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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: Offer to help an adult

## Principal's News



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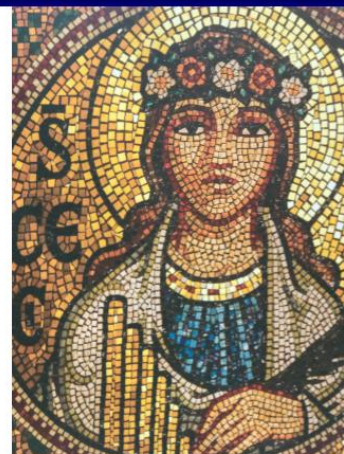
You are invited to join us for the  
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By Friday 18 October

*Celebrating 90 years...*

## FATHERS' FRIDAY

Thank you to the many dads who joined us last week for Fathers' Friday. The competitiveness was palpable as many hidden talents shone to produce, creative Boomerang bags, brainstorm mathematical solutions and outshine the children's sporting ability. Thank you to the Yr 1 and Yr 3 team who set up and cleared the morning tea.



## GALA DINNER

What an amazing, incredible night!

Thank you to all the parents who attended for your generosity and support.

A huge thank you to the Year 2 committee who have worked tirelessly to make last Saturday night a reality. The community are well aware of the time it takes to organise such an event. The children are the beneficiaries.

Thank you to Derv and Jo for sourcing the sponsors, to Kirsty and Lucy for pulling it together with Sheridan at the helm. Sheridan has coordinated all social events this year with professionalism and a sense of calm.

Finally thank you to, Jamie for her leadership of the event as P&F President. Unfortunately Jamie won't be staying on as president and I know as a community we will miss her inclusive leadership, her friendly nature and genuine love of our school and community.

Thank you also to Bill who MC'd the evening and to John Cunningham who ran the auction. A list of our generous sponsors can be found on the SCB Facebook page, please support them whenever you can. Congratulations to Bonnie B (Yr 3) who won the 'Principal for the Day' raffle.

The money raised last Saturday will ensure the coding lessons can continue. The major spend will go towards the students learning initiative. They realised the solar panels on the roof of the school were not enough to power our school but by adding a few more with greater capability the solar panels could power the school and significantly reduce taking energy from the grid.

The other big spend will be signage around the school- as part of our positive behaviours for learning program reminding the children of our core values

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND PUPIL FREE DAY

The school holidays are quickly approaching. The last day of term is Friday, 27 September. Day one next term is a pupil free day. School will resume for Term 4 on **Tuesday 15 October**.

Miss Williams is on leave until the end of term. Mrs Brewster will take Year 4. Mrs Delrennie will be on leave from next Monday. Mrs Moran will take Year 3. Mrs Morris will also take leave for the final two weeks of term. Mrs Cunningham will take Year 1.



## PLAY TO LEARN

*Play to Learn* is on again. All parents with toddlers are invited to attend our playgroup on Friday 13 September at 9am. The playgroup is held in the Secret Garden. **Pre-schoolers** enrolled for 2020 who attend the playgroup are invited to collect their "St Cecilia's Here I Come" tee-shirt from the school office when they arrive.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to the following students who placed in their class finals.

Year	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
K	Harriet C	Lily K	Olivia M
1	Ella S	Matthew D	Rufus Mc
2	Darci M	Jessica O	Harrison F
3	Willow B	Caiden M	Liam M
4	Tommy B	Konrad B	Alessia Z
5	Sienna H	Isabella M	Taylor R

## COMPASS

Thank you to the families who have got on board with Compass. Unfortunately the data shows that only 60 families have downloaded the app. You all received an email instruction on how to download the app and a special login password. Compass not only allows you to register your child's absence (full days only) it also allows you to apply for extended leave, update contact details and will house your child's school reports. In the coming weeks we will begin to send notifications through Compass as the parent 'go live' is already active. It is OK to delete the old school app from your phone or just use it as a link to our webpage.

## NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER



Please be sure to drop in to our '**Night of the Notables**' next Wednesday evening in the school hall commencing at 7pm.

'Night of the Notables', is a program for talented children that we use with our Year 6 students. Each student engages in an in-depth study of one famous or notable person with a view to performing as that person on the 'Night of the Notables'. The program is a powerful one when completed properly and draws on the student's ability to think creatively, critically and reflectively. Students across the school will have a sneak peek during the day but it is well worth viewing the entire programme.

## SCHOOL MUSICAL

### **The Lion King Junior Musical** **12 November 2019, The Concourse, Chatswood**



Our biannual school musical is soon approaching! A list of costume requirements for our musical '*The Lion King Junior*' was sent out last week. Some items of costume will be sourced by the school (e.g. coloured t-shirts) and other items will need to be provided by the students. Please check your child's class costume requirements. The black tights/pants are to be brought into school and shown to your child's classroom teacher by the Friday 27 September (end of Term 3) to check for suitability.

