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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: Welcome others to our community*

Principal's News

We wish you a happy and safe Christmas



Dear Parents

As we conclude the 2018 school year I would like to thank all staff and parents for the contribution to advancing the learning culture at St Cecilia's. It is with a tinge of sadness we farewell our Year 6, the staff, and families moving on. We send you our best wishes and look forward to hearing from each of you in the future.

Students met their 2019 teachers and new class mates today. Teachers have been working on the class lists for the past three weeks to ensure each child goes forward with at least one friend. The lists reflect the social and academic needs of the children and I know you will acknowledge the planning that has gone into them and respect the teacher's professional judgement in putting the lists together. The list are final and unfortunately there is no room for movement.

2019 STAFF

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| • Kindergarten Blue – Alana McLaren | Kindergarten White – Angela Pelling |
| • 1 Blue – Terri Smith | 1 White – Jenny Morris/Tereese Cunningham |
| • 2 Blue – Colette Ward | 2 White – Tanya Fitzpatrick |
| • 3 Blue – Rebecca Raso | 3 White – Nikki Delrennie |
| • 4 Blue – Nick Dowler | 4 White – Gabrielle Williams |
| • Year 5/6 – Damien O'Brien and Kayle Dyer | |
| • Learning Support – Sue Grose (Mon, Wed, Thurs) | |
| • Librarian and AP – Stephanie Harding | |
| • PE – Martha Butler | Music – Jocelyn Roberts |
| • Italian – Danielle Ursino | Canteen – Wendy Douglass |
| • Teacher Assistant – Louise Fergus | |
| • Admin- Sue Walmsley/Bev Butler | |

Thank you to our Parish Priest Fr Paul Maloney who steps down as parish priest after Christmas and his team from the Catholic Community of North Harbour. Father Paul has been very supportive of our community and we are pleased to say he will continue in the parish as an assistant priest. Thank you also to the St Cecilia's School Advisory Committee

chaired by Chris Bignold, who have given their time so generously and helped us understand the impact of the Link Road on our school. I must also thank, on behalf of the school, the Parent Network President Sonia Walsh who stood down this year after two years of focused support for our school. She has led the way with so many initiatives that includes raising the profile of St Cecilia's in the community. We thank the team of parents behind her particularly Susie Warren and Nadine Meehan who also have given their time so freely to the social committee and sourcing the sponsorship for the school. Thank you to Jamie Castaldo, the Vice President who has now taken on the President role, Rose Bignold the Treasurer, and all of the executive committee for all the work they have done to strengthen the partnership between family, school, parish and the wider community. Thank you also to the many class parents and groups who have contributed to the welcoming life and mission of the school.

Our office staff at St Cecilia's is exceptional and I would like to thank Sue Walmsley and Bev Butler for the tremendous job they do not only with students and parents but also teachers. Thank you Sue and Bev!

HOPE CORE VALUE AWARDS

Congratulations to the recipients of our Core Value Award for Hope:

KB: Paola B-A	KW: Georgia J
1B: Thomas E	1W: Max M
2B: Alyssa W	2W: Lachlan S
3B: Yasmina H	3W: Luca M
Yr 4: Jack B	Stage 3: Emma W

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE CURRICULUM AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Academic Awards at Monday's assembly.

KB: James C Miranda C	KW: Sophie W Patrick-Louis d R d SS
1B: Darci M Thomas W	1W: Maxwell A Harrison F Annika W
2B: Alyssa W Neve M	2W: Rose F Frances L
Year 3: Brigid T Molly W Thomas B Sophie M	Year 4: Isabella M Luca C
Year 5: Amelie D Isabella C	Year 6: Emilie M



PATRICK ANTHONY AWARD

★ A special congratulations to Charlize who received the Patrick Anthony Award for 2018

MATHEMATICAL ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW (MAI)

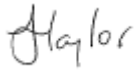
Finally please remember to book an appointment on-line for your child in Year 1 to 6 to attend a 20 minute Mathematics Assessment on the 29 January. The on-line booking closes at 5pm on 26 January, 2019 but I urge you to book in this afternoon before you forget. A letter with the booking details will be emailed home today and is also linked [here](#).



Finally thank you to everyone who joined us for carols last Wednesday.

We wish you the love and joy of the Christmas season. We look forward to welcoming the students in Years 1 to 6 for their first full day at school on Thursday 31 January and Kindergarten on Friday 1 February. Have a safe and holy Christmas break.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education



Merry Christmas!

