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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: *Service*

School Rule: *Help others in our school, wider community and the world*

Scripture: *'Be ready for service and keep your lamps burning' Luke 12:35*

Story: *Washing the Disciples Feet: Help others in the classroom.*

Principal's News

Fr John Frauenfelder's Words of Wisdom – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2nd September 2018

Like Tevye's image of a fiddler on the rooftop, we can find ourselves trying to simply live our lives balancing precariously between tradition and love. It can be much easier to live by someone else's set of rules than to obey and follow God. Tevye argues frequently with this demanding, counter-intuitive and tenacious God, but love won.

Jesus gave us a new tradition that begins and ends with love. He asks us to let love transform our hearts and our souls so that we transform the world. In the tradition of love, are we willing to climb down from the rooftop and scratch out our simple, pleasant tune grounded in God?

STAFF DEVELOPMENT PUPIL FREE DAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Our Staff Development Day for Term 3 is scheduled for next Monday 3 September. All staff at St Cecilia's will attend a spirituality day off site. This means Monday 3 September will be pupil free and parents are asked to make other arrangements for their children.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who represented our school at the Northern Beaches cluster public speaking final yesterday. Emily M took out first place and Francesca B took out 3rd place. We are proud of both girls' achievements. Emily will go on to represent the cluster at the Diocesan finals on Tuesday 11 September. We wish her well. Next week we will conduct our school finals for each grade.



GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY

Last week we welcomed our Grandparents/friends to school. I am not sure whether the biggest smiles and hardest waves came from the children or the grandparents. It was a joy to watch. Thank you to the staff who prepared the lovely liturgy, the Parent Network Social Committee led by Susie Warren and the Kindy parents who provided and served the morning tea. Thank you also to Emma Trueman and her team of parents who sold books at the book fair. Emma and her team raised \$1424.50 in commission for the school to purchase books from Scholastic.

Emma would like to extend her thanks to all the grandparents and parents who came to visit the book fair and bought books as well as all the parents who helped on the day, much appreciated.





BOOK WEEK WRITING COMPETITION

Last week all students were asked to write a short story or poem about one of the Book Week short listed books. Congratulations to our book week writing competition winners:

KW: Rufus M	KB: Charlotte C
1W: Maxwell A	1B: Darci M
2W: Harrison L	2B: Magnus S
3W: Luca M	3B: Sophie M
Yr 4: Conor P	Yr 5: Elise B
Yr 6: Francesca B	

ART INCURSION

Last week as part of book week the children also took part in an art incursion. Clay makers from RAWART taught the children to mould and manipulate clay. Our school is now filled with mysterious creatures including cats, dogs, dragons, sea life and funky four legged friends that proved to be great stimulus for writing.



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

Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: KINDERGARTEN 'GOD IS OUR CREATOR'



The emphasis in this module is to give students opportunities to explore and develop an appreciation for the wonders of God's creation. This module will begin to **build a sense of spiritual connectedness** that transcends the individual and builds a **living relationship with God**. At their intuitive stage of faith development in which young children exhibit egocentric thinking, this spiritual journey will be constructed out of their own experiences of the natural world. **Students will explore the story of creation using varied sensory experiences**. They will be invited to recognise, enjoy and celebrate aspects of the natural world around them and to make a connection between the gifts of nature and their responsibility to care for creation. **The first creation story from Genesis** will be used as a visually rich story of God's creative power. Children will be introduced to the idea that this Bible story is not a factual account of creation but **a religious story about God's love for us and for all of creation**. The story of **St Francis of Assisi** may be used to show a love of creation that was a reflection of God's love. Children will be challenged to find ways to demonstrate such love in their own lives.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER—'SWEETER THAN HONEY' SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP

Teachers will be participating in a Staff Development Day on Monday September. This day will be held off-site and in conjunction with the staff from St Kieran's School, Manly Vale.

This day will be focused on providing teachers with an engaging and meaningful encounter with Scripture in order to develop their own faith and offer practical ways to transfer this to the learning environment with the students. The content of the day will be a follow-up to the recent 'Sweeter than Honey' Scripture Summit attended by Nikki Delrennie and Gabrielle Williams. These teachers also shared their learning with staff at a recent professional learning session, attended by Monica Officer and Dr Anthony Maher from the Catholic Schools Office.

