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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: Care for your appearance

Principal's News



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4th Sunday of Lent – 31 March 2019

Lenten insights

Sunday's Gospel tells of how, when an angry older brother confronted his father about welcoming the prodigal son back home with a lavish feast, the forgiving father replied: "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

In this story, can we see ourselves in all the characters? How many times have we been the prodigal son? Or the angry and jealous older brother? And, how many times have we been the forgiving father? Consider how many times have we been grateful to our heavenly Father for his unending forgiveness or our transgressions.

Sr Hildegard's Lectio Reflection

Dear Parents

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

Enrolments for 2020 are now open. 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.

PARISH COLOUR RUN

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 our support to help fund this refurbishment. A fundraising **Colour Fun Run involving the whole family** take place this coming Sunday 31 March. Late registrations on the day are welcome.



The Parish still need some parent helpers (4 from each school).
Click [here](#) for more information.

EASTER LITURGY, CROSS COUNTRY AND PICNIC FRIDAY 12 APRIL

We traditionally hold our cross country trials on the last day of term which co-insides with our Easter Liturgy. This year the last day of term falls on Friday 12 April.

Easter celebrations in the church will begin at 9:30am when all classes will be involved in following the footsteps of Christ during Holy Week up until the crucifixion. We will celebrate the Resurrection early next term on Wednesday 1 May at 2:30pm. All parents are invited to attend both liturgies. They are very moving and the children put a lot of preparation into the events.

Following our Easter Liturgy on 12 April will be our St Cecilia's School Cross Country event at North Harbour Reserve. All students from K to 6 participate in the day.

The younger children play Easter games while students 8 years and over are asked to nominate if they wish to be considered for selection to compete for St Cecilia's at the Northern Beaches Cross Country Trials.

Permission notes will be emailed home and more detailed information will be available in next week's newsletter.

NAPLAN

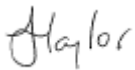
In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

This Friday students at St Cecilia's will take part in a practice test to ensure they are familiar with the program before sitting the assessment next term.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER PAUL

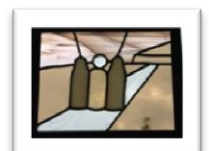


Congratulations to Father Paul on the 60th Anniversary of his first vows.

We are delighted to have had the opportunity to celebrate the occasion with Father at Mass on Sunday and once again with the students. We wish Father every blessing for the next 60 years of his ministry.

YEAR 4: LENT TO EASTER MODULE

In this module students will explore the themes of Lent and Easter in a creative and integrated way firstly, through the study the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: *'Jesus cures the man born blind from birth'* and explore its themes of faith and spiritual discernment in relation to Baptism and the celebration of the Season of Lent.



Through participation and involvement in the module as well as in whole school Lent and Easter activities and celebrations, students will gain an awareness of the stories, actions and symbols of Lent and Easter. By exploring the significance of Jesus washing the disciples' feet they will reflect upon their understanding of the new meaning Jesus gave to the sharing of bread and wine at the Last Supper and to relate the Church's celebration of the Eucharist to its hospitality and service to all.

Finally, students will explore the Emmaus story and how the risen Jesus brings hope, peace and joy to disciples who are sad, confused and/or afraid. Jesus' resurrection is not viewed as simply a story but as a reality. Students will consider how they can bring the peace of the risen Christ to others and hopefully understand that the Emmaus journey is essentially as a story about discipleship.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for our Year 3 students and their families as the children prepare to make their First Reconciliation on one of the following days:

Tuesday 28 March at 7pm at St Kieran's Church
Tuesday 2 April at 7pm at St Cecilia's Church
Wednesday 3 April at 7pm at St Kieran's Church

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Many thanks to Christine Boys and Louella Covich for preparing our **Year 4** students for Mass on Sunday. Thank you to our Year 4 students and their families for leading a lovely Mass. Thanks also to their teachers Ms Williams and Mr Dowler for supporting the students.

Our next **Families Come Gather** Mass will be **Sunday 26 May**. **Year 3** students and their families will be involved in this mass. Information regarding the Mass will be sent out to families early next term.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Thank you to all of the Year 2 students who participated reverently in the Parish Mass on Wednesday 27 March. Year **1B** will participate in the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 10 April**. All parents are welcome to join us.

PRAYER AND CORE VALUE ASSEMBLY

Our next prayer and core value assembly will be led by 2W on **Monday 8 April**. Students receiving the Core Value Award for Respect will be acknowledged at this assembly.

CELEBRATING LENT

Here are some more suggestions for putting Lent into practice at home and deepen your family's faith one day at a time:

Day 16: Read or discuss an uplifting story or news item with your family.

Day 17: Practice virtues such as patience, tolerance, compassion, forgiveness. Invite your children to choose one virtue to specially practice each day.

Day 18: Tell your child a favourite story about when he or she was younger.

Day 19: Take home a copy of your parish bulletin and read all the articles. Discuss with your children what lessons you have learned and how you see signs of God's life and love in the activities of your parish.

Day 20: Start each meal with prayer, thanking God for all the gifts you receive.

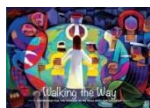


SOCIAL JUSTICE: PROJECT COMPASSION

Throughout Lent, students are encouraged to continue to donate to **Project Compassion**. Our Social Justice leaders are completing a weekly tally to track the school's fundraising progress. Money raised will contribute to the many wonderful programs supported by Caritas

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

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

School News

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those students who have begun filling out their PRC reading logs. The library has a section dedicated to PRC books, these books are labelled with stickers indicating the appropriate age group.



All classroom teachers have a copy of their student's passwords.

The following link explains the PRC rules: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html>

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 8	Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Arabella B	Olav S and Charlie H
KW	Alena W	Ella V and Harriet C
1B:	Holly A	Tomas L and Thomas O
1W:	Angus M	Rohan P and Amelia S
2B:	Arthur P	Owen B and Isabella B
2W:	Rebecca W	Lucy M and Louis V
3B:	Lucia B	Cherry S and Bella T
3W:	Lewis H	Harry W and Mieka M
Yr 4	Annabel S and Jamie L	Sophie M, Giles W, Jack W and Hugo W
Yr 5/6	Katelin B and Aisha K	Orla C, Isabella C and Sophie D

UPCOMING DATES

March

Fri 29th 9am Pop up Play
Sun 31st Parish Colour Fun Run

April

Mon 1st NAPLAN Online readiness trial Yr 3
Mon 8th 2.30pm Prayer/Core Value Assembly 2W
Tues 9th Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Thurs 11th Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
6.30pm Drama evening
Fri 12th 9.30am Holy Week Liturgy
11.30am Cross Country
End Term 1
Mon 29th Term 2 Commences

2.30pm ANZAC Day Liturgy

May

Wed 1st 2.30pm Resurrection Liturgy
Mon 6th Parent/Teacher interviews this week for Kindergarten
2.30pm Prayer Assembly – 3W
Tues 7th 9am Pop up Play
Wed 8th Northern Beaches Cross Country
Thurs 9th 9am Heaven on Earth
Fri 10th P&F Trivia Night
Mon 13th Mother's Monday
14th-16th NAPLAN Year 3 and 5

Student Voice

BUDDY MATHEMATICS – STAGE 3 AND YEAR 3

This week Stage 3 buddied up with the Year 3 class to assist them with their NAPLAN Mathematics practice test. We think that buddying up with these students provided valuable learning to both Stage 3 and Year 3. It was amazing to be able to share a range of strategies that we have been learning and taught throughout our primary school years. We were able to communicate these strategies and apply our knowledge to support the students in Year 3. By participating in this learning experience it made us remember how important it is to know a range of strategies so that we can check our learning. We learnt a quote that says: *"To teach is to learn twice"*



All of Stage 3 learnt twice that day and we have all taken something useful away from that experience.

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click [here](#) for the 2019 booklet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish Family Colour Fun Run

It's not too late to get involved in a fun family day out!

The course is all the same length except for the pre-schoolers and is contained in the confines of the St Augustine's college oval.

The children run the course and are sprayed with a coloured powder vegetable dye from small bottles held by parents along the course. The Terms and Conditions (on the first page of the TryBooking page) have details of the powder, should any parent wish to view this.

Here is a link to a youtube clip to give you and the kids an idea of what to expect and get excited!
What kid doesn't love running around getting messy. It looks like so much fun!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TV5B8_I7A88&feature=youtu.be

The North Harbour Catholic Community are also calling for a handful of parent volunteers to lend a hand on the day. If you're attending and would like to help out, please email Rachel Keeling at: rachmbarry@gmail.com

All participants must register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBCXJ>

Hope to see you here!

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 1.5 hours (11.40am - 1.10pm). **We encourage you to sign up and support this social justice initiative.** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaa2ca6f94-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.***

Thanks to those parents from Year 2 who volunteered on Monday 25 March.

Recently the commercial freezer used to store GIFT meals at the Link Community has broken which meant some cook-offs were put on hold. **A huge THANK YOU to Darren Coleman at Winning Appliances Brookvale** for sourcing a new freezer at a great price and donating \$500 towards the cost – our community coming together to help our marginalised neighbours on the Northern Beaches.

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 Manly Vale. Please sign up here to volunteer in your year group time slot... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaa2ca6f94-gift>

If you're interested in being a Coordinator for the Kindy class year group, please contact our GIFT Coordinator Evelyn on robevelyn@tpg.com.au

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 24 May. 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/30e0949aaa2ca6f94-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:

Friday 29 March: Helena McGrath and **1 Volunteer needed**

Monday 1 April: Diana Calvet and Genevieve French

Wednesday 3 April: Liz Psychogios and **1 Volunteer needed**

Friday 5 April: Rebecca Hill and Lisa Thorpe-Apps

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS TERM 2

The Sacramental Program for children in Year 2 and older commences with the **Parent Information Session in Week 2 on Tuesday 7 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 8 May at 7.00pm** both in St Kieran's Church. Copies of the program are available from the back of both Churches and can be downloaded from the parish website at www.northharbourcatholic.org.au under the sacraments tab.

First Communion for children in Year 3 and older (who have received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Reconciliation) commences with the **Parent Session in Week 3 on Tuesday 14 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 15 May at 7.00pm** both in St Kieran's Church.

Parents are reminded that preparation is by way of family preparation groups attended by both the child and their parent/s. Parents are asked not to send their children with another parent. If the day/time of your group meeting does not suit please contact me and I will arrange a change of group.

Group Facilitators are reminded that the group facilitators meetings are held after the parent meetings. If you cannot attend can you **please arrange for a parent in your group to attend and collect the material.** Family preparation groups will commence the week beginning 17 May.

Please contact me on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have any questions.

Janette Davidson

Community News

VACATION CARE

Brochures for Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care are available from the school office or online at [program](#) on the council website. Any enquiries contact [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#)



Live Life Well @ School

FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND WATER BREAK

The **Crunch&Sip** break at school is a good opportunity for children to stay hydrated.

Children lose fluid when being active, especially over the summer months.

Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst.

Help your children choose water as their drink:

- Pack a water bottle each day.
- Try adding a frozen water bottle to your child's lunchbox to keep food items cool.

For more ideas, search 'choose water' at healthykids.nsw.gov.au

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