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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: *Hope*

School Rule: *Be Positive and Contribute*

Scripture: *'With God all things are possible'* Matt 19:26

Story: *Parable of Talents: Be prepared.*

Principal's News



Eyes ahead!

The Church year is drawing to a close. It will soon be advent, then Christmas... At this time of year the Church's readings remind us that the earth as we know it is passing away and that Christ will come again at the end of time. What does this mean for our lives? It means we are to live each day with a sense of hope, expectation, vigilance and ready to meet the Lord at all times. Says Pope Francis, it means not allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed by distraction or by superficiality, but living in a full and aware way, with concern first of all for others. From 'Walking The Way', Diocese of Broken Bay

Dear Parents

PARENT NETWORK TEAM AGM TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Our annual general meeting for the Parent Network Team will be held next Tuesday 20 November. Everyone is encouraged to attend to support the work of the committee this year. There are a number of key people I need to thank for their tireless effort and dedicated service to the Parent Network Team. As a community we are extremely grateful to the executive team Sonia Walsh, Jamie Castaldo, Rosalie Bignold, Susie Warren, Rosey McGrath, Sheridan Millward, Robyn Wunder, Bernie Casey, Jo Matthews and Nadine Meehan who have been supported by their subcommittees and a hardworking band of parents. Many members of the team are stepping down this year and so we would like to make this AGM a celebration of their contribution as well as all parents who have contributed to the life of the school (canteen, Meals on Wheels, Advisory Committee, Milly Smith, gala dinner, cocktail party, Mothers' Monday, Fathers' Friday, Grandparents Day in some way, to attend a thank you supper of cheese and Christmas goodies at the conclusion of the AGM. Again, my heartfelt gratitude for the contribution made to the school by our entire Parent Network Team.

PLENARY COUNCIL

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. The Bishops have invited all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Parent Network is giving you the chance to have your voice heard to join in! Speak boldly and with passion.

Time will be given during the AGM for this to happen

When: Tuesday 20 November 7:00pm

Where: St Cecilia's Library.

MATHS PARENT MORNINGS

The parent information session on mathematics was well attended last Thursday. The second session will be held tomorrow morning, Thursday 15 November, in the school hall at 9.15am. The aim is to share with parents some



strategies that can be used at home to improve their child's mathematical understanding. Further information can be found in the 'School News' section.

ST CECILIA'S FEAST DAY

Please join us for our whole school Eucharistic celebration of the Feast of St Cecilia on Thursday 22 November, at 9:15am. St Cecilia is the patron saint of music and so following the Eucharistic celebration Evergreen Music will hold their end of year concert in the playground at approximately 11am.

DIOCESAN GALA TENNIS

A small group of Stage 3 girls attended the Diocesan Tennis Gala Day for Stage 3 students. Congratulations to Isabella Ch who won an award for good sportsmanship and to Milly R who won the singles and to Clara and Isabella C who won the doubles.



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

Taylor

Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

FEAST OF ST CECILIA MASS

All families are warmly invited to join our school community in celebrating the feast of our patron saint—St Cecilia.

Thursday 22 November
9:15am

Father Paul will also bless our Reflection Garden on this day.

HEAVEN ON EARTH—PARENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION MORNING

Advent: Watching and Waiting
Save the Date: Wednesday 5 December
9-10:30am

Take time out of the pre-Christmas rush to join us for a morning of reflective prayer and discussion over a coffee.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: YEAR 3—REACHING OUT WITH JESUS

In this module students will develop an understanding and appreciation of the nature and challenges of Christian mission through their study of Jesus' instructions in the 'Mission of the Twelve' (Lk 9: 1-6). Students will investigate the work of Catholic Mission and individuals committed to reaching out to others. Students will be encouraged to consider practical ways to reach out to others and be part of the mission of Jesus.



PARISH MASS

On **Wednesday 14 November, 1B** attended our Parish Mass. Thank you to all family members who joined us for this Eucharistic celebration.

1W will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 21 November** at **9am**.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our final 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the year is **Sunday 25 November**. **Kindergarten 2019 and Year 1** will be involved in this Mass. Please check your 'inbox' for the email link to 'SignUpGenius' to volunteer for roles in the Mass and morning tea.

