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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: Be prepared.*

Principal's News

Dear Parents



BIN FREE THURSDAY

Bin free Thursday was a great success last week and the children are keen to keep it going. All bins were taken off the playground for the entire day. At the end of the day the rubbish collected was less than half a shopping bag, which is quite an achievement.

Congratulations to KB on winning the Environment Cup for having the most sustainable lunchboxes over the period of a week.

MATHS PARENT MORNINGS

This term we are offering 2 x 45min parent information sessions on mathematics. Our first session will be held tomorrow morning, Thursday 8 November, in the school hall followed by another on Thursday 15th at 9.15am. The aim will be to share with parents some strategies that can be used at home to improve their child's mathematical understanding. Please note these dates in your diary and refer to the email sent out last week by Damien O'Brien.

PARENT NETWORK TEAM AGM TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Our annual general meeting for the Parent Network Team will be held on Tuesday 20 November. Everyone is encouraged to attend to support the work of the committee this year. There are a number of key people I need to thank for their tireless effort and dedicated service to the Parent Network Team. As a community we are extremely grateful to the executive team Sonia Walsh, Jamie Castaldo, Rosalie Bignold, Susie Warren, Rosey McGrath, Sheridan Millward, Robyn Wunder, Bernie Casey, Jo Matthews and Nadine Meehan who have been supported by their subcommittees and a hardworking band of parents. Many members of the team are stepping down this year and so we would like to make this AGM a celebration of their contribution as well as all parents who have contributed to the life of the school (canteen,

Meals on Wheels, Advisory Committee, Milly Smith, gala dinner, cocktail party, Mothers Monday, Fathers Friday, Grandparents Day in some way, to attend a thank you supper of cheese and Christmas goodies at the conclusion of the AGM. Again, my heartfelt gratitude for the contribution made to the school by our entire Parent Network Team.

PLENARY COUNCIL

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. The Bishops have invited all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Parent Network is giving you the chance to have your voice heard to join in! Speak boldly and with passion.

Time will be given during the AGM for this to happen

When: Tuesday 20 November 7:00pm

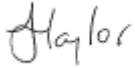
Where: St Cecilia's Library.



POP UP PLAY

Our last Pop Up Play gathering for the year is this coming Friday at 9am. All parents with toddlers and pre-schoolers are invited to attend. Thank you to Alison Westh and Liz Psychogios who have organised Pop Up Play throughout the year.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: YEAR 3—MISSION: REACHING OUT WITH JESUS

In this module students will develop an understanding and appreciation of the nature and challenges of Christian mission through their study of Jesus' instructions in the 'Mission of the Twelve'. Students will investigate the work of Catholic Mission and individuals committed to reaching out to others. Students will be encouraged to consider practical ways to reach out to others and be part of the mission of Jesus.



PARISH MASS

On **Wednesday 7 November, Stage 3** attended our Parish Mass. Thank you to all family members who joined us for this Eucharistic celebration.

1B will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 14 November** at **9am**.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass is for the term is **Sunday 25 November. Year 1 and Kindergarten 2019** will be involved in this Mass. Please check your 'inbox' for the email link to 'SignUpGenius' to volunteer for roles in the Mass and morning tea.

MEALS ON WHEELS—SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

We are looking for **one more volunteer** for our Term 4 **Meals on Wheels** social justice initiative for **19 November**.

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.

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

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

FEAST OF ST CECILIA MASS

St Cecilia, pray that our singing at liturgy may be true prayer.

**Our whole school Eucharistic celebration will take place in the church on
Thursday 22 November, 9:15am**

All members of our school community are warmly invited to this Mass.

"GROWING GOOD MEN" - A WEEKEND FOR FATHER & TEENAGE SON

GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially-based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood.

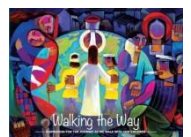
It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 13 to 15 years (school years 8 and 9).

