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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: Hope

School Rule: Be positive and contribute

Scripture: With God all things are possible - *Matt 19:26*

Story: Parable too Talents: Have a go and try to do your best

Principal's News



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You are invited to join us for the
Feast of St Cecilia
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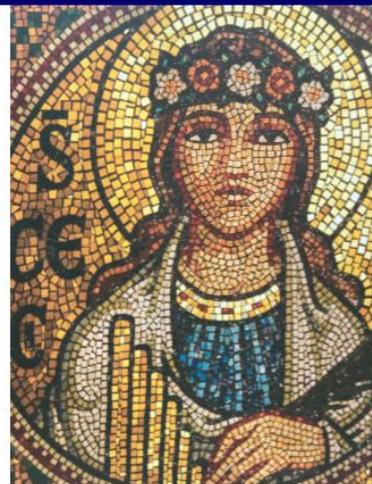
Friday 22 November 2019

9:15am—12pm

at

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Whole school Mass followed by Morning Tea and a
School Tour



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By Friday 18 October



Celebrating 90 years...

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4. This week we are happy to welcome the Furlong family to Year 4.

It is hard to believe that in ten short weeks we will be breaking for Christmas. Term 4 promises to be as busy as the previous terms. We begin with Stage 3, Years 5 and 6, setting off for Canberra early this morning. The musical, our 90 year anniversary celebration, Kindy 2020 transition and graduation are just a few of the highlights to come.

You will have noticed that during the holiday period the nets went up around the basketball courts. Thank you to the P&F for funding this. Hopefully it will mean fewer of our balls will end up in Manly.

During the break we also received the following announcement from the Very Rev Dr David Ranson our Diocesan Administrator:

“With open arms and hearts, we welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo to our diocesan family! I am confident that you will receive him enthusiastically and warmly. We are enormously blessed by his appointment. Bishop Anthony is young and energetic. In fact, on the day of his appointment he turned just 53. Yet, he brings remarkable experience of leadership already – from his pastoral experience in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, his studies in Canon Law, his service in Rome at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, his time as a Seminary Rector in Queensland, and more recently his term as an Auxiliary Bishop in Sydney during which he has enjoyed significant involvement in youth, education and clergy. I have known him personally for many years and have enjoyed his very personable, engaging and humorous personality on many occasions, most recently during the Ad Limina pilgrimage in Rome. On behalf of our Diocese, I express our profound gratitude to Pope Francis for gifting us with a leader of such calibre and stature, We can be confident in the future that opens before us.”

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 a number of 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 roles 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.

YEAR 5 AND 6 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA

This morning our Year 5 and 6 travelled to Canberra for a three day excursion. They are accompanied by Mrs Dyer, Mrs Delrennie and Mr O'Brien. The students will visit many of our national sites including Parliament House, The National Museum of Australia, The Australian War Memorial, The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and Questacon. We wish them safe travels and look forward to hearing about their learning on their return.



HEAVEN ON EARTH

This term we are happy to have Fr Paul back to lead our Heaven on Earth parent session.

This is a wonderful time for self-reflection and meditation. The timing is perfect just before the Christmas rush. We don't often get time for ourselves. Please be assured all parents, grandparents, parishioners and friends are invited and are most welcome to attend.

STAFFING

We have now received our final staffing allocation for 2020. I can confirm we will have the same number of classes as we have had this year. Whilst the set up remains the same I can also confirm Year 3 will begin the year as 2 separate classes. It is hoped that in Term 3 we will move toward ability grouping across the grade for literacy and numeracy as is the current practice. If you would like more information regarding the Year 3 classes for 2020 please contact me directly. I believe there has been some miss communication that may need clarifying. I will briefly address class groupings at the P&F meeting later this term when I will be happy to answer any questions.



Unfortunately I will not know for some time which teachers will be allocated to each grade. Job advertisements across the Diocese were posted last week. These advertisements include promotion opportunities as well as permanent positions across the Diocese. The decision to allocate teachers to grades will be made in the last week of term when all movement has settled. Thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter.

COMPASS

Important message – we need you to login to Compass, the new parent portal

Last term all parents were sent an email with information about our new Compass Parent Portal and App, including login details and instructions. The new system, Compass, will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

Please refer to the email sent out last term and log into Compass if you have not done so yet. We will be using Compass to communicate with our parent community and need to ensure you are not missing out on key information. The information will include your child's final report for the year.

Please let the school office know if you have not received an email, or have any questions. ***If the email is not appearing in your Inbox, please check your SPAM or Junk folder.***

SCHOOL MUSICAL

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



Our biannual school musical is soon approaching! Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 30 October at 10am via the following link: <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=CECILIAS19>
Ticket Prices: Adults \$40, Children \$25 and Concession \$30.

We would love parent help to source props and help with costumes. Please let us know if this is something you would like to help with.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fran Taylor".

Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education



WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday with your children and that you were able to spend time together doing things that you enjoy. As you are aware Term 4 is another term where we have many things on. We have another mediation session (Heaven on Earth) that will be led by Father Paul, the 90th Anniversary Celebrations of our school, some Family Come Gather Masses, Christmas and of course our Thanksgiving Mass.

With so many things on, not only at St Cecilia's but in our own lives, let's pray that we look after each other and take it easy knowing that with the help of our Lord all will be well!

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

Our next Prayer Assembly on Monday 21 October will be led by **KW**. It commences at **2.30pm** in the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

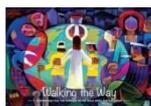
WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today, Year 1B attended the Parish Mass at 9am.

