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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

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS:

❖ MATHS CHALLENGE

A group of our Stage 3 students have joined the Northern Beaches Cluster of Catholic Schools Maths Challenge. The challenge is for children who would benefit from extension in Mathematics and who will work cooperatively with others including children from other schools to solve challenging problems. It is for children who are capable of thinking mathematically and, in particular, problem solving. The challenge takes three weeks to complete. During this time students will attend sessions at St Mary's Manly and at St Paul's Manly for instruction and will also be given time to complete the task in class.

❖ DA VINCI DECATHLON

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Students compete in teams of eight across 10 disciplines: engineering, mathematics and chess, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative producers, cartography and general knowledge. Tomorrow a team of Stage 3 students will attend Knox Grammar School to compete in this challenging event.

❖ FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING

Our stage 3 children are also completing a Future Problem Solving task. The problem-solving program is worldwide and is designed for implementation in the regular classroom. The students are presented with a challenge that may face our world in the future. Students begin by brainstorming the challenges presented in the scene, they then need to select an underlying problem and finally brainstorm solutions to address the underlying problem. The solutions have to be futuristic, that is, the solutions need to be something that does not already exist.

❖ CHORAL EISTEDDFOD AT DEE WHY- CORRECT DATE 31 MAY

Children from Years 3 to 6 who have elected to join the lunch time choir will compete at the Choral Eisteddfod on Thursday 31 May. The Choral Eisteddfod gives our children the opportunity to take performing arts to the next level. This year 61 girls and boys will be involved. We wish them well and thank Mrs Pearce for the preparation that has gone into the choir.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are now in the process of writing semester one progress reports for all students. These will be emailed to you on Friday 22 June. At that time you will be asked to make an appointment for a parent/ teacher/student interview, to be held during the week beginning 25 June. These interviews will involve yourself, your child and their teacher. They are an opportunity to discuss your child's learning. Details on how to book for an interview on-line will be sent out with the child's report.

GARDENING BEE SUNDAY 27 MAY

The Parent Network Committee has organised a gardening bee for our school this Sunday after the 9am *Families Come Gather Mass*. Jo Trube has organised the jobs that need doing. We just need your help for whatever time you are able to spare. Please refer to the Parent Network section of this newsletter for more information.

KISS AND RIDE

The Rangers have been patrolling **Kiss and Ride** during the morning and afternoon session. Please remember the **Kiss and Ride** zone operates between 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm. During these times the restrictions are enforced by the Rangers.

- **'DO NOT GET OUT OF CARS in White St'** when dropping off and picking up students in the Kiss and Ride Zone
- **'DO NOT REVERSE PARK or jump the que in White St'** but **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 the traffic is banked across the roundabout it may be necessary for parents to drive around the block.
- If students are not present at the pickup zone for any reason, parents may be asked to drive around the block

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.

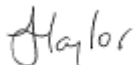
- Students for "Kiss and Ride" sit on the driveway inside the gate in the afternoon.
- Cars are to have the "family name sign" visible on front window- the school has issued one sign per family (from office) - If more than one sign is required please notify the office.
- Supervision of students ceases 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 please be considerate of our neighbours and refrain from parking across their driveways even for short periods of time.

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 latest information please follow this [link](#) .

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

SEEKERS' SUPPLIES APPEAL AND GOOD SAM DAY

Our **'Good Sam Day'** for Term 2 will take place tomorrow, Thursday 24 May. It is linked to *our Seekers' Supplies Appeal*. Students are invited to wear pyjamas to school on Thursday (school or sports shoes are to be worn - no slippers or Ugg boots please). Donations towards the hampers are welcome anytime up to and including Thursday 24 May.

Our *'Seekers' Supplies'* initiative is run in conjunction with North Harbour Parish and involves collecting much needed food and toiletry items for the Asylum Seeker Centre, Newtown <https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/>

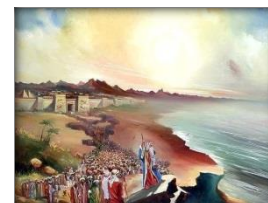
Final date for donations: Thursday 24 May

Sorting and delivery: Friday 25 May

We require a few more parent volunteers for Friday. Please email Jo Johnson at jos.johnston@gmail.com. Any help will be gratefully received!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: YEAR 2—BIBLE: STORIES OF PEOPLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

In this module, children will explore some of the stories of significant people of the Old Testament who revealed God to their people. This module will build on the concept of revelation that was introduced through the Kindergarten modules in the First Creation story and the story of Noah. It will contribute to the children's understanding that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, its value being in our interpretation of what it means in our lives.



WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Stage 3 will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 30 May** at **9am**. Everyone is welcome!

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our 'Families Come Gather' Mass is **Sunday 27 May**. Year 3B & 3W will be involved in this Mass. Year 3 families can volunteer for roles in the Mass and morning tea via SignUp Genius. Year 3 families received an email letter that included the link. All families are welcome!

PARENT FAITH FORMATION--Heaven on Earth Reflection Morning

An opportunity to gather, reflect, discuss and pray, as well as gain practical tips on how to support your children on their faith journey.

Save the Date: Friday June 22nd

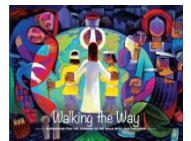
TEACHING SCRIPTURES SUMMIT

The Diocese of Broken Bay is hosting a Religious Education 'Teaching Scriptures' Summit in July. 25 spaces have been reserved for parents at no cost. Please contact Fran Taylor or Nikki Delrennie if you are interested in attending for either one or both days.



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



School News

UPCOMING DATES

May		
Thurs 24 th	da Vinci Decathlon Good Sam Day (pyjama day) Yrs 3-6 to bring their Sport uniform	Wed 13 th ICAS Spelling
Sun 27 th	FCG Mass Year 3	Thurs 14 th ICAS Writing
Tues 29 th	ICAS Science Broken Bay Cross Country School Advisory Committee meeting	Fri 8 th 9.15am Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thurs 31 st	Choral Eisteddfod	Fri 15 th 9am – 10:15am Pop Up Play
June		Mon 18 th 2:30pm Prayer Assembly KB
Mon 4 th	2:30pm Prayer Assembly 2W	Wed 20 th Athletics Carnival
Mon 11 th	Public Holiday	Fri 22 nd 9am Heaven on Earth Reports home 2:15pm Music Assembly
		Mon 25 th Parent / Teacher Interviews this week

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Sue Walmsley will be on leave for the next 3 weeks. Bev Butler, Jenny Saggus and Denise Sprakel will attend to the admin of the school office in her absence. We wish Sue a safe and enjoyable time away. Sue will return 8 June.

Mrs Stephanie Harding will be taking sick leave for the next few weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

GOOD SAM DAY – PYJAMAS – SPORT

Tomorrow is Good Sam Day where students are invited to donate items to the Seekers Appeal hampers and wear pyjamas (no slippers). Students in Yrs 3 – 6 are to bring their sport uniforms.

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 3	Justice Core Value	Merits
KB:	Samuel M	James C and Amelia S
KW:	Hudson L	Natalie E and Sebastian A
Yr 1B:	Kingston S	Samuel S and Eloise K
Yr 1W:	Harrison F	Kyra K and James M
Yr 2B:	Edward C	Luca G and Finlay D
Yr 2W:	Jack B	Lucia B and Ruby M
Yr 3:	Lyla R-D and Oscar W	Lillian W, Leo K-F, Jack W and Konrad B
Yr 4:	Kaelan M	Harley B and Bianca M
Yr 5/6	Olivia O and Peita P	Elise B, Clara B, Phoebe L

2017 YEARBOOK

The 2017 Yearbook is now available for purchase. Payments may be made via QKR, card or cash. Pick up your copy from the office before they are sold out!

ChiFUNese

Are you preparing your child for success in the Asian Century by learning Chinese? Facts: Mandarin Chinese is the world's most spoken language with 1 in every 5 people in the world speaking it, and the second most spoken language in Australia; in NSW primary schools, Chinese is the most popular LOTE program. Classes at St Cecilia's are held on Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm (New Beginner - Primary Junior and Primary Senior). To enrol, please go to www.chifunese.com/enrol. For enquiries, please email admin@chifunese.com. For further information click [here](#).

Student Voice

MATHS CHALLENGE AND MATHEMATICS IN STAGE 3

This week, myself and six other Stage 3 students went to St Mary's, Manly to participate in the Maths Challenge program. We collaborate with students from other schools to achieve solutions to some very complex and creative problems. We practise these skills in class through our Mathematics problem-solving activities we complete. In my opinion maths is always exciting in Stage 3 whether we are in or out of the classroom.

Emilie



Parent Network News

Parents, this week we will be introducing a new section of the newsletter called "**Volunteer Corner.**" The goal of "Volunteer Corner" will be to easily share with you any volunteer opportunities for the week. So, if you have a day off, or an extra hour to help out, this will be your one-stop-shop to look for opportunities! We hope you like this new section.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

1. **Asylum Seeker Hamper Appeal**

We still require **one more car** to transport the hampers. Please join us by signing up via the link below.