Dr Maher presented a session to teachers on Pope Francis' latest exhortation *Gaudete Et Exsultate*. This document provides people with a practical message about recognising the 'holiness' in each of us. Dr Maher summarised these 'Steps to Holiness'. This is an affirming and uplifting message for us all!

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

On **Wednesday 29 August, Year 4** attended our Parish Mass. Thank you to the students for their reverent participation. **1B** will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 5 September at 9am**. All are welcome!

HEAVEN ON EARTH —CHANGE OF DATE

Due to a timetabling clash, we are changing the dates of our Heaven on Earth Parent Reflection Morning for Term 3 and Term 4

- Term 3: Wednesday 19 September
- Term 4: Wednesday 5 December

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and look forward to welcoming parents to these mornings.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

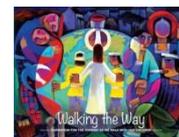
As the date for the Year 1 **Families Come Gather** Mass is the Sunday following the Gala Dinner, we have decided to reschedule it. We will combine the FCG Mass for Year 1 families with the Mass for incoming Kindergarten families.

Remaining Families Come Gather Masses for 2018:

- 28 October Kindergarten
- 25 November—Year 1 & Kindergarten 2019

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



School News

UPCOMING DATES

August

Thurs 30th 6.30pm Drama Performance Night
 Fri 31st Yr 3 Art Incursion

September

Mon 3rd Staff Development Day – Pupil free
 Tues 4th Broken Bay Athletics
 Fri 7th Fathers' Friday 9-1pm (Yrs 2, 4 & 6)
 Mon 10th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KW
 Thurs 13th Open to Learning morning
 Fri 14th 9 – 10.15am Pop up Play
 Wed 19th Heaven on Earth

Science Incursion
 Night of the Notables
 Thurs 20th Good Sam Day
 Science Incursion
 Sat 22nd Gala Dinner – save the date!
 Mon 24th Core Value Assembly 1B
 Tues 25th Stage 2 Gala Day Netball/Cricket/AFL
 Thurs 27th Stage 3 Gala Day Netball/Cricket/AFL
 Fri 28th End Term 3
October
 Mon 15th Term 4 Commences

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 5	Service Core Value	Merits
KB:	James C	Lily E and Angus M
KW:	Beau R	Madeline M and Rufus M
Yr 1B:	Francesca H	Hudson B and Arthur P
Yr 1W:	Kyra K	Maxwell A and Isabella B
Yr 2B:	Harrison LS	Lachlan F and Will O
Yr 2W:	William SG	Thomas M and Jack B
Yr 3:	Alessia Z and Elizabeth C	Oli T, Rory F, Tommy B and Lily A
Yr 4:	Ainsley B	Alana K and Conor P
Yr 5/6	Emilie M and Amelie R	Katelin B, Isabella Ch, Amelie M

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

DRAMA

Our Drama performance night tomorrow (Thursday) will begin at 6.30pm for the Thursday group and 7.30pm for the Wednesday group. Anyone who would like to stay for both groups is of course quite welcome. Children should arrive at least 10 minutes before their performance times.

Please note that entry to the school hall is via the Wanganella Street gate between the hall and the church. All other gates will be closed and there will be no entry through the carpark in Wanganella Street.

Please feel free to email me if you have any queries.
Trish Collier, Stage Works Drama Teacher

QKR – FORGOTTEN PASSWORDS

If you are having problems with your QKR account please email the school. In the meantime parents can create a new QKR account using a different email address to the one being cancelled. Once Qkr has confirmed the original account has been deleted, the new account can then be edited to change back to the original email.

Student Voice

BOOK WEEK

Last week was Book Week. The theme for this year was Find Your Treasure. It was a week when the whole school got to express what finding your treasure meant to them. Students represented their thoughts on this phrase by writing a poem or a short story. The winners from each class got a \$10 voucher to spend at the book fair.



