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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: **Respect**

School Rule: Respect yourself, others and the environment

Scripture: Each one of you is part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace – *Colossians 3:15*

Story: The Ten Commandments: Welcome others

Principal's News

Jesus calls all who would be his disciples to learn how to be "salt" (literally and figuratively) for our hungry world, how to master the art of bringing out the "flavour" and richness of compassion, mercy, peace and forgiveness in our lives and the lives of those we love. As Molly Birnbaum writes in Time magazine (December 16, 2019), it's a matter of possessing not just the skills of cooking but the attitude of joy and fulfilment in doing for others, of working together, of daring to be messy and willing to try to new things for the sake of bringing the love of God to life.

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



Dear Parents

It has been a joy to watch the children settle into their classes for 2020. The buzz on the playground amongst students and even parents is one of excitement for the year ahead. We are excited to have the boys stay on in Year 5 where they, along with their female peers, have shown real leadership as they embrace their responsibility as buddies to the new Kindergarten children. There is a very positive feeling for 2020 amongst the staff as we welcome a number of new families and new teachers

2020 STAFF

- Kindergarten Blue – Alana McLaren
- 1 Blue – Lauren Blamey
- 2 Blue – Colette Ward
- 3 Blue – 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 –
- Admin- Sue Walmsley/Bev Butler
- Kindergarten White – Angela Pelling
- 1 White – Jenny Morris/ Fiona Moran
- 2 White– Tanya Fitzpatrick
- 3 White – Rachael Wiggins
- 4 White – Terese Cunningham
- Music – Michael Warby
- Canteen – Sara McHugh

Welcome
back!
&
Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

This year professional learning for teachers will include embedding “*New Pedagogies for Deep Learning*,” an initiative launched by Michael Fullen, a leading authority on education reform, into the curriculum. They will also complete Professional Learning with the University of NSW for Mini-COGE (Certificate of Gifted Education). This is a 2 day course that will involve a pupil free day on 1 May and the following day, Saturday 2 May.

THE COMPASS SCHOOL APP

By now all parents will have downloaded the **Compass School App**. The app is used to communicate between home and school. It includes logging absences, communicating with the class teacher, accessing school reports and accessing the newsletter each week. If you are having trouble accessing compass please contact the school office.

‘CEREMONY OF LIGHT’ LITURGY: PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

A warm invitation is extended to all parents to join us on **Friday 14 February** when St Cecilia’s extends a very special welcome to all our Kindergarten children and any students and staff new to St Cecilia’s. Our School Leaders for 2020 will also receive their leadership badges. Please join us for this very special Mass at 9:15am.



PARENT NETWORK COMMITTEE

Our new Parent Network committee have had a busy start to the year. To date they have organised class parents, the Kindy picnic, tea and tissues, volunteers for the canteen and are busily working on the *Welcome Evening* and the *Gala Dinner*. Please accept the community’s heartfelt thanks, for it is this work in the background that builds the inclusive welcoming community at St Cecilia’s. I look forward to catching up with new families and existing families at the *Welcome Evening* on 22 February.

CODING

Coding lessons have been made possible due to the generosity of the parent body at St Cecilia’s and the fund raising efforts of the Parent Network team. Lessons resumed this week. iPads, Chrome Books and Bee Bots will be used in the Year 1 and Kindergarten classes as parents felt they had not yet developed the computer skills needed to navigate the complex world of coding. Bee Bots are small robots that can be programmed as an introduction to coding.

The company Cod4fun who facilitate the coding program here at St Cecilia’s are also keen to begin a before school club for those who would like their children in Years 2 to 4 to be extended beyond what they are learning in class. Please follow the [link](#) to learn more. For Stage 3 students, [extension](#) is offered at the local scout hall.

CLASS PARENT MEETING

Thank you to all the parents who have agreed to take on the *Class Parent* role for 2020. This is a privileged position that comes with some responsibility. A *Class Parent* meeting will be held in the school hall at 2:30pm tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon to discuss the role. It is important that at least one class parent from each year group attend.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2020 School Swimming Carnival for Years 2 - 6 is at Manly Swimming Centre Balgowlah Road, Manly is fast approaching. Details of the event were emailed home yesterday. Thank you to parents who worked with us to solve the technical hitches that go along with on-line [bookings](#). All problems should now be solved. If you had trouble entering your child into races please try again. Please note non swimmers still attend the carnival as spectators and form the cheer squad. Children not entered into an event cannot enter a race on the day as the online form doubles as permission from the parent for the child to enter the water. Without this consent prior to the carnival we cannot let your child enter the water. It is OK for a child who is entered into a race not to swim if they change their mind. The carnival will run from 9:00 – 11:30am. **Parents transport their own children to the pool.** At the conclusion of the swimming carnival, buses will transport children back to school. It is a regular school day and school will continue as usual in the afternoon.

Ribbons will be awarded at assembly the following Monday once the overall 50 metre event winners (not the winners of heats) have been determined based on times collected. Please take the time to explain this to your child to avoid disappointment on the day.

