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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: Be a good listener

Principal's News



The season of Lent is a call to become "unstuck": to discern those areas of our lives that have become "stuck" in self-centeredness, monotony, hopelessness and isolation. During these forty days of Lent, the Spirit of God leads us to rediscover the presence of God in our lives, to walk with Jesus in the landscape of the heart. May Jesus' spirit of compassion and his light of wisdom enable us to get "unstuck" in order to live our lives in the fullness of God's grace.

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Dear Parents

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK and OPEN DAY

Catholic Schools Week is an important time to celebrate the sense of belonging within our school community and the launch of the enrolment period for 2021. Our **Open Morning** is planned for **17 March from 9:15am**. We hope to welcome new prospective parents and students to our school as we open classrooms and showcase the spiritual, academic and creative opportunities offered here at St Cecilia's. If you have a younger child ready to start school in 2021 it is important to collect an enrolment package from the office or download it from our web page and return it at your earliest convenience.

During our Open Morning we will also hold our *Open to Learning Morning* when we invite all parents to visit their children in the classroom. It is also a good opportunity to visit other classes and get a feel for the open classroom structure in the primary grades.

MOTHERS' MONDAY, FATHERS' FRIDAY, GRANDPARENTS' DAY

At St Cecilia's School we have a tradition of inviting parents and Grandparents to spend part of a day at school. Due to the extraordinary work being carried out in the canteen we have decided to move each of these days to a Thursday allowing the hospitality to be coordinated from the canteen without interfering with the children's lunches.

Please note the dates for each event:

Mothers' Thursday for mothers of students in Years 1, 3 and 5 will be held on 7 May.

Fathers' Thursday for fathers of students in years 2,4 and 6 will be held on 3 September.

Grandparents' Thursday for grandparents of all students will be held on 27 August.

CRICKET

The Mascot Challenge for K-2 began this week. This program aims to increase activity and boost interaction in the classroom where students work on their fundamental movement skills (catching and throwing). This 10 min a day, 4 week program is a great break out activity that promotes physical activity and wellbeing. The teachers will use the ball skills program as a 'Brain Break' activity between learning sessions.

The Intraschool Cup Challenge for Yrs 3-6 will be held tomorrow at Balgowlah Oval. Hosted by the Sydney Sixers the students will participate in a cricket round-robin gala day. It promises to be lots of fun. Please ensure your child is in sports uniform, including their hat and that they apply sunscreen before they come to school. They will need to take plenty of water, their morning tea and lunch with them. The children will leave at 10am and return at 3pm.

WELCOME PARTY

Last Saturday we welcomed all families, new and existing, to the 2020 school year. What a stunning venue! the amazing vista brought a sense of relaxation and community. A special thank you to the Parent Network group led by our president Sam Ayliffe, the VP for Community Louise Gilmartin and the Year 1 parents for organising and hosting the evening.

PARENT NETWORK MEETING 7PM 3 MARCH

Our first general meeting for the Parent Network team is on Tuesday 3 March. All parents K to 6 are encouraged to attend. Apart from a full agenda and lots of information for parents we will also have a guest speaker present on our PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) program. PBL underpins our behaviour management policy. The Parent Network Meeting is a great way to keep informed with what is happening around the school both socially and academically.

READING WORKSHOP KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 PARENTS TUESDAY 17 MARCH 7:30PM

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a workshop aimed at supporting you to help your child with reading at home. When parents and the school work together to assist students the child always benefits. Any parent with a Year 1 child or older who is struggling to get their child to read at home is also welcome to attend. We have intentionally made the meeting quite late as we are mindful of parents needing to attend to the normal bedtime routines of young children and would like as many parents to attend as possible.

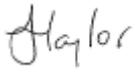
NORTHERN BEACHES SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our swimming team who have made it through to the Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival to be held at the Aquatic centre next Monday.

