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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: Help others to be in the right place at playtime.

Principal's News

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of Mary is the teaching that:

The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory [Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus* 44].



Dear Parents



REFLECTION GARDEN

Have you seen the magnificent job Jo Trube has done with our new Reflection Garden? It will be used by classes for reflection and mediative prayer. Thank you also to the Flynn and Chapman families who contributed helping Jo install the stairs and the irrigation system. The garden will be officially blessed later in the year on the feast of St Cecilia.

GALA DINNER 22 SEPTEMBER

Come Alive, secure your tickets now to the one

major fund raising event we hold each year.

All of the money raised is spent on the students and the school environment. Only yesterday computers bought in 2014 had to be decommissioned so an order was submitted for a further 20 Chrome Books. We have also engaged a company to replace the artificial turf that has become thread bare in the Secret Garden and plan to install hand dryers in all of the bathrooms to alleviate the waste created through the misuse of paper handtowels. This is all made possible because the money raised at the Gala Dinner last year paid for coding lessons, 40 Chrome Books, and three science incursions (the third one is booked for week 9 of this term). The money raised at the Gala Dinner releases the pressure on the school budget allowing us to purchase resources as the need arises and maintain the facility.

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.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

This Thursday evening (16 August) is our second gathering of the Circle of Friends. This is an initiative to bring together parents and carers who are raising children with additional needs such as anxiety, behaviour or learning difficulties and social difficulties. The goal is to share experiences and support each other on, what can sometimes seem like, a lonely and difficult journey. The group's gathering will begin at 7pm in the school library and will be coordinated by Sue Grose (Learning Support Teacher) and Corrine Vallelonga (Parent of children in K and 3). More information can be found in the Parent Network section of this newsletter. We welcome all.

BOOK WEEK - FIND YOUR TREASURE

Next week is Book Week. Numerous activities/incursion/learning experiences have been planned for the students at St Cecilia's during the week. These will include:

- Wednesday 22 August: Buddy reading during peer support time. Students are invited to bring their favourite book to share with other children.
- Thursday 23 August: A Clay Making incursion held in line with the theme Find Your Treasure
- Friday 24 August: Grandparents Day Book fair/stall in the hall.

Students have already begun exploring one of the shortlisted books during class time. Next week the children will engage in learning tasks associated with the book.

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY

There is a lovely tradition at St Cecilia's when Grandparents are invited to attend school for the morning to be with their grandchildren. This year it will be held on Friday 24 August which again coincides 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.

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 was emailed to all families last week. I would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey if you have the time. The intent is to rejoice in successes and celebrate achievements but also to identify areas for professional development to enhance the current effectiveness and future potential of my leadership and in turn our school.

PARENT NETWORK GENERAL MEETING



Our General Parent Network Meeting for Term 3 is Tuesday 28 August at 7pm. I would like to encourage all parents to attend. It is the most effective way to remain informed of what is currently happening in our school and the direction we are taking. At this meeting we will accept nominations for the Parent Network president role for 2019. I want to thank Sonia Walsh for the leadership and insights she has brought to the role over the past 2 years. Sonia would like the new president elected this term so that a succession and transition program can take place during the remainder of the

year. Please come along even if you are not ready to take on an active role. Parent Network Meetings are run very efficiently and we make it a priority to finish on time.

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

Fran Taylor **Principal**

Religious Education

GOOD SAM DAY: A FIVER FOR A FARMER



Thank you to all the students who dressed up as farmers on Monday to support our 'A Fiver for a Farmer' Day!

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 donations please follow the link. www.afiverforafarmer.com.au



CONFIRMATION

The following students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. Congratulations:

Luisa A	Lucia Rose B	Willow B	Katelin B	Jack B
Connor B	Rae-Marie B	Thomas C	Eva C	Edward C
Will C	Xander C	Finlay D	Isabella D	Alexander F
Rose F	Lachlan F	Luca G	Lewis H	Thomas K
Frankie L	Harrison L	Tom M	Ruby M	Mieka M
Xavier M	Neve M	Oscar M	William O	James P
Xanthe P	Beau R	Sienna S	William S	Pedro S
Annabel S	Magnus S	Joshua S	Lachlan S	Hunter S
Coelli T	Bella T	Amy T	Ava V	Harry W
Claudia W	Kingston W	Oliver W	Henry W	Alyssa W

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 today **Wednesday 15 August**. The whole school gathered for Mass to celebrate this important feast of Our Lady. Thank you to the Father Paul and the students and teachers who contributed to this Eucharistic celebration.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: STAGE 2—YEAR 4: 'COMING TO KNOW GOD'

Christian children grow up hearing about God, but coming to know God is a lifelong journey in which there are always questions. Wondering about "Who is God?" can be challenging, perplexing and mysterious. Often our human minds try to explain God, rather than to be in relationship with God. Luckily, our God is a gracious God who reveals to us in the only ways that we understand i.e. in concrete human ways. God is revealed to us in: nature; in relationships with people; in the words and actions of special people; in many events of history; in the Church; in the Scriptures and especially in the person of Jesus Christ.

