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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: Hope

School Rule: Be positive and contribute

Scripture: With God all things are possible - *Matt 19:26*

Story: Parable of Talents: Recognise and congratulate others.

Principal's News

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

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We think of "waiting" as wasted time: prevented from moving while we wait for someone else to act. But the season of Advent calls us to more "creative" waiting: envisioning what is to come and making it possible for that vision to be realised. Waiting to become, to realise, to contemplate, to restore is all part of the human experience – and though such waiting can be agonising, frustrating, and terrifying, Advent is about waiting in hope, anticipating the good that is possible and purpose that can be fulfilled in the dawning of God's Christ

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



Dear Parents

90TH ANNIVERSARY AND FEAST DAY OF ST CECILIA

Thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make last Friday such a special event. To our parent helpers, the priest of the parish, Evergreen Music, our REC Tanya Fitzpatrick and all of our teachers. It really was a joyous celebration.





SCHOOL REPORTS

End of year Academic Reports will be posted on Compass on Wednesday 11 December. Parent/teacher interviews will again be offered to all parents from the 12 to 18 December. End of year interviews are optional. The procedure for booking appointments will be included in the newsletter in early December. Please do not book a time simply to thank teachers. A note addressing your gratitude would be very much appreciated instead.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Teachers are also finalising academic awards for the year. These awards will be handed out at the Core Value Award Assembly on Monday 16 December. Two awards will be handed out per class based on end of year assessment in combination with consistency of academic performance throughout the year. If your child is to receive the award you will be contacted shortly by the class teacher.

ST CECILIA'S FIRST ANNUAL SPELLING BEE 2019

By now you will have heard the children speak of the 'Spelling Bee' who visits assembly each week. (Aka Mrs Grose).

Mrs Grose is organising a spelling that involves the whole school.

What is a Spelling Bee?

A Spelling Bee is an oral spelling competition which is open to all students in the school in Years 3 – 6. A modified Spelling Bee for the Years K – 2 focuses on both written and oral spelling.

Purpose:

- To encourage students to focus on the importance and relevance of strong spelling skills when writing.
- To assist in developing vocabulary, learn new concepts and build confidence in reading and writing.
- To develop correct pronunciation of words and confidence when speaking especially when using less familiar words.



The Spelling Bee will take place across the school in week 9. The week after next.

CHOIR

On Wednesday 11 December the choir will be performing Christmas carols at Balgowlah RSL. We will arrive at 5:30pm to perform between 6pm and 8pm. The choir will be moving through the bistro and main bar area singing Christmas carols

Regards

Fran Taylor
Principal

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Religious Education

ADVENT

On **Sunday 1 December** we will begin a new season in our Liturgical Calendar. We begin our preparations for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus. Advent is a Latin word that actually means "coming." In the Catholic Church, Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas. During this time we will see an Advent wreath in the Church. The wreath typically consists of greenery with four candles, three purple and one pink. Each candle on the Advent Wreath has a specific meaning:

- Candle one (purple) represents **hope**. It is often called the prophets' candle.
- Candle two (purple) represents **peace**. It is often called the angels' candle.
- Candle three (pink) represents **joy**. It is often called the shepherds' candle.
- Candle four (purple) represents **love**. It is often called the Bethlehem candle.

The colour that is used during this time is purple. While we are waiting for the birth of Jesus we pray, give thanks to God and focus on how we can be more like Mary by saying, "Yes" to God.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On **Monday 2 December** our Advent Prayer Assembly will be led by Year 3. It commences at **2.30pm** in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today Stage 3 attended the Parish Mass. Next week (Wednesday 4 December) Year 4 will attend the Parish Mass. All are welcome to join us for Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

At our school we are blessed to have such a generous community. Our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal is our time to give joy to others who are less fortunate than us. More information about what items your child's class will need to bring will be shared with you shortly.

If you are able to offer some assistance please click on the following link:

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

The hamper items will need to be delivered to your child's class by **Thursday 5 December**. Our hamper appeal will coincide with our *Good Sam Day: Giving and Gratitude*.

GOOD SAM DAY

On **Thursday 5 December** we will be having our final Good Sam Day for 2019. Our Year 6 students will be having their Fun Day on this day as well. To help commemorate our Good Sam Day we would like the students to make sure they have brought in something for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Students can bring in a gold coin donation. The funds raised on the day will be used to assist the Year 6 students to purchase their gift for the school.

