

St Cecília's Catholic School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome New Baby

We would like to welcome our newest addition to the St Cecilia's Family; To the Chen Family, Orlando, a baby brother to Sophie in KB

Year 6 Fun Day – Change of date

We have had to change the date of the Year 6 Fun Day. It will now be on Tuesday 20th November.

Labelling all Children's Items

With the warmer weather children will take off their jackets and leave them around the school resulting in lots of lost jackets and jumpers. Can you please ensure your children's items are all labelled with their name so they can be returned to them? Thank you for your help with this.

Classes 2019

It's that time of the year when teachers begin the process of planning classes for next year. Their planning will take into account social groupings, behavioural and learning needs as well as ensuring a balance between classes. If you have any concerns about your child's placement in regards to other students, please put those concerns in writing to me before Wednesday 31st October and I will take them into consideration. However, I cannot guarantee any request will be the final outcome and I will not consider any requests around teachers.

Operation Christmas Child

Donations for **Operation Christmas Child** will continue to be collected this week. **The following items are needed-**

- Toothbrushes
- Comb/Hairbrushes
- Ball
- Skipping rope
- Marbles
- Pencils, sharpener, eraser, pencil case
- Girls underwear size 10-12 or 12-14
- Bangles
- Sunglasses
- Thongs girls ladies 4-6

Thank you for sharing God's love in a tangible way.



Family Registration Forms for 2019 (Due 2nd November)

Each family attending St Cecilia's in 2019 should have received the family Registration form. If you haven't already done so please complete this important form and return to school asap.

It is imperative that this form be returned to school as it decides the fees charged for 2019 and allows us to register for any sibling discounts. If it is not returned, families will be charged at the highest rate and no sibling discount can be given. This form also has space for your **best contact phone number** and **email address**. Please ensure that you complete this form with your most up-to-date information.

Cyber Safety (Safe on Social Media)

Cyber safety sessions are often structured around how we can help children, and what a child should not be doing on social media.

This, however, is about parents.

When you comment on a public post, you are often engaging with complete strangers. Depending on the discussion you are entering into you may encounter people you wouldn't invite into your home, or talk to at a party. You certainly wouldn't tell these people when and where you went on holiday, how old your children are, their names, where they go to school, where you work, the area you live and what kind of stuff you own?

You would be cautious in real life, so why not online?

Risks to your children

Further to this, when you comment on your school's Facebook or Instagram page – you are publicly stating you have an association with the school. That means you could have a child there. Depending on the nature of the post you respond to you may confirm this fact. Should someone click on your name, what sort of profile will they find? Have you just revealed too much about your family?

Parents, most of the security on your accounts is not as strong as it should be.

Think about what can happen when you geotag a photo of your child into their school and then have a public Instagram or Facebook account. We see this a lot during school awards ceremonies, the first day of school and at other special events.

Think about this scenario. Someone who doesn't have a child's best interests at heart happens to be driving past the school, they pull over and search the name of the school and see photos of your child that you have geotagged to the school. They click on your name and go straight to your account because your Instagram is not set to private or your Facebook isn't as private as it could be. Then, that stranger could understand everything about your life and therefore be very convincing to your child if they see them walk out of the school and say to them, "Mum told me to pick you up". Think about it. If your child says "how do you know my Mum?" They could answer with a whole lot of information about your life based on what you are posting. Right down to where you last went on holidays and the name of the dog.

Also, please be aware when you are taking photos at your child's school and posting them there may be kids in protective custody in the background of the image, and you could unwillingly put them at risk. Also if you take photos of your child with their friends always make sure you have permission from the parents of the other children before you post pictures of their kids online.

We all ask our kids to keep their accounts set to private...time to lead by example.

If you have any questions please get in touch: wecanhelp@safeonsocial.com

From the REC

CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

Healing a nation through education



Catholic Mission Month is to learn more about issues of mission and justice and to reach out to the children in Myanmar who benefit from the care provided by teachers from St John's School in the remote northern town of Hakha and the staff of St Joseph's Centre.

This year for World Mission Day 2018 Pope Francis says:

"Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me"

Mission in Action:

At **St Cecilia's** we are going to support one of the initiatives of Catholic Mission by participating in Socktober. This initiative aims to 'sock it to poverty' by providing better living, educational and formation opportunities to some of the world's most vulnerable children. The children are invited to wear crazy socks and bring a gold coin donation on Friday, the 26th of October.



