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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

Core Value:	Justice
School Rule:	Treat oth
Scripture:	Blessed
Story:	The Goo

given us. St Cecilia, pray for us

 Rule: Treat others as you want to be treated
Blessed are they who maintain justice who constantly do what is right. Psalm 106:3 The Good Samaritan: Share in the classroom

Principal's News



FOR 2020

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A Good Shepherd thought



"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice" (Jn 10:27)

Knowing God and one another has a lot to do with listening. Think of all the ways you "listen" to your children, spouse, loved ones - listening with ears, with eyes, with touch, with action, and with the eyes and ears of the heart, listening "beyond words". "Listen" is an important word which we find in the Scriptures.

How do I listen best? How do I like to be listened to ?

Community co Catholic Schools Broken Bay

Dear Parents

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

Enrolments for 2020 are now open. If you have a young child ready to start school in 2020 it is important to collect an enrolment package from the office and return it at your earliest convenience. Be sure to spread the word to family and friends, we conduct tours every Wednesday at 10:30am through until the end of May. No need to book an appointment.

FLASHING LIGHTS SCHOOL ZONE

Andrea Hogan, a member of our School Advisory Committee shared with us the following email from the office of James Griffin MP.

James Griffin MP has received good news from RMS regarding the school's request for flashing lights as follows:

- Roads and Maritime will provide a set of school flashing lights for St Cecilia's Catholic School.
- They will be located on Wanganella Street (northbound) and White Street (westbound). These flashing lights are scheduled to be installed in the coming weeks, however a specific date is yet to be finalised.

We are very happy with the outcome. They have in fact already been installed. Andrea, on behalf of The Advisory Committee along with Angela Winter have been petitioning the RMS over the past year to make the streets surrounding our school safer for the children. Unfortunately we don't meet the requirements for a Lolly Pop person on the crossings or for extended 40 zone signage however with James Griffin's support we do have flashing school zone signage.

We have invited James Griffin to attend our 2:30pm Assembly on Monday 20 May to show our appreciation not only for the support given to us regarding the flashing lights but also for the grant given to us to help fund the shade structure. Pease join us at that assembly if you can.

MID-YEAR REPORTS AND THREE WAY INTERVIEWS

Teachers are now in the process of writing semester one progress reports for all students. These will be emailed to you on Friday 21 June. This year Kindergarten have held their three way interview this week before reports are finalised and sent home. For the rest of the school the interviews will be held at the end of the term once you receive the reports. These interviews will involve yourself, your child and their teacher

CHORAL EISTEDDFOD AT DEE WHY

Children from Years 3 to 6 who have elected to join the lunch time choir will compete at the Northern Beaches Choral Eisteddfod on Thursday 30 May at Dee Why RSL. The Choral Eisteddfod gives our children the opportunity to take performing arts to the next level.

We will get the opportunity to hear the choir perform on Monday 27 May at our Monday afternoon assembly. We wish them well and thank Mrs Roberts for the preparation that has gone into the choir.

MOTHER'S MONDAY 13 MAY FOR MOTHERS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 1, 3, 5

Parent participation and involvement in their child's education has shown to develop a more positive attitude towards learning. On Monday 13 May we invite the mothers of students in Years 1, 3 and 5 to spend the morning from 9am till 1pm in the classroom with their child. Students can invite a significant female in their lives if their mother is unable to attend. Due to space constraints unfortunately we can only accommodate one visitor per student. Our program will include structured class activities followed by a Mothers' Day liturgy and assembly at 12:15pm allowing for parents to leave at 1pm. An outline of the day for each grade will be emailed home attached to the lesson intents on the Friday before Mother's Monday. We understand that not all parents can commit to the entire morning and they are welcome to attend any part of the session that fits in with their work schedule. All parents are invited to attend our Mother's Day liturgy at 12:15pm in the church.

HEAVEN ON EARTH TOMORROW 9AM - 10.30AM, ST CECILIA'S SCHOOL HALL



Three short steps along the pathway into Meditation

At St Cecilia's we have a wonderful tradition of providing parents and carers with an opportunity to take time for themselves through meditation, discussion and companionship. Our Heaven on Earth sessions are designed accordingly. This year after popular demand, Fr Paul has agreed to be our guest facilitator for our first meeting tomorrow morning is our school hall. Last year Fr Paul held similar sessions at the parish and these proved to be very popular. Please put time aside for yourself and attend Heaven on Earth. You are welcome to invite a friend, your parents or a neighbour. EVERYONE is welcome.

