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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: *Speak and act with kindness*

Principal's News

Dear Parents



WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY

Thank you to all parents who attended our annual Welcome Cocktail Party last Saturday evening. Year 1 parents once again magically transformed our school into a very worthy venue for a lovely Cocktail Party. It was a wonderful evening, where we all enjoyed the company of families old and new. Many people were able to renew old friendships while others made new ones. Feedback was very positive. Fr Paul, the staff and I came away feeling very blessed to be part of such a welcoming community. A special vote of appreciation must also go to our Parent Network team but particularly to Clare, Derv, Gen, Jo, Sheridan and Tracey who coordinated the evening and to Sophie Moran, and her band who provided the most incredible entertainment for the evening.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thank you to the many parents who took the time to join us at our swimming carnival last Monday, your support and assistance with timekeeping, marshalling, catering, supervising and water safety was very much appreciated. The carnival progressed like clockwork and ran according to time. A special thank you to Damien O'Brien and Terri Smith who coordinated the carnival but also used all of their problem solving skills to ensure programs were printed and available despite our server going down over the weekend.

The students of St Cecilia's are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and enthusiasm. It was a happy day and many children could be heard supporting each other. Ribbons were given out this afternoon to event winners and invitations to the Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Combined carnival were issued to the children who qualified for the event.

Congratulations to Morris, Red Colour House, who won the Challenge Cup and Yellow, Sheehan, who won the Spirit Cup. Congratulations also to our age champions who swam in event after event.

Age Champions

Age	8 Years	9 Years	10 Years	11 Years	12 Years
Boys	Sebastian C	Charlie M	Will P	Taye F	
Girls	Elizabeth C	Sibella H	Elenor B	Phoebe L	Clara B

Northern Beaches Carnival Squad

Phoebe L Amelie R Elizabeth C	Alyssa W Sibella H Sophie M	Elenor B Piper L Leila S	Clara B Ava H Monet D	Alana K Sophie N Zoe M	Samuel K Giles W Charles M	Riley D Connor P William P Sebastian C
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PARENT NETWORK MEETING

Keep the date. Our first general meeting for the Parent Network team is on Tuesday 6 March. All parents K to 6 are encouraged to attend. We have a full agenda and lots of information for parents. The Parent Network Meeting is a great way to keep informed with what is happening around the school both socially and academically and offer constructive feedback to the school and the team.

READING WORKSHOP KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 PARENTS TUESDAY 13 MARCH 7:30PM

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a workshop aimed at supporting you to help your child with reading at home. When parents and the school work together to assist students the child always benefits. Any parent with a Year 1 child or older who is struggling to get their child to read at home is also welcome to attend. We have intentionally made the meeting quite late as we are mindful of parents needing to attend to the normal bedtime routines of young children and would like as many parents to attend as possible.

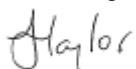
TAKING OF MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

All schools within the Diocese of Broken Bay must follow set guidelines for the administering of medication in school.

Of high importance:

- medication needs to be sent to school in its original packaging
- all medication needs to be accompanied by a note giving the school permission to administer the medication
- prescribed medication must be clearly labelled with the dispensing sticker that notes the name of the child, name and phone number of prescribing Doctor, medicine to be taken, dosage and frequency
- all 'over the counter medication' must be accompanied by the [form](#) available on our webpage. This form also needs to be signed by a doctor
- without such written permission and clear instructions, no medication will be given to any student.
- for the safety of all students, under no circumstances is medication to be sent to the school in the child's bag.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

YEAR 3: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: 'Reconciliation: Living in a Forgiving Community'

In this module students will explore the human experiences of forgiving and being forgiven. The module introduces students to the Sacrament of Penance where we celebrate our reconciliation with God and one another. Students will describe how their choices affect their relationships with God and others. Students explain messages of key scripture passages and their relationship to understanding the Sacrament of Penance. Students begin to develop an understanding of the experience of God's forgiveness in the Church's celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation.



WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

3B & 3W will celebrate mass with the parish next Wednesday, 28th February. This Mass starts promptly at **9:00am**. Parents are invited to attend.

'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

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.

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.

'GOOD SAM DAY'-WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH -'Acts of Service towards Justice'

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

On our 'Good Sam Day' the students will be encouraged to provide an 'Act of Service' for a family member or classmate.

In addition to this, the students will hear about the story of Rattanak from Cambodia <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-2-rattanak> and learn about the needs of people with hearing impairments. The students will be taught some simple sign language.

