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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 of Talents: Welcome others to our community.

Principal's News

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

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Welcome the Christ-child, at home and in our hearts

Continue to gaze upon the Christmas creche, noting the images and themes that speak to our hearts: childlike wonder, joy, poverty, fragility, family, trust... and the nearness of God's presence. Writes Pope Francis, "To our astonishment, we see God acting exactly like we do: he sleeps, takes milk from his mother, cries and plays like every other child! As always, God baffles us. He is unpredictable, constantly doing what we least expect. The nativity scene shows God as he came into our world, but it also makes us reflect on how our life is part of God's own life."



DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Dear Parents

As we conclude the 2019 school year I would like to thank all staff and parents for their contribution to advancing the learning culture at St Cecilia's. It is with a tinge of sadness we farewell our Year 6, the staff, and families moving on. We send you our best wishes and look forward to hearing from each of you in the future.

Students met their 2020 teachers and new class mates today. Teachers have been working on the class lists for the past three weeks to ensure each child goes forward with at least one friend. The lists reflect the social and academic needs of the children and I know you will acknowledge the planning that has gone into them and respect the teacher's professional judgement in putting the lists together. The list are final and unfortunately there is no room for movement.

2020 STAFF

- Kindergarten Blue – Alana McLaren
- 1 Blue – Lauren Blamey
- 2 Blue – Colette Ward
- 3 Blue – Rachael Wiggins
- Kindergarten White – Angela Pelling
- 1 White – Jenny Morris/ Fiona Moran
- 2 White – Tanya Fitzpatrick
- 3 White – Terri Smith

- 4 Blue – Kathy Gray
- Year 5/6 – Nick Dowler and Carly McDonald
- Learning Support – Sue Grose (Mon, Wed, Thurs)
- Librarian and AP – Stephanie Harding
- PE – Martha Butler
- Italian –
- Teacher Assistant – Louise Fergus
- Admin- Sue Walmsley /Bev Butler
- 4 White – Terese Cunningham
- Music – Michael Warby
- Canteen – Sara McHugh

Thank you to our Parish Priest Fr Dave Austin, supported by Fr Paul and Fr John who have ministered to us this year. Father Dave has been very supportive of our school community. Thank you also to the St Cecilia's School Advisory Committee chaired by Chris Bignold, who have given their time so generously. I must also thank, on behalf of the school, the Parent Network President Jamie Castaldo who stood down this year after 16 months of focused support for our school. She has led the way with so many initiatives but has particularly ensured that St Cecilia's is a welcoming community. We thank the team of parents behind her particularly Sheridan Milward, Kirsty Smidt and Rachael Keeling who also have given their time so freely to the social committee, secretarial role and VP Community. And to all of the executive committee for the work they have done to strengthen the partnership between family, school, parish and the wider community. Thank you also to the many class parents and groups who have contributed to the welcoming life and mission of the school.

Our office staff at St Cecilia's is exceptional and I would like to thank Sue Walmsley and Bev Butler for the tremendous job they do not only with students and parents but also teachers. Thank you Sue and Bev!

HOPE CORE VALUE AWARDS

Congratulations to the recipients of our Core Value Award for Hope:

KB: Rafferty R

KW: Mimi W

1B: Gigi M

1W: Grace B

2B: Oliver T

2W: Molly S

3B: Eleanor M

3W: Rae-Marie B

Yr 4: Charlotte F and Nicholas G

Stage 3: Orla C

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE CURRICULUM AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Academic Awards at Monday's assembly.

KB: Sofia P and Charles H

KW: Lily K and Campbell F

1B: Ella S and Natalie E

1W: Miles M and Rufus M

2B: Annika W and Owen B

2W: Harrison F and Rebecca W

3B: Alyssa W and Frances L

3W: Liam M and Caiden M

Yr 4: Molly W, Brigid T, Thomas B and Ava H

Yr 5: Ainsley B

Stage 3: Elise B and Elenor B



PATRICK ANTHONY AWARD

★ A special congratulations to **Milly R** who received the Patrick Anthony Award for 2019



SPELLING BEE

Well done to all the students who made it to the finals of our first St Cecilia's Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to the winners of each stage:

Early Stage 1: Campbell F

Stage 1: Christian G

Stage 2: Brigid T

Stage 3: Elise B

A very special thank you to Mrs Sue Grose who organised the K to 6 event and had the whole school buzzing.

SCHOOL REPORTS

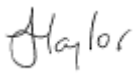
Please note any family leaving the school will need to download their child's report by the end of December as access to Compass will no longer be accessible. The student class requisite list for 2020 has been emailed to you. Please note this year you again have the option of ordering your child's requisites on-line from Humphrey's or sourcing them yourself elsewhere.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school will be closed from 19 December for the Christmas break. Teachers return on Tuesday 28 January. Students are asked to book in on-line via **Compass to attend a 20 min Mathematics assessment** on Wednesday 29 January.

