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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

SCHOOL DISCO FRIDAY

This Friday.

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.

Registration is via QKR

OPEN TO LEARNING 16 AUGUST K TO 6 WITH A FOCUS ON STEM (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

We value parent's partnership when it involves children's learning. To this end we hold *Open to Learning* mornings twice a year and parent/teacher/student meetings twice a year. In addition we send home weekly learning intentions and hold special open mornings for mothers, fathers and grandparents.

This term the focus of our open invitation to view class learning is the STEM subjects to compliment a new initiative introduced by our cluster of catholic schools known as **The Northern Beaches 2019 Catholic Schools STEM Challenge**.



Date:	Friday 2nd August	Price:	\$10 via Qkr!
Venue:	School hall	RSVP:	31st July
Time:			
Kindy - Yr 2	4.30pm - 5.45pm	Entry via Wanganella St	
Y3 - Y6	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Exit via Seaview St	

Students from Year 3 to 6 have been challenged to work on a solution or problem with links to the Science and/or the geography syllabus. The challenges are based strongly on inquiry and design processes incorporating Working Scientifically and Working Technologically. The challenge components include- research, experimentation, model design/construction and reflections, incorporating the Science strands- Living World, Chemical World, Physical World, Earth/Space & Digital Technologies or the Geography strands People, Places and the Environment.

We are inviting parents to attend our **OPEN TO LEARNING** morning on **Friday 16 August** between 9:15 and 10:15am for one hour to offer our students valuable constructive feedback on their challenges. After this visit we will choose one challenge from Stage 3 and one from Stage 2 to be presented at the Northern Beaches 2019 Catholic Schools STEM Challenge at St Pauls on the 23 August.

Whilst our younger classes will not be involved in the competition they are delighted to share their learning with you. I would encourage all parents to spend some time with their own class but then move onto other grades to get an understanding of STEM across the school.



SCHOOLS NATIONAL TREE DAY, NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL

Celebrating Schools National Tree Day is a great way to inspire students to learn about the local environment while playing an active role in their community. Last Friday Terese Cunningham and her Year 1 students together with the environment captains planted a tree, donated by Northern Beaches Council, in the quiet area. Thank you to Sonia Walsh who ensured we received our plant.

REDUCING UNNECESSARY WASTE

This term our students have asked us to take bins away on a Tuesday as well as Thursdays. Please remember to avoid sending lunches wrapped in plastic or other unnecessary packaging to school. An alternative is a lunch box with compartments that can hold fruit break, morning tea and lunch with minimal packaging. Please remember to check that all lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

LEARNING TOGETHER PLAYGROUP

Our next Learning Together Playgroup is scheduled for Tuesday 6 August at 9am in the Secret Garden. Angela Pelling will be on hand to support our parent volunteers and introduce new play equipment. All families with a toddler are welcome, including friends and any children due to start school next year.

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

Religious Education

CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday we announced the new Student Representative Council (SRC) members for Semester 2. The students were chosen by their peers for this honourable role. Congratulations to each one of you and we are looking forward to you all making a contribution to our school. We thank the outgoing SRC members for all they've done during the first semester.



'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

Today 1W attended the Parish Mass. Next week 3W will be attending the Parish Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend!

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

We thank 4B for the lovely prayer assembly. The students led us in prayer and deepened our understanding of God and his love for us. Our next prayer assembly will be on Monday 12 August. This assembly will be led by KW. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

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

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

School News

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 1	Term 3 Service	Core Value	Merits
KB	Anna K		Addison Z and Levi P
KW	Daniel H		Olivia M and Alena W
1B:	Eliza P		Thomas W and Holly A
1W:	Hugo R		Georgia G and Rufus M
2B:	Rose A		Evangeline F and Joshua M
2W:	Emily G		Rebecca W and Darci M
3B:	Chloe T-A		William C and Frances L
3W:	Harrison L-S		Luca G and Ava V-W
Yr 4	Jessana B and Molly W		Layla R, Lyla R-D, James S and Harper V
Yr 5/6	Scarlet F and Emma M		Amelie D, Zoe M, Elise R

