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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: Justice

School Rule: Treat others as you want to be treated

Scripture: Blessed are they who maintain justice who constantly do what is right. Psalm 106:3

Story: The Good Samaritan: Share in the classroom

Principal's News



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Dear Parents



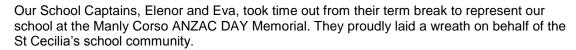
An Easter Breakfast

"Come and have breakfast, says the risen Jesus in John's Gospel as he builds a charcoal fire, cooks a fish breakfast on the beach for his disciples, and breaks bread with them (Jn 21:1-14). Once again, a meal becomes a powerful occasion for love, forgiveness and transformation. Perhaps your family can think up a creative way to share breakfast together during this season of Easter which extends until Pentecost. A

wonderful way to put the living Christ at the centre of our homes is to make the most of family meals, giving thanks as we break bread together.

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Welcome back to term 2. The children look refreshed and happy to be back at school after their Easter vacation. It is always a joy to watch smiling faces reunite with their friends and teachers.





NAPLAN

From 14 May to 17 May, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online.

One of the main features of the NAPLAN Online format is that it is a tailored (or adaptive) test. The tailored test provides a more precise assessment of a child's performance in the areas of reading, language conventions (grammar, spelling and punctuation) and numeracy by adapting to responses. As a child progresses through the test, questions may be easier or more difficult, to better assess his or her ability.

A child's NAPLAN results and scores are based on the number and complexity of questions he or she has answered correctly.

Tost	Duration	Order	Details	Tost	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day	Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
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Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts				

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At St Cecilia's we have a wonderful tradition of providing parents and carers with an opportunity to take time for themselves through meditation, discussion and companionship. Our Heaven on Earth sessions are designed accordingly. This year after popular demand, Fr Paul has agreed to be our guest facilitator for our first meeting. Last year Fr Paul held similar sessions at the parish and these proved to be very popular. Please put time aside for yourself and attend Heaven On Earth. You are welcome to invite a friend, your parents or a neighbour. EVERYONE is welcome.

NORTHERN BEACHES COMMUNITY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

I have been assured our school cross country event at the end of last term went off seamlessly. Congratulations to all of the children who participated. A special congratulations to the first 6 place getters in each age group who will go on to represent our school next week at the Northern Beaches Community of Catholic Schools Cross Country meet.

CANTEEN

Due to a family commitment Wendy, our canteen manager will not be available to operate the canteen on Friday 10 May. We are looking for 2 volunteers who might be able step in for the entire day along with our regular volunteers to ensure that service at recess and lunch can go ahead along with a reduced lunch menu.

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.

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

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Fran Taylor **Principal**

Religious Education

WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome you all back to Term 2. We hope you had a wonderful break with your family and friends. We also hope that you and your family celebrated the gift of life Jesus gave us through dying on the cross and rising again.

This term promises to be another exciting term for our Year 3 students who will make their First Holy Communion. We will be celebrating Mother's Day and the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Additionally we will be thinking about those in need by giving hampers to the Asylum Seekers Centre. We are looking for volunteers for this appeal. Please see below for further information.

PROJECT COMPASSION

We raised **\$591.90** for Project Compassion during Lent. Thank you to all students and families who contributed towards this fundraising. This money will be used to provide valuable products and services to people in developing countries to live with hope for a better future.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED





We require about 4-5 parents who could assist us with our Asylum Seekers Hamper Appeal. Each year St Cecilia's gives generously to the Asylum Seekers Centre in Newtown. We provide the centre with much needed non-perishable items for people who are seeking asylum.

What does this role involve?

As a member of the committee we will organise the collection, collation and distribution of the non-perishable items so that the hampers are ready by **Friday 31 May**

If you are able to give up some time to assist us with this appeal so we can support people in need it would be greatly appreciated. Please email or speak to Sue Walmsley or Tanya Fitzpatrick (REC) so we can begin the process or organising the hampers as soon as possible.



RESURRECTION LITURGY

Today we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection as a story of 'new life' and of our joyful calling to go out into the world to spread God's peace. This celebration will be led by our Stage 3 students at **2.30pm in the Church**. Everyone is welcome to attend the liturgy.

YEAR 3: LENT TO EASTER MODULE

In this module students will explore the themes of Lent and Easter in a creative and integrated way. Through participation and involvement in the module as well as in whole school Lent and Easter activities and celebrations the students will explore how Jesus reached out to others through his relationships, actions, feelings, healing, lifestyle and word.

