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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: Be a good listener

Principal's News



OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019

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9.30am – 11am

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Dear Parents

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK and OPEN DAY 5 MARCH

Catholic Schools Week is an important time to celebrate the sense of belonging within our school community and the launch of the enrolment period for 2020. Our Open Morning is planned for 5 March from 9:15am. We hope to welcome new prospective parents and students to our school as we open classrooms and showcase the spiritual, academic and creative opportunities offered here at St Cecilia's. If you have a younger child ready to start school in 2020 it is important to collect an enrolment package from the office and return it at your earliest convenience.

During our Open Morning we will also hold our Open to Learning Morning (please note the change of date from the one originally advertised) when we invite all parents to visit their children in the classroom. It is also a good opportunity to visit other classes and get a feel for the open classroom structure in the primary grades.

WELCOME PARTY

Last Saturday we welcomed all families new and existing to the 2019 school year. What a stunning venue! Even though the weather put on a poor show, the Hawaiian feel and the amazing vista brought a sense of relaxation and community. A special thank you to the Parent Network group led by our president Jamie Castaldo, the VP for the Social Committee Sheridan Millward and the Year 1 parents for organising and hosting the evening.

PARENT NETWORK MEETING 7PM 5 MARCH

Our first general meeting for the Parent Network team is on Tuesday 5 March. All parents K to 6 are encouraged to attend. We have a full agenda and lots of information for parents. The Parent Network Meeting is a great way to keep informed with what is happening around the school both socially and academically and offer constructive feedback to the school and the team.

READING WORKSHOP KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 PARENTS TUESDAY 19 MARCH 7:30PM

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a workshop aimed at supporting you to help your child with reading at home. When parents and the school work together to assist students the child always benefits. Any parent with a Year 1 child or older who is struggling to get their child to read at home is also welcome to attend. We have intentionally made the meeting quite late as we are mindful of parents needing to attend to the normal bedtime routines of young children and would like as many parents to attend as possible.

NAPLAN 2019

This year NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 will be held from 14 - 24 May. NAPLAN is a national assessment and for the first time our students will participate *Online*. Year 3 and 5 will complete the Reading, Conventions of Language, and Numeracy test *Online*. Year 5 will also complete the Writing test *Online* whilst Year 3 will complete the Writing test as a written paper.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to **Bond**, Green Colour House, who won the Challenge Cup and **Polding**, Blue Colour House, who won the Spirit Cup. Congratulations also to our age champions who swam in event after event.

Age Champions

| Age | 8 Years | 9 Years | 10 Years | 11 Years | 12 Years |
|-------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Boys | Liam M | Seb Conna | Charles M | William P | |
| Girls | Evangeline F | Elizabeth C | Ava H | Elenor B | Amelie R |

Northern Beaches Carnival Squad

We wish the following children well as they represent our school tomorrow at the Northern Beaches Catholic Schools swimming carnival.

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|-------------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Elenor B | Amelie D | Zoe M | Taylor R | Luca M |
| Ainsley B | Evangeline F | Sophie P | Alyssa W | Liam M |
| Elise B | Sibella H | Elise R | Seb C | Charlie M |
| Elizabeth C | Ava H | Amelie R | Darius G | William P |
| Monet D | Darci M | Milly R | Samuel K | |

SAVE THE DATE

Family Colour Fun Run Sunday 31 March 2pm – 4.00pm at St Augustine’s College Oval

The North Parish Community Centre at Manly Vale is now 20 years old and needs refurbishment including painting, new carpets and bathroom renovations. The Parish needs the support of the North Harbour Community to help fund this refurbishment. A fundraising **Colour Fun Run involving the whole family** is planned for 31 March. Be sure to save the date it promises to be lots of fun. More details to follow.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fran Taylor'.

Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

ASH WEDNESDAY

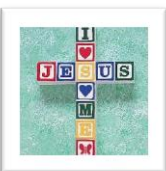
You are all warmly invited to join our community for Mass next **Wednesday 6 March at 9.15am**. All the children from Kindergarten to Yr 6 will be participating in Mass next week. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days. Ashes are placed on our forehead as a sign of God’s love and forgiveness. Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and repentance.



‘GOOD SAM DAY’- FRIDAY 8 MARCH - ‘GIVE 100% HOPE’

In support of the *Caritas Project Compassion* program, our ‘Good Sam Day’ for this term will be a day of service and thinking of ways we can give 100% hope to others. The theme for Project Compassion 2019 is, “Give 100% Hope.”

In preparation for our ‘Good Sam Day’ the students will be encouraged to think and act in ways that promote hope and gratitude. **It would be appreciated if parents could talk to their child about ways they can spread hope in their community.**



YEAR 2: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE:

‘Jesus Shows Me How to Love’

In this module, students will explore how Jesus is the model for Christian love. They will learn that love was very important to the people of Jesus’ time who followed the Law of Moses by loving God and other people (neighbour). Students will then explore how Jesus put a new emphasis on the

understanding of love. Jesus' new commandment "*Love one another as I have loved you*" emphasises the call to love for Jesus' disciples and for us as well. Children will learn that Jesus' way of loving calls us to put into action our love. Especially, we should always love those who are poor and marginalised.