UPCOMING DATES

August

Fri 2nd 4.30pm School Disco
 Tues 6th 9 – 10.15am Learning Together Playgroup
 Wed 7th Owl and Pussycat opera performance
 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
 Fri 16th 9.15 – 10.15am Open to Learning morning
 Mon 19th Life Education commences
 Thurs 22nd Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival
 Fri 23rd Book Fair

9.15am Grandparents/Grand friends Liturgy

Mon 26th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2B
 Tues 27th 7pm P&F General meeting
 Wed 28th School Photos

September

Tues 3rd Broken Bay Athletics
 ICAS Digital Technologies
 Thurs 5th ICAS Science
 Fri 6th Fathers' Friday Yrs 2, 4 & 6
 Sat 7th Gala Dinner

OPERA AUSTRALIA

We are delighted to have Opera Australia present *By the Light of the Moon* in the school hall on Wednesday 7 August. There will be two performances. The first for K – 2 at 9:30am and the second at 11:25am for Years 3 – 6.

Singing and drama play an inspiring role in the education of children. We aim to foster a love of the performing arts in our students through this opera experience by engaging them in music and singing.

ABOUT THE OPERA

By the Light of the Moon is a fanciful all-ages opera that explores the untold tales of Edward Lear's beloved rhyme, *The Owl and the Pussycat*.

Ridiculous whimsy meets sublime melody in a wonderful new production, featuring the fantastic characters from nonsense poetry, nursery rhymes, as well as tunes from the best-loved operas.

Opera Australia developed this travelling opera to enthrall school students of all ages, complete with beautiful costumes and engaging scenery. Professional opera singers perform the famous arias in English.

Jocelyn Roberts, Music Teacher

SEMESTER 2 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following SRC members:

- KB: Charles H and Harriet B
- KW: Aleksandra W and Campbell F
- 1B: Lucy B and Thomas O
- 1W: Charlotte C and Angus M
- 2B: Eloise K and Kingston S
- 2W: Clarissa W and Liam H
- Yr 3: Eva C and Harrison L-S
- Yr 4: Annabel S and Benjamin H
- Yr 5: Lily T-A and Abigail K

Parent Network News

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents!

Happy Week 2 everyone! It's an exciting week as the Disco is this Friday! The invite has gone out, so check it out for any and all information. Just remember to buy tickets on QKR right away!

Year 3 and Kindy parents – many of you have already offered to help put the event on – THANK YOU! If you haven't signed up, please do. This is a fun event and the kids just love it!

Next up is the Gala Fundraiser! If you haven't already, check your children's school bags for this year's Gala Fundraiser invitation! They were sent home last Friday with your eldest child. Book your tickets via QKR, details included on your invitation.

Also, we will be sending out a Special Edition Gala Fundraiser Newsletter this FRIDAY, 2nd AUGUST. It will share all the "Need-to-Know" details for Gala night. Please take a good read and have your questions answered.

I want to offer a HUGE thank you to the MANY parents that are sharing their talents and prizes to be won at the Gala! If you would like to be involved, please email Barry Armstrong (barry.armstrong22@gmail.com).

Jamie Xx

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 if you're interested.

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). **Please volunteer for this term...** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-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:

Friday 2 Aug: Brian Gilmartin and Rob Pyne
Mon 5 Aug: Johanne Little and Patrick Eyherabide
Wed 7 Aug: **2 Volunteers required**
Fri 9 Aug: Helena McGrath and Jane Thompson Kench



Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

Parents are reminded that in coming weeks the children have the following:

- Ritual of the Creed – the children receive and recite the Creed at all Masses on the weekend of **10/11 August at St Kieran's and St Cecilia's**;
- Practice – the children will practice what is involved in the Confirmation ceremony **Tuesday 13 August at 4pm in St Kieran's Church OR Wednesday 14 August at 4pm in St Cecilia's Church OR 7pm in St Kieran's Church.**

Parents are also reminded that the Practice will be the **last opportunity** to check details re Confirmation Name, Sponsor and session times are correct. Confirmation cards will be prepared for the ceremony on Thursday 15 August (morning) with the details at that time.

Can you please forward details of your child's Confirmation Name and details of Confirmation Sponsor to Janette if you have not already provided this information ?

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

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 / mercy@dbb.catholic.edu.au / 02 9419 2890

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