

# NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents

Life appears to pattern the ebb and flow of the tides. There are the letdowns and the hopes, the failures and successes, the hardships and the victories and the sorrows and the joys. In Lent this ebb and flow pattern of life becomes more acute. We anticipate a Resurrection but live now in the Passion.

**“Repent and seek to bear fruit that will last.”**

The “Triple P” parenting program will be held in the evenings as requested by the majority of parents. The dates are Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept commencing at 7pm at St Cecilia's Balgowlah. Online registration will be available closer to the set dates.

The information evening for the formation of a St Cecilia's School Board is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7pm in the library. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Our “Earthlings” Alexandra and Georgie, reported back to the school after “Rubbish Free Thursday” last week. They had collected data from 43 children on the day to find out if there had been a change in practise re the amount of plastic and wrapping being used. Their results included: 18- put something in worm farm, 7 didn't bring plastic in their lunches, 13 placed recess and lunch into the one container, 5 other responses. The earthlings did however collect a bag full of rubbish that had been thrown on the ground. It was wonderful to report that there was a significant reduction in the number of bins placed out for collection by the council. Tomorrow will again be Rubbish Free Thursday.

Please note that for security reasons parents and children are to use the gates in Seaview St or Wanganella St for entrance to the hall for Drama, Band and Tae Kwon do. Parents and children are not to use the door from the Wanganella St carpark. This door is to remain locked. It would be considerate of parents to realise that this car park is used by teachers and not to block it in the mornings.

Children who are interested in entering the “Catholic Worldview through the Lens of a Child” photo competition for children K-6 on the Peninsula do need parent permission for their entry. Categories include

people, places, animals and nature and entries must be submitted on a USB using jpeg format to school by Friday. Only one entry per child is accepted.

Good luck to the children who will represent St Cecilia's at the Peninsula Swimming carnival on Thursday this week. The team members are:  
Girls: T Brown, A Patrick-Dunn, G Ticehurst, A Hickey, J Amate, S Peters, A Walton, I Bryant, G Sweetnam, A Hillier, M Kasalo, S O'Connor, B Medway, C Hardy  
Boys: J Tetley, E Papamichael, C Amate, E Thompson, C Eaton, L Lung

Omnibus Glorificetur Deus  
In all things may God be glorified

Mrs Suellen Garey  
Principal

**Staff Development Day**  
**Pupil Free**  
**Friday 12 March**

## 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

### READ WITH ME

Congratulations to the following readers:

**CLUB 25:** C Sullivan, E Duncan, M O'Sullivan, C Robison, D Rochios, I Chapman, L Mattes, O Zalakos, R Watt, M Zalakos

**CLUB 50:** J Conners, W Collins, T Roberts, H Butler, S Roberts, N Stack, E Butler, A Smyth

**CLUB 75:** G Mattes

*Mrs Tyte, Teacher/Librarian*

### **CHESS**

There will be an opportunity for a small group of children to improve their Chess skills on Mondays at lunchtime. The class is open to children from Years 3 to 6 and the first to return the tear-off slip at the end of the Newsletter to the office will be accepted.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **COMMUNITY PRAYER**

During Lent we are encouraged to pray, therefore community prayer will take place each Tuesday morning for the duration of Lent. The sessions 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**

- Friday 26 March Father's Friday (Yr 2 and 4)



### **P&F NEWS**

Thank you to those who came along to our first P&F meeting for 2010. At this meeting we made decisions about the year to come. Please read the P&F sections of the newsletter to learn more. You might also like to keep an eye on your emails as we are trying to use this technology more! Below is listed a brief outline of decisions from the meeting. Minutes will be available via email.

1. School Disco 19 Nov
2. School Family Picnic Term 2 date to come
3. Entertainment Book to be distributed to all families to raise funds for a gift commemorating opening of new school building.
4. Class Parents to assist with the organization and collection of photos/text for their classes Yearbook pages.
5. Fundraising/Golf Committee will have representative/s from each class (not Class Parents).

*Lisa Watt*

### **2010 YEARBOOK NEWS**

This year we have a 'Committee' to support our Co-ordinator! Now we need a Co-ordinator or two! We need to have a Co-ordinator in the next couple of weeks or we will unfortunately be too late to organise a Yearbook for 2010.

Our Yearbook is about remembering the school year with lots and lots of photos and a small amount of text. The on-line program is VERY easy to use. It is a role which can be done at home on your computer. Previous Co-ordinators would be around to help.

With the help of our Class Parents this year, the Co-ordinator will be able to focus on collating the class photos and text about class excursions, class art, class activities, class bookwork, sporting and other co-curricular events.

### **2010 FUNDRAISING/GOLF NEWS**

It is time to talk fundraising! This year we will be back into fundraising mode! Of course times are still not what they were!

Last year we surveyed everyone and our Golf Day and Dinner were still the winning event....so book in Thursday 26 August. Manly Golf Course is still under renovations, but, like last year, that will not stop St Cecilia's Golf Enthusiasts!

We are very lucky to have a wealth of information, experience and a tried and true formula for our Golf Day/Dinner. Last year we introduced some new elements which were well received. This year we are aiming for the same, but with a little more focus on the fundraising aspect.

This year our Committee will have representatives from each class. Hopefully, this will allow for easy and fair distribution of tasks. This will also allow everyone to be involved in some way. The class representatives will be able to help divide up tasks for their class. The class reps are not the 'doers', they are the Class Co-ordinators! The class reps will meet with the Golf Co-ordinator.

We should try to have our Committee asap and start planning our day/dinner celebration. So, thank you to the parents who have already volunteered. Perhaps you and a friend could come on board!

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Our frozen treats and snacks are extremely popular and a full menu should be available from Term 2.

Volunteers are still needed 12.30pm – 1.30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you can help please email [crunchcafe@gmail.com](mailto:crunchcafe@gmail.com). A confirmation will be sent by return email.

### **Canteen Roster 12:15pm - 1:30pm**

Friday, 5 March - L Haertsch

Monday, 8 March - J Eaton

Wednesday, 10 March - V Stack

### **2009 YEARBOOK**

The yearbook for 2009 should hopefully be available before the end of Term 1. If you would like to order a copy or two, please complete the form in this newsletter and return to the school with payment

before. Cost per book is \$25, and can be paid with either cash or cheque made payable to St Cecilia's. Thanks.

**TEAR – OFF**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB -  
GROUNDWELL...THE FIRE THAT IGNITES**

Topic: Youth; Speakers: Paddy Mayoh and Sophie Kearns ,Director of Character Education at Loreto Kirribilli. 15 March 2010 at 7.30-9.00 pm at The Union Hotel Cnr Pacific H'wy & West St North Sydney. Enquiries to Michelle 9958 5963.

**BOOSHC VACATION CARE**

Brookvale Early Learning Centre vacation care program now available 9905 9564, 02 9939 0699  
Email: booshc@brookvaleELC.com.au  
Web: www.brookvaleELC.com.au

**OPEN DAY MONTE SANT' ANGELO MERCY  
COLLEGE** on **Sunday 21 March, 2010 from 9.30am-1.30pm** at 128 Miller Street, North Sydney. Come and see our wonderful learning facilities and grounds.

Chat with other students, staff and parents and see why Monte is currently ranked as NSW's top Catholic girls' school. For more information visit [www.monte.nsw.edu.au](http://www.monte.nsw.edu.au)

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**CHESS AT LUNCHTIME**



My child \_\_\_\_\_ would like to join the Chess group on Mondays at lunchtime.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2009 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM**

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ yearbook/s.

Enclosed: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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