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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: Respect

School Rule: Respect yourself, others and the environment

Scripture: "Each one of you is a part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace" Colossians 3:15

The Ten Commandments Story:

Weekly Behaviour Expectation: Learn and let others learn

Principal's News

Dear Parents

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to Mrs Stephanie Harding and Mrs Jennifer Morris who were recognised at the 2018 Diocesan teacher's mass for 25 years of service to Catholic Education. That is a wonderful achievement.

Some of you may know Ms Tony Walsh who often attends our school as a casual teacher, she was recognised for 50 years of service.

Congratulations also to Phoebe L who came 3rd overall amongst the girls at the Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival. She has been invited to represent the Northern Beaches at the Diocesan Carnival. Congratulations also to Amelie R who placed 17th and to Will P who placed 7th amongst the boys.

MUSIC INCURSION

Yesterday St Cecilia's students participated in an interactive Drumming Show with the company 'African Beat'. In music lessons, the children have been excitedly revising the musical concepts of beat and rhythm and learning about various African instruments. During the show, all children were able to participate in individual drumming, transforming St Cecilia's into a dynamic percussion ensemble. Thank you to Mrs Kim Pearce our music teacher for providing the children with such an engaging musical experience.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

It is hard to believe but the enrolment period for 2019 officially begins this week with Catholic Schools Week. Our Open Morning will take place next Wednesday 14 March from 9:15am. We hope to welcome new prospective parents and students to our school as we open classrooms and showcase the spiritual, academic and creative opportunities offered here at St Cecilia's. If you have a younger child ready to start school in 2019 it is important to collect an enrolment package from the office and return it at your earliest convenience. If you have a younger child attending one of our local preschools we would appreciate it if you could take a few of our Open Morning flyers (available from Sue in the Office) to the preschool to display on their notice boards with their permission.

Following our Open Morning, Year 3 parents are invited to attend an open forum at 10.30am to give feedback regarding the flexible learning arrangements introduced Yr 3.

POP UP PLAY

Our first Pop-Up-Play opportunity for 2018 will coincide with open morning on Wednesday 14 March. The group is open to all pre-schoolers and their parents. Pop-Up-Play is held in the Secret Garden. Thank you to Alison Westh and Liz Psychogios who will again coordinate the group. Dates for term 2 are Wednesday 9 May and Friday 15 June, 9am-10:15am in the Secret Garden.

HEAVEN ON EARTH-PARENT REFLECTION MORNING

Walking Justly: What fuels our sense of service & justice? And how do we encourage this in our children? All parents are invited to a morning of reflection and discussion on Thursday 15 March, 9am in the library. This gathering has always been a popular one. Mothers who attend comment on how it is often the only opportunity for 'me' time. This session will be led by Teresa Priola and our own Monica Officer. If you have never been before it is worth considering.

ICAS

At St Cecilia's we are again offering The University of New South Wales *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)* for students in Years 2 to 6. The information was emailed directly to parents last Friday. It can also be accessed by following this <u>link</u>.

It is important to understand that these competitions may not be suitable for all students and as such they are optional. The competition papers are not based on the NSW curriculum so students will mostly likely encounter content and questions that they have not previously covered in school.

GOOD SAM DAY AND ST PATRICK'S DAY

Today was Good Sam (Samaritan) Day at St Cecilia's. The children were asked to do an act of kindness for an unsuspecting member of their class. Good Sam day is held each month in recognition of the Good Samaritan Order of Sisters who founded our school in the 1920's. Today's focus was twofold. Firstly the children recognised that to do an act of kindness for someone else does mean they will receive an extrinsic reward. Their reward is intrinsic in the form of personal gratification. Secondly the Stage 3 children (Yrs 5/6) took the opportunity to teach the children of the plight of the deaf particularly in Cambodia. All money raised through project compassion at St Cecilia's this year with go toward schools and housing for the deaf in Cambodia.

On Friday 16 March the children are invited to wear green to school for St Patrick's Day and donate a gold coin to the Parish GIFT program. The GIFT program provides meals for the homeless in our community. Children can wear a touch of green with their uniform or they can wear a green outfit if they have one.