- **THURSDAY 30 JANUARY IS THE FIRST FULL DAY FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-6**
- **KINDERGARTEN BEGIN ON FRIDAY 31 JANUARY**

Regards



Fran Taylor
Principal

Merry Christmas



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Religious Education



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

I would like to wish all of our St Cecilia's parents, students and friends a safe, happy and holy Christmas and holiday season. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of staff, parents and students throughout the year. Your support and assistance throughout the year is much appreciated!

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and blessings in the coming New Year.

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>

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

School News

UPCOMING DATES

December

Wed 18th Last day for students

January 2020

Tues 28th Teachers return

Wed 29th MAI Yrs 1 – 6 and Best Start Kinder

Thurs 30th Yrs 1 – 6 Commence, Best Start Kinder,
Kinder picnic 2pm

Fri 31st Kinder 2020 commence

February

Tues 4th 6.30pm Meet the Teacher

Thurs 6th 2.30pm Class Parent meeting

Fri 7th 9.15am Ceremony of Light

Thurs 13th Swimming Carnival 9am – 12pm

Sat 22nd P&F Welcome Cocktail evening

Sun 23rd Stage 3 FCG Mass

Tues 25th Yr 3 boys to St Paul's

Wed 26th Ash Wednesday

PICKLES UNIFORM SHOP

Pickles are currently moving to 43 Carter Road Brookvale and will re-open Monday 16 December. They will close for the Christmas break on Saturday 21 December at 1pm and reopen Friday 3 January. All online orders close Sunday 19 January www.pickleschoolwear.com.

YEARBOOKS

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

SCHOOL TERMS 2020

Term 1 – Starts: Students 1-6 return Thurs 30 January / Ends: Thurs 9 April

Term 2 – Starts: Mon 27 April / Ends: Fri 3 July

Term 3 – Starts Mon 20 July / Ends: Fri 25 September

Term 4 – Starts Mon 12 October / Ends: Wed 16 December for students

Parent Network News



An advertisement for Millin's Butcher. On the left is a green logo with a white cow silhouette and the text "FREE RANGE BUTCHER", "MILLIN'S", and "SINCE 2011". To the right, on a black background, is the text "YOUR LOCAL BUTCHER, PROUD TO BE EMERALD SPONSOR OF ST CECILIA'S". Below this is a message: "The team at Millin's would like to thank the St Cecilia's school community for your support during another fantastic year. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season with your families!". At the bottom of the ad is a green grass border. On the left side of the ad, it says "Share your xmas feast with us! @millinsbutcher".

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

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St Cecilia's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 5:30pm 24 December

We would like to invite the school choir and any other children (Year 3 and above) who would like to sing at the Vigil Mass, to be a part of the Children's Choir.

Please register online, using the link below

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/CatholicCommunityOfNorthHarbour/ChristmasNativity2019Choir>

Rehearsals will take place at St Cecilia's Church at the following times:

- Sunday 22 December 10am (following 9am mass) - Choir and Nativity Play
- Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve morning) 10am - If required (to Be Confirmed at Sunday 22 Dec)

If you have any questions please contact Tim Boys (0412 349 635).



Parish News

ST CECILIA'S CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS: REGISTRATION FOR CHOIR AND NATIVITY PLAY

Children's Nativity - Angels and Shepherds

We are calling on all angels and shepherds from Kindy and upwards to be a part of the Nativity play at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Cecilia's Church. If your child would like to take part can you please [Register Here](#). Registration will be open until Monday 16 December. If you have any questions please call Derv Peach (0401 436134) or Evelyn Paterson (0417 849987)

Children's Nativity rehearsal will take place at St Cecilia's Church at the following times:

- Tuesday 17 December at 3:30pm (approx 45 minutes) - Nativity Play only
- Sunday 22 December at 10am (following 9am mass) (approx 1 hour) - Choir and Nativity Play
- Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve morning) 10am - If required (To Be Confirmed at Sunday 22nd rehearsal) - Choir and Nativity Play

Children's Nativity - Choir

We would also like to invite the school choir and any other children (year 3 and above) who would like to sing with them at the vigil mass, to be a part of the Children's Choir.

Please [Register Here](#) for the children's choir at the vigil mass. **Please register for the choir by this Friday 6 December.** If you have any questions please contact Tim Boys (0412 349635)

Children's choir rehearsals will take place at St Cecilia's Church at the following times:

- Sunday 8 December 10am (following 9am mass) - Choir only
- Sunday 22 December 10am (following 9am mass) - Choir and Nativity Play
- Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve morning) 10am - If required (To Be Confirmed at Sunday 22nd)

Community News

POSITION VACANT

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