Please note: **Kindergarten and Year 1 do not attend the carnival.** They will attend school as usual where their teachers will arrange fun activities to ensure they are not disappointed.

KISS AND RIDE

Kiss and Ride zone operates between 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm. During these times the restrictions are enforced by Council Rangers.

- **'DO NOT GET OUT OF CARS in White St'** when dropping off and picking up students in the Kiss and Ride Zone
- **'DO NOT REVERSE PARK or jump the queue in White St'** but **move along with the flow of cars** in a line to collect or drop off your child in the allocated area.
- Remember **'NO PARKING'** restrictions do apply
- If the traffic is banked across the roundabout it may be necessary for parents to drive around the block.
- If students are not present at the pickup zone for any reason, parents may be asked to drive around the block

If parents wish to come into the school playground they are asked to park their cars in Wanganella and Seaview Street and to enter and exit the school yard via the gates in Wanganella and Seaview Streets.

- Students for "Kiss and Ride" sit on the driveway inside the gate in the afternoon.
- Cars are to have the "family name sign" visible on front window- the school has issued one sign per family (from office) - If more than one sign is required please notify the office.
- Supervision of students ceases at 3.30pm. If students have not been collected they will be taken to After School Care where the afternoon fee will be required.

Thank you to parents for working with the school so that all students are kept safe and parents can pick up and drop off students efficiently. If you prefer not to use this service please be considerate of our neighbours and refrain from parking across their driveways or in the parking bays of nearby units even for short periods of time.

STUDENT SAFETY

- Supervision before school begins at 8:30am. Any child arriving before this time is required to book into Before School Care with Camp Australia.
- Similarly, in the afternoon supervision is provided until 3:30pm. After that time children are required to go to After School Care.
- Just a reminder that in the interest of student safety the play equipment is only open at recess and lunch when classes are rostered and teachers are available for supervision.

PROCEDURE WHEN A CHILD IS ABSENT

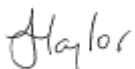
Regular attendance at school is essential to assist children to reach their potential. However if your child is sick we encourage you to keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. On the day of the absence please log the absence on Compass including the reason for the absence. No other action is required.

Any child arriving after the bell in the morning needs to be signed in at the office by a parent. It is the parent's responsibility to complete the on-line, sign- in, using the kiosk in the foyer which will print out a receipt. The child then hands the print-out to the teacher as they enter the classroom. Any child entering the classroom without the late slip needs to return to the office to ensure they are marked present for the day. Late arrivals and early departure must only be entered via the Compass kiosk at the school office.

In an effort to reduce children's anxiety please remember to make medical and specialist appointments outside school time. Parents are also encouraged to note term dates when booking family holidays.

Finally please remember I am always available to support students and parents with any difficulties that arise. The staff and I are looking forward to the year ahead.

Regards



Fran Taylor
Principal

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Religious Education



STAGE 3: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: 'Sacraments of Service'

In this module, students are encouraged to reflect upon the nature of their own vocation and how it is to be lived out in their daily lives. Students will relate the service of married couples and priests to the family and the parish with the meaning and celebration of the sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders.

2020 OPENING SCHOOL MASS AND CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Friday 14 February - The school community extends a very warm welcome to all families, especially those new to St Cecilia's, to join us for our opening school Mass and 'Ceremony of Light'.

Students and staff members new to our school will receive a candle to mark this important milestone in their lives and our 2020 School Leaders and Semester 1 SRC leaders will be presented with their badges. Our Mass begins promptly at **9:15am**. Everyone is welcome!



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 26 February is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. All are warmly welcome to our Ash Wednesday Mass that will commence at **9:15am**.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our first 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the year is **Sunday 23 February**. Stage 3 will be involved in this Mass. More information about this Mass will be provided over the coming weeks.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

This term, our first Prayer Assembly will be held on **Monday 17 February** in the church. **Year 2W** will be leading the assembly and sharing some of their learning experiences in Religious Education. The assembly will begin at **2.30pm** in the church.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today Year 4W attended our Parish Mass. On Wednesday 12 February Year 3W will attend our Parish Mass. 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-2020-year-a.html>

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

School News

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 1	Term 1 Respect Core Value	Merits
Kinder:	Eden V-W and Molly A	Edward G, Eloise R, Christian S and Ella M
1B:		Olivia M and Max M
1W:	Daniel H	Rafferty R and Aleksandra W
2B:	Angus M	Amelia S and Jacob P
2W:	Georgia J	Max G and Maddy R
3B:	Rebecca W	Kyra K and Darius G
3W:	Isabella B	Fletcher H and Naomi P
Yr 4:	Luca B and Magnus S	Cherry-Rose S, Eve P, Liam M and Bonnie B
Yr 5/6	Benjamin H and Lily T-A	Bianca T, Isabella M, Charlotte F and Lucy G

