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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 learn in the classroom.*

Principal's News

Dear Parents

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.

GOOD SAM DAY: FIVER FOR A FARMER

Each term our Good Sam Day focuses on an act of Service that supports the wider community. This term we have decided to join the initiative started by a Year 4 student at St John the Baptist School at Freshwater. Please click on the link below to view the interview with year 4 and young Jack on Sunrise last week.

<https://twitter.com/sunriseon7/status/1024420502473850880>

On Monday 13 August we will join with St John the Baptist, 90 other primary schools and 34 pre-schools to dress up as a farmer and donate \$5.00 which would purchase a bale of hay. We are encouraging students to earn the \$5.00 they donate by doing extra jobs at home, for neighbours etc. All money raised will go to Rural Aid and Drought Angels. Rural Aid have come up with the Buy a Bale Campaign and will deliver feed to the farmers.

Drought Angels fund counsellors who are supporting the families doing it tough. For more information and to donate your child's 'fiver' please follow the link. www.afiverforafarmer.com.au

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Year 2 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming weekend at St Kieran's Church. As many of you would be aware our Bishop The Most Rev Peter A Comensoli has now been appointed as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne. Fr Paul will lead the confirmation in Bishop Comensoli's absence. Rev Dr David Ranson has been duly elected as Diocesan Administrator, effective immediately. As Diocesan Administrator, Fr David will lead the Diocese of Broken Bay until the Holy Father, Pope Francis, appoints a new bishop.

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY

There is a lovely tradition at St Cecilia's where Grandparents are invited to attend school for the morning. This year it will be held on Friday 24 August to coincide with Book Week.

On this day Grandparents or Grandfriends are invited to attend school, visit classrooms and to purchase a book from the Book Fair for their grandchildren. Books may also be purchased as donations to the school library.

The program for the day is as follows.

- 9.15am Liturgy K-6- in the church
- 10:15am Morning Tea for the Grandparents-
- 10:30am Visits to classrooms- a visit to the Book Fair may occur in this time
- 11:00am Morning Tea for students in playground - Book Fair continues
- 11.30am Grandparents/friends depart school, children return to class

The social committee will call on class parents to help organise the morning tea for our guests.



GALA DINNER

After many hours of preparation by our amazing Year 2 parents, the Gala Dinner is organised and promises to be a night to 'come alive'. You should receive your invitations to the event today. We are very grateful to all of our sponsors who are supporting us this year. Some have sponsored us for a number of years whilst others are new this year. Last year the Gala Dinner allowed us to introduce coding lessons from Years 1 to 6, purchase Beet Bots robots for kindergarten, hold more science incursions and resource the school with technology. In the past, Gala Dinner fundraising has paid for the Secret Garden, new readers for the younger grades, the flexible learning space for the upper grades as well as a shade structure in the Secret Garden, our PA system, iPads for all grades and fans in the hall.

This year we plan to use the money to build a shade structure over the basketball court and a smaller one over the sand pit. We also hope to continue coding lessons in Years 1 to 6 and provide more learning experiences in line with STEM.

PLASTIC FREE

Last term our Year 1 class led the way to promote St Cecilia's as a plastic free school. Please remember to avoid sending lunches wrapped in plastic to school or other unnecessary packaging. An alternative is a lunch box with compartments that can hold fruit break, morning tea and lunch with minimal packaging. Please remember to check that all lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

BOOK WEEK - FIND YOUR TREASURE

It is that time of year again. Numerous activities/incursion/learning experiences will take place at St Cecilia's during book week. These will include:

- Clay Making held on Thursday the 23 August in line with the theme Find Your Treasure
- Grandparents Day Friday the 24 August - Book fair/stall in the hall.
- Buddy reading- during peer support. Students are invited to bring their favourite book to share with other children on Wednesday 22 August
- One shortlisted book will be allocated to each class. Beginning next week and during Book Week the children will engage in learning tasks associated with the book.

PRINCIPAL REVIEW

Having completed nearly four years as Principal at St Cecilia's and in accordance with diocesan policy, it is time for me to engage in a review process.

As part of the review you are invited to complete a survey concerning the effectiveness of my leadership. The survey will be emailed to all families today. The intent is to rejoice in successes and celebrate achievements but also to identify areas for professional development to enhance current effectiveness and future potential. I would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey if you can.

FATHERS' FRIDAY 9AM TO 1PM

We are again gearing up for our annual Father's Friday which will be held on 7 September. All dads of children in Years 2, 4 and 6 are invited to spend part of a day at school experiencing what it is like to be a learner in the year 2018.

SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you to Suzie Warren and her team of Parent Network helpers who ensured that the school disco was a great success. The children were engaged the entire evening either showing their moves, completing craft activities or eating the delicious sausage sandwiches on offer. It was a wonderful evening.



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

Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at **St Kieran's Catholic Church**, in Manly Vale at **10am, 12pm and 3pm on Saturday 11 August**. We keep these students, their sponsors and families in our prayers at this special time.



