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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

Merciful God

You called us forth from the dust of the earth.
Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the
mark of ashes.

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

Have you had a look at "The Reflection" yet?
www.thereflection.vividas.com. It is easy to watch and
what the Bishops from around Australia have to say is
enlightening. At school we are offering parents a
chance to watch and discuss or just sit and listen if you
wish on Tuesday mornings in the library commencing
at 9.15am. Why don't you come along and try it.

Our Earthlings at St Cecilia's have a focus this term of
reducing rubbish, through introducing recycling at
school and having a rubbish free Thursday. Tomorrow
being Thursday we are asking children to take home
any rubbish from lunches that they have brought to
school. A suggestion is that parents reconsider how
they are packaging lunches and if possible reduce
packaging to a minimum.

To also reduce paper use by the end of Term 1 the
school newsletter will only be available online. This is
a common practice in most schools and definitely
more environmentally friendly. It is available from our
website www.scbdbb.catholic.edu.au

The information session regarding the formation of the
St Cecilia's School Board will be held on Tuesday
March 9th at 7pm in the school library. Parents who
may be interested in joining the board are very
welcome to attend.

In the parent calendar which is on the website parents
will have noticed the inclusion of some new events eg:
Italian Day (Nov 4th), Bookweek Celebration (Sept 2nd)
and Mother's Monday Yr 1, 5/6 only (May 24th). So as
to allow the possibility of new and exciting events to
occur it is necessary to change the calendar from year
to year. These events for 2010 promise to be
excellent learning experiences as well as enjoyable
community events. Father's Friday has remained
(March 26th Yr 2 & 4 only).

The OSHC parent committee meeting is to be held this
evening commencing at 7pm. The discussion will be
regarding any issues that may have arisen with the
commencement of the service.

Happy Hats for Haiti this Friday is a gold coin
fundraiser organised by SJ and SRC children. Please
do not purchase hats but any hat from home dressed
up with a little tinsel etc is sufficient!

Year 3 will lead us in prayer, at the Prayer Assembly
on Monday afternoon at 2.45pm and all are welcome
to attend.

Omnibus Glorificetur Deus
In all things may God be glorified

Mrs Suellen Garey
Principal

Staff Development Day
Pupil Free
Friday 12 March

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Year 1 class have been learning about Baptism
this term. Baptism is a celebration of initiation into
God's family, the Church. The students have learnt
that, like them, Jesus was baptised with water and
shows us how to live as children of God. The students
have learnt about the meaning of Baptism through a
study of the ritual actions and symbols used in their
own Baptism.

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

STORYTIME IN THE LIBRARY

We had our first storytime for preschoolers last Thursday afternoon. They enjoyed the stories and some borrowed a book to take home. Come along any Thursday afternoon from 2:30pm and join in the fun.

Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian

READ WITH ME

Congratulations to the following readers:

CLUB 25: Isabelle F, Anna F, William C, Jess C, Saige C, Chiara A, Lucy M, Peter V, Jatali B, Chloe P, Sabine R, Sienna L, Harrison C, Tasia L

CLUB 50: Genti M, Lucy H

Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian

DRAMA

Today all the children will be bringing home an envelope containing a newsletter, bill and entry form for the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod. Entries close on Monday next (1st March) so these entry forms must be posted off to the eisteddfod asap.

Any queries please contact me..

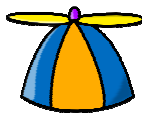
Mrs Collier, Drama Teacher



SPECIAL EVENTS

HAPPY HATS FOR HAITI 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.



COMMUNITY PRAYER

During Lent we are encouraged to pray, therefore community prayer will take place each Tuesday morning for the duration of Lent. The first session will be at 9:15am in the school library. During this time we will use "The Reflection" to pray. "The Reflection" has been developed by the Australian Catholic Bishops and uses the Lectio Divina model of prayer to reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel. Put this date in your diary and come and pray with us.

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

The first P&F Meeting for the year is coming up on Monday 1 March 7.30pm in the library.

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
- 2010 Fundraising Event, new Co-ordinator and new support Committee
- 2010 Yearbook, new Co-ordinator and new support network
- 2010 Sub-Committees Updates and diary dates

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

Thank you to all who contributed to our Harp Bucket at the Welcome Cocktail Party. We raised \$281 for Karuna. Please remember to take along the Harp Bucket to all our social events. The bucket is in the office. Thank you

Lisa W

CLASS PARENTS

This year we are lucky to have great interest in the role of class parents, with each class having either 3 or 4 volunteers.

The 2010 Class contact lists should be in circulation by now and planning for the first parent get together well underway.

Please feel free to contact your class parents if you have any questions or requests throughout the year.

