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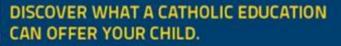
School Prayer

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 be in the right place in the classroom

OR 2020

Principal's News



A rigorous curriculum underpinned with the Catholic values of Respect, Service, Justice, Hope and Celebration.

School tours can be arranged by appointment.

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Dear Parents

ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Discipline and sacrifice are the hinges of the "narrow gate" that Jesus speaks of in Sunday's Gospel. All of the important things of life demand that we struggle through the narrow gate. There are no magic words to loving and being loved, to creating a world of justice and peace, to forgiving and being reconciled with one another.

Jesus promises that anyone willing to struggle through the "narrow gate" will come to experience the life of God to the fullest and find welcome in the dwelling place of God.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

Today's newsletter is a long one. Make yourself a coffee, find a quiet space and enjoy!

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS AND GUESTS WHO ATTENDED OUR STEM OPEN TO LEARNING MORNING





All students are proud of their STEM learning and welcomed the opportunity to share it with our community. A team of Stage 3 children and a team of Stage 2 children will present their STEM challenge at the Northern Beaches STEM Fair on Friday 23 August to be held at St Paul's Manly.

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

The program for the day is as follows.

- 9.15am Liturgy K-6- in the church
- 10:15am Morning Tea for the Grandparents
- 10:30am Visits to classrooms- a visit to the Book Fair may occur in this time
- 11:00am Morning Tea for students in playground Book Fair continues
- 11.30am Grandparents/friends depart school, children return to class

Thank you to the social committee and kindergarten parents who are organising the morning tea for our guests.

BOOK WEEK: "READING IS MY SECRET POWER"

Author visit and book week parade Tuesday 20 August.



The Book Character Parade was a great success with both students and teachers displaying their creativity and love of books. The students were all eager to share their favourite books in class during their literacy lessons and there was a lot of 'reading' happening in the playground during recess and lunch.

The students were all captivated by our visiting author Yvette Poshoglian's interactive presentations. Yvette discussed the processes of plot and character development in story writing as well as the need to research and plan. The students certainly displayed their love and knowledge of literature when participating in her entertaining character identification contests.

The rest of the week is just as exciting:

- Grandparents Day Friday the 23 August Book fair/stall in the hall.
- Buddy reading- during peer support. Students are invited to bring their favourite book to share with other children on Thursday 22 August

FATHERS' FRIDAY 9AM TO 1PM

The students in Years 2, 4 and 6 are very excited to welcome their dads to school on Friday 6 September. I believe there may be a lot of science and maths happening in classrooms when the dads visit. We appreciate how hard it is to get time away from work so please don't feel obliged to spend the entire morning with us if it is not possible. Any time you can spare will be appreciated.

- 9am Welcome & Assembly
- 9:10 In-class activities until Recess
- 11am: RECESS Dads to Hall for morning tea (No Children)
- 11:25-12:00: Liturgy
- 12:00-1:00: Sport /Boomerang Bags

PUBLIC SPEAKING

During Term 3 we have a whole school focus on public speaking culminating in the St Cecilia's Public Speaking Competition. All students are presently working on their public speaking skills in class. Finalists will present their speeches later this term. Public speaking is a lifelong skill that assists us in many areas of our daily life and I have been very impressed by the standard of the speeches I have heard so far.

Congratulations to Elenor B and Amelie R who will represent St Cecilia's at the Northern Beaches Cluster final on Tuesday 26 August. Congratulations also to Elise B who placed third and Emma McG who received highly commended in the Year 6 finals.

SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 27 AUGUST

Next Tuesday is school photo day. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full winter uniform and hair is tied back.

Individual and family photo envelopes were sent home this week. Please remember:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- If you didn't receive a family envelope please ask for one at the school office.
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. No cheques accepted.
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling MSP prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
- Sport / Specialty photo orders will be organised after photo day on a separate form.
- If you wish to purchase high resolution family group photos call MSP Photography directly. They will process the payment over the phone. You are unable to do this online.
- For all enquiries please phone MSP 9499 6555.

EXCITING NEWS – AN OFFICE KIOSK AND A NEW PARENT PORTAL!

Our Compass Kiosk went live today. The Kiosk sits in the front office and looks like a large iPad. It is to be used by parents who pick up their child/ren early and for late arrivals.

Also, shortly you will receive details about a Compass Parent Portal and App which will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device. The Compass Parent Portal will go live next Wednesday 28 August. Please keep a look out for an email with login information and instructions over the coming week.

From Wednesday 28 August you will no longer need to phone the office to inform us of your child's absence or send in a note on the child's return. You will simply log onto the app and register the absence yourself. No further action will be required. If you haven't registered the absence by 9:30am you will receive an SMS informing you that your child has not arrived at school and you will need to log onto the Compass App to explain the absence.