Boys: Liam M, Hunter S, Jack K, Kingston S, Caiden M, Kingston W, Oscar W, Oli T, Konrad B, Oisin M, Tom C, Jamir H, Harper M and Xander M

Girls: Sophie M, Jessana B, Lucy B, Isabella B, Annika W, Darci M, Elizabeth C, Alyssa W, Eva H, Sophie P, Taylor R, Neve M, Ava H, Yasmina H and Ava V-W

Regards



Fran Taylor
Principal

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Religious Education

ASH WEDNESDAY

Today we commenced the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We celebrated Mass with the parish. We received ashes on our forehead to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice for us. We hope and pray that during Lent we remember to give generously to those in need. Each class has a Project Compassion box and there is also a Project Compassion box in the school foyer. Please give generously to Caritas.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Thank you to Christine and Louella for assisting to coordinate our Family Come Gather Mass with the Stage 3 families on Sunday. It was lovely to see so many families there to celebrate God's love as a community. Our next Families Come Gather Mass will be on Sunday 29 March with our Year 4 families.



YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION

On Sunday students in Year 3 received a crucifix. The crucifix is a symbol to remind them of how God gave us his only son so we can live. The students will begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. Thank you to our parents who have kindly offered their time to help prepare the students for this Sacrament.



WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Year 4B will attend our Parish Mass on Wednesday 4 March. 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.dbbco.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 4	Term 1 Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Stanley J	Finn M and Zara H
KW:	Ella M	Rafferty G and Sophia E
1B:	Matisse M and Lola L	Thomas K, Alena W, Levi P and Serafina V
1W:	Arabella B	Havana G and Isla W
2B:	Hudson L-S	Thomas O and Darcy G
2W:	Lucy B	Mia O and Tomas L
3B:	Max M	Kingston S and Alex M
3W:	Christian G	Christopher C and Sam S
Yr 4:	Amy T and Bella T	Lachlan S, Coelli T, Pedro S and Evie C
Yr 5/6	Marnie W	Oscar W and Alessia Z

UPCOMING DATES

February

Thurs 27th Yrs 3-6 Mini Cricket Gala Day

March

Mon 2nd Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

Tues 3rd 7pm P&F Meeting

Tues 10th Broken Bay Swim Carnival

Tues 17th Open Day

7.30pm Kindy Parent Literacy Night

Wed 18th Stage 2 Gala Day

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

April

Mon 6th 2.30pm Core Value Assembly

Thurs 9th End Term 1

Mon 27th Term 2 Commences

May

Fri 1st SDD – Pupil Free Day

Mon 4th Parent Teacher interviews this week

Tues 5th 9am Learning Together Playgroup

Thurs 7th Mothers' Thursday

EVERGREEN MUSIC

Hello families!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year and are enjoying spending Friday mornings making music! All students need to bring their music folder to class every week and aim for regular playing time at home in between class time.

A friendly reminder fees for Term 1 are now due. Please ensure that any amounts owing are settled to avoid incurring late fees.

Deb, Ben and the Evergreen Team

DRAMA

Gentle reminder to those intending to enter the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod – entries close on 1 March (this coming Sunday).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

Student Voice

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE FAMILIES COME GATHER MASS

Today we participated in the Ash Wednesday Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, as we begin our journey of 40 days and 40 nights of prayer. In preparation for the Mass, we have learned about the significance of Ash Wednesday and the change in the Church's season. This is represented by the purple cloth and linked to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the most important season in the lead up to Easter, when we ask for God's forgiveness.



Last Sunday, Stage 3 participated in their Families Come Gather Mass. In preparation last Friday, we rehearsed 'One Heart and One Mind' in class and Stage 3 lead this song to conclude the Mass.

by Isabella M and Sophie D

Parent Network News

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for allowing me to be involved and be your President for 2020. The P&F is a pathway for you to connect as a parent to your school and its community.

A great example was last Saturday evenings' welcome party, which was a wonderful, successful evening. It was run to perfection thanks largely to our VP of Parent Community, Louise Gilmartin, and Year 1 Class Parents Alissa Volpe, Emma Paul and Lucy Hill, plus many more Year 1 families. We even stayed under budget!

Equally impressive, lots of us still made the 9am *Families Come Gather Mass and Ritual of the Cross* for the children preparing for First Reconciliation.

This year we would like to have a focus on 'volunteering'.

