



### 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: Speak and act with kindness

## Principal's News

*Jesus readily acknowledges that love that is and of God is not easy. It's demanding, often unreasonable and unfair. It means putting ourselves — and our disappointments and expectations — aside for the sake of the beloved. What is often most challenging is not loving our "enemies" but loving our annoying sister or bratty brother. It's easy to "love" some nameless, demographic group we have little or nothing to do with; what's hard is to "love" the people we live with and work with and go to school with. "To love our enemies" is not just to declare a cease-fire but to create and maintain an environment where reconciliation is always possible, where acceptance and welcome are assured — even within our families and households.*

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

### Dear Parents



### CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Thank you to all who joined us for our Ceremony of Light last Friday. A special congratulations to our Year 6 student leaders and SRC (Student Representative Council) who received their badges.

#### Student Leaders:

- School Captains: Sienna H and Amalia C
- Liturgy / Social Justice: Lily T-A, Bianca T and Isabella M
- Wellbeing / Sport: Eva H, Sophie P and Ainsley B
- Library / Creative Arts: Sophie D, Billie O, Taylor R and Scarlet F
- Environment: Elise R, Aisha K and Abigail K

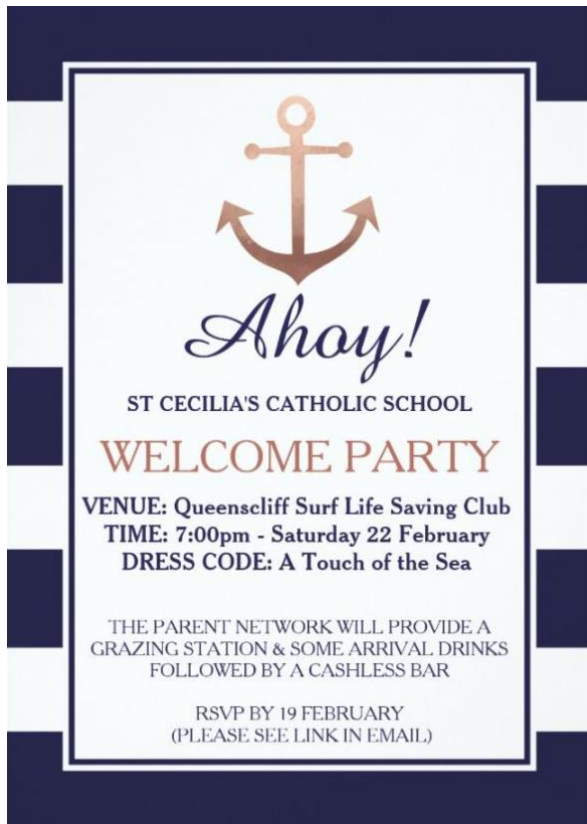
#### SRC:

- KB: Georgie G and Nicholas B
- KW: Edward D and Chloe M
- 1B: Lily K and Levi P
- 1W: Dylan H and Mimi W
- 2B: Paola B and Zander E
- 2W: Maddy R and James C
- 3B: Jack K and Sofia D
- 3W: Joshua P and Emily G
- Yr 4: Bonnie B and Xavier Mc
- Yr 5: Charlotte F and Annaliese O

## CAMP AUSTRALIA

It is with both sadness and joy that we need to farewell Medini from Camp Australia. Sadness as she has brought structure and stability to our Before and After School Care program over the past year. Joy for as she prepares for the impending birth of her first child, she and her husband have also been able to purchase their first home. Unfortunately that home is in Melbourne.

We will miss Medini's gentle but firm approach to leading the Camp Australia program here at St Cecilia's. We wish her and her husband our love and best wishes as they prepare for the birth of their child and their move to Melbourne.



## PARENT NETWORK COMMITTEE

Our Parent Network committee invite all parents to attend the *Welcome Evening* this Saturday 22 February at 7pm at Queenscliff Surf Club.

## 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.

## 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.

Remember

- **'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.
- **'NO PARKING' restrictions do apply**
- **If the traffic is banked across the roundabout it may be necessary for parents to drive around the block as you can be booked by council rangers.**
- 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.

Regards

Fran Taylor  
Principal

## Religious Education



### 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 this **Sunday 23 February**. Stage 3 will be involved in this Mass. Our Family Come Masses are a wonderful way for us to celebrate our faith as a community and a way to nurture the faith of our children. Your child's participation in the Mass is appreciated. If you are able to assist and would like your child to be a part of the Mass please use the following Sign-Up Genius [link](#).

### WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today 3B attended our Parish Mass. On Wednesday 26 February no classes will attend the Parish Mass as we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday as a community. 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.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.



<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Term 1 Respect Core Value</b>	<b>Merits</b>
KB:	Victoria K	Lillian R and Alexander dSS
KW:	Alexander M	Mia S and Beau B
1W:	Addison Z	Sebastian C and Olav S
2B:	Scarlett H	Lewis W and Asha K
2W:	Miranda C	Sam G and Eliza P
3B:	Elsie M	Imogen H and Evangeline F
3W:	Clarissa W	Mia H and Serena H
4B:	Claudia W	Will C and Oscar M
4W:	Jack B	Ruby M and William S-G
Yr 5/6	Sienna H and Danica P	Layla R, Annaliese O, Harper F and Brigid T

### UPCOMING DATES

#### **February**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> P&F Welcome Cocktail evening  
 Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Stage 3 FCG Mass  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> School Advisory Committee meeting  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 boys to St Paul's  
 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
 Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Yrs 3-6 Mini Cricket Gala Day

#### **March**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Beaches Swim Carnival  
 Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm P&F Meeting  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm Broken Bay Swim Carnival  
 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> **Open Day**  
 Stage 3 Gala Day  
 7pm Kindy Parent Literacy Night  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Stage 2 Gala Day

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Stage 2 Gala Day  
 Yr 6 Leaders Mass at Waitara  
 Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Good Sam Day  
 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 9am Learning Together Playgroup  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 FCG Mass

#### **April**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Core Value Assembly  
 Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Cross Country, picnic and End Term 1  
 Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Term 2 commences

#### **May**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> SDD – Pupil free day  
 Min 4<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher interviews this week  
 Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 9am Learning Together Playgroup  
 Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Northern Beaches Cross Country

### BOOK CLUB

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

## **DRAMA**

Classes have started this week – Wednesday for Years 5 & 6 and Thursday for Years 3 & 4 in the school hall and Years 1 & 2 in the library.

Classes begin at 8am and finish 8.45am.

Stageworks newsletters and invoices will be handed out in class next week. Please note, those who intend to enter the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod this year, the closing date is 1 March.

*Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher*

## **Student Voice**

### **STAGE 3 AND YEAR 2**

On Monday the 17 February the Stage 3 Captains assisted the Year 2 students with the presentation of their very first Prayer Assembly for 2020. The Liturgy Captains coordinated the slides and assisted with the music. During the awards assembly, the winners from the swimming carnival last week were announced and the participants received their ribbons. The team going forward to the next carnival was also announced.

*Ainsley Boyle and Sophie P*



## **Parent Network News**

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

### **WELCOME PARTY**

The St Cecilia's Parent Network are looking forward to welcoming all the new families who have joined in 2020 at the Welcome Party this Saturday 22 February. It's always a fabulous night for the school community at the start of the year, to meet new friends and catch up with old!

Please RSVP at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHe6qOTSZxTmtAgN9YP1bGsmz0kBxCsotWZA2XBVObALKGSQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

### **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](mailto:louise.gilmartin78@gmail.com).

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLeseqO1PE89tVrSxbnSKNCIM0IHBOeSVyMoGWV2Brn2e-w/viewform>

### **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>

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy 2020 will begin on Sunday 1 March. 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's. 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.



Being part of Children's Liturgy can be a very helpful way a parent can be involved in the Parish which may help with secondary school applications.

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 or at [bryannecrabb@gmail.com](mailto:bryannecrabb@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto: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 21 Feb: Sophie Burton & **1 Volunteer required**

Mon 24 Feb: Sophie Ireland & **1 Volunteer required**

Wed 26 Feb: Katharine Cook & **1 Volunteer required**

Fri 28 Feb: Clare Miller & **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**

- Ritual of the Cross at all Masses this weekend. The children preparing for First Reconciliation will be presented with a crucifix during Mass. Please note the Saturday night Mass at St Kieran's Church is at 5.30pm;
- The TryBooking link for First Reconciliation bookings was sent to all parents this week. Please contact Janette if you did not receive this information.
- 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](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au)

## **Community News**

### **MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

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

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