

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

Next Monday is the Feast of Mary Help of Christians, Patron of Australia. In 1884 the bishops of Australia decided to make Mary Help of Christians, Australia's patron.

We turn to you for protection,
Mary the Help of all Christians.

Hear our prayers

and help us in our need.

Save us from every danger

and through your son, Jesus,

may you bring the blessing of peace and unity
to all the peoples of Australia.

Amen

Next Monday is a busy day. Firstly all parents are invited to Mass for the Feast of Mary Help of Christians which will commence at 9.30am, followed by a short assembly in the church.

Secondly next Monday we are trialling a new initiative at St Cecilia's, the Mothers and Memories Monday. After the success of Father's Friday many parents asked for a similar day for mothers. The end of year survey requested that parents become better informed about what is happening in the classroom. Also I believe that parents having a greater understanding of how their child learns especially in the school environment can only benefit their child. So on Monday mothers of children in Year 1 and Year 5/6 are invited to school to experience the whole school day. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Unfortunately we are unable to cater for preschoolers on this day.

The Parent Factor Numeracy workshops were well attended. More participants attended Session 2 than Session 1 which has not been achieved before! The evaluations were most positive. Some quotes- "I feel positive about today's "new" approach to Mathematics."

"I'm more aware of the concepts the children are learning and will be able to help them more thoroughly with their homework."

"I feel a lot more positive about helping my kids with maths especially since I was useless at maths and didn't find it at all interesting."

"I will be able to understand the snippets of information that my son mentions to me where before I had no idea what he was talking about."

The Mary eConference was enjoyed by those who attended. It was impressive to be part of an international online conference and participants were keen to be involved in the next eConference in September. Thank you to Jacinta E and Mrs Church for their preparation and catering for the day.

Draft Australian Curriculum documents are the topic of many of our staff meetings this term. As a staff we are studying the English, Mathematics, Science and History curriculum with discussion about the implications for our students. The English curriculum has a complete strand of literature for classes from K-6 which I consider essential and stimulating for young minds.

Interviews for kindergarten 2011 have commenced for children of families already enrolled at St Cecilia's. Inquiries have been constant and the new building and the school's positive profile in the community have ensured a strong number of applications.

All children K-6 will be participating in an incursion on Wednesday 26 May in the school hall. A musical group from Ghana, Salaka, will present a dynamic show which will bring alive the magical sounds of Africa through drumming, dancing and singing. Salaka is dedicated to sharing traditional African culture through music.

On Thursday our school choir will be performing at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod, Allambie Heights community centre. The choir has been rehearsing under the instruction of our music teacher Mrs Fi O'Shaughnessy and the school were delighted to listen to their rehearsal this afternoon.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 2 June. Please ensure children are in complete correct winter school uniform.

This Sunday all families, but especially Year 2 children and their families, are invited to pray and celebrate at the 'Families Come Gather' 9am Sunday Mass.

I enjoyed my long service leave and feel refreshed and ready for the challenges of the future. I thank Mrs Harding who capably stepped up to the role of school principal in my absence and Mrs Brooke Church also for her extra leadership for the past four weeks.

Omnibus Glorificetur Deus
In all things may God be glorified.



Mrs Suellen Garey
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 3 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Year 3 the students are working on the unit titled "Eucharist." The students will be exploring Jesus' real presence with us when we participate and share in the celebration of the Eucharist. Students will identify with and describe the words and actions of the priest during the Eucharistic prayer. Students will explain messages of key scripture passages and their relationship to understanding the Sacrament of Eucharist. Students will explore how we prepare for and receive our First and subsequent Communion. Enjoy the preparation for receiving your First Eucharist Year 3.

