

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

On Sunday 25 April Australians will remember the soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACS) who landed and fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey early on the morning of 25 April 1915 during the First World War (1914-1918). We remember their bravery and sacrifice, many of them never returning home from the war. On ANZAC Day we will also remember with gratitude all men and women who have fought and died in all wars. May their sacrifice never be forgotten and may we continue to cherish the freedom that they fought for.

May leaders everywhere work for lasting peace, true justice and understanding among people. May they come to know that true peace is the peace of Christ.

The students will be attending an ANZAC Day prayer liturgy on Friday.

Welcome back to Term 2, 2010 and a special welcome to Mrs Smith and Mrs Gibson who will be teaching Year 3 for the first 4 weeks of this term while I take on the role of Acting Principal in Mrs Garey's absence.

The school rule on which we are focusing this term is based on the core value of JUSTICE. The rule is: TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED. The school expectation for the next two weeks that children will be learning in the classroom is: SHARING IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN THE PLAYGROUND.

Open Day this year will be held on Wednesday 5 May commencing at 9.30am. The Acting Principal's Address will be at 9.30am in the hall followed by a tour of the school and morning tea. I encourage all families who know of families who may be interested in enrolling their children at St Cecilia's to invite them to attend Open Day.

Friday 7 May is "Walk Safely to School Day". Perhaps parents can take this opportunity to assist their children in reviewing pedestrian safety rules and the need for exercise. Remember a healthy body makes a healthy mind.

Mr Simpson will be accompanying the cross country team to the Peninsula Cross Country on Wednesday 28 April at Narrabeen. We wish them all good luck.

The Parent Factor forums will be held on 6 and 13 May. These forums are presented by the Broken Bay Education team and will cover areas such as:-

- How numeracy is taught at school today.
- How parents can help their children at home.

These forums are open to all parents and will be held from 9am – 10.30am in the school Library.

Omnibus Glorificetur Deus
In all things may God be glorified.

Stephanie Harding
Acting Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 5/6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Year 5/6 class has continued their journey through Easter by focusing on the Resurrection of Jesus. During their study of the Easter Season the students will focus on the great joy, intense hope and the positive impact that the news of Jesus' resurrection brings to believers of the Catholic faith.

FROM THE PARISH

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice'

John 10: 27

Children: "When I hear a story from the bible, I know that Jesus....."

PASTOR'S DESK

Over the Easter weekend and the days of the Triduum there was, it seemed to me, a spirit of energy and optimism amongst those who attended the ceremonies. Some of that can be contributed to our belief in the Paschal Mystery (the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus) and our joy at celebrating this Mystery once again. However, some of our buoyancy probably came from: the sense of being well served by the various ministers of music and liturgy; the quality and prayerfulness of the liturgies; and the solidarity

that is tangible when the Masses and liturgies are well attended and there is 'a crowd'.

All the above should gladden a pastor's heart. Yet, over those days, and still today, I experienced an underlying despondence! And I know its cause! It seemed that every time I came in touch with TV, radio or print media the sad and horrific issue of sex abuse by some members of the clergy was there to confront. And more, the issue of some ill-judged and even reprehensible responses by Catholic hierarchy and the Vatican was being paraded.

Along with the despondency there was, at times, a strong sense of confusion! How much of this is true; is some only unfounded allegations; how does one get to the truth; what is wrong that even a fraction of the reports could be true; how dumb and embarrassing can some Vatican officials and hierarchy be; etc. etc. etc.????????

And then, I ask myself "if the pastor is confused and despondent how must the sheep of the fold be?" and I surmise "How difficult it must be to stay in the fold and not stray. How unattractive the fold must seem to those who look on from a distance. Why would people want to stay in the Church?"

Maybe the latter is the real issue. Maybe the real issue is in the personal, "Why do I still stay in the Church?" This Sunday we hear of Jesus forgiving Peter his treachery and telling Peter to "feed my sheep" and I am reminded that basically my answer is in the words of Peter "Lord, to whom shall I go, you have the words of eternal life!"

I stay in the Church because the Church is not the Vatican or the hierarchy. The Church includes its erring members whoever they maybe. It also includes its heroes, its prophets, its living martyrs and its members who faithfully strive to follow the command to 'love God and neighbour'.

I stay in the Church because I passionately believe in the person and Gospel of Jesus. I believe that the way of being a disciple of Jesus is the way the world could be saved, made just and fair for all peoples. I stay because I believe that if we, the baptised, lived as Jesus calls us to live, then the Church would be the loving presence of God in the world. And, I want to be a part of that loving presence. "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

And locally, what is the practical response I can give to the confusion and despondency that may be experienced by more than just me? I can support those structures that assist accountability to you the parishioners, the civil authorities and the community at large (I believe Bishop David thinks similarly). Among those structures are the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee. Among those structures are the requirements of civil law related to child protection.

