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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

Story: *The Ten Commandments*

Weekly Behaviour Expectation: *Welcome others to our community*

Principal's News

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year. Our children in Years 1 to 6 began today and tomorrow we will welcome our Kindergarten children. It is always a joy to watch the children return looking well rested and eager to be back at school. Their banter and squeals of delight are testament to the fact that they are ready to return. I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. I look forward to getting to know you better as we work together to educate your children both academically and spiritually. Getting back into routine during our summer is often difficult but remember that we can help our children transition back to school by ensuring they get plenty of sleep at night and arrive at school on time, prepared for the new day. Arriving late and walking into a settled classroom after the bell can often cause a child unnecessary anxiety and separation problems.

Please be sure to attend our Welcome Cocktail Party on Saturday 17 February. See details under Parent Network News below.

MEET THE TEACHER TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Next Tuesday evening parents are invited to meet their child's class teacher at a half hour information session. Please mark the date in your diaries. Teachers will explain homework procedures, communication and reporting opportunities as well as everyday routines that may need explanation. The meeting is important and is scheduled for 6:30pm with a repeat session at 7pm for those of you with more than one child at the school.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2018 School Swimming Carnival for Years 2 - 6 is on Monday 19 February, at Manly Swimming Centre Balgowlah Road, Manly. On-line entry forms and permission notes can be accessed via this [link](#). Please complete the form at your earliest convenience. The Carnival will run from 9:00 – 11:30am. **Parents transport their own children to the pool.** At the conclusion of the swimming carnival, buses will transport children back to school. Please note: **Kindergarten and Year 1 do not attend the carnival.** They will attend school as usual.

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

Parents and carers have long enjoyed photographing their children at school. Today this often includes sharing the images on social media. It is important to note that the child protection laws and the privacy laws respect the rights of parents to not allow photographs of their children to be posted online without their written consent. It is important to crop the images of students in the background that are easily identifiable before sharing any school photos of your children particularly on social media.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT LITURGY

A warm invitation is extended to all parents to join us on Friday 9 February when St Cecilia's extends a very special welcome to all our Kindergarten children, new students and staff new to St Cecilia's. Our School Leaders for 2018 will also receive their Leadership badges. Please join us for this very special liturgy.

2018 STAFF

This year we welcome a number of new staff to the St Cecilia's community. Miss Georgia Gibson (KB), Miss Rachel Macri (1B), Miss Catherine Doyle (2W) and Mrs Martha Butler (PE). A special welcome back to Mr Nicholas Dowler and congratulations to Kayle Dyer who was married during the Christmas break.

- Kindergarten Blue – Georgia Gibson
- 1 Blue – Rachel Macri
- 2 Blue – Terri Smith
- 3 Blue – Kayle Dyer
- Year 4 – Nick Dowler
- Year 5/6 – Damien O'Brien and Nikki Delrennie
- Learning Support – Sue Grose (Mon, Wed, Thurs)
- Librarian and AP – Stephanie Harding
- PE – Martha Butler
- Italian – Danielle Ursino
- Teacher Assistant – Louise Fergus
- Admin- Sue Walmsley/Bev Butler
- Kindergarten White – Angela Pelling
- 1 White – Jenny Morris/Terese Cunningham
- 2 White– Catherine Doyle
- 3 White – Gabrielle Williams
- Music – Kim Pearce
- Canteen – Wendy Douglas

PARKING

We work hard to keep our neighbours on side. They love to see and hear our children at play but do get annoyed when they can't drive in and out of their driveways. When dropping the children off in the morning or collecting them in the afternoons please respect the rights of our neighbours and refrain from pulling up in their driveways even for a short time.

CODING

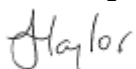
Coding lessons have been made possible due to the generosity of the parent body at St Cecilia's and the fund raising efforts of the Parent Network team. Lessons will resume for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 next week and Years 1 and 2 the following week. We have purchased Bee Bots for our Kindergarten classes. These are small robots that can be programmed as an introduction to coding.

