9 December
scb@dbb.org.au or phone 9948 3069 or return slip below

I will be attending the Thank You Morning Tea for Volunteers on
Wednesday 14 December

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