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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: **Service**

School Rule: *Help others in our school, wider community and the world*

Scripture: *'Be ready for service and keep your lamps burning'* Luke 12:35

Story: *Washing the Disciples Feet*

Weekly Behaviour Expectation: *Help others to follow the rules.*

Principal's News

Dear Parents

In his most recent exhortation, 'Gaudete et Exsultate' on the call to holiness, Pope Francis reflects on and speaks to the "call to holiness":

14. To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs and spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or a grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation ['Gaudete et Exsultate'](#) (Rejoice and Be Glad)

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

Welcome back everyone! A warm welcome to our new staff members: Margaret Brewster (Year 4), Nick Labone (1W) and Sarah Barnard (Music) who have joined us this term. We look forward to learning from and with them during their time with us at St Cecilia's.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT PUPIL FREE DAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Our Staff Development Day for Term 3 is scheduled for Monday 3 September. All staff at St Cecilia's will attend a spirituality day off site. This means Monday 3 September will be pupil free and parents are asked to make other arrangements for their children.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

SCHOOL PICK UP

As we begin a new term, we'd like to remind parents and carers of the procedures of afternoon school pickup. With the many options available to the students (including car line pickup, catching the bus, Camp Australia (After School Care), walking home or parent/carer pickup), it is important that students have a clear understanding of the arrangements made on a daily basis.

We recognise that sometimes plans may change throughout a day, and so we ask that these changes be communicated with the School Office, and when appropriate, with Camp Australia (After School Care).

Students have been advised that if they are unsure about how they are getting home or who is collecting them, then they are to speak with a staff member and Sue Walmsley at the School Office.

We appreciate your cooperation with this and should you have any questions around the above information, please come and speak with me at the office.

KINDERGARTEN'S 100 DAYS CELEBRATION

Tuesday was an exciting milestone for our youngest learners! We have reached our 100th day of school! We are so proud of the growth and achievements of each student in Kindergarten. The day was packed with engaging learning and celebration including writing with their Buddies, making crowns of celebration, sharing their learning with their parents andhaving a party!

Happy
100
Days!

We would like to extend our appreciation to the Stage 3 Buddies who have helped to ensure all the Kindergarten students are happy and settled each day. Thank you to the families who were able to join us in the afternoon to celebrate our learning at our open classrooms and party!



Congratulations Kindergarten! Your enthusiasm for learning makes us proud and happy to come to school each day.
Georgia Gibson and Angela Pelling.



FRAN TAYLOR'S RETURN

The school community looks forward to welcoming Fran Taylor back to St Cecilia's on **Wednesday 1st August.**

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

Monica Officer
Acting Principal

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: STAGE 3: 'LEADERS OF COURAGE'

As Catholic disciples we seek to **live like Jesus in the way we are and the things we do.** Our actions and words reflect Jesus' way of being in his life. It **influences our choices and most importantly why we care for and serve others.** It influences **what we value, our commitments and the goals we strive towards.**



There comes a time in our lives when we are able to reflect upon our impact on others and lead others to live in the way that Jesus would want. **A leader recognises potential and finds ways to invite individuals to share their gifts with, and for the community.** In order to help others recognise their gifts the leader must first get to know and understand others, their gifts, feelings and aspirations.

Jesus modelled servant leadership to us and this is the way that **we are called to lead in our lives.** In this module, senior students reflect upon how they can be leaders in the way that Jesus showed us. Students will explore how **Jesus modelled leadership and taught about leading through love in his parables.**

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

On **Wednesday 25 July, KW** attended our Parish Mass. Thank you to all family members who joined us for this Eucharistic celebration. **Stage 3** will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 1 August at 9am**.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our first 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the term is **Sunday 26 August. 2B** and **2W** will be involved in this Mass. If you have children in either of these classes, please remember to check the *School Newsletter* to see when to check your 'inbox' for the email link to 'SignUpGenius' to volunteer for roles in the Mass and morning tea.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers in Term 3 for our Meals on Wheels social justice initiative.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience outreach and mission at a local level. With the help of parent volunteers, two Stage 3 students deliver a lunchtime meal to people in the Manly area on a Monday. Parents are required to pick the students up from school after recess, drive them to the Meals on Wheels centre to collect the meals then deliver them to a number of residences in the Manly area. Students return to school by 1pm.

