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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: *Respect*

School Rule: Respect yourself, others and the environment

Scripture: Each one of you is part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace: *Colossians 3:15*

Story: The Ten Commandments: Welcome others

Principal's News

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year. A special welcome to our new parish priest Fr Dave Austin, returning staff, new staff and returning families. Children in Years 1 to 6 return tomorrow and Kindergarten children begin on Friday. It is always a joy to watch the children return looking well rested and eager to be back at school. Their banter and squeals of delight are evidence that they have had a fun filled summer break. I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. I look forward to getting to know you better as we work together to educate your children both academically and spiritually. Getting back into routine during our summer is often difficult but remember that we can help our children transition back to school by ensuring they get plenty of sleep at night and arrive at school on time, prepared for the new day. Arriving late and walking into a settled classroom after the bell can often cause a child unnecessary anxiety and separation problems. So best to get into a good routine from the beginning.

Please be sure to attend our Welcome Cocktail Party on Saturday 23 February. The Parent Network will share the details with us shortly.

THE PLAYGROUND

We are very excited about the shade structure that is going up over the playground. Unfortunately things have not gone to plan and the construction has been delayed. It will mean a small part of the playground will be roped off for the next 2 days. We are working with the builders to finish the project as quickly as possible.

MEET THE TEACHER - TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Next Tuesday evening parents are invited to meet their child's class teacher at a half hour information session. Please mark the date in your diaries. Teachers will explain homework procedures, communication and reporting opportunities as well as everyday routines that may need explanation. The meeting is important and is scheduled for 6:30pm with a repeat session at 7pm for those of you with more than one child at the school.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2019 School Swimming Carnival for Years 2 - 6 is on Thursday 14 February, at Manly Swimming Centre Balgowlah Road, Manly. On-line entry forms and permission notes can be accessed via this [link](#). Please complete the form at your earliest convenience. The Carnival will run from 9:00 – 11:30am. **Parents transport their own children to the pool.** At the conclusion of the swimming carnival, buses will transport children back to school. Please note: **Kindergarten and Year 1 do not attend the carnival.** They will attend school as usual.

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

Parents and carers have long enjoyed photographing their children at school. Today this often includes sharing the images on social media. It is important to note that the child protection laws and the privacy laws respect the rights of parents to not allow photographs of their children to be posted online without their written consent. It is important to crop the images of students in the background that are easily identifiable before sharing any school photos of your children particularly on social media. Click [here](#) to read school guidelines.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT LITURGY

A warm invitation is extended to all parents to join us on Friday 8 February when St Cecilia's extends a very special welcome to all our Kindergarten children, new students and staff new to St Cecilia's. Our School Leaders for 2019 will also receive their leadership badges. Please join us for this very special liturgy.

2019 STAFF

This year we welcome a number of new staff to the St Cecilia's community. Rebecca Raso (3B), Tanya Fitzpatrick (2W) and Alana McLaren (KB). A special welcome back to returning staff, Nicholas Dowler (4B), Colette Ward (2B) and Zoe Hulme.

2019 STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Kindergarten Blue – Alana McLaren
- 1 Blue – Terri Smith
- 2 Blue – Colette Ward
- 2 White– Tanya Fitzpatrick (REC) (M,W,T,F) & Zoe Hulme (Tues – executive release)
- 3 Blue – Rebecca Raso
- 4 Blue – Nick Dowler
- Year 5/6 – Damien O'Brien and Kayle Dyer
- Learning Support – Sue Grose (Mon, Wed, Thurs)
- Librarian and AP – Stephanie Harding
- PE – Martha Butler
- Italian – Danielle Ursino
- Teacher Assistant – Louise Fergus
- Admin- Sue Walmsley/Bev Butler
- Kindergarten White – Angela Pelling
- 1 White – Jenny Morris/Terese Cunningham
- 3 White – Nikki Delrennie
- 4 White – Gabrielle Williams
- Music – Jocelyn Roberts
- Canteen – Wendy Douglass

PARKING

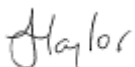
We work hard to keep our neighbours on side. They love to see and hear our children at play but do get annoyed when they can't drive in and out of their driveways. When dropping the children off in the morning or collecting them in the afternoons please respect the rights of our neighbours and refrain from pulling up in their driveways even for a short time.

CODING

Coding lessons have been made possible due to the generosity of the parent body at St Cecilia's and the fund raising efforts of the Parent Network team. Lessons will resume next week. Bee Bots will be used in the Kindergarten classes in the later part of the year. These are small robots that can be programmed as an introduction to coding.

Finally please remember I am always available to support students and parents with any difficulties that arise. The staff and I are looking forward to the year ahead.

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

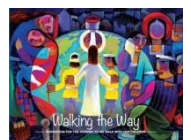


Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

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-2019-year-c.html>



School News

UPCOMING DATES

January 2019

Thurs 31st Yrs 1 – 6 commence
Best Start Kinder appointments

February

Fri 1st Kinder 2019 commence
Tea and Tissues

Tues 5th 6.30pm & 7pm Meet the Teacher
Thurs 7th 2.30pm Class Parent meeting
Fri 8th 9.30am Opening School Mass and
Ceremony of Light
Tues 12th School Banking commences
Thurs 14th 9 – 11.30am Swimming Carnival

Mon 18th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4B
Tues 19th P&F Exec meeting
Sat 23rd Welcome Cocktail Party

Sun 24th FCG Mass – Stage 3
Tues 26th Yr 3 boys to St Pauls
Thurs 28th Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

CHIFUNESE

Classes at St Cecilia's for 2019 will be held on Wednesday from 3.20-4.20pm. For information click [here](#).

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click [here](#) for the 2018 booklet. The 2019 version will be available shortly.



TENNIS

**** Tuesday mornings added to school tennis.**

Bryanne Crabb has added Tuesday mornings to her hot shots school tennis to accommodate students who missed out on Monday/Wednesday/Friday.



Tuesday will be same as the other mornings 7.45-8.30am on the school netball court and all equipment will be provided.

If anyone is interested please email Bryanne at: Bryannecrabb@gmail.com or text her on 0403063013



There are some new menu items available on QKR this term.

- We now have *salad bowls* available on the "Mon Wed & Fri" tab that you can also add *chicken* or *ham*, with or without *French dressing*.
- On the "Wednesday Special" tab we have *chicken tenderloin wraps* and there is also a *Gluten Free* option.
- On the "Friday Specials" tab we have a *Thai chicken fried rice* or a *Gluten Free Spanish chorizo & chicken paella*.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

- Parents of children in Year 3 (and older) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 19 February at 9.30am OR Wednesday 20 February at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church;**
- **Group Facilitator Meetings** will follow the Parent Information Meetings at 10.30am (Tuesday) OR 8.00pm (Wednesday) in St Kieran's Church;
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **March 2019**, prior to the beginning of the 2019 – 2020 Children's Sacramental Program;
- Advance notice - The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 17 August 2019 at 10.00am, 12 noon and 3.00pm.

Parents new to the school with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact Janette as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au
Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour

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