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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: Learn and let others learn

Principal's News



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Dear Parents

Lent begins...



Lent begins today on Ash Wednesday (6 March 2019). Teach your child that Lent is a time for renewing our friendship with Jesus. We say sorry for our sins, and we do acts of penance (e.g., fasting, prayer, service) to strengthen our love for God and each other.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This week is Catholic Schools Week. It is an important time to celebrate the sense of belonging within our school community and the launch of the enrolment period for 2020. Yesterday we opened our doors to existing families and to prospective families showcasing the spiritual, academic and creative opportunities offered here at St Cecilia's. Thank you to all the families who joined us yesterday and for the hospitality you showed to prospective new families. If you have a young 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. Be sure to spread the word to family and friends, we conduct tours every Wednesday at 10:30am through until the end of May. No need to book an appointment.

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.

90 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SCHOOL

This year St Cecilia's celebrates 90 years of educating children. We are seeking the help of parents who might be interested in working on a committee to help coordinate a year of celebration. Some of the suggestions so far include the banner you see on our school fence, reaching out to past students to collect photos and other such memorabilia as well as planning a day of festivities for the feast of St Cecilia in November this year. Please consider helping on this committee.



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.

POP UP PLAY

Our first Pop-Up-Play opportunity for 2019 will be held on Friday 29 March. The group is open to all pre-schoolers and their parents particularly children starting kindergarten in 2020. Pop up Play is held in the Secret Garden. Thank you to Liz Psychogios who will again coordinate the group. Dates for term 2 are Tuesday 7 and Friday 14 June, 9am-10:15am.

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. At the Parent Network meeting on Tuesday night parents were able to ask questions regarding preparation for the *online* version. I can confirm the children will be given the opportunity to practise the computer skills needed to complete the assessment at school. Parents need to remember not to make a big fuss of the assessment and to ensure the children don't become anxious.

'GOOD SAM DAY'- FRIDAY 8 MARCH GOLD COIN DONATION

On Friday this week we will hold our first *Good Sam Day* for the year. Good Sam Day is held each term in recognition of the Good Samaritan Order of Sisters who founded our school in 1929. The children recognised that to do an act of kindness for someone else does mean they will receive an extrinsic reward. Their reward is intrinsic in the form of personal gratification. Our first *Good Sam Day* for the year will go toward supporting the work of Caritas and Project Compassion. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year Caritas is spreading the message of *HOPE*. All money raised through Project Compassion and *Good Sam Day* on Friday will go toward providing clean water in poor communities.

The students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and will write a message of HOPE at school.

Congratulations to the Sinclair family who welcomed baby Jack into their family this week. A baby brother for Molly and Annabel.

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

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Fran Taylor **Principal**

Religious Education

YEAR 1: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: 'Jesus Our Friend'

In this module, students will be invited to further explore the dynamics and challenges of friendship. Through Scripture stories, students will become familiar with Jesus' example of love and friendship and identify how they might imitate him. Students will name the qualities of a good friend and



identify words and actions which model the characteristics of friendship. Students will be expected to recall Scripture stories which reveal the qualities of Jesus' friendship. Students will begin to appreciate that when they care for others they are reflecting and responding to the love of Jesus. Students will begin to explore the importance of forgiving and being forgiven.

<u>'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES</u>: Our next Families Come Gather Mass will be on Sunday 24 March. Year 4 students and their families will be involved in this Mass.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY: Thank you to 1W for presenting a reverent and reflective prayer assembly. It was an excellent reminder that Jesus welcomed everybody into His family.

Our next prayer assembly will be presented by 3B on **Monday 18 March.** The assembly will begin at **2:30pm** in the church.

CELEBRATING LENT

Below are some ideas to help start your family's Lenten journey

Day 1: Start your day with 10 minutes in God's presence through e.g. prayer, reflection or meditation. (Family prayer suggestions are downloadable from the diocesan website <u>www.dbb.org.au/family</u>)

Day 2: Tell family members you will be specially praying for them.

Day 3: Fast from TV, computer or other technical devices you would usually use as part of your leisure time.

