

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

Simple gestures can carry immense power such as a tiny child bringing a yellow daisy to her mother. Symbols can cut to the heart of life. Jesus frequently used signs to communicate great truths to people of his time. Jesus multiplied loaves of bread- later nourishing generations with the bread of Eucharist. Sacraments are perhaps our richest heritage. The sacrament of Eucharist is seen as the heart of the Catholic faith and life. The celebration of Mass brings the community together to listen to scripture, to give thanks and to be united in Holy Communion. Congratulations to the children from our parish who are making their First Eucharist this Sunday.

"Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day [night] be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."

School Board

So far there are two interested persons for the formation of the inaugural St Cecilia's School Board. The board will be a consultative board working with the Principal to develop the mission of the Catholic Church here at St Cecilia's. The board will undergo a formation process and although there is quality among the interested persons, two or three more parents would be preferable. Please do not count yourself out by thinking 'well what do I have to offer'. Please speak with me about this opportunity.

The state manager for **OSHC** was scheduled to speak at this term's P&F meeting however was unable to do so due to a death in the family. Below are a few points that I thought parents may be interested in from her report to the Principal.

1. 10 fold increase in new enrolments (across all Camp Australia centres)
2. Since Dec almost 30% of new enrolments have been completed online (all centres)
3. 15% of all booking changes are made online (all centres)
4. Shelly Malone co ordinates OSHC St Cecilia's assisted by Charlie and Dan

5. Occupancy of service at St Cecilia's is steady and growing-Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are busiest with more than 16 children in attendance.
6. Average number of bookings per week for after school care in term 1 = 60
7. Average number of bookings per week for before school care in term 1 =19

Gardening Club- Gabrielle McKinnon for a number of years has worked with the children from various classes to beautify the gardens at our school. In the process the children have learned valuable life lessons. This is Gabrielle's last year here at St Cecilia's and it would be terrific if the gardening club continued. Gabrielle would be happy to pass on her knowledge to a willing parent/grandparent who would be prepared to organise the gardening club. Please notify myself or Gabrielle if you are available.

Nit blitz. Nits have been causing a lot of concern in some families. Children who show evidence of nits in their hair are sent home from school to receive hair treatment. To try and eradicate this problem this weekend could all families check children's hair and treat children's hair. Hair that touches the shoulder must be tied back at school.

Omnibus Glorificetur Deus
In all things may God be glorified.

Mrs Suellen Garey
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

KINDERGARTEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kindergarten has been busy with their Religion unit "The Bible: Introducing God's Story." This unit will introduce the Bible as a collection of writings that were told over many years in different cultures and eventually recorded. Together these writings build the story of our God who is active in our world and our lives. The bible stories the children hear and read will help them to come to know God, an essential part of coming to love God.

Mrs Church Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Give them something to eat yourselves" *Luke 9:13*

Children: "How can I be responsible for seeing what someone needs, especially if they need a friend?"

SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 2 DATES

June

Sun 6 First Communion
Wed 16 Yr 3/4 Gala Day
Thur 17 Yr 5/6 Gala Day
Sun 20 First Communion
Fri 25 10.30am Blessing & Opening of School Building

July

Fri 2 End Term 2
Mon 19 Beginning Term 3
Thur 29 Marana Music Festival

SOCIAL JUSTICE – SIGN THE MICAH CALL

Micah Challenge is a global campaign of Christians speaking out against poverty and injustice. Join with churches, groups, Christian aid agencies and individuals to encourage our leaders to halve global poverty by 2015. God wants us to act in response to injustice. A petition will be available in the office foyer for anybody wanting to add their name to the growing voice for justice.

Mrs Church Religious Education Coordinator

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

COMMUNITY PRAYER

We will gather to pray as a community next Tuesday 8th June at 9:10am in the school library. The theme for the 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

PENINSULA COMMUNITY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PROJECT

Year 5/6 students from St Cecilia's have joined Yr 5/6 students from St John the Baptist Harbord, St Kieran's Manly Vale and St Mary's Manly in the Australian Mathematics Trust 'Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians'. The students from the four schools will also have the opportunity to work with students from St Paul's College, Manly this week.