Wishing all families a blessed and safe holiday break.

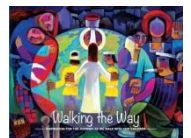
Thank you for the role you play in the faith development of the children here at St Cecilia's and the support you have given to the school's social justice initiatives and programs.

Best wishes to our Year 6 students as they move off to secondary school and to all other students who are leaving our learning community.

Merry Christmas!
Nikki Delrennie

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-2018-year-b.html>.



School News

UPCOMING DATES

December

Wed 19th **Last day for students**

Thurs 20th SDD

Fri 21st SDD

January 2019

Wed 30th MAI and Best Start appointments

Thurs 31st Yrs 1 – 6 commence

Best Start Kinder appointments

February

Fri 1st Kinder 2019 commence

Fri 1 st	Tea and Tissues
Tues 5 th	6pm Meet the Teacher
Thurs 7 th	2.30pm Class Parent meeting
Fri 8 th	9.30am Opening School Mass and Ceremony of Light
Tues 12 th	School Banking commences
Thurs 14 th	Swimming Carnival
Tues 19 th	P&F Exec meeting
Sat 23 rd	Welcome Cocktail Party

DRAMA

Congratulations to all the drama students who performed in our end of year play recently. You all performed beautifully. Thank you to our very appreciative and supportive audience of parents and friends. Working to such an audience is of great benefit to the young performers.

Manly thanks also to the parents and children who helped set up seating and scenery before the performance and also to those who helped me dress the children and clear everything away and pack up after the show. Your help is very much appreciated.

Every good wish to all for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher.

CHIFUNESE

Classes at St Cecilia's for 2019 will be held on Wednesday from 3.20-4.20pm. For information click [here](#).

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click [here](#) for the 2018 booklet.

- **Thank you and Merry Christmas!**

Thank you to all of the St Cecilia's community for another successful year in social gatherings, fundraising, social justice initiatives, volunteering and support. We couldn't do it without you! You have all been amazing and with your ongoing support next year, the P&F will strive to continue this achievement. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Here is to 2019!

- **Welcome Cocktail Party**

Save the date for another lovely social night to welcome the new families to our wonderful school – **Saturday 23 February.**

Volunteer Corner

- Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support with social justice initiatives this year. Your help is much appreciated! We hope you have a lovely Christmas! Get ready to sign up for more volunteering at the start of school next year, beginning with *Meals on Wheels* in the second week back.



St Cecilia's Tennis



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bryannecrabb@gmail.com
0403063013

ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS AND OTHERS WANTED FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAMILY VIGIL

Children (Kindergarten 2018 and older) are invited to participate in a Christmas Liturgy at 5.30pm Christmas Eve at St Cecilia's.

We also require some older children for speaking parts. Any assistance from parents would be greatly appreciated.

We will have rehearsals on 16 December and 23 December both at 10am after 9am Mass
If your child is interested Please contact Bryanne ASAP bryannecrabb@gmail.com



The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab.

Upcoming Roster

Fri 1 February: Canteen is open

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EVERGREEN MUSIC

Hi there families of young musicians!

It's come to the end of a great year of working with your talented children at St Cecilia's.

It has been an absolute pleasure to make music with them and help to kick start their (hopefully) long journey of making music and being "musicians for life".

We had a great term incorporating live music on the Feast Day of St Cecilia with some performances from our guitar, keyboard and percussion groups.

We know of a few musicians that are changing schools next year, but we'll assume that unless we hear from you that you're still keen for your children to be involved in 2019. If you have other children who might like to join please fill out a form for them via this "Google Form" link. <https://goo.gl/forms/7unpEZl3zKkt89vr1>

Other than that, we'd love to have more families join the program, so please encourage other families you know to get involved with us. We'll be gearing up for another huge year at St Cecilia's with even more musical opportunities!

Merry Christmas!

Ben and Deb (directors of Evergreen)

(and also)

Dave + Josh (guitar teachers)

Jacquie (piano teacher)

Community News

VACATION CARE

Northern Beaches Council operates a very successful vacation care program for primary school aged children across the whole of the Northern Beaches. In the Summer school holidays we will have centres open at Cromer, Forestville, North Curl Curl and also at Manly Vale Community Centre.

With the December/January school holidays approaching fast, we have just released the holiday program on our website, with the Summer 2018/19 brochure containing lots of activities and ideas to keep children occupied. Copies of the brochure are available at the school or via the council website: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#)

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