The students can bring in a toy that is special to them on the day. It would be preferable if they don't bring in anything that is expensive or anything that is fragile. An example of a toy the students could bring in is a plush toy.

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.dbbcs.org/archive-2019-year-c.html>

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

School News

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 6	Term 4 Hope Core Value	Merits
KB	Olav S	Olivia O and Havana G
KW	Mimi W	Sebastian K and Olivia M
1B:	Mia O	Thomas W and Asha K
1W:	Samuel M	James C and Hudson V
2B:	Arthur L	Rose A and Kingston S
2W:	Naomi P	Joshua P and Rebecca W
3B:	Lucia B	Frances L and Eleanor M
3W:	Xanthe P	Emily K and Hunter S
Yr 4	Oscar W and Hugo W	Alessia Z, Jake C, Leo K and Rory F
Yr 5/6	Billie O and Katelin B	Emma M, Olivia O and Taylor R

UPCOMING DATES

November

Thurs 28th Yr 5 Leadership Day and Yr 6 Reflection Day

December

Sun 1st 2pm Drama Dress Rehearsal
Mon 2nd 2.30pm Advent Prayer Assembly
Thurs 5th Good Sam Day

Thurs 5th 6pm Drama Concert
Fri 6th Vinnies Christmas Hamper packing
Mon 9th Spelling Bee for K – 2
Wed 11th Spelling Bee for Yrs 3 – 6
Reports home
Fri 13th 11.30am Yr 6 Graduation Mass

Mon 16th 2pm Prayer Assembly 1B & Academic Awards
Wed 18th 10.30am Thanksgiving Mass
Last day for students

Tues 28 Teachers return
Wed 29 MAI Yrs 1 – 6 and Best Start Kinder
Thurs 30 Yrs 1 – 6 Commence, Best Start and MAI Kinder 2020 picnic 2pm
Fri 31 Kinder 2020 commence

January 2020

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all those who have returned their library books. If you haven't returned your child's books yet please do so. A reminder that there is no more borrowing until 2020.



Thank you

Stephanie Harding

DRAMA: End of Year Performance

A reminder that dress rehearsal is this Sunday in the school hall from 2 – 4pm. Please make sure all lines are learnt off by heart for the Sunday rehearsal.

A note will be handed out on Sunday with further details for the performance.

Any further queries, please phone or email me.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

A SOCCER STAR

Congratulations to Charlie M who is off to Singapore in 2020 as he has been selected into an all stars premier academy soccer team to play in the Singapore 7's competition against teams from Europe such as Barcelona, Arsenal, Manchester, etc. He was selected from a field of 225 who trialled in his age group. Congratulations Charlie – what an achievement!!

YEARBOOKS

Have you purchased your 2018 Yearbook? These are available for \$30 each at the school office. Please pay via QKR.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost property tub before the end of term. It currently holds many items including a watch and camping bag with equipment. All unclaimed items will be given to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the year.

Student Voice

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Friday we celebrated the 90th Anniversary since the opening of our school. We started our morning with a celebration Mass where we learnt about St Cecilia and participated in a lot of singing.



Many guests attended the Mass, for example Zali Stegall, James Griffin and many past students, principals and teachers who were previously at St Cecilia's. After the Mass, the Year 6 students got to tour the guests around our school. We learnt a lot about what our school used to be like in the past. The guests also enjoyed seeing how our school has changed since they were at here.

The whole school stopped at 12.00pm and transformed the school into an 'olden' day school. The students used blackboards and chalk and the teachers dressed up in nun and priest outfits. The whole school got to experience what it was like 90 years ago. In Stage 3 we practised our cursive writing and doing times tables. We ended our day with olden style games that students played 90 years ago, which Stage 3 ran. The whole school got to choose to participate in a range of different games. Some of the games we played were tug of war, skipping, fly, cat's cradle, pick up sticks, hopscotch and many more. Everyone had a great time!

By Liv O'K and Chloe K



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

An advertisement for Millin's Free Range Butcher. On the left is a green logo with a white silhouette of a cow and a chicken, with the text "FREE RANGE BUTCHER" in a circle above and "MILLIN'S" in large letters below, with "• SINCE 2011 •" underneath. Below the logo is the website "millins.com.au" and the phone number "9948 1342". On the right, the text "WE'RE HERE TO HELP!" is in green, followed by "GET ORGANISED EARLY WITH OUR EASY CHRISTMAS PLANNER" in white. Below this, a smaller white text reads: "We're now taking orders online or in-store for Christmas pick-up or home delivery. To help you figure out exactly what you need, first drop in to Millin's to pick up your one-page Christmas Lunch Planner!". The bottom of the ad features a green grass graphic.