In our Christian tradition, there is an understanding that God cannot be seen in a simple way. God is complex, multi-faceted and always in relationship with humankind and creation. The concept of **Trinity**, which captures the idea of a **multi-natured God** is **central to our Catholic faith** and calls for continual thought and exploration.

Whilst it is understood that children in Stage 2 cannot begin to ponder that which theologians continually reflect and argue, it is nevertheless important for them to begin to explore the idea that God is multi-dimensional. This module introduces children to the term "Trinity". It will explore what we consider to be the natures of God with which we are in relationship as Father, Son and Spirit through the scriptures and through our lived relationship with God.

URGENT: MEALS ON WHEELS

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:

- 20 August
- 27 August

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

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

1W will attend Parish Mass on **Wednesday 22 August** at **9am.** All are welcome!

'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 should have received an email this week with the link to 'SignUpGenius' to volunteer for roles in the Mass and morning tea. If you did not receive this email, please contact the school office.

ST CECILIA'S 9AM SUNDAY MASS - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Parish is always keen to have more volunteers for the 9am Sunday Masses at St Cecilia's. 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. Please reach out to Christine Boys on caboys01@gmail.com or 0410642091 if you have any questions or call the Parish Office directly on 9949 4455. The time commitment can be every 1 or 2 months or just being called up as back up occasionally.

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.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html.



School News

UPCOMING DATES

August		Tues 4"	Broken Bay Athletics
Wed 15 th	9.15am Assumption Mass	Fri 7 th	Fathers' Friday 9-1pm (Yrs 2, 4 & 6)
Thurs 16 th	Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival	Mon 10 th	2.30pm Prayer Assembly KW
	7pm Circle of Friends	Fri 14 th	Heaven on Earth
	School Advisory Committee meeting 7pm		9 - 10.15am Pop up Play
Thurs 23rd	Clay Making Incursion	Wed 19 th	Science Incursion
Fri 24 th	Grandparents Day Liturgy 9-11:30		Night of the Notables
Sun 26 th	FCG Mass Yr 2	Thurs 20 th	Good Sam Day
	2.30pm Prayer Assembly Yr 4		Science Incursion
Tues 28 th	P&F General Meeting	Sat 22 nd	Gala Dinner – save the date!
Thurs 30 th	6.30pm Drama Performance Night	Tues 25 th	Stage 2 Gala Day
Septembe	r	Thurs 27 th	Stage 3 Gala Day
Mon 3 rd	Staff Development Day – Pupil free	Fri 28 th	End Term 3

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 3	Service Core Value	Merits
KB:	Gigi M	Paola B-A and Thomas O
KW:	Scarlett H	Darcy G and Hudson L-S
Yr 1B:	Molly S	Louis V and Thomas E
Yr 1W:	Max M	Meg Mc and Mia H
Yr 2B:	Claudia W	Rae-Marie B and Magnus S
Yr 2W:	Lewis H	Scarlett H and Harrison L
Yr 3:	Charlie Mc and Oscar P	Danica P, Sibella H, Thomas A and Oscar W
Yr 4:	Chloe V	Oliver W and Eva H
Yr 5/6	Clara B and Eva T	Emma W, Milla C and Amelie D

SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST

Individual and family photo envelopes were sent home today. Please remember:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- If you didn't receive a family envelope please ask for one at the school office.
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. No cheques accepted.
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling MSP prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
- Sport / Specialty photo orders will be organised after photo day on a separate form.
- Any orders received after 29 August are subject to a \$20 fee.
- For all enquiries please phone MSP 9499 6555.

DRAMA

Drama newsletters and invoices for Term 3 will be posted or handed out this week. There will be a drama performance night on Thursday 30 August at 6.30pm in the school hall. The children have been rehearsing for this for several weeks but may need some help at home with learning their lines off by heart. Your support with this is greatly appreciated *Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher*

CHIFUNESE

Classes are held on Wednesdays and Term 3 enrolment now open.

Student Voice

PEER SUPPORT

For the past three weeks in Peer Support we have been learning about courage. The Stage 3 leaders have led the groups with the children from all age groups. Through the lessons they have learnt about being courageous and what it takes to have courage. The lessons were written by Stage 3 as the action to our Term 1 History unit where the big idea was courage.