CAMP AUSTRALIA

It is with sadness that I need to tell you that Miss Tracy has resigned from Camp Australia. She has decided that after nine years in NSW it is time to move back home to Western Australia. Miss Tracy has been the coordinator of Camp Australia at St Cecilia's for the past seven years. During that time she has got to know many of our families. We thank her for her dedicated service to our children and wish her every happiness in her new beginnings. We will formally thank Tracy at assembly next Monday afternoon. Miss Lydia will be our new coordinator. The children are familiar with Lydia who was Tracy's first assistant last year.

Finally please remember I am always available to support students and parents with any difficulties that arise. The staff and I are looking forward to the year ahead.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

School News

UPCOMING DATES

February

Thurs 1st Kinder commence / Tea and Tissues
 Fri 2nd 2.30 – 3.30pm Millie Smith open
 Mon 5th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly
 Tues 6th School Banking resumes
 Tues 6th Meet the Teacher 6.30pm & 7pm
 Thurs 8th 2.30pm Class Parent Meeting
 Fri 9th 9.15am Ceremony of Light
 2.30 – 3.30pm Millie Smith open
 Wed 14th Ash Wednesday
 Sat 17th Welcome Cocktail Party
 Mon 19th 9 am – 11:30am Swim Carnival at Manly
 Sun 25th FCG Mass Stage 3
 Tues 27 Yr 3 Boys to St Paul's
 School Advisory Committee meeting
 Wed 28th Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

Mon 5th Catholic Schools Week commences
 Mon 5th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly
 Tues 6th 7pm P&F General meeting
 Wed 7th Good Sam Day
 Thurs 8th 9.30am Yr 6 Leaders Mass
 Broken Bay Swim Carnival at Mingara
 Wed 14th 9.30 – 11am Open Morning
 Mon 19th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly
 Sun 25th FCG Mass Yr 4
 Thurs 29th Cross Country and Holy Week Liturgy
 Fri 30th Good Friday

April

Mon 2nd Easter Monday
 Tues 3rd Staff Development Day – Pupil free

March

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1: Mon 29 January to Fri 13 April

Term 2: Mon 30 April to Fri 6 July

Term 3: Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September

Term 4: Mon 15 October to Wed 19 December

TAEKWONDO

Enrolment forms for Term 1 are available from the school office. Term 1 commences Tuesday 6 February from 8 – 8.55am in the school hall. Visit the website at www.wyllietkd.com.

Parent Network News



VOLUNTEER FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

We're looking for two parents each Monday to drive/accompany two Year 5-6 students when they deliver meals to recipients in the Manly area. It only takes an hour and a half (11.40am - 1.10pm) and is a great way to support this important social justice activity of the school. Please advise Emma Burton (emma.burton@rocketmail.com) if you are new to Meals on Wheel so that we can ensure you are placed with an experienced helper.

SIGN UP NOW: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

WE ESPECIALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 5 AND 12 FEBRUARY as well as for the remainder of the term apart of the last week of the term.

With thanks from the SCB Social Justice team

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

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will resume on Tuesday 6 February, 2018.

School Banking Team – Kellie Chapman, Mel Nunn and Jodi Castellan

MILLIE SMITH 2ND HAND UNIFORMS

The Millie Smith second hand uniform shop will be open Feb 2 & Feb 9 2:30-3:30pm. Located behind the canteen. All donations of current uniforms gratefully accepted.

YOGA

Yoga classes at St Cecilia's are run by *Be Happy Yoga* on Monday mornings from 7.45am in the school hall. 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. Term 1 2018 classes commence Week 3 Monday 12 February, 2018.

When: Monday morning

Time: 7:45am - 8:30am

Dates: Commencing in week 3 - 10 (8 weeks)

Price: \$120 (8 classes)

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Parish News

Sacramental Program News

- Parents of children in Year 3 (and older) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Monday 12 February at 9.30am OR Tuesday 13 February at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church;**
- **Group Facilitator Meetings** will follow the Parent Information Meetings at 10.30am (Monday) OR 8.00pm (Tuesday) in St Kieran's Church;
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **May 2018**, prior to the beginning of the 2018 – 2019 Children's Sacramental Program;
- Advance notice - The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Peter A Comensoli on Saturday 11 August 2018 at 10.00am, 12 noon OR 3.00pm.

Parents new to the school with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact Janette.

All relevant forms can be downloaded from the parish website at www.northharbourcatholic.org.au under the Sacraments tab.

- For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au .

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

Community News

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