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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 in the classroom

Principal's News



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Dear Parents



This week is your **LAST CHANCE** to buy tickets for the 2019 Gala Fundraiser!

If you haven't purchased them yet, get onto QKR and buy them before Saturday, 31 August. Don't miss out on celebrating the Emerald Anniversary of St Cecilia's

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Thank you to the many grandparents and friends who joined us for Grandparents Day last Friday. It was an absolute joy to see the smiles on the faces of our children. Their love for the grandparents is unconditional and it was obvious that the feeling was reciprocated.

A special thank you to the Kindy parents who provided the food. It was appreciated and enjoyed by all of our visitors. A special thank you to Sheridan Millward and her team of helpers from across the school who worked tirelessly to ensure all guests were fed and watered. Thank you also to Emma Truman, Emma Burton and their helpers who manned the Book Fair. Book sales reached a record high this year.

We are blessed to have such dedicated parent helpers. Your contribution to our school is what makes us a community. Thank you.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Elenor B and Amelie R who placed second and third in our Catholic Schools Cluster Public Speaking final on Monday. They both spoke with clarity and conviction amongst a strong field of contenders. Elenor will go on to compete at the Diocesan final on the 19 September. We wish her well. In the meantime I look forward to hearing the finalists amongst the younger classes next week.



FATHERS' FRIDAY 9AM TO 1PM

The students in Years 2, 4 and 6 are very excited to welcome their dads to school on Friday 6 September. I believe there may be a lot of science and maths happening in classrooms when the dads visit. We appreciate how hard it is to get time away from work so please don't feel obliged to spend the entire morning with us if it is not possible. Any time you can spare will be appreciated.

- 9am Welcome & Assembly
- 9:10 In-class activities until Recess
- 11am: RECESS Dads to Hall for morning tea (No Children)
- 11:25-12:00: Liturgy
- 12:00-1:00: Sport /Boomerang Bags

COMPASS

Our Compass Kiosk has been a great success. The Kiosk sits in the front office and looks like a large iPad. Parents who pick up their child/ren early or late arrivals simply sign their child in/out on the Kiosk and the class roll is amended. Please note, because the roll is a legal document only parents can use the kiosk. If a child arrives late without a parent they need to report to the office.

Today you will have received details about a Compass Parent Portal and App which will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

Keep a look out for the email with login information and instructions. Please download the App as soon as you receive the details to avoid forgetting to do so later. Initially the App will allow you to

- View information on your child/ren's attendance

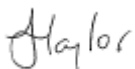
- Enter explanations for absences
- Receive communications
- Update your contact details

From today you will no longer need to phone the office to inform us of your child's absence or send in a note on the child's return. You will simply log onto the App and register the absence yourself. No further action will be required. If you haven't registered the absence by 9:30am you will receive an SMS informing you that your child has not arrived at school and you will need to log onto the Compass App to explain the absence.

ESAFETY

The Diocese of Broken Bay and the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT are jointly co-hosting a special eSafety Masterclass as an initiative of National Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Awareness Month, this September. This is an exciting event with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner presenting exclusively to parents/carers on the subject of how to keep children and young people safe online. The [invitation](#) is open to all parents/carers.

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



Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education



CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday Father Dave, Parish Priest celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a Priest. We congratulate him on his dedication and service to God and the communities he's touched over the last 50 years. We hope that God continues to bless him in his ministry.

FATHERS' FRIDAY



We are looking forward to welcoming the fathers of students in Year 2, 4 and 6 to school on **Friday 6 September**. The students are excited to spend some time with their dads!

We will be having a special **Fathers' Friday Liturgy**, starting at around 11.30am in the church. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During Sunday Masses at St Cecilia's we have a Liturgy of the Word for children. When the Gospel stories are being told in the Church the children are withdrawn and have their own special time to learn about the Word of God. Children also participate in an activity after listening to the Gospel story. Children's liturgy only takes place within the school term and isn't held when Families Come Gather Masses are on at Church.

The aim of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is to immerse the children in the stories from the Bible in a way that's meaningful for them. All children are welcome to participate in the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Word will be on at St Cecilia's on the following Sundays:

1 September, 8 September, 15 September and 22 September

We hope that you can bring your children along to Mass with you so the whole family can listen to the stories of Jesus.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES'

Many thanks to Christine Boys for coordinating the 'Families Come Gather Mass' for the Year 2 students and their families. Thank you to the students who read prayers and participated in the Mass. It was lovely to see so many families at Mass on Sunday.