Day 4: Decide as a family what good works you will support during Lent e.g. Catholic Mission, Project Compassion, St Vincent de Paul.

Day 5: After Mass, discuss the homily as a family. What lessons did you take from it that you are going to put into practice in the coming week?

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

PRIEMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Catch the reading bug!

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now open for 2019. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to

experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Student passwords remain the same as those used last year. Students new to the school including all kindergarten students have now been registered. Classroom teachers have a list of **all** logins for their students.

See the website for all the rules and lists of challenge books: <u>https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/</u> This is a wonderful opportunity to foster a love of reading in your children and a fun way to keep a record of all the books they have read. Happy Reading

NORTHERN BEACHES SWIMMING

Congratulations to all of the students who represented the school at the Northern Beaches Cluster Swimming Carnival on Thursday 28 February. Our school showed great sportsmanship and came 6th overall. The following students will be representing the Northern Beaches Cluster at the Broken Swimming Bay Carnival at Mingara Aquatic Centre, Tumbi Umbi (Central Coast) on Thursday 7 March at 6pm.

- Jnr Boys Relay: Sebastian C, Liam M, Charles M, Samuel K
- Boys 50m Free: Liam M, Seb C
- Girls 50m Free: Evangeline F
- Girls 50m Breaststroke: Elenor B, Amelie D
- Boys 50m Breaststroke: Liam M

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients

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	Week 5	Respect Core Value	Merits		
	KB:	Zahkir H	William 'Billy' K and Harriet B		
	KW	Lily K	Thomas K and Isla W		
	1B:	Scarlett H	Hudson L-S and Lily E		
Å	1W:	Georgia J	Paola B and Sebastian A		
W	2B:	Sienna L	Beck M and Imogen H		
A	2W:	Meg M	Tommy S and Max M		
R	3B:	Teddy C	Lucia B and Xavier M		
D	3W:	Harrison L-S	Connor B and Luca G		
S	Yr 4	Josephine B and Thomas A	Ava H, Sibella H, Ben H and Lily A		
	Yr 5/6	Neisha M and Elise R	Milla C, Sienna H and Olivia O		

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UPCOMING DATES

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March		Sun 31 ^ະ	Parish Colour Fun Run
	Broken Bay Swimming at Mingara	April	
Fri 8 th	Good Sam Day	Mon 8 th	2.30pm Prayer/Core Value Assembly 2W
Fri 15 th	Wear a touch of green for St Patrick's Day		Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
	2.30pm Prayer Assembly – 3B		Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
	7.30pm Kinder & Yr 1+ Reading Workshop	Fri 12 th	9.30am Holy Week Liturgy
	2.30pm Millie Smith clothing		11.30am Cross Country
Sun 24 th	FCG Mass Yr 4		End Term 1
	Polding Swimming	Mon 29 th	Term 2 Commences
Fri 29 th	9am Pop up Play		2.30pm ANZAC Day Liturg

DRAMA

The children will be bringing folders home this week, containing poems to be learnt off by heart. Some of the younger ones who are not strong readers may need some help at home with this. Please note the folders must be brought to drama class each week. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Reminder: Late eisteddfod entries will be accepted until this Friday 8 March. There is a \$40 late fee payable Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES – EVERGREEN MUSIC

We're now a few weeks in and there's some lovely music coming from the school rooms on Friday mornings, with a real focus on reading notation.

A reminder that Term 1 fees are now due. Please ensure that payments are made to avoid late fees.

Students across all our group classes have taken home material to continue to work on outside of lesson time.

Parents - please encourage practice in between lessons. It's essential to not only develop as a musician, but to also keep the group classes progressing at a reasonable pace.

Have a musical week! Deb and Ben

Student Voice

OPEN DAY

Last Tuesday was the school Open Day. Parents that would like to enrol their children or existing families who wanted to see their children learn, could visit the different classes and learn about the school. The Year 6 students were tour guides for the new parents who were unfamiliar with the



school and explained how the school worked, where the classes were, and the extra school curricular activities that are available.