Initially you will be able to -

- View information on your child/ren's attendance
- Enter explanations for absences
- Receive communications
- Update your contact details

BOOMERANG BAGS

Don't forget to send old t-shirts/ singlets in with your child to be placed in the big red box outside the office. The children will use these on Father's Friday to make Boomerang Bags. The bags we make will then be put into circulation

to be used as shopping bags. Our aim is to teach children that materials can be reused to make useful items and reduce the need for people to use plastic bags when shopping. Our box will eventually relocate to Balgowlah Heights shops for the general public to use.

We are also happy to take your stash of spare reusable shopping bags so next time you forget your bag whilst you are shopping they'll be available where you need them.

HOME LEARNING

Thank you to parents who replied to the Home Learning survey recently distributed though our School Advisory Committee.

We received 56 responses. Overwhelmingly parents are in favour of home learning. There is a split as to whether parents want routine home learning or open ended tasks. Unfortunately the survey did not identify the grades the answers referred to. Our hunch is that the younger grades prefer routine tasks that practise basic skills whereas the older grades are enjoying the research.

What was clear was that home learning can be stressful and parents don't always engage with their child during home learning sessions. Research shows that for home learning to be successful it needs to be supported by a calm home environment where parents and students can sit together without other distractions that may cause stress. In this way parents will receive, directly from their child, the daily feedback they are seeking regarding the progress of their child. We are gradually introducing 'Mathletics' an online mathematics program as a home learning task. The benefit is that unlike a maths mentals book you and your chid will receive immediate feedback on the success of the task. If the child is experiencing difficulty with the task you can sit with them and take them through the tutorial explaining the task.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete the survey. We will continue to work on the feedback given to us.

ESAFETY

The Diocese of Broken Bay and the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT are jointly co-hosting a special eSafety Masterclass as an initiative of National Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Awareness Month, this September. This is an exciting event with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner presenting exclusively to parents/carers on the subject of how to keep children and young people safe online. The <u>invitation</u> is open to all parents/carers.

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

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Fran Taylor Principal

Religious Education

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u>

On the weekend the following students made their Sacrament of Confirmation.

Alex M	Eloise K	Imogen H	Lachie C	Meg M	Samuel S
Annika W	Elsie M	Isabella B	Leo F	Mia H	Sienna L
Arthur P	Emily G	Jack K	Liam H	Molly S	Sofia D
Beck M	Emily K	Jack V	Liam M	Naomi P	Sophie H
Cassidy M	Evangeline F	James M	Louis V	Oliver M	Thomas E
Charles G	Fletcher H	Jessica O	Lucas C	Oliver T	Thomas A
Christian G	Francesca H	Joseph S	Lucas R	Oscar L	Thomas S
Christopher C	Harrison F	Josh B	Lucy M	Owen B	Xavier F
Clarissa W	Harrison L-S	Joshua M	Lyla R	Rebecca W	Zachary B
Darci M	Henry M	Joshua P	Madeleine A	Rose A	
Darius G	Hudson B	Kyra K	Max M	Samuel M	

The students were all very excited and had a wonderful time making their Sacrament.



THANK YOU

Many thanks to Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister, for her organisation of the Sacrament. We thank Father Dave, Father Paul and Father John for Confirming the students on Saturday. Many thanks also to the following Facilitators and Co Facilitators who helped to prepare the students for the Sacrament:

Clare Miller Anna Paula Rosa Sarah Hill Bill Burton Derville Peach Jo Matthews Jo Sutcliffe Stephanie Ceccaldi

FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass will be on this Sunday (25 August) and will involve **Year 2** families. Year 2 families have received information regarding this Mass. If you are able to attend or help in any way please use the following link to register your interest. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-families8</u>

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

On Wednesday 28 August KB will attend Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Our next prayer assembly will be on Monday 26 August, It will be led by 2B. All 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.dbbcso.org/archive-2019-year-c.html

Lilia Haughton

Louise Hance

Julia Holbrook

Harmony Osborne

Peter Fremlin

Sandi Avliffe

Sara Brown

Rachel Swieconek

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.

	Week 4	Term 3 Service Core Value	Merits
	KB	Charles H	Isabella C and Arabella B
	KW	Sadie H	Dylan H and Matisse M
	1B:	Thomas O	Stefania Q and Cassius B
	1W:	Patrick DSS	Austin B and James C
w	2B:	Darius G	Annika W and James M
A	2W:	Hudson B	Luca C and Meg M
R	3B:	Frances L	Pedro S and Cherry-Rose S
D	3W:	Amy T	Luisa A and Emily K
S	Yr 4	Yasmina H and Jack W	Harper F, Henry M, Elizabeth C and Leo K-F
	Yr 5/6	Monet D and Lily T-A	Sophie P, Emma M and Molly O

UPCOMING DATES

9.15am Feast of the Assumption
^d Buddy Reading
Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival
6.30pm Drama concert
Book Fair
9.15am Grandparents/Grand friends
Liturgy
2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2B
School Photos
7pm P&F General meeting
er
Broken Bay Athletics
ICAS Digital Technologies

Thurs 5th ICAS Science

DRAMA

Drama Performance Night this Thursday, 22 August:

- 6.30pm Thursday Group Years 1 and 2
- 7pm Wednesday Group Years 3 and 4
- 7.45pm Thursday Group Years 5 and 6

Please enter via the Wanganella Street gate Trish Collier – Stageworks Drama Teacher

YEARBOOKS

Have you purchased your 2018 Yearbook? These are available for \$30 each at the school office. Please pay via QKR.

