



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: Learn and let others learn

Principal's News

Words of Wisdom – 2nd Sunday of Lent – 8th March 2020

In the movie 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood' Lloyd Vogel's meeting Mister Rogers turned out to be an experience of "transfiguration." Fred Rogers brings out of the cynical magazine writer the love and good will that are buried deep within him. We all experience such moments of "transfiguration" in our lives: when the love of God that exists within each one of us transforms our lives and the lives of those we love. It's exactly that love — that "divinity" — that Peter, James and John see in Jesus on the mount of the transfiguration. The power of that sacred presence shines through us, as well, even when we don't notice it or are unaware of it. Fred Rogers reflects that "transfiguring" love of Christ for Lloyd Vogel (as well as the millions of children who have watched his show over the years); God now calls us to "transfigure" our Lenten world into the "neighbourhood" of God.

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.

PARENT NETWORK

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first Parent Network meeting for the year last night. Our guest speaker from the Catholic Schools Parent body shared insightful tips on Positive Behaviours for Learning in the classroom and how the same techniques can be used at home. We have a few flyers left over that can be picked up from the office: *Getting Behaviour in Shape at Home* and an example of a *Home Positive Behaviours Matrix*. The big take-away was 'it only takes 8 practices to form an undesirable behaviour but 28 consistent practices to break it.'

We also spoke about the professional learning staff are focusing on this year which involves *Deep Learning* and *Gifted Education*. All staff will complete a Certificate of Gifted Education with UNSW on the 1 and 2 May. 1 May will therefore be a pupil free day. More information to come.

LEARNING TOGETHER PLAYGROUP 17 MARCH

Our Learning Together Playgroups will run again this year for all families with a toddler of any age. Friends of the family are also welcome. Our playgroup is held twice a term, once on a Tuesday and once on a Friday. Please come along and meet other mums and dads in the school.

We are looking for a volunteer who would be happy to set up the Tuesday playgroup. We will only need your help three times this year as the first one, which takes place on our Open Day on the 17 March is covered.

NORTHERN BEACHES SWIMMING

Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school at the Northern Beaches Swimming carnival on Monday. As a team they placed 5th out of 12 schools. Their sportsmanship was outstanding. A special congratulations to Sophie M who will be acknowledged as female swimmer of the meet. Congratulations also to the children who will go on to represent the Northern Beaches cluster schools at the Diocesan Carnival next Tuesday 10 March. Sophie M Elizabeth C, Ava V W, Bonnie B, Alyssa W, Hunter S, Liam M, Xander C, Kingston W, and Jack K.

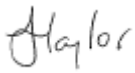
NAPLAN 2020

This year NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 will be held from 12 - 22 May. NAPLAN is a national assessment and our students will participate *Online*. Year 3 and 5 will complete the Reading, Conventions of Language, and Numeracy test *Online*. Year 5 will also complete the Writing test *Online* whilst Year 3 will complete the Writing test as a written paper. I can confirm the children will be given the opportunity to practise the computer skills needed to complete the assessment at school. Parents need to remember not to make a big fuss of the assessment and to ensure the children don't become anxious. Please ensure that you do not plan a family holiday during this time.

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.

Regards



Fran Taylor
Principal

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Religious Education

YEAR 1: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: 'Jesus Our Friend'

In this module, students will be invited to further explore the dynamics and challenges of friendship. Through Scripture stories, students will become familiar with Jesus' example of love and friendship and identify how they might imitate him. Students will name the qualities of a good friend and identify words and actions which model the characteristics of friendship. Students will be expected to recall Scripture stories which reveal the qualities of Jesus' friendship. Students will begin to appreciate that when they care for others they are reflecting and responding to the love of Jesus. Students will begin to explore the importance of forgiving and being forgiven.



PROJECT COMPASSION



Last week we commenced the season of Lent. Lent reminds us to fast, give, love and pray more. It was wonderful that as a school we raised **\$50.60** that will go towards helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please keep giving generously as all money will go to Caritas.

GOOD SAM DAY

On Thursday 26 March we will be having our first Good Sam Day for 2020. The SRC Members will provide some information next week about what we will be doing to help others in our community.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Year 4 for leading us in prayer on Monday and for giving us time to reflect upon how Jesus calls each of us to forgive one another.

On Monday 16 March 3W will lead our Prayer Assembly at 2:30pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

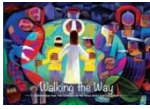
'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASS

Our next Families Come Gather Mass will be on Sunday 29 March with our Year 4 families. More information will be forthcoming.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Year 4B attended our Parish Mass today. On Wednesday 11 March Year 2 will attend the 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.dbbcsso.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 5	Term 1 Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Nicholas B	Stanley J and Imogen H
KW:	Genevieve B	Teddy D and Isabella H
1B:	Isabella C	Madeleine R and Xavier L
1W:	Sadie H	Harriet B and Georgia W
2B:	Emma P	Thomas O and Gigi M
2W:	Grace B	Maxence P and Matthew D
3B:	Joseph S	Lucy M and Tommy S
3W:	Rose A	Emily G and Hudson B
Yr 4:	Harrison LS and Finlay D	Lewis H, Rose F, Joshua S and Connor B
Yr 5/6	Ava H and Sophie M	Elise R, Rory F, Lily A and Annabel S

UPCOMING DATES

March

Fri 6th 8.30 – 9.30am Millie Smith Uniform Shop open
 Tues 10th Broken Bay Swim Carnival
 Tues 17th Open Day
 Stage 3 Gala Day
 7.30pm Kindy Parent Literacy Night
 9am Learning Together Playgroup
 Thurs 19th Stage 2 Gala Day
 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



THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2020

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

2020 Challenge

The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge opened on Monday 2 March. Anything that has been read from August 31, 2019 can be counted towards the 2020 PRC.

