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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

The opening prayer from our Blessing and Opening liturgy on Friday:

Today we ask God's blessing on St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School, this centre of seeking, learning and teaching what is true. We ask that those entrusted with the education of young people may teach their students how to join the discoveries of human wisdom with the truth of the Gospel. We ask that the students will find in their teachers the image of Christ, so that enriched by their learning, they will be able and willing to enlighten and assist others as Disciples of Jesus.
Amen

The Blessing and Opening by the Vicar General Fr Vince Casey of the new school on Friday was a lovely celebration for the whole community. I was extremely proud of the way the children participated and represented our school. The school captains spoke beautifully and I have included in this newsletter their speeches for you to read. Our Prime Minister, The Hon Julia Gillard, sent her inability to attend but also her congratulations as did Senator The Hon Mark Abib. There were many thank you's on the day but I would like to reiterate my thanks to those who made our vision for a new school become a reality.

- Bishop David Walker, Diocese of Broken Bay
- Br Tony Whelan, Director of Schools Broken Bay
- Australian Federal Government Building Education Revolution
- Past P&F Committees: G McKinnon, P Chiswell, M Watson and their teams
- Present P&F Committees: L Watt, A Bennetts and their teams
- Equiset Grollo Group: J Harb, G Nader, A Nader, A Pugliese, R Dobson, F Farina
- Architect: John Graham and Associates
- St Cecilia's Planning/Building Committee: Br T Whelan, Fr P Wieneke, J Lynas, P Burns, P Leotta, P Patterson, L Nicol, T Stewart, J Menday
- Manly Council: J Hay, P Daley
- State member: M Baird
- North Harbour Precinct: L Green

- St Cecilia's Building Committees: Gardening, Shade-cloth, Uniform, Outdoor learning area, Canteen, Play equipment,
- Past parents of students
- Present parents of students
- The teachers from St Cecilia's and our students.

All children and many visitors received a Holy Card of St Cecilia to mark the day. The beautiful stone sculpture of St Cecilia donated on behalf of the past and present parents of St Cecilia's students was greatly admired and the Vicar General blessed some lovely crucifixes for all rooms in the school. It was a day to remember and I thank all who so generously gave of their talents and time to ensure the success of the day.

Congratulations to the Robison family on the safe arrival of their new daughter.

There will be a band performance to conclude the term on Friday morning after 8.55am assembly. All parents are welcome to attend in the school hall.

Once again thank you to all teachers and staff for their dedication to our students throughout term 2. I wish all students, staff and parents a very well earned safe and happy holiday.

Omnibus Glorificetur Deus
In all things may God be glorified.

Mrs Suellen Garey
Principal

Blessing and Opening Speech - School Captain: M McKeown

On behalf of the students of St Cecilia's Catholic school, I would like to thank the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Bishop David Walker, for the new school building.

The library is a great new addition to our school allowing the students to advance their learning because of the space that is available for our lessons

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and to store the resources that we use for our schoolwork.

The new classrooms also have vast amounts of space and the displays allow the students to proudly show their work to visitors and each other. The storage cupboards allow us to have a lot of learning equipment because we know that we'll always have somewhere to put it.

Now that we have bubblers in our classrooms, if you're thirsty and you have no water bottle with you, you can pop over to the bubblers on the other side of the classroom to get a drink.

The administration block has given the school many advantages such as the sick bay and the staffroom. The sick bay is also Mr Higgins's office and I am sure that children mainly visit the sick bay to chat to him. The staffroom allows the teachers to relax then come back to class refreshed and ready to teach us.

Year 5/6 feel very privileged to have a bathroom all to themselves and many students have been excited about using the lift to move school equipment.

The new school building has brought the students of our school many benefits. Once again thank you Bishop David Walker, we love our new school!

Blessing and Opening Speech - School Captain:
A Bennetts

On behalf of the students of St Cecilia's Catholic School I would like to thank the Federal Government especially the newly appointed Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard for funding the refurbishing of our school hall, classrooms and playground.

The students enjoy being able to sit down and relax in the new learning and quiet area at recess and lunchtime. The garden beds brighten up our school and make it look nice and pretty.

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children enjoy breaking their record on the new play equipment by counting how many laps they can swing around the monkey bars.

The Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students enjoy sliding down the slippery dip and climbing the rock wall on their new play equipment.

