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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: Allow others to share their ideas

Principal's News



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Dear Parents



Thank you to the parents who joined us at the Athletics Carnival yesterday. A special thank you to Mrs Dyer and Mr O'Brien for organising the day, the staff for facilitating the activities and the children for their engagement and achieving personal bests all day. Thank you also to the P&F who provided refreshments for the volunteers.

GALA DAYS

This week our primary children in Years 3 to 6 have also had, or will have, the opportunity to compete in friendly gala days against other Northern Beaches Catholic Schools. This term the focus was on Rugby League and Eagle Tag. The days are always a highlight for our Year 3 – 6 students. Year 3 and Year 4 had a very successful day yesterday and Year 5/6 will participate tomorrow. Thank you to the parents who managed teams and to our own staff who supervised and prepared the teams for the Gala days.



Over the past two weeks all children K to 6 have participated in basketball clinics. It certainly has been a busy few weeks for physical wellbeing. It was a joy however to see the children outside enjoying sport.

HOME LEARNING

Our Advisory Committee have been looking into the question of home learning. They have decided to survey parents to find out more about parent expectations when it comes to children completing learning at home. We would appreciate you following the Weblink <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HYZ6CR5> and completing the survey. We are seeking feedback from parents, teachers and students.

CANTEEN CLOSED FRIDAY

Due to end of term cleaning and the need to deplete stock the canteen will not serve lunches on Friday this week. Students will still be able to buy over the counter snacks but not lunches. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

CORE VALUE AWARDS

Congratulations to the recipients of the Term 2 Core Value Award for Justice.

Blesses are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right Psalm 106:3
Treat others as you want to be treated

KB: Harriet B
2B: Madeleine A
Yr 4: Danica P

KW: Matilda G
2W: Clarissa W
Yr 4: Charles M

1B: Matthew D
3B: James P
Stage 3: Sophie P

1W: Emma P
3W: Luisa A

SCHOOL TERM

Thank you to all parents who have supported us so ably this term. Your presence at the Athletics Carnival, parent/teacher interviews, liturgical celebrations, 'Mothers' Monday', 'Seekers' Supplies' initiative and the Gala Days have not gone unnoticed by the staff or the students. We are blessed at St Cecilia's to have such an active and interested parent body.

School will close for the holiday period this Friday 5 July and resume on **Tuesday 23 July**. Please note that Monday 22 July is a **pupil free day** when the staff at St Cecilia's will join with the staff of other catholic schools to fully understand the demands of the new PDHPE syllabus (Personal Develop, Health and Physical Education).

SAVE THE DATE - HEAVEN ON EARTH

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. Save the date for the next mornings in our meditation series... **Thursday 8 August + Thursday 31 October**. Stay tuned for details in next week's newsletter



Heaven on Earth

Three short steps along the pathway into Meditation

Learn the simple art of pausing to meditate in a busy day.

Come join us for the next morning in our meditation series.
This time with experienced meditation guide, teacher, theologian and mother; Eulalie O'Keefe.

St Cecilia's School Hall
Thursday 8 August, 9am – 10.30am
Followed by morning tea

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

F Taylor

Fran Taylor
Principal



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over the last three weekends the students in Year 3 have received the Sacrament of Eucharist. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Congratulations to the following students who made their First Communion.

Thomas A	Xander C	Lewis H	Xavier M	Annabel S	Harry W
Lucia B	Thomas C	Scarlett H	Neve M	Magnus S	Claudia W
Connor B	Finlay D	Thomas K	Ruby M	Joshua S	Kingston W
Jack B	Alexander F	Emily K	Oscar M	Lachlan S	Alyssa W
Rae-Marie B	Xavier F	Frances L	William O	Hunter S	
Willow B	Rose F	Harrison L-S	James P	Coelli T	
William C	Leo F	Caiden M	Xanthe P	Amy T	
Edward C	Lachlan F	Mieka M	William S-G	Bella T	
Eva C	Luca G	Liam M	Pedro S	Ava V-W	

SPECIAL THANKS

Over the past two months the students who received their First Communion have been supported by their teachers and families. We thank them for all they have done to ensure the students are prepared for the Sacrament. We also give a huge thank you to the following facilitators and co-facilitators who have also guided the students and their families.



- Bernadette Casey and Kellie Chapman
- Bryanne Crabb
- Chris Boys
- Claire Wood
- Jodi Sampson
- Jo Johnston and Stuart Trueman
- Joanna Trube
- Liz Psychogios and Katharine Cook

Finally, many thanks to Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister from the Parish. Her meticulous organisation and care is greatly appreciated.



'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES'

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass will be on **Sunday 25 August** and will involve **Year 2** families. Year 2 families will receive information at the beginning of August regarding this Mass.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Our attendance will resume in Term 3.

