



# St Cecilia's Catholic School, Balgowlah

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## School Prayer

At St Cecilia's Catholic School we are committed to learning together within an environment that reflects the Gospel values. God of Love, Bless our school. Teach us to respect others and your Creation. Encourage us to be our best. Inspire us to treat others the way we want to be treated. Lead us to help people in need. Be with us as we celebrate the many gifts you have given us. St Cecilia, pray for us

**Core Value:** *Respect*

**School Rule:** *Respect yourself, others and the environment*

**Scripture:** *"Each one of you is a part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace"* Colossians 3:15

**Story:** *The Ten Commandments*

**Weekly Behaviour Expectation:** *Be a good listener*

## Principal's News

Dear Parents

### SCHOOL APP

A reminder to parents to download our school app that is used from time to time to push out important notifications. Simply go to your app store, search for St Cecilia's Balgowlah and download the free app. After downloading the app don't forget to go to your settings to ensure you receive notifications - Settings/Notifications/ensure the Badge App Icon is turned on.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next week marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Schools Week is an important time to celebrate the sense of belonging within our school community and the launch of the enrolment period for 2019. Our open morning is planned for 14 March from 9:15am. We hope to welcome new prospective parents and students to our school as we opened classrooms and showcase the spiritual, academic and creative opportunities offered here at St Cecilia's. If you have a younger child ready to start school in 2019 it is important to collect an enrolment package from the office and return it at your earliest convenience.

Following our open morning Year 3 parents are invited to attend an open forum at 10.30am to give feedback regarding the flexible learning arrangements introduced Yr 3.

### POP UP PLAY

Our first Pop-Up-Play opportunity for 2018 will coincide with open morning on Wednesday 14 March. The group is open to all pre-schoolers and their parents. Pop-Up-Play is held in the Secret Garden. Thank you to Alison Westh and Liz Psychogios who will again coordinate the group. Dates for term 2 are Wednesday 9 May and Friday 15 June, 9am-10:15am in the Secret Garden.

### PARENT NETWORK MEETING

Our first general meeting for the Parent Network team is on Tuesday 6 March at 7pm. All parents K to 6 are encouraged to attend. We have a full agenda and lots of information for parents. The Parent Network Meeting is a great way to keep informed with what is happening around the school both socially and academically and offer constructive feedback to the school and the team.

### READING WORKSHOP KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 PARENTS TUESDAY 13 MARCH 7:30PM

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a workshop aimed at supporting you to help your child with reading at home. When parents and the school work together to assist students the child always benefits. Any parent with a Year 1 child or older who is struggling to get their child to read at home is also welcome to attend. We have intentionally made the meeting quite late as we are mindful of parents needing to attend to the normal bedtime routines of young children and would like as many parents to attend as possible.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Last Monday Georgia Gibson, Rachel Macri and Catherine Doyle attended **Cultures of Thinking, Community of Practice** a professional learning opportunity funded by the Diocese. At St Cecilia's we have been implementing the *Cultures of Thinking* practice across all key learning areas for the past three years. We are very mindful of a K to 6

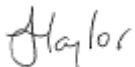
approach in teaching and learning. This was an opportunity for the girls to be inducted into the practice. The girls also attended *Ob Survey* training last Friday. *Ob Survey* is an assessment tool for early literacy.

Last year Gabrielle Williams attended EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) training. This year Angela Pelling will attend the training. That brings the number of EMU specialists presently on staff to five, Damien O'Brien, Nick Dowler, Gabrielle Williams, Angela Pelling and myself. These teachers will co teach with other staff to ensure the practice is consistent across the school. Damien O'Brien, Nikki Delrennie and I will also attend a mathematical course, Encouraging Persistence, Maintaining Challenge (EPMC) aimed at our senior students.

Damien O'Brien will continue to attend numeracy network meetings and Stephanie Harding the literacy professional learning meetings.

All teachers will receive professional learning in Literacy on Tuesday 3 April. **This will be a Pupil Free Day.** This Pupil Free Day comes at the end of the Easter break giving families an extra day to get back into Sydney and avoid the Easter traffic. The children will return to school on Wednesday 4 April.

In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus  
In all things may God be Glorified.