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

Fran Taylor Principal

Religious Education

'GOOD SAM DAY'- 'Acts of Service towards Justice'

In support of the Caritas *Project Compassion* program, our 'Good Sam Day' was a day of service towards justice. The theme for Project Compassion 2018 is "For a Just Future."

Students today provided an act of service for a fellow class member. Our Stage 3 students also visited classrooms to teach students some simple sign language as a way of raising awareness about the needs of people with hearing impairments.



Throughout Lent, students will continue to be encouraged to donate to **Project Compassion**. Our Social Justice leaders will complete a weekly tally to track the school's fundraising progress.

YEAR 1: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: 'Jesus Our Friend'



In this module, students will be invited to further explore the dynamics and challenges of friendship. Through Scripture stories, students will become familiar with Jesus' example of love and friendship and identify how they might imitate him. Students will name the qualities of a good friend and identify words and actions which model the characteristics of friendship. Students will be expected to recall Scripture stories which reveal the qualities of Jesus' friendship. Students will begin to appreciate that when they care for others they are reflecting and responding to the love of Jesus. Students will begin to explore the importance of forgiving and being forgiven.

<u>'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES:</u> Our next Families Come Gather Mass will be on Sunday 25 March. Year 4 students and their families will be involved in this Mass.

<u>PRAYER ASSEMBLY:</u> Thank you to Year 4 for presenting a reverent and reflective prayer assembly. It was an excellent reminder that Lent is a time of forgiveness.

Our next prayer assembly will be presented by 1W on **Monday 19 March.** The assembly will begin at **2:30pm** in the church.

HEAVEN ON EARTH-PARENT REFLECTION MORNING

Walking Justly: What fuels our sense of service & justice? And how do we encourage this in our children?

Parents are invited to a morning of reflection and discussion: 9am Thursday March 15th in the library. See attached invitation for further information.

ST PATRICK'S DAY GIFT FUNDRAISER-FRIDAY 16 MARCH

Friday 16 March—Wear a touch of green and bring a gold coin donation towards the GIFT program.

CELEBRATING LENT

Parents may find the following resources helpful.

Families and Lent - Acts of Love and Sacrifice

40 suggestions for putting Lent into practice at home and deepen your family's faith one day at a time. **Stations of the Cross for Families**

An opportunity for families to reflect on how each of The Stations can be applied to our daily lives and for family conversation around important life and relationship issues.

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 Lent 4 Year B http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html



School News

UPCOMING DATES

March		Fri 30 [™]	Good Friday
Thurs 8 th	9.30am Yr 6 Leaders Mass	April	•
Thurs 8 th	Broken Bay Swim Carnival at Mingara	Mon 2 nd	Easter Monday
Fri 9 th	Millie Smith Uniform Shop 2.30pm	Wed 4 th	2.30pm Resurrection Liturgy & Prayer
	Reading Workshop 7.30pm		Assembly – Stage 3
Wed 14 th	9.30 – 11am Open Morning	Tues 3 rd	Staff Development Day – Pupil free
	9 – 10.15am Pop Up Play	Mon 9 th	2.30pm Core Value Assembly
	9am Heaven on Earth in the Library		Yrs 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day
Fri 16 th	St Patrick's Day GIFT Fundraiser	Thurs 12 th	Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
	2.30pm Prayer Assembly	Fri 13 th	Last Day Term 1
Sun 25 th	FCG Mass Yr 4	Mon 30 th	Term 2 commences
Wed 28 th	9 – 9.30am Open to Learning morning		

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.

Thurs 29th Cross Country and Holy Week Liturgy



Week 5	Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	James C	Stefania Q and Oliver D
KW:	Georgia J	Patrick D and Harrison B

Yr 1B:	Christian G	Zoe H and Darci M
Yr 1W:	Kyra K	Zachary B and Max M
Yr 2B:	Neve M	Eleanor M and Coelli T
Yr 2W:	Isabella D	Jack B and Ava V
Yr 3:	Danica P and Ava H	Oli T, Amelia E, Sophie M and Luca M
Yr 4:	Eva H	Bronte H and Angus F
Yr 5/6	Sophia N and Olivia K	Zoe M, Emilie M, Katelin B

WELLBEING WEEK

Next Week, Week 7, is Wellbeing Week. As part of our school tradition for Wellbeing Week, the students will not be doing their usual home learning tasks.