Over the last three weeks the students have met both at their own schools and once a week at St Cecilia's to work on Challenging problems that require time,

persistence and the application of mathematical processes.

This Peninsula Community of Schools project is intended to provide opportunities for gifted and talented students in Peninsula Catholic Primary Schools to work with other like minded students and to provide access to an extended curriculum in the Peninsula Catholic High Schools.

Mrs Church

READ WITH ME

Congratulations to the following readers:

CLUB 25: L Medak, A Pulman, S Feros

CLUB 50: N Smyth (150), C Silberberg

CLUB 75: C Robison

CLUB 125: E Duncan, D Rochios, P Varano

Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian

UNSW SCIENCE SKILLS

The ICAS Science Skills Competition will be held on Thursday 10 June.

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

DRAMA

Gentle reminder regarding costumes borrowed for the Eisteddfod – there will be a \$50 fine for any costumes not returned. Drama classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please return costumes on any of these days. Thank you.

Mrs Collier, Drama Teacher

P&F NEWS

P&F DATES

Thursday 26 August: Annual Golf Day/Dinner



P&F NEWS

Yesterday we had a very successful P&F Meeting. Thank you to those who came along and offered their support. The minutes of the meeting are published and available upon request, would anyone like to read them? As mentioned previously in the newsletters this meeting focused on funding current projects. Happily we are now able to update a garden bed, provide representative school jerseys for primary children and celebrate our school's opening with a beautiful gift of stone, not to mention continuing to support resourcing our children's learning and their learning environment.

Thank you to all who supported the Entertainment Books fundraiser. With the sale of books and donations we raised \$1080.

Please check the 'Golf' section in this newsletter regularly.

- Have you started to think Golf?
- Do you know what your class is doing and can you help out a LITTLE?
- What are you bringing in for your class's silent auction baskets?
- Have you got your scratchy for the scratchy tree?

- Are you playing golf, the hit and giggle session or the more serious version after lunch?
- How are the teams shaping up?

Lisa



crunchcafe@gmail.com

June 18th is School Canteen Day. To celebrate the Crunch Café would like all children to help us by making beautiful posters to put on our walls. The best judged poster will win a prize.

A volunteer request form will be sent home shortly calling for volunteers for Term 3. Please check your diaries and consider when you can help.

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.

Please note chicken torpedo rolls are no longer served with mayonnaise.

Roster for Next Week

Mon 7 June: S Varano, J Murray
 Wed 9 June: V Stack, R Sweetnam
 Fri 11 June: L Hornery, R Feros



Unfortunately after many years of holding the uniform prices at a set price we have had to increase some items due to increasing supplier costs. School bags are now \$40. Please check the uniform order form for other price changes. These price increases are effective from **1 June 2010**.

Due to new accounting procedures all cheques for uniforms are now to be made payable to **St Cecilia's P&F**.

Size 4 & 6 boys long pants are now in stock. Most outstanding orders should now have been filled except for size 12 sport shorts.

ATTENTION YEAR 4 PARENTS

REMINDER: Thursday 10 June is the date for our parents' get-together at Ajmer's Restaurant Sydney Road Balgowlah @ 7.30pm for an Indian feast. Look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP 4 June to S Carter or P Chiswell.

YEAR 5/6 TERM 2 GET TOGETHER

Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of Ten Pin Bowling on Saturday 19 June from 4.30pm – 6.30pm at the AMF Bowling Dee Why .

Please RSVP Alison or Francine by Monday 7 June.



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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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NOT RETURNING TO ST CECILIA'S IN 2011

Child/ren's name: _____

Class/es: _____

School/s Attending 2011: _____

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