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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Luke 10, 38-42

Many visitors to St Cecilia's Catholic School comment on our hospitality. This reading from last Sunday is about hospitality and hospitality is essentially an attitude of openness and respect which we adopt towards other people. Our attitude finds expression in the practical ways in which we welcome people to our school and to our lives. In a book entitled *Reaching Out*, the spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, reminds people in the teaching and helping professions that their students, patients and clients are really guests who carry within them treasures that lie undiscovered unless we welcome them as respected guests and give them opportunity to share what they bring.

Genuine hospitality does involve being sensitive to and anticipating the needs of our guests. But there is often a cost to true hospitality.

In the Margery Williams children's story, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, there's a delightful conversation between the well-worn velveteen rabbit and the skin horse which illustrates this:

*"What is REAL?" asked the **Rabbit** one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender.*

"Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse.

"It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."

*"Does it hurt?" asked the **Rabbit**.*

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse.

"You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges or have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off,

and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

Margery Williams, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Doubleday

Welcome back to all families for Term 3 2010 and I would especially like to welcome Eva who has joined the Year 3 class and mum and dad, Melissa and Andrew.

Next week Mr Marco Torres an outstanding educator from the United States, who has a national award for excellence and is an Apple distinguished educator will be workshopping with our Yr 5/6 students and some teachers from the Peninsula. At St Cecilia's we have been developing a model of contemporary learning including the use of multi media to provide learning experiences for our students. Marco will provide some insights to assist us in this approach and especially with Challenge Based Learning.

Marie Heinrich will be the new band teacher at St Cecilia's for semester 2 provided by Music Corp. Marie graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder (2009) with an endorsement in K-12 Music Education with an emphasis in instrumental band. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Music Performance at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Welcome Marie.

All parents are invited to attend and enjoy the performance of our students at the Marana Music Festival which will be held Thursday 29 July at Mater Maria Warriewood. Tickets are available through St Rose Collaroy and need to be purchased before Friday 23 July. There will be two performances 5pm and 7.30pm. Just a reminder to students performing that there is a rehearsal this Sunday at various venues. Please check with Miss Williams if unsure of venue.

Omnibus Glorificetur Deus

In all things may God be glorified.

Mrs Suellen Garey, Principal

21/07/2010

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TERM 3 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome back to school for Term 3. The classes will be covering the following Religion units this term:

Kindergarten – *God is Our Creator*

Year 1 - *Our Community that Celebrates God's Love*

Year 2 – *Proclaiming Gods' Word and Confirmation*

Year 3 – *Caring for God's Wondrous Creation*

Year 4 - *My Parish and the Mass*

Year 5/6 – *The Story of the Catholic Church in Australia*

Mrs Church Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Do not put us to the time of trial". Luke 11:4

Children: "When everything seems wrong, I have trust that Jesus is with me and that"

SCHOOL NEWS

Building our schools for the future

Building the Education Revolution program has injected significant capital resources into primary level education and our communities are very appreciative. The move towards an Australian curriculum is proceeding rapidly.

The Catholic education sector, particularly parents, needs to be aware of the support and changes happening in education now..

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Advocacy and Support for all parents
www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au No.8

NO NUTS PLEASE

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. In the most severe cases, airborne particles containing the allergen can be enough to cause an anaphylactic reaction.

At St Cecilia's we have students who are allergic to various food items and **we especially ask that no nuts** or nut products are brought to school. Many foods contain traces of nuts therefore it is important that children do not bring nuts, nut spreads, or biscuits and muesli bars which may contain nut products.

GROUP PHOTO ORDERS

School photography orders for Band, Choir, Age Swimming Champions and Captains and Vice Captains are due in by Wednesday 28 July. Photos are \$14 each and are available for viewing in the

school foyer. Please order and pay via the school office.

TERM 2 DATES

July

Thur 29 Marana Music Festival

August

Sun 1 Year 3 Families Come Gather Mass

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 – Pupil Free**

Sat 21 Tournament of the Minds

Thur 26 Golf Day

Fri 27 St Monica Mass

Tue 31 Broken Bay Athletics – Narrabeen

September

Thurs 2 Book Week Celebration

Sat 11 Confirmation 9:30am

Fri 17 **Staff Development Day – Pupil Free**

JOLLY JUMPERS - ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

A huge thank you to all the families who donated second hand and new jumpers to the winter appeal. The jumpers have been gladly taken by the St Vincent De Paul society and distributed to those in our local area most in need this winter.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION LITURGY

The Year 6 Graduation Liturgy is on Thursday 9 December at 6pm in St Cecilia's Catholic Church.

READ WITH ME

Congratulations to the following readers:

CLUB 25: H Carberry (125)

CLUB 50: J Brown (150)

CLUB 75: E Butler (175), E Duncan (175), N Stack (175)

Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

For the next 5 weeks, a group of girls in Years 5/6, will be working on a Challenge to be presented at UTS Kuring-gai on Saturday 21 August.

The Challenge involves the girls working as a team to write a 10 minute play to be presented before a panel of judges. The team members are: G Ticehurst, M McKeown, T Brown, A Patrick-Dunn, I Sullivan, M McKeown and E Ferry. It will be a busy but enjoyable time for them all.

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS

We have received the results of the UNSW Competition.

