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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: *Justice*

School Rule: Treat others as you want to be treated

Scripture: Blessed are they who maintain justice who constantly do what is right. *Psalm 106:3*

Story: The Good Samaritan: Inclusion not exclusion

Principal's News



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Day of fire!

What child doesn't love a birthday? Pentecost Sunday is sometimes described as the 'birthday' of the Church. Pentecost is one of our most ancient feasts, and it is celebrated 50 days after Easter. It recalls the gift of the Holy Spirit coming down upon the disciples in Jerusalem ([Acts 2:1-11](#)), unifying them as a community and sending them forth to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Community of Catholic Schools Broken Bay

Dear Parents

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

From now until Friday, 21 June (Week 8), we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are important for our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. We value the role of parents and carers within our school community and would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School.



Tell Them From Me

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL: <https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stcecilias>

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.

WAR ON WASTE



In last week's newsletter I wrote of St Cecilia's desire to go rubbish, and particularly plastic, free in line with community initiatives.

Last Friday Mrs Cunningham, the SRC and the environment captains, Year 4 and Sonia Walsh led a war on waste. After lunch they tipped out our bins to highlight rubbish collected in 1 day. The students were shocked by the amount of good food going to waste and realised that 90% of the rubbish collected could actually be reduced to a third of a garbage bag a day if they are mindful of our waste.

We ask parents to support our learning opportunity by not sending lunches to school wrapped in single use plastic or foil. To help children become more aware of their own rubbish we also asked that children not bring food packaging to school but recycle it in their recycling bins at home. We are also encouraging students to take home uneaten lunch to have as afternoon tea or compost. Unfortunately our recycling capacity at school is limited. Taking rubbish home will heighten awareness of the individual footprint left behind each day. Please make this an opportunity to discuss with your child, the consequences of rubbish left behind on future generations.

Remember also to label lunchboxes and drink bottles so that they can be returned to the children each day.



NORTHERN BEACHES CHORAL EISTEDDFOD AT DEE WHY

Well done to the children who represented our school at the eisteddfod last Thursday. A big thank you to Mrs Roberts who prepared the choir.

A team of stage 3 children also represented St Cecilia's at the

❖ DA VINCI DECATHLON

With over a thousand entrants our Stage 3 came second overall in the Ideation section which is based on future problem solving. The da Vinci Decathlon is

an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Students compete in teams of eight across 10 disciplines: engineering, mathematics and chess, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative producers, cartography and general knowledge. St Cecilia's was one of the only non-private schools to gain a place. Great work!



Finally a huge congratulations to Amelie D, Olivia O' K and Liam M who placed at the BROKEN BAY CROSS COUNTRY event and will now go on to represent Broken Bay at Polding.

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

Haylor

Principal

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: KINDERGARTEN—THE BIBLE: INTRODUCING GOD'S STORY



The journey towards **biblical literacy** begins in the early years. This module will introduce the Bible as a collection of writings that were told over many years in different cultures and eventually recorded. Together these writings build the **story of our God who is active in our world and our lives**. It is an **open story**, calling us not to investigate which elements of the stories are factually true, but to ponder **our place in this story and what the story means to our lives today**.

The children's' experiences are aimed at developing a **connection with the Bible**, hopefully as part of a journey of a **lifelong relationship with the scriptures**. It is recognised that whilst children may not be able to verbalise the deep insights of scripture stories in the early years, the **stories will help them to come to know God**, an essential part of coming to love God. This module will invite children to find **meaning in story and symbol**, tapping into their **natural sense of curiosity** and their **innate sense of spirituality**. Scripture stories will be experienced as a way to encounter God, a basis on which may be built later skills of critical thinking about scripture.

ASYLUM SEEKERS HAMPER APPEAL

- **A HUGE thank you** to all the St Cecilia's school community for donating food and toiletry items to the Asylum Seekers Centre. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- **A special thank you** to Robyn Wunder and Alissa Volpe for coordinating the activities last Friday
- **Many thanks to the following parents who helped carry and sort the products:** Monica Pyne,



Jodie Castellan, Sophie Burton and Sarah McDermott.

- **Heartfelt thanks to** Rebecca Cuschieri and Mark McLeay who transported the hampers to the centre in Newtown.



Thank you to all for the generous gifts of your time and your heart. The Social Justice Team and myself are very grateful for your support!