On Friday, our lovely grandparents and grandfriends came to school to see how their grandchildren learn at school. They also had an opportunity to buy a book from the fair or donate a book to the school. It was amazing to have our grandparents at the school! During the week, each class also took part in clay making and created unique sculptures. Overall, Book Week was an imaginative and creative week full of fun!

Clara and Francesca

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE 2018

Click [here](#) for the 2018 booklet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all that attended the General Meeting last night!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Canteen: We are in need of volunteers at the Canteen, especially this Friday, 31 August. Please consider spending a few fun hours interacting with the children! They love to see you there!

To volunteer, please click here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0949AAAE2CA6F94-stcecilias9>

BROKEN BAY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS - 'PARENT TO PARENT' INITIATIVE

Tuesday 11 September (evening at Mater Maria, Warriewood) - Kristy Goodwin will present on cyber safety.

FUNDRAISING GALA

We are all getting so excited for the Fundraising Gala! It is such a special night! Last week, the children received home the Raffle Books. If you didn't receive yours please let Sue know in the office. More books are available should you need more. Just a reminder, that while the funds will be used for the children, the selling of tickets should be shared by and with parents and carers (over 18's) only. Thanks in advance for this!

- **Raffle Tickets – Hottest Prize of the Night! Principal for the Day:** Your kids will love this!! This has been a highlight for many years. Your raffle ticket booklets should have made it home by now so please keep an eye out for them. Please let Sue know you have not received them. There are more booklets available should they be selling fast for you!
- **Don't Miss out on your Gala Tickets:** Don't forget to buy your tickets for our annual Fundraiser on QKR! You have the option to just request what year group to sit with or join a table organised by friends. It's a great social night with lots of mingling.

- **SCB Hub – Are you a Member?** Find out all about Live auction items, tap into sponsor deals and silent auction items by being a member of our SCB Hub Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1699643070300904/>

UNIFORMS

As we prepare to move to the Summer Uniform in Term 4 (more to come on that), we have been advised by Pickles that all **orders for Summer Uniforms need to be placed by Term 3, Week 10 (24 September)** - in order to receive them in time for Term 4. If you have any questions, please contact Sheridan Millward at smillward09@gmail.com.

GIFT: GIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Supporting our Parish - Thanks to Gillian Hopkins and Jo Johnston who coordinated the Year 2 Cook-off this Monday. Below are the cook-off dates for the remainder of the year.

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

- Kindy: Monday 15 October 6pm - 9pm (Christine Boys)
- Year 1: Monday 26 November 6pm - 9pm (Derville Peach)
- Year 3 / Teachers: 12 November 6pm - 9pm (Evelyn Paterson)
- Year 4: Monday 29 October 6pm - 9am (Annette Paddison)



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 31 August: **2 Volunteers needed**
 Wed 5 Sept: Nadine Meehan and Katrina Davolio
 Fri 7 Sept: Zoe Brown and Kate Lovelace



SEPTEMBER

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

BOOK YOUR BABYSITTER AND PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE GREATEST NIGHT ON EARTH!!

TICKETS ARE \$135 EACH & INCLUDE CANAPES, 2 COURSE MEAL, DRINKS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

LOG ON TO QKR TO PURCHASE.

BLESSINGS

We will celebrate Father's Day with a blessing for fathers and expectant parents at all masses this coming weekend.

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 2019/2020 Children's Sacramental Program? Our Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7yrs – 11yrs) will be offered on Sunday 9, 23 and 30 September. The program can be downloaded from the parish website at www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents under the Sacramental Program – Additional Resources tab. Copies also available from the parish office and at both churches. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for more information.

CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to learn more about Catholic Faith and Practice or how to become a Catholic?

A group in the parish is beginning this journey and you are most welcome to join us on Saturday 15 September between 10.30am and 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you would like more information.

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

Community News

VACATION CARE

Northern Beaches Council operates a very successful vacation care program for primary school aged children across the whole of the Northern Beaches. In the Spring school holidays we will have centres open at Cromer, Forestville, North Curl Curl now also at Manly Vale Community Centre.

Please could you include the attached flyer in your school's newsletter and refer any enquiries to our website: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](http://NorthernBeachesCouncilVacationCare)

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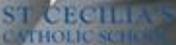
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