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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

Last Wednesday we were all saddened to hear of the passing of Gerry Forsythe as a result of the stroke he sustained four months ago. Gerry was the generous, ever smiling husband of Christine and mother of Evangeline Yr 1, Christian Yr 5 and Rochelle Yr 7. Christine and the children are overwhelmed with gratitude for the love and support offered by the community of St Cecilia's over the past four months.

Christine welcomes anyone who wishes to attend the funeral service tomorrow at St Mary's Church North Sydney at 10:30am.

For parents who feel they would like to send a message to the family we have placed a condolence book and pens on the prayer table in the entrance foyer near the office. Students and parents are welcome to write a message in the book.

PARENT NETWORK COMMITTEE

Our Parent Network committee have started the year running. To date they have organised class parents, the kindy picnic, tea and tissues, volunteers for the canteen and are busily working on the Welcome Cocktail Evening. It is true many hands make light work but please accept the community's heartfelt thanks, for it is this work in the background that builds the inclusive welcoming community of St Cecilia's. I look forward to catching up with new families and existing families at the Cocktail Party on the 17 February.

Coding lessons, paid for by the Parent Network team recommenced this week.

MANDARIN

Mandarin Chinese is now available as an after school activity. Classes began today and run from 3.20-4.20pm in the Year 4 classroom.

'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 and any 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 Mass at 9:15am.

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.

KISS AND RIDE

The Kiss and Ride zone in White Street has continued to be very successful. As our new families become familiar with Kiss and Ride it is timely to remind drivers of the reasons and procedures for using the Kiss and Ride zone (8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm)

For the safety of the students it is important drivers:

- **'DO NOT GET OUT OF CARS in White St'** when dropping off and picking up students
- **'DO NOT REVERSE PARK in White St'** and to **move along with the flow of cars** in a line to collect or drop off your child in the allocated area.
- Remember **'NO PARKING' restrictions do apply.**

If parents wish to come into the school playground they are asked to park their cars in Wanganella and Seaview Street and to enter and exit the school yard via the gates in Wanganella and Seaview Streets.

- Students for "Kiss and Ride" sit on the driveway inside the gate in the afternoon.
- Cars are to have the "family name sign" visible on front window- the school has issued one sign per family (from office) - If more than one sign is required please notify the office.
- Students who attend After School Care wait outside the staffroom for the Camp Australia coordinator.
- Supervision of students ceases at 3.30pm. If students have not been collected they will be taken to After School Care where the afternoon fee will be required.

Thank you to parents for working with the school so that all students are kept safe and parents can pick up and drop off students efficiently. If you prefer not to use this service can I please ask you to be considerate of our neighbours and refrain from parking across their driveways even for short periods of time.

STUDENT SAFETY

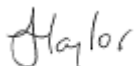
Just a reminder that in the interest of student safety the play equipment is only open at recess and lunch when classes are rostered on and teachers are available for supervision.

PROCEDURE WHEN A CHILD IS ABSENT

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist children to reach their potential. However if your child is sick we encourage you to keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. On the day of the absence please phone the office to advise us of the absence and follow up with a note to the teacher on the day your child returns to school.

Any child arriving after the bell in the morning requires a late note from the office. It is the parent's responsibility to take their child to the office and to complete the note. The child then hands it to the teacher as they enter the classroom and it is recorded on the classroom roll.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

2018 OPENING SCHOOL MASS AND CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Friday 9 February - The school community extends a very warm welcome to all families, especially those new to St Cecilia's, to join us for our opening school Mass and 'Ceremony of Light'.

Students and staff members new to our school will receive a candle to mark this important milestone in their lives and our 2018 School Leaders and Semester 1 SRC leaders will be presented with their badges. Our Mass begins promptly at **9:15am**. Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS: Ash Wednesday 14 February 9:15am

On **Wednesday 14 February**, the school will gather for our 'Ash Wednesday' Mass to mark the beginning of Lent. On **Wednesday 21 February, Year 4** will attend the Parish Mass.

