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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 given us. St Cecilia, pray for us

Core Value: Justice

School Rule: Treat others as you want to be treated

Scripture: Blessed are they who maintain justice who constantly do what is right. Psalm 106:3

Story: The Good Samaritan: Inclusion not exclusion

Principal's News



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The feast of the Trinity reminds us of the constancy of God's love - and our call to serve. We are not alone: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are constant companions who always illumine the path of service we embrace when we accept the Trinitarian blessing at the concluding rite. Today, let that blessing serve as a poignant reminder that we, like the sometimes frightened, sometimes confident disciples of the early church, are not alone as we go out to live the call to serve.

Community of Catholic Schools Broken Bay

Dear Parents



2018 YEARBOOK

Our yearbook for 2018 is now available. Thank you to Christine Forsyth for the time and dedication put into capturing the most memorable moments in the 2018 life of our school. The book highlights all the major events of 2018 in pictorial form and outlines the hopes and dreams of our past Year 6 class. Purchases can be made via QKR.

LEARNING TOGETHER PLAYGROUPS

Our next Learning Together Playgroup (Pop-Up Play Group) is this coming Friday 14 June from 9am to 10.30am. This week we are excited to unpack new play equipment and stimulating play activities.



MID-YEAR REPORTS

Teachers have finalised semester one progress reports for all students. These will be emailed to you next week on Friday 21 June. At that time families from Years 1 to 6 will be asked to make an appointment for a parent/ teacher/student interview to be held during the week beginning 24 June. These interviews will involve yourself, your child and their teacher. They are an opportunity to discuss your child's learning. If you have met with the class teacher

in the past two weeks you will not be required to book another interview. Details on how to book for an interview online will be sent out with the child's report. Pease note kindergarten families held their interviews earlier this term. Whilst you will not be offered another interview at this time you are encouraged to contact the class teacher if you have a concern.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL MONDAY 1 JULY

This year the Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 1 July at the Narrabeen Academy of Sports (Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen) between 9:30 – 1:30pm. The Athletics Carnival involves all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 and is a great opportunity for all those involved in the school to enjoy the unique community spirit at St Cecilia's Catholic school. More detailed information will be sent out shortly.

DOCKER RIVER INDIGENOUS SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

St Cecilia's has begun a letter writing and artwork exchange with Docker River Primary School in the Northern Territory. Docker River is a township in outback Northern Territory of approx. 420 people. The Primary School has two classes, Kindergarten to Year 2 and Years 3 to 6. Many of the children have never been to a large town or city and likewise

Perth SA Perth Adelaide Nelbourne TAS Hobart

many of our students have not visited the outback, so this exchange program will provide a meaningful exchange of knowledge, experiences and cultural heritage, as well as improve literacy and writing skills.

In December last year, all classes in St Cecilia's created artwork focused on 'Christmas by the Beach' and a booklet was sent to the children of Docker River School. This term St Cecilia's students will prepare letters (Years 3-6) and artwork (Kindy-Year 2) with a 'winter' theme. A special thank you to the Parent Social Justice Team who initiated this program at St Cecilia's.

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

Fran Taylor Principal

Religious Education



FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On Friday 28 June we will be celebrating the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Mass will commence at 9.15am. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.



An invitation to our

'Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus'
Whole School Mass

at

9:15am

on

Friday 28 June 2019

St Cecilia's Catholic Church, Balgowlah

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today 3B attended the Parish Mass at 9am. Next week on Wednesday 19 June 3W will attend the Parish Mass. Everyone is welcome to join the community for Mass.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On **Monday 17 June**. The students from **1B** will be leading us in prayer. It will commence at 2.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our next Prayer and Core Value Assembly will be held on **Wednesday 3 July.** The students from **Stage 3** will be leading us in prayer. It will commence at 2.30pm in the church.

We will have a guest speaker at the assembly. Our guest speaker is Catherine Cresswell, CEO of the Good Samaritan Foundation. Catherine will talk to the students about how the Good Samaritan Sisters founded St Cecilia's. She will also talk about the Good Samaritan Sisters and the work of the Foundation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have a number of students preparing to make their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. We keep these students in our prayers.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass will be on **Sunday 25 August** and will involve **Year 2** families. Year 2 families will receive information at the beginning of August regarding this Mass.

