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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:** Service

**School Rule:** Help others in our school, wider community and the world

**Scripture:** Be ready for service and keep your lamps burning. Luke 12:35

**Story:** Washing the Disciples Feet: Help others to follow the rules

## Principal's News

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Dear Parents

## How do I teach my child to pray?

When one of Jesus' disciples said, [Lord, teach us to pray](#), Jesus gave a very direct and practical response: "Say this when you pray." Then he proceeded to recite a prayer, the basis of what we know today as the 'Our Father'. Perhaps there is a clue here for parents. There are many ways to pray, and many ways to introduce our children to prayer. But one definite starting point is to teach our children formal prayers from our tradition, such as the 'Our Father'. This week, think about how you teach and model prayer at home.

Community of Catholic Schools Broken Bay

## WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3.

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone with a warm welcome to the Paul family who have joined us this term. We have a number of staff still on long service leave. Damien O'Brien will be away for 2 weeks. He is replaced by Margaret Brewster. Rebecca Raso will be away for 3 weeks, Fiona Moran is taking 3B. Sue Walmsley and Sue Grose are also away for two weeks. We wish them all a safe, enjoyable time away.

## PETER HAMILL DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS BROKEN BAY

Sadly for Broken Bay, Mr Peter Hamill has resigned from his position as Director of Schools Broken Bay, to take up the important position of Deputy Director, National Education Commission. Many of you met Peter Hamill when he navigated the Diocese through the funding changes forced upon us by the government in recent times. Throughout the challenge he made himself available to parents and school communities to reassure us our low fee paying Catholic System of Schools would continue.

Due to the critical nature of the role of The Director of Schools, it will be left to our new Bishop, once he is appointed, to appoint a new Director of Schools. In the interim, Mr Tony Bracken, Assistant Director, will take up the position of Acting Director of Schools.

We thank Mr Hamill for his leadership of our system of schools and wish him well in his new position.

### SCHOOL DISCO

It is that time of year again when the children polish up on their disco moves and get ready to party.

**This year the P&F have decided to split the evening into 2 sessions–** a K to Year 2 Disco from 4:30pm until 6pm and Year 3 to Year 6 Disco from 6pm until 7:30pm. This allows us to tailor the Disco to each group, ultimately keeping them engaged and ensuring fun for each age group. Other minor changes in line with our sustainability mission, will include neon face paint instead of glow sticks and children bringing their water bottles instead of giving out poppers.

The invitation and further information will be emailed to parents tomorrow.

Registration will be via QKR

### 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.



### SCHOOL PICK UP

As we begin a new term, we'd like to remind parents and carers of the procedures of afternoon school pickup. With the many options available to the students (including car line pickup, catching the bus, Camp Australia (After School Care), walking home or parent/carer pickup), it is important that students have a clear understanding of the arrangements made on a daily basis.

We recognise that sometimes plans may change throughout a day, and so we ask that these changes be communicated with the School Office, and when appropriate, with Camp Australia (After School Care).

Students have been advised that if they are unsure how they are getting home or who is collecting them, to speak with a staff member who will contact the parent.

### KINDERGARTEN'S 100 DAYS CELEBRATION

The last day of term 2 was an important milestone for our youngest learners! They celebrated 100 days of school! We are so proud of the growth and achievements of each student in Kindergarten. The day was packed with engaging learning and celebration including writing with their Buddies, making a celebration crown, sharing their learning with their parents and .....having a party!



We would like to extend our appreciation to the Stage 3 Buddies who have helped to ensure all the Kindergarten students are happy and settled each day. Thank you to the families who were able to join us in the afternoon to celebrate our learning at our open classrooms and party!



### 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*

## SCHOOL MUSICAL

Preparation for our school musical, involving all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will commence this week. The students are very excited as are the staff. We will be calling on parent helpers in the near future to help with props, costumes etc. Lots more information to follow. For now please remember to save the date.