Paul Clapham 0417 066 576; email; paultkd@me.com or greg@wyllietkd.com Student Voice

AUTHOR VISIT

This week on Tuesday we had Yvette Poshoglian, author of the *Ella and Olivia series, Puppy Diaries* and many other books came to school and talked about being an author. We learned a lot about being an author and the steps of forming characters and a story. Yvette showed us great examples of

characters we could identify as well-formed characters from books we read every day from well-known authors. She showed us different strategies to form a title and well developed storylines. She also shared her experiences of writing *Puppy Diaries* and how she thought of the storyline. She showed us how people or animals we see every day can be the start to our own creative stories. Using the example of her dog, Archie, she showed us how animals can be some of the best characters in our own writing. We learned a lot and enjoyed the experience of her visit.

Elise B & Olivia O

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click <u>here</u> for the 2019 booklet.

Fri 6 th	Fathers' Friday Yrs 2, 4 & 6
Sat 7 th	Gala Dinner
Mon 9 th	2.30pm Prayer Assembly 3W
Tues 10 th	ICAS Spelling
	Cyber Safety workshop Yr 4-6
Fri 13 th	9 – 10.15pm Learning Together Playgroup
Tues 17 th	ICAS English
Wed 18 th	Night of the Notables
Thurs 19 th	Good Sam Day
	ICAS Maths
Mon 23 rd	2.30pm Prayer Assembly/ Core Value
	Awards
Tues 24 th	Yrs 3 & 4 Gala Day
Fri 27 th	End Term 3



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Parents! I hope everyone has had a great week!

It was great to see so many parents at the Book Week Parade and we will look forward to seeing many families at Grandparents and Friends Day on Friday!

We want to thank you all for the volunteering and sense of community around the school as of late. It is wonderful to see and to be a part of it all!

As you know, the Fundraising Gala is coming up and we have three "calls-to-action" for this week:

- 1. Tickets for the Gala Fundraiser should be purchased soon if you haven't already! Ticket sales close on 31 August.
- 2. Next week is the week to send your table requests through to Emma Burton. Between 26 August and 2 September, please email <u>2019GalaTable@gmail.com</u> with your tables of 8-10.
- 3. Please also remember to sign up on GalaBid so that you can bid on all of the AMAZING prizes! Once again, here is the info to register:
 - SMS "scb2019 FirstName LastName" to +61 447 447 549 (Example: scb2019 John Smith) and you'll receive a registration link from GalaBid.

Xx Everyone! Jamie

YEARBOOK CALL OUT

We are now well and truly past the half-way mark of the year, and need your help with the 2019 Year Book.

We would love to see your pics from any recent events, particularly from the **Open Learning Day held last Friday,** so they can be included.

Also, we have some upcoming events, where we would welcome any photos you may take. These are:

- Thursday 22 Aug Northern Beaches Cluster Athletics Carnival
- Friday 23 Aug Grandparents Day

Please email your photos to: skinging5@gmail.com

Thank you so much! Happy snapping!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Millie Smith

The Millie Smith shop is open this Friday 23 August. One more volunteer is needed, please sign up if you have an hour to spare below: <u>https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille/50296801</u>

Meals on Wheels

We urgently need volunteers for Meals on Wheels for this term. Please consider signing up and supporting this important social justice activity of our school. It involves driving or accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area and *only takes only 1.5 hours* (11.40am -1.10pm). Sign up here... https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1

SUSTAINABILITY

Season of Creation - A Month of Sustainability Events

The Season of Creation, from September 1st to October 4th, is a time when Christians around the world to celebrate all creation. The Sustainability Working Group of the Northern Beaches Catholic School Parents decided this would be an ideal time to reflect on how we, as parents, can make a difference in caring for God's creation. A wonderful time to take action and do our small part for the future of our children.

Please join us in the events below, to learn, to educate, to reflect and to take action.

Environment Walk with Aboriginal Educator, Dave Ella - North Head, Manly

You may have heard your children mention the famous Dave Ella, Aboriginal Educator for Broken Bay Catholic Schools. Now, parents have the chance to meet and learn from the legend, himself. Join Dave on an educational walk of the stunning North Head, Manly. You may have been here before but you will get to see this amazing location through new eyes.