Fran Taylor  
Principal

## Religious Education



### YEAR 2: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE:

#### 'Jesus Shows Me How to Love'

In this module, students will explore how Jesus is the model for Christian love. They will learn that love was very important to the people of Jesus' time who followed the Law of Moses by loving God and other people (neighbour). Students will then explore how Jesus put a new emphasis on the understanding of love. Jesus' new commandment "*Love one another as I have loved you*" emphasises the call to love for Jesus' disciples and for us as well. Children will learn that Jesus' way of loving calls us to put into action our love. Especially, we should always love those who are poor and marginalised.

### 'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our first 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the year was last Sunday. Thank you to the Stage 3 students and their families for their prayerful participation in the Mass.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The weekend masses were also an opportunity to acknowledge the students who are preparing for their First Reconciliation. These students participated in the **Ritual of the Cross**, receiving a crucifix as a symbol of their continuing relationship with Jesus.

**PRAYER ASSEMBLY:** We are looking forward to celebrating our first Prayer Assembly for 2018. It will be held on **Monday 5 March** in the church. **Year 4** will be leading the assembly and sharing some of their learning experiences in Religious Education. The assembly will begin at **2:30pm** in the church.

### HEAVEN ON EARTH-PARENT REFLECTION MORNING

*Walking Justly: What fuels our sense of service & justice? And how do we encourage this in our children?*

Parents are invited to a morning of reflection and discussion: Thursday 15 March, 9am in the library. See attached invitation for further information.

### CELEBRATING LENT

Parents may find the following resources helpful.

[Families and Lent - Acts of Love and Sacrifice](#)

40 suggestions for putting Lent into practice at home and deepen your family's faith one day at a time.

[Stations of the Cross for Families](#)

An opportunity for families to reflect on how each of The Stations can be applied to our daily lives and for family conversation around important life and relationship issues.

### 'GOOD SAM DAY'-WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH - 'Acts of Service towards Justice'

In support of the Caritas *Project Compassion* program, our 'Good Sam Day' for this term will be a day of service towards justice. The theme for Project Compassion 2018 is "*For a Just Future.*"

On our 'Good Sam Day' the students will be encouraged to provide an 'Act of Service' for a family member or classmate.

In addition to this, the students will hear about the story of Rattanak from Cambodia <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-2-rattanak> and learn about the needs of people with hearing impairments. The students will be taught some simple sign language.

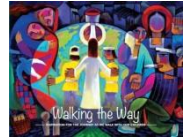
Throughout Lent, students will be encouraged to donate to Project Compassion. Our Social Justice leaders will complete a weekly tally to track the school's fundraising progress.

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY GIFT FUNDRAISER-FRIDAY 16 MARCH**

Friday 16 March—Wear a touch of green and bring a gold coin donation towards the GIFT program.

### **WALKING THE WAY**

Walking the Way is a school-based initiative in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, designed to encourage parents in their sacred task of accompanying their children on their journey with God. There are four elements: Book & video / E-Bulletin / Parent gatherings / Annual retreat. Click here to view Lent 3 Year B <http://walkingtheway.dbbco.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



## **School News**

### **UPCOMING DATES**

#### **March**

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Clean Up Australia Day  
 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Week commences  
           2.30pm Prayer Assembly Yr 4  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm P&F General meeting  
 Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Good Sam Day  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Yr 6 Leaders Mass  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Broken Bay Swim Carnival at Mingara  
 Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Reading Workshop 7.30pm  
 Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 9.15 – 11am Open Morning  
           9 – 10.15am Pop Up Play  
           10.30am Yr 3 Parent forum  
 Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 9am Heaven on Earth in the Library  
 Fri 16<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day GIFT Fundraiser  
 Mon 19<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly  
 Sun 25<sup>th</sup> FCG Mass Yr 4

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 9 – 9.30am Open to Learning morning  
 Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Cross Country and Holy Week Liturgy  
 Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

#### **April**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday  
 Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Resurrection Liturgy & Prayer  
           Assembly – Stage 3  
 Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff Development Day – Pupil free  
 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Core Value Assembly  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Yrs 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 1  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 commences



### *Invitation*

## **Walking Justly**

**What fuels our sense of service & justice?  
 And how do we encourage this in our children?**

Mrs Fran Taylor & Mrs Nikki Delrennie invite you to a parent reflection morning.  
 An opportunity to stop and reflect on what it means to accompany our children in their journey of life, love and faith.