'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

UPCOMING DATES

October

Fri 18th Stage 3 return from Canberra
Mon 21st 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KW
Fri 25th 2.30pm Milly Smith Uniform Shop
Mon 28th Full Summer Uniform
Wed 30th Kinder 2020 Transition
10am Ticket go on sale for The Lion King

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
Fri 15th Parent Christmas party

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
Fri 22nd 9.15am Feast of St Cecilia Mass
2.30 – 3.30pm Milly Smith Uniform Shop
K2020 & Yr 1 Family Come Gather Mass
December
Mon 2nd 2.30pm Advent Prayer Assembly
Thurs 5th Good Sam Day

Wed 11th Reports home
Fri 13th 11.30am Yr 6 Graduation Mass
Mon 16th 2pm Prayer Assembly 1B & Academic Awards

Wed 18th 10.30am Thanksgiving Mass
Last day for students

YEARBOOKS

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

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.pickleschoolwear.com Ph: (02) 9905 2711.

TAEKWONDO

Taekwondo for Term 4 commenced this week. If you would like your child to participate please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

DRAMA

Term 4 Drama classes have commenced. The Drama performance night will be held on Thursday 5 December so it's time to ensure your child/ren continue to practise. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Please let Mrs Collier know if your child is unable to perform

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

CHESS!!

Chess coaching for students is held on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:45am, and commenced yesterday 15 October. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Parent Network News

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Team,

Welcome to Term 4! We have a great term in front of us with the School Musical, Thanksgiving Liturgy, Year 6 Graduation, Parent Christmas Party and so on!

To that end, the Parent Christmas Party will be held on 15 November! Time and location to come, but please hold that date in your diary. It's only a month away, but a great way to celebrate the year.

Also, I want to again call for volunteers to be Class Parents and join the P&F Executive Committee. Even if you aren't sure, let me know and we can talk it out. It's such a rewarding experience and I promise you will get so much out of it. I had some lovely parents put their hands up over the school holidays - and I'm so thankful to and excited for them! Thanks everyone. Let's get ready for 2020!

Lastly, don't forget the P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on 19 November at 7pm in the School Hall. Definitely mark your diaries, as we would love to see you all there.

Have a good week and see you on the playground!

x

Jamie

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Do you have creativity and artistic flair?

We're looking for someone to collate, design and post the package of beautiful student letters and artwork for the indigenous students at Docker River Primary School in the Northern Territory. ***It only takes 2-3 hours twice a year (terms 2 & 4)*** perfect for those with limited time. Contact Robyn Wunder 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/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

MILLIE SMITH Pre-loved Uniform Shop

- **DONATE** your pre-loved uniforms to Millie Smith by bringing them into the school office. Funds raised from the sale of these uniforms are given to charities.
- **PURCHASE** pre-loved uniforms at the next shop open days: on Friday 25 October 2.30-3.30pm and Friday 22 November 2.30-3.30pm or anytime via Sue in the school office. All payments via QKR.
- **ASSIST** in selling uniforms on these days, sign up here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille/50296801>

SCHOOL BANKING

Just a reminder that School Banking will resume next week, Tuesday 22 October.



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

Mon 21 Oct: **2 Volunteers required**

Wed 23 Oct: Jo Matthews and **1 Volunteer required**

Fri 25 Oct: Lisa Thorpe-Apps and **1 Volunteer required**

Volunteering Times

We will be changing the volunteer timeslots shortly. The new times will be:

- 2 volunteers required if working all day from 9am – 1.30pm
- If volunteers can only do part of the day then either two from 9 – 11.30am or 11.30 – 1.30pm
- Or if you can't commit but have some free time pop in anytime even if just for an hour.

Term 4 2019



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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

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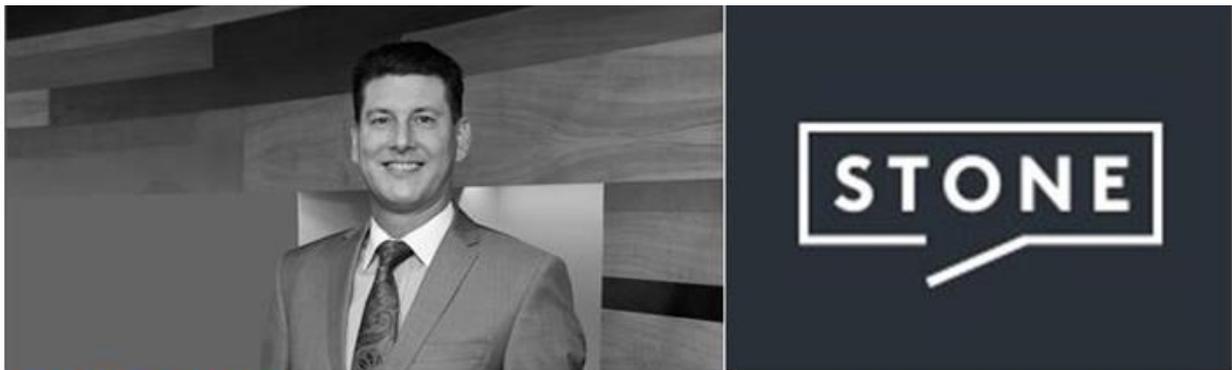
Dr. Anel Bignaut from Manly Orthodontics is happy to support St Cecilia's Primary Catholic School community for the fifth year running. Anel treats both children and adults and has a strong focus on clinical excellence and patient experience. She offers a wide range of orthodontic treatment including 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.

Anel 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. Anel and the practice and ensure that treatment is carried out at the correct time.

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