



Celebrating 90 years

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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 care for our school environment

Principal's News



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You are invited to join us for the
Feast of St Cecilia
Celebrating the 90th anniversary of our school

Friday 22 November 2019

9:15am—12pm

at

St Cecilia's Catholic School Balgowlah

Whole school Mass followed by Morning Tea and a
School Tour



RSVP 9948 3069 or scb@dbb.catholic.edu.au

By Friday 18 October



Celebrating 90 years...

Dear Parents

DIOCESAN PUBLIC SPEAKING AND NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES

It has been a big week for our Stage 3 students. Congratulations to Elenor B who competed at the Broken Bay Diocesan Public Speaking Competition and to Year 6 who presented their in-depth studies on a notable person last week.



OTHER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE

- Joshua M was awarded first place in the K-2 division of the Northern Beaches Council Writing Competition
- Harrison F and James M received first place in their group in the Eye, Heart, Science competition

PARENT NETWORK COMMITTEE

As you are aware one of the most noticeable differences our school has to offer is the welcoming community spirit and sense of inclusiveness amongst the parents. This is largely achieved through the work of the Parent Network committee. Sadly this year our President Jamie Castaldo and some of the Vice Presidents have decided to step down to pursue their own work commitments. Please read the parent network section of this newsletter to view the role descriptions of the various positions up for nominations. If you feel you would like to be nominated for one of the positions or would like to find out more feel free to speak with me directly or contact Jamie Castaldo.

CANTEEN

We welcome Sara Toia to the role as canteen coordinator. Sara will be working closely with a canteen consultant in Term 4 to introduce new healthy options to the menu. She will also look into reducing the amount of landfill produced by

the canteen and replace 'one use' containers with reusable containers. Please continue to volunteer your time. With the proposed changes there will be lots more for volunteers to do. We will update you with the changes as they happen.

COMPASS

Have you used the new parent portal yet?

All parents should have received an email with information about our new Compass Parent Portal and App, including login details. The new system will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

If you would like to receive Compass notifications on your mobile device, please remember to enable this functionality. Simply press the Allow button when prompted during the installation of the Compass School Manager app.

Please log into Compass if you have not already done so, check that your contact details are current, and update if necessary. This will ensure we can communicate effectively with you.

Contact the school office if you have not received an email with your login details, or have any questions.

CORE VALUE SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the recipients of the Term 3 Core Value award for Service

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

Help others in our school, wider community and the world

KB: Georgia W

KW: Olivia M

1B: Eliza P

1W: Amelia S

2B: Evangeline F

2W: Harrison F

3B: Cherry-Rose S

3W: Harrison L-S

Yr 4: Ava H

Yr 4: Thomas A

Stage 3: Elise B

BOOMERANG BAGS

Our Boomerang Bags are now complete and ready to send off to be used at the local shopping centres. Some of the children became so attached to their bag that they have decided to take them home for the family to use when shopping. That is absolutely fine. The aim of the project was to create awareness for the need to be sustainable. We feel this goal was achieved.



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 in the last few weeks. Some items of costume will be sourced by the school (eg. 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 Friday 27 September (end of Term 3) to check for suitability.

GALA DAY

Yesterday our Year 3 and 4 children attended the Northern Beaches Gala Day for netball, AFL and cricket. They all came back exhausted but excited about their day. The Year 4 boys even managed to win their netball division. Stage 3 children will attend tomorrow.

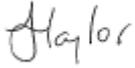


SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND PUPIL FREE DAY

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

Wishing you all a safe holiday break with lots of great adventures.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

GOOD SAM DAY



Many thanks to everyone for their generosity when we had our Good Sam Day on last Thursday. It was great to see everyone wearing something in gold to commemorate Father Dave's 50th Anniversary as a Priest. Thanks to your goodwill we will be able to donate **\$316.55** to the Augustinian Volunteer Appeal. The Appeal helps to support Indigenous people at Redfern.



CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW PHOTO COMPETITION

Please click [here](#) for information about the Catholic Worldview Photo Competition which is sponsored by The School Photographer. **One photo per student** is permitted for the competition. The entries are to be emailed directly to the school photographer images@theschoolphotographer.com.au

Entries close on 25 October 2019

The date for the presentation of prizes at Maria Regina will be confirmed when the winners are announced.