In order to give students a well-earned break and to support their wellbeing, a home activity task sheet will be sent home next Monday, with suggested family activities to engage in during the week. The students can choose an activity each day that they would like to do with members of their family.

St Patrick's Day will also be a fun day, when students are encouraged to wear a touch of green and bring a gold coin to help raise money for the 'Gift' program.

The Wellbeing Team

DRAMA

Entries in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod closed last Thursday 1 March, however, <u>online only</u> entries will be accepted on payment of \$40 late fee until tomorrow, Thursday 8 March.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

HOUSEKEEPING

If you or your child leave items in the school office for 'minding' please remember to collect them at the end of each day. Currently we have an overflow of numerous guitars, eskies, bags and uniform purchases. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Student Voice

GOOD SAM DAY

Today the whole school contributed to Good Sam Day. Stage 3 learnt sign language and went around to all the classrooms to teach the students how to sign their name using finger signing. The whole school had smiles on their faces learning how to be a Good Samaritan and how to show acts of service.



We also did an act of service for a class member. We selected a name and that person was the recipient of our act of service. Some of the acts of service were helping someone find something they lost, asking them to sit with you at lunch or including them in a learning activity. At the end of the day, we shared what we had done.

Parent Network News

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&F General Meeting on Tuesday. We so appreciate your support!

VOLUNTEERING

Please make sure to sign up to volunteer this term! There are so many ways that you can help! Remember, it may just be 1-2 hours, but means we are all contributing to our vibrant community here at St Cecilia's.

Thank you to all of the Year 1 parents who helped at the GIFT Cook-Off this past Monday. You are so appreciated!

FACEBOOK—We need YOU!

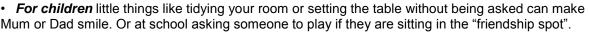
If you have an expertise in Facebook, we need your help! If you understand the ins-and-outs of managing a Facebook page, please contact Nadine Meehan at nadine@junogroup.com.au.

HEAVEN ON EARTH

You are invited to come along to rest and reflect on **Thursday**, **15 March at 9am** in the school library. The topic is Walking Justly – What fuels our sense of service and justice? And how do we encourage this in our children? Please join us!

GOOD SAM DAY

We are recognising **Good Sam Day** this term by encouraging **"acts of service"** for others. At times life seems too busy to even think about what we could do for others, so here are some simple ideas:



• For parents even the simplest offer of a cup of tea or taking the kids for a walk so the other person can have a break can really make someone else's day.

In the spirit of serving others and reflecting on the story of **Rattanak from Cambodia**, which focuses on the needs of people with hearing impairments, students will be taught some simple sign language in the classroom. We encourage you to read the story http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-2-rattanak and speak with your children at home.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Wear a touch of green and bring a GOLD COIN on FRIDAY, 16 MARCH to raise funds for GIFT. Funds raised will help purchase ingredients for regular cook-offs by St Cecilia's parents.

GIFT: Giving in Faith Together

What is it? GIFT is a local outreach program, founded by a group of St Cecilia's mums in 2013 and sponsored mainly by our North Harbour Parish. Its mission is to raise awareness of the hidden struggles of some of our neighbours on the Northern Beaches and to offer opportunities for the community to provide support in a spirit of respect, compassion and generosity.



How does it work? Regular cook-offs are held at our Parish Centre in Manly Vale. Simple nutritious recipes are provided and all ingredients are delivered to the kitchen. **Cook-offs are held Monday evenings or daytime. It takes approximately 2 - 2.5 hours to prepare around 100 meals**, they are frozen and collected on Fridays by the Link Community Food Care Program at Cromer and supplied free of charge to families in need.

How can YOU help? Every year, parents of the St Cecilia's community get together to do a cook off. Below are the dates and times for your year group for terms 1 and 2, along with the name of your GIFT Coordinator:

Kindy: Monday 26 June 6pm - 9pm (Christine Boys)

Year 2: Monday 28 May 6pm - 9pm (Gillian Hopkins, Jo Johnstone)

Year 3: Monday 19 March 9am - 12noon (Evelyn Paterson)

Year 4: Monday 14 May 6pm - 9am (Annette Paddison)

Year 5/6: Monday 30 April 9am - 12noon (Jodi Castellan, Mel Nunn, Majella Brady)

Please volunteer for this important social justice initiative, no cooking expertise required! Go to http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2018

Do you, or someone you know, have a business that our school parents need to know about? Sponsorship or prize donations are a great way to get your company name out there with the parent community. As one of our Community Partners you can promote your business or services regularly to parents through our newsletter and also our Facebook group SCB Hub. Plus, you could see your name up in lights at our annual Gala Dinner later this year. And needless to say you'll be helping our school and our kids in the process!