## ENVIRONMENT WALK AND LUNCH

A fascinating history of the Aboriginal people of North Head. Friday 13 September. This event is for parents, grandparents and carers. Click here for [details](#).

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

Fran Taylor  
Principal

## **Religious Education**



### FATHERS' FRIDAY

Many thanks to all the fathers who came to celebrate Fathers' Friday. We hope that you enjoyed the day as much as your children did. Thanks for playing sport, being involved in the Science and Mathematics activities along with making the *Boomerang Bags*. Special thanks to you all for taking the time to pray with your children and for your participation in our whole school Liturgy.

### GOOD SAM DAY

On **Thursday 19 September** we will be celebrating our Good Sam Day for this term. The focus of the day will be to commemorate Father Dave's Golden Jubilee as a Priest. All funds raised on this day will go to the Augustinian Volunteers. The Province do tireless work in social justice, particularly with assisting the indigenous youth at Redfern. On the day it would be appreciated if the children could wear something that is the colour gold (yellow) and that we can give generously to the Augustinian Volunteers so Father Dave's 50 years' service as a Priest is recognised by doing service for others!



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We hope that everyone has been taking the opportunity to take their family to Mass on Sunday so their children can enjoy the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

When the Gospel stories are being told in the Church the children are withdrawn and have their own special time to learn about the Word of God. Children also participate in an activity after listening to the Gospel story. Children's liturgy only takes place within the school term and isn't held when Families Come Gather Masses are on at Church.

The aim of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is to immerse the children in the stories from the Bible in a way that's meaningful for them. All children are welcome to participate in the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Word will be on at St Cecilia's on the following Sundays: **15 September and 22 September**

We hope that you can bring your children along to Mass with you so the whole family can listen to the stories of Jesus.

### PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Thanks to Year 3 for leading us in a beautiful reflection about how we can love God more just as our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders do.

Our next **Core Value and Prayer assembly** will be on **Monday 23 September**. We will be presenting the students with their award for showing service throughout the term. We will also be welcoming new families who have joined our community this term. The Core Value and Prayer Assembly will be led by 1W. All are welcome to attend.

### RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday 18 September at around 10am Year 4 will have Penance with our Parish Priests.

On Thursday 19 September at around 10am Year 3 will have Penance with our Parish Priests.

### 'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES'

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass will be on **Sunday 27 October** and will involve **Kindergarten** families. More information about the Mass will be provided closer to the date.

### WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

On Wednesday 18 September Year 3W will be attending the Parish Mass. Everyone is 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.dbbcs.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 7	Term 3 Service	Core Value	Merits
KB	Rafferty R		Olav S and Serafina V
KW	Campbell F		Madeleine R and Matilda G
1B:	Asha K		Scarlett H and Hudson L-S
1W:	Georgia J		Max G and Sophie W
2B:	Mia H		Samuel M and Alexander M
2W:	Harrison F		Darci M and Lucas C
3B:	Eva C		Xavier M and Alyssa W
3W:	Magnus S		Lewis H and Oscar M
Yr 4	Danica P and Milly E		Brigid T, Jamie L, Josephine B and Rory F
Yr 5/6	Amalia C and Eva T		Isabella C, Madeleine E and Billie O

## UPCOMING DATES

### September

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 9 – 10.15pm Learning Together Playgroup  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> ICAS English  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Night of the Notables  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Good Sam Day  
ICAS Maths  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly/ Core Value  
Awards  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Yrs 3 & 4 Gala Day  
6.30pm Parent Ed – Numeracy

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> End Term 3

### October

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> **Staff Development Day**  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Students return for Term 4  
9 – 10.15am Learning Together Playgroup  
Stage 3 to Canberra  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 return from Canberra  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly Stage 3  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Kinder 2020 Transition  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup>

## YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Joshua M 2B for his success in being selected as a finalist in the 2019 Northern Beaches Young Writers' Competition. Joshua and his family have been invited to attend the Presentation Night at the Northern Beaches Council Chambers on 19 September, where the winners will be announced. We wish Josh good luck.

*Stephanie Harding*

## YEARBOOKS

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

## DRAMA

Next week is the last week of Term 3 Drama classes. It will also be an opportunity for parents and friends of the drama groups to come and view a class in action *ie*, 8am Wednesday / Thursday. See you there.

Term 4 Drama classes will start Week 1 of the new term.

*Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher*

Paul Clapham 0417 066 576; email: [paultkd@me.com](mailto:paultkd@me.com) or [greg@wyllietkd.com](mailto:greg@wyllietkd.com) **Student Voice**

## FATHERS' FRIDAY

Last Friday was Fathers' Friday, for Years 2, 4 and 6. The Year 6 dads came to the classroom to make *Boomerang Bags*. This was a fun and enjoyable experience as this was challenging but also a creative activity. Afterwards the Environment Captains explained why and how it's going to help in our community and our earth.