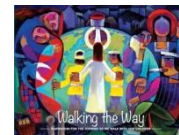
'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our first 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the year was last Sunday. Thank you to the Stage 3 students and their families for their prayerful participation in the Mass. Thanks you also to Christine Boys for preparing the students for the Mass

PRAYER ASSEMBLY: Our prayer assembly will be led by 1W on **Monday 4 March** in the church. The students will be sharing some of their learning experiences in Religious Education. The assembly will begin at **2:30pm** in the church.

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.dbbcso.org/archive-2019-year-c.html>



School News

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



| Week 4 | Respect Core Value | Merits |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| KB: | Serafina V | Charlie H and Elana S |
| KW | Olivia M | Leon T and Hannah D |
| 1B: | Stefania Q | Max P and Mia L |
| 1W: | Zander E | Rufus M and Sophie W |
| 2B: | Isabella B | Sophie H and Alexander M |
| 2W: | Christopher C | Francesca H and Elsie M |
| 3B: | Ruby M | Xander C and Joshua S |
| 3W: | Emily K | Magnus S and Scarlett H |
| Yr 4 | Danica P and Henry M | Rory F, Lillian W, Luca M and Milly E |
| Yr 5/6 | Scarlet F and Elise B | Abigail K, Zoe M, Amelie R |

UPCOMING DATES

February

Fri 22nd Book Club orders close
Thurs 28th Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

March

Mon 4th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 1W
Tues 5th 9.15 – 11am Open Morning
9am Open to Learning morning
7pm P&F meeting
Wed 6th 9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs 7th Broken Bay Swimming at Mingara
Fri 8th Good Sam Day
Mon 18th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly – 3B
Tues 19th 7.30pm Kinder & Yr 1+ Reading Workshop
Fri 22nd 2.30pm Millie Smith clothing

Sun 24th FCG Mass Yr 4
Wed 27th Polding Swimming
Fri 29th 9am Pop up Play
Sun 31st Parish Colour Fun Run
April
Mon 8th 2.30pm Prayer/Core Value Assembly 2W
Tues 9th Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Thurs 11th Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
Fri 12th 9.30am Holy Week Liturgy
11.30am Cross Country
End Term 1
Mon 29th Term 2 Commences
2.30pm ANZAC Day Liturgy

YEAR 3 BOYS VISIT ST PAUL'S

Our Year 3 boys had a wonderful time yesterday at St Paul's.



DRAMA

A gentle reminder that Northern Beaches entries close this Friday at 11.59pm. Parents are responsible for entering their child online. Just go to Stardom Eisteddfod entries and follow the prompts. Any queries, please email me.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

Student Voice

YOUNG ARCHIE COMPETITION

Years 1-6 have been working on portraits and sending entries in to the Young Archibald Art Prize being held at the Art Gallery of NSW. All classes that are entering have been preparing in a variety of different ways. Year 1 have been preparing by watching videos about portrait drawing and practising different techniques. Year 2 have brought in photographs of the person they are inspired by and based their drawing around this. Year 3 have been studying and appreciating famous portrait and self-portrait artists. Year 4 have been discussing the Archibald Prize in class and using Google Classroom to ask and answer questions about the Young Archibald. In Stage 3 we have been preparing by watching Anh Do's Brush with Fame and seeing how he creates his portraits, whilst getting to know his subjects at the same time.



We have learnt about depicting the subjects personal qualities in portrait paintings. We have been preparing by watching tutorials on how to draw realistic features, for example the nose, eye, mouth etc. We have chosen a significant person in our lives who has deeply inspired us and who has played an important role in shaping who we are to be the subjects of our portraits. We have used a range of materials and techniques to create our artworks.

by Ruby & Chloe

Parent Network News

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 5 Team! As of today, we are halfway through Term 1. Well done, Parents!

Welcome Party

To everyone who attended the Welcome Party on Saturday night - thank you so much for coming. I hope the night was enjoyable for all of you! As you know, the **Year 1 Parents** worked tirelessly to put on such an amazing event, so a big *Thank You* to all of you. I'd like to call out a few very special people who went over-and-beyond in ensuring the night was a seamless success:

Derv Peach, Jo Matthews, Jane De Saint Simon and Lou Gilmartin - What a team of party planners we have in our midst! You came together as a team to execute a relaxing and welcoming night for all of us. You are invaluable assets to this community. Thank you sincerely! And to the husbands of these class parents - **Dave, Joe, Xavier and Brian** - thanks for your day-of set up and ongoing support.

Dave Peach - The grazing table you created was beyond. Thank you for taking that on, and leading the kitchen team to a gorgeous culinary execution!