Similarly, if you are already one of our Community Partners – and we have some great ones from skincare to takeaway food, car servicing and office supplies – please keep in contact with our school parents via SCB Hub.

SPONSORSHIP 2017

You can bid but you can't hide! If you were one of the winners in last year's amazing Gala Dinner auctions and other prizes, we want to know about it! If you indulged in a weekend away in the Hunter Valley, an overseas holiday, dinner out or a personal chef at home, we'd love to hear about your experience.

For any of the above Sponsorship items, please contact Nadine Meehan, VP Sponsorships, 0412 139 476 or nadine@junogroup.com.au.

UNIFORMS FEEDBACK

Sheridan Millward has kindly taken on the role of VP Hope - her remit will involve amongst other things, establishing a uniform liaison process with Pickles. As part of this we would love any feedback that you have. Please direct all issues to Sheridan Millward smillward09@gmail.com, who will be liaising directly with Fran and Pickles.

YEARBOOK

If you take photos at school events, please send them to $\underline{scb.pf.photos@gmail.com}$. If possible, please ensure that the photos are of good quality or are edited.

CLASS KITTY COLLECTION

The Class Gift Kitty Collection is how we collect funds to acknowledge, celebrate, or commemorate events of class families, students, and teachers.

We adopted a new process in 2017, and due to its success, we've brought it back for 2018! Here are the details you need to know:

How does it work?

At the beginning of the academic year, each family in the class is asked to contribute an amount of up to \$20 per child through QKR, the app we use for all school related payments. *Please note the gift is voluntary and there is no obligation to participate.*

During the school year, the class parents, on behalf of other parents in the class, will coordinate the following gifts as appropriate:

- · Gifts to celebrate the arrival of a new baby of a class family or other major life event
- · Teacher(s) and staff gifts for birthdays plus end of year gifts (This aligns with the Diocese Gift and Hospitality Policy)
- · Funds can also be used as appropriate to purchase gifts for families experiencing a bereavement or family illness

When should I contribute?

QKR is now open for collections to be made by year to be used for gifts during the year. Logon to QKR under Parent Network payments.

- 1. Download QKR and register (if you already haven't done so)
- 2. Open QKR
- 3. Click St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School
- 4. Click under Parent Network- Parent network payments
- 5. Find your year's class parent gift collection
- 6. Add to cart- Confirm and pay

If you wish to provide gifts privately, please note that all staff are unable to accept gifts that are over \$75 in value as part of their terms of employment. This is common to many organisations employment terms these days. In addition, all gifts need to be declared.

MILLIE SMITH UNIFORM SHOP

Pre-loved school uniforms will be on sale this Friday 9 March from 2.30pm in the school playground Remember we now take Qkr payments in addition to cash. Funds raised are given to charity.



The roster can be found through the school website under the School

Community/Volunteering tab or click here

Upcoming Roster

Fri 9 March: Lesley McClennan

Mon 12 March: Jude Hamer and Anna Barclay

Wed 14 March: Judy Berenger

Fri 16 March: Trina O'Kelly and Harmony Osborne

Parish News

2018/2019 CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A copy of the **2018/2019 Children's Sacramental Program** for children in Year 2 and older can be downloaded from the parish website at

http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacrmental-program/for-parents and from the back of both Churches

The program starts with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents** on Tuesday 8 May or Wednesday 9 May.

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

Park and Walk!

Let's make school drop off a positive experience for everyone!

Is this you?

- Do you ever find yourself in a long queue for 'Kiss and Drop' that snakes across driveways, creeps forward, forces you to double park or creates a dangerous area for children trying to cross the road?
- Are you frustrated with trying to find a park that's close to the pick-up zone?



Here's some tips, and some challenges

- to make dropping off and picking up your children from school a more positive experience for everyone.
- Park a short distance away and walk your child to and from school.