UPCOMING DATES

February

Thurs 6th 2.30pm Class Parent meeting
Thurs 13th Swimming Carnival 9am – 12pm
Fri 14th 9.15am Ceremony of Light
Mon 17th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2W
Tues 18th Yr 1 Excursion to Narrabeen
Sat 22nd P&F Welcome Cocktail evening
Sun 23rd Stage 3 FCG Mass
Tues 25th Yr 3 boys to St Paul's
School Advisory Committee meeting
Wed 26th Ash Wednesday

March

Mon 2nd Northern Beaches Swim Carnival
Tues 3rd 7pm P&F Meeting
Tues 10th Broken Bay Swim Carnival
Tues 17th Open Day
Kindy Parent Literacy Night
Thurs 19th Yr 6 Leaders Mass at Waitara
Thurs 26th Good Sam Day
Fri 27th 9am Learning Together Playgroup
Sun 29th Yr 4 FCG Mass

DRAMA

Drama classes are available for students in Years 1-6. Terms are usually 8 weeks and all classes are of a 45-minute duration costing \$140 and are held on Wednesday and Thursday.

Classes commence Wednesday 19 February, and enrolment forms are available from the school office.

IT'S BUDDY WEEK AT TAEKWONDO

Come along and have a try at this fun activity, Tuesday morning 11 February at 8.00am in the school hall. Catering for all ages. It's a great time to join the St Cecilia's squad.

The tenants of TKD are promoted every lesson - *Courtesy, Integrity Perseverance, Self control, and Indomitable Spirit*, building confidence and resilience, Taekwondo works for the individual student as well as promoting a team spirit.

Come along and have a trial lesson or call me for further information.
Paul Clapham 0417 066 576 email: paultkd@me.com

BOOK CLUB

The current issue of Book Club was sent home today. Orders close Friday 21 February.

Student Voice

On Friday 31 January the new Kindergarten children commenced their first day of school. The Stage 3 students made cards to welcome their buddies and met them in their classrooms to complete an activity booklet. Being a leader at St Cecilia's is about role modelling the Core Values and the positive behaviours for learning to the younger students. We are preparing to receive our leadership badges at the Ceremony of Light on Friday 14 February.

Sienna and Amalia



Parent Network News

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Volunteer for MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is an important social justice endeavour of St Cecilia's school. Volunteering for Meals on Wheels involves two parents driving and 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) on a Monday. Please support this worthwhile social justice activity. Sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>



The **roster** can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click [here](#)

2020 Canteen Menu: click [here](#)

Upcoming Volunteers:

Fri 7 Feb: Joe Sutcliffe, Genevieve Taylor and Alison Westh

Mon 10 Feb: Crystal Redpath, Diana Calvet, Emma Burton

Wed 12 Feb: **2 Volunteers required**

Fri 14 Feb: **2 Volunteers required**

Volunteering Times

- 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, even if just for an hour, contact the canteen and let them know.

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

- Parents of children in Year 3 and older (who received the sacrament of Confirmation last year) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 11 February at 9.30am OR Wednesday 12 February at 7.00pm both meetings in St Kieran's Church;**

- **Group Facilitator Meetings** will follow the Parent Information Meetings at 10.30am (Tuesday) OR 8.00pm (Wednesday) in **St Kieran's Church**;
- **Practice for First Reconciliation Tuesday 10 March at 4pm in SK Church OR Wednesday 11 March at 7pm in SC Church**;
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **March 2020**, prior to the beginning of the 2020 – 2021 Children's Sacramental Program;

Parents new to the school with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact Janette as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

You are part of a community that cares about you. Join us for a fun filled morning tea to explore questions on life, faith, and meaning. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends and family.

Friday 7th February at 9.30am then every Friday from 28th February
2 King Street Manly Vale in the North Harbour Parish Community Hall
Morning Tea is provided.




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Community News

POSITION VACANT – CANTEEN COORDINATOR REQUIRED AT ST KIERAN'S

St Kieran's is still in need of a Canteen Coordinator three days per week. The position has been readvertised, if you are interested please apply. All details can be found here. <https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/careers/Employment-Opportunities>

SEAFORTH RAIDERS

Registrations are now open to join the Seaforth Raiders, one of Sydney's fastest growing Junior Rugby Clubs. The on-field emphasis is on boys and girls trying their best, having fun and playing to win on the field, while off the field the focus is on nurturing the true family friendly spirit of Rugby. 2020 will also see the Raiders offering several exciting choices for girls and who want to play Rugby from 5 years old up!

All skill levels are welcome to join. For more information please go to: <https://raidersrugby.com.au/registration/>

WATER RESEARCH OPEN DAY

The Water Research Laboratory of UNSW Sydney located next to Manly Dam is opening their hydraulic and coastal laboratories on Saturday 15 February between 9.00am – 1.00pm. This may be of interest to students at primary school level for general environmental studies; and for high school students interested in choosing a science or engineering career. Please refer to our web site for further information about the Open Day and the specialised research and consulting work completed at the WRL. <http://www.wrl.unsw.edu.au/all-events/wrl-open-day>

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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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