St Cecilia's Balgowlah  
Production of



Music and Lyrics by  
**Elton John and Tim Rice**

Additional Music and Lyrics by  
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and **Hans Zimmer**

Book by **Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi**  
Based on the Broadway production directed by  
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Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and  
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**  
"It's a Small World" written by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman**

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**12 November 2019**  
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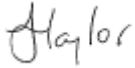
## **Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash**

NSW has one of the largest bus fleets in Australia. More than 3850 buses operate in the Sydney area, while another 1000 buses service the Newcastle, Wollongong and Blue Mountains areas. In addition, more than 3000 bus services operate in rural and regional NSW.



The NSW Government is committed to working with industry and the community to improve safety around buses and is implementing a campaign targeting motorists to highlight the laws around bus flashing lights.

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



Fran Taylor  
Principal

## Religious Education

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: STAGE 3: 'LEADERS OF COURAGE'

As Catholic disciples we seek to **live like Jesus in the way we are and the things we do**. Our actions and words reflect Jesus' way of being in his life. It **influences our choices and most importantly why we care for and serve others**. It influences **what we value, our commitments and the goals we strive towards**.



There comes a time in our lives when we are able to reflect upon our impact on others and lead others to live in the way that Jesus would want. **A leader recognises potential and finds ways to invite individuals to share their gifts with, and for, the community**. In order to help others recognise their gifts the leader must first get to know and understand others, their gifts, feelings and aspirations.

**Jesus modelled servant leadership** to us and this is the way that **we are called to lead in our lives**. In this module, senior students reflect upon how they can be leaders in the way that Jesus showed us. Students will explore how **Jesus modelled leadership and taught about leading through love in his parables**.

### CORE VALUE AWARDS

Last term we awarded students with the Core Value for Justice. This term our focus is on the value of **Service**. How can each of us be of service to one another this term? Parents are encouraged to talk with their child about ways they can be of service to others.



### '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.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Year 2 students will be making their Sacrament of Confirmation this term. Parents are encouraged to read the information provided about the Sacrament in the Parish News.

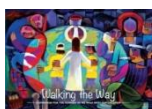
### WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

On Wednesday Year 1B attended Mass. Next week Year **1W** will attend Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend!

### PRAYER ASSEMBLY

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

God bless,  
*Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator*

## School News

### UPCOMING DATES

July		August	
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Safety with Dogs talk	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.30pm School Disco
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4B	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Together Playgroup
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking resumes	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Owl and Pussycat opera performance

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Heaven on Earth  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Gala video day  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KW  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 9.25am Feast of the Assumption  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Life Education commences  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Fair  
9.15am Grandparents/Grand friends  
Liturgy  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2B  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm P&F General meeting  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> School Photos

### 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 Tacher*

### TAEKWONDO

**Training for term 3** will commence on **Tuesday 23rd July**. Class time will be **8:00am - 8:55am**. Tournament drills and traditional techniques will feature in this term's classes in preparation for the **All Schools TKD Tournament** at **St Aloysius' College, Milsons Pt** on **31st Aug**. Tournament entry forms can be downloaded from the Wyllie MA website.

Visit our website: [www.wylliemartialarts.com.au](http://www.wylliemartialarts.com.au)

### TENNIS

Hi Tennis Parents,  
Exciting news, Crabb Tennis is now registered to accept the active kids voucher towards tennis payments. A NSW government initiative now allows two \$100 active kids vouchers towards kids sports. The second voucher kicked off on the 1 July.

Some of you have already paid and that is fine as you can fill out the \$100 active kids voucher and We will reimburse you \$100 off the total you've paid.

Here is a link for more details and to get your active kids code.

Once you have your voucher just send through your code , students name as it appears on code and date of birth. This will bring the total for term 3 tennis down from \$198 to only \$98.

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

What an exciting Wimbledon final between Federer and Djokovic!  
Hoping everyone has had a great holiday break and a reminder tennis starts in the 2nd week of term 3 (We will still be away in USA for week 1).

Thanks

*Coach Bryanne*

### THE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM

This coming Friday, 26 July, the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in a *Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program* incursion.

The Living Safely with Pets Program educates children to understand:

- The times when children should leave dogs alone
- High risk behaviours that children should avoid
- How to recognise the warning signs
- When it is safe to approach a dog and how do you do it safely
- What to do if they are approached by an unknown or angry dog

The forty-minute sessions will be conducted by a qualified educator and their suitability tested dog.

