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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: Offer to help an adult.*

Principal's News

Dear Parents



Last Friday some of our dads returned to the classroom for a morning of science, maths and PE. Problem solving was the order of the day. Dads could be seen questioning and clarifying in order to achieve the success criteria posed at the beginning of the lesson. After a liturgy in the church it was time to let off the extra energy with some PE at the park.

POP UP PLAY

Pop Up Play is on again. All parents with toddlers are invited to attend Pop Up Play on Friday 14 September at 9am. The play group is held in the Secret Garden. **Pre-schoolers** enrolled for 2019 who attend Pop Up Play are invited to collect their "St Cecilia's Here I Come" tee-shirt from the school office when they arrive.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Emilie M who last night represented our school at the Diocesan Public speaking competition. Emily was a finalist from the Northern Beaches cluster. She spoke with confidence and clarity. This week we also heard from our junior classes. Congratulations to the following students who placed in their class finals.

Year	1st	2nd	3rd
K	Matthew D'	Angus M	Ella S
1	Zac B	Joshua B	Darci M
2	Frankie L	Alyssa W	Eva C
3	Tommy B	Molly W	Luca M
4	Kaelan M	Riley M	Piper L
5	Elenor B	Amelie R	Amelie D



HEAVEN ON EARTH WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

All parents are invited to a reflection morning titled 'Serenity'. As the title suggests it is a time for self. Participants will explore how we can maintain a serene, peaceful state of mind as we journey on a life of love and faith. Please **refer to the flyer** in the RE section for further information.

From our past participants...

I thoroughly enjoyed the morning; it was a very peaceful and beautiful way to start the day and left me with a sense of calm & relaxation. I look forward to the next one. *–Melanie Nunn*

I always make sure these events are in my diary and look forward to them. They are like a warm cup of tea, and group hug all wrapped in one. I leave mentally refreshed and feeling incredibly grateful. *–Sonia Walsh*

I always try and attend 'Heaven on Earth'. It is a welcome chance to take a couple of hours out of my week once a term and meditate/reflect/chat with other parents about my spiritual and family life. When I leave I feel rested, settled and have better clarity about my perceptions, priorities and decisions. I highly recommend these sessions for all parents. *–Robyn Wunder*



It was a delightful and enriching morning! It brought me a different perspective around how to spread the sense of justice with my family. Very glad I attended it, and hope to see more of it in the coming months. *–Kate Santos*

Heaven on Earth was such a lovely morning and one that I found so enriching. It was a great opportunity to take a moment and connect with other St Cecilia's parents, to reflect and discuss our thoughts on parenting, our faith and life.

We looked at ways that we can help our children and others in their lives and discussed the obstacles that life can present us when we take a leap or try to better ourselves.

The morning was so beneficial and at the same time we had a chat and a cuppa. I highly recommend that you block out an hour or so and attend one of these special mornings. *–Katrina D'Avolio*

NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER



Please be sure to drop in to our **'Night of the Notables' next Wednesday evening in the school hall commencing at 7pm.**

'Night of the Notables', is a program for talented children that we use with our Year 6 students. Each student engages in an in-depth study of one famous or notable person with a view to performing as that person on the 'Night of the Notables'. The program is a powerful one when completed properly and draws on the student's ability to think creatively, critically and reflectively. Students across the school will have a sneak peek during the day but it is well worth viewing the entire programme.

DEBATING

For the past 5 weeks a group of our Year 5 and 6 girls have participated in the School's Debating Network competition as the Stella Maris' junior team. This is a debating competition for private, independent schools. After five rounds our Year 6 team is in second place and our Year 5 team have won their last 2 debates. This is a great result for a first go. Thank you to Stella Maris and their Year 10 coaches for giving our school the opportunity to compete and to Nikki Delrennie and Damien O'Brien for giving up their Friday nights to supervise.



Tell Them From Me

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

From now until the end of this term, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stcecilias>

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.