GOOD SAM'S' FOUNDATION RAFFLE

The Good Sams' Foundations latest fundraising activity is a raffle. The raffle aims to raise funds for the Sisters of Good Samaritan ministries in Australia and the Pacific. The Annual Raffle has some great prizes that have been donated by CCI, MBark, Ausbil, Mobile Corp, Nexon, Macquarie Bank and Toolijoola.

Raffle Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased at the school office.

The Prizes are:

1st Prize: Apple Watch 4

2nd Prize: \$500 Coles Group and Myer Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$500 Coles Group and Myer Gift Card

4th Prize: iPad 9.7 (32GB Wi-Fi)

5th Prize: iPad Mimi (132GB Wi-Fi)

6th Prize: \$250 Coles Group and Myer Gift Card

7th Prize: \$200 Bunnings Voucher

All tickets must be sold by Wednesday 30 October. Please come and purchase some tickets to help a great cause!

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On Monday 21 October the Prayer Assembly will be led by Stage 3 students. The assembly commences at 2.30pm and will be held in the church.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

We will notify you next term which class will be attending the Parish Mass on Wednesday 16 October.

'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.

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 10	Term 3 Service	Core Value	Merits
KB	Georgia W		William K and Harriet B
KW	Olivia M		Sadie H and Leon T
1B:	Eliza P		Hugh M and Ella S
1W:	Amelia S		Madeleine R and Darcy G
2B:	Evangeline F		Beck M and Darius G
2W:	Harrison F		Liam H and Joshua B
3B:	Cherry-Rose S		Coelli T, Neve M and Ruby M
3W:	Harrison L-S		Willow B and Magnus S
Yr 4	Ava H and Thomas A		Samuel K, Jessana B, William M and Josephine B
Yr 5/6	Elise B		Isabella S, Lily T-A and Scarlet F

UPCOMING DATES

September

Thurs 26th Stage 3 Gala Day

Fri 27th End Term 3

October

Mon 14th **Staff Development Day**

Tues 15th Students return for Term 4
9 – 10.15am Learning Together Playgroup

Wed 16th Stage 3 to Canberra

Fri 18th Stage 3 return from Canberra

Mon 21st 2.30pm Prayer Assembly Stage 3

Fri 25th 2.30pm Milly Smith Uniform Shop

Mon 28th Full Summer Uniform

Wed 30th Kinder 2020 Transition

November

Mon 4th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2W
P&F Exec meeting

Tues 12th The Lion King Jnr Musical

Wed 13th 9am Kinder 2020 Transition

Mon 18th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KB

Tues 19th 9 – 10.30am Heaven on Earth in the hall
with Fr Paul
7pm P&F AGM

Wed 20th Art Incursion
Kinder 2020 Transition

Thurs 21st Art Incursion

Sun 24th K2020 & Yr 1 Family Come Gather Mass

YEARBOOKS

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

Children may return to school in Term 4 in either full summer or full winter uniform for the first two weeks. All students are to be in their summer uniform by Monday 28 October. All uniform requirements are available at:

Pickles Schoolwear located in Brookvale or via their website: www.picklesschoolwear.com Ph: (02) 9905 2711.

Girls' Summer Uniform

- Blue pleated uniform with white collar
- White ankle turn down socks
- Black leather shoes
- Royal blue hair ribbons
- School hat – cap (boys) or wide brimmed (girls)

Boys' Summer Uniform

- Navy shorts
- Blue summer short sleeve shirt
- Navy ankle turn down socks
- Black leather shoes
- School hat – cap (boys) or wide brimmed (girls)

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes in the lost property box located outside the foyer. Any items not claimed by this Friday will be given to St Vincent de Paul. During the holidays please check that all your children's items are clearly labelled.

Paul Clapham 0417 066 576, email: paulkd@me.com or greg@wylliefkd.com **Student Voice**

NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES

All the Year 6's spent this term researching for the Night of the Notables. Not only did we have to learn about our notable of choice, but we had to do so at a very deep level and consider how the person was notable and in what ways they have or had a greater impact on the wider world. At the end of each week, we would do a reflection. We all found the reflection a great way to look back on how much we had done and learned. Each week we also had a new task to undertake that added to our understanding and reflection along the way and better helped us to learn how to progress.



Everyone was excited and nervous as the night approached. Soon the night came though, and we were dressing into our outfits and practising for all the questions that the audience may ask of us. Every one of us was nervous when walking onto the stage and getting ready to say our 'Who Am I'. We all wanted to do our best while also having fun, so as much as we thought that we could mess things up, we still went out there with confidence and did a fantastic job.

