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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 playground*

Principal's News

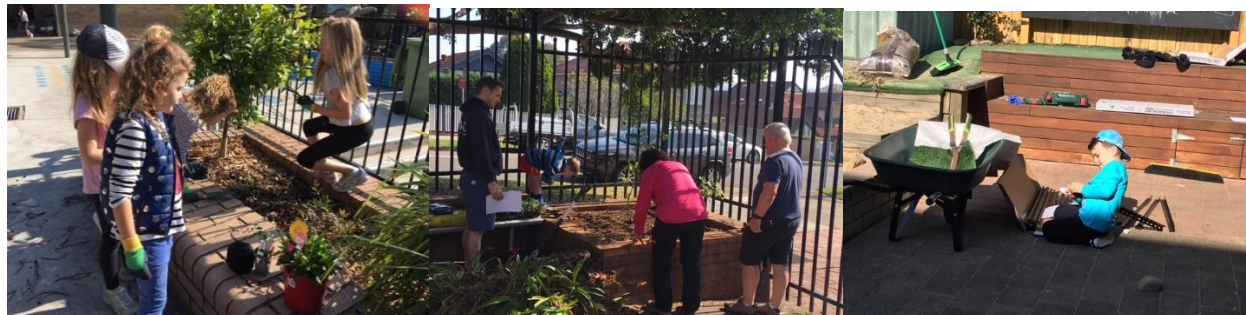
Dear Parents

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

GARDENING BEE

Thank you to the many families who joined us for the gardening bee last Sunday. The old saying 'many hands make light work,' was certainly true at St Cecilia's. Thank you to Jo Trube and the Parent Network who contribute so much of their time to our school.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Broken Bay Cross Country event at Fagan Park yesterday. A special congratulations to Amelie D who has qualified to compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding & Mackillop Cross Country Championships at the Sydney Motor Sport Park on Friday, 15 June 2018. We wish you lots of luck.

PARENT NETWORK MEETING

Supporting our school community is at the core of what our Parent Network hope to achieve. All parents of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to attend the Parent Network General Meeting for Term 2 on Tuesday 29 May at 7pm in the library. I would urge all parents to come along. It is a great way to stay informed about community events and school initiatives.

Communication between stakeholders in any organisation is always a challenge to get right. The Parent Network has worked on the following information that will help parents understand the way communication works at St Cecilia's.

Communications

We have recently audited our communications process and feel we can make improvements. As such, throughout 2018, we are unrolling a new communications strategy to ensure that **YOU are receiving the information YOU need to know, when YOU need it.** Using this strategy, we have divided our communications into two categories – **Whole School** and **Year Specific.**

Whole School

- **Newsletter:** The newsletter is the first place to see communications, so please make sure to take a good read of it.
- **SMS/School App:** Currently, the app updates and texts you receive will include time-sensitive information **that you need to know NOW.** At some times, the text message/app may deliver **urgent information,** as needed.
- **School Email:** From Sue, the school emails will provide weekly lesson intentions/ reminders/excursion information, pertinent to the school. They are important but not urgent. Again, this may have reiterations from the newsletter, but serves as a reminder of **what you need to know SOON.**

Year Specific

- **Weekly Emails:** Class Parents will be sending out weekly emails on Sunday nights (as needed). These emails will include the most **important information you need to know THIS WEEK.** It might be year-level information distilled down from the newsletter, or items that your child's teacher has requested (ie, more tissues or glue sticks). But this information is meant to get your week off to an informative start!

As you know, we also have the **School Website** – which shares information for the existing community and is also suited for future students and their families.

Lastly, the **SCB HUB,** our Facebook page, is meant to serve our community via sponsor information, which raises necessary funds for our school.

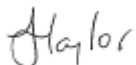
STAFFING

Over the coming weeks we will see a few changes to staffing.

Stephanie Harding will continue on sick leave at least until the end of term. In her absence Mrs Nikki Delrennie will step up as acting Assistant Principal and Miss Zoe Hulme will take care of the library on a Tuesday and Wednesday. We are still waiting to fill the acting REC position.