Mrs Church Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 2 DATES

May

Thur 20 Sibling interviews commence
Mon 24 Mothers and Memories Monday (Yr 1 & Yr 5/6)
9:30am Whole School Mass (Mary Help of Christians)

June

Wed 2 School Photos
Sun 6 First Communion
Sun 13 Family Picnic Day
Wed 16 Yr 3/4 Gala Day
Thur 17 Yr 5/6 Gala Day
Sun 20 First Communion

CASTNET – MYCLASSES

Please note that the new address to the *myclasses* parent page is:

<http://www.scbdbb.catholic.edu.au/myclasses>

The parent password and logon remain the same.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

I am putting together a list of people who are readers and Eucharistic ministers. If you are available to read at our school liturgical celebrations or if you are a

Eucharistic Minister please indicate on the tear off slip on the newsletter and return it to Mrs Church.
Mrs Church Religious Education Coordinator

READ WITH ME

Congratulations to the following readers:

CLUB 25: N Stack (125), E Butler (125)

CLUB 50: B Randell, N Hillier

CLUB 75: B Randell, S Chiswell, C Kutra, J Brown, L Scholes, L Bryant

CLUB 100: G Mattes (200), L McFarland, I Chapman, C Phillips

Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian

UNSW COMPUTER SKILLS

The ICAS Computer Skills Competition will be held on Tuesday 25 May after lunch.

If you would like to look at practice answer sheets, they are available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/prepare.

PRESCHOOLER STORYTIME

There will not be a storytime session on Thurs 27 May.

KINDER ENROLMENT PROCESS MEETING

For parents of Kinder 2011 St Kieran's and St Cecilia's Catholic Schools – Tuesday 1 June at 7.30pm at St Kieran's Parish Centre.

YEARBOOK

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

DRAMA

Break a leg! - to those Yr 4, 5 & 6 students performing in the eisteddfod this weekend.

- 'Us and Them' (one act play) Saturday 22 May 1pm
- Duologues (scenes for two) Sunday 23 May 3.40pm

Please be at Allambie School Community Centre 30 minutes prior, dressed in costume and ready to perform.

Don't forget the stage rehearsal this Thursday 6.30pm in the school hall. Costumes will be allocated at this rehearsal and parents are welcome to stay and watch.

Mrs Collier, Drama Teacher

FOUND

Girl's pink & grey Adidas joggers size 4 (US). Please collect from the office.

SPECIAL EVENTS

eConference – MARY FIRST DISCIPLE

The eConference was held yesterday in the school library with members of our school and parish community attending. The discussions on Mary and insights into Marian Iconography were insightful and inspiring.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

We will gather to pray for the next three weeks as a community starting on Tuesday 25 May at 9:10am in the school library. The theme for the first week of prayer is "My Mary Moment." We will take some time to view some Mary moments using the BBI website. People will then have quiet time to reflect on their own Mary moment. I hope you can come and pray with us.

Mrs Church Religious Education Coordinator

P&F DATES

Mon 24 Mother's Monday Yr 1 and 5/6

Tues 1 June P&F General Meeting 9.00am



The Crunch Café is back in full swing and the children are proving to be savvy customers. Our fresh bakery options are proving very popular and daily fruit specials are now available. With the colder weather upon us remember our warmer menu items are available at both morning tea and lunch.

We are still looking for a **Canteen Volunteer** for this coming Friday, 21 May. Please email the crunchcafe@gmail.com ASAP if you are able to assist. May we also remind everyone that we are all parent volunteers and as such balancing competing commitments. Please understand that we appreciate you volunteering though we rely on a volunteer workforce being reliable and as such if you are unable to volunteer on your rostered day it is **your own responsibility to find a replacement**. In the unlikely situation that a replacement cannot be found then the Canteen Committee have no other option than to close the Canteen to the children on that day.

Roster Week 6

Mon 24 May: K Everitt, A McGrath

Wed 26 May: P Chiswell, V Stack

Fri 28 May: L Gonda, J Rogers

Your Broken Bay Catholic School

Parent Council (DPC)



Free Parent Forum
Wednesday 26 May

7.30pm – 9.30pm

'Playful approaches to problem solving in the family'

with Psychologist

Kimberley O'Brien

Back by popular request

Join us for an interactive and practical night – all parents welcome.

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School

Yardley Ave, Waitara

RSVP Cathie 9847 0340 or

parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au

www.brokenbayparentcouncil.org

P&F NEWS



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Welcome back Suellen! It's great to hear your time away was wonderful and equally great to hear you're happy to be back with us at St Cecilia's.

Down at the park on Sunday morning there was lots of laughter when the tug-of-war rope broke! Lots of eggs jumping off spoons, colourful paint designs on little cheeks and a crazy cart ride with exhausted dads! The weather was beautiful and the crowd was terrific. Thanks to all who helped organize our School Picnic and to all those who came along for a park play!