And finally, I can encourage you, the baptised, to know that the call of Jesus to you is not only to renew the world but also the church!

Fr Peter

HELP REQUIRED

Help is urgently needed to prepare the church for Sunday Family Mass. Commitment is 1 – 1½ hours once a month either Friday or Saturday at a time to suit.

Please contact Pat Cooper 9948 3179 if you are able to assist.

SCHOOL NEWS

Free Parent Workshop "Parent Factor - Maths"

The *Parent Factor in Numeracy* two week workshop emphasizes:

- the powerful influence of the family on children's learning
- how maths is taught today
- & the language of maths
- the importance of the partnership between home and school in developing positive attitudes towards mathematics

**When: Session 1 May 6th
Session 2 May 13th**

Where: School Library

TERM 2 DATES

April

Wed 28 Peninsula X Country

May

Wed 5 Open Day

Thurs 6 Parent Factor Forum - Numeracy

Tue 11-13 Naplan Yrs 3 & 5 only

Mon 24 Mothers and Memories Monday (Yr 1 & Yr 5/6)

READ WITH ME

Congratulations to the following readers:

CLUB 75: T Roberts

CLUB 100: N Smyth

Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian

PRESCHOOLER STORYTIME

Storytime for next week, Thursday 29 April at 2:30pm. All welcome.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Walmsley and Mrs Butler will be absent from the office from Tuesday 27 April to Monday 3 May inclusive. They will be attending a training course for the new finance system. The very capable Mrs Sue Mellor will be 'manning' the office in their absence. No financial transactions will be conducted during this period.

UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

The changeover from summer to winter uniform will take place during weeks 1 & 2 of this term. Children are to wear either full summer or full winter, not a combination of both. Full winter uniform is to be worn from Monday 3 May.

YEARBOOK

The 2009 Yearbook is available from the school office for \$25.

DRAMA

Gentle reminders:

- Could all children please bring their folders to drama each week.
- All poems to be learnt off by heart by next week – younger children may need some help from parents or older siblings.
- Drama Performance Night – next week – Thursday 6.30pm (Yr 1) in the school hall.

Many thanks

Mrs Collier, Drama Teacher

SPECIAL EVENTS

eConference – MARY FIRST DISCIPLE

St Cecilia's school library will be a venue for the National eConference – Mary First Disciple on Tuesday 18 May 2010. The conference begins at 10:00am and is set to conclude at 3:15pm.

The conference is run in an online format. We will gather in the library and the conference will be streamed to our venue over the internet. The day is structured to include lectures from the online presenter as well as time for reflection and discussion.

Fr Frank Maloney SDB, the key presenter, will explore Mary as disciple, woman, and mother. Join us as we reflect on the image of Mary as presented in art through the ages. Listen to others share their personal relationship with Mary both in prayer and in daily life.

Registration is now open for those people who are interested in participating in the eConference. You can register via the website <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/>

P&F NEWS

P&F DATES

- Wed 12 May Executive Meeting 7.30
- Sun 16 May Whole School Family Picnic 10.00
- Mon 24 Mother's Monday Yr 1 and 5/6
- Wed 26 May General Meeting 7.30



P&F NEWS

With beautiful blue skies and our school looking terrific, children and parents return with smiles for Term Two! Now, on to business...

Entertainment books will be in your child's bag next Tuesday (hopefully). Please read the information and support the purchase of a gift commemorating our new school buildings etc. A small Committee has been spending a lot of time investigating options for the gift. A beautiful stone statue representing St Cecilia and her love of music is currently being priced. This will be presented at the next General Meeting.

Our working bees held at Jim's house will be listed in the newsletter. Thank you to the families who have taken this opportunity to help out an important member of our school family.

Our School Family Picnic is at North Harbour Reserve on Sunday 16 May. Come for the morning or stay for the whole day! It is a great way to have 'a play' with friends and time for the parents to have a coffee and chat. Please read the newsletter for more information. Thank you to the parents organizing this event.

Two invitations

- 1 P&F General Meeting 26 May 7.30 (especially new families or those who have never come along!)
- 2 P&F 101 Interactive Workshop 28 May 7-8.30 (if your interested in joining the P&F Executive in the future please come along). Please ask Alison Housego for details.