Join us as we recharge our parental energies with quiet reflection, interactive discussion, engaging resources, coffee and conversation. Treat yourself! And take home some practical parenting tips to continue the journey.

#### **DETAILS**

**When:** Thursday 15 March 2018  
**Time:** 9am—11am  
**Where:** St Cecilia's School, Balgowlah (library)  
**RSVP:** [nikki.delrennie@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nikki.delrennie@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

*Life is a journey. It is not an event that happens all at once. Life unfolds, step by step, day by day...*  
*God walks with us, as we walk with our children.*





## WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 4	Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Mia O	Hudson V and Miranda C
KW:	Ella S	Natalie E and Austin B
Yr 1B:	Madeleine A	Cassidy M and Louis V
Yr 1W:	Joshua P	Thomas S and Mia H
Yr 2B:	Joshua S	Luisa A and Lachlan F
Yr 2W:	Scarlett H	Mieka M and Lachlan S
Yr 3:	Rory F and Josephine B	Molly W, Giles W, Lyla R-D and Nicholas G
Yr 4:	Aisha K	Alex D and Sophie P
Yr 5/6	Elise B & Charlotte F	Madeleine E, Brigitte W, Eva T

## DRAMA

Gentle reminder – entries to the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod close tomorrow, Thursday 1 March. Go to the eisteddfod website for instructions in how to enter online.

*Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher*

## Student Voice

### FAMILY COME GATHER MASS

On Sunday 25 February we celebrated our first Family Come Gather Mass for 2018. The theme of the Mass was reconciliation and reconnecting to God throughout Lent. This Mass was hosted by the Stage 3 students and their families. In addition to Stage 3, many of our Year 3 students were present at the Mass for their Ritual of the Cross. This is part of their First Reconciliation preparation. They received a crucifix as a symbol of their continuing relationship with Jesus. This is what a couple of the Year 3 students thought about the experience:



*Elizabeth C:* I felt excited that I was going up to get my reconciliation cross. I am excited to make my reconciliation. I think reconciliation is when I say sorry for all the bad things I have done in the past.

*Jake C:* I felt excited to go up and get my reconciliation cross. I'm excited to make my reconciliation on 24 March. I think reconciliation is a forgiveness day.

## Parent Network News

As a reminder, **on 6 March we will hold our P&F General Meeting at 7pm in the school library.** We encourage you all to attend.

### VOLUNTEERING 2018

#### **Volunteering Process**

By now, everyone will have received information on our **NEW Volunteering Process for 2018** including all events and other opportunities. We strongly encourage all families to consider how they can volunteer **at least once each term** - this may just be 1-2 hours per family, but added up, means we are all contributing to our vibrant community here at St Cecilia's.

#### **Good Sam Day**

We are recognising **Good Sam Day** this term by encouraging “**acts of service**” for others. At times life seems too busy to even think about what we could do for others, so here are some simple ideas:

- For children little things like tidying your room or setting the table without being asked can make Mum or Dad smile. Or at school asking someone to play if they are sitting in the “friendship spot”.
- For parents even the simplest offer of a cup of tea or taking the kids for a walk so the other person can have a break can really make someone else's day.



In the spirit of serving others and reflecting on the story of **Rattanak from Cambodia**, which focuses on the needs of people with hearing impairments, students will be taught some simple sign language in the classroom. We encourage you to read the story <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-2-rattanak> and speak with your children at home.

#### **GIFT: Giving in Faith Together**

**What is it?** GIFT is a local outreach program, founded by a group of St Cecilia's mums in 2013 and sponsored mainly by our North Harbour Parish. Its mission is to raise awareness of the hidden struggles of some of our neighbours on the Northern Beaches and to offer opportunities for the community to provide support in a spirit of respect, compassion and generosity.