ST MARY OF THE CROSS: FEAST DAY: 8TH AUGUST

Wednesday, 8 August, is the feast of **St Mary of the Cross**, Australia's first saint. Mary was a person of great faith who trusted God to care for her and provide for her. She was a person of action who, when she saw a need, did something about it. We are called to be like Mary, to be people of hospitality and welcome, to be people of action.

Students participated in a liturgy in class to commemorate this day.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In the Catholic Church in Australia, there are two Holy Days of Obligation. One of these, the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, falls on **Wednesday 15 August**. The whole school will gather for Mass in the church to celebrate this important feast of Our Lady. **Please view the Mass Invitation at the end of this newsletter for further details.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: Stage 1—Year 2: ‘Confirmation’

In complement to the Parish Sacramental Program, Year 2 students will explore the **Sacrament of Confirmation** as completing **Baptism**. The module introduces students to the Sacrament of Confirmation, which challenges them to **listen** and be more **open to the Spirit**, as they hear again Jesus’ message and call to **discipleship**. Students will research, reflect on and recall the signs and symbols particular to Confirmation. Students begin to explore the **gifts of the Spirit** and how it helps them live their lives.

URGENT: MEALS ON WHEELS

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

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

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

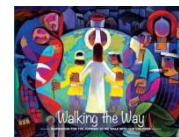
On **Wednesday 8 August**, **KB** attended our Parish Mass. Thank you to the students for their reverent participation. **1W** will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 22 August** at **9am**. There will be no parish Mass next Wednesday due to the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

‘FAMILIES COME GATHER’ MASSES

Our next ‘Families Come Gather’ Mass will be on **Sunday 26 August**. **2B** and **2W** will be involved in this Mass. If you have children in either of these classes, you will receive an email this week with the link to ‘SignUpGenius’ to volunteer for roles in the Mass and morning tea.

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.dbbco.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>.



School News

UPCOMING DATES

August

Mon 13th A Fiver for a Farmer Day
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
Thurs 23rd Art Incursion
Fri 24th Grandparents Day Liturgy 9-11:30
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 9-1pm (Yrs 2, 4 & 6)

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!

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

SCIENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received an award in the recent UNSW competition

Brigitte W	Year 6	Credit
Isabella C	Year 5	Credit
George S	Year 4	Credit
Molly W	Year 3	Distinction
Konrad B	Year 3	Distinction
Thomas B	Year 3	Credit
Jessana B	Year 3	Credit
Jack B	Year 2	Credit

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 2	Service Core Value	Merits
KB:	Holly A	Hudson V and Charlotte C
KW:	Natalie E	Patrick de S-S and Asha K
Yr 1B:	Rebecca W	Alex M and Christian G
Yr 1W:	Imogen H	Joshua M and Jessica O
Yr 2B:	Oscar M	Neve M and Edward C
Yr 2W:	Thomas K	Hunter S and Amy T
Yr 3:	Yasmina H and Luca M	William S, Elizabeth C, Josephine B and Lyla R D
Yr 5/6	Peita P, Ruby S	Madeleine E, Olivia O and Brigitte W

BOOK CLUB

Please place orders online by 15 August. Any questions please contact Emma Trueman or Emma Burton.

EVERGREEN MUSIC MIXED ENSEMBLE

Evergreen Music is excited to start up the St Cecilia's "Mixed Ensemble". Open to any children in Year 3 and above who are taking private (one on one) music tuition each week.

Playing regularly in an ensemble is a fantastic way to compliment private tuition on an instrument and is so important to becoming a 'musician for life'. Unlike a conventional school 'concert band' line-up, the mixed ensemble is more a rock/pop band set-up with a larger rhythm section. All instruments welcome!

REHEARSAL is currently set to be at school on Friday each week from 1:15pm - 2:15pm (ensemble members will eat their lunch before coming to rehearsal the room and will return to afternoon class a few minutes after the bell)

COST works out to be \$20 per week for the duration of the school term.

To enrol your child in the St Cecilia's Mixed Ensemble please complete Google Form by clicking this link <https://goo.gl/forms/RIT6yj3GfSSRz4RQ2>.

Once submitted, your child's place is confirmed in the program, and you will be sent out final details and an invoice.

If you have any further questions contact Ben. info@evergreenmusic.com.au

Parent Network News



Term 3 is now in full swing! As we are in Week 3, a few big reminders.

First, our next **Good Sam Day** is 13 August and will support the "Fiver for a Farmer" drought relief campaign. Please refer to the announcements in this newsletter for more information!

Next, the **Gala is just 45 days away!** Invitations will be going home by the end of this week in your eldest child's bag, so please be on the look-out.

Lastly, as you know, we are a small community that thrives on parent/carer involvement. This week, we have several opportunities to share your talents with the St Cecilia's community. Please take a good read of the "Volunteer Corner"

section below, and consider helping out with one of our programs.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

1. CANTEEN

We are in dire need of volunteers at the Canteen on Friday, 10 August and Friday, 17 August. It's a fun few hours and the kids love it!