STAGE 3: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: 'Sacraments of Service'

In this module, students are encouraged to reflect upon the nature of their own vocation and how it is to be lived out in their daily lives. Students will relate the service of married couples and priests to the family and the parish with the meaning and celebration of the sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders.



'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

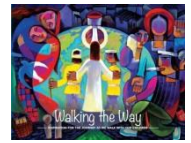
Our first 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the year is **Sunday 25 February**. Stage 3 will be involved in this Mass.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

This term, our first Prayer Assembly will be held on **Monday 5 March** in the church. **Year 4** will be leading the assembly and sharing some of their learning experiences in Religious Education. The assembly will begin at **2.30pm** in the church.

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 Year B 'Preparing for Lent' <http://walkingtheway.dbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



School News

UPCOMING DATES

February

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
March
Sun 4th Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 5th Catholic Schools Week commences
2.30pm Prayer Assembly – Yr 4
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
Thurs 15th 9am Heaven on Earth in the Library
Mon 19th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly
Sun 25th FCG Mass Yr 4
Wed 28th 9 – 9.30am Open to Learning morning
Thurs 29th Cross Country and Holy Week Liturgy
Fri 30th Good Friday
April
Mon 2nd Easter Monday
Tues 3rd Staff Development Day – Pupil free

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 1	Respect Core Value	Merits
Kinder:	Angus M & Madeleine R	Sebastian A, Scarlett H, Amelia S and Thomas W
Yr 1B:	Lucas C	Clarissa W and Joseph S
Yr 1W:	Annika W	Owen B and Harrison F
Yr 2B:	Finlay D	Cherry-Rose S and Rae-Marie B
Yr 2W:	William S	Harry W and Harrison L
Yr 3:	Annaliese O	Tommy B and Brigid T
Yr 4:	Barclay S	Alana K and Lucas C
Yr 5/6	Taye F	Elenor B and Holly M

Parent Network News

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Parent & Friends (P&F) Committee, we'd like to welcome you all to the 2018 school year! It is with great excitement that we usher in this new year. Each week via this newsletter, we will provide updates and dates you need to know as part of the school community.

There are so many events to look forward to throughout the school year. Please take a look at the "Upcoming Dates" section to keep on top of all school items that need putting in the diary.

Kicking off the year, we'd like to remind you all of the **Welcome Cocktail Party** taking place on 17 February. This is a great way to catch up with old mates and meet new ones. Click [here](#) for details.

On 6 March we will hold our **Parent Network General Meeting**. We encourage you all to attend – especially new families. It's an ideal way to become involved with the St Cecilia's community and keep abreast of what's happening at our school.

We hope to meet and connect with all of you very soon. If you have any questions, please be sure to connect with the fabulous Class Parents in your year. They have the answers...or know where to get them! Just to reiterate who your class parents are, please see the following table:

- **Kindy:** Corinne Vallelonga, Alison Westh, Liz Psychogios, David Wood, Grace Conna
- **Yr 1:** Derville Peach, Genevieve French, Tracy Pemberton, Claire Miller
- **Yr 2:** Jo Sutcliffe, Rosey Soberg-McGrath, Jane Clayton, Patricia Duffy
- **Yr 3:** Trina O’Kelly, Lesley McLennan, Rachel Swieconeck, Emma Burton
- **Yr 4:** Natasha Pryor, Eliza Faulk
- **Yr 5/6:** Ingrid Portelli, Mel Blankenstein

The P&F Committee is also here to help!

Cheers to a fabulous 2018 for you and your children,

- Sonia Walsh, President
- Jamie Castaldo, Communications & Secretary
- Rose Bignold & Sheridan Millward, Treasurers
- Rosey McGrath, Broken Bay Parent
- Susie Warren, VP Celebration
- Robyn Wunder, VP Justice
- Bernie Casey, VP Service (Canteen)
- Jo Matthews, VP Community
- Sheridan Millward, VP Hope
- Nadine Meehan, VP Sponsorship

UPDATES

VOLUNTEERING

Within the St Cecilia’s community, there are many opportunities for volunteering, all year long. Our school thrives from the support of each mum, dad, nanny, or grandparent that takes the time to volunteer.