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

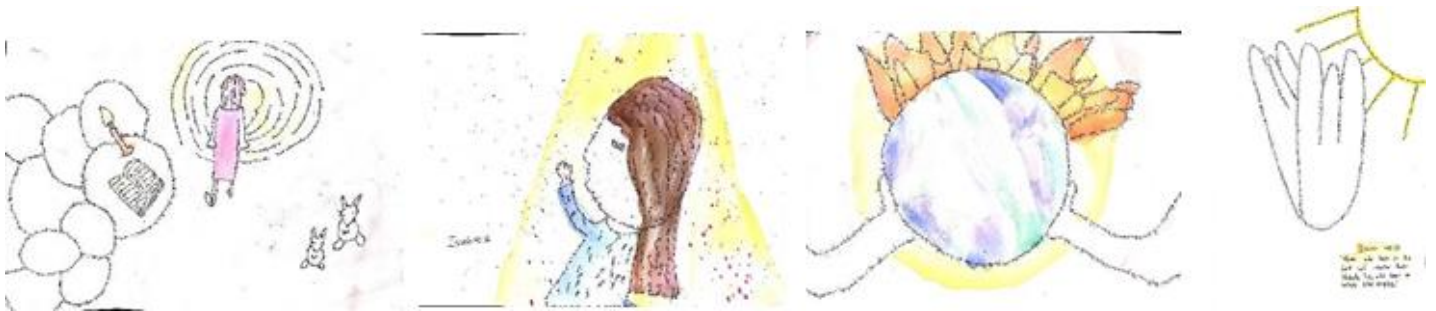
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Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

YEAR 3 BIBLICAL MICROGRAPHY

Biblical micrography is a method of illuminating or embellishing Scripture. Images are created using the words of the text, written very small. The final product is then highlighted using watercolour paint. Our Year 3 students recently learnt this technique with beautiful results:



WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today, **Wednesday 12 September, 2B** attended our Parish Mass. Thank you to the students for their reverent participation. **3B & 3W** will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 19 September at 9am**. All are welcome!

HEAVEN ON EARTH—WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, 9AM IN SCHOOL LIBRARY

Join us for a morning of prayer and reflection. Mrs Virginia Ryan from the Catholic Schools Office will facilitate this session. Virginia has extensive experience in leading adult faith formation activities and brings a wealth of knowledge, joy and good humour. The theme for the morning is "Serenity."

Invitation

'Serenity' -a place inside yourself

Letting go and letting God

Mrs Fran Taylor invites you to a parent reflection morning.

An opportunity to stop and reflect on what we mean by serenity and how we can maintain a serene, peaceful state of mind.

How can we hold on to our own sense of serenity, that in turn can help our whole family?

Join us as we recharge our parental energies with some quiet reflection, engaging ideas and encouraging conversation over coffee. Treat yourself!



DETAILS

When: Wednesday 19 September 2018

Time: 9am—11:00am

Where: St Cecilia's School, Balgowlah (Library)

RSVP: nikki.delrennie@dbb.catholic.edu.au

*Be still and know that
I am with you.*

"English prayer"

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

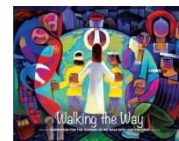
Remaining Families Come Gather Masses for 2018:

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

Further information will be sent to Kindergarten families at the beginning of October.

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.dbbcsco.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>.



School News

VACATION CARE

Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care brochures are now available in reception or go to their website: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#)

UPCOMING DATES

September

Thurs 13th 9 – 10am Open to Learning
Fri 14th 9 – 10.15am Pop up Play
Wed 19th Heaven on Earth – Serenity
Science Incursion
7pm Night of the Notables
Thurs 20th Good Sam Day
Science Incursion
Yr 3 Excursion
Sat 22nd Gala Dinner
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
Wed 17th 9 – 10.15am Pop Up Play
Thurs 18th Mission Mass
Mon 22nd 2.30pm Prayer Assembly – Stage 3
Wed 24th Stage 3 Camp 24th – 26th
Wed 31st 9am Kinder 2019 Transition