NORTHERN BEACHES COMMUNITY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of the children who so ably represented our school today at the Northern Beaches Community of Catholic Schools Cross Country event.

CANTEEN

Due to a family commitment Wendy, our canteen manager will not be available to operate the canteen on Friday 10 May. Thank you to the volunteers who will step in to ensure that service at recess and lunch can go ahead along with a reduced lunch menu.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The pupil free day scheduled for the end of Term 3 (27 Sept) has been moved to Term 4, 14 October. Students will return to school in Term 4 on Tuesday 15 October.

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

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Fran Taylor **Principal**



ANZAC Day Liturgy

Thank you to our Year 3 teachers and students for their moving liturgy commemorating ANZAC Day. The sacred space included special items shared by members of our school community.

- The Gallipoli Flag that flew on a troop ship at the first Gallipoli landings in 1915. The digger who 'commandeered' and kept it for many years was a neighbour of Lillian W's father and a member of the St Cecilia's parish.
- War medals, from John Wunder, for his service during the Second World War.
- Army Hat and boots belonging to Mrs Smith's son, Captain Michael Smith.

MOTHERS' MONDAY

We are looking forward to welcoming the mothers of students in Year 1, 3 & 5 to school on **Monday 13 May**. Our liturgy and assembly will take place at 12:15pm in the church.



ASYLUM SEEKERS HAMPER APPEAL

At St Cecilia's Catholic School we are committed to developing a connected and inclusive Catholic community that reflects the Gospel values. We strive to draw on and continue the work done by the founders of our school, the Good Samaritan Sisters, by reaching out with compassion and justice to people in need within and beyond our immediate community.

COORDINATORS STILL NEEDED FOR THE ASYLUM SEEKERS HAMPER APPEAL

At St Cecilia's, we know this as our Asylum Seekers Hamper Appeal, and we will be launching it soon. Thank you to those people who have offered assistance with this appeal. We still require more volunteers. If you're able to assist please let Sue Walmsley or Tanya Fitzpatrick (REC) know if you can help to coordinate this appeal.

In the month of May parents, students and staff are encouraged to bring in food and toiletry donations which will be given in support of the 'Asylum Seekers Centre' in Newtown. A letter further explaining this social justice initiative will be sent home shortly.

Final date for donations: Thursday 30 May Sorting and delivery: Friday 31 May from 11am-1pm

VOLUNTEERS FOR SORTING AND DELIVERING ASYLUM SEEKERS' HAMPER APPEAL ITEMS

If you would like to help **sort** the donated items, or **transport** the items to the Asylum Seekers Centre on Friday 31 May, please sign up using the sign up genius link that is below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-asylum

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

SEWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a sewing machine? If so, your assistance is needed! We have some prayer table cloths for each of the classrooms that need to be cut and hemmed. We also need some liturgical gowns made. It you're able to assist in any way please let Sue Walmsley or Tanya Fitzpatrick know.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our next **Families Come Gather** Mass will be **Sunday 26 May**. **Year 3** students and their families will be involved in this Mass. Information regarding the Mass will be sent out to families soon.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

On Wednesday 8 May KB attended the Parish Mass. On Wednesday 15 May KW will attend the Parish Mass at 9am. Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Thank you to the Year 3 students who led our Prayer Assembly on Monday. The next Prayer Assembly will be led by **KB** on **Monday 20 May** at **2.30pm.** Everyone is welcome to join us.

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WALKING THE WAY



Walking the Way is a school-based initiative in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, designed to encourage parents in their sacred task of accompanying their children on their journey with God. There are four elements: Book & video / E-Bulletin / Parent gatherings / Annual retreat. Click here to view http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2019-year-c.html

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: Stage 3—Co-operators in God's Gracious Act of Creation

Image from: http://www.dailylifeverse.com/posts/2012/08/psalm-8-3-4

This module aims to create a more mature understanding of our place in creation. It moves beyond the simple concept of caring for creation, which does not truly capture our intimate relationship with God, with each other and with all of creation. Students will explore how we belong to God's community of interactive members united by self-sharing and thus are called to participate in an active renewal of creation every day. In this process, children will be experiencing a Trinitarian understanding of God ie, that God is one; God is many; God is community and God is one that is made of many.



