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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: Hope

School Rule: Be positive and contribute

Scripture: With God all things are possible - *Matt 19:26*

Story: Parable of Talents: Have a go and try to do your best

Principal's News



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You are invited to join us for the
Feast of St Cecilia
Celebrating the 90th anniversary of our school

Friday 22 November 2019

9:15am—12pm

at

St Cecilia's Catholic School Balgowlah

Whole school Mass followed by Morning Tea and a
School Tour



RSVP 9948 3069 or scb@dbb.catholic.edu.au

By Friday 18 October



Celebrating 90 years...

Dear Parents

A parable to ponder

The [parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee](#) is a well-known story that underlines the importance of coming before God with one's authentic self and a humble heart. The Pharisee is a good man, who sincerely keeps the commandments. Unfortunately his ego gets in the way as he prays, viewing himself as superior to the tax collector, and centred on himself rather than God. Jesus praises the tax collector who comes to God with a repentant and humble heart. How might we engage with our children in pondering this ancient story and its time-honoured wisdom? (See [Luke 18:9-14.](#))

Diocese of Broken Bay

HEAVEN ON EARTH

This term we are happy to have Fr Paul back to lead our [Heaven on Earth](#) parent session.

This is a wonderful time for self-reflection and meditation. The timing is perfect just before the Christmas rush. We don't often get the time for ourselves. Please be assured all parents, grandparents, parishioners and friends are invited and are most welcome to attend.

FACEBOOK

Research shows that parents are paying greater attention to a schools Facebook page than to their webpage to gauge authentic, immediate, current communication. Families searching for a school will turn to their Facebook page first and foremost to get a feel for the school. They will only turn to the webpage for more detailed information, most of which is static. As a result last week we launched the 'St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School' Facebook page. Next time you are on Facebook be sure to have a look and 'like' our page.



PARENT NETWORK COMMITTEE

The parent Network Committee is a dedicated group of parents. They are currently working on setting up the parent Christmas party as well as ensuring events scheduled for early next year are ready to go. Sadly this year our President Jamie Castaldo and a number of Vice Presidents have decided to step down to pursue their own work commitments. We need your help. Do you see yourself as someone who loves to engage with other parents across the school and has a flair for event management? Please read the parent network section of this newsletter to view the role descriptions of the various roles up for nomination. If you feel you would like to be nominated for one of the positions or would like to find out more feel free to speak with me directly or contact Jamie Castaldo.

THE LION KING JR MUSICAL



The countdown is on and the excitement is building! Our 2019 musical 'The Lion King Jr' is fast approaching! The performance will take place on Tuesday November 12 at The Concourse, Chatswood.

Props and Costumes

We are looking to see if anyone will be able to lend the following props and costume items:

- Medium to large potted palm trees (real or artificial) that are easy to carry on and off the stage
- Faux fur vests (see image) for Stage 3 students wear

If you are able to lend any of these items, please contact Miss Williams or the school office.



Working Bee

If anyone is available to help with the painting of props and easy hand sewing of costumes next Thursday, 24 October, after school in the Year 4 classroom from 3.25pm that would be greatly appreciated.

Make-up Artist

If you or anyone you know is a make-up artist and has the skills required to apply face paint animal designs for our lead characters in the musical, please contact Miss Williams.

Information regarding permission to travel to the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 12 November, costuming, hair and make-up and other relevant musical details will be emailed to parents by the end of the Week 2.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

On Wednesday 30 October Year 2 will attend the Parish Mass at 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES'

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass will be on **Sunday 27 October** and will involve **Kindergarten** families. If you are able to assist on Sunday please use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-families9>

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.dbbcs.org/archive-2019-year-c.html>

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

School News

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 1	Term 4 Hope Core Value	Merits
KB	Rafferty R	Charles H and Lola L
KW	Sebastian C	Aiden C and Isla W
1B:	Lucy B	Cassius B and Scarlett H
1W:	Madeleine R	Patrick D-SS and Paola B
2B:	Samuel M	Isabella B and Oliver T
2W:	Zachary B	Kyra K and Sofia D
3B:	Xavier M	Edward C and William O
3W:	Rae-Marie B	Alexander F and Luisa A
Yr 4	Henry M and Rory F	Jack W, Elizabeth C, Marnie W and Oisín M
Yr 5/6	Isabella C and Sienna H	Orla C, Sophie D and Zoe M

UPCOMING DATES

October

Fri 25th 2.30pm Milly Smith Uniform Shop
Mon 28th Full Summer Uniform
Wed 30th Kinder 2020 Transition

November

Mon 4th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2W
P&F Exec meeting
Tues 12th The Lion King Jr Musical
Wed 13th 9am Kinder 2020 Transition
Fri 15th Parent Christmas party
Mon 18th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KB
Tues 19th 9 – 10.30am Heaven on Earth in the hall
with Fr Paul
7pm P&F AGM
Wed 20th Art Incursion

Kinder 2020 Transition
Thurs 21st Art Incursion
Fri 22nd 9.15am Feast of St Cecilia Mass
2.30 – 3.30pm Milly Smith Uniform Shop
Sun 24th K2020 & Yr 1 Family Come Gather Mass

December

Sun 1st 2pm Drama rehearsals
Mon 2nd 2.30pm Advent Prayer Assembly
Thurs 5th Good Sam Day
Wed 11th Reports home
Fri 13th 11.30am Yr 6 Graduation Mass
Mon 16th 2pm Prayer Assembly 1B & Academic Awards
Wed 18th 10.30am Thanksgiving Mass
Last day for students

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues were sent home last week. Please place orders online by 1st November. Any questions please contact Emma Trueman 0449288271.