"GROWING GOOD MEN" - A WEEKEND FOR FATHER & TEENAGE SON

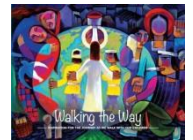
GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially-based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood.

It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 13 to 15 years (school years 8 and 9).
Venue: Yarramundi (southwest of Richmond NSW) 16-18 November 2018 (Fri 6.30pm to Sun afternoon)

See [flyer](#) for more information.

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



School News

'MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES FOR HOME' - PARENT SESSION TWO

We had a wonderful parent turnout for the first mathematics session held last Thursday. This week the focus is on 'Games for building number sense'.

As we explore these activities in a practical way, parents learn more about strategies and questions that can be used to support and extend student development around number sense. Once again, the activities will also include adjustments and extension activities to cater for students of all abilities.

Session Two: Thursday, 15 November, in the Library

Hopefully you can join us as we explore some practical ways you can engage with, and assist, your child's numeracy development.

If you can't make the session [attached](#) is the updated 10-frame activities booklet explored at last Thursday's Mathematics Parent Session.

For further tasks and activities, please head to the '[LEARNING & TEACHING](#)' page of our school website. The page includes links to some of the activities that will be explored at this Thursday's parent session. They are fun and engaging ways to support, consolidate and extend mathematical understanding. Focus areas include counting, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Mr Damien O'Brien

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 4	Hope Core Value	Merits
KB:	Thomas O	Holly A and James C
KW:	Georgia J	Sophie W and Sebastian A
Yr 1B:	Lucas R-D	Francesca H and Beck M
Yr 1W:	Harrison F	Thomas S and Lachlan C
Yr 2B:	Alyssa W	Cherry-Rose S and Luca G
Yr 2W:	Ava V-W	Xanthe P and Jack B
Yr 3:	Tommy B and Konrad B	Lily A, Yasmina H, Charlie M and Ava H
Yr 4:	Jack B	Eva H and Isabella M
Yr 5/6	Amelie M, Molly O	Clara B, Milla C and Maddie E

UPCOMING DATES

November

Thurs 15th 9.15am Maths for Parents
Northern Beaches Debating #4
Fri 16th No Tennis today
Mon 19th No Tennis today
Prayer Assembly KB
Tues 20th 8am Chess in the Library
7pm P&F AGM
Wed 21st Kinder 2019 Transition
Thurs 22nd 9.15am Feast Day of St Cecilia Mass
11am Evergreen Concert
NB Debating #5
Fri 23rd 2.30pm Millie Smith pop up shop
Sun 25th 2019 Kindy Blessing Mass
Thurs 29th NB Debating
Fri 30th 7pm Parent Christmas Party

December

Sun 2nd 2pm Drama dress rehearsal

Mon 3rd 2.30pm Advent Liturgy / Prayer Assembly
3B
Wed 5th 9am Heaven on Earth
Yr 6 Fun Day
Thurs 6th Good Sam Day
Drama concert
Fri 7th 2.30pm Millie Smith pop up shop
7pm Parent Christmas Party
Wed 12th Reports home
6pm Christmas Carols
Fri 14th 1.40pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass
Mon 17th Core Value Assembly
Wed 19th Meet the Teacher
10.30am Thanksgiving Liturgy
Last day for students
Thurs 20th SDD
Fri 21st SDD

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

TENNIS

There will be NO tennis on Friday November 16 November or Monday 19 November.

DRAMA

Gentle reminder – next week (week 6) all drama students are to come to drama class twice a week until our performance on 6 December.

Some of the children may need some help at home learning lines. Your help would be greatly appreciated with this. All lines are to be learnt off by heart by the dress rehearsal at the very latest. Confirming dress rehearsal date and time – Sunday 2 December 2 – 4pm.

Trish Collier, Drama Teacher – Stageworks

SCHOOL HATS

Legionnaire hats are now available for purchase from the school office. Payment of \$15 may be made via QKR.



