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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: Recognise and congratulate others*

Principal's News

Dear Parents

ST CECILIA'S FEAST DAY



Tomorrow is the feast day of St Cecilia, please join us for our whole school Eucharistic celebration at 9:15am. At the conclusion of the Mass Fr Paul will bless our new reflection garden dedicated to St Cecilia. St Cecilia is the patron saint of music and so following the Eucharistic celebration Evergreen Music will hold their end of year concert in the playground at approximately 11am. It promises to be a music festival.

CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW PHOTO COMPETITION

Congratulations to Emma W, Charlie McC and Jack W who have all won awards in the Catholic Worldview Photo Competition. Emma W received 1st place in the 'people' category, Charlie received 2nd place in the 'animals' category and Jack W received 3rd place in the 'nature' category. The students will be presented with their prize on Friday 30 November at Maria Regina Avalon.



A Rose for my Mum
Jack W



My Family can spin the Moon
Emma W



A Circle on a Circle
Charlie M

P&F 2019

PARENT NETWORK TEAM AGM TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Last night we held our annual general meeting for the Parent Network Team as well as a thank you supper for all parents to thank them for their contribution to the school this year. Congratulations to the new 2019 committee, some of which have stayed on. We thank you for taking up these important positions and look forward to working with you.

President:	Jamie Castaldo
Vice Presidents	Celebration- Sheridan Millward Justice- Robyn Wunder Service/Canteen- Sandi Ayliffe Hope- Bernie Casey Community- Jane Davidson Sponsorship- Derv Peach and Jo Matthews
Secretary:	Kirsty Smidt
Treasurer:	Rosalie Bignold Will Sinclair
BBCSP Rep	Rosey McGrath

There are a number of key people I need to thank for their tireless effort and dedicated service to the Parent Network Team over the last 12 to 24 months.

As a community we are extremely grateful to Sonia Walsh, Susie Warren, and Nadine Meehan who will step down this year after making a huge contribution to the operation of the P&F, hospitality and to sponsorship. The structures they have put in place will support the incoming P&F executive in their roles.

2018 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP

The outgoing committee are also responsible for securing an \$18 500 grant from the State Government to go toward building our shade structure over the basketball court. Combined with the money raised at the gala dinner this year it will ensure work will begin in the Christmas holidays and be ready for use at the beginning of the new school year.

NORTHERN BEACHES TUNNEL LINK ROAD

Our submission to the RMS regarding our concerns with the proposed draft plans for the Northern Beaches Tunnel Link Road is now ready to submit. As you are aware the School Advisory Committee engaged with the RMS to understand potential risks and impacts of the Link Road on our school. The RMS has invited feedback on the proposal. Our feedback was presented to the Parent Network Team last night. It will now be forwarded to the RMS by the School Advisory Committee on behalf of our parents. Thank you to parents who have attended community group meetings, as well as engaged with local councillors and the Catholic Schools Office to write the submission outlining our concerns. Special thanks to Andrea Hogan, Chris Bignold, Sonia Walsh, Jo Trube and Jo Casserly for driving this forward. Please contact the school office if you would like to read our submission.

STAFF

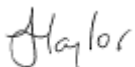
We have now received our staffing allocation for 2019 and are currently in the process of finalising positions. Georgia Gibson, Catherine Doyle and Margaret Brewster will pursue other options next year and will not return to St Cecilia's. We will miss all three teachers and thank them for their dedication to our students and for their contribution to our school. We wish them well for the future. Nick Dowler and Colette Ward will be returning in 2019, Tanya Fitzpatrick has been appointed full time REC and Jocelyn Roberts will continue as our music teacher. Zoe Hulme will also return one day a week as executive release. At this stage Stephanie Harding is also hoping to be back to start the year. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes surgery today.

Once student reports are finalised we will begin discussions around allocating classes for 2019.

SCHOOL REPORTS

End of year Academic Reports will be emailed home on Wednesday 12 December. Parent/teacher interviews will again be offered to all parents from the 13 to the 18 December. End of year interviews are optional. The procedure for booking appointments will be included in the newsletter in early December.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

FEAST OF ST CECILIA MASS

All families are warmly invited to join our school community in celebrating the feast of our patron saint—St Cecilia.

Thursday 22 November
9:15am

Father Paul will also bless our Reflection Garden following Mass.

HEAVEN ON EARTH—PARENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION MORNING

For a number of reasons, we have decided to cancel our Term 4 Heaven on Earth prayer morning.

In order to deliver faith formation opportunities that cater to the current needs of our parent community, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. Your feedback will help inform future planning around Heaven on Earth or other faith formation opportunities.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bsYe1jp601CvrlY3VM3caXEL46ut5AglhgZFGgspW24/edit>

PARISH MASS

On **Wednesday 21 November, 1W** attended our Parish Mass. Thank you to all family members who joined us for this Eucharistic celebration.

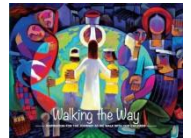
2W will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 28 November** at **9am**.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our final 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the year is **Sunday 25 November**. **Kindergarten 2019 and Year 1** 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.

