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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:** *All rubbish in the bin*

## Principal's News

Dear Parents

### CORE VALUE ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who received the Core Value award for Respect this week:

KB Mia O	KW Sebastian A
1B Christian G	1W Annika W,
Yr 2B Oscar M	2W Isabella D
Yr 3 Brigid T and Thomas B	
Yr 4 Aisha K	Stage 3 Charlotte F

These children exemplify the scripture *'each of you is part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace.'* Colossians 3:15.



### MOTHERS' MONDAY 7 MAY FOR MOTHERS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 1, 3, 5

Parent participation and involvement in their child's education has shown to develop a more positive attitude towards learning.

On Monday 7 May we invite the mothers of students in Year 1, 3 and 5 to spend the morning from 9am till 1pm in the classroom with their child.

Students can bring their mother or a significant female along to spend the morning at school with them. Due to space constraints unfortunately we can only accommodate one visitor per Year 5, 3 or Year 1 student.

Feedback from last year was that parents prefer a half day. Our program will include structured class activities followed by a Mothers' Day liturgy and assembly at 12:15pm allowing for parents to leave at 1pm. An outline of the day for each grade will be emailed home attached to the lesson intents on the Friday before Mothers' Monday. We understand that not all parents can commit to the entire morning and they are welcome to attend any part of the session that fits in with their work schedule.

### ST CECILIA'S IS PLASTIC FREE

As a result of Year 1's inquiry unit in term 1 St Cecilia's will go plastic from the beginning of term 2. We ask parents to pop children's lunches in lunch boxes without cling wrap or foil. To make children more aware of their own rubbish Year 1 has also asked that children put their rubbish back in their lunch boxes and take it home each day. This will heighten awareness of individual footprints left behind each day. Please take this as opportunity to discuss the consequences of rubbish left behind for future generations.

### SCIENCE INCURSIONS

Over the past week all classes have had the opportunity to attend a Science incursion based on this term's Science unit studied in class. Alana Wylie is a real scientist who has arranged hands-on science experiments for each age group. The children have been excited and engaged despite being challenged to problem solve and use higher order thinking strategies to hypothesise and suggest reasons for their findings. The incursions were funded by money raised by the Parent Network Team at the Gala Dinner last year. Our intention is to hold an incursion per grade each term.

Here is what the children in kindergarten had to say:

- *Eliza P: I learned that scientists use a pipette to suck up liquids*
- *Patrick D: I learned that the sun makes water go up to the clouds*
- *Rufus M: I learned that scientists make lots of experiments*
- *Scarlett H: I learned that scientist use big words*

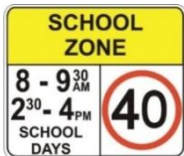


### **ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open. Families with children ready to start school next year need to complete an enrolment form and return it to the office at your earliest convenience, preferably before end of term.

### **END OF TERM**

The last day of term 1 is this Friday 13 April. Children will break for a two week holiday period. Term 2 commences on Monday 30 April. Due to our unpredictable weather, on their return to school, parents are able to choose to send their children in *either* full winter uniform or full summer uniform until 21 May. Monday 21 May will be the official date for all children to wear full winter uniform. We ask parents to please ensure the children do not mix the two uniforms eg if boys are wearing long pants they also need to wear a long sleeved shirt with a tie.



A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that School Zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday period.

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

**Fran Taylor**  
**Principal**

## **Religious Education**

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

We raised **\$308** for Project Compassion during Lent. Thank you to all students and families who contributed towards this fundraising. This money will be used to provide valuable products and services to people in developing countries with a view to [‘a just future’](#).



### **‘SEEKERS’ SUPPLIES’ HAMPER APPEAL**

At St Cecilia’s Catholic School we are committed to developing a connected and inclusive Catholic community that reflects the Gospel values. We strive to draw on and continue the work done by the founders of our school, the Good Samaritan Sisters, by reaching out with compassion and justice to people in need within and beyond our immediate community.

One way we do this is by participating in the ‘Seekers’ Supplies’ appeal. Each year our St Cecilia’s school community donates hampers of non-perishable food and household goods to the Asylum Seeker Centre for families and individuals <https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au>. This is part of the North Harbour Parish’s Social Justice Initiative. Further information will be sent home with the children early in Term 2, detailing the types of goods to donate and bring in during early-mid May for the hampers. At the end of May, we will be asking parents to help collate the hampers and transport them to the Asylum Seeker Centre.

### **YEAR 2: LENT TO EASTER MODULE**

The module focuses on the prayerful aspect of Lent and the opportunities the Lenten Season offers students to reflect upon prayer and places to pray. Students will be given a variety of experiences of both formal and informal prayer settings and will be encouraged to appreciate the value of silence in prayer, providing the students with opportunities to look for, know and find God within themselves. The module highlights a key aspect of prayer during the Lenten period; expressing sorrow for any ways in which we have failed to be all that we can be in relationship with God and others.

Students are encouraged to reflect upon Jesus' prayer to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. They examine the prayerful aspect of Holy Week, focusing on the example of Jesus who was able to talk with God his Father about his feelings, fears and problems. The types of prayers explored in this module include, vocal, meditative and contemplative. Students will be given opportunities to explore and build upon their learning.

