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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: All rubbish in the bin

Principal's News



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Palm Sunday



On Palm Sunday we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time before his death. A welcoming crowd joyfully shouts "Hosanna!", acknowledging God's saving presence. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John, the people greet Jesus with palm branches. But in [Luke's account](#) there are no palms; he mentions only that the people spread their cloaks on the road before Jesus. A cloak (outer garment) was an essential piece of protective clothing in those times. Ponder together with your child: "I wonder what the people were saying to Jesus by their action of laying down their precious cloaks?"

Sr Hildegard's Lectio Reflection

Dear Parents

CORE VALUE ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who received the Term 1 Core Value award for Respect this week:

KB Serafina V	KW Campbell F	1B Stefania Q	1W Zander E
2B Eloise K	2W Christopher C	3B Ruby M	3W Bonnie B
Yr 4 Henry M and Lily A		Yr 5/6 Olivia O	

These children exemplify the scripture 'each of you is part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace.' Colossians 3:15.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

Enrolments for 2020 are now open. If you have a young child ready to start school in 2020 it is important to collect an enrolment package from the office and return it at your earliest convenience. Be sure to spread the word to family and friends, we conduct tours every Wednesday at 10:30am through until the end of May. No need to book an appointment.



Have a safe and relaxing break!



EASTER LITURGY, CROSS COUNTRY AND PICNIC

We traditionally hold our cross country trials on the last day of term which co-insides with our Easter Liturgy. This year the last day of term falls on Friday 12 April.

Easter celebrations in the church will begin at 9:30am when all classes will be involved in following the footsteps of Christ during Holy Week up until the crucifixion. We will celebrate the Resurrection early next term on Wednesday 1 May at 2:30pm. All parents are invited to attend both liturgies. The liturgies are very moving and the children put a lot of preparation into the events.

Following our Easter Liturgy on 12 April will be our St Cecilia's School Cross Country event at North Harbour Reserve. All students from K to 6 participate on the day.

The younger children play ball games while students 8 years and over are asked to nominate if they wish to be considered for selection to compete for St Cecilia's at the Northern Beaches Cross Country Trials.

8, 9 and 10 year olds must run/jog 2km to qualify and 11 and 12 year olds must run/jog 3km to qualify. The first six boys and six girls to complete the circuit in each age group will be selected to represent the school at the Northern Beaches Cross Country Trials. Permission notes and entry forms are all online. Instructions on how to access the online forms were emailed out last week. If you haven't already completed the online forms please do so. **Every child K to 6 needs to be registered.**

The proposed timetable for the day is:

- 11:00am Depart for Reserve - students walk to North Harbour Reserve with their teachers
- 11:30am All students walk the cross country course-around the reserve!
- 11:45am Cross Country Races commence and Infants begin Games
- 1.00pm Lunch, Parents are very welcome
- 1:45pm Depart Reserve, children may be collected from the Reserve by their parents to begin their holiday break or they will return to school with their teachers for their usual going home procedure.

Please Note: For children returning to school with their teacher we have booked **one** bus. As you can appreciate there are limited spaces on the bus and once they are filled the remaining children will walk back to school.

It is also important to note that **dogs at any school event are not permitted.**

Congratulations to Charlie M for being the youngest child to make the Polding AFL team.

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

Fran Taylor

Fran Taylor
Principal



Religious Education



HAPPY EASTER

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday over the next two weeks. We hope you have a lovely Easter celebrating the risen Lord with your family and friends. If you're going away we pray that you'll travel safely. We look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord when we return from the holidays. Many thanks to everyone in our special community for your support and assistance this term.

YEAR 2: LENT TO EASTER MODULE

The module focuses on the prayerful aspect of Lent and the opportunities the Lenten Season offers students to reflect upon prayer and places to pray. Students will be given a variety of experiences of both formal and informal prayer settings and will be encouraged to appreciate the value of silence in prayer, providing the students with opportunities to look for, know and find God within themselves. The module highlights a key aspect of prayer during the Lenten period; expressing sorrow for any ways in which we have failed to be all that we can be in relationship with God and others.



Students are encouraged to reflect upon Jesus' prayer to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. They examine the prayerful aspect of Holy Week, focusing on the example of Jesus who was able to talk with God his Father about his feelings, fears and problems. The types of prayers explored in this module include, vocal, meditative and contemplative. Students will be given opportunities to explore and build upon their learning.

Students will explore the themes of Lent and Easter in a creative and integrated way. Through participation and involvement in the module as well as in whole school Lent and Easter activities and celebrations, students will gain an awareness of the stories, actions and symbols of Lent and Easter.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY- Friday 12 April

All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend our whole school re-enactment of Holy Week. The re-enactment will commence at 9.30am in the Church. Please remember that our time in Church is one that is reverent. We would appreciate it if all members of the community could refrain from speaking during liturgies and Masses.