- **Kinder:** M Lanchester, G Delany, O Fisk, C Kasalo
- **Yr 1:** V Stack, V Thompson, S MacGeachie
- **Yr 2:** L Carmody, K Rienecker, K Green, M Tetley
- **Yr 3:** J Murray, K Everett, A McGrath, C McArdle, S O'Neill
- **Yr 4:** G McKinnon, P Chiswell, S Carter, J Scholes
- **Yr 5/6:** S Brown, A Hardy, F Lee, A McKeown



THE CRUNCH CAFE

Today a list of frozen treats and snacks will be sent home. Please refer to this list to ensure your child has sufficient funds if they wish to buy from the canteen. It is often hard for volunteers to explain to younger children that we do not have items for sale under 40c.

Volunteers are needed to maintain our lunchtime service. If you can help from 12 – 2pm on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday please email crunchcafe@gmail.com with your preferred date/s. A return email will confirm your day. Sadly, if we have insufficient volunteers, the canteen will be closed on those days.

Once the Canteen has been fitted out and a full menu is implemented a roster for Term 2 will be drawn up.

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.

KINDER WELCOME MORNING TEA

When: Friday 26 February

Time: Around 9.00am (after school drop off)

Place: Colleen's House

Toddlers welcome. Hope to catch up with you on Friday!

Colleen, Orla, Georgina & Mia

MEALS ON WHEELS

Once per week, two parent volunteers from the school take two of the Yr 5/6 students to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Manly area.

Please note, pick up time for the Yr 5/6 students at school is now 11.45am in order to be at Meals on Wheels by noon: The schedule for the remainder of the term is as follows:

1 March	J Murray & J Rogers
8 March	K Everett & A McGrath
15 March	L Roberts & N Baird
22 March	P Chiswell & A Hardy
29 March	L Mallon & L Parkinson

Please contact J Murray if any issues with the schedule or for any new interested volunteers!

COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIONAL CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS AS OF 1 MARCH, 2010

ALL children from 0 to 7 years of age must be restrained in an approved child restraint whilst travelling in a motor vehicle. For more information visit rta.nsw.gov.au OR CALL 13 22 13

CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCES LTD

Important information about accident protection for students at St Cecilia's School

Dear Parent

Every day there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with the costs associated with those accidents, Catholic Education in association with Catholic Church Insurances Limited have developed the SchoolCare Children's Accident insurance program.

St Cecilia's School is pleased to be a part of this program and our School Activities Only policy provides protection to all children attending our school.

The School Activities Only policy includes cover for school camps, school sports (including sports out of school hours, as long as they are organised by the school), work experience, travelling to and from school or school activities. It also includes any activity

organised or authorised by the school. This includes before and after school care, if organised by the school. Cover is world-wide.

Our policy covers three important areas of care, any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas. It is important to note that the policy cannot cover any Medicare service including the Medicare gap. Cover includes:

1 Up to **\$5,000 inclusive per accident** for medical costs from the following registered medical practitioners:

- Dentist.
- Chiropractor.
- Osteopath.
- Physiotherapist.
- Remedial Massage.
- Podiatry.
- Acupuncture, and also costs from a
- Chemist and
- Hospital Accommodation and Facility Fees.

2 **Fixed amounts for defined events** – for example – when a child accidentally receives a broken nose the policy will pay a fixed amount of \$300. The full table of benefits lists all the defined events covered under this policy and the fixed amount payable. The full table of benefits is printable from www.ccinsurances.com.au.

3 **A number of other benefits:**

- Emergency transport.
- Home tuition.
- School Fee relief.
- Hospital Inconvenience Allowance.
- Nursing allowance.
- Professional Counselling Fees.

These are all limited to **specific amounts per accident**, specific amounts are detailed in the table of benefits.

Your child may have an accident so please cut out the information below and keep it on your fridge or in a handy place.

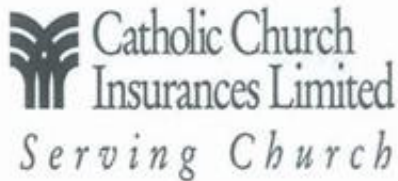
YOUR CHILD IS PROTECTED BY A
SCHOOLCARE ACCIDENT POLICY

Name of school: St Cecilians School
Policy number: 02.PAE.113363
Policy type: School Activities Only-Standard

Information If you have any questions please call the:
SchoolCare Accident Help Line on 1300 138 498

Make a claim You can print a claim form and the policy wording from
www.ccinsurances.com.au. Your child's school will need
to endorse the claim form prior to it being submitted. You
will need a Doctor's or Dentist's Certificate and copies of
accounts or invoices for any claimable expenses.

Please note: **Catholic Church Insurances SchoolCare cannot pay
for any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap**



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.