This year we are not having our Mother's Day Lunch at the Golf Club. Having said that, I am sure we could organize a local lunch for those interested. Perhaps Monday 10th May, anyone keen to help organize?

Lisa

2010 YEARBOOK NEWS

Fantastic News, we will be publishing a 2010 Yearbook. Thank you to the parents who have indicated that they are happy to join the team. A quick meeting will be held asap, hopefully next week.

GARDENING CLUB

Gabrielle's computer is still on holidays so she has asked me to remind all that Garden Club starts next Thursday lunchtime (weather/school events permitting). The school grown/made pesto was a great success, so the recipe will be in the newsletter next week.

Lisa

GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first Golf meeting is an important one. We are going to meet on Friday 30 April at 1.30pm in the school hall. This will allow us to be finished by pick up time. Could each class have at least one representative from the Golf Committee present. Of course the more the merrier! It is so hard to get a time and date that suits all, thank you for your understanding and juggling commitments.

Golf Co-ordinator (TBA)

Lisa

OPEN DAY VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for approximately 6 volunteers to assist with Open day on 5 May from 9am to 11am. Activities will include registration, childminding, site tours, welcoming and general hospitality together with the Social club.

If you could spare some time please contact G Delany via the school office.

A big THANK YOU!



Hurray!!

The Crunch Café opens for lunch on Wednesday 28 April.

All children ordering lunch on Wednesday will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a special prize.

Menus will be sent home today for Terms 2 & 3.

A free sample canteen lunch order bag is attached. To order a supply of bags enclose \$5 in an envelope with your name and class and 100 bags will be sent home.

Roster – Week 2

Wed 28 April S Varano, J Hamer

Fri 30 April L Horner, R Feros

Canteen support will be available next week.

Remember: If you are unable to work on your rostered day you must find a replacement volunteer. Please amend the master copy on the Canteen door.

FAMILY PICNIC DAY

When: Sunday May 16th

Where: North Harbour Reserve

Time: 10.15am

Join other families for a fun BYO picnic and games for the children!

YEARBOOK 2009

The Yearbook is here! Get your copy now! \$25 per copy.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIFELINE NORTHERN BEACHES: Fete - 1st May
'Lifeline Northern Beaches invites you to their annual fete on Saturday 1st May from 8.30am to 2.30pm in the grounds of the Uniting Church, Condamine Street, Balgowlah.

Art, home-wares, clothing, jewellery, toys, face painting, cakes or slices, music, books, French Cafe and Devonshire teas, BBQ and lots more! If you could bake cakes or slices we would be most grateful. They can be delivered to the Lifeline office or on fete day' We look forward to seeing you there.'

DIOCESAN PARENT COUNCIL

What is happening this term

101 Workshops for P&F Teams

- Wednesday 28 April 7 – 8.30pm OLGC Primary, Forestville
- **Parent Forum** Back by popular demand Kimberley O'Brien from Quirky Kids. Wednesday 26 May 7 – 8.30pm OLOR Primary School, Waitara
- **Parent Forum** "Positive Parenting Adolescents Today" Megan Booth. Thursday 17 June 7.30 – 9.30pm Mater Maria College, Warriewood
- Women's Retreat Sat 29th May – Sun 30 May Challenge Ranch Somersby

For further information watch your school newsletters, visit the DPC website or contact us.

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CENTACARE COURSES

For further information on the following courses contact Sean 9488 2523 or Greg 9488 2532 or 89685100. Courses are available at Waitara and Brookvale.

- Separated Fathers Support Group: Mondays 10,17,31 May & 7 & 28 June
- Separated Men's Pre-Mediation, Family Law and Services Information: 5 June 9am – 4pm
- Hey Dad! For Separated fathers – child development, communication, understanding your relationship: 18, 25 May, 1, 8, 15, 22 June 6.45 – 9.30pm
- Managing your Finances – for separated fathers: 29 June 6.45 – 9.30pm
- Fathering Workshop 0 – 5 Years: 5 June 9.45am – 4pm Tresillian Family Centre, 2 Second Ave Willoughby.

WARRINGAH COUNCIL

- Free Speaker's Night: Paul Dillon presents Teenagers, alcohol and Drugs. Wednesday 29 June 7 – 9pm Dee Why RSL, Gallery Room.
- Triple P Seminars – 16, 23, 30 June 7 – 9pm at Warringah Mall Community Centre

For bookings please email youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au

NSW HEALTH: Dealing with Teens Backchat – a workshop for parents and carers. Tuesday 1 June from 7 – 9.30pm at Queenscliff Community Health Centre. Palm Ave, North Manly. \$20 per person, bookings essential. Phone 9466 2518.