The Asylum Seekers Centre provides practical and personal support to people seeking asylum and living in the community. It is a safe and welcoming place where people can access a range of services while waiting on the outcome of their application for protection, such as the food bank where the hampers and generous contributions from our school community will go. The Asylum Seekers Centre also offers assistance with accommodation, employment, financial assistance, health and legal advice. With our help at St Cecilia's and that of other communities, schools and organisations the Centre will be able to continue its support programs and help more families in need. <https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/>

GOOD SAM DAY: CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE

Originally we were going to have our next Good Sam Day on Thursday 13 June. We have moved the Good Sam Day for this term to **Wednesday 3 July**. More information about what we will be doing to celebrate this day will be shared with you next week.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today Yr 4 attended the Parish Mass. On Wednesday 12 June 3B will attend the Parish Mass at 9am. Everyone is welcome to join the community for mass.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On Monday 3 June the students from Year 4 lead us in our Prayer Assembly. Thanks to the students and their teachers for leading us in the prayerful reflection about a story from the Old Testament. We reflected on how we can be like Jonah who trusted in God.

Our next Prayer Assembly will be held on **Monday 17 June**. The students from **1B** will be leading us in prayer. It will commence at 2.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.



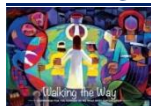
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have a number of students preparing to make their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. We keep these students in our prayers.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass will be on **Sunday 25 August** and will involve **Year 2** families. Year 2 families will receive information at the beginning of August regarding this Mass.

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>

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick
Religious Education Coordinator

School News

KINDERGARTEN SCIENCE INCURSION 30-5-19

Kindergarten are investigating *How do the observable properties of materials affect their use?* Earlier in the week we investigated which material, either wool or rubber, would be waterproof by pouring water into gloves. We found that wool is **porous** and rubber is **waterproof**. We needed this knowledge to help Dr Alana Wylie on Thursday. She had lost all of the lids to her test tubes! The students each explored different materials to make a waterproof lid for their test tube. Thank you Dr Wylie for letting us keep our test tubes so we can continue our investigations at home!



WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



| Week 5 | Justice Core Value | Merits |
|--------|-----------------------|---|
| KB | Harriet B | Lola L and Max O |
| KW | Matisse M | Leon T and Daniel H |
| 1B: | Jacob P | Lewis W and Tomas L |
| 1W: | Emma P | Samuel M and Hudson V |
| 2B: | Evangeline F | Alexander M and Samuel M |
| 2W: | Max M | Louis V and Hudson B |
| 3B: | Frances L | Lucia B and Coelli T |
| 3W: | Willow B | Bonnie B and Lachlan F |
| Yr 4 | Annaliese O and Ava H | Oscar P, Thomas A, Josephine B and Konrad B |
| Yr 5/6 | Sophie D and Sophie H | Monet D, Milly R and Taylor R |

UPCOMING DATES

June

Thurs 6th Yr 4 Excursion *postponed*
 Fri 14th 9am Learning Together Playgroup (Pop up Play)
 Cross Country – Eastern Creek
 Mon 17th Prayer Assembly – 1B
 Fri 21st Gala Video day
 Fri 28th 9.15am Feast of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Reports home

July

Mon 1st Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen

Tues 2nd Stage 2 League / Eagle Tag Gala Day
 Wed 3rd Good Sam Day (*note change of date*)
 2.30pm Prayer Assembly / Core Value Awards – Stage 3
 Thurs 4th Stage 3 League / Eagle Tag Gala Day
 Fri 5th Lunchtime Music Festival
 End Term 2
Mon 22nd Staff Development Day – pupil free
 Tues 23rd Students return for Term 3
 Mon 29th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4B
August
 Fri 2nd 4.30pm School Disco

Student Voice

WAR ON WASTE

Last Friday some of the students sorted the waste from recess and lunch into different categories. All classes came down to the playground after lunch to look at the rubbish and learn about the *War On Waste* we are continuing from last year. The School Captains and the Environment Team showed classes how much waste goes into our bins. They showed us how to sort our rubbish and decide which bin it belongs in. We also looked at how our rubbish affects our school environment. The leaders also spoke about the perfectly good food that people throw away. We discussed what students could do with their uneaten food instead of throwing it away in the bin.

Ruby & Monet



Parent Network News

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Parents!

Thanks to all of you for coming to the P&F General Meeting last night! I hope you found it useful and we appreciate you all coming out.

Next, as you all know, volunteering is so important, and so beneficial for our community. You'll see below a section called "Volunteer Corner." This section moving forward, will include all of the opportunities we have for volunteering. So, if you have some free time in your diary and are looking to jump in, please take a look there.

Lastly, just want to say thank you! I've realised (especially lately) how many talented, knowledgeable, giving people we have in this community. I'm so honoured to be on a team with all of you! Keep up the great work!

Until next week,

X

Jamie

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Kindergarten parents invited to volunteer for GIFT

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. Cook-offs are held on Mondays at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale. The next St Cecilia's Cook-off is on Monday 17 June and it's the Kindy parents turn...