Term 1 2019

AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE

Onsite Science fun Monday afternoons after school until 4:30pm (5pm late pick-up option available)

For more information or to book a place visit:
<https://www.eyeheartscience.com.au/stceecilia/>
Or email: alana@eyeheartscience.com.au

Student Voice

NORTHERN BEACHES DEBATING

This term students in Stage 3 are taking part in the Northern Beaches Debating Challenge. Each Thursday afternoon, a team of debaters travels to Stella Maris to compete against a Stage 3 team from another school.



This week for debating, the topic was 'That all primary-school aged students should not be allowed to use a calculator in mathematics class'. We were "Negative" for this debate, meaning we had to argue against the topic. We were fortunate to come out with a win, although it was a very close debate.

Each week we are presented with many challenges, but we overcome them through persisting and problem-solving. We also have great coaches (our classmates who debated in the SDN competition) to help us write our speeches and give us tips on how to write winning rebuttals. We are very grateful to have this opportunity and are leaning a lot.

Holly & Emma

Parent Network News

This week, we are sharing a few reminders of upcoming events for next week and the term. Also, please take a look at 'Volunteer Corner' as we are in need of volunteers for the holiday season, and any time you could give would be most appreciated.

Thanks to all!

- **General Meeting, Plenary Council and Parent THANK YOU Event**

On Tuesday, 20 November, we will be holding our final General Meeting of the year at 7pm in the Library. Please join us, as we will be electing in our new P&F Executive Team for 2019, as well as completing all 2018 activities.

To open our General Meeting, we will be holding a brief Plenary Council. For those who don't know, the Plenary Council is an opportunity to gather your thoughts on "What you expect from the Catholic Church of Australia?"

To then close our meeting that evening we will be **celebrating YOU – our parents and volunteers for all that you do throughout the year. Accordingly, wine and light desserts will be served. Please join us so that we can thank you most sincerely.**

- **Parents Christmas Party**

The parent Christmas Party is coming up on 30 November at 7pm! Please see the invite following (below) and make sure to purchase your tickets via QKR. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

- **Class Kitty**

Regarding Christmas gifts for teachers and staff, we want to remind you that **all gifts** are purchased and given via our central fund, the Class Kitty. If you did not contribute in the beginning of the year, you can do so now via QKR. The amount payable is \$20. This fund is used throughout the year for gifts for teachers' birthdays, illness as well as parent events such as illness or bereavement.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

(1) YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

During the end of November and early December, parents/students and staff are encouraged to bring in food and toiletry donations (as communicated separately) which will be given in support of our local chapter of St Vincent de Paul ("Vinnies"). Each class and the staff will have a collection box where items can be donated.

On Friday 7 December 2018, parents are invited to volunteer:

1. **Carry heavy collection boxes from the classrooms into the hall (4 strong people needed!) 11am - 11.30am**
2. **Sort and pack donated items into different family hampers in the hall (8 people needed) 11.30am - 1.30pm**
3. **Wrap the hampers in cellophane and ribbon in the hall (6 people needed) 12.15pm - 3.15pm**
4. **Transport the hampers to the family recipients, 3.30pm - 6.30pm (6 cars/drivers needed) +possibly 3 cars/people on the Saturday morning**

This time of the year can be very challenging for families in need. We encourage you to give some time for this important cause. Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949AAAE2CA6F94-vinnies>

(2) MILLIE SMITH SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Thanks for all the recent donations of pre-loved uniforms! Our next Millie Smith Uniform Shop open days will be:

- Friday 23 November, 2:30-3:30pm - ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- Friday 7 December, 2:30-3:30pm - TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Remember payments are by cash or via QKR

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PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE 2018