To **David McLaughlin** from Edgewear who donated the amazing banners, posters and decals and **Anh Attewell** from Balgowlah Heights Hot Bread Shop for the donation of bread and pork rolls - your contribution is so appreciated and made a real impact on the night. Thank you so very much!

Throughout the night, I saw lots of parents pitch in who didn't need to - stopping by to set up, picking up glasses, staying late to clean up, and helping in the kitchen, especially Kellie Thomas (one of our resident chefs!) and Gen French. To you both, and the several other parents who jumped in - thank you! Big hugs!

Lastly, thanks to **Sheridan Millward**. Sheridan, we couldn't do any of this without your positive attitude, organisation, and leadership.

Parent Network General Meeting

On to next week, we will have our first Parent Network General Meeting on Tuesday 5 at 7pm. It will take place in the school hall. Please join us as it is the best way to be an active member of the community.

Broken Bay CSP Northern Beaches Cluster Events

Council of Catholic School Parents, NSW/ACT Invite you to Facebook Live Discussions:

<https://www.facebook.com/cathschoolparents/>

- Thursday 28 February at 9:30 AM the CCSP are going live with the Shadow Minister for Education Mr Jihad Dibb;

- Tuesday March 5 at 10am the CCSP are going live with Education Minister Mr Rob Stokes.

Parents are welcome to send in questions before the date and we may ask them. Please email to: office@ccsp.catholic.edu.au

Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

St Cecilia's assists our local Meals on Wheels program each Monday morning. It involves driving and accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area. It generally takes only 1.5hours (11.40am - 1.10pm). **We encourage you to sign up and support this social justice initiative.** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

Volunteer for GIFT Cook-offs

GIFT (Giving in Faith Together) organises fortnightly cook-offs to provide meals for families in need in our community. Year groups from schools in our parish come together at different times, see below. Ingredients are ordered and delivered to the kitchen beforehand and meals are frozen for collection/distribution at a later date. **Please volunteer for this important social justice initiative.**

- Year 2: Monday 25 March (Coordinator Derville Peach)
- Year 1: Tuesday 7 May (Coordinator Christine Boys)
- Kindy: Monday 17 June (Coordinator TBC)
- Year 3: Monday 29 July (Coordinator Gillian Hopkins)
- Teachers: Monday 26 August (Coordinator TBC)
- Years 5-6: Monday 14 October (Coordinators: Katharine Cook, Annette Paddison)
- Year 4: Monday 11 November (Coordinator Sonia Walsh)

Cook-offs are held on Mondays at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's ManlyVale. Please sign up here to volunteer in your year group time slot... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>

Millie Smith Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Thank you to everyone who donated their pre loved uniforms to the Millie Smith Uniform shop. We are stocked up and ready to sell! All donations via QKR are given to charities chosen by the Social Justice committee at St Cecilia's.

The next shop open day is FRIDAY 22 MARCH. Payments via QKR!

Access to the shop at other times via the school office.

Sign up to volunteer to open and manage the shop from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on a Friday.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille>



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

2019 Canteen Menu: click [here](#)

Upcoming Volunteers:

Fri 1 Mar: Alison Westh and Terry Murphy

Mon 4 Mar: John Portelli

Wed 6 Mar: Emma Burton and Ana Rosa

Fri 8 Mar: Carly Grima and **1 volunteer needed**

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

- The **TryBooking** link to book a date for the celebration of First Reconciliation was emailed to all parents in the program on Tuesday 26 February. Please contact Janette if you did not receive this information;
- **Ritual of the Cross will be celebrated at all Masses this coming weekend on Sat 2 March and Sun 3 March** the children preparing for First Reconciliation will be presented to the parish community and receive a small crucifix, families can attend any of these Masses.

Please contact Janette on Janette: 0408 866 521 or www.northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have any questions or need clarification on the above.

CALLING ALL FUTURE CATECHISTS!!

We would love you to be a helper or to teach our children in our parish public schools. Please click on the [link](#) for information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MINISTRY

The Children's Liturgy Ministry is always looking for new mums, grandparents and carers 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 0403 063 013 or at bryannecrabb@gmail.com

Bryanne Crabb

Community News

MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 3 March 11am – 2pm at 101 Archer St Chatswood 9419 2890 mercy@dbb.catholic.edu.au
www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE MANLY OPEN EVENING

Thursday 7 March from 4pm – 7pm. Further information www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au

MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Thursday 7 March from 4 – 7pm. For further information www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 13 March from 4pm – 7.30pm. For information go to www.stellamaris.nsw

ST AUGUSTINES COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Open Day, Friday March 1 from 3:45pm to 7:00pm. Visit our website to register your interest and for more details - <https://www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au/2019-open-daY>

BALGOWLAH PRECINCT COMMITTEE

Clean Up Australia Day at North Harbour Reserve on Sunday 3 March from 1:30pm – 4m. Meet behind the playground near the harbour. BYO gloves and bucket and kayak/paddleboard if you have one. Contact 0439 981 035 / acpaduch@mac.com

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