MISSION MASS

Last Thursday, the school captains travelled down to Waitara to attend the Catholic Mission Mass for schools of the Diocese of Broken Bay. First, we listened to Dorothy who is the Catholic Mission ambassador of Sydney, Parramatta and the Broken Bay Dioceses. Dorothy expressed her gratitude towards all of the catholic schools in the diocese. Second we celebrated mass, the presiding priest was called Fr David Ranson. What we learnt from the homily was "people don't care about how much you know, but they want to know how much you care". St Leo's choir sang beautifully throughout the mass. An hour and a half later we drove back to school and shared our experiences with our classmates and teachers. We look forward to Socktober Day on Friday, the 26th of October. All of the gold coin donations will go towards Catholic Mission.

By Zane, Noah, Eliza and Charli



THE YEAR OF THE YOUTH LITURGY



The Youth Pilgrim Cross has been traveling around the Broken Bay Diocese and will be in the Wyong Catholic Parish from Sunday, the 28th of October. On Monday, the 29th of October the cross will be carried from St Cecilia's Church at 9:30 down to St Cecilia's School for an open-air Liturgy at 10am. Please join us in this special occasion.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020





The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. Together, we are responding to the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** See <u>http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/</u> for more information. **St Cecilia's Plenary Council 2020 meeting is scheduled for Friday, the 16th of November.**

CANDELA MISSION PERU

Mrs Mary Rajca will visit on Tuesday October 30th to speak to the students about the work of the Sisters of Mercy in the shanty town of Candela in Lima Peru. The mission supports women through a programme that teaches them to make beautiful handicrafts. The proceeds from the sale of these crafts give the women an income so they can provide for their families. There will be a sale of the beautiful handicrafts that the women have made during the week. A perfect time to start the Christmas shopping!

All funds raised go back to the women who have made the goods. This money is used by the women to buy basic necessities for their families. Much has been done over the past few years to improve the lives of these women and their families.

Your support of the mission is greatly appreciated.

PARENT RETREAT DAY



Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay is offering a Parent Retreat Day in the beautiful restful grounds of St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Kincumber. Friday, 2nd of November, 9am – 4pm. Cost: suggested \$20 donation (pay on the day). Theme: 'Ancient Wisdom, Contemporary Lives'. For more information go to the <u>Walking the Way website</u>.

TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 26th of October, Socktober
- Monday, 29th of October, Year of the Youth Liturgy, St Cecilia's Infants Playground @10:00
- Friday, 2nd of November, Parent Retreat Day, St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Kincumber
- Friday, 9th of November, Stage 1 Mass, St Cecilia's Church, Wyong @ 9:15
- Friday, 9th of November, Remembrance Day School Liturgy, St Cecilia's School Hall @ 11:15
- Wednesday, 12th of December, Year 6 Graduation Mass, St Cecilia's Church, Wyong @ 5:00
- Monday, 17th of December, Whole School Mass, St Cecilia's School Hall @ 10:00, Followed by Awards Presentation @ 11:30

2018 SACRAMENTAL DATES Sacrament of First Eucharist

During the Masses over the weekends of: 10th/11th of November; 17th/18th of November

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Cecilia's Wyong Saturday Vigil 5pm Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am

St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi Saturday Vigil 5pm Sunday 8.30am & 5pm

God Bless

Jamie Dowling Religious Education Coordinator

School News



BOOK CLUB

Book Club issue 7 will be closing on the 2nd November.

LINEN ROSTER

Week 2	Renee Rigney
Week 3	Carolyn Arnold
Week 4	Rebecca Ham
Week 5	Allison Rosee
Week 6	Kyly Slattery
Week 7	Julia Webster
Week 8	Amy Martin
Week 9	Kristy Clouten
Week 10	Carolina Saenz

From the FLO

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing break. Where has this year gone?

Developing Emotional Intelligence in Children is an important part of a child's development. To be able to name emotions and work out ways to deal with them in a positive manner, results in life long skills. The following is an article by Michael Grose from Parenting Ideas.

https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/developing-emotional-intelligence-inchildren/https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/developing-emotional-intelligence-in-children

SHARE THE JOURNEY is the theme this year for Mental Health Month. Way Ahead describes this as – telling your friends and family when things are a bit tough – finding others who have been through something similar – connecting with your community – finding a health professional you trust – connecting on social media – giving your pet a cuddle – organisations working together for the best possible wellbeing of everyone – sharing your stories with others – creating a sense of security within families and communities – reaching out to someone who might need your help - decreasing the isolation people feel when things aren't great. If you have concerns that you may want to discuss with someone or require resources of what is available in the community please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely week.