**How does it work?** Regular cook-offs are held at our Parish Centre in Manly Vale. Simple nutritious recipes are provided and all ingredients are delivered to the kitchen. **Cook-offs are held Monday evenings or daytime. It takes approximately 2 - 2.5 hours to prepare around 100 meals**, they are frozen and collected on Fridays by the Link Community Food Care Program at Cromer and supplied free of charge to families in need.

**How can YOU help?** Every year, parents of the St Cecilia's community get together to do a cook off. Below are the dates and times for your year group for terms 1 and 2, along with the name of your GIFT

Coordinator:

- Kindy: Monday 26 June 6pm - 9pm (Christine Boys)
- Year 1: Monday 5 March 6pm - 9pm (Derville Peach)
- Year 2: Monday 28 May 6pm - 9pm (Gillian Hopkins, Jo Johnston)
- Year 3: Monday 19 March 9am - 12noon (Evelyn Paterson)
- Year 4: Monday 14 May 6pm - 9am (Annette Paddison)
- Year 5/6: Monday 30 April 9am - 12noon (Jodi Castellan, Mel Nunn, Majella Brady)

**Please volunteer for this important social justice initiative, no cooking expertise required! Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>**

### BOOK CLUB

Thank you for all your book orders this month. Books have been ordered and will be delivered to school next week.

### UNIFORMS FEEDBACK

Sheridan Millward has kindly taken on the role of VP Hope - her remit will involve amongst other things, establishing a uniform liaison process with Pickles. As part of this we would love any feedback that you have. Please direct all issues to Sheridan Millward [smillward09@gmail.com](mailto:smillward09@gmail.com), who will be liaising directly with Fran and Pickles.

### YEARBOOK

If you take photos at school events, please send them to [scb.pf.photos@gmail.com](mailto:scb.pf.photos@gmail.com). If possible, please ensure that the photos are of good quality or are edited.

### CLASS KITTY COLLECTION

The Class Gift Kitty Collection is how we collect funds to acknowledge, celebrate, or commemorate events of class families, students, and teachers.

We adopted a new process in 2017, and due to its success, we've brought it back for 2018! Here are the details you need to know:

#### ***How does it work?***

At the beginning of the academic year, each family in the class is asked to contribute an amount of up to \$20 per child through QKR, the app we use for all school related payments. *Please note the gift is voluntary and there is no obligation to participate.*

During the school year, the class parents, on behalf of other parents in the class, will coordinate the following gifts as appropriate:

- Gifts to celebrate the arrival of a new baby of a class family or other major life event
- Teacher(s) and staff gifts for birthdays plus end of year gifts (*This aligns with the Diocese Gift and Hospitality Policy*)
- Funds can also be used as appropriate to purchase gifts for families experiencing a bereavement or family illness

#### ***When should I contribute?***

QKR is now open for collections to be made by year to be used for gifts during the year. Logon to QKR under Parent Network payments.

1. Download QKR and register (if you already haven't done so)
2. Open QKR
3. Click St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School
4. Click under Parent Network- Parent network payments
5. Find your year's class parent gift collection
6. Add to cart- Confirm and pay

If you wish to provide gifts privately, please note that all staff are unable to accept gifts that are over \$75 in value as part of their terms of employment. This is common to many organisations employment terms these days. In addition, all gifts need to be declared.



The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click [here](#)

#### Upcoming Roster

Fri 2 March: Jo Matthews and Janelle Manchee

Mon 5 March: Sandi Ayliffe

Wed 7 March: Janelle Manchee and Judy Berenger

Fri 9 March: Kasia Kosmala and Rosey McGrath-Soberg

### Community News

#### **MATER MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

Thursday 8 March from 4 – 7pm. Please click [here](#) for detailed information.

#### **ST AUGUSTINES OPEN DAY**

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#### **STELLA MARIS COLLEGE MANLY OPEN EVENING**

Wednesday 14 March 4pm – 7.30pm. 52 Eurobin Ave Manly [www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au) . Click [here](#) for more information.

#### **ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN EVENING**

Wednesday 28 February 4 – 7pm. Click [here](#) for information.

[www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au)

#### **MONTE SANT' ANGELO OPEN DAY**

Sunday 11 March 9.30am – 1.30pm. 128 Miller St North Sydney

[www.monte.nsw.edu.au](http://www.monte