There are so many ways you as a parent can get involved in our school community. Please consider grabbing a parent, or grandparent, and having a go at assisting Sara in the canteen, or a short couple of hours accompanying our Stage 3 students on a *Meals On Wheels* morning. Treasurer Will Sinclair and I will be doing a round very soon. Please support this worthwhile social justice activity. Sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aae2ca6f94-meals1>

Reminder: the first P&F General Meeting is 7pm this Tuesday 3 March in the School Hall. All are welcome.

Sam Alyiffe

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click [here](#) for the 2020 booklet.

CLASS CONTACT LISTS

For all new families in 2020 or existing families who have kindergarten children, please ensure that you enter your details at the link below if you would like to receive information from the class parents on social events or other information from the Parent Network.

This form gives your consent to the Parent Network to allow us to share your contact details to the class year. If you have any questions please contact Lou Gilmartin at louise.gilmartin78@gmail.com.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLeseqO1PE89tVrSxbnSKNCIMI0IHBOeSVyMoGWV2Brn2e-w/viewform>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy ministry is always looking for new mums, grandparents and carers to be involved in this wonderful and rewarding ministry. Being a volunteer in this ministry involves helping with children's liturgy that takes place on Sundays at the churches of St Cecilia and St Kieran. You will be placed on roster alongside another volunteer who is currently doing children's liturgy to help out about once to twice a term. Children's liturgy only takes place within the school term and doesn't take place when year family masses are scheduled. All information, resources and activities are printed off and provided by the children's liturgy co-ordinator on a weekly basis. All volunteers will be required to obtain a working with children check number, but this is simple to do, and this is something that I can help you obtain. If you feel like this is something you could get involved with or would simply like more information, please feel free to contact me on [0403 063 013](tel:0403063013) or at bryannecrabb@gmail.com

Bryanne Crabb

PARISH MASS HELPERS REQUIRED

The Parish is in need of more volunteers to support the 9am Sunday Mass and it is particularly keen on support from St Cecilia's Primary School. Commitment is one Sunday every 1 or 2 months so being rostered on 6-12 times each year. They are looking for the following helpers:

- Readers - suit students in Stage 3 or above, older siblings and/or parents
- Altar Servers - suit children in Year 4 and above who have made their Confirmation and 1st Communion
- Morning tea - host morning tea after Mass

Please reach out to Christine Boys via caboys01@gmail.com if you are interested.



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 28 Feb: Clare Miller and Monique Tompson
Mon 2 Mar: Jodi Castellan **and 1 volunteer required**
Wed 4 Mar: Jo Matthews and Sally Ireland
Fri 5 Mar: Clare Moore **and 1 volunteer 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

- 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 on Sunday 15 March 2020, prior to the beginning of the 2020 – 2021 Children's Sacramental Program. Please contact Janette for the program dates.

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

Lenten Family Resources Stations of the Cross for Families, Families and Lent Acts of Love and Sacrifice and 'A Prayer for Life' holy card—are available at the back of both Churches.

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MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Wednesday 4 March from 4 – 7pm. Click [here](#) for further information.

MONTE SANT' ANGELO MERCY COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Open Day on Sunday 8 March from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Click here for further [information](#).

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY NORTH HARBOUR RESERVE

Sunday March 1 - from 7:00 - 9:00: Please join us for Clean Up Australia Day at North Harbour – it is our 10th anniversary of hosting a Clean Up Australia Day Event at North Harbour Reserve. There will be an early start (7:00 am) because low tide is at 7:20am and we can get at all the plastic between the rocks from the Reserve to 40 Baskets Beach.

When you arrive at the Reserve, please sign in at the Rego Table which will be between the playground and the BBQ area.

We will clean:

- between the rocks
- the park, especially around the playground and BBQ area
- the path along the water from North Harbour to 40 Baskets (accessible at low tide)
- 40 Baskets Beach
- The harbour itself - please BYO paddleboard and kayak

What to bring?

- sun protection
- enclosed shoes
- small rubbish bag or bucket for pick up
- gloves
- water bottle
- paddle board / kayak if you want to go out on the water

Ann-Charlott Paduch, Organiser, 0439 981 035

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

Terms and Conditions: 1) This offer is for parents with children currently enrolled at St Cecilia's. 2) The offer is valid for the 2019/2020 financial year.



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