DRAMA

Thank you all for your prayers and good wishes for my grandson, Orson's, recovery from leukaemia. Orson has had more than two months of intensive treatment and he is responding very well. It is a two-year program so we still have a long way to go and we still need your prayers, positive thoughts and good wishes. These have contributed so much to the family's well-being as well as Orson's health and good spirits. Thank you again.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

YEAR 6 CAMP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government will contribute funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

YEARBOOKS

Have you purchased your 2018 Yearbook? These are available for \$30 each at the school office. Please pay via QKR.

SUMMER UNIFORM

All students are to be in their summer uniform by next Monday 28 October. All uniform requirements are available at: **Pickles Schoolwear** located in Brookvale or via their website: www.pickleschoolwear.com Ph: (02) 9905 2711.

Student Voice

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Last Wednesday, Stage 3 took a bus to Canberra. We went to many different places like Parliament House, Questacon and the Australian War Memorial. When we went to Parliament House we got to meet our local MP (Member of Parliament), Zali Steggall and asked her some questions about the environment and what she could do to possibly help with any of our concerns. That day, we also went to the National Museum of Australia and learnt about our original owners of this land and the Torres Strait Islanders. All of Stage 3 had so much fun and to top it all off, at the end of the excursion we went to Questacon where we had lots of fun with all the *hands on* science experiments and activities.

Isabella Ch & Isabella Cr



Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click [here](#) for the 2019 booklet.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all,

We have good news - all of the Class Parent roles for 2020 have now been filled! This is fantastic and we are so pleased. It's a great group who has come forward. Thank you for sharing your talents with us! We also have a fabulous team put in place to execute the Fundraising Gala for next year. Thank you to all of the Year 1 parents for coming to the handover meeting and putting their hands up! So appreciated!

We do still have a few positions available on the P&F Executive Committee. I cannot emphasise enough how important the committee is, and how grateful we would be to have some parents join us to carry out our goals. Please do let me know if you can join us: castaldojamie@gmail.com.

Two date reminders for your diaries:

- Parent Christmas Party on 15 November (invite to be shared next week!)
- P&F Annual General Meeting on 19 November at 7pm in the School Hall

Thanks everyone! X

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Do you have creativity and artistic flair?

We're looking for someone to collate, design and post the package of beautiful student letters and artwork for the indigenous students at Docker River Primary School in the Northern Territory. ***It only takes 2-3 hours twice a year (terms 2 & 4)*** perfect for those with limited time. Contact Robyn Wunder robyn@thewunders.net if you're interested.

Volunteer for MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels involves driving or accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area. ***It only takes only 1.5 hours (11.40am -1.10pm)***. Sign-up here... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

MILLIE SMITH Pre-loved Uniform Shop

- **DONATE** your pre-loved uniforms to Millie Smith by bringing them into the school office. Funds raised from the sale of these uniforms are given to charities.
- **PURCHASE** pre-loved uniforms at the next shop open days: **THIS** Friday 25 October 2.30-3.30pm and Friday 22 November 2.30-3.30pm or anytime via Sue in the school office. All payments via QKR.
- **ASSIST** in selling uniforms on these days, please sign up here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille/50296801>

BBCS Update

Please join us for these special Broken Bay Catholic School parent events:

Friday 8 November - Catholic Schools Office Parent Spirituality Day

Venue: St Joseph's Retreat Centre Kincumber (where Mary MacKillop once walked)

9am until 2.30pm / Cost is \$10 Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=556167&>

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents - Celebration Dinner & AGM

Wednesday 13th November, 6:30 dinner for 7pm start at the CSO Offices, Pennant Hills

RSVP for catering purposes: <https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/csp-agm-2019.html>

BOOMERANG BAGS

Our boomerang bag box has a new home! Thanks to all the dads at Father's Friday and students throughout the school- we have made over 250 t-shirt bags out of recycled materials.

Please pop into to see it when you are shopping at Balgowlah Heights and more importantly use the bags when you are up there instead of using a plastic bag. If you have stash of bags at home fill the box up as well!

You might even spot your bag out and about!

Thank you Maxine Haigh at Healthy Heights for agreeing so eagerly to host the box.

Our aim is to teach children that materials that would have been thrown out can be reused to make useful items and reduce the need for people to use plastic bags when shopping.

In doing this we consider how we care for our common home in our daily lives.



The **roster** can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click [here](#)

2019 Canteen Menu: click [here](#)

Upcoming Volunteers:

Fri 25 Oct: Lisa Thorpe-Apps and Sonia Walsh

Mon 28 Oct: Louella Covich and **1 Volunteer required**

Wed 30 Oct: **2 Volunteers required**

Fri 1 Nov: Jamie Castaldo and Heidi Guenther

Volunteering Times

We will be changing the volunteer timeslots shortly. The new times will be:

- 2 volunteers required if working all day from 9am – 1.30pm
- If volunteers can only do part of the day then either two from 9 – 11.30am or 11.30 – 1.30pm
- Or if you can't commit but have some free time, even if just for an hour, contact the canteen and let them know.

Parish News

CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to learn more about Catholic Faith and Practice or how to become a Catholic?

A group of mothers with primary school aged children is beginning this journey and you are most welcome to join us on **Saturday 19 October between 10.30am and 2.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you would like more information.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour

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