MILLIE SMITH UNIFORM SHOP

Last week was the final regular Millie Smith opening. We would like to thank all those who have kindly volunteered their time and donated uniforms to allow the shop to operate this year. If you need to access before end of term please visit the office, otherwise we look forward to another great year of Millie Smith in 2020! If you have any suggestions for how we could improve the shop please let Jen Stegmann know (jennyfromthehutt@hotmail.co.uk).

Jen, Orla, Steph

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal

St Cecilia's is a generous community for those less fortunate who experience great challenges and vulnerability at this time of the year. **On Friday 6 December we need your help** for the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal, especially to **carry heavy baskets from class and staff rooms to the hall at 10.30 - 11am AND/OR transport hampers to family recipients or Vinnies at 1.30 - 2.30pm. Please help get these hampers to those who need them. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-vinnies>**



+Thank you to Debbie from Copper Beech Florist who joined us at school last Friday to help create ribbons for our Vinnies Christmas hampers! We now have 25 gorgeous bows to use as the finishing touches. We can't thank Debbie enough for giving of her time so generously. Be sure to visit her on Wanganelle Street for all of your festive floral needs! <https://www.copperbeech.com.au>

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

After much consideration and monitoring over the last couple of terms, it has been decided that we will no longer run the Commonwealth School Banking program at St Cecilia's. This is due to the very low numbers of children now banking each week as well as the negative feedback in the media with regards to the merit of the program itself (which is currently under review).

Those children who have 10 or more rewards, we encourage you to redeem a reward/prize within the next 2 weeks so it arrives before the school year finishes up. Our last School Banking day will be Tuesday 17 December. After this date, for those with a school banking account, you will still be able to make a deposit at any Commonwealth Bank or via EFT.

I would like to thank Jennifer Halim (Yr 2) and Jodi Castellan (Yr 3) for volunteering their time each Tuesday morning with me to run this program.

Kellie Chapman, School Banking Co-ordinator



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 29 Nov: Al Riordan and Kate Lovelace

Mon 2 Dec: **2 Volunteers needed**

Wed 4 Dec: **2 Volunteers needed**

Fri 6 Dec: Lisa Thorpe-Apps and Emma Trueman plus **1 Volunteer needed**

Volunteering Times

We will be changing the volunteer timeslots shortly. The new times will be:

- 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.

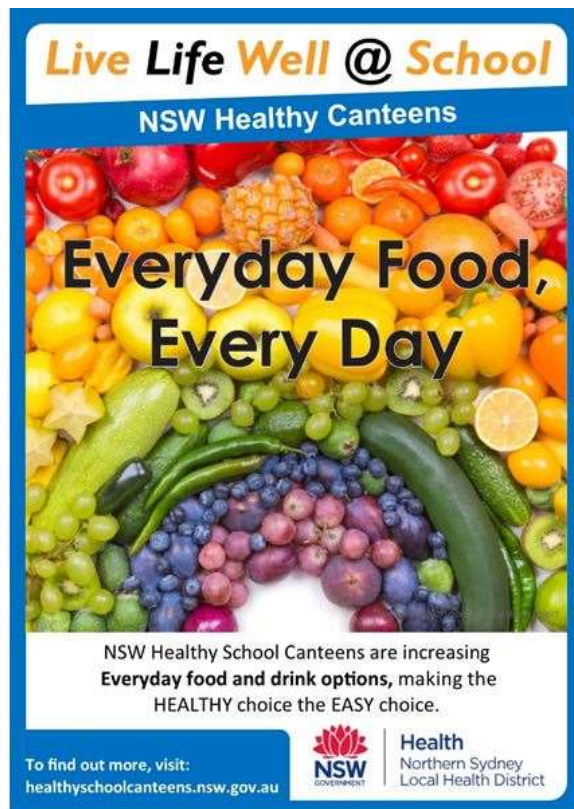
Community News

NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Brochures for the upcoming holidays are available at the school office or go to the council [website](#).

RANDELL'S SCHOOL OF DANCING REQUEST

Two former instructors are writing a Social History on Randells. If you have interesting stories, anecdotes, photos or memorabilia they would love to hear from you. Please contact Anne McEncroe at chinestevo@yahoo.com.au / 0437 760 418 or Jenny Boyle jennyboyle1@optusnet.com.au / 0418 207 471.



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