November

Mon 5th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2W
7pm P&F Exec meeting
Fri 9th 9-10.15am Pop Up Play

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 7	Service Core Value	Merits
KB:	Miranda C	Hugh M and Cassius B
KW:	Darcy G	Maxence P and Justine A
Yr 1B:	Clarissa W	Arthur L and Joseph S
Yr 1W:	Jamir H	Zachary B and Owen B
Yr 2B:	Finlay D	Luca G and Evie C
Yr 2W:	Jack B	Willow B and Toby S
Yr 3:	Amelia E and Henry M	Brigid T, Elizabeth C, Leo K-F, Jamie L
Yr 4:	Piper L	Sienna H and Will P
Yr 5/6	Charlotte F and Isabella C	Holly M, Zoe M and Piper S

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

Student Voice

MISSION PROJECT DAY

On 7 September six students went to the Mission Project Day for the Northern Beaches Catholic Primary Schools. Students from different schools gathered together to discuss how we can provide service to others and reach out to people in our community.



During the day we met many inspiring people. Kirsty Thorpe is the Assistant Principal from Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood. She has been helping children in Cambodia by building a centre for children who need support and education. We also met Jack from St John the Baptist, Freshwater. Jack is a Year 4 student who started the 'A Fiver for a Farmer' campaign. His campaign has raised over one million dollars for the farmers in drought.

At the end of the day we met up with our north harbour parish and made an action plan to collect donations to make hampers which will help the farmers in drought. The Mission Project Day was a great day which helped us work together to create a solution/action that will benefit the environment, children's education, women's rights and to make a difference in the world.

Leila & Charlotte

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE 2018

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



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 14 Sept: Trina O'Kelly and **1 Volunteer required**

Wed 19 Sept: Sandi Ayliffe and Monica Pyne

Fri 21 Sept: Jo Matthews and **1 Volunteer required**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we look to 2019, we will be sending out an email later this week with information about positions on the P&F Executive Committee, so that you can learn more about them. We hope you will consider sharing your talents with us!

In addition, a reminder that if you would like to volunteer to be a Class Parent for next year, please let us know! You can do so by contacting Sonia Walsh at soniawalsh@bigpond.com. Again, being Class Parent is a great way to interact with the school community. If you have any questions, please ask your current Class Parents, or a member of the P&F Executive Committee.

Volunteer Corner

- **GIFT: GIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

Below are the GIFT cook-off dates for the remainder of the year. To volunteer, 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)

Heaven On Earth

- **"Serenity" A place inside yourself.** *How do we create a serene and peaceful life - for ourselves and our family?* Join us for some engaging ideas, reflection and conversation - some time-out to recharge your batteries. Tea, coffee and morning tea provided. We'd love to see you!

This event will take place next Wednesday (19 September) in the school library. Please RSVP: nikki.delrennie@dbb.catholic.edu.au

FUNDRAISING GALA

GOT TICKETS ?

Have you bought your Gala Fundraiser tickets yet ?? **We have an extension on ticket purchases till end of day WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER.** There are limited seats left so book the babysitter! There is no need to worry about where to sit, just note your year group and we will make sure you are all sorted! All tickets must be bought through QKR!



The night offers an opportunity to socialise with our wonderful community as well as raise funds for our school - it is our ONLY fundraising event for the year. The night offers entertainment, a chance to see the always highly anticipated Kids video production and the all popular wine wall is back. Come along for your chance to be a part of your child's artwork auction as well.

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY



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"PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY".
BUY & RETURN YOUR RAFFLE BOOKS BY FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.
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EXTRA BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

Raffle

Parish News

FAMILY COLOUR FUN RUN



Family Colour Fun Run to raise funds for the parish community centre

Sunday 21 October, 2pm to 4pm at St Augustine's College Oval

[Registration](#) Flyer, Parent [Letter](#) and Sponsorship [Booklet](#) are linked and can also be collected from the back of the Church

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

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