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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

Today, Ash Wednesday, many Christians receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. The cross reminds us and tells friends and neighbours that we know we are not perfect. During Lent the church asks adults to pray, fast and give alms. Fasting means eating less than usual. Catholics over the age of 14 are asked not to eat meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Young people can share the spirit of fasting by giving up something they enjoy like sweets, they can do good works like offering to do extra jobs around the home or by giving part of their pocket money to people in need. These are called sacrifices, they are good deeds done in God's name that show our love of God and sorrow for our sins.

### Merciful God

**You called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism.**

**Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of the ashes.**

**Bless us on our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth.**

**May our fasting be hunger for justice;**

**our alms, a making of peace;**

**our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.**

Library News: Parents with preschoolers are invited to St Cecilia's *storytime* commencing at 2pm on a Thursday afternoon in the school library. Also we would like to be able to offer some Chess instruction for interested children. Is there a parent who may have a spare half hour one lunchtime during the week who could assist? Preferably Monday or Tuesday 1-1.30pm

Our Year 6 Environment captains affectionately known as the Earthlings are at present collecting data concerning the amount of packaging and use of paper at St Cecilia's. Their goal this term is to reduce the amount of rubbish on the playground, to reduce the

number of rubbish bins put out at night through education and recycling.

An information session about the formation of the St Cecilia's School Board will be held at school on Tuesday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome to attend. The session will be facilitated by Gail Gill from CSO.

The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program has been booked for Wednesday 1 September and the following 3 Wednesdays. So as to best meet the needs of our community would you please indicate if you would prefer an evening or morning session.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2010.

- School Captain and Gold Colour House Captain: A Bennetts
- School Captain and Blue Colour House Captain: M McKeown
- School Vice Captain and Red Colour House Captain: A Lee
- School Vice Captain and Green Colour House Captain: B Filacuridi
- Liturgy and Social Justice Captain and Gold Colour House Captain: A Hickey
- Liturgy and Social Justice School Captain and Red Colour House Captain: T Brown
- Environmental Captain and Green Colour House Captain: G Ticehurst
- Environmental School Captain and Red Colour House Captain: A Patrick Dunn

SRC Captains

- Kindergarten: B Paddison, E Butler
- Year 1: N Stack, C Agostino
- Year 2: O Zalacos, S Conners
- Year 3: M Zalacos, C O'Connor
- Year 4: N Filacuridi, S Chiswell
- Year 5/6: L Lung, B Medway

Congratulations to the Red colour house for winning our swimming carnival this year and to the Green colour house for winning the spirit trophy and congratulations to the children who will represent our school at the Peninsula swimming carnival at Warringah Aquatic centre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

A parent calendar for the year is available on the school website. Please also note the new contact details for the school.

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Omnibus Glorificetur Deus

In all things may God be glorified



Mrs Suellen Garey  
Principal

Staff Development Day  
Pupil Free  
Friday 12 March

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### KINDERGARTEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kindergarten are currently working on the unit "Belonging to God's Family." The children will come to realise that we experience love as members of God's family. The children will be invited to explore being part of family as a way to come to know God's love.

Like our own families and our school family, our church family is a community where God's love is expressed.

### ROSARY

During Lent the Rosary will be prayed in the Church every Wednesday at 1:00pm. All parents and children are welcome to come along. Maybe you could make this your weekly prayer ritual during the Lenten season.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### TERM 1 DATES

#### March

Thur 4	Peninsula Swim Carnival
Tue 9	7pm School Board Information Session Broken Bay Swim Carnival
Fri 12	Staff Development Day
Mon 15	Catholic Schools Week & Yr 5/6 Camp
Thur 18	Yrs 3/4 Soccer Gala Day
Wed 24	Yr 6 Cluster Mass
Fri 26	Fathers' Friday Yrs 2 & 4 only

### FAMILIES COME GATHER 2010

The dates for the Families Come Gather Class Masses are as follows:

- 28 Feb – Year 5/6
- 28 March – Year 1

- 30 May – Year 2
- 1 July – Year 3
- 31 October – Kindergarten
- 7 Nov – Year 4

Please put these dates in your diary. This year the dates are not always the first Sunday of the month.

### ESKIES LEFT IN THE OFFICE

Someone left a couple of soft eskies in the office last year when they bought in iceblocks for a birthday treat. Could their owner please collect them. Thank you.

