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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: Be fair in the playground

Principal's News



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Absence is part of the journey

When a child grows up and leaves home, for a parent it can feel like a loss, a grief. Yet it is a necessary 'letting go' in the circle of life. The story of the Ascension is a bit like that. After all the amazing resurrection encounters with Jesus, there comes a time when the disciples must say 'goodbye'. Scripture tells us that Jesus is 'taken up into heaven' and his disciples are left staring after him. (Acts 1:1-11) Their lives are changed forever. Yet they must move ahead without the immediacy of Jesus' earthly presence, assured of his Spirit-filled care and glorious return

Community of Catholic Schools Broken Bay

This week we remember the many students and families in our community who have lost grandparents. Our love and support go out to them

Dear Parents

PARENT NETWORK MEETING

Supporting our school community is at the core of what our Parent Network hope to achieve. All parents of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to attend the Parent Network General Meeting for Term 2 on Tuesday 4 June at 7pm in the hall. It is a great way to stay informed about community events and school initiatives. Our guest speakers at our Term 2 general meeting will be our school captains who will address sustainability and what we hope to achieve at St Cecilia's.

WAR ON WASTE



In line with community initiatives St Cecilia's is striving to go plastic free. We ask parents to support our learning opportunity by not sending lunches to school wrapped in single use plastic or foil. To make children more aware of their own rubbish we also asked that children not bring food packaging to school but recycle it in their recycling bins at home. We are also encouraging students to take home uneaten lunch to have as afternoon tea or compost. Unfortunately our recycling capacity at school is limited. Taking rubbish home will heighten awareness of the

individual footprint left behind each day. Please make this an opportunity to discuss with your child, the consequences of rubbish left behind on future generations.

Remember also to label lunchboxes and drink bottles so that they can be returned to the children each day.

On Friday Mrs Cunningham, the SRC and the environment captains will lead a war on waste. After lunch they will tip out our bins to highlight rubbish collected in 1 day. The aim is for the students to appreciate the amount of good food going to waste and realise that 8 bins of rubbish can actually be reduced to a third of a garbage bag a day if they are mindful of our waste. Thank you to Sonia Walsh who will support the children in this venture and what we are trying to achieve with our war on waste.

We are hoping in the near future to extend bin free Thursdays to include Tuesdays as well.

Congratulations to KB on winning the Environment Cup for having the most sustainable lunchboxes over the period of a week.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between stakeholders in any organisation is always a challenge to get right. It has been brought to my attention that there has been a duplication of information that can sometimes contain conflicting information. In order to streamline communication I urge all parents to please read the school newsletter as the source of truth. Any corrections to the newsletter or urgent notices will be sent out via school email or an SMS.

ST CECILIA'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 90th Anniversary of St Cecilia's it has been decided to create a community quilt. This quilt will assist us to commemorate the occasion and will be a permanent reminder of this momentous occasion.

In the next couple of weeks each family will receive a patch of fabric to decorate with their family name during wellbeing week. Each patch will be put together to make a quilt. The quilt will be unveiled at the Fundraising Gala and displayed permanently on Friday 22 November when we celebrate St Cecilia's Feast Day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the team of students who represented St Cecilia's at the Broken Bay Cross country trials yesterday. Liam M, Olivia O'K and Amelie D will go through to represent the Diocese at Polding. Great Job!

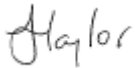
TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

We will be inviting students, teachers and parents to again provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Login details will be sent home in next week's newsletter.

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

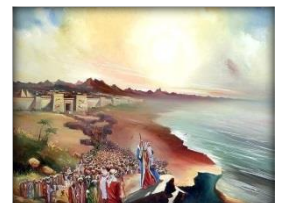


Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: Year 2—Bible: Stories of People in the Old Testament

In this module, children will explore some of the stories of significant people of the Old Testament who revealed God to their people. This module will build on the concept of revelation that was introduced through the Kindergarten modules in the First Creation story and the story of Noah. It will contribute to the children's understanding that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, its value being in our interpretation of what it means in our lives.