We require volunteers for the following dates:

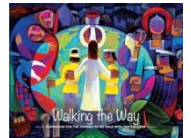
- 30 July
- 20 August
- 27 August
- 3 September—this is the Staff Development/Pupil Free Day. Ideally we would like two Stage 3 parents to deliver the meals with their own child.

If you are able to assist with this, please sign up via the SignUp Genius link. New parents to the program are asked to contact Emma Burton (emma.burton@rocketmail.com) for further information.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

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

July

Mon 30th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 1W
Tues 31st ICAS English

August

Fri 3rd 4.30 – 6.30pm School Disco
Wed 8th 9 – 10.15am Pop Up Play
Mon 13th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2B
Tues 14th ICAS Maths
Wed 15th 9.15am Assumption Mass
Thurs 16th Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival
Tues 21st School Advisory Committee meeting 7pm
Fri 24th Grandparents Day Liturgy
Sun 26th FCG Mass Yr 2

Mon 27th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly Yr 4
Tues 28th P&F General Meeting
Wed 29th School Photos

September

Mon 3rd Staff Development Day – Pupil free
Tues 4th Broken Bay Athletics
Fri 7th Fathers' Friday
Mon 10th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KW
Fri 14th Heaven on Earth
9 – 10.15am Pop up Play
Wed 19th Night of the Notables
Sat 22 Gala Dinner – save the date!

DRAMA

Term 3 Drama classes will begin next week - 1 August (Wednesday group) and 2 August (Thursday group).
Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

CHESS

Chess commenced yesterday (Tuesday) and will continue each Tuesday from 8:00am to 8:45am. If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

TRAFFIC AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Many members of our school community have become increasingly concerned around the volume and speed of traffic around our school during drop off and pick up times. Angela Winter has kindly volunteered to start to investigate and engage with relevant authorities around possible solutions to the issues arising. The following is in the process of happening:

- Vehicle counters have been installed on Seaview Street recording the speed, volume and types of vehicles for the next 5 days (24 hours a day). This data will provide the critical baseline information to determine what Council will do to address the traffic problems and improve pedestrian safety. It will also form part of a wider survey of traffic in the area. Once we have the full picture we will work closely with Council and the North Harbour Community Group on solutions for all streets surrounding our school.
- Separately, we have lodged a submission to Road and Maritime Services to bring the 40km school zone signs into compliance, namely installing flashing lights on the signs, moving the signs to the top of Seaview and Wanganella Streets and making them more visible.

We will keep you informed of any developments. If anyone would like to get involved or has expertise in dealing with Council and RMS, please ask Sue Walmsley for Angela Winter's contact details.

Parent Network News

2019 P&F COMMITTEE

As we put together the P&F committee for next year, we are looking for enthusiastic parents to join the leadership team. If you think you may be interested – or even just have questions, please contact Sonia Walsh at soniawalsh@bigpond.com.

BROKEN BAY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS - 'Parent to Parent' initiative: SAVE THESE DATES

- **Tuesday 14 August** (evening at Sacred Heart Mona Vale) & **Wednesday 15th August** (daytime at St John the Baptist, Freshwater) - presentations by Child & Family psychologist, Katharine Cook, on children's brain development at different ages
- **Tuesday 11 September** (evening at Mater Maria, Warriewood) - Kristy Goodwin will present on cyber safety
- **Tuesday 31 July** (Waitara) – The North Shore Cluster is hosting a talk by Dr Justin Coulson. For details & RSVP visit <https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-justin-coulson.html>

VOLUNTEER CORNER

1. **GIFT: Giving in Faith Together**

Below are the GIFT cook-off dates for the remainder of the year:

- Kindy: Monday 15 October 6pm - 9pm (Christine Boys)
- Year 1: Monday 26 November 6pm - 9pm (Derville Peach)
- Year 2: Monday 27 August 6pm - 9pm (Gillian Hopkins, Jo Johnston)
- Year 3 / Teachers: 12 November 6pm - 9pm (Evelyn Paterson)
- Year 4: Monday 29 October 6pm - 9am (Annette Paddison)

To volunteer, please click here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>

SCHOOL DISCO: Friday 3 August from 4.30 - 6.30pm. Don't forget to buy your tickets to the School Disco! The date is Friday, 3 August from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Buy your tickets via QKR! Click [here](#) for further information.