High Distinction: A Patrick-Dunn

Distinction: M Agostino

Credit: F O'Neill, R Driessen, A Bennetts, A Lee.

Congratulations on your outstanding effort.

TAEKWONDO SQUAD TERM 3

Taekwondo has commenced for the term. It is run by Greg Wyllie on Tuesday mornings at 8am in the school hall. Please pick up an enrolment form from the school office if you are interested

DRAMA

Term 3 classes have begun this week – if your child is not continuing with drama this term please phone me on 9975 7837 to confirm, or leave a message with Mrs Walmsley in the office. Welcome to all new and existing drama students.

There will be a change of day/time for the Yr 5/6 group because of preparation for Tournament of the Minds. Drama for Yr 5/6 will be on a Friday at 7.45am beginning this week, 23 July.

Mrs Collier, Drama Teacher



crunchcafe@gmail.com

Welcome to Term 3. The Winter Menu continues this term with freshly baked yummy pies and sausage rolls each Monday. Everyone who volunteered to help at the canteen should have the Term 3 roster by now. Please check your dates and diarise them now. The master copy of the roster is on the canteen door in the hall foyer.

Plates and platters left behind from the morning tea for the school opening should be picked up from the hall foyer near the canteen door. Please check if yours is still awaiting collection.

Watch this space for details of “**Golf day at the Crunch Café**”. We will be celebrating our annual Golf Day with a special greens-themed morning tea. More info soon.

Roster for Next Week

Mon 26 July: J Hamer, S Varano
Wed 28 July: A Hogan, C Collins
Fri 30 July: R Feros, H Driessen, A McKeown (f)

KINDY MUM’S NIGHT:

Thursday August 5th @ 7pm Sushi Roll, Stockland Plaza Balgowlah. BYO. RSVP: by Monday August 2nd K Conners

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*

P&F NEWS

P&F DATES

- Monday 9 August P&F Executive Meeting
- Thursday 26 August: Annual Golf Day/Dinner
- Tuesday 7 September P&F General Meeting



P&F NEWS

Term 3 is our time to think fundraising! Our Annual Fundraiser is our Golf Day and Dinner. There is also the Green Golf Day for the children at school.

This year we have a fantastic Golf Committee, with parents from each class, organizing our fundraiser. Unfortunately, we haven't a co-ordinator so the Golf Committee and P&F Exec are doing their best to fill the role! So, all those positive and helpful hands are very welcomed at this time.

Golf invites are out this week. Your invite should come via an email from a class parent. All RSVP's will be via the slips in the weekly newsletter.

Both our Golf Day and Evening have some new and exciting features, here are some:

1. Hit & Giggle from 9.30am allows some of our parents (mums!) to head down for a quick game followed by a BBQ and a drink. Hopefully the price allows for you to book/share a babysitter and experience some golf with friends.
2. Our greens will have some cool themes.
3. No set tables, there will be scattered seating for those needing a rest after the fierce bidding and dancing (tip - ladies consider handbag options given no tables).
4. Free drinks for the first hour, then bar open!
5. Canapés followed by several food stations where it's sample and sample again. Then there's more food after some more socializing, bidding and dancing.
6. Major Auction with impressive items and the usual class masterpieces'.
7. Silent Auction baskets (of which we are famous!) scattered around for bidding.
8. Ben (with the guitar at Church) is bringing his band.
9. What else...?

Hopefully, this week you will receive a Golf flyer, lots more information, ideas and requests for support.

Lisa

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catechist at Balgowlah Heights Primary School next year please contact either myself on mobile 0417688191 or St. Cecilia's School office. You would be very welcome to come along to any/all of my classes (1/2 hour per week). Thank you...M Ryan.

TEAR - OFF

GOLF DAY CLINICS

If interested in attending the Golf Day clinics please complete and return to the school office.



Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

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2010 Golf Day & Dinner R.S.V.P.

Please return to school with payment by 6th August 2010

All cheques made payable to St Cecilia's P&F



Golf

Manly Golf Club
Thursday 26 August, 2010
9 Holes
Shotgun Start, 4 Player Ambrose

Time: Registration & lunch at 12noon. Tee-off at 12.45pm
Cost: \$45 per player (includes BBQ lunch)
RSVP: 6th August, 2010

- I will be playing golf and requiretickets @ \$45 per person
Total \$.....
- I require a place on a team for golf.
 Please reserve a team of 4 in the name of

Name(s):

Telephone Number(s):

Please note that Manly Golf Club Dress Regulations apply on the Course and in the Clubhouse. Please refer to Manly Golf Club for further details.

Hit & Giggle

Manly Golf Club
Thursday 26 August, 2010
6 Holes



Time: Registration at 9.15am. Tee-off at 9.30-11.30am
Cost: \$30 per player (includes glass of bubbles and BBQ lunch)
RSVP: 6th August, 2010

- I will be playing golf and requiretickets @ \$30 per person
Total \$.....
- I require a place on a team for golf.
 Please reserve a team of 4 in the name of

Name(s):

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Auction & Fundraising Dinner

Manly Golf Club
Thursday, 26 August, 2010

Time: 7.00pm
Cost: \$60 per person
Dress: Semi-Formal
RSVP: 6th August, 2010



- I will be attending the dinner and require tickets @ \$60 pp

Name(s):