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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*

Weekly Behaviour Expectation: *Share in the classroom*

Principal's News

Dear Parents

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open. Families with siblings ready to start school in 2019 are asked to complete an enrolment form and return it to the office at your earliest convenience. Presently we have enough enrolments to fill one class. A second class will depend on the number of enrolments received before 29 May.

NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and 5 children will sit The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy tests.

NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes

ST CECILIA'S "MIXED ENSEMBLE".

Last Friday Evergreen Music held an introduction session for students interested in joining the St Cecilia's "Mixed Ensemble". The group is different from the traditional "school wind band" model and will be catering for the pop/rock rhythm section. More of a disco orchestra! The mixed ensemble is for students in Years 3-6 and the main requirement is that members of the band are enrolled in **private (one on one) tuition** on their instrument. Whilst Evergreen will conduct the band membership **is not** exclusive to Evergreen students. The band will run at lunchtime on Fridays during the term.



MOTHERS' MONDAY

We celebrated Mothers' Day in a big way last Monday. It was delightful to witness the joy on the faces of both the children and the mums and grandmas who were present. By all accounts it was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated including the teachers and the volunteers who provided the hospitality. You were very generous to give so much of your time.



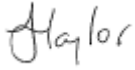
At the end of the day we asked parents to fill in an evaluation form.

Highlights for the mothers included:

- Spending time in the classroom is a real pleasure. I loved working through learning activities with my child
- Very pleased to see how much my child enjoys school
- It was great to see the children in their class environment and gain an insight into what they do each day
- Thank you for a wonderful day in class yesterday! It was so lovely to see my child loving his learning and all the techniques used in class.....the Smart Board was quite a revelation.

We wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day this coming Sunday.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

MOTHERS' MONDAY



What a beautiful celebration of our wonderful mothers! Thank you to the staff and students who helped plan and present the liturgy. We wish all our mums, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and other special women a happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: YEAR 4—WRITINGS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

This module calls us to open the treasure box of the Old Testament and to look at some of the writings that form the fabric of God's story and the story of the people who had a passionate belief in one God and who waited for their Messiah. By engaging with some of the different writings of the Old Testament, children are invited to discover its riches. Children will be called not just to read these writings but to engage with them in a way that has meaning for their lives today. Children will explore the idea that whilst we may understand the scriptures differently to the original writers, our faith in God will ensure that the text talks to us in a meaningful way today.



'SEEKERS' SUPPLIES' APPEAL

At St Cecilia's Catholic School we are committed to developing a connected and inclusive Catholic community that reflects the Gospel values. We strive to draw on and continue the work done by the founders of our school, the Good Samaritan Sisters, by reaching out with compassion and justice to people in need within and beyond our immediate community.

Our School Improvement Plan's Catholic Life and Mission Annual goal continues to focus on the connection between Mission and Action. A target of this goal is to make connections between our learning and the core values Jesus asks us to live by. One way we can do this is by participating in the North Harbour Parish's Social Justice Initiative

At St Cecilia's, we know this as our 'Seekers' Supplies' initiative, and we will be launching it in Week 2. In the month of May parents, students and staff are encouraged to bring in food and toiletry donations which will be given in support of the 'Asylum Seeker Centre' in Newtown. A letter further explaining this social justice initiative will be sent home this week.

Final date for donations: Thursday 24 May

Sorting and delivery: Friday 25 May

If you would like to help **sort** the donated items, or **transport** the items to the Asylum Seeker Centre, please email Jo Johnson at jos.johnston@gmail.com by Monday 21 May. Any help will be gratefully received.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today **KB** attended the Parish Mass. **Year 4** will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 16 May** at **9am**. Everyone is welcome!

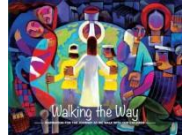
'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

The next 'Families Come Gather' Mass is **Sunday 27 May**. Year 3B & 3W will be involved in this Mass. A letter will be sent to Year 3 families via email with a link to 'SignUpGenius' to volunteer for roles in the Mass and morning tea.

Save the Date: Heaven on Earth Friday June 22nd

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 Ascension Year B <http://walkingtheway.dbbco.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



School News

UPCOMING DATES

May			
15 – 17 th	NAPLAN	Mon 11 th	Public Holiday
Mon 14 th	2.45pm Assembly – Mandarin presentation	Wed 13 th	ICAS Spelling
Mon 21 st	2:30pm Prayer Assembly – 1B Full winter uniform	Thurs 14 th	ICAS Writing Good Sam Day
Thurs 24 th	da Vinci Decathlon	Fri 8 th	9.15am Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sun 27 th	FCG Mass Year 3 10.30am Gardening Bee	Fri 15 th	9am – 10:15am Pop Up Play
Tues 29 th	ICAS Science Broken Bay Cross Country	Mon 18 th	2:30pm Prayer Assembly KB
June		Wed 20 th	Athletics Carnival
Mon 4 th	2:30pm Prayer Assembly 2W	Fri 22 nd	9am Heaven on Earth 2:15pm Music Assembly
		Mon 25 th	Parent / Teacher Interviews this week

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Walmsley will be absent on leave this Thursday 10 May and Friday 11 May. Mrs Denise Sprakel will be holding the fort in her absence. Please make her welcome.

2017 YEARBOOK

The 2017 Yearbook is now available for purchase. Payments may be made via QKR, card or cash. Pick up your copy from the office before they are sold out!

