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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In May, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary. This devotion arose among Jesuits in Rome in the late 18th century and quickly spread throughout the Western Church. By the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal. May crownings and other special May events in honour of Mary, such as public recitation of the rosary, stem from this time.

During term two the students come together for assembly, and to pray the Hail Mary. You might like to focus on this prayer as a family during the month of May.

**Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.**

Congratulations to all the cross country runners. Everybody had a great day and everyone should be very proud of themselves and their efforts.

Congratulations to S Peters, I McCauley, C Silberberg, J Tetley, M Kasalo, S O'Connor, S Scholes, T Brown, N Filacuridi, A Patrick Dunn, A Walton, A Bennetts. These students will now compete in the Broken Bay Cross Country at Fagan Park, Galston on 19 May.

Open Day was extremely well attended and our school was looking its best. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for your help in making the Open Day such a success. The tours were very valuable and the morning tea, provided by the Yr 3 parents, was enjoyed by all. Thank you.

This was a great opportunity to show our beautiful new school to the community. There were many enthusiastic comments made regarding our contemporary learning spaces and the outdoor activity areas. The core value banners displayed in the hall

reinforced the Catholic discipleship that is encouraged at St Cecilia's.

Parents of students in Years 3 & 5 please ensure your child is at school before 8.55 am on 11 – 13 May as the NAPLAN tests will commence promptly at 9.00am. All pencils etc will be supplied for the students sitting the test.

Thank you to those parents that have already indicated that they will be attending the Parent Factor Forums on 6 & 13 May. Everyone is welcome to come along and experience how maths is taught at school today and hear about practical strategies that you can use to assist your child at home. The forums will begin at 9am in the Library.

Please note that the Wanganella St carpark is for the use of St Cecilia's staff, church and diocesan personnel only, Monday to Friday. For safety reasons children attending Drama, Taekwondo and Band must enter the school grounds through the Wanganella St gates.

Interviews for families who wish to enrol siblings for 2010 will commence on 20 May. It is necessary to make an appointment and bring along your pre schooler for an interview.

Mother's and Memories Monday will be held on 24 May. An invitation to the mothers of Year 1 and 5/6 students will be sent home this week with further information regarding this special day.

Omnibus Glorificetur Deus  
In all things may God be glorified.

Mrs Stephanie Harding  
Acting Principal

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### YEAR 1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 1 have been working on their Easter unit "Together". In this unit the students have examined the events of the first Easter Sunday and key symbols and rituals used by the Catholic community to celebrate Jesus being risen and alive.

## FROM THE PARISH

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"The Holy Spirit will teach you ...and remind you of all I have said." Jn 14: 26

The Spirit is known in the quiet, in the stillness

Children: "When I listen quietly to Jesus spirit in my heart, I can do....?"

## SCHOOL NEWS

### TERM 2 DATES

#### May

Thur 6 Parent Factor Forum – Numeracy 1  
Tue 11–13 Naplan Yrs 3 & 5 only  
Thu 13 Parent Factor Forum – Numeracy 2  
Tue 18 eConference in Library  
Wed 19 Broken Bay X Country – Galston  
Thur 20 Sibling interviews commence  
Mon 24 Mothers and Memories Monday (Yr 1 & Yr 5/6)  
10am Whole School Mass (Mary Help of Christians)

#### June

Sun 13 Family Picnic Day  
Wed 16 Yr 3/4 Gala Day  
Thur 17 Yr 5/6 Gala Day  
Sun 20 First Communion

### YEARBOOK

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

### DRAMA

Congratulations to ALL the children who performed in the Speech and Drama section of the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod at the weekend. You all performed beautifully and to the best of your ability and I was very proud of you. Special mention for **2<sup>nd</sup> place winners** – C Stack, I Harvey and T Brown and **Highly Commended** – E Fisk, I Hogan, S Connors, J Brown, N Stack, L McFarland, R Housego, S Chiswell, H McFarland and S Scholes.

Timetable alterations: This Friday, 7 May, Yr 4 will have drama at 8am to make up for the lesson they missed on the ANZAC Day holiday. Yr 5/6 will have their make-up lesson on the following Friday, 14 May.

*Trish Collier, Drama Teacher*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ST CECILIA'S GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

This term students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been selected to take part in the Broken Bay Diocesan 'COME ON KIDS!' project.

"Come On Kids" is a "virtual classroom" in *myclasses* to connect academically able students from a number of schools in Broken Bay Diocese. It consists of a 'virtual teacher' and an active online community of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who

communicate using Journals, Notice Boards and email.

In Term 2, the students will complete numeracy tasks to enrich *Working Mathematically* outcomes with a focus on 'Number'. These activities are written in ELF's (E-Learning Folios) and involve web based games and Learning Objects. The students are required to complete work and submit it to their classroom teacher at the end of the term.

These students will have access to the "Come On Kids" web site in class for two sessions a week of about 20 minutes each. These sessions will REPLACE a class activity, not add more workload. Students will also be able to access their work at home supported by their parents.

This project is being implemented as another aspect of the 2010 school focus on Numeracy as stated in our Annual Plan and will be monitored by Mrs Brooke Church.

*Mrs Church*

### eConference – MARY FIRST DISCIPLE

All families should have received an invitation to participate in the eConference. If you are attending please RSVP to Brooke Church and register for the conference at <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/> 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. I hope you can come and join in this reflection on Mary the Mother of Jesus with the community.

*Mrs Church Religious Education Coordinator*

## 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

The Entertainment books are due back soon. Thank you to everyone who has purchased, returned or sent in a donation.

Thank you to all the parents who came up to school this morning and helped out with Open Day. The morning tea was lovely, thank you to the Yr 3 families who catered this event. Thank you to the Promotions Committee for assisting in the set up and organization of the morning.