Later on we headed outside to begin sport. We got into four groups and played dodgeball and end game. This was a great start to the morning as we let out all our energy and it was a fun way to get to know others.

After recess, the school hosted a Father's Day Liturgy where we gave thanks to our amazing fathers that we have in our lives. Then Stage 3 went back to our classroom to explore some timelines in Mathematics. The dads had a choice to put some of their life experiences in a timeline. We know that this was a nice experience because we got to learn more about our dads' lives and their funny ancient times. Overall this was a really exciting and special day that we will cherish forever.

*Katelin and Ruby*

## **Parent Network News**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hi Parents!

Welcome to Week 8!

I hope you all had a magical time on Saturday night! I know I loved celebrating with all of you! Thanks again to all of you, especially the Year 2 parents who made the night run so smoothly and so much fun!

Congratulations to Bonnie B in Year 3 for winning Principal for the Day, as well as a session with Louise Hance Photography! Also, to Cassidy M and Will C for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Lastly, congrats to Sienna L for selling the most tickets!

If you have won a prize, but haven't yet collected it, please see Sue in the school office or contact [scbgala2019@gmail.com](mailto:scbgala2019@gmail.com) to arrange pick up.

I can't believe we have another Gala behind us. What fun!

I also want to remind you that for 2020, we will have a few positions available on the P&F Executive Team. Please contact me at [castaldojamie@gmail.com](mailto:castaldojamie@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out in some capacity. It is a truly rewarding experience. Positions available include:

- President
- VP Community
- VP Justice
- Secretary and Communications

Lastly, we are starting to pull together names for Class Parents next year! This is especially important for incoming Year 1, as we will kick-off 2020 with the Welcome Party. If you'd like to be a Class Parent (usually 2-4 per Year Group), please email me at [castaldojamie@gmail.com](mailto:castaldojamie@gmail.com).

Thanks everyone!!

X

Jamie

### BBCSP UPDATES

**Parent Workshop "Learning Every Day counts"** - Wednesday 11 September @ St Kieran's Manly Vale from 6.30pm - 8pm - *see details attached*. Free Parent workshop for parents to help develop positive routines for school.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

There is an available role on the Social Justice Team **perfect for those who have limited time** but would still like to *give back* in a small way...

### Docker River Primary School Coordinator

*Do you have creativity and artistic flair?* We're looking for someone to pull together and post the package of beautiful student letters and artwork for Docker River Primary twice a year (in Terms 2 and 4) **It only takes approx. 2-3 hours twice a year**. Contact Robyn Wunder [robyn@thewunders.net](mailto:robyn@thewunders.net) if you're interested.

### Volunteer for MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels involves driving or accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area. **It only takes only 1.5 hours (11.40am - 1.10pm)**. Sign-up here... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-meals1>

### MILLIE SMITH Pre-loved Uniform Shop

**Remember to bring in your pre-loved uniforms**. And thanks to everyone who has donated so far this year. When you purchase from the shop, all payments are via QKR and funds raised are given to charities. The next shop open days are at 2.30-3.30pm on the following Fridays... 20 September, 25 October and 22 November. **Please sign-up to assist on these days...** <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-mille/50296801>

### GIFT 'Giving In Faith Together' Cook-offs

Thank you to those who have volunteered so far this year and a special thanks to all our year coordinators! **Our next cook-off is for Years 5-6 on Monday 14 October 6-9pm** in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale (Coordinators: Katharine Cook, Annette Paddison). Please sign up here to volunteer <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-gift>

### SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Just a reminder for children to bring along their banking books on **Tuesdays** to make their deposit and receive their token. Once they have 10 tokens, they are able to redeem a prize. There are some great reward prizes available. Children can order prizes from the current or previous terms.

**Term 1:** Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set

**Term 2:** Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler

**Term 3:** Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards

**Term 4:** Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



Please click this [link](#) to print out your reward card.

School Banking Team: Kellie, Jodi and Jennifer



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 13<sup>th</sup>: Michelle Stephenson and **1 Volunteer required**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>: Akosita Brown and Patrick Eyherabide

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: **2 Volunteers required**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>: Alison Westh and **1 Volunteer required**

### Parish News

#### CATHOLIC FAITH

**Would you like to learn more about Catholic Faith and Practice or how to become a Catholic?**

A group of mothers with primary school aged children is beginning this journey and you are most welcome to join us on **Saturday 19 October between 10.30am and 2.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or [sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) if you would like more information.

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

### Community News

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES:** Northern Beaches Council brochures are available from the school office.

Alternately go to the council [website](#) for information.

#### **EVERGREEN MUSIC HOLIDAY CAMP**

If your kids love music, there's no better option than our Evergreen themed [workshops](#) these school holidays! Flower Power Camp celebrates the 1960's music of Hendrix, Dylan, Joplin The Beatles etc.

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