ASYLUM SEEKERS HAMPER APPEAL

Please send in items for the Asylum Seekers Hamper Appeal. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Final date for donations: Thursday 30 May

Sorting and delivery: Friday 31 May from 11am-1pm

VOLUNTEERS for Sorting and delivering ASYLUM SEEKERS' HAMPER APPEAL items

If you would like to help sort the donated items, or transport the items to the Asylum Seekers Centre on Friday 31 May, please sign up using the sign up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-asylum>

Any help will be appreciated.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today Yr 4 attended the Parish Mass. Everyone is welcome to join the community for Mass.

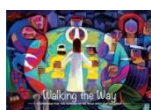
PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On Monday 3 June the students from 4W will be leading us in our Prayer Assembly. The Assembly will start at 2.30pm and will take place in the Church.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Thank you to the Year 3 students and their families for your involvement in our Parish Mass on Sunday. Many thanks also to Christine Boys and Louella Covich for your assistance in helping to prepare the students for the Mass.

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

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 4	Justice	Core Value	Merits
KB	Charles H		Levi P and Isabella C
KW	Matilda G		Sebastian K and Ella V
1B:	Thomas W		Asha K and Cassius B
1W:	John P		Sophie W and Georgia J
2B:	Imogen H		Madeline A and Mia H
2W:	Joshua B		Lucas R-D and Clarissa W
3B:	Bella T		Ruby M and William S-G
3W:	Magnus S		Alexander F and Mieka M
Yr 4	Oscar P and Yasmina H		Will M, Jamie L, Jack W and Jessana B
Yr 5/6	Billie O and Olivia O		Elise B, Orla C and Aisha K

UPCOMING DATES

May		Fri 28 th	9.15am Feast of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus Reports home
Thurs 30 th	Northern Beaches Choral Eisteddfod		
Fri 31 st	Hamper Assembling		
June		July	
Mon 3 rd	2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4W	Mon 1 st	Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen
Tues 4 th	7pm P&F Meeting	Tues 2 nd	Stage 2 League / Eagle Tag Gala Day
Thurs 6 th	Yr 4 Excursion	Wed 3 rd	2.30pm Prayer Assembly / Core Value Awards – Stage 3
Thurs 13 th	Good Sam Day	Thurs 4 th	Stage 3 League / Eagle Tag Gala Day
Fri 14 th	9am Learning Together Playgroup (Pop up Play) Cross Country – Eastern Creek	Fri 5 th	End Term 2
Mon 17 th	Prayer Assembly – 1B	Mon 22nd	Staff Development Day – pupil free
Fri 21 st	Gala Video day	Tues 23 rd	Students return for Term 3

Student Voice

SUSTAINABILITY

Bubblers

This week we got new colourful bubblers that are different sizes so that every age group can reach them around the school. The main reason why we got the new bubblers is because the old bubblers were very old and



had been at the school for a very long time. They were also not working very well and they kept breaking. The school recognised that we were spending unnecessary money on getting these repaired, so the school decided to replace them. The new bubblers have bottle refills which will allow all students to refill their bottles throughout the day. The new bubblers are also more colourful and modern. Hopefully they encourage all students to drink more water throughout the day.

Sustainable Lunch Boxes

So far this year we have been counting our sustainable lunch boxes around the school. Every Monday the Environment Captains tally up the class results and turn them into a percentage compared to the amount of students that are in their class. At the afternoon assembly they announce 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners, and the 1st place winners get the 'Clean Up Cup' and our mascot Ernie the penguin for a week. In Stage 3 every Friday we do a spot check and the teachers pick a few people who say they have a sustainable lunch box and check if they have a sustainable lunch box or not.

Chloe K and Molly O

School Advisory Committee

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the St Cecilia's Advisory Committee, I am writing to let you know that we have been working with Fran and the school Leadership Team on gaining greater understanding of home learning at the school.

We are finalising a survey for you to complete on home learning which will be sent out to you **soon**. We ask that you complete **one** survey per child to enable us to collect as much data as possible. The purpose of this survey is to learn more about home learning practices at St Cecilia's and to find out your opinions. In addition to seeking your views, we will also be obtaining feedback from teachers and students in order to complete the process for data collection. All surveys are anonymous.