We guided the new parents around and talked in depth about our flexible learning spaces in Stage 2 and Stage 3. We discussed the similarities and differences between these flexible spaces and how they develop as you start to reach your senior years

Different students were chosen to speak about the reasons why they love being at this school. Mrs Taylor also addressed the parents and talked about the different opportunities available for the students at our school.

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click here for the 2018 booklet. The 2019 version will be available shortly.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Week 6 everyone!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Parent Network General Meeting last night. It was a great meeting, full of useful discussion. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4 June.

A reminder to all parents that we are celebrating our 90th Anniversary here at St. Cecilia's - I'm sure you've seen the lovely banner out front! We will have more events throughout the year, and hope that some of you can join us in planning those events. If you are interested in volunteering your expertise, please contact Robyn Wunder at robyn@thewunders.net.

Have a joyful week!

Jamie

Sustainable School Communities Project

Parents & carers who are interested in sustainability are invited to the first meeting of the Northern Beaches Catholic School Parents - **Sustainable School Communities Project.** The first meeting will be held next <u>Tuesday 12 March at 10am</u> with Catholic Schools Office Education Officer (Sustainability) Catherine Judd sharing ways to become more environmentally friendly at school and at home. St Mary's (Manly) Student Environmental Team will also share their initiatives. Please RSVP online: <u>https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/northern-beaches-sustainable-school-communities-project.html</u>

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

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



The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click \underline{here}

2019 Canteen Menu: click here

Upcoming Volunteers:

Fri 8 Mar: Carly Grima and Robyn McGraw Mon 11 Mar: Harmony Osborne Wed 13 Mar: Alexandra Dyball and Lesley McClennan Fri 15 Mar: Terry Murphy and Cheryl Strong

Parish News

2019/2020 CHILDREN'S SACREMENTAL PROGRAM

A copy of the 2019/2020 Children's Sacramental Program for children in Year 2 and older can be downloaded from the parish website at <u>https://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacrmental-program/for-parents</u> and is available at the back of both Churches.

The program starts with a Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on Tuesday 7 May or Wednesday 8 May and Enrolment on Tuesday 21 May

Parents are asked to give some thought to forming a family preparation group and appoint a facilitator/facilitators. Please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or at <u>sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au</u> for more information and a Group Member template.

HOSPITALITY: A CALL TO SERVE OTHERS- LITERALLY!!

We would love to have some new volunteers to help serve tea and coffee after the 9:30am mass on Sundays at St Kieran's. It's something that the whole family can do together.

The commitment can range from once a term to once a year- any help will be welcomed!

It is a very small commitment of getting to mass 15 minutes early to set up and then staying after mass for about 30 minutes to serve and pack up. Instructions and training are provided on the first day but it is very easy and everything is provided. ©

Please contact Ursula Halloway on 0423 595 204 or email ursulahalloway@y7mail.com

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 motion 0403 063 013 or at bryannecrabb@gmail.com

Bryanne Crabb

Community News

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 <u>www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au</u>

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

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

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents Northern Beaches Cluster

INVITES PARENTS TO JOIN US FOR A NEW INITIATIVE



SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROJECT

FIRST MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 12 | 10:00 AM ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL 1 DENISON ST, MANLY

* Come along and hear how can we make our home and school communities more environmentally friendly from Catherine Judd, Education Officer - Sustainability, CSO * Share your school's environmental initiatives * Hear how St Mary's is leading the way from the Student Environmental Team * Let's join forces for a more sustainable future

> To Register Your Interest Please Visit: https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/northernbeaches-sustainable-school-communities-project.html

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Live Life Well @ School

BIKE RIDING!

Children under 16 years of age (and adults supervising them) are now allowed to ride on footpaths in NSW. Happy riding!

Follow these tips for safer cycling:

- Wear an approved, fitted and fastened helmet
- Keep left when riding on the footpath and give way to pedestrians
- Wear bright or reflective clothing to make yourself visible
- Travel at a speed that is safe for you and others

More tips: www.bicyclenetwork.com.au <u>www</u>.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.a



National RIDE2SCHOOL Day

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