Bernadette Daniel Family Liaison officer

Canteen News

Welcome back to our final Term for 2018! The canteen Summer Menu has landed and there are some great fresh and healthy plant based lunch ideas to try. <u>Please click on this link to view the basic Summer</u> <u>Menu for regular meal options.</u>

1. Shakin' Summer Meal Deal – Medium size shaker salad with lettuce, diced tomato, sweet corn and grated cheese plus your choice of Ranch or Honey Mustard dressing. Served with 5 Tempura coated Chicken Crackles and a small bottle of water.



2. **Summer Snack Pack** – Carrot and cucumber sticks, cherry tomatoes and fresh grapes served with a 'sushi' style ham or chicken wrap (contains mayo and lettuce).



(NB. Grapes subject to cost and availability. Watermelon may be substituted if necessary.) These items are only available via the Qkr! APP for online lunch orders. Please see attached "how to" guide to make the switch to online orders to take advantage of these healthy summer lunch ideas.

New Recess Item!

Meat Free option for recess! Cheese Turkish 70c

Drinks Changeover.

Due to changes in Healthy Canteen guidelines, 350ml Focus Sports Waters will be phased out and replaced with a 250ml version at \$2.00 each over the coming week. Lemonade Sports Water has been replaced with the new 250ml size but we are in the process of selling the Raspberry 350ml flavour this week.

Thanks for your support!

Catherine Berry Canteen Manager

Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Blue	Lily M	Kinder Gold	Flynn W
1 Gold	Levi B	1/2 Blue	Lorenzo C
2 Gold	India T	3 Blue	Clay P
3/4 Gold	Tahle H	4 Blue	Natalie C
5 Blue	Ruby T	5 Gold	Skyla L
6 Blue	Chase R	6 Gold	Elise G
Music	Grace V	Japanese	Lily B

Personal Best

Kinder Blue	Alisha P	Kinder Gold	Taylah A
1 Gold	Andrew W	1 / 2 Blue	Joel H
2 Gold	Arlo B	3 Blue	Chloe M
3/4 Gold	Charlotte L	4 Blue	Nate W
5 Blue	Bryce B	5 Gold	Cody V
6 Blue	Travis H	6 Gold	Apryl M
Music	Hayley A	Japanese	Bodhi T
Library	Zac M	Library	Aaliah L

PBL Award

Kinder Blue	Hunter K	Kinder Gold	Noah M
1 Gold	Logan Hen	1 / 2 Blue	Kelly W
2 Gold	Hayley M	3 Blue	Ashton J
3/4 Gold	Leah S	4 Blue	Celina T
5 Blue	Lily B	5 Gold	Indi A
6 Blue	Gabrielle B	6 Gold	Amira Z
Music	Emmi A	Japanese	Claudia O

Principal's Light of Learning Awards



Kinder Blue: Khushi U – for being a calm, respectful and kind member of Kinder Blue. Thank you for making our classroom a happy place.

Kinder Gold: Bonnie T - for continuing to show great enthusiasm and commitment to her learning.

1Gold: Zavier W - for starting Term 3 with a positive attitude and taking on challenges.

1/2 Blue: Kenzi G - for continually giving her best effort in all Key Learning Areas and being a good friend to her class mates.

2 Gold: Cameron B - Cameron is a friendly, kind class member who shows fairness to others and celebrates the learning success of his classmates.

3 Blue: Aliza M - for being a respectful and kind member of 3 Blue, always producing her best work and contributing to class discussions.

3/4 Gold: Alison T - always tries hard in the classroom and is always focused.

4 Blue: Gabrielle C - for always showing a great learning attitude and for always being kind to others.

5 Blue: Zahra K - for always striving to do her best in class and for being a friendly and helpful class member.

5Gold: Katie P - Always doing her best in the classroom and going above and beyond to be a fantastic friend.

6 Blue: Emma S- For always being a kind, considerate and motivated member of our school community. You are a great friend to others and try your best in everything you do.

6 Gold: Willow C - for being a caring and considerate member of Six Gold who always tries her best.





Every year St. Cecilia's does a wonderful job at making Christmas gift packages to donate to children overseas who are less fortunate than us. This year we are asking again for your help to make a difference in the lives of special people. The gifts are put together in shoe boxes and then sent off to a collection point to be shipped overseas.

Gifts need to be new and not second hand. They also need to be of a size that will fit into a shoe box. Please see the list below for items to donate.

Items will be collected at assembly each morning from Wednesday 24th October till Monday 12th November.