Our Golf Committee met last Friday. We are now officially in GOLF DAY/DINNER and FUNDRAISING mode! Please read the Golf section of the newsletter for information each week.

If there are some mums who would like to get together next week for a mum's lunch, I am happy to organize a venue.

Thank You

Lisa.



The Crunch café is off to a great start and thank you to all who have volunteered to work in the café. In order for the Café to run smoothly **volunteers must arrive by 9.30am**. This is particularly important on Fridays when Sushi orders need to be phoned through by 10am at the latest. **If you cannot do your allocated day you must arrange a swap with another volunteer.** Phone numbers are on the roster for this purpose. **Please do not ring a committee member to sort this out for you.**

Gluten free **Rice cake snacks** will be no longer available due to supply issues. BBQ rice cakes are still available while stocks last. On trial are gluten free **Rice Wheels** in either **roast chicken or cheese flavours @ 60c each**. If popular they will stay on the menu.

Thank you to all who responded to our calls for help with jobs associated with the canteen. **Our first meeting for 2010 will be next Tuesday 11 May @ 2pm** before pick-up. **All welcome.** If you have already offered your assistance please make sure you attend when all canteen functions will be discussed.

Roster – Week 3

Mon 10 May E Martin, T Steffan  
 Wed 12 May L Carmody, C Butler  
 Fri 14 May B Hickey, A Tuckfield



St Cecilia's Parents and Friends Annual Golf Day/Dinner for 2010 is on Thursday 26 August at the Manly Golf Club.

Traditionally we have a major fundraising event each year so we all need to put in a huge effort.

This year there is a Committee co-ordinating the event. The Committee has representatives from each class. Each class has been allocated a 'task list' ensuring everyone is able to join in and contribute to our fundraising and SOCIAL event.

This is a new system as we have no Co-ordinator for the event. (Should anyone want to volunteer please jump on board). The P&F, School Executive and the Manly Golf Club Events Co-ordinator have met and organized the following. Hopefully our school community will embrace this system and ensure another successfully and widely praised St Cecilia's social and fundraising event.

Below is a list of the Golf Committee members and the tasks allocated to each class

Class/ Groups	Class Representatives	Tasks
Kinder	D Laird R Gazzard M Smyth T Cameron M Carberry	School Golf Activities which include: K-6 Lucky Door Prizes, Raffles, K-6 Major and Silent Auction Items
One	S MacGeachie K Chapman J Hamer	School Golf Activities which include: K-6 Lucky Door Prizes, Raffles, K-6 Major and Silent Auction Items
Two	K Conners O Fisk	Golf Dinner which includes: Invites, room set up, food stations, entertainment, evening running sheet etc, clean up
Three	M Agostino J Foster	Golf Dinner which includes: Invites, room set up, food stations, entertainment, evening running sheet etc, clean up
Four	R Sweetnam G Amate	Golf Day which includes: 2 x tournaments, am Hit and Giggle 6 holes followed by 9 holes for 'the serious golfers', Hole sponsorship and activities, teams and registration, scoring and awards, catering etc
Five/Six	A McKeown H Benettes	Golf Day which includes: 2 x tournaments, am Hit and Giggle 6 holes followed by 9 holes for 'the serious golfers', Hole sponsorship and activities, teams and registration, scoring and awards, catering etc

Other School related Golf Activities include the following. These 'tasks' are allocated to the relevant committees/groups:

- K-6 Art Work (Class Parents)
- K-6 Golf Merchandise Sale (Uniform Committee)
- K-6 Golf Putting Comp (School Principal and Teachers)
- K-6 Green Treats Day (Canteen Committee)
- K-6 Charity Awareness (Social Justice Committee)

If you have questions, knowledge, past golf school/day/dinner experience, ideas, items needed, please talk to the relevant people listed above. If you

have money questions please speak to K Rienecker,  
the P&F Treasurer.

Timetables, meeting dates, detailed information is with  
the class representatives. Information will continue to  
be printed in the newsletter and on flyers found in  
school bags. Stay tuned!

Thank you

*Golf Committee*

### **FAMILY PICNIC DAY**

North Harbour Reserve

Sunday 16 May from 10.30am

BYO picnic/ chairs/ blanket

Join in a morning of fun and games

Treasure hunt



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

### **KINDY PARENTS: DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- Thursday 6 May: Drinks from 7.30pm at The Wharf Bar
- Thursday 5 August: Mum's curry night
- Friday 12 November: end of year function  
*Georgina, Mia, Orla, Colleen & Kate*  
*(Class parents)*

### **YEAR 3 SOCIAL GET TOGETHER**

Year 3 parents and carers get together on  
THURSDAY 20 May at Manly Winebar (8-13 South  
Steyne, Manly) for drinks and nibbles (tapas menu  
available) from 6.45pm onwards. Please RSVP to J  
Murray.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS MOBILE BLOOD SERVICE**

At Freshwater SLSC on Friday 14 May 10am – 3pm.  
Please call 13 14 95 to book your appointment. New  
donors welcome! Please bring card or photo ID on the  
day. Please also ensure you have a substantial meal  
and drink at least 3 – 4 glasses of water or juice in the  
hours before you donate.

### **SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB**

THEME: GROUNDSWELL....THE FIRE THAT  
IGNITES...Topic-Conversation Between Generations  
Speakers: Robyn Gallagher - Adult Faith Formation  
and Spirituality and Susan Neylan - pastoral carer at  
Calvary on 17 May from 7.30-9.00 pm at The Union  
Hotel, Cnr Pacific H'wy and West St North Sydney.  
Enquiries: Michelle 9958 5963.