- **Kindy: Monday 17 June (Coordinator Sally Virgona)**
- 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)

Please sign up here to volunteer in your year group time

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

CSO PARENT EVENTS

Another great event, please see the flyer [attached](#) for the 'The Resilient Child' coming up on Tuesday 18 June, 7pm at St Mary's School Manly.





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:

Fri 7 June: Orla Cowan and **1 Volunteer required**
Wed 12 June: Jodi Castellan and Zoe Brown
Fri 14 June: Kasia Wickham and Grace Conna

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

First Communion Program

Practice

Tuesday 11 June at 4.00pm and 7.00pm St Cecilia's Church
Wednesday 12 June at 4.00pm and 7.00pm St Kieran's Church

Parents will be requested to check their child's First Communion date is correct, provide final numbers of those attending the ceremony and place their child's photo in the folder for their nominated First Communion Mass.

Confirmation Program

How do we accompany our children in the Confirmation Program as parents, parish and school?

Session for Parents (1 hour)

Tuesday 18 June at 9.30am **OR** Wednesday 19 June 7.00pm
Group Facilitator Training (after the parent meeting) Tuesday 18 June at 10.30am **OR** Wednesday 19 June 8.00pm

Please contact Janette at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or 0408 866 521 if you have any questions.

Community News

EVERGREEN HOLIDAY MUSIC WORKSHOP

If your kids love music, there's no better option than our Evergreen themed workshops these school holidays!

They are a great space for kids to make new friends, be exposed to music they haven't heard before and use their voice/instrument to do what it's best for ... making music with others!

ROCKABILLY camp is back! It remains one of our favourite programs and we are very happy to be bringing it back these July holidays. So many timeless hits came out of the 1950's Rockabilly scene that are now etched in our subconscious and waiting to be passed on and enjoyed by yet ANOTHER generation. Over three days we will explore the figures, the fashion, the cultural context and most of all the MUSIC of ROCKABILLY. Participants will sing, dance, and play (in bands) for three days as we trick them into learning during the school holidays! So much to discover and so much fun to be had!

Our programs are designed to be fun but have also tricked many unsuspecting children into learning something new AND practicing their instrument during the school holidays. For many, it's a musical awakening, where the purpose of learning music suddenly clicks. Another step in the journey of being a 'musician for life'.

WANT TO KNOW MORE OR BOOK IN?

Click on the following link or the images above for more details and how to book in!

ROCKABILLY MUSIC CAMP: <https://www.evergreenmusic.com.au/rockabilly>

And if you know anyone who may be interested in coming along to joining our community, feel free to let them know the details.

Deb and Ben

Live Life Well @ School
HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

Great News! By December 2019 NSW school canteens will help students make the healthy choice, the easy choice.

Thanks to the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and our canteens:

- EVERYDAY**, healthy, tasty, food and drink options will be the main items available*
- OCCASIONAL** foods will be limited on the menu
- Sugary drinks** will not be sold.



**based on the Australian Dietary Guidelines above.*

For more information, visit:
healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au

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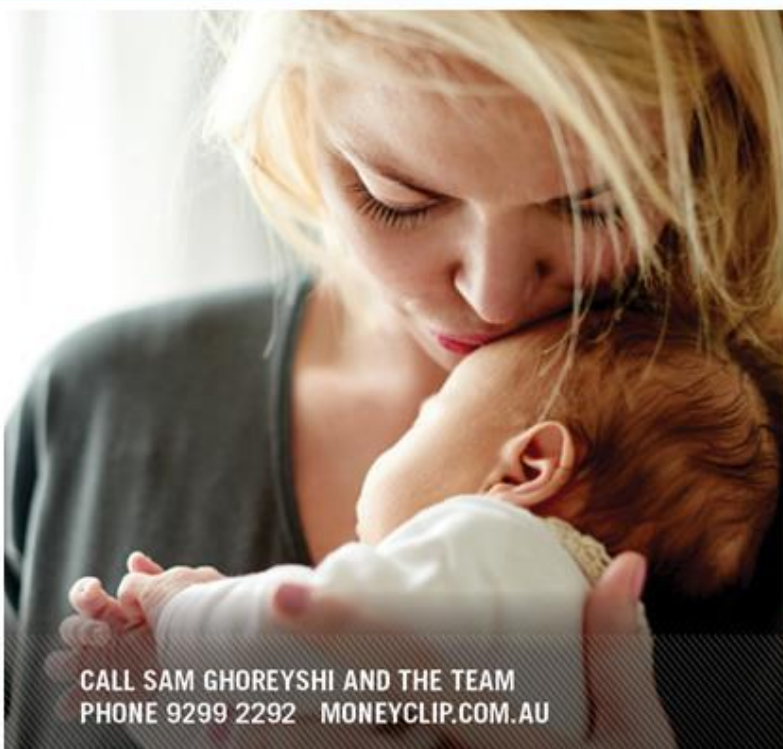
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