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

God bless, Tanya Fitzpatrick Religious Education Coordinator

School News

UPCOMING DATES

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	June		Tues 2 nd	Stage 2 League / Eagle Tag Gala Day
	Fri 14 th	9am Learning Together Playgroup (Pop up	Wed 3 rd	2.30pm Prayer Assembly / Core Value
		Play)		Awards – Stage 3
		Cross Country – Eastern Creek	Thurs 4 th	
	Mon 17 th	Prayer Assembly – 1B	Fri 5 th	Lunchtime Music Festival
	Fri 21 st	Gala Video day		End Term 2
		Reports home	Mon 22 nd	Staff Development Day – pupil free
		2.30pm Millie Smith Uniform Shop open	Tues 23 rd	Students return for Term 3
	Tues 25 th	Good Sam Day (note change of date)	Mon 29 th	2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4B
	Fri 28 th	9.15am Feast of the most Sacred Heart of	August	
		Jesus	Fri 2 nd	4.30pm School Disco
	July		Tues 6 th	Learning Together Playgroup
	Mon 1 st	Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen	Mon 12 th	2.30pm Prayer Assembly KW

BASKETBALL CLINICS

This Term we have Basketball Clinics organised for the whole school. Each class will participate in two clinics. These days will involve basic fundamental movements, basketball skills/drills and match play.

K-2 (Friday): 14 and 21 June3-6 (Thursday): 20 and 27 June

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

From now until Friday, 21 June (Week 8), we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are important for our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. We value the role of parents and carers within our school community and would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL: https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stcecilias

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.

Student Voice

DA VINCI DECATHLON

Vinci Decathlogo

A few weeks ago, we were part of a group of eight students from Year 6 who were chosen to participate in the da Vinci Decathlon, at Knox Grammar School. We competed in a competition against approximately 1000 students representing around 50 schools. The Decathlon is about stretching our knowledge beyond our own boundaries while also allowing us to think outside the



We participated in subjects such as Code Breaking, English, Mathematics, Science, Creative Producers, General Knowledge, Art and Poetry, Ideation, Engineering and Cartography. It was an amazing experience that strengthened our collaboration, creativity and open mindsets.

To make things even better, we even placed second overall in the Ideation sections, which is similar to FPS (Future Problem Solving). Overall this opportunity was memorable, exciting and a great learning experience. We will most certainly encourage da Vinci Decathlon to continue at St Cecilia's and we hope that future Year 6 students find it as exciting and fun as we did. We would like to thank our teachers, especially Mr O'Brien who gave up several lunches for us to work on practice problems and build our abilities in regards to collaboration and open mindsets. It was an amazing team experience and we all learned so much from it.

Neisha M and Elenor B

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click here for the 2019 booklet.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Team

Hope your Week 7 is off to a good start!

As you all know, we are celebrating the 90th Anniversary of St Cecilia's this year. We have multiple events planned, but specifically for the date of 22 November – our Feast Day. For that day, we are looking for a "Project Manager" who can oversee the day. If you are interested in helping with this, please email me at castaldojamie@gmail.com.

Thanks all!

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Jamie

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Kindergarten parents invited to volunteer for GIFT.

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. Cook-offs are held on Mondays from 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale. The next St Cecilia's Cook-off is on Monday 17 June and it's the Kindy parents turn...

- 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)

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 has donated their pre loved uniforms to the Millie Smith Uniform shop. All donations via QKR are given to charities chosen by the Social Justice Committee at St Cecilia's. Access to the shop is via the school office or at special sale days...

The next shop open day is FRIDAY 21 June 2.30-3.30pm

Sign up to open and manage the shop: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille

Sustainable Schools Community Project

Are you passionate about the environment? As you heard at the Term 2 P&F meeting last week we want to focus more as a whole school community on actions we can take to be more sustainable. Please contact Sonia Walsh at soniawalsh@bigpond.com if you want to get involved.



The **roster** can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click <u>here</u>

2019 Canteen Menu: click here

Upcoming Volunteers:

Fri 14 June: Kasia Wickham and Grace Conna

Mon 17 June: Majella Brady

Wed 19 June: Akosita Brown and Crystal Redpath Fri 21 June: Susie Warren and 1 Volunteer required



Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

Confirmation Program

How do we accompany our children in the Confirmation Program as parents, parish and school? Session for Parents (1 hour)

Tuesday 18 June 9.30am OR Wednesday 19 June 7.00pm

Group Facilitator Training (after the parent meeting) Tuesday 18 June at 10.30am OR Wednesday 19 June 8.00pm

Please contact Janette at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or 0408 866 521 if you have any questions.

Community News



COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Northern Beaches Council operates a very successful vacation care program for primary school aged children across the whole of the Northern Beaches. In the Winter school holidays we will have centres open at Cromer, Forestville, North Curl Curl and also at Manly Vale Community Centre.

With the July school holidays approaching fast, we have just released the holiday program on our website, with the Winter 2019 brochure containing lots of activities and ideas to keep children occupied. Online bookings will open from next Monday, 17 June at 7am. Please see our website for full information: Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care



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