PALM SUNDAY: Sunday 14 April

Palm Sunday will be on Sunday 14 April. We hope you and your family begin your own Holy Week journey by attending Mass at St Cecilia's or St Kieran's.

ANZAC DAY LITURGY

On Monday 29 April at 2.30pm Year 3 will be leading the school in an ANZAC Day [Liturgy](#) . All are welcome to join us.

You are invited to

our

ANZAC Day

Liturgy

St Cecilia's Catholic School

Monday 29th April



2:30pm

RESURRECTION LITURGY

On Wednesday 1 May at 2.30pm Stage 3 students will be leading the school in a liturgy to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. All members of the community are welcome to join us.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our next **Families Come Gather** Mass will be **Sunday 26 May**. **Year 3** students and their families will be involved in this Mass. Information regarding the Mass will be sent out to families early next term.

CELEBRATING LENT

Here are some more suggestions for putting Lent into practice at home and deepen your family's faith one day at a time:

Day 26: Worship together as a family and have a favourite meal afterward at home, on a picnic or at a restaurant. Avoid distractions that separate you from each other and spend the Sabbath day together.

Day 27: Email or write a letter to a family member you've been out of touch with, letting them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.

Day 28: Read to your children from a, "Lives of the Saints" book. Share the story of an ordinary person's extraordinary holiness.

Day 29: Be aware of your call to be a Christian during the day at work, home or at school. Look for ways to exercise your faith right where you are and give witness to Christ.

Day 30: At some point during the day put down what you're doing and purposely spend quality time with your children.

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Please consider this as an opportunity for you to unwind and replenish your own spiritual nourishment. All parents, grandparents and parishioners are [invited](#).



SOCIAL JUSTICE: PROJECT COMPASSION

Throughout Lent, students are encouraged to continue to donate to **Project Compassion**. Our Social Justice leaders are completing a weekly tally to track the school's fundraising progress. Money raised will contribute to the many wonderful programs supported by Caritas

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

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>

School News

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 10	Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Serafina V	Havana G and Zahkir H
KW:	Campbell F	Olivia M and Lily K
1B:	Stefania Q	Eliza P and Scarlett H
1W:	Zander E	Justine A and Sophie W
2B:	Eloise K	Charlie G and Jamir H
2W:	Christopher C	Josh B and Zac B
3B:	Ruby M	Jack B and Xander C
3W:	Bonnie B	Hunter S and Rae-Marie B
Yr 4	Henry M and Lily A	Josephine B, Danica P, Jamie L and Molly W
Yr 5/6	Olivia O	Isabella C, Eva H and Ruby S

UPCOMING DATES

April

Thurs 11th Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
6.30pm Drama evening

Fri 12th 9.30am Holy Week Liturgy
11.30am Cross Country
End Term 1

Mon 29th Term 2 Commences
2.30pm ANZAC Day Liturgy

May

Wed 1st 2.30pm Resurrection Liturgy
Mon 6th Parent/Teacher interviews this week for Kindergarten
2.30pm Prayer Assembly – 3W

Tues 7th 9am Pop up Play
Wed 8th Northern Beaches Cross Country
Thurs 9th 9am Heaven on Earth
Fri 10th P&F Trivia Night
Mon 13th Mother's Monday
Full Winter uniform
14th-16th NAPLAN Year 3 and 5
Mon 20th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KB
Sun 26th FCG Yr 3
Tues 28th Broken Bay Cross Country

SCHOOL UNIFORM – WINTER CHANGEOVER

Students may return to school in Term 2 in either full summer or full winter uniform, not a mixture of both. All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 13 May.

DRAMA

Drama Performance Night this Thursday, 11 April in the school hall. Years 3 and 4 will perform at 6.45pm; Yrs 1 and 2 at 7.25pm and Years 5 and 6 at 8pm (approx.). Please enter via the Wanganella Street gate, not the carpark. Thank you.

Break a leg everyone!

Term 2 Drama Classes will commence in Wk 2 – the week beginning Monday 6 May. However, I would like all those children who have eisteddfod performances on 4 May to come to drama the first week back, as usual, for a special run-through before the eisteddfod at the weekend.