2018 FUNDRAISING GALA

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR FUNDRAISING GALA!!
LAST CHANCE – CLOSE OFF FOR DONATIONS IS 31st JULY, 2018

If you have products or services of any value that you would like to donate to auction at our annual gala please contact; Bernie Casey – blar51@optusnet.com.au or mobile: 0437 576 299
 Fran Romano - fran.romano@mamamia.com.au or mobile: 0412 611 090

All funds raised go towards additional and improved resources and facilities for our kids!



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 27 July: Helena McGrath and Jane Thompson Kench
 Mon 30 July: None required
 Wed 1 Aug: Kellie Chapman and Emma Trueman
 Friday 3 Aug: Nadine Meehan and **1 Volunteer required**

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS classes are continuing for Term 3!

PLEASE NOTE the time change to 8:00am Monday mornings. I will be there from 7:40am setting up, if you need to drop the children early.

Does your child suffer from anxiety or stress? Do they have difficulties regulating their emotions or controlling their moods? Maybe they have problems with their focus and concentration? Or maybe they just need to move more? Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation has been proven to have huge positive benefits for children. It teaches children to: connect with themselves, enhance their self-awareness, encourage positive interactions with other children and have fun in a playful learning environment. Our classes focus on movement, poses, yoga games, partner poses, mindfulness activities, breath awareness techniques and relaxation.

- **When: Monday morning Time: 8:00am - 8:45am (45minutes) Dates: Commencing in week 2 -9 (8 weeks) Price: \$120 (8 classes)**
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PLEASE BOOK by emailing: connect@theheartofliving.com.au, visit the website: www.theheartofliving.com.au or call 0421552212 (please note ** Be HAPPY Yoga has rebranded to The Heart of Living)

Payment is due prior to Term 3 commencing and also confirms placement for children. There are limited spaces in the class so be sure to secure your child's placement.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA 2018

- SATURDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018 -

DO YOU OWN OR RUN A BUSINESS OR HAVE A FRIEND WHO'D BE INTERESTED IN DONATING AN ITEM FOR OUR SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER?

THE GALA DINNER AUCTION IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES TO PROMOTE THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE - WITH THE ADDED BENEFIT OF RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL.

IF YOU HAVE A GREAT AUCTION ITEM IN MIND, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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SOPHIE.CHARLOTTE.BURTON@GMAIL.COM

FOR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION CONTACT NADINE MEEHAN:
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ST CECILIA'S SCHOOL DISCO

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL HALL FOR OUR ANNUAL DISCO NIGHT!
FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST 2018
4.30PM - 6.30 PM

- * All students K-6 are welcome (No Siblings Please)
- * TICKETS: \$10 per child. Purchase via Qkr
- * INCLUDES: Disco Admission, Sausage Sizzle, Quelch Stick & Glow Stick
- * DRESS: Groovy Disco Gear (Shoes must be worn at all times, No Thongs)
- * RSVP: Monday 30th July 2018

* NOTE:
Entry via Seaview Street Gate Only. All children must be signed in and out at the registration desks. Parents can collect children between 6:00pm - 6:30pm, but NO LATER than 6:30pm.

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REMINDERS

Parents are reminded that in coming weeks the children have the following:

- Presentation Mass – the children will be presented to the parish community at all Masses this weekend on **28/29 July at St Kieran's and St Cecilia's**;
- Ritual of the Creed – the children receive and recite the Creed at all Masses on the weekend of **4/5 August at St Kieran's and St Cecilia's**;
- Practice – the children will practice what is involved in the Confirmation ceremony **Tuesday 7 August at 4pm OR Wednesday 8 August at 7pm both in St Kieran's Church.**

Parents are also reminded that the Practice will be the last opportunity to check details re Confirmation Name, Sponsor and session times are correct.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES

- **Sunday 26 August - Family Colour Fun Run 2pm – 4pm at North Harbour Reserve**
- **Friday 30 November – Wine Tasting and Close of On-line Auction – Parish Centre**
Sacramental Minister -Catholic Community of North Harbour www.northharbourcatholic.org.au

Community News

AUTISM WORKSHOP

Free 2 day autism workshop for families at Hornsby RSL 8 & 9 August from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45am). Like all school-age students, children on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community. Register Online: positivepartnerships.com.au

MERCY COLLEGE OPEN MORNING

Catholic secondary college for girls Yrs 7 – 12. Wednesday 8 August from 9 – 11am. For information contact mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au or mercy@dbb.catholic.edu.au or 9419 2890.

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