Further, students will recall the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, as well as exploring the Easter Vigil



ceremony and will gain an awareness of the stories, actions and symbols of Lent and Easter. Through participating in the Church's re-enactment of these events the students will become acutely aware of the intense, all-consuming love that Jesus had for the Father and reflect on how and why Catholics are called to remember and celebrate Jesus' Passover from death to new life each time Eucharist is celebrated.

Finally, students will find that by exploring the gospel accounts of Jesus' Resurrection they will be able to relate the Resurrection to their own experiences of 'new life' and in turn, how this is related to the Church's celebration of the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising in the liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter season. In particular students will study John's joyful recount of Jesus' appearance to the disciples and the command he gives to them to go out into the world to spread his Father's peace.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

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 soon.

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Please consider this as an opportunity for you to unwind and replenish your own spiritual nourishment. All parents, grandparents and parishioners are <u>invited</u>.

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

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 20th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KB May Mon 6th Fri 24th

2.30 – 3.30pm Millie Smith Uniform Shop Parent/Teacher interviews this week for

Sun 26th FCG Yr 3 Kindergarten

Tues 28th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly - 3W **Broken Bay Cross Country**

Tues 7th Thurs 30th Northern Beaches Eisteddfod - Choral 9am Pop up Play Wed 8th

Northern Beaches Cross Country June

Thurs 9th $Mon \ 3^{rd}$ 9am Heaven on Earth 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4W Tues 4th Fri 10th 7pm P&F Meeting P&F Trivia Night

Mon 13th Thurs 13th Good Sam Day Mother's Monday

Full Winter uniform 14th-16th NAPLAN Year 3 and 5

SCHOOL UNIFORM - WINTER CHANGEOVER

Students may return to school in Term 2 in either full summer or full winter uniform, not a mixture of both. All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 13 May.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COVER LIBRARY BOOKS

I am sure there are many parents who would love to volunteer at school during school hours but have other commitments. Covering a few books at home is another way of volunteering to help our school. All the book covering. scissors and tape etc. is supplied. If you are able to help with just a few books please speak to Mrs Harding. Kind regards

Stephanie Harding, Assistant Principal

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

All Australian schools are required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). For further information please follow this link.

Student Voice

STODENT

ANZAC DAY

On ANZAC day the School Captains paid their respects when they went to the 11:00am Remembrance Ceremony at Manly and laid a wreath. There were many students from other local schools, businesses and sporting clubs that laid wreaths to remember those who fought and died for our country. It was a great opportunity for us to see how many people gathered to acknowledge the actions of our soldiers in the past and remember the sacrifices they made for our country. We listened to many speakers including the Local Young Australian of the Year Winner, James Griffin, Michael Regan and a former Australian Army Major. The former Australian Army Major spoke about his experiences while serving in the Australian Army. He shared inspiring and encouraging words about mateship and sacrifices that he and his fellow troops had to endure. We sang the National Anthem of New Zealand and Australia. Mr Regan brought up a point of how the soldiers showed: hope, bravery, love and most importantly, mateship.

Elenor and Eva T

Extra Curricula

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Cecilia's Is held on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:45am, and commenced yesterday, 30 April.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

TAEKWONDO

Classes for Term 2 commenced yesterday 30 April. Click here for information and enrolment form.

DRAMA

Congratulations to all those children who performed at the Drama Performance Night last term. You all performed and behaved beautifully. Thank you to our enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Now, break a leg (good luck) to those children who will be performing at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod this coming Saturday. Don't forget to come to Drama as usual this week for a final run-through before the performances.

Please be at the Eisteddfod venue 30 minutes prior to your performance time and don't forget to register when you arrive. I will provide clean copies of all pieces.

Regular Term 2 Drama classes begin next week (Week 2) on the usual days and times – Years 3 and 4, 8am Wednesdays, Years 1 and 2, 8am Thursdays and Years 5 and 6, 8am Thursdays

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

CHIFUNESE - MANDARIN CLASSES

Due to the unavailability of a teacher there will be no Mandarin this afternoon. As of next week Mandarin classes will now be held on Monday (pm) in the Library.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@chifunese.com. Please also feel free to refer to Frequently Asked Questions at www.chifunese.com/faq. Thank you.



ST CECILIA'S TENNIS

Tennis in Term 2
Limited spots available
Monday 7.45 – 8.30am
Wednesday 7.45 – 8.30am
Friday 7.45 – 8.30am
All equipment provided



Hot Shots Tennis

Contact Bryanne Crabb for more information bryannecrabb@gmail.com or 0403 063 013

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS CLASSES

PLEASE NOTE the time change back to 7:45am, so the children have time to get changed and organised for school after the class finishes at 8:30am.