Be it in the canteen where you get the special chance to see your child and their friends at school, setting up for an event that will lead to fun and friendship, or making our grounds gorgeous by helping with the gardening, volunteering is the key to our success.

In the next few weeks, we will send through more information on how to get involved. We are aiming to publish the majority of the volunteer opportunities for the whole year ahead so that everyone has chance to get organised! And remember, nobody has the talent that YOU have, and we need YOUR talent to succeed!



On that note, we’d like to hugely thank our Year 5/6 Parents who helped out at **Tea and Tissues**. It was so meaningful to the Kindy parents, and much appreciated. Special thanks to Tracey O’Sullivan who stepped up to help.

UNIFORMS

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.

MILLIE SMITH 2nd HAND UNIFORMS

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

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.

YEARBOOK

If you take photos at school events, please send them to scb.pf.photos@gmail.com .

If possible, please ensure that the photos are of good quality or are edited.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Many of you are interested in enrolling your child in a community winter sport such as Soccer, Rugby and Netball. Your class parent is generally a good place to start to get information. They may know of school teams being formed.



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

Upcoming Roster

- Fri 9 Feb: Rosey McGrath-Soberg and Kasia Kosmala
Mon 12 Feb: **1 Volunteer needed**
Wed 14 Feb: Jane Merrick and Patricia Duffy
Fri 16 Feb: Christine Boys and Rebecca Cuschieri

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

ACTIVE KIDS REBATE

Parents of school children across New South Wales are encouraged to take advantage of the \$100 'Active Kids' rebate for sporting and fitness related costs launching early next year.



Member for Manly James Griffin has welcomed the release of the 'Active Kids' Rebate Guidelines explaining how families can take advantage of the rebate from January 31 2018.

The rebate is not means tested so every family has access to this initiative. Parents will be able to register for the voucher online from 31 January 2018 or through their local Service NSW Centre, such as at Brookvale.

Guidelines are available to view at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids

MARIST NORTH SHORE OPEN DAY

The Marist Open Day is to be held on Saturday 3 March from 10am to 1.30pm. 270 Miller St North Sydney - 9957 5000 - www.maristcollege.com

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

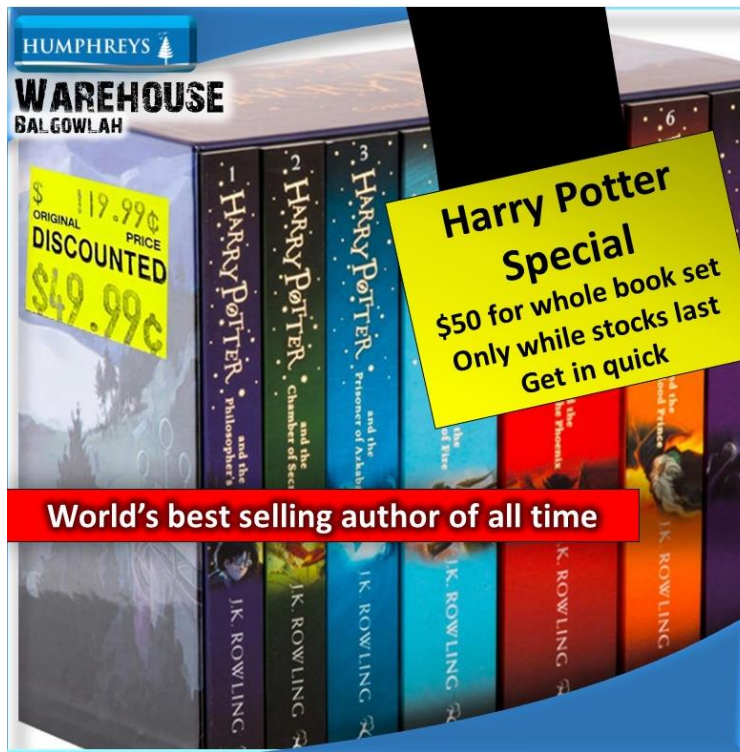
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