## Parent Network News

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents!

Welcome to Term 3! We have SO many exciting things to look forward to this term. Please be sure to read the newsletter because we have much information to share!

Firstly, the **School Disco** is happening next week – Friday, 2 August! Please check your email tomorrow (Thursday) for the invite and additional information about Disco logistics. **Importantly, the Disco is now split into two sessions – Kindy to Year 2 will take place from 4:30pm – 5:45pm and Year 3 – Year 6 from 6pm – 7:30pm.** The School Disco is being put on by our lovely Kindy and Year 3 parents – thanks in advance for your efforts! Tickets will be available via QKR.

Next, it's almost time for the Fundraising Gala! As you know, the date is Saturday, 7 September. This Friday, the Fundraising Gala invite will go home from school with the eldest child in your family AND ticket sales will open via QKR. Be sure to get your tickets fast – you don't want to miss out! We know you will probably have a lot of questions about seating, prizes and wardrobe (hello, new dress!), so we will be sending out a Special Edition Gala Newsletter during Week 2 with all of your questions answered.

If you have any questions, please let your Class Parents or a member of the Executive Committee know!

Lastly, if you own a small business or have a great auction item to share, please let us know by emailing Barry Armstrong at [barry.armstrong22@gmail.com](mailto:barry.armstrong22@gmail.com).

Thanks guys – can't wait!

Xx

Jamie

### **Mums Night Out!**

Just a little reminder about the Mum's Night Out which is being held at the Wine Room this **Friday 26 July**.

Spaces are limited. A spot can be secured via the trybooking link (below)! The cost of your ticket is refundable against your first drink (an absolute bargain!).

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=460717&>

### **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

- **Heaven on Earth**

Our next Heaven on Earth morning is on Thursday 8 August at 9am - 10.30, continuing with the theme of meditation. We need **2 volunteers to help set up morning tea in the hall foyer at 8.30-9am on Thursday 8 August**. Contact Robyn Wunder on [robyn@thewunders.net](mailto:robyn@thewunders.net) if you're interested.

- **GIFT: Year 3 Parents**

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. Cook-offs are held on Mondays at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale.

**The next cook-off is for YEAR 3 parents next MONDAY 29 July (Coordinator Gillian Hopkins)**  
**Sign up here...** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-gift>

- **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). **Please volunteer for this term...** <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 26 July: **2 Volunteers required**

Mon 29 July: Louella Covich and Corrine Vallelonga

Wed 31 July: Jo Matthews and Crystal Redpath

Fri 2 Aug: Brian Gilmartin and Rob Pyne

### **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.*





## Parish News

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

#### **Additional Session for Confirmation at 5.00pm Saturday 17 August in St Cecilia's Church**

Due to the large numbers of parents requesting the 3.00pm session at St Kieran's Church for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the subsequent wait list there will be an **additional session offered at 5.00pm in St Cecilia's Church**. Preference for the 5.00pm session will be given to those who have requested the afternoon session and those who have contacted me and are on the wait list.

This will mean that a number of spaces will now be available at the 12pm session as some parents booked the 12pm session when the 3.00pm was full.

An email will be sent to all group facilitators and parents who are on the wait list for both the 3.00pm and 12pm sessions.

**Please note there will now be an additional Practice Session on Wednesday 14 August at 4.00pm in St Cecilia's Church**

#### **Reminders**

Parents are reminded of the following dates from the **2019/2020 Sacramental Program information brochure**:

- **Presentation Mass** where the children will be presented to the parish community at any of the masses on **Saturday 3 August OR Sunday 4 August**;
- **Ritual of the Creed** where the children will receive a copy of the Creed at any of the masses on **Saturday 10 August OR Sunday 11 August**.

For more information please contact Janette on 0418 866 521 or at [sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au)

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

## Community News

### MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHATSWOOD

Open morning Tuesday 13 August from 9 – 11am. [Mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au](http://Mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au) / [mercy@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mercy@dbb.catholic.edu.au) / 02 9419 2890

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