Your challenge – do you need to park as close as possible to school?

 Park at a nearby playground or park and meet other parents and children for a brief play before walking together to school.

Your challenge – is there a park not far from school where you can meet?

 Consider alternative options to driving, such as car-pooling, walking, cycling or taking a bus.

Your challenge – do you need to drive every day?

What's positive about these options?

- It's good exercise.
- Models a positive and healthy lifestyle to your children.
- Removes additional traffic around the school.
- Reduces inconvenience for residents.

MATER MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Thursday 8 March from 4 – 7pm. Please click here for detailed information.

ST AUGUSTINES OPEN DAY

A journey to greatness... Our outstanding academic results continue to rank us as one of the fastest improving schools in NSW. Please join us for our OPEN DAY on Friday 9 March 3:45pm to 7:00pm. Meet our Principal, Jonathan Byrne, along with our students, staff, parents and Old Boy community. We look forward to welcoming you.

Register your interest – www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au Applications for Years 5 & 7, 2020 close on March 23, 2018.

We are a Catholic College for boys in Years 5 to 12 teaching the Augustinian values of Truth, Love & Community.

Federal Parade, Brookvale NSW 2100 T: 9938 8223 registrar@saintaug.nsw.edu.au

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE MANLY OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 14 March 4pm – 7.30pm. 52 Eurobin Ave Manly www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au. Click here for more information.

MANLY BOMBERS AFL: Click <u>here</u> information on their 'Come and Try' session.



Ladies 80's Dance Night

Come and celebrate the Ladies of the 80's with us, **Saturday 10th March**.

Balgowlah RSL will be hosting a special Veuve Clicquot Champagne tasting and light dinner as a pre-party before our **Ladies of the 80's Tribute Show**.

Bring the girls, dress up in your best 80's outfit, crimp your hair and get that blue eyeshadow out for a night of singing, dancing, laughs and Veuve Clicquot! Best dressed prizes to be won.

> Tickets: Show only \$30 Members \$35 Non-members

Veuve Clicquot Champagne tasting with finger food, plus 80's Ladies Show \$85 members | \$90 non-members

Tribute show starts at 8pm

Invitation



Walking Justly

What fuels our sense of service & justice?

And how do we encourage this in our children?

Mrs Fran Taylor & Mrs Nikki Delrennie invite you to a parent reflection morning. An opportunity to stop and reflect on what it means to accompany our children in their journey of life, love and faith.

Join us as we recharge our parental energies with quiet reflection, interactive discussion, engaging resources, coffee and conversation. Treat yourself! And take home some practical parenting tips to continue the journey.

DETAILS

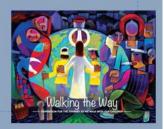
When: Thursday 15 March 2018

Time: 9am—11am

Where: St Cecilia's School, Balgowlah (library) **RSVP:** nikki.delrennie@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Life is a journey. It is not an event that happens all at once. Life unfolds, step by step, day by day...

God walks with us, as we walk with our children.



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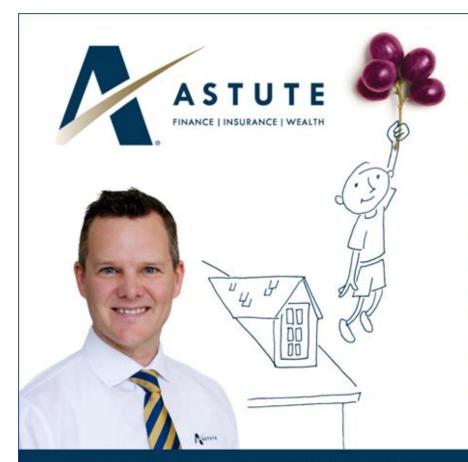








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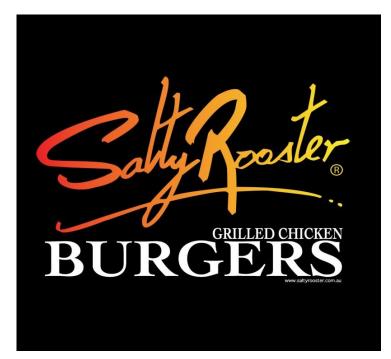
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