School News

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 1	Justice Core Value	Merits
KB:	Isabella C	Olivia O and Georgia W
KW	Hannah D	Mimi W and Thomas K
1B:	Scarlett H	Natalie E and Mia O
1W:	Georgia G	Miles M and James C
2B:	Oliver M	Arthur P and Sienna L
2W:	Meg M	Jack V and Sam S
3B:	Alyssa W	Lachlan S and Ella M
3W:	Xanthe P	Amy T and Mieka M
Yr 4	Lily A and James S	Jake C, Thomas B, Brigid T and Sophie M
Yr 5/6	Isabella M and Amelie R	Scarlet F, Chloe K and Eva T

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UPCOMING DATES

May		Thurs 30 [™]	Northern Beaches Eisteddfod - Choral
Thurs 9 th	9am Heaven on Earth	June	
Fri 10 th	P&F Trivia Night	Mon 3 rd	2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4W
Mon 13 th	Mother's Monday		7pm P&F Meeting
	Full Winter uniform	Thurs 13 th	Good Sam Day
14 th -16 th	NAPLAN Year 3 and 5	Fri 14 th	9am Pop up Play
	2.30pm Prayer Assembly KB		Prayer Assembly – 1B
Fri 24 th	2.30 – 3.30pm Millie Smith Uniform Shop	Fri 28 th	9.15am Feast of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sun 26 th	FCG Yr 3		Reports home
Tues 28 th	Broken Bay Cross Country		

SCHOOL UNIFORM – WINTER CHANGEOVER

All students are to be in full winter uniform by next Monday 13 May.

BOOK CLUB

You should have received the Book Club catalogue from your child. Please place orders online by 17 May. Any questions please contact Emma Trueman or Emma Burton.

DRAMA

Congratulations to all those children who performed at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod last Saturday: Joshua (HC), Rose (HC), Frankie (HC), Willow (HC), Jessana, Elizabeth, Billie, Amelia, Ava (HC), Orla, Isabella Cr, Isabella Sh (HC): Maddie (HC), Amelie (HC), Elenor (HC), Milly and Ava (HC). You all performed beautifully. Well done!

There are some people who still have performances this coming Saturday (11th) as well as the following Saturday (18th). Break a leg girls!

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

Student Voice

THE IMPORTANCE OF A 'THANK YOU'

This week in class, we discussed the importance of saying "Thank you". We shared the last five times we said thank you to someone and we wrote it down. We also considered why we say it and the impact it has on others. Then we made short stories about a picture on a note that said, "Thank you", with two little love hearts on the sides.

Before starting our stories however, we discussed who could have written it and why. The class came up with many different ideas about who could have written the note, who it could have been for and why. We also noticed how the

note was a small, torn off piece of paper. This aspect then allowed us to consider further reasons behind the note and how it may have been written spontaneously, or in response to something kind one person may have done for another. Overall, the process went beyond a writing lesson. It offered us the chance to consider the impact on a person who is receiving a thank you. This simple act can make them feel that they are appreciated.

We also discussed how this should extend beyond our family and friends. Too often, we ignore the people we encounter and do not offer our appreciation through a simple thank you. This may include someone who serves at a restaurant, your bus driver, a taxi driver, coaches or our

teachers. We also say thank you, because, we can easily take for granted the things that people do for us. It may be a small gesture, but it can have a big impact.

Orla and Isabella Cr

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click <u>here</u> for the 2019 booklet.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Afternoon, Parents!

We have great news to share today - below please find our Save the Date for the St. Cecilia's 2019 Fundraising Gala! It's time to mark your diaries and reserve your babysitters for this bright and brilliant evening! There is so much to look forward to, and tons of information to share. And remember, "There's No Place Like St. Cecilia's!"

Also, don't forget about Trivia Night on this Friday night, 10th May. We have a great turnout and it should be a great community-building event for everyone. If you have RSVP'd, please keep an eye out for an email from Sheridan Milward, as she will be sharing a few more details for the night. See you there!