### LEFTOVER PLATES / DISHES

There are numerous dishes and platters left over from the Cocktail Party. Please collect from the school office asap. Thank you.

### CHESS

We would like to offer children the opportunity to play Chess at lunchtimes, but we need a parent or two or perhaps a grandparent, who can play Chess, to come to school and work with a small group. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Garey or myself.

*Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian*

### LIBRARY

I would appreciate help with reshelving library books on Thursday mornings. It would involve no more than 30 mins when the children go into school.

Also, I am in the process of purchasing new books for the Library, so I would appreciate help with covering the books. You can take them home – contact and plastic provided.

Come and see me in the Library on Wednesday or Thursday.

*Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian*

### READ WITH ME

Congratulations to the following readers:

**CLUB 25:** Lily Foster, Annabel Smyth, Tia Roberts, Lucy Lovell, Genti Mattes, Nick Stack, Michael Wilson, Liberty Mattes, Holly Butler,

*Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian*

### DRAMA

Finally classes have been re-arranged as follows:

- Monday 8am – Yr 4
- Monday lunchtime – Yrs 5/6
- Wednesday 8am – Yr 2
- Thursday 8am – Yr 1

Any queries please phone me

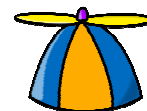
*Mrs Collier, Drama Teacher*

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### HAPPY HATS DAY

On Friday 26 February we will be holding a Happy Hats for Haiti Day. Please wear a decorated or different hat to school and bring a gold coin donation to help the people of Haiti.



## P&F NEWS

### P&F DATES

- Monday 1 March General P&F Meeting 7.30
- Friday 26 March Father's Friday (Yr 2 and 4)



### P&F NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along, brought refreshments and helped out on Saturday night. Our Welcome Cocktail Party was a terrific evening packed with warmth and chatter! Once again, thank you to Ben and Anne for hosting the event.

Our first P&F Meeting is coming up on Monday March 1st. At these meetings we aim to strengthen the partnership between family, school and parish. We endeavour to provide parental perspectives and provide opportunities for parents to gain insights into school life. If you have a question or an interest in becoming involved, please come along!

This will be a very important meeting because we will plan for 2010. The following is a brief outline of some of the topics which will be discussed and voted on. Please note that at our meetings we always vote when money is being proposed and allocated.

- 2010 P&F Expenditure. What have we spent? What do we have left? What's next?
- 2010 Fundraising Event, new Co-ordinator and new support Committee
- 2010 Yearbook, new Co-ordinator and new support network
- 2010 Sub-Committees Updates

If you would like to add to the agenda, please contact me asap.

Thank you

Lisa



## THE CRUNCH CAFE

### NEWSFLASH !!!

From Monday 22 February frozen treats will be sold at lunchtimes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- Frozen fruit cups: pineapple or orange 60c each
- Moosies: chocolate or strawberry milk freeze \$1.00 each
- Frozen mango yogurt in a tub \$1.30 each
- Boost Smoothie Berry Bang on stick \$1.40 each

WATCH this space for more details and more products as they are introduced!

### KINDERGARTEN MORNING TEA

Save the date Friday 26 February after school drop off. More details to follow.

## Uniform Shop

All school sports tops and hats have arrived and all orders should be filled. If any one is still missing items please contact the Uniform committee.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WARRINGAH COUNCIL PARENTING COURSES

- **Speakers Night:** free one off seminar. Responding to Violence from a Young Person (11-16 years). Presented by Felicity Garland on Wednesday 24 March 7-9pm
- Bookings** essential 9942 2681 or email youthlinx@warringah.nsw.gov.au

**CENTACARE** Pre-marriage and Relationship Education Facilitators - Casual positions, Northern Beaches location

Would you like to use your skills and experience to provide pre-marriage and relationship education for couples? Centacare Broken Bay offers Partners for Life and FOCCUS for couples and is expanding their team on the Northern Beaches. Applicants need to hold appropriate tertiary qualifications and demonstrated experience in adult education. If you are interested in finding out more about this rewarding opportunity please contact Lynne Slocombe on 9488 2530 for a detailed job description before applying. Closing date for applications is 26 February.

## TEAR-OFF

# PPP

At St Cecilia's The Triple P –  
**Positive Parenting Program**

Parents will need to register online at a later date for the September program however to decide if we offer a morning or evening session please complete the form below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ would prefer to attend a (*please tick*)

Morning

Evening session

of the Triple P positive parenting Program.