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 1	Justice Core Value	Merits
KB:	John P	Rohan P and Georgia G
KW:	Eliza P	Elijah A and Georgia J
Yr 1B:	Rose A	Sofia D and Arthur P
Yr 1W:	Liam H	Lachlan C and Jack K
Yr 2B:	Alyssa W	James P and Coelli T
Yr 2W:	Harrison L	Scarlett H and Kingston W
Yr 3:	Samuel K & Sebastian C	Nicholas G, Harper V, Alessia Z and Charlie M
Yr 4:	Jack B	Eva H and Oliver W
Yr 5/6	Francesca B & Milly R	Monet D, Charlotte F and Ruby S

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Students may come to school in either full summer or full winter uniform, not a mixture of both. All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 21 May.

DRAMA

Congratulations to all those children who performed at the drama Performance Night - you all performed to the best of your ability and I was very proud of you.

Well done those who also performed at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod on Saturday:

- Highly Commended – Solo Voice Speaking: Jamie L, Amelia E, Joshua B, Ava H, Orla C, Elenor B, Maddie E, Isabella C and Amelie R
- First Place – Solo Verse Speaking/ Humorous Section: Isabella C and Jack W
- First Place – Poem for Two: Amelie R and Isabella C
- Highly Commended – Poem for Two: Elenor and Maddie, Emilie and Emma
- First Place – Prose Reading: Isabella C
- Highly Commended – Memorised Prose: Maddie E

A wonderful effort. Well done all!

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

SAVE THE DATE

St Cecilia's Annual Gala Dinner – Saturday 22nd September, 2018 – more details to follow soon!

MOTHER'S MONDAY

On behalf of all the Year 1, 3 and 5 Mums, we would like to thank all the teachers and staff for welcoming more than 100 Mums, Grandmothers and Carers into the school and classrooms. It was a fabulous day! All of the work put into a day doesn't go unnoticed and we are hugely appreciative of the opportunity to be able to spend this day with our kids.

Thank you to Year 4 for hosting the Mother's Monday morning tea. The mums really appreciated all the lovely treats provided and special thanks to Katherine Cook, Kate Lovelace and Ana Medak for making it so wonderful.

GIFT: Giving in Faith Together - Cooking for those in Need

Here are the GIFT cook-off dates for the remainder of the term. Please join us!

Kindy: Monday 26 June 6pm - 9pm (Christine Boys)

Year 2: Monday 28 May 6pm - 9pm (Gillian Hopkins, Jo Johnstone)

Year 4: Monday 14 May 6pm - 9am (Annette Paddison)

Please volunteer for this important social justice initiative, no cooking expertise required! Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>

HEAVEN ON EARTH: Reflection Mornings for Parents

Join us for quiet reflection, interactive discussion, coffee and conversation. Topics for each week will be shared prior to the week.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2018:

Friday 22 June, 9-11am

Friday 14 September, 9-11am

Friday 30 November, 9-11am

SPONSORSHIP

And the winner is

Okay, so no one has won anything - just yet. But as we start preparing for this year's Gala Fundraising Dinner (22 September), we'd love to take a look back at the winners from last year.

If you scored yourself a prize during the hot bidding last year and are happy to tell us about it and share a few photos - a weekend away, a day on the harbour or perhaps how the children's artwork has brightened up your home - please contact Nadine Meehan on 0412 139 476 or email nadine@junogroup.com.au.

ST CECILIA'S ANNUAL

GALA 2018

SAVE THE DATE

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON

- SATURDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018 -



The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click [here](#)

Upcoming Roster

- Fri 11 May: Ria Deveza and **Volunteer needed**
- Mon 14 May: Kellie Chapman
- Wed 16 May: **Volunteer needed**
- Fri 18 May: Zoe Brown and **Volunteer needed**

Gardening Bee!

St Cecilia's Gardening Club cordially invites you to participate in our upcoming 'Gardening Bee'. We've got loads of work planned, with equipment and materials generously donated by Bunnings Balgowlah. Please bring gloves and loads of energy!

Sunday 27th May 2018
after the 9:00am Mass
(about 10:30am)

Join a job via SignUpGenius:
<http://bit.ly/scbgardeningbee>



Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

First Holy Communion Reminder

Parent Information Meetings on Tuesday 15 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 16 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.

Confirmation 2018

Enrolment for Sacramental Program on Tuesday 5 June between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm (10 mins) in the St Kieran's Parish Centre. All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in.

Many thanks to those parents who have organised a family preparation group and indicated they will facilitate/host the group please contact Janette for a Family Preparation Group template to record details before Enrolment.

Confirmation Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 19 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 20 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.

2018 – 2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN YR 2 (AND OLDER) – KEY DATES

Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2018/2019 program are reminded that the program will commence with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 8 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 9 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY 13 MAY: Blessing of Mothers, Expectant Mothers and Grandmothers at all Masses that weekend.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister Catholic Community of North Harbour www.northharbourcatholic.org.au

FUN WALK

The Augustinian Formation Association (AFA) are organising a Fun Walk on Sunday, 20 May to help raise monies for the Augustinian seminarians and we would love the children and families of St Cecilia's School to be involved. Click [here](#) for further information.



MANLY SCENIC FUN RUN

The Manly Rotary Club are again opening the streets of Manly for the 9th annual Manly Scenic Fun Run on Sunday 3 June at 8am, starting and finishing on the beach-front opposite the Corso.

This year sees a new 10km route, which will allow more participants to tackle the 10km eastern hill and will be more scenic. We believe one of the most scenic fun runs in the world!

All ages and levels of fitness are welcome whether you run the 10km or walk the 2km or 5km. Full details on the website <http://www.manlyfunrun.org/> and follow the prompts to register.

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