All information is available on the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Below is an outline of the rules. All the rules can be found on the link below:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html>

You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

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7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

- K-2 Challenge: you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.
- Years 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9 Challenges: you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.
- In an approved series on the PRC booklist, you can read any three books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

Student passwords remain the same as those used last year. Students new to the school including all Kindergarten students will be registered by 6 March and their passwords are available from their classroom teacher or Mrs Harding.

Stephanie Harding

DRAMA

Reminder – Entries closed for the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod on 1 March, however if you missed the cut off date and you still wish to enter you may enter as a late entry until 8 March. The late entry penalty fee has been waived.

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

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

CORONAVIRUS CURRENT ADVICE TO SCHOOLS

Latest Status Update

[The World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#) is currently advising that the chance of infection is low if you are not in the countries most affected or have not had direct contact with infected people.

Current advice from the NSW Government for parents and affected staff is:

Any student or staff member who has been in, or transited through, mainland China (not just Hubei province) or has been in Iran is excluded from work, school or child care services for 14 days from the date they left mainland China or Iran (as the COVID-19 incubation period can be as long as two weeks).

Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.

Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case. Students and staff who have returned to Australia from mainland China more than 14 days ago or from Iran on or after 1 March 2020, and have shown no symptoms during the self-isolation period, are able to return to school or work.

Consistent with current guidelines, children, students and staff who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any student becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the NSW Ministry of Health as appropriate.

Student Voice

Last Thursday, Stage 2 and 3 went down to the oval for a cricket gala day hosted by the Sydney Sixers. We played four games of cricket in teams of eight. Stage 3 played in the finals and the winning team was the Stars. The scores were very close and the runners up came second by only one point.



Last week marked the beginning of Lent with a whole school Mass on Ash Wednesday. When we received the ashes on our foreheads the priest's response was; 'repent and believe in the Gospel'. The ashes were the most important symbol because they had been burned on Palm Sunday last year.

Abigail and Billie

Parent Network News

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to all the parents and friends who took the time to attend the first Parent Network meeting for 2020. We are blessed to have a wonderful family community at St Cecilia's'

Last week I had the privilege to be invited to the Advisory Board meeting, run by Chris Bignold (Yrs 3 & 5). The passion and drive this team have, with Fran Taylor, Stephanie Harding, and Tanya Fitzpatrick, is encouraging and rewarding for the education of our children. They're the link to the academic successes of the classroom, the guidance and selection of courses for both children and the advanced learning our teachers are attending including part weekend courses. Things I was only partly unaware of (probably as Sandi does so much more than me in the school grounds).

I was delighted to hear how passionate Fran, Stephanie and Tanya are with the 'new team of teachers' that have joined our teaching ranks. With our school at 273 kids, we needed new teachers and I look forward to Fran sharing their talents and successes in an upcoming newsletter '*get to know the new teachers spotlight*' in the remaining weeks of Term 1.

With 2020 well underway, our first Parent Network meeting behind us and strong goals for the future, I'm sure we will have a fun and rewarding year, socially and academically, at St Cecilia's Catholic School.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SPIRITUALITY

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/30e0949aaaae2ca6f94-meals1>

Volunteer for GIFT Cook-offs

GIFT (Giving in Faith Together) is a program of our local North Harbour Parish. It organises fortnightly cook-offs to provide meals for families in need in our community. Year groups from schools in our parish come together at different times - see below for the St Cecilia's schedule. Ingredients are ordered and delivered to the kitchen beforehand and meals are frozen for collection/distribution at a later date. Cook-offs are held on Mondays at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale. **Thanks to Year 2 and your coordinator Christine Boys, who did their cook-off on Monday 23 February.**

Please sign up here to volunteer in your year group time

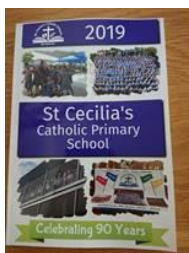
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- 27 April 6-9pm: Year 3 (Coordinator: Derv Peach)
- 25 May 6-9pm: Year 4 (Coordinator: Gillian Hopkins)
- 15 June 6-9pm: Year 1 (Coordinator: Sally Virgona)
- 20 July 6-9pm: Years 5-6 (Coordinators: Katharine Cooke & Sonia Walsh)
- 31 August 6-9pm: Teachers (Coordinator: Jenny Morris)
- 26 October 6-9pm: Kindy (Coordinator: TBC)

PICKLES SCHOOLWEAR

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR WINTER ITEMS: With the challenges across China at the moment, Pickles suggest you put through any orders for winter items this month. I know it's hard to think about winter right now, but getting organised early does pay off! Order online at: <https://www.pickleschoolwear.com/>

OR visit in person at their new location, 43 Carter Rd Brookvale.



SCHOOL YEARBOOK (YB)

2019 YB IS AVAILABLE NOW!!! - I'm thrilled to let you know the 2019 is now available. This Yearbook is the special 90 Year Anniversary edition, and it won't disappoint! Order your copy through the QKR! App, and collect at the school office. \$33 will get you a beautiful recap of the year that was. The perfect memento for every year group!

MILLIE SMITH SECOND HAND UNIFORM POP-UP SHOP

Get the jump on winter and visit the Millie Smith second hand uniform shop! We will be open this Friday 6 March from 8.30am-9.30am for all your winter uniform needs! Pop by and see us inside the before school care room!

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 caboy01@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 6 Mar: Jo Johnston and Clare Moore

Mon 9 Mar: Sarah Keating **and 1 volunteer required**

Wed 11 Mar: **2 volunteers required**

Fri 13 Mar: Helena McGrath **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.

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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.

Community News

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](#).



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