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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: *Justice*

School Rule: *Treat others as you want to be treated*

Scripture: *Blessed are they who maintain justice who constantly do what is right' Psalm 106:3*

Story: *The Good Samaritan*

Weekly Behaviour Expectation: *Share in the classroom*

Principal's News

Dear Parents

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Welcome back everyone! A special welcome to the Sinclair family and the McVeigh family. Both families have come to us from Brisbane. The McVeigh's have actually re-joined our community after two years away.

ANZAC DAY

Our School Captains, Francesca B and Emily M, took time out from their term break to represent our school at the Manly Corso ANZAC DAY Memorial. They proudly laid a wreath on behalf of the St Cecilia's school community.



On Monday Year 3 students lead the school in prayer as they too honoured the ANZACS.

POP UP PLAY WEDNESDAY 9 MAY

Date for your diary: All parents with toddlers are invited to attend Pop Up Play on Wednesday 9 May at 9.00am in the Secret Garden. This is an interactive playgroup for **ALL** pre-schoolers that belong to the St Cecilia's community. A special invitation is extended to enrolments for kindergarten 2019. It will give me the opportunity to meet the children and for the children to feel comfortable in the school setting.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

All Australian schools are required to participate in the **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**. For further information please follow this [link](#).

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 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 this Friday. 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.

REDUCING WASTE: ST CECILIA'S IS PLASTIC FREE

In line with community initiatives and as a result of Year 1's inquiry unit in term 1, St Cecilia's is striving to go plastic free. 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 empty food packaging back in their lunch boxes and take

it home each day. This will heighten awareness of the individual footprint left behind each day. Please make this an opportunity to discuss with your child, the consequences of rubbish left behind on future generations. Remember also to label lunchboxes and drink bottles so that they can be returned to the children each day.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 children will sit The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) during the week beginning 14 May. NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2018 test timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 18 MAY

National Walk to School Day is now in its 19th year. Primary school children who usually commute to school are encouraged to walk to school accompanied by their parents. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health and the Environment. Children walking to school will receive a participation sticker as they come through the school gates.



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

Taylor

Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

ANZAC Day Liturgy

Thank you to our Year 3 teachers and students for their moving liturgy commemorating ANZAC Day. The sacred space included special items shared by members of our school community.

- The Gallipoli Flag that flew on a troop ship at the first Gallipoli landings in 1915. The digger who 'commandeered' and kept it for many years was a neighbour of Lillian Wunder's father and a member of the St Cecilia's parish.
- War medals, from John Wunder, for his service during the Second World War.
- Army Hat and boots belonging to Mrs Smith's son, Captain Michael Smith.



MOTHERS' MONDAY

We are looking forward to welcoming the mothers of students in Year 1, 3 & 5 to school on Monday 7 May. Our liturgy and assembly will take place at 12:15 in the church.



'SEEKERS' SUPPLIES' 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.

Our School Improvement Plan's Catholic Life and Mission Annual goal continues to focus on the connection between Mission and Action. A target of this goal is to make connections between our learning and the core values Jesus asks us to live by. One way we can do this is by participating in the North Harbour Parish's Social Justice Initiative

At St Cecilia's, we know this as our 'Seekers' Supplies' initiative, and we will be launching it in Week 2. In the month of May parents, students and staff are encouraged to bring in food and toiletry donations which will be given in support of the 'Asylum Seeker Centre' in Newtown. A letter further explaining this social justice initiative will be sent home this week.

Final date for donations: Thursday 24 May

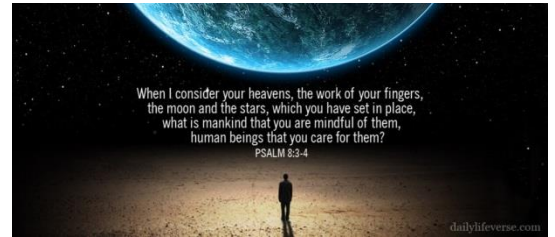
Sorting and delivery: Friday 25 May

If you would like to help **sort** the donated items, or **transport** the items to the Asylum Seeker Centre, please email Jo Johnson at jos.johnston@gmail.com by Monday 21 May. Any help will be gratefully received.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: Stage 3—Co-operators in God's Gracious Act of Creation

Image from: <http://www.dailylifeverse.com/posts/2012/08/psalm-8-3-4>

This module aims to create a more mature understanding of our place in creation. It moves beyond the simple concept of caring for creation, which does not truly capture our intimate relationship with God, with each other and with all of creation. Students will explore how we belong to God's community of interactive members united by self-sharing and thus are called to participate in an active renewal of creation every day. In this process, children will be experiencing a Trinitarian understanding of God *ie*, that God is one; God is many; God is community and God is one that is made of many.



WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

On **Wednesday 2 May**, **KW** attended the Parish Mass. **KB** will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 9 May** at **9am**. Everyone is welcome!

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

The next 'Families Come Gather' Mass is **Sunday 27 May**. Year 3B & 3W will be involved in this Mass. A letter will be sent to Year 3 families via email with a link to 'SignUpGenius' to volunteer for roles in the Mass and morning tea.

Save the Date: Heaven on Earth Friday June 22nd

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



School News

UPCOMING DATES

May

Thurs 3rd 6.30pm Drama Presentation
Mon 7th Mothers' Monday 9am – 1pm Yrs 1, 3, 5
Tues 8th ICAS Digital Technologies
Wed 9th Northern Beaches Cross Country
9 – 10:15am Pop Up Play
15 – 17th NAPLAN
Mon 14th 2.45pm Assembly – Mandarin presentation
Mon 21st 2:30pm Prayer Assembly – 1B
Full winter uniform
Thurs 24th da Vinci Decathlon
Sun 27th FCG Mass Year 3

Tues 29th ICAS Science
Broken Bay Cross Country

June

Mon 4th 2:30pm Prayer Assembly 2W
Mon 11th Public Holiday
Wed 13th ICAS Spelling
Thurs 14th ICAS Writing
Good Sam Day
Fri 15th 9am – 10:15am Pop Up Play
Mon 18th 2:30pm Prayer Assembly KB
Wed 20th Athletics Carnival
Fri 22nd 2:15pm Music Assembly

CHIFUNESE: Mandarin classes commence this week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@chifunese.com or call us on 02 8006 8208. Junior class at 7:30am-8:30am in the Library and the Senior class at 3:20pm-4:20pm in G24 (Yr 4 room).

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Students may come to school 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.

DRAMA

Gentle reminders:

- **Drama Performance Night** this Thursday, 3 May, in the school hall – 6:30pm Thursday group and 7:30pm Wednesday group
- **Eisteddfod** begins this Saturday, 5 May. Programme details on Northern Beaches Eisteddfod website.
- Break a leg everyone!

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 brochures were sent home today. Orders close Wednesday 16 May.

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Cecilia's Primary School is held on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:45am and commenced yesterday 1 May. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.

Student Voice

ANZAC CEREMONY

On Wednesday 25 April we had the honour of representing our school by laying a wreath in remembrance of the ANZACs at a ceremony in Manly. The ceremony commemorated those who have served our country and those still serving. As we reflected on the speakers we realised how much the armed forces did, and still do, for our nation. Together we laid a wreath to show our school's respect for those who fought and are still fighting for peace. We had the privilege of meeting and then dining with the Mayor of the Northern Beaches. On Monday 30th, Year 3 followed up the special day with a reflective prayer assembly. As a school we all remembered the ANZACs by listening to the *Last Post* and having one minute silence to respect all they have done for us. Overall ANZAC day was an amazing experience for us as School Captains to be part of this special day.

Francesca and Emilie



Parent Network News

PARENT NETWORK MINUTES 5 APRIL: Click [here](#) .

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/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-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 4 May: Anna Taperell and Louise Hance

Mon 7 May: Kirsty Smidt

Wed 9 May: Ria Deveza and **volunteer needed**

Fri 11 May: **Volunteers needed**

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 a 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 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 <https://www.facebook.com/behappyyoga.org>

Parish News

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The sacramental journey continues for the children (who have completed the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation in Year 3 and older) and their families this term as the children will prepare for and receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Parent Information Meetings will be held the third week of Term 2 on either **Tuesday 15 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 16 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.**

BAPTISM OF YOUNG CHILDREN PROGRAM

Is your child interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like your child to become a Catholic and participate in the 2018/2019 Children's Sacramental Program? Our Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7yrs – 11yrs) will be offered in Term 2 on Sunday 6, 20 and 27 May. The program can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> under the Sacramental Program – Additional Resources tab Copies also available from the parish office.

2018 – 2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN YR2 (AND OLDER) – KEY DATES

Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2018/2019 program are reminded that the program will commence with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 8 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 9 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey. Please note it is not necessary to attend this meeting if parents have had a child participate in the program in 2016 or 2017.

- **Enrolment for Sacramental Program** on **Tuesday 5 June between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the St Kieran's Parish Centre.** All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in.
- **Confirmation Parent Information Meeting** on either **Tuesday 19 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 20 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

All documentation including the Program, Photo Card and Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> and from the back of both Churches.

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY 13 MAY: Blessing of Mothers, Expectant Mothers and Grandmothers at all masses that weekend

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister Catholic Community of North Harbour www.northharbourcatholic.org.au

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