Our next 'Families Come Gather' Mass will be on Sunday 27 October and will involve **Kindergarten** families. More information about the Mass will be provided closer to the date.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

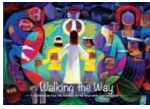
It was wonderful to see the students from KB celebrating Mass with the parish today. Students from 4B will attend the Parish Mass on Wednesday 4 September. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Thank you to 2B for leading our Prayer Assembly on Monday. We reflected on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we can use these gifts to serve others.

Our next prayer assembly will be on Monday 9 September. It will be led by 3W. All are welcome to attend.

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-2019-year-c.html>

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

School News

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 5	Term 3 Service	Core Value	Merits
KB	Georgia W		Xavier L and Olivia O
KW	Leon T		Mimi W and Thomas K
1B:	Jacob P		Mia L and Lily E
1W:	Amelia S		Hudson V and Zander E
2B:	Oliver T		Kingston S and Lachlan C
2W:	Christian G		Jack V and Sofia D
3B:	Cherry-Rose S		Lucia B and Bella T
3W:	Kingston W		Xanthe P and Hunter S
Yr 4	Layla R and Hugo W		Milly E, Jake C, Alessia Z and Annabel S
Yr 5/6	Sophie H and Taylor R		Elenor B, Sienna H and Amelie R

UPCOMING DATES

September

Tues 3rd Broken Bay Athletics
Tues 3rd ICAS Digital Technologies
Thurs 5th ICAS Science
Fri 6th Fathers' Friday Yrs 2, 4 & 6
Sat 7th Gala Dinner
Mon 9th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 3W
Tues 10th ICAS Spelling
Cyber Safety workshop Yr 4-6
Fri 13th 9 – 10.15pm Learning Together Playgroup
Tues 17th ICAS English
Wed 18th Night of the Notables

Thurs 19th Good Sam Day
ICAS Maths
Mon 23rd 2.30pm Prayer Assembly/ Core Value Awards
Tues 24th Yrs 3 & 4 Gala Day
Fri 27th End Term 3

October

Mon 14th **Staff Development Day**
Tues 15th Students return for Term 4
9 – 10.15am Learning Together Playgroup
Wed 16th Stage 3 to Canberra
Fri 18th Stage 3 return from Canberra

DRAMA

Congratulations to all the children who performed in the drama performance night last week. You all performed beautifully. A special 'thank you' to Meika, Milly and Jessana who stepped in to extra roles to help the Year 1 and 2 group.

Thank you as well to our very appreciative audience for your support.

Trish Collier – Stageworks Drama Teacher

YEARBOOKS

Have you purchased your 2018 Yearbook? These are available for \$30 each at the school office. Please pay via QKR.

BOOMERANG BAGS

Don't forget to send old t-shirts/ singlets in with your child to be placed in the big red box outside the office. The children will use these on Father's Friday to make Boomerang Bags. The bags we make will then be put into circulation to be used as shopping bags. Our aim is to teach children that materials can be reused to make useful items and reduce the need for people to use plastic bags when shopping. Our box will eventually relocate to Balgowlah Heights shops for the general public to use.

We are also happy to take your stash of spare reusable shopping bags so next time you forget your bag whilst you are shopping they'll be available where you need them.

Paul Clapham 0417 066 576; email; paultkd@me.com or greg@wyllietkd.com **Student Voice**

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Last Friday was Grandparents Day, where the students were able to bring their grandparents in and show them their learning. In the morning there was a Grandparents Day Liturgy to thank our grandparents for everything they do for us. After the Liturgy some of the students took their grandparents into their classrooms and showed them their classrooms and their learning. It was also Book Week, so the students were able to go to the Book Fair with their grandparents to buy cool books and stationary. Afterwards, the students brought their grandparents to the playground and had recess with them. Then the students said goodbye to their grandparents. It was a great morning and everyone enjoyed the company of the grandparents.

Chloe & Monet



Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click [here](#) for the 2019 booklet.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Parents!

We are half way through Term 3! Can you believe it? It's going by so fast!

I'd like to thank all of those who came out to the P&F General Meeting last night. It is really nice to see so many parents engaged in the community. As we discussed, there will be a few positions available on the P&F Executive Committee for next year. If you are interested in becoming part of the Exec Team, please contact Jamie at castaldojamie@gmail.com. It is truly an enriching experience. Positions available will include:

- President
- VP Community
- VP Justice
- Secretary and Communications

We will share more information in the coming weeks and will look forward to voting in our 2020 team at the Term 4 General Meeting in November.