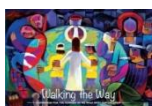
CORE VALUE AND PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the students who received 'Justice' Core Value Awards at our assembly today. We hope you continue to be role models of justice for our school community. Thank you to the Stage 3 students for leading us in prayer. We hope we all remember to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit each day.

We also give thanks to Catherine Cresswell, Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Foundation, for joining us for lunch and for giving an insightful talk to the students.

Our next Prayer Assembly will be on **Monday 29 July**. It will be led by 4B. We will also present our new SRC representatives at this assembly.

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>

God bless,
Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

School News

UPCOMING DATES

July

Thurs 4th Stage 3 League / Eagle Tag Gala Day
Fri 5th Lunchtime Music Festival
End Term 2

Mon 22nd Staff Development Day – pupil free

Tues 23rd Students return for Term 3
Fri 26th Safety with Dogs talk
Mon 29th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4B
Tues 30th School Banking resumes

August

Fri 2nd 4.30pm School Disco

Tues 6th Learning Together Playgroup
Thurs 8th Heaven on Earth
Fri 9th Gala video day
Mon 12th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KW
Thurs 15th 9.25am Feast of the Assumption
Mon 19th Life Education commences
Thurs 22nd Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival
Fri 23rd Book Fair
9.15am Grandparents/Grand friends
Liturgy

ST CECILIA'S LUNCHTIME CONCERT!

The Evergreen St Cecilia's musicians are going to be playing some music in the playground for an extended lunchtime on the last day of school (Friday 5 July).

Everyone is invited to come along to listen. It will be a very relaxed vibe but a good chance for the musicians to engage with an audience.

There will be musical performances by the keyboard, guitar and percussion groups who practice music every Friday morning.

DRAMA

Term 3 Drama classes will begin Week 2, ie the week beginning Monday 29 July.

Thank you for your support this term and wishing all a happy and safe holiday.
Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

Student Voice

LEADERSHIP DAY

On Tuesday, 2 July, Stage 3 had their Leadership Day where we prepare for Peer Support in Term 3.

We got to wear mufti clothes and for lunch we got pizza. We learnt what leadership meant and the qualities of being a leader. One of the activities we did involved getting into groups of 10 people and each group had students of various heights. We had to form a circle and hold hands with the people next to us. We couldn't let go of each other's hands while we passed a hula-hoop between us. The hoop had to go over our bodies along with our hands. Every time we succeeded going around in a circle we had to use a smaller hoop. It was a race to see what group used the best technique and teamwork to get to the end the fastest.

This activity was really fun and it taught us how important it is to be team-work and communicate effectively. This day was so much fun and all of Stage 3 are excited to start our roles as Peer Support leaders. We are all so grateful to the school for providing us with this awesome day and experience.

Emma & Sophie H



Parent Network News

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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). **Sign up for Terms 3 and 4**

here... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

Next GIFT COOK-OFF: Year 3, Monday 29 July 6-9pm

Our next one is for Year 3 on MONDAY 29 JULY at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly

Vale. *Please sign up here to volunteer...* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>



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 5 July: **Closed for lunch orders – over the counter snacks only**

Term 3

Wed 24 July: Derville Peach and Katrina D'Avolio

Fri 26 July: Mele Hailame and Akosita Brown

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will return next term in Week 2, Tuesday 30 July. Please remember if you have 10 or more tokens, you can redeem a reward. New rewards/prizes will be available in Term 3. Happy holidays.

School Banking Team.

TENNIS IN TERM 3 2019

- Tennis is back in Term3. I've emailed my regulars but there are still a few spots available if anyone wants to join.
- Term 3: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- 7.45am-8.30am at school. 9 weeks of tennis starting the 2nd week of Term 3.
- All equipment provided
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Contact Bryanne Crabb for more information bryannecrabb@gmail.com 0403063013



Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

First Communion

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their First Communion over the last 3 weekends in June. Thank you to all who helped make the celebration of First Communion such a wonderful parish event: Parents and grandparents and the children who participated so enthusiastically in the program; Group Facilitators and Co-Facilitators who facilitated the Family Group Sessions; Family Mass Coordinators at St Cecilia's and St Kieran's who provided practical and helpful support; Hospitality Coordinators, Music and Liturgical Ministries at all the masses; Parish and School staff for their support and to the parish community for their prayers.

Many thanks to all the families who participated in the First Communion program for the hampers they have donated to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Confirmation

Over 190 candidates have registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the children and their parents will begin their Family Groups Sessions over coming weeks.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour

Community News

COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Northern Beaches Council operates a very successful vacation care program for primary school aged children across the whole of the Northern Beaches. In the Winter school holidays we will have centres open at Cromer, Forestville, North Curl Curl and also at Manly Vale Community Centre.

With the July school holidays approaching fast, we have just released the holiday program on our website, with the Winter 2019 brochure containing lots of activities and ideas to keep children occupied. Online bookings will open from next **Monday, 17 June at 7am**. Please see our website for full information: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council-vacation-care)

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