Students will explore the themes of Lent and Easter in a creative and integrated way. Through participation and involvement in the module as well as in whole school Lent and Easter activities and celebrations, students will gain an awareness of the stories, actions and symbols of Lent and Easter.

### WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Thank you to all classes for your reverent participation in our weekly Parish Masses.

### 'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our next **Families Come Gather** Mass will be **Sunday 27 May**. **Year 3** students and their families will be involved in this Mass. Information regarding the Mass will be sent out to families early next term.

### CORE VALUE ASSEMBLY

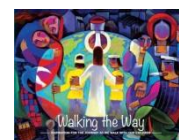
Congratulations to all the students who received the Core Value award for RESPECT. Thank you for being amazing role models to the rest of the school community!

*After a very busy first term, I wish you and your family a happy and restful holiday break.*

HEAVEN ON EARTH—SAVE THE DATE—Friday 22 June

### 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 Easter 3 Year B <http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



## School News

### UPCOMING DATES

#### April

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Chess (make-up lesson for 3/4/18)  
 Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 1  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 commences  
 2.30pm ANZAC Service & Assembly 3W

#### May

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm Drama Presentation  
 Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Monday 9am – 1pm Yrs 1, 3, 5  
 Tues 8<sup>th</sup> ICAS Digital Technologies

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Northern Beaches Cross Country  
 9 – 10:15am Pop Up Play  
 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN  
 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm Assembly – Mandarin classes  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 2:30pm Prayer Assembly – 1B  
 Full winter uniform  
 Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> da Vinci Decathlon  
 Sun 27<sup>th</sup> FCG Mass Year 3  
 Tues 29<sup>th</sup> ICAS Science  
 Broken Bay Cross Country

### WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 10	Merit Awards
KB:	Charlotte C and Samuel M
KW:	Grace B and Hugo R
Yr 1B:	Fletcher H and Oliver M
Yr 1W:	Oscar L and Lucy M
Yr 2B:	Will C and Tom C
Yr 2W:	Ruby M and Thomas M
Yr 3:	Annaliese O, William S, Konrad B, Jamie L
Yr 4:	George S and Elise R
Yr 5/6	Sophie H, Holly M and Amelie R

### WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Students may return to school in Term 2 in either full summer or full winter uniform, not a mixture of both. All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 21 May.

### CHESS

As Tuesday last week was a Staff Development Day there will be a make-up Chess lesson tomorrow, Thursday 12 April.

## DRAMA

Term 2 drama classes will begin on Wednesday 2 May (Week 1) and the Drama Performance Night will be held in the school hall on the evening of Thursday 3 May. The children will be bringing home drama newsletters this week with further information regarding specific times for this performance, as well as Eisteddfod times for those who have entered. It is most gratifying to see the effort all the children have put into learning their individual pieces. Well done all. Happy and safe holiday.

*Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher*

## Parent Network News

### THANK YOU!

As we close out the term, a big THANK YOU to all parents and families for being involved and volunteering within the St Cecilia's community thus far. We look so forward to a continued year of success as we come together even more! From all of us on the P&F, have a great holiday and we will see you in a few weeks!

### UNIFORMS

An update from Pickles, for anyone who would like to order Winter Uniforms! Please have any orders in to Pickles by 4 May so they can be fulfilled in time for the Uniform switchover by 21 May.

### GIFT: Giving in Faith Together

Here are the GIFT cook-off dates for term 2:

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

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

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/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-gift>**

### HEAVEN ON EARTH: Reflection Mornings for Parents

Join us for quiet reflection, interactive discussion, coffee and conversation.

#### **Save the Dates for 2018:**

Friday 22 June, 9-11am

Friday 14 September, 9-11am

Friday 30 November, 9-11am

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2018 – Reminder!

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.



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

#### Upcoming Roster:

Fri 13 April: Johanne Little and Jo Matthews

Mon 30 April: Claudine Athas

Wed 2 May: Ana Rosa

Fri 4 May: Anna Taperell

### TERM 2 YOGA

Yoga and mindfulness classes are continuing for Term 2 commencing in week 2 Monday 7 May until 25 June.

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? Or maybe they just need to move more?

Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation has been proven to have huge positive benefits for children. It teaches children to: connect with themselves, enhance their self awareness, encourage positive interactions with other children and have fun in playful learning environment. Our classes focus on movement, poses, yoga games, partner poses, mindfulness activities, breath awareness techniques and relaxation.

**When: Monday morning Time: 7:45am - 8:30am (45 minutes). Price: \$120 (8 classes)**



PLEASE BOOK BY FRIDAY (End of Term 2) by emailing: [angelatonkin@behappyyoga.com.au](mailto:angelatonkin@behappyyoga.com.au) Payment is due prior to Term 3 commencing and also confirms placement for children. There are limited spaces in the class so be sure to secure your child's place.

[www.behappyyoga.com.au](http://www.behappyyoga.com.au) <https://www.facebook.com/behappyyoga.org>

### Community News

**CATHOLIC CARE** – Northern Beachers Family Centre Naremburn and Brookvale

Term 2 Upcoming courses:

- 1-2-3 [Magic](#)
- Music [Connect](#)
- Infant [Massage](#)

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April



**2:30pm**