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

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 5	Hope Core Value	Merits
KB:	Hugh M	John P and Charlotte C
KW:	Lucy B	Austin B and Thomas W
Yr 1B:	Thomas E	Arthur L and Hudson B
Yr 1W:	Max M	Owen B and Maxwell A
Yr 2B:	Ella M	Magnus S and Beanie T
Yr 2W:	Alexander F	Frances L and Kingston W
Yr 3:	James S and Josephine B	Hugo W, Annaliese O, Jack W and Brigid T
Yr 4:	Will P	Amalia C and Riley D
Yr 5/6	Holly M and Eva T	Katelin B, Charlotte F and Neisha M

UPCOMING DATES

November

Thurs 22nd 9.15am Feast Day of St Cecilia Mass
11am Evergreen Concert
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

Sun 2nd 2pm Drama dress rehearsal

Mon 3rd 2.30pm Advent Liturgy / Prayer Assembly
3B

Wed 5th Yr 6 Fun Day

Thurs 6th Good Sam Day

Drama concert

Fri 7th Yr 5 Leadership Day

Fri 7th Yr 6 Reflection Day
2.30pm Millie Smith pop up shop

Wed 12th Reports home
6pm Christmas Carols

Fri 14th 1.40pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass

Mon 17th Core Value & Academic Assembly

Wed 19th 10.30am Thanksgiving Liturgy

Last day for students

Thurs 20th SDD

Fri 21st SDD

January 2019

Wed 30th EMU and Best Start appointments

Thurs 31st Yrs 1 – 6 commence

Best Start Kinder appointments

February

Fri 1st Kinder 2019 commence

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

TRANSITION DAYS

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed our new Kindergarten students into the school for their 2019 Transition Days.



The children have come in to do fun activities and meet the people who will be supporting them throughout the year. They do these activities to get to know the school, feel welcomed and meet other children that will be in their class for the next seven years.

On their first visit, the future Year 6 students took the new Kindy children and their parents on a tour around the school while doing a teddy bear hunt. It was a fun way to get to know the school environment.

We think that having the Kindergarten Transition Days are a great way to make the future Kindergarten students feel welcome, safe and happy because they meet their future classmates, future teachers, future Principal and future Year 6 buddies who will all support and help them.

Parent Network News

• **Thank You to Sam Ghoreyshi**

We say all of the time that we have a talented group of parents here at St Cecilia's. But, the talents of **Sam Ghoreyshi** (Dad Yrs 1 & 2) were unsurpassed in his planning of back-to-back camping trips for Years 1 and 2. Sam, your organization, keen attitude and leadership are so very appreciated. The camping trips would not have been (or be!) so amazing and flawless without your efforts – it's a massive undertaking! The parents and children are so lucky to have you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

• **Making Seaforth Piazza Child-Friendly**

As mentioned on the SCB Hub, the community is trying to make the Seaforth Piazza child-friendly, and calling for your ideas during a workshop on 2 December. Please, bring your kids to give their ideas too! Please visit our Facebook page for more details.

• **Parents Christmas Party**

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

• **Class 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. The amount payable is \$20. This fund is used throughout the year for gifts for teachers' birthdays, illness as well as parent events such as illness or bereavement.

Volunteer Corner

(1) VOLUNTEER for the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal on Friday, 7 December:

1. Carry heavy boxes of donated food and toiletry items from the classrooms into the hall (4 strong people needed!) 11am - 11.30am
2. Sort and pack donated items into different family hampers in the hall (8 people needed) 11.30am - 1.30pm
3. Wrap the hampers in cellophane and ribbon in the hall (6 people needed) 12.15pm - 3.15pm
4. Transport the hampers to the family recipients, 3.30pm - 6.30pm (6 cars/drivers needed) *+possibly 3 cars/people on the Saturday morning*

"Special thanks to Copper Beach for offering to help us assemble the baskets beautifully!"

Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949AAAE2CA6F94-vinnies>

(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:

- Friday 23 November, 2:30-3:30pm - ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- Friday 7 December, 2:30-3:30pm - TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Remember payments are by cash or via QKR

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 23 Nov: Sandi Ayliffe and **1 volunteer required**

Wed 28 Nov: **2 volunteers required**

Fri 30 Nov: Robyn Wunder and Eliza Faulk

EVERGREEN MUSIC HOLIDAY CAMP

If your kids love music, there's no better option than our Evergreen themed workshops these school holidays!

They are a great space for kids to make new friends, be exposed to music they haven't heard before and use their voice/instrument to do what it's best for ... making music with others!

With our studios so close to some of Sydney's most beautiful beaches, we've designed a holiday program that dives into 1960's popular surf culture and the music that went with it. Over three days, our surf-rockers will learn about and play loads of music, with techniques specific to their instrument/voice as well as have an opportunity to play in a band. Along with playing lots of surf rock music we'll also be hitting the beach on one of the days for a 1.5 hour 'learn to surf' session run by Manly Surf School! It will be a great three days of MUSIC, SURF, SUN and FUN!

Our programs are designed to be fun but have also tricked many unsuspecting children into learning something new AND practicing their instrument during the school holidays. For many, it's a musical awakening, where the purpose of learning music suddenly clicks. Another step in the journey of being a 'musician for life'.

WANT TO KNOW MORE OR BOOK IN? Click on the following links or the images above for more details and how to book in!

SURF ROCK MUSIC [CAMP](#)

If you know anyone who may be interested in coming along to joining our community, feel free to let them know the details.

Deb and Ben



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.

Community News

VACATION CARE

Northern Beaches Council operates a very successful vacation care program for primary school aged children across the whole of the Northern Beaches. In the Summer school holidays we will have centres open at Cromer, Forestville, North Curl Curl and also at Manly Vale Community Centre.

With the December/January school holidays approaching fast, we have just released the holiday program on our website, with the Summer 2018/19 brochure containing lots of activities and ideas to keep children occupied. Copies of the brochure are available at the school or via the council website: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#)

Celebrate the
20th Anniversary of the Parish Community Centre
TAMBURLAINE
Wine and Cheese
Christmas Celebration
ORGANIC WINES
Friday 30 November at 7.00pm
North Harbour Parish Community Centre
2 King Street, Manly Vale
Cost: \$25.00



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