Best wishes to all for a happy and safe Easter break.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

Student Voice

ROAD SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS

This week in Stage 3 we have been learning about road safety awareness. We have been given many tasks and shown examples of campaigns used to make people safer and more aware around roads. One of the tasks we are completing is working in pairs to design a short presentation explaining an aspect of road safety that will be presented to the students of St Cecilia's prior to the school holidays. To help inform our projects we researched campaigns about road safety awareness such as:



- **Don't trust your tired self,**
- **The look,**
- **Look out before you step out,**
- **Where's your head at,**
- **Be aware cross with care**

These campaigns help us have a better understanding about what it means to be aware around roads. This is true for not just pedestrians, but for us to learn as drivers when we grow up. It is also important to not only be focused on what we do near roads, but to be aware of what others are doing too because they may not always be concentrating on what's around them. We want all students to be safe around roads these school holidays so we would like to remind all parents to help us in ensuring your children are aware of the dangers and the safe practices around roads.

Parent Network News

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Afternoon Parents!

Well, congratulations on a successful Term 1!

We've had a fantastic term from a Parent Network perspective. We have a full executive committee in place, who have - with your help and the continuous support of the Class Parents - executed several events like the Welcome Party, Open Morning and Tea and Tissues. The volunteerism from you - the parents and carers of our lovely children - has helped the Canteen run smoothly and ensured all events are well staffed.

As we move into Term 2, we look forward to celebrating with you at our first Trivia Night, as well as Mother's Monday and the Athletics Carnival. And, looking even further into Term 3, our exciting Gala Fundraiser to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of St Cecilia's, it promises to be a night to remember.

Trivia Night

The parent network is pleased to introduce Trivia night! This is set to be a great night testing out our knowledge and socializing. As tickets are limited, please get in quickly to purchase your tickets using Qkr! The easiest way to go about it is to get together with some friends and purchase a table. There will be a prize for the best team name!

All tickets must be purchased before 1st May.

Any questions please contact Sheridan on smillward09@gmail.com



Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

St Cecilia's assists our local Meals on Wheels program each Monday morning. It involves driving and accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area. It generally takes only 1.5hours (11.40am - 1.10pm). **We encourage you to sign up and support this social justice initiative.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

Volunteer for GIFT Cook-offs

GIFT (Giving in Faith Together) 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. Ingredients are ordered and delivered to the kitchen beforehand and meals are frozen for collection/distribution at a later date. Please volunteer for this important social justice initiative.

Year 1: Tuesday 7 May (Coordinator Christine Boys)

Kindy: Monday 17 June (Coordinator TBC**)

Year 3: Monday 29 July (Coordinator Gillian Hopkins)

Teachers: Monday 26 August (Coordinator TBC)

Years 5-6: Monday 14 October (Coordinators: Katharine Cook, Annette Paddison)

Year 4: Monday 11 November (Coordinator Sonia Walsh)

Cook-offs are held on Mondays at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale. Please sign up here to volunteer in your year group time slot... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>

****If you're interested in being a Coordinator for the Kindy class year group, please contact our GIFT Coordinator Evelyn on robevelyn@tpg.com.au**

Millie Smith Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Thank you to everyone who donated their pre loved uniforms to the Millie Smith Uniform shop. We are stocked up and ready to sell! All donations via QKR are given to charities chosen by the Social Justice committee at St Cecilia's.

The next shop open day is FRIDAY 24 May. Payments via QKR! Access to the shop at other times via the school office.

Sign up to volunteer to open and manage the shop from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on a Friday.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille>



ST CECILIA'S TENNIS

Tennis in Term 2

Limited spots available

Monday 7.45 – 8.30am

Wednesday 7.45 – 8.30am

Friday 7.45 – 8.30am

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Contact Bryanne Crabb for more information bryannecrabb@gmail.com or 0403 063 013

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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:

Friday 12 April: Akosita Brown and **1 Volunteer required**

Monday 29 April: Tiana Hoang and Louella Covich

Wednesday 1 May: Louise Gilmartin and **1 Volunteer required**

Friday 3 May: Renae Gallen and Nicole Cordony

Parish News

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the children who received Reconciliation for the first time at 4 celebrations of the Sacrament. Thank you to all parents who accompanied their children in the program and all who helped them along this journey.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parent Information Meetings will be held the third week of Term 2 on either **Tuesday 14 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 15 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.**

2019 – 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for Children in Yr2 (and older) – Key Dates

Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2019/2020 program are reminded that the program will commence the second week of Term 2 with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 7 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 8 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey.

Enrolment for Sacramental Program on **Tuesday 21 May** between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the St Kieran's Parish Community Centre. Please note this was mistakenly listed last week as 21 June.

All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in and family preparation groups finalised.

Confirmation Parent Information Meeting on either **Tuesday 18 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 19 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

All documentation including the Program, Photo Card and Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> and from the back of both Churches.

Please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have any questions about the programs.

Community News

CODE4FUN

Have your children learn to code and build their own online projects with Code4Fun. Click [here](#) for further information.

CLONTARF TIDAL POOL

Click [here](#) to read a notification letter regarding the upcoming maintenance clearing of sand from the Clontarf Tidal Pool.

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