To volunteer, please click here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30E0949AAAE2CA6F94-stcecilias9>

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3. MILLIE SMITH UNIFORM SHOP

A big thank you to all who have volunteered for and supported the Millie Smith Pop-Up shop this year, especially Helena McGrath, Jo Matthews, Terese Flynn, Derville Peach, Kate Patterson, Michelle Stephenson & Jennifer Halim. To-date, we have raised more than \$1,000.

The shop will be open in Term 3, and we are in need of additional volunteers on Friday, 10 August and Friday, 24 August from 2:30-3:30pm.

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

If you wish to donate, remember to bring in your clean pre-loved uniforms to the school office. Please do not donate uniform items which are no longer current. If you wish to purchase from the shop, please cash or QKR only.

4. NORTH HARBOUR PARISH - GIFT: Giving in Faith Together

Below are the Parish 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>

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

- **Tuesday 11 September** (evening at Mater Maria, Warriewood) - Kristy Goodwin will present on cyber safety.



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 10 August: **2 Volunteers needed**

Mon 13 August: Ria Deveza

Wed 15 August: Rebecca Cuschieri and Sheridan Millward

Fri 17 August: **2 Volunteers needed**

Parish News

WINE AND CHEESE INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 20 August at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

For those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. This will be an opportunity to discover you are not alone in your yearning to be a follower of Christ who transforms our lives with love.

BAPTISM OF YOUNG CHILDREN PROGRAM

Is your child interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like your child to become a Catholic and participate in the 2019/2020 Children's Sacramental Program? Our Baptism of **Young Children Program (for children aged 7yrs – 11yrs)** will be offered in Term 3 2018 on Sunday 9, 23 and 30 September. The program can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> under the Sacramental Program – Additional Resources tab. Copies also available from the parish office and at both churches. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for more information.

ST CECILIA'S 9AM SUNDAY MASS - Call for Volunteers

Thanks to those who have responded with offers of volunteering for the 9am Sunday Masses at St Cecilia's. We'd welcome more helpers so please reach out to Christine Boys on caboy01@gmail.com or 0410642091 if you have any questions or call the Parish Office directly on 9949 4455. The volunteer roles include welcomers before Mass, readers (ideal for parents or students/siblings from Year 5 and above), altar servers (for boys and girls in Year 3 or above who have done their First Communion) and hospitality. The time commitment is every 1 or 2 months or just being called up as back up occasionally.

CHANGE OF DATE

Family Colour Fun Run now on Sunday 21 October - 2pm – 4pm at North Harbour Reserve.
Sacramental Minister -Catholic Community of North Harbour www.northharbourcatholic.org.au

Community News



*An invitation to the Mass honouring the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

at

St Cecilia's Catholic Church

Wednesday 15th August

9.15am.

*"For the Almighty has done great things for me.
Hoby is his name."*

Luke 1: 49



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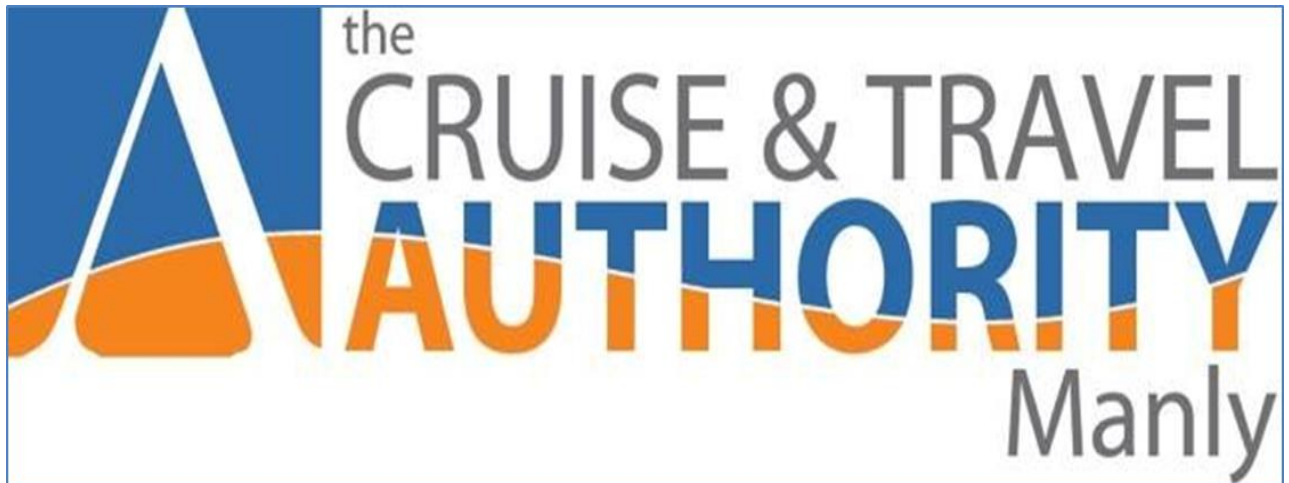
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'CIRCLE OF FRIENDS' AN OPPORTUNITY
TO LISTEN TO AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2018
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