

Principal's Update
Term 3 Week 9
18th September 2018

Crayons

Finally the Musical is here!! We are all excited to join in the fun with the students. There is certainly a buzz in the air. If you were not able to get tickets for the evening session please join us for the matinee at 11:30. There are plenty of seats available for that session.

Parent Concerns

As Parents, our children are the most important people to us and we would do anything to protect them. We also care very much for your children and value working together to support them. If you have any concerns please talk with the teachers. Please remember, we all see things from different perspectives and our children are no different. It is really important to get the other side of the story!

Can I also ask that you go directly to the teacher and refrain from discussing situations with other parents? This can often build many misconceptions and small incidents become major. We need to work together otherwise we will consistently trudge uphill in our attempts to do what is right for our students.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful staff of hardworking and dedicated teachers who genuinely care about your children.

My daughter's favourite expression and she reminds me of it all the time is:

"No matter how flat the pancake, there are always two sides!!"

Please try to remember that and find out the other side of the story.

Summer School Uniform

With the warmer weather I have let the children know that they can wear their summer uniform whenever they wish. Can I ask that you please ensure that your children wear either all summer or all winter uniforms and not a mixture of both.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Cecilia's

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stceciliaw>

Leave

I am on leave next week and want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. Please don't hesitate to contact Paul Madigan in my absence if you need any support.

Mrs Yvette Owens

PRINCIPAL



To Parents and Caregivers in the Diocese of Broken Bay

Friday 14 September 2018
Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Dear friends,

It is my great privilege to share news about the implementation of our new Diocesan Office for Safeguarding.

In 2017 Bishop Peter commissioned a Review of Safeguarding across the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay by Mr Kelvin Simon, formally a Senior Investigation Officer for the NSW Ombudsman. The Simon Report furnished Bishop Peter with 20 Recommendations – all of which he accepted and sought to implement in a way that the Diocese could incorporate.

On 29 June Bishop Peter provided his formal promulgation of a new Diocesan Office for Safeguarding. In the period since Bishop Peter's departure from us, we have faithfully implemented his directions, and I share with this letter, the Charter for the new Diocesan Office that details its structure and organization. Bishop Peter's commitment to Safeguarding will be one of his enduring legacies to our Diocese.

It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of the Director for the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding, Mrs Jodie Crisafulli, and two of three Managers for Safeguarding - each with responsibility for Safeguarding in the different sectors of our Diocesan life: Ms Tamara Hughes, Manager for Safeguarding (CSO), and Ms Melinda Rixon, Manager for Safeguarding (CatholicCare). We look forward to the appointment of a new Manager for Safeguarding (Chancery) who will have responsibility for parishes and clergy.

Our new Diocesan Director for Safeguarding, supported by our new Safeguarding Executive of the three Safeguarding Managers, will be informed by the appointment of a Safeguarding Strategic Advisory Panel which will bring national and international policy and best practice advice to our endeavour. They will also be accountable to a Safeguarding Review Panel which will provide independent evaluation of the redress we seek to provide those who have suffered abuse.

Please be assured of my prayer for God's blessings for each of you,

Very Rev Dr David Ranson

Diocesan Administrator



Parking Restrictions Outside Schools

KIDS LOOK TO US TO KEEP THEM SAFE – PLEASE PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Central Coast Council would like to remind parents and carers of parking restrictions outside schools. Please pay close attention to the signs outside your child's primary school and be aware of your speed when travelling through school zones.

NO STOPPING ZONE

Stopping is NOT permitted at any time.

BUS ZONE

Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign.

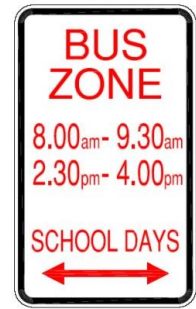
DOUBLE PARKING

You are not permitted to stop OR park alongside another vehicle already parked parallel to the kerb. This means not forming a queue in the middle of the traffic lane if you are waiting.

NO PARKING ZONE

Drivers may drop off and pick up children during the times shown on the sign BUT note:

- Maximum stopping time is 2 MINUTES – your child must exit and enter the car within this time.
- Driver must remain within 3 METRES of the vehicle – you may get out to assist with bags etc.
- Stop as close as possible to the top of the zone to allow access for vehicles following behind.



SAFETY DOOR

The Safety Door is the rear door, closest to the kerb, footpath or gutter and away from the road. Always let your children out of the vehicle on the FOOTPATH SIDE OF THE ROAD.

Stopping ON or ACROSS a driveway or other access point to and from a property is not permitted under any circumstances.

Always consider the school's neighbours by leaving space at their driveways to allow safe exit and entry to the roadway.

Travelling more than 40 km/hour through school zones may inhibit a car from stopping in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian. Parking illegally also creates serious risks as it limits the vision of other drivers.

It only takes a split second for a crash to occur and only one car to present a danger to an unknowing child.

Please be aware of the restrictions and park safely outside your child's school.