Overall we believe that the students are learning important messages and for our Stage 3 leaders it has been a great leadership opportunity.



Parent Network News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First, the P&F would like to thank all parents for your effort in volunteering. Teamwork truly does, make the dream work!

To that end, if anybody would like to join the Parent Network executive for next year, we are looking for spirited parents to come share their great ideas. More details on available positions to come...

In the meantime, if anyone would like to be considered for the role of President, please contact Sonia Walsh at soniawalsh@bigpond.com, before **22 August**. At the General Meeting on **28 August**, we hope to take nominations for Parent Network President and vote in our new P&F leader for 2019. The committee will then be assembled from there.

Lastly, don't forget to get your Gala tickets per the invites sent home last week! It's sure to be a fantastic night!



VOLUNTEER CORNER

1. MEALS ON WHEELS

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. Here's how it works:

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- 27 August

To volunteer, please click here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1 New parents to the program are asked to contact Emma Burton (emma.burton@rocketmail.com) for further information.

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 Raising Kids and Teens in a Screen World. Click here for further information.
- Thanks to all of those who helped with Asylum Seekers Appeal, last term. The effort was featured in the August issue of Broken Bay News. We've also included the article here!



Raising Kids & Teens in a Screen World

A FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF **STUDENTS IN YEARS 4 TO 12**

Being a parent in today's digital world can be an overwhelming and confusing task... Become the pilot of your family's digital plane with some realistic advice to enhance learning and safeguard your child's physical and emotional health.

This engaging seminar arms parents with simple strategies to manage screen-time at home without tears As a leading digital parenting and tantrums, and without having to constantly fret about online safety.

- √ Learn why our kids become infatuated with technology and why they find it hard to switch off devices
- Understand how to help your kids develop healthy digital habits
- Examine the current risks to kids' online safety - the 3Ps; predators. pornography and peers
- Explore why we need to avoid using screen-time as a reward or punishment tool

Dr Kristy Goodwin, Presenter

educator, speaker, researcher, author and former teacher (and mum who deals with her kids' techno-tantrums), Kristy translates the latest research into essential, digestible information and tips for parents and carers, so that they can safely navigate the digital terrain, without suggesting that kids be 'digitally amputated'!

Tuesday 11 September, 7-9pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

Mater Maria Catholic College, 5 Forest Rd, Warriewood NSW 2102 Tickets www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-kristy-goodwin

THE CRUNCH CAFE

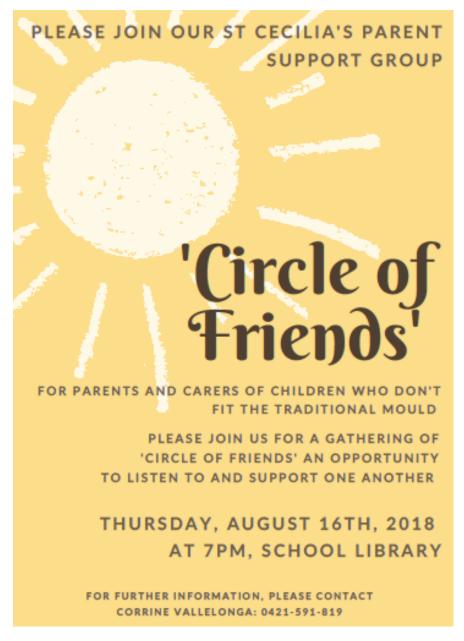
The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click here.

Upcoming Roster

Fri 17 August: Monique Fender and Sophie Burton

Mon 20 August: Evelyn Paterson

Wed 22 August: **2 Volunteers needed**Fri 24 August: **2 Volunteers needed**



Parish News

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION BY FR PAUL

Thank you to all who made the preparation for, and the celebration of, the Sacrament of Confirmation such a memorable family occasion for the children and their families. To the children and their parents who participated in the program so enthusiastically, the group facilitators and co-facilitators who generously gave time to lead the family home sessions, and all those who supported the children and older candidates in their preparation for the sacrament including staff of our parish schools, catechists, Fr Paul and our parish clergy.

Thank you also to those involved in the Confirmation celebration including the parents who were readers, acolyte lan Woodbury, junior servers, Simon Hyland and Marianne, our music ministry coordinator and members of the music ministry, the principals and teachers from St Cecilia's and St Kieran's who assisted on the day

The next stage in the sacramental journey for these families will be preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will commence in February 2019.

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/sacrmental-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.

WINE AND CHEESE INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 20 August at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

For parents who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or those who may not have received all the sacraments.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour www.northharbourcatholic.org.au

Community News

NORTH STEYNE NIPPER REGISTRATION

Sunday 9 & 16 September from 9 – 11am. Click here for information.

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