We can now eat our lunch under the new blue shade sails and on a hot summers day we do our sport lessons and play games under them.

The new silver seats give us a place to sit and eat our lunch and recess under the shade sails. It also gives us a place to wait for our teacher to take us to our classrooms to begin our lessons.

We enjoy using our newly renovated hall where we meet students from other schools for mathematics, have drama performances and listen to African drumming bands.

Our new bigger classrooms give us extra space for learning. It is great for art because we can wash our paintbrushes in the sinks in the new wet area. The extra space is also great for all students because we can spread out to complete our school work.

As school captain for St. Cecilia's, it means a lot to me having a refurbished school because it is great to be taught in our new learning environment. And once again thank you to the Federal Government.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TERM 2 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Throughout Term 2 the students have been studying many different topics in their religious Education Units. All classes began the term discussing Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday and how Easter is a special season in the Church year. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been looking at the bible and how it is a book filled with stories about Jesus and other people who believed in God. Year 3 busily prepared to receive their First Eucharist and Year 4 and Year 5/6 looked at how we can help others in our school, local and wider communities.

Mrs Church Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

An invitation is extended to all to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word Wine & Cheese Night on Wednesday, 21 July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Manly Vale.

If you or your child attend Children's Liturgy of the Word or you would like to find out what is involved or become a volunteer/helper with children's liturgy we would love for you to come along and join us.

For catering purposes can you please RSVP by ringing Adriana at the Parish Office on 9949 4455.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the church of St Cecilia is starting back every fortnight during school term on Sunday, 1 August, 2010. All are welcome to attend.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'
(Luke 10: 10 – 11)

Children

When someone says they do not want to be my friend, I can.....

SCHOOL NEWS

Investing in Australia's Future

Did you know?

78% of the total bucket of state funding goes to government schools but only 22% goes to non-government schools.

We need our politicians to ensure ongoing commitment and support.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents
www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au No.7

Source: NCEC 2008 Annual Report, p35, Published 2009, Productivity Commission, Review of Government Service (Australia), Report on Government Services 2009, Volume 1, Part B 'Early Childhood, Education and Training'. Report published January 2009. Note: Non-Government schools include Catholic and other independent schools.

TERM 2 DATES

July

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

August

Tue 3 ICAS English Comp
Wed 4 Dedication of the Church Mass
Fri 6 Athletics Carnival – Manly Oval
Mon 9 P&F Exec meeting
Tue 17 ICAS Maths Comp
Thurs 19 Peninsula Athletics – Narrabeen
Fri 20 **Staff Development Day**
Sat 21 Tournament of the Minds
Thur 26 Golf Day
Fri 27 St Monica Mass
Tue 31 Broken Bay Athletics – Narrabeen

September

Fri 17 **Staff Development Day**

BLUE DAY FOR BOOKS

On Friday we are having a mufti day to raise money to buy books for the children at the Karuna Foundation in Varin Cambodia. On Friday when the children wear their play clothes to school we are asking them to try to wear one item of blue clothing. They could wear a blue hat or blue socks or blue jeans or a blue top or a blue ribbon.

Bring a gold coin donation for the Karuna Foundation.

Student Representative Council

READ WITH ME

Congratulations to the following readers:

CLUB 25: H Butler (125), I Chapman (125), C Phillips (125), L McFarland (125), J Brown (125)

CLUB 50: S Tetley, L Mattes (150), E Butler (150), E Zipparo, W Hornery, L Green, A Hornery, P Varano (150), E Duncan (150)

CLUB 75: M Roberts, R Watt, N Smyth (175), J Conners (175), A Smyth (175), C Agostino, C Green

CLUB 100: L Scholes, J Brown

CLUB 200: N Smyth

Lesley Tyte, Teacher/Librarian

ITALIAN

A gentle reminder to all children to bring their script-songs to Italian first week of Term 3. Year 5/6 will receive their play this week, finally, and I do apologise to the class for the extreme delay.

On another note there is an interesting exhibition of Leonardo Da Vinci at Town Hall. It started early this month, and it will end at the beginning of August. There are no machines but other interesting things of the super brain genius. I wish all students and parents/caregivers a safe and enjoyable holiday. Buone Vacanze!

Signora Francesca

BAND CONCERT

A concert will be held in the school hall this Friday morning for the school and any parents who would like to attend.

Each instrumental group will be presenting at least one piece for the concert.