Please note: this walk is not suitable for pre-schoolers and is an adult event for parents and carers. Grandparents are also very welcome! It is a great opportunity to get out in nature with friends - old and new, learn some interesting history

of the aboriginal people of North Head, Manly and enjoy a free lunch prepared by St Paul's Catholic College Year 11 hospitality students, overlooking the beautiful Sydney Harbour.

When: Friday 13 September, 2019

- 10am: Meet at St Paul's for Smoking Ceremony
- 10:30: Walk through North Head
- 12:00pm: Back to St Paul's for lunch

Sign up here https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/environment-walk-rsvp.html

Family Beach Clean Up - With Northern Beaches Clean Up Crew – Clontarf

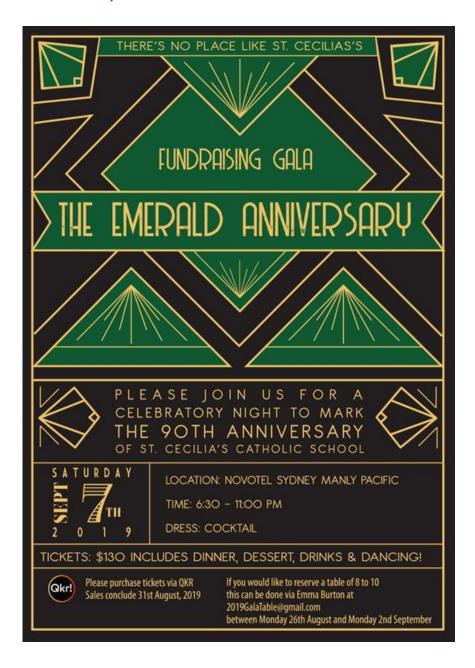
Your family is invited to come and help clean up Clontarf beach. Spend some family time together and sign up for this wonderful contribution. When: Sunday 29 September, 10am Where: Clontarf Beach Sign Up Here: https://www.facebook.com/events/2150183155109248/



The **roster** can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click <u>here</u> **2019 Canteen Menu**: click <u>here</u>

Upcoming Volunteers:

Fri 23 Aug: Akosita Brown and Harmony Osborne Mon 26 Aug: Liz Psychogios Wed 28 Aug: Jodi Castellan and **1 Volunteer required** Fri 30 Aug: **2 Volunteers requires**





Parish News

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING Weekend Masses 30/8 and 1/9

We will celebrate Father's Day with a blessing for fathers at all masses. There will also be a blessing at all masses for expectant parents.

WINE AND CHEESE INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 4 September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre: For those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. This will be an opportunity to discover you are not alone in your yearning to be a follower of Christ who transforms our lives with love. For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

BAPTISM OF YOUNG CHILDREN PROGRAM Is your child interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like your child to become a Catholic and participate in the 2020/2021 Children's Sacramental Program? Our Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7yrs – 11yrs) will be offered on Sunday 8, 22 and 29 September. The program can be downloaded from the parish website at http:// www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacrmental-program/for-parents under the Sacramental Program – Additional Resources tab. Copies also available from the parish office and in both churches. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for more information.

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

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Dr. Anèl Bignaut from Manly Orthodontics is happy to support. St. Cecilia's Primary Catholic School community for the fifth year running. Anell treats both chiéren and aduts and has a strong focus on clinical excellence and patient experience. She offers a wide range of orthodontic treatment including metal braces, clear braces, hidden braces, Invisalign and early treatment with plates for younger children. What sets her apart from other orthodontists is her boutique style practice where every patient is treated by a Specialist Orthodontist from start to finish in a friendly and laid-back atmosphere.

Anki is very approachable and is always happy to answer any questions or concerns regarding orthodontic treatment or early orthodontic intervention. If your child is not ready to start orthodontic treatment, they will receive periodic reviews at no additional charges to monitor their dental development until they are ready to start treatment. This will allow your child to get to know Dr. Anki and the practice and ensure that treatment is carried out at the correct time.

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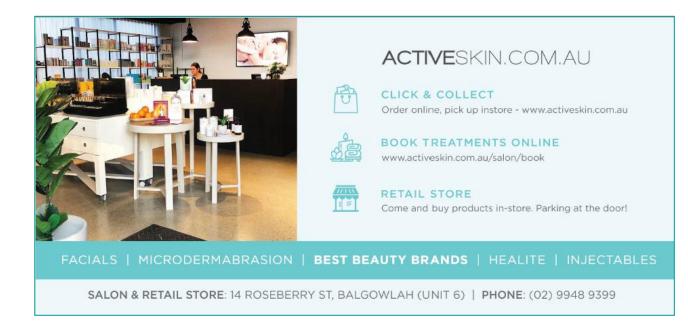








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