Venue: Yarramundi (southwest of Richmond NSW) 16-18 November 2018 (Fri 6.30pm to Sun afternoon)

See [flyer](#) for more information.

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>.



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

SCHOOL HATS

Legionnaire hats are now available for purchase from the school office. Payment of \$15 may be made via QKR.

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 3	Hope Core Value	Merits
KB:	Paola B	Stefania Q and Rohan P
KW:	Miles M	Natalie E and Harrison B
Yr 1B:	Clarissa W	Darius G and Zoe H
Yr 1W:	Meg M	Oliver T and Sophie H
Yr 2B:	Pedro S	Teddy C and Xavier M
Yr 2W:	Liam M	Ruby M and Mieka M
Yr 3:	Jack W and Hugo W	Sophie M, James S, Harper F and Samuel K
Yr 4:	Elise R	Kaelan M and Sophie P
Yr 5/6	Amelie D and Brigitte W	Olivia O, Peita P and Milly R

UPCOMING DATES

November

- Wed 7th 6.30pm School Advisory Committee meeting
- Thurs 8th 9.15am Maths for Parents Northern Beaches Debating #3
- Fri 9th 9-10.15am Pop Up Play 2.30pm Millie Smith pop up shop
- Tues 13th 8am Chess in the Library
- Wed 14th Kinder 2019 Transition
- Thurs 15th 9.15am Maths for Parents Northern Beaches Debating #4
- Mon 19th Prayer Assembly KB
- Tues 20th 8am Chess in the Library 7pm P&F AGM
- Wed 21st Kinder 2019 Transition
- Thurs 22nd Evergreen morning assembly 9.15am Feast Day of St Cecilia Mass NB Debating #5
- Fri 23rd 2.30pm Millie Smith pop up shop
- Sun 25th 2019 Kindy Blessing Mass

- Thurs 29th NB Debating
- Fri 30th 7pm Parent Christmas Party
- December**
- Mon 3rd 2.30pm Advent Liturgy / Prayer Assembly 3B
- Wed 5th 9am Heaven on Earth Yr 6 Fun Day
- Thurs 6th Good Sam Day
- Fri 7th 2.30pm Millie Smith pop up shop 7pm Parent Christmas Party
- Wed 12th Reports home 6pm Carols
- Mon 17th Core Value Assembly
- Wed 19th Meet the Teacher 10.30am Thanksgiving Liturgy Last day for students
- Thurs 20th SDD
- Fri 21st SDD

Term 1 2019



AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE

Onsite Science fun Monday afternoons after school until 4:30pm (5pm late pick-up option available)

For more information or to book a place visit:
<https://www.eyehartscience.com.au/stcecilia/>
 Or email: alana@eyehartscience.com.au

YEAR 1 EXCURSION TO SUSANNAH PLACE MUSEUM

Last week as part of the History Inquiry Unit 'The Past in the Present', Year 1 went on an excursion to Susannah Place in The Rocks, Sydney. Susannah Place is a small house and shop that was owned by the Cunningham family in the 1800's. Students had the opportunity to explore how people lived in the past, and what aspects of the past are still present today. Students reflected on their visit and were able to identify some differences in the way people lived.



Annika from 1W wrote "I learnt that it took a long time to do the washing because they had to do it all by hand. They didn't have any technology so they read books, played hand clapping games, knitting and lots more. An ice-man came around and they put a big block of ice in the icebox."

Thomas from 1B wrote "I didn't know that in the past children used to play in the streets and that shops were part of people's homes."



CODE4FUN

This year we have had coding lessons with Code4Fun. Coding is when we learn how to program games using challenging computer code. We do this through a website called *Scratch*. This website is for children who are learning how to code and who are practising code. This helps us to understand how websites, technology and games are made. By understanding this it makes the students appreciate how technology is created. The latest project is to develop a "slither.io" style game.