Lastly, just want to say thank you. I've noticed so much positivity and effort for volunteering in our community lately. It's so wonderful to be part of this community, and you all deserve thanks and appreciation! Have a great week, team. Xx Jamie

School Uniforms – Pickles update

Not withstanding our long time partnership with Pickles, we have continued to speak with them to strengthen the offering to parents.

However, please note that stock is usually carried by season and although uniforms can be ordered at any time, new supply of stock is at a peak a few weeks out from the season.

If you have any issues with quality control please speak to Pickles directly who have assured us that they will be happy to work with you to resolve any issues.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me: Stephanie Jeffs at stephanie.jeffs44@gmail.com.

Volunteer for the Asylum Seekers Hamper Appeal

During May, St Cecilia's students and staff donate food and toiletries to the Asylum Seekers Centre. On Friday 31 May parent volunteers are needed to collate and distribute the donations. Please sign-up for one of the following tasks:



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- 11am 11:15am Carry (heavy) collection baskets from classrooms and staff room to the School Hall.
- 11:15am 11:45am Sort like items into different hamper baskets in the School Hall.
- 11:45am 12noon Carry collated (heavy) hamper baskets from the School Hall to cars in the Wanganella Street car park.
- 12noon 1pm Transport Hamper baskets to the Asylum Seekers Centre in Newtown and unload them (4 cars are need with 2 people per car).

Thank you for volunteering: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-asylum

Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

St Cecilia's assists our local Meals on Wheels program each Monday morning. It involves driving and accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area. It generally takes only 1.5 hours (11.40am -1.10pm). We especially need volunteers for the remainder of this term: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1

Volunteer for GIFT Cook-offs

GIFT (Giving in Faith Together) organises fortnightly cook-offs to provide meals for families in need in our community. Year groups from schools in our parish come together at different times, see below. Ingredients are ordered and delivered to the kitchen beforehand and meals are frozen for collection/distribution at a later date. Please volunteer for this important social justice initiative. Thank you to the year 1 parents who volunteered this week.

Kindy: Monday 17 June (Coordinator Sally Virgona) Year 3: Monday 29 July (Coordinator Gillian Hopkins) Teachers: Monday 26 August (Coordinator TBC) Years 5-6: Monday 14 October (Coordinators: Katharine Cook, Annette Paddison) Year 4: Monday 11 November (Coordinator Sonia Walsh)

Cook-offs are held on Mondays at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale. Please sign up here to volunteer in your year group time slot... https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift

Millie Smith Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Thank you to everyone who donated their pre loved uniforms to the Millie Smith Uniform shop. We are stocked up and ready to sell! All donations via QKR are given to charities chosen by the Social Justice committee at St Cecilia's.

The next shop open day is FRIDAY 24 May

Payments via QKR! Access to the shop at other times via the school office.

Sign up to volunteer to open and manage the shop from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on a Friday. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille

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THE CRUNCH CAFE The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click here

2019 Canteen Menu: click hereUpcoming Volunteers:Friday 10 May:Carly Grima and Akosita BrownWed 15 May:Sara Toia and 1 Volunteer requiredFri 17 May:Carryn Masluk and 1 Volunteer required



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Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM First Holy Communion

Parent Information Meetings will be held next week on either Tuesday 14 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 15 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church. Group Facilitator meetings will follow the parent meetings. Please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have any questions about the programs.

Mother's Day Sunday 12 May Blessing of Mothers, Expectant Mothers and Grandmothers at all masses that weekend

Community News

LIFELINE NORTHERN BEACHES GIANT BOOK FAIR 24 – 26 MAY

St Augustine's College Sydney Cnr Federal Parade West & Alfred St Brookvale

Friday 24 May 4pm -- 9pm Saturday 25 May 9am -- 5pm Sunday 26 May 9am -- 2pm

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children's books suited to all ages. Also available is a wide selection of puzzles, jig saws, games, CD, DVDs, vinyls.

Entry by gold coin appreciated. Visa and Mastercard accepted. All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches.

ADHD SUPPORT AUSTRALIA

ADHD Support is a parent-run group offering support for parent os children with ADHD/ASD. Click <u>here</u> for their upcoming monthly speaker information.

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