When: Friday 25th May 2018

Sign Up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0949AAAE2CA6F94-asylum

2. **Gardening Bee**

St Cecilia's Gardening Club invites you to participate in our upcoming Gardening Bee! We've got loads of work planned with equipment and materials generously donated by Bunnings Balgowlah! Please bring your gloves, **kids** and energy!

When: Sunday 27 May 2018 after the 9am Mass (about 10:30am)

Sign Up:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gardening>

3. **Meals on Wheels**

For Meals on Wheels, we require **THREE VOLUNTEERS** to fill the remaining spots for Term 2. Please volunteer to help those in need...

When: Monday 28 May 11.40am - 1.10pm – one person

Monday 4 June 11.40am - 1.10pm – one person

Monday 25 June 11.40am - 1.10pm – one person

Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

4. **GIFT: Giving in Faith Together Cook-Off**

Attention Kindy, Year 2 and Years 5/6 parents: Come along and cook meals for families in need this winter...

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

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



Year 5/6: Monday 30 April 9am – 12pm (Jodi Castellan, Mel Nunn, Majella Brady)

Sign Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>

HEAVEN ON EARTH

Please join us for HEAVEN ON EARTH: Reflection Mornings for Parents. This is a time for reflection, interactive discussion, coffee and conversation. Our next event will be held from 9-11am on 22nd June 2018.

BEYOND BLUE RESILIENCE - Website for Parents

An interesting resource / website that was shared with the Broken Bay Catholic School Parents is the Beyond Blue resilience website for parents - <https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthy-homes/building-resilience>

ST KEVIN'S, DEE WHY – STARGAZING LIVE PARTY! St Kevin's, Oaks Ave, Dee Why – 7.00pm – 9.00pm on Wednesday 23 May

St Kevin's will join the Australian National University (ANU) and ABC Stargazing Live with other Australians from all around the country to help smash the Guinness World Records title for the most people in one country stargazing at the same time. The ANU is asking over 30, 000 people across multiple sites to simultaneously observe the moon in the night sky through a telescope for the same 10-minute period. This is a **free family event**. You will require a telescope or high quality binoculars - you can bring your own but if you don't have any, you can purchase a telescope (\$7.31) when you complete the registration for the event with our St Kevin's Star Party ABC Stargazing Live link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-kevins-catholic-primary-school-star-party-tickets-45835100018>



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 25 May: Jo Sutcliffe and Gen Taylor
Mon 28 May: Jo Matthews and Axel Peyriere
Wed 30 May: **Volunteer needed**
Fri 1 June: Carryn Masluk and Bridget Holmewood

Parish News

CELEBRATE THE 20th ANNIVERSARY of the Parish Centre by supporting our refurbishment project!

The Parish Community Centre is the heart of our parish hospitality and gatherings.

Over 2000 events and activities are hosted each year by small businesses, fitness organisations, a local women's business network, community choir, GIFT outreach program, playgroup, youth group and so on in addition to parish activities and events.



Please Save the Dates:

- **Sunday 26 August - Family Colour Fun Run 2pm – 4pm at North Harbour Reserve**
- **Friday 30 November – Wine Tasting and Close of On-line Auction – Parish Centre**


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

Community News


TRIPLE P Parenting Seminar: A three week course for parents of children aged 2 – 9 years. Click [here](#) for information.

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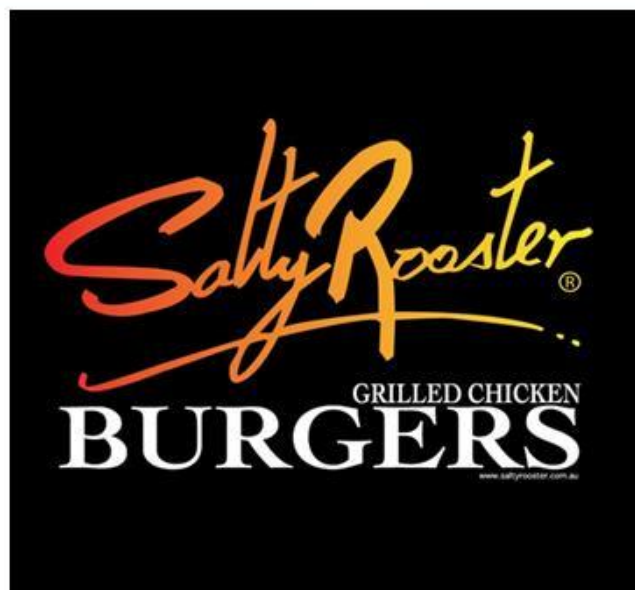
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