Please note the change of date above. The P&F meeting for Term 2 has been changed to Tuesday morning June 1st, in the school hall. The meeting was changed because of State of Origin TV commitments, winter weather and the agenda items, specifically releasing funds which require votes. This is an important meeting and will need a quorum as the P&F are being asked to vote on and release approximately \$65,000. If you wish to hear about this and be a part of the vote/decision please come along after drop off. The meeting will hopefully finish at 10am (toddlers are welcome of course). Next week the agenda will be published in the newsletter.

Thank You

Lisa



GOLF DAY DONATIONS

CLASS DONATIONS

You should by now have received a letter requesting Class Donations for our Annual Golf Day Fundraiser. As well as general donations from businesses, friends and families – class donations enable us to create some exciting Silent Auction prizes.

We are asking that each family (if able) could donate an item (as soon as possible) and place the donated item into the marked box in your child's classroom.

To make life easier, we have allocated a theme for each class:

Kinder – Miss Wilson KIDS CENTRAL

Year 1 – Miss Williams BODY BLISS

Year 2 – Mr Simpson – RELAXING LIFESTYLES

Year 3 – Mrs Harding – HOUSE & GARDEN

Year 4 – Ms Ward – COME DINE WITH ME

Year 5 / 6 – Mrs Church – WINE SOMMILIER (Please leave alcohol donations in the office)

SCRATCHIE TREE

We are also asking each family to donate a scratchie (any denomination) to create a "Scratchie Tree which will be auctioned on the night. Please leave scratchies at the office..

If you have any questions, about the family donations

please contact Mandy Smyth on 0408 310570.

GENERAL DONATIONS

As well as 'Class Donations' and a Scratchie ticket, 'general' donations are warmly welcomed as suggested in last week's newsletter. General donations may include boat outings, weekends away, babysitting offers, etc. A General donations tub will be located outside the Admin office.

DONATIONS RECEIVED WITH THANKS!

Special thanks to David Lee who has generously donated a Personal Trainer Package which includes: A 12 week package (24 sessions) valued at \$1,920 including nutritional advice, fitness assessment and a two hour consultation on goal setting, achieving your goals and self accountability principles.

If you would like to make a general donation or have any questions please contact R Gazzard via the school office

Golf Committee

EVENT PHOTOS

All Class parents and other snap happy parents and friends, we appreciate all photos of school events for the 2010 year book. Please;

- include (preferably) on a USB key and drop it into the office for copying - it will be returned, or email photos to scbbyearbook@gmail.com
- ensure all photos are > 1meg resolution and jpeg format
- only St Cecilia's children to be included in the photo
- please label the photo with the event

Thanks for all the photos taken to date

*2010 Yearbook Committee
Andrea H, Suzanne K and Kirsten L*

MARY – FIRST DISCIPLE, ECONFERENCE

Yesterday, 14 members of the School and Parish Community joined together to attend the **Mary - First Disciple, International eConference**. This eConference was organised by the Broken Bay Institute and provided some thought provoking sessions which in turn inspired much discussion and private reflection on Mary throughout the gospels, traditional belief and most interestingly in Eastern iconography.

On a personal note this was a fantastic time for reflection, in a warm and friendly environment whilst witnessing some fantastic presentations with challenging faith perspectives. The Broken Bay Institute will be hosting another eConference in September and it would be wonderful to hope that St Cecilia's could once again be a host venue with more of our community being able to share the moment.

Jacinta E

STATE OF ORIGIN

All dads and friends are invited to the Balgowlah RSL. Next Wednesday night to watch the State of Origin match, from 7.30pm onwards .

KINDY PARENTS: DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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

Tomorrow night THURSDAY 20 MAY at Manly Winebar @ 6.45pm.

YEAR 4 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Thursday 10 June, 7.30pm at Ajmers Indian Restaurant, Sydney Road, Balgowlah. All welcome. RSVP: S Carter

TEAR-OFF

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READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please tick the appropriate box if you are interested in both or either positions at school liturgical functions.

Eucharistic Minister

Reader

Name: _____

Contact No: _____

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