There are 23 questions. The survey will remain open for 1 month and should take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

We aim to report back to you with the results of the survey. **To confirm, this survey will be sent out to you in coming weeks.**

We value your feedback.

Kind regards,
Chris Bignold

Chairperson
St Cecilia's Advisory Committee

Parent Network News

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Team,

Hope you are all doing well!

Just one reminder from me this week – next Tuesday, 4 June is our P&F General Meeting for Term 2. Please be sure to come as it's the best way to stay informed and be a part of the decision-making process for our school. Sustainability will be a key area of discussion. See you then!

X
Jamie

Volunteer for the Asylum Seekers Hamper Appeal

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with the hampers this Friday 31 May.

If you have any free time on Friday, we would appreciate some help with the hampers especially to transport the hampers to the Asylum Seekers Centre in Newtown. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-asylum>

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). Thank you to everyone who has volunteered this term. We really need one more volunteer for Monday 17 June. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-meals1>



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 31 May: Tiana Hoang and **1 Volunteer required**

Mon 3 June: Angela Cronin

Wed 5 June: Sara Toia and Rachel Swieconeck

Fri 7 June: Orla Cowan and **1 Volunteer required**



Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

First Communion Program

Practice

- Tuesday 11 June 4.00pm and 7.00pm St Cecilia's Church
- Wednesday 12 June 4.00pm and 7.00pm St Kieran's Church

Parents will be requested to check their child's First Communion date is correct, provide final numbers of those attending the ceremony and place their child's photo in the folder for their nominated First Communion Mass.

Confirmation Program

How do we accompany our children in the Confirmation Program as parents, parish and school?

Session for Parents (1 hour)


Tuesday 18 June 9.30am OR Wednesday 19 June 7.00pm

Group Facilitator Training (after the parent meeting) Tuesday 18 June at 10.30am OR Wednesday 19 June 8.00pm

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

Live Life Well @ School


FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND WATER BREAK



Budget crunching
Buying fruit and vegetables in season often means they will be cheaper and better quality.

May	June
Fruit: apples, banana, grapefruit, grapes, kiwifruit	Fruit: banana, kiwifruit, mandarins, grapefruit
Vegetables: broccoli, carrot, cauliflower, mushrooms, potato, pumpkin	Vegetables: broccoli, carrot, cauliflower, potato, pumpkin

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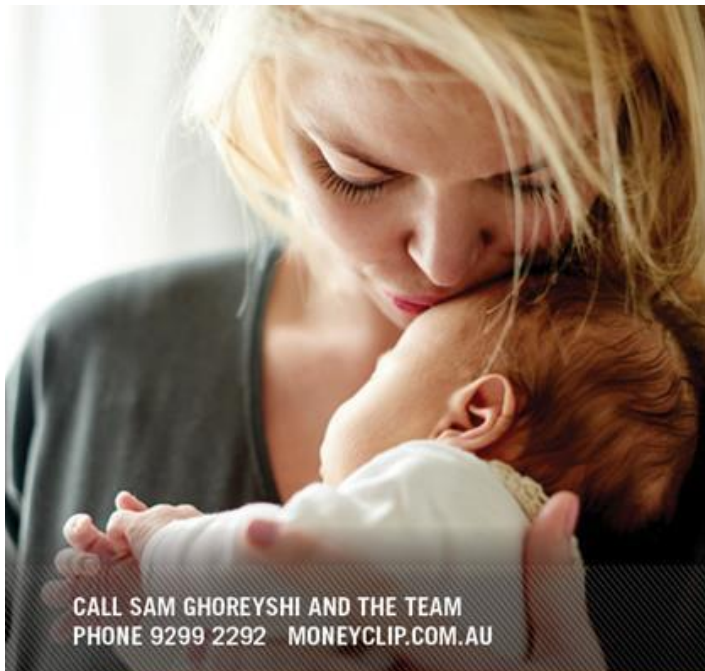
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