"I like coding because it challenges you and pushes you to the limits" *Tommy B*

"With coding you can make many things" *Xavier F*

"I like coding because it challenges me to make my own games" *Owen B*

"I enjoy being creative and sharing my ideas with my peers when doing coding" *Emilie M*

"I like how you get to use your creativity and try new things out" *Molly O*

Parent Network News

Happy Week 4 Everyone! As we move into mid-term, we have so many things to update you on! Firstly, be sure to take a look at the 'Volunteer Corner' and 'Upcoming Events' sections below. Next, we want to remind you of a few things:

- **General Meeting, Plenary Council and Parent THANK YOU Event**

On Tuesday, 20 November, we will be holding our final General Meeting of the year at 7pm in the Library. Please join us, as we will be electing in our new P&F Executive Team for 2019, as well as completing all 2018 activities.

To open our General Meeting, we will be holding a brief Plenary Council as highlighted by Fran.

To then close our meeting that evening we will be **celebrating YOU – our parents and volunteers for all that you do throughout the year. Accordingly, wine and light desserts will be served. Please join us so that we can thank you most sincerely.**

- **Parents' Christmas Party**

The parent Christmas Party is coming up on 30 November at 7PM! Please see the invite following (below) and make sure to purchase your tickets via QKR. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

- **Class Gift Kitty**

Regarding Christmas gifts for teachers and staff, we want to remind you that **all gifts** are purchased and given via our central fund, the Class Kitty. If you did not contribute in the beginning of the year, you can do so now via QKR- under parent network payment. The amount payable is \$20 per child. This fund is used throughout the year for gifts for teachers' birthdays, illness as well as parent events such as illness or bereavement.

VOLLUNTEER CORNER

(1) MEALS ON WHEELS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for Meals on Wheels this year. We only need ONE VOLUNTEER to drive and accompany Year 5-6 students to deliver meals to the recipients on **Monday 19 November 11.40am - 1.10pm**

Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

(2) MILLIE SMITH SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Thanks for all the recent donations of pre-loved uniforms! Our next Millie Smith Uniform Shop open days will be:

- THIS Friday 9 November, 2:30-3:30pm
- Friday 23 November, 2:30-3:30pm - ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- Friday 7 December, 2:30-3:30pm.

Remember payments are by cash or via QKR

A volunteer shopkeeper required for 23 November

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille>



PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE 2018

Click [here](#) for the 2018 booklet.



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

Upcoming Roster

Fri 9 Nov: Oliver Redpath and David Holihan
Mon 12 Nov: Evelyn Paterson
Wed 14 Nov: Jane Padman and 1 Volunteer required
Fri 16 Nov: Jo Matthews and 1 volunteer required

Parish News

ST KIERAN'S MENS' BREAKFAST- 'TO BE A MAN OF GOD'

- ENJOY a cooked breakfast and the company of other men
- LISTEN to a thought-provoking guest speaker

Steve Lia, will reflect on his own personal faith journey with Jesus over the last five years. Saturday, 10 November 2018 from 7.30am at St Kieran's Parish Community Centre. Please register for catering purposes by contacting the parish office on 9949 4455 or email parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au by 5 November. For further information click [here](#).



PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT FUNDRAISER

Wine and Cheese Christmas Celebration Friday 30 November see above.. Join us for our Tamburlaine Wine Tasting and purchase your wines for Christmas see order [form](#). Please RSVP by Monday 26 November.

If you cannot attend you may be able to support the event by donating a prize for our raffle or by ordering wine. Please contact Evelyn Paterson at robevelyn@tpg.com.au if you can assist with a donation.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour

BEACHES LINK TUNNEL - COMMUNITY MEETING

**Sunday 11th November
at 4pm at Bally Boys School Main Hall**



Hosted by a collective of community groups to provide an independent overview of the Beaches Link project including an introduction to

- Dr Michelle Zeibots, UTS Director of Transport Research + why the tunnel won't deliver the promised time savings (see this weekend's coverage in The Sydney Morning Herald)
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