Something to love

Small teddy bears, cuddly soft toys smaller than 30cms (PLEASE REMEMBER THESE NEED TO FIT IN A SMALL SHOE BOX ALONG WITH OTHER ITEMS)

Something to play with

Tennis ball, yo-yo, skipping rope, marbles etc. (NO BATTERY OPERATED ITEMS)

Something for personal hygiene

Soap and face washer, hairbrush, toothbrush, comb, hair clips, scrunchies, hair bands (NO TOOTH PASTE, LIQUIDS or TALCUM POWDER)

Something for school

For example a small exercise book (smaller than 30 cms), pens, note pads with pencils, crayons, chalk, stickers, pencil case with pencils and sharpener (NO SCISSORS, please remember that pencils need to be supplied with a sharper)

Something to wear

Underwear any size boy or girl, crop top, socks, thongs, hat, shirts, shorts, t-shirt (PLEASE REMEMBER THEY NEED TO BE NEW)

Something Special

For example: sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, hair accessories and thongs.

Please note things NOT to include:

- No second hand or used goods
- No lollies or food items
- No liquids of any kind
- No medicines, vitamins
- No seeds, shells
- No gambling items such as playing cards, dominos, play money
- No breakable items with glass, porcelain, mirrors
- No war related items such as guns, knives, laser toys
- No Pokémon, Shrek, Bratz, Spiderman, Harry Potter, witches etc.

Thank you for your on-going support with this appeal each year. The difference these gifts will make to these children at Christmas time will be wonderful.

Kind Regards,

Annette Milne Mini Vinnies Coordinator

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME (SSTS) 2019 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <u>https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails</u>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

For further information visit <u>https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts</u>

Family Registration Form Application for Discounts and Payment Arrangements in 2019 *To be completed by <u>all</u> families*

No discounts will be given unless this form is completed, signed by <u>both</u>						
parents/carers and returned to the school office no later than 2nd November 2018						
Family details						
Mother/Carer	Surname		Given name			
Father/Carer	Surname		Given name			
Details of how the 20	019 school fees will be	e paid:				
Terms of payment (if no box is ticked the payment defaults to Standard) Standard Yearly Monthly Fortnightly Weekly (10) (3 instalments, Term 1,2 & 3) (1 instalment) (10 instalments) (20 instalments) (40 instalments) Our preferred payment method is BPay Image: Color of the stal stal stal stal stal stal stal stal						
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1	Please print name	Signature	Date
2	Please print name	Signature	Date

Eligibility for Fee Discounts

- The first child is the child in the family who is in the most senior class of any systemic school in the Diocese of Broken Bay (some exceptions do apply, see below). Second and subsequent children are defined in descending order of class seniority of children attending any systemic Catholic School in the Diocese of Broken Bay.
- The following schools are also included as "systemic" for the purposes of Tuition Fee discounting only (not applicable to family Building Levy):
 - St Edwards, East Gosford
 - Stella Maris, Manly
 - Rates currently applicable are as follows:
 - Second child 20% discount
 - Third child 50% discount
 - Fourth & subsequent children 100% discount
- Students attending systemic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney, Diocese of Parramatta and the Diocese of Wollongong may also be eligible for sibling discounts on Tuition Fees (as above), and a reduction on the Diocese of Broken Bay Building Levy. Please ensure these students are listed on the first page of this form.
- Parents/caregivers must notify the school of any changes to the enrolments listed on this form. In this event, a new form must be completed and submitted to the school/college and any discounts will be adjusted accordingly.

Terms & Conditions relating to payment of School Fees

- 1. Tuition Fees and Building Levy are set each year by the Diocesan Schools Board.
- 2. School fees will be billed and invoiced on an annual basis. The standard payment terms are in three instalments in February, April and July.
- 3. The dates for payment will be clearly identified on the invoice issued at the beginning of the school year.
- 4. Sibling Discounts on Tuition Fees are **not** automatic application must be made by completing, signing and submitting this form **by the due date**.
- 5. Fees are payable by BPay, EFTPOS, Cheque or Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard only).
- 6. Families may make arrangements to alter the Standard payment terms. Payments may be altered to be made either yearly, monthly, fortnightly or weekly. Please indicate under *Terms of Payment* overleaf.
- 7. If both parents/caregivers signed the original enrolment form, then both parents/caregivers are responsible for payment of the fees unless Split Billing Forms have been completed and submitted to the school.
- 8. In cases of genuine financial hardship, families may be eligible for a fee concession. Please contact the School Fee Liaison Unit on 9847 0728 or <u>schoolfees@dbb.org.au</u> for further information.

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER







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Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them. If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'



If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'



Search for our school name



Add your children's details in Student Profiles

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Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