The concert will start at 9.00am or as soon as the students come in and is expected to last 30 minutes at most.

I hope to see you there. – *M Miller, Musicorp*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

The St Vincent de Paul Balgowlah Conference wishes to thank the families of the First Communicants for their generous gifts.

These are now being distributed to the local needy and have been received with very big smiles and very warm appreciation.

P&F NEWS

P&F DATES

Mon 9 August P&F Executive Meeting
Thurs 26 August: Annual Golf Day/Dinner
Tues 7 September P&F General Meeting



P&F NEWS

Happy holidays to all...to our Principal, teachers and school staff, to all our parents and friends on committees, to all our children and to all our school community families.

Please look out for your invite to our annual fundraising event. Your Golf Day and Dinner invite will be on-line this year. Hopefully you will receive your invite via email this week. Paper copies will be available from the office if required.

Lisa



crunchcafe@gmail.com

The Canteen's first term of operation is nearly over and a big thank you to all who have volunteered at The Crunch Café so far. A lot of work has been done to set up and organise the day to day running of the canteen and special thanks to the current committee for their hard-working commitment and to A Harrold, F Papamichael and K Connors for joining the team.

Term 3 Volunteer Rosters have been sent home with children and via email. Please note your allocated day in your diary now. **N.B. If you cannot attend on your day you must find a replacement, email and mobile phone numbers are listed on the roster for this purpose.**

The sausage sizzle last Friday was enjoyed by all and thank you to all who helped cook, serve and clean up. M Smyth, the Crunch Café's special events co-ordinator, will announce next term's special days once school resumes in term 3.

Happy holidays.

Roster for Next Week

Mon 19 July: J Hamer, S Varano
Wed 21 July: J Murray, V Stack
Fri 23 July: L Gonda, F Lee, T O'Sullivan (f)

Uniform Shop

Commencing Term 3 the Uniform Shop will open on Friday from 8.30 – 9.30am.

Ordering: For those families unable to come you can still send in and order. Money **MUST** accompany each order. Stock will **not** be supplied on a 'pay when collect' basis.

Payment: To order please complete an order form and include child's name and class. Cash or cheques ONLY. Cheques to be made payable to St Cecilia's P&F.

Millie Smith / Preloved Uniforms are also available at the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Committee



DONATIONS NEEDED

Believe it or not...the Golf Day is not far away now and donations continue to come in. Thank you all for your generosity – to date!

Please if you have not donated – could you use the holidays to think of ways you can help our School community. For example - do you know any businesses/retail stores you frequent who you could ask for a donation? Your hairdresser, beauty therapist

- even your local deli?

DONATIONS UPDATE

Thanks to two (anonymous) families for asking their local business to donate:

- Two hairdressing vouchers
- Two facial vouchers

Also to:

- The Gazzard Family (Year 2 & Kindy) for donating a signed Michael Clarke cricket bat.
- The Carberry Family (Kindy) has offered a portfolio review and credit brokerage to the value of \$1000.
- The Hogan Family (Year 2 and Kindy) has contacted a friend who runs an interior design business who has donated services to the value of \$330.

Thank you for your efforts and generous donations.

Golf Committee

GOLF DAY CLINICS

Book in early for your Golf Day clinic. Ben at Manly Golf Club will be running four clinics before the Golf Day. If you are interested in brushing up on your golf or learning to play golf, please fill in the tear-off form at the end of this newsletter and hand into the office.

These clinics are a fun way to meet new people and have a laugh ready for the hit and giggle. \$20 per session.

When: Tuesday 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 10am – 11am.

If you have any questions please call A Hardy or R Sweetnam.

The Social Committee

HOLE SPONSORSHIP

Our hole sponsorship packages have been sent out to our past sponsors.

Hole sponsorship is a great way for businesses to increase their profile in our community. Historically our parents have shown genuine commitment to businesses that have supported the school. As part of the sponsorship package you will receive signage/ advertising rights on your allotted hole, company logo displayed in advertising where applicable, company name and logo listed in the school business directory. VIP passes that entitle you to green fees for two players, lunch and refreshments throughout the day, two tickets to the dinner/dance evening.

As a reminder Hole sponsorships are available to all. Individual families, family businesses, employers and any other business connections that you may have. If you would like further information on our Hole Sponsorship packages, please collect a pack from the office or contact: G Amate or R Sweetnam.