Following this, all the Year 6's were at their tables and we were all very thrilled to answer the questions of guests who visited our tables. Every single student was so passionate to share their knowledge and the life of their notable. Overall, we think every Year 6 student enjoyed the night. We were very grateful that so many people appreciated the work we put into our presentations. It was such a pleasant experience that we all got to be part of and we are all excited to see the Year 5 students involved in the process next year.

Maddie E and Sophie H

Parent Network News

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Term 3 P&F General Meeting: Term 3 [Minutes](#)

Hi Parents!

Hope you are all having a great week! As promised, below please find a description of each of the available positions on the P&F Executive Committee for 2020. The objective of the P&F is to liaise between the parent community and school administration to enrich and grow the experience of our children during these pivotal years.

President – This role can be held by an individual, or by two, as a co-Presidency role

- Provides leadership and direction for the P&F by working cooperatively and collaboratively with the principal
- Promotes the aims of the P&F
- Acts as a liaison between the School Advisory Committee, P&F Executive Committee and parent community
- Supports the executive committee members and ensures correct functioning of all office bearers and subcommittees
- Oversees the P&F Executive and General meetings

Vice Presidents

- Community (Oversees Class Lists, Volunteering and Buddy Families)
- Justice (Oversees Meals on Wheels, Good Sam Days, Hamper Appeals, Docker River School Exchange, Heaven on Earth, Millie Smith Pre-loved Uniform Shop and our contribution to the Parish GIFT Cook-off program; Acts as a liaison between P&F Executive Committee and REC, Tanya Fitzpatrick)
- Communications and Secretary (Sets the Agenda for the Executive and General meetings, takes and shares out minutes; Supports President in execution of Communication to school body)

Positions on the Executive Committee require:

- Attendance at two mandatory meetings twice a term – The Executive Meeting and General Meeting
- Approximately 1-2 hours of work a week

If you are interested in joining the P&F Executive Committee or take on a supporting role for 2020, please contact me at Jamie Castaldo (castaldojamie@gmail.com) or [speak to Fran](#) Taylor.

All positions will be voted in at the Term 4 General Meeting.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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](#)

DOCKER RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL Coordinator

Do you have a creative, 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. Perfect for those with limited time.* Contact Robyn Wunder robyn@thewunders.net if you're interested.

GIFT 'Giving In Faith Together' Cook-offs

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 [here](#)

SCHOOL BANKING

Just a reminder that School Banking will resume in Week 2 next term, Tuesday 22 October. Happy holidays.



ST CECILIA'S TENNIS

Tennis in Term 4

Get your kids ready for the Summer of Tennis !!!

Term 4: Monday Wednesday and Friday

7.45am-8.30am at school. 9 weeks of tennis starting the 1st week of term. First sign up basis and spots are limited.

Choose which day suits.

All equipment provided

Contact Bryanne Crabb for more information – 0403063013 or bryannecrabb@gmail.com



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 27th: Johanne Little and **1 Volunteer required**

Wed 16 Oct: **2 Volunteers required**

Fri 18 Oct: Nadine Meehan and **1 Volunteer required**

Term 4 2019



AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE

Onsite Science fun now running Monday & Tuesday afternoons after school until 4:30pm (5pm late pick-up option available)

For more information or to book a place please email:
alana@eyeheartscience.com.au

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 if you would like more information.

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

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Do you realise that you have the qualities to become a Catechist?

We are looking for volunteers who are generous, kind, loving and have a desire to teach children about God's love in our local Public Primary Schools.

- A manual and workbooks are provided to take the thinking out of it for you.
- The lessons are easy to follow and you can literally read from the teaching manual.
- The weekly commitment consists of 30 mins teaching time plus 30 mins prep/driving time.
- The experiences that you can provide for these children will stay with them for life and the rewards for Catechists are great!

If once a week is too much of a commitment, you are welcome to team up with a friend or two and teach every couple of weeks instead. Or, you can teach together- whatever works!

If you feel that this is something you would like to be involved in or would simply like more information, please contact our Catechist Coordinator Ursula Hallaway on 0423 595 204 or email

catechist@northharbourcatholic.org.au (no obligations).

Thanks and we hope to hear from you soon!

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.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT NSW PARLIAMENT

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