Next, lots of Gala Fundraiser items – just 10 days away!! Take a look:

- This week is your **LAST CHANCE** to get tickets to the Fundraising Gala! Get on to QKR before Saturday, 31 August to buy yours! It will be a night to remember and you won't want to miss it!
- Also, send through your table requests to Emma Burton by Monday, 2 September. Please email 2019GalaTable@gmail.com with your tables of 8-10.
- If you can't attend the Gala, you can still participate by bidding on items via GalaBid! Check out the "Buy It Now" section on GalaBid, where there are several items to purchase that will make a positive impact on the school. To join GALABID, simply SMS "SCB2019 First and Last Name" to +61447447549
- The MOST exciting part of the night – the children's artwork! It will be on display at school from this Friday, 30 August, so be sure to take a look and get ready to bid!
- Lastly, we want to congratulate kindy mum, Diana Calvet on winning the GalaBid Room Raffle. Yay Diana!

Thanks for everything, parents! Your support of the school is truly appreciated and can't wait to toast to you next weekend!

X
Jamie

BBCSP UPDATES

Online Safety Masterclass - 5 September at 6:00pm

Free Masterclass for parents and carers interested in understanding more about keeping children and young people safe online. @ Pymble

sign up here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/EventCalendarSearch.aspx?day=5&fromdte=2019-09-05&typ=2>

Search for an event – Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay
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LEARNING EVERYDAY COUNTS

A free Parent Workshop presented by Northern Beaches Catholic Schools, working with families to help improve student attendance and achievement.

- Developing positive routines for school
- Encouraging a child's 'can-do' attitude
- Establishing life-long skills and good habits

Wednesday 11 September – all welcome

- 9.30 – 11am St Kevin's Dee Why
- 6.30 – 8pm St Kieran's Manly Vale

ENVIRONMENT WALK AND LUNCH

A fascinating history of the Aboriginal people of North Head. Friday 13 September. Click here for [details](#).

SEASONS OF CREATION

A month of sustainability events presented by Northern Beaches Catholic School Parents. Click here for [information](#).



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

2019 Canteen Menu: click [here](#)

Upcoming Volunteers:

Fri 30 Aug: Terese Flynn and Rosalie Bignold

Wed 4th: Jo Matthews

Fri 6th: Akosita Brown and **1 Volunteer needed**

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THE EMERALD ANNIVERSARY

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SATURDAY
SEPT 7TH
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LOCATION: NOVOTEL SYDNEY MANLY PACIFIC
TIME: 6:30 - 11:00 PM
DRESS: COCKTAIL

TICKETS: \$130 INCLUDES DINNER, DESSERT, DRINKS & DANCING!

Please purchase tickets via QKR. Sales conclude 31st August, 2019

If you would like to reserve a table of 8 to 10 this can be done via Emma Burton at 2019GalaTable@gmail.com between Monday 26th August and Monday 2nd September

Live Life Well @ School

FRUIT & VEG MONTH 2019

Fruit and Veg Month

Monday 2nd September - Friday 27th September

Try to sneak a few extra vegies in the lunchbox or meals at home.

- Add chopped/grated veg in meals
- Keep cut vegie sticks in the fridge
- Offer variety—it can take some kids up to 10 tastes of a veg before they come around

Captain Fruit n Veg is on a mission!

Fruit & Veg Month is all about linking eating fruit and veg with good times, superheroes/powers and adventures! Many schools will be supporting kids to eat more fruit and veg.

Did you know? Only 5% of Australian children and adults eat enough fruit and veggies.

For more ideas, search 'more fruit and vegies' at healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Parish News

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING this coming weekend

We will celebrate Father's Day with a blessing for fathers and grandfathers at all masses. There will also be a blessing at all masses for expectant parents.

WINE AND CHEESE INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 4 September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre For those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and what is involved in the process. Join other parents who have children in the sacramental program who are considering joining our North Harbour Parish Community.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

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 2020/2021 Children's Sacramental Program? Our Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7yrs – 11yrs) will be offered on Sunday 8, 22 and 29 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 in both churches. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for more information.

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

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation recently from Fr Dave, Fr Paul and Fr John.

As was explained at both the **Sacramental Program Information Session and the Confirmation Parent Meeting** Confirmation is the first sacrament for the children and they will receive the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion next year in Year 3.**

Whilst the children are welcome to join in the Communion procession at Sunday Mass **for a blessing** they cannot receive the Body and Blood of Christ (the bread and the wine) until they have completed their First Communion Program in June 2020.

This will also be explained at the **Parent Information Meetings for First Reconciliation (in February 2020) and First Communion (in May 2020).**

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have any questions about the program.

Community News

FAMILY FUN DAY AT NSW PARLIAMENT

Friday 11 October 2019. Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers and places rarely open to the public; give your first speech as a Member of Parliament in the chambers; be entertained by roving musicians. **FREE ENTRY** Activities 10.00am to 3.00pm
The public café will be open. [Link](#)

NORTH STEYNE NIPPERS: [Registration](#)

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