Sadly Mrs Kim Pearce, our music teacher has tendered her resignation as her husband has accepted a position overseas. The music teacher position is currently being advertised.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

MEALS ON WHEELS

There are two spots remaining on our Meals on Wheels roster for Term 2. The dates are:

- Monday 4 June
- Monday 25 June

If you are able to assist, please sign up via the SignUp Genius [link](#).

New volunteers welcome! If you are new to Meals on Wheels, please email Emma Burton (emma.burton@rocketmail.com).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: YEAR 1—CARETAKERS OF GOD'S GARDEN

In the **Early Stage 1** module, "**God is our Creator**", children were invited to explore and develop an **appreciation for the wonders of God's creation.** That module aimed to begin to build a **sense of spiritual connectedness** that transcends the individual and **builds a living relationship with God.**



This Stage 1 module intends to build on these understandings as children deepen their understanding that **by being in tune with nature we come to know God and recognise the Divine presence in the wonder and work of creation.** In fact "creation is God speaking to us". This module will focus on our **responsibility to care for the amazing gift of creation given to us freely by God.** Children will explore what is meant by "**God's garden**", coming to understand that this phrase **refers to all the gifts of the universe.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have a number of students preparing to make their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. We keep these students in our prayers.



WHOLE SCHOOL MASS—FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

All are welcome to our next whole school Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus— Friday 8 June, 9:15am. See invitation at the end of the newsletter.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

3B & 3W will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 6th June** at **9am**. Everyone is welcome!

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our 'Families Come Gather' Mass on Sunday was a wonderful celebration of the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. All students involved carried out their responsibilities with reverence and respect. Thank you to all the Year 3 student and families who attended the Mass.

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass will be on **Sunday 26 August** and will involve **Year 2** families.

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



ANNUAL ASYLUM SEEKERS CENTRE DRIVE

As part of our school's commitment to developing a connected and inclusive community that reflects the Gospel values, last week St Cecilia's organised its annual drive to donate food and toiletry items to the Asylum Seekers Centre in Newton.

The Centre provides practical and personal support for people seeking asylum living in the Sydney community.

It was an opportunity for teachers and parents to connect with each other and with the community and for children to learn about and engage with those in need. This year's

drive saw a large volume of donations and we thank everyone who donated goods; assisted with sorting and for transporting to the Centre.

Nikki Delrennie (Religious Education Coordinator)



TEACHING SCRIPTURES SUMMIT – SWEETER THAN HONEY

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 Body and Blood of Christ Year B <http://walkingtheway.dbbco.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



School News

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Jenny Saggus, Bev Butler and Denise Sprakel will attend to the admin of the school until Sue Walmsley returns 8 June.

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!

UPCOMING DATES

May		
Tue 29 th	7pm General Parent Network Meeting	Mon 11 th Public Holiday
Thurs 31 st	Choral Eisteddfod	Wed 13 th ICAS Spelling
June		Thurs 14 th ICAS Writing
Mon 4 th	2:30pm Prayer Assembly 2W	Fri 8 th 9.15am Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri 15th 9am – 10:15am Pop Up Play
 Mon 18th 2:30pm Prayer Assembly KB
 Wed 20th Athletics Carnival
 Fri 22nd 9am Heaven on Earth
 Reports home
 2:15pm Music Assembly

Mon 25th Parent / Teacher Interviews this week
July
 Mon 2nd 2.30pm Core Value Assembly KW
 Fri 6th End Term 2
 Mon 23rd Term 3 commences

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 4	Justice Core Value	Merits
KB:	Georgia G	Mia O and Jacob P
KW:	Zander E	Scarlett H and Harrison B
Yr 1B:	Darci M	Madeleine A and Henry M
Yr 1W:	Owen B	Samuel M and Isabella B
Yr 2B:	Cherry-Rose S	Magnus S and Evie C
Yr 2W:	Xander C	Thomas M and Frances L
Yr 3:	Jake C and Sophie M	Lily A, Sibella H, Danica P and Luca M
Yr 4:	Ainsley B	Piper L and Alex D
Yr 5/6	Amelie M and Molly O	Leila S, Neisha M and Amelie D

DRAMA

This week all the children will be given a script to take home. They will need to learn their lines off by heart and bring their script to each drama class.