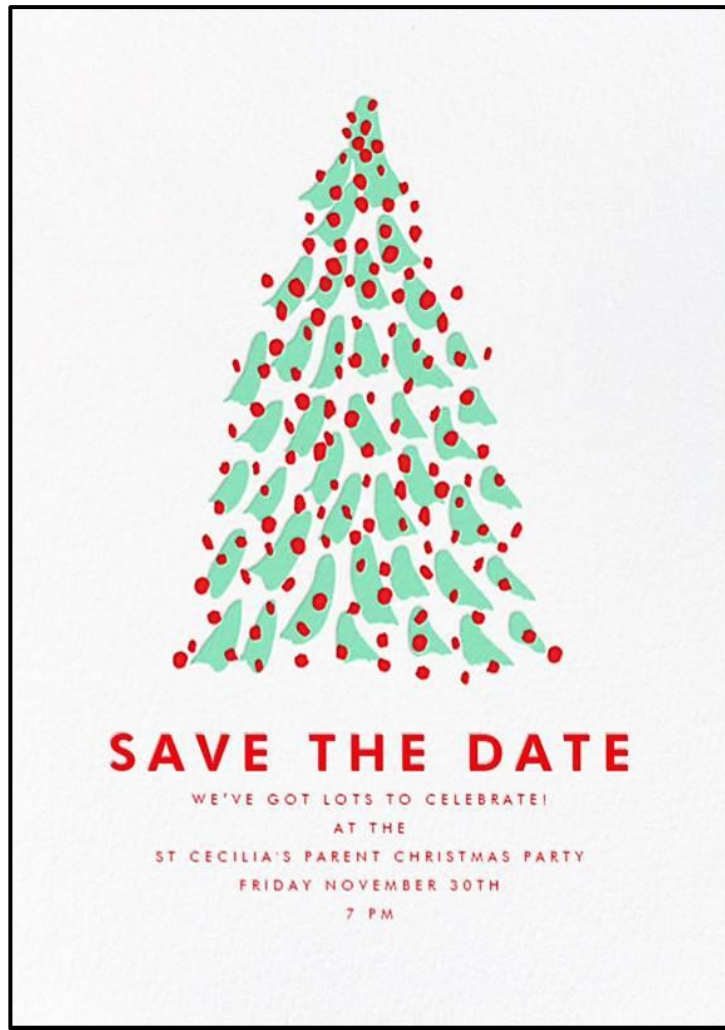
Click [here](#) for the 2018 booklet.



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 16 Nov: Jo Matthews and Grace Conna
Wed 21 Nov: Nadine Meehan and Katrina D'Avolio
Fri 23 Nov: **1 volunteer required**



Parish News

Celebrate the

20th Anniversary of the Parish Community Centre

A fundraising evening
for our Refurbishment Project

SAVE

Wine and cheese
Christmas celebration

THE DATE

Friday, 30 November at 7pm
North Harbour Parish Community Centre, 2 King Street, Manly Vale.
Catch up with old friends, buy your **Tamburlaine Wines** for Christmas
and enjoy beautiful Christmas carols courtesy of the Hummingsong Community Choir.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT FUNDRAISER

Wine and Cheese Christmas Celebration Friday 30 November see above.. Join us for our Tamburlaine Wine Tasting and purchase your wines for Christmas see order [form](#) .
Please RSVP by Monday 26 November.

If you cannot attend you may be able to support the event by donating a prize for our raffle or by ordering wine. Please contact Evelyn Paterson at robevelyn@tpg.com.au if you can assist with a donation.

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN'S LITURGY CO-ORDINATOR

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to **Bryanne Crabb** who will be the new Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator in 2019 for St Cecilia's and St Kieran's Schools.

The children's liturgy ministry is always looking for new mums, dads and grandparents to be involved in this wonderful and rewarding ministry. Being a volunteer in this ministry involves helping with children's liturgy that takes place on Sundays at the churches of St Cecilia and St Kieran's. You will be placed on roster alongside another volunteer who is currently doing children's liturgy to help out about once to twice a term. Children's liturgy only takes place within the school term and doesn't take place when year family masses are scheduled. All information, resources and activities are printed off and provided by the children's liturgy co-ordinator on a weekly basis. All volunteers will be required to obtain a working with children check number but this is simple to do and this is something that I can help you obtain. If you feel like this is something you could get involved with or would simply like more information please feel free to contact me on 0402 099 746 or at albwyer@bigpond.com

I would like to wish Bryanne and all the children's liturgy volunteers for 2019 all the very best in this wonderful ministry and I'd like to thank everyone for the friendship and support shown to me over the many years as co-ordinator.

God Bless

Adriana Bowyer

Community News

MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHATSWOOD – ENROLMENT 2021

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SEAFORTH COMMUNITY PIAZZA

Community Ideation Workshop Sunday 2 December from 9.30am – 12pm. For information click [here](#) .



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Thursday 22nd November

at

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