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

ST PATRICK'S DAY GIFT FUNDRAISER-FRIDAY 16 MARCH

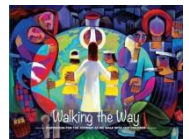
Friday 1 March—Wear a touch of green and bring a gold coin donation towards the GIFT program.

HEAVEN ON EARTH-PARENT REFLECTION MORNING

Save the date: Thursday March 15, 9am in the library

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 2 Year B <http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



School News

UPCOMING DATES

February

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
 Thurs 8th Broken Bay Swim Carnival at Mingara
 Tues 13th Reading Workshop 7.30pm

Wed 14th 9.30 – 11am Open Morning
 Thurs 15th 9am Heaven on Earth in the Library
 Fri 16th St Patrick's Day GIFT Fundraiser
 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 3	Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Lily E	Hugh M and Georgia G
KW:	Matthew D	Hudson L and Sophie W
Yr 1B:	Charlie H	Eloise K and Thomas E
Yr 1W:	Emily G	Charlie G and Joshua M
Yr 2B:	Xavier M	Claudia W and Xavier F
Yr 2W:	Lewis H	Thomas K and Xander C
Yr 3:	Elizabeth C & Lily A	Sebastian C, Lillian W, Jack W and Alessia Z
Yr 4:	Bianca M	Piper L and Jack B
Yr 5/6	Neneh H & Milly R	Charlize I, Isabella C and William A

DRAMA

A gentle reminder for those parents who wish to enter their child in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod. Entries close on 1 March. Please go to the Eisteddfod website for directions to enter online.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

Student Voice

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday students in Year 2-6 participated in the 2018 school swimming carnival at the Boy Charlton swimming pool in Manly. During the swimming carnival, we all had an amazing time swimming the races and cheering on our team mates. We all shouted at the top of our lungs



during the war cries and tried our best to be much louder than the other teams! We all congratulated each other for giving it their all. The swimming carnival is a great way to give everyone a big boost of self-confidence and build team spirit. At the carnival some students started off very nervous, however in the end, **everyone** had a blast and we all definitely came home as winners!

Emma and Francesca

Parent Network News

PARENT NETWORK NEWS

It's been a big week so far! Starting with our uber successful Welcome Party! We hope everyone – especially our new families – enjoyed themselves. Huge thank you to Clare Miller, Derv Peach, Tracey Pemberton, Gen French, Sheridan Millward and Jo Matthews who led us through a gorgeously thematic night of fun. Also, special thanks to Sophie Moran whose band provided amazing live music for the night.

The lovely Louise Hance took photos of the event. Take a look via this link (password is Gatsby).
<https://louisehancephotography.com.au/st-cecilias/>

To all of the Year 1 parents, THANK YOU!

Another show of thanks to all of the parents who volunteered and helped at the Swimming Carnival. We could not do it without you! THANK YOU!

As a reminder, on 6 March we will hold our **P&F General Meeting**. We encourage you all to attend – especially new families.

VOLUNTEERING 2018

Now that everyone is settling into their new routines, we will be launching next week a full schedule of volunteering opportunities for 2018 via Signup Genius including all events and other opportunities. Some events are traditionally organized by one particular year group but please don't hesitate to volunteer if you have a hidden talent to contribute. Volunteering really is the life blood of our school and we strongly encourage all families to consider how they can volunteer **at least once each term**- this may just be 1-2 hours per family, but added up, means we are all contributing to our vibrant community here at St Cecilia's.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club catalogues were sent home with your kids on Monday. Please order online by 21 February. Books will be delivered 10 days after that to school. Any questions please reach out to Emma Trueman emtrueman@gmail.com or Emma Burton emma.burton@rocketmail.com.

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.

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 to declare 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.

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.



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 23 Feb: Sandi Ayliffe and Nadine Meehan
Mon 26 Feb: Angela Cronin and Ana Rosa
Wed 28 Feb: Sara Mchugh
Fri 2 March: Crystal Redpath and Janelle Manchee

CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS: Flexible Booking Options: [here](#)

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Close to 180 children are participating in our 2018 First Reconciliation Program. The children and their parents are attending Family Group Sessions around the parish during February and March and will celebrate their First Reconciliation later in March. The children will receive a crucifix at the **Ritual of the Cross** at all Masses this coming weekend please pray for the children and their families.

The TryBooking link (to book a date to celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation) was emailed to all parents on Monday 19 February. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or by email at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have not received this information.

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

Community News

MATER MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Thursday 8 March from 4 – 7pm. Please click [here](#) for detailed information.

Year 7 2019 Academic and Performing Arts Scholarships

Applications close on 21 February 2018

Details and application forms can be downloaded from the website

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