There will be no drama classes next week as I will be away in Brisbane (no drama classes 6th and 7th June). Classes resume the following week – 13th and 14th June.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

Student Voice

2018 DA VINCI DECATHLON

On 24 May, eight students from Year 6 participated in da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar Preparatory School. The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition that allows students to compete in 10 different subjects such as cartography, English, mathematics, art and poetry, science, creative producers, ideation, code breaking, general knowledge and engineering. It was a fun and enjoyable experience and everyone came back with a smile on their face. We have learnt a lot from this competition and we were honoured to contribute. Overall, the da Vinci Decathlon was an amazing opportunity to work together as a team and it allowed us to push ourselves to our limits.

Francesca, Emma W



Parent Network News

TERM 2 GENERAL MEETING– Uggs and Hot Chocolate!

Please join us on Tuesday, 5th June at 7pm for our Term 2 General Meeting. Since Winter is upon us, we're serving hot coco and invite you to come in your Uggs (or similar!). See you then!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

1. Meals on Wheels – only two more volunteers needed

For Meals on Wheels, we require two volunteers to fill the remaining spots for Term 2. Please offer to help those in need...

When: 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/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-meals1>

2. GIFT: Giving in Faith Together Cook-Off

Only two more cook-offs this term...

When: **Kindy:** Monday 26 June 6pm- 9p (Christine Boys)
Year 5/6: Monday 30 April 9a – 12p (Jodi Castellan, Mel Nunn, Majella Brady)

Sign Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-gift>

HEAVEN ON EARTH – Reflection Mornings for Parents

Our next Heaven on Earth Parent Reflection morning is on Friday 22 June, please join us in the school library at 9-

11am.

FUNDRAISING GALA 2018

As we prepare to celebrate our 2018 Fundraising Gala, please let us know who can help the St Cecilia's community by offering your business or a service from your business up by auctioning off a prize at the gala. If you aren't sure how it works or where to start, let us know and we can help! You can contact:

Nadine Meehan: nadine@junogroup.com.au (Sponsorships)

Bernadette Casey: blar51@optusnet.com.au (Dinner Prizes)

Sophie Fay: sophiefoy78@icloud.com (Dinner Prizes)

CONNECTING WITH P&Fs AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Sonia Walsh, our Parent Network president was invited to the NSW Parliament this week to meet with James Griffin and network with other P&Fs in the Manly area. It was a great opportunity to learn about how other P&F's function, build their community and raise funds. They spoke also about how James can help us with improving traffic calming measures around our school and the surrounding streets as well as opportunities for grants that we can apply for over the coming months as a school. Watch this space!



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 1 June: Carryn Masluk and Bridget Holmewood

Mon 4 June: Ana Rosa and Stephanie Ceccaldi

Wed 6 June: Katharine Cook and Sandi Ayliffe

Fri 8 June: Jamie Castaldo and Heidi Guenther

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**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM REMINDERS

Enrolment is on Tuesday 5 June between 9.00am and 10.00am **or** 6.00pm and 7.00pm in Centre 3 in the Parish Centre. All documentation including Registration Forms to be handed in and family preparation groups to be organised/finalised. Parent Packs with Registration Forms are available at the back of both Churches, the parish office and can be

downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents>

Confirmation Parent Information Meetings Tuesday 19 June at 9.30am or Wednesday 20 June at 7.00pm at St Kieran's Church.

FIRST COMMUNION REMINDER

First Communion Practice: Tuesday 12 June at 4.00pm and 7.00pm in St Cecilia's Church or Wednesday 13 June at 4.00pm and 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.

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.

FOOTBALL FACTORY: July holiday camps. Information [here](#) .



An invitation to our

'Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus'

Whole School Mass

at

9:15am

on

Friday 8th June

St Cecilia's Catholic Church, Balgowlah

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