Does your child suffer from anxiety or stress? Do they have difficulties regulating their emotions or controlling their moods? Maybe they have problems with their focus and concentration in class? Or maybe the just need to move their bodies, strengthening and stretching their muscles more?

Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation has been proven to have huge positive benefits for children. Children are given the opportunity to learn to:

- · connect with themselves and their emotions/feelings
- enhance their self -awareness
- move their body mindfully with presence
- develop tools to self- regulate
- encourage positive interactions with other children
- have fun in a playful learning environment.

Our classes focus on movement, poses, yoga games, partner poses, mindfulness activities, breath awareness techniques and relaxation.

WHEN: Monday: 7:45am - 8:30am (45 mins) DATES: commencing in week 2 - 9 (8 WEEKS) PRICE: \$120.00 (Mats and Props are included)

PLEASE BOOK by emailing: connect@theheartofliving.com.au, visit the website: www.theheartofliving.com.au or call 0421552212

Payment is due prior to Term 2 classes commencing and also confirms placement for child/ren in the class. There are limited spaces in the class so be sure to secure your child's placement.

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click here for the 2019 booklet.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back Everyone!

I hope you all had a great holiday, and joyful Easter. It's been great to see so many parents on the playground this week as we dive right into Term 2.

We have a lot to look forward to in Term 2. First, on 10 May, we have our first Trivia Night. The invite is included below, as we've extended the RSVP date to this Friday, 3 May. It's going to be a great social event for parents and carers. We really hope to see you all there!

Next, please put in your diary the date of 4 June. That's the day we will hold our Term 2 General Meeting (7pm), which is the perfect opportunity to learn more about happenings at the school, and participate in discussion. An important topic of discussion at the meeting will be *Sustainability*. As you all know, this is a key focus area for us, and we are looking to grow our efforts in coordination with other schools on the Beaches.

Lastly, as our existing parents know and our new parents will soon find out, the premier event of our year is just one term away - our annual School Fundraising Gala! Over the next several weeks, you will see updates in the Newsletter, emails from the school, and updates on our Facebook page – SCB Hub — about our Term 3 Fundraising Gala.

Be sure to stay tuned for all of the information for this must-attend event! And to that end, if you haven't yet joined our Facebook Page – please do! We don't want you to miss out on any fun!

Have a great week, team!

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Jamie

Trivia night

The P&F are excited to introduce a Trivia Night for Term 2. There are still some tickets left so get your friends together and join us for an evening of fun and games. RSVP has been extended to Friday 3 May.

CSO Parent Events

There are some great events in Term 2 for parents to attend, 'Messy Parenting, Catholic conversations about raising a family' and 'A mini-pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt'.

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 1: Tuesday 7 May (Coordinator Christine Boys)

Kindy: Monday 17 June (Coordinator Sally Virgona)

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 from 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/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 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/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille

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The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click <a href="https://example.com/here/be/h

2019 Canteen Menu: click here

Upcoming Volunteers:

Friday 3 May: Renae Gallen and Nicole Cordony Wed 8 May: Crystal Redpath and Sarah Keating Fri 10 May: Carly Grima and Akosita Brown

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS TERM 2

First Holy Communion

Parent Information Meetings will be held the third week of Term 2 on either Tuesday 14 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 15 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church. Group Facilitator meetings will follow the parent meetings.

2019 - 2020 Sacramental Program for Children in Yr2 (and older) - Key Dates

Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2019/2020 program are reminded that the program will commence the second week of Term 2 with a <u>Sacramental Program Information Meeting</u> for Parents on either Tuesday 7 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 8 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.

Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey.

Enrolment for Sacramental Program on Tuesday 21 May between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the St Kieran's Parish Community Centre.

All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in and family preparation groups finalised.

All documentation including the Program, Photo Card and Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website at http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents and from the back of both Churches.

Please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have any questions about the programs.

Mother's Day Sunday 12 May Blessing of Mothers, Expectant Mothers and Grandmothers at all masses that weekend.

Phewl

Children dropped off at school!

Now, for the washing, cleaning, ironing

Is that all there is to life?

What about you? What about your spirituality?

Have you thought about Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith.. There are 10 sessions which include morning tea, a short video followed by discussion for you to share your thoughts in a relaxed environment.

If you're interested in participating in this program, please contact Judith D'Elmaine on 0406 114 879 or Lea Joris on 0418 645 653.or email the

parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au

parish office:

Click here for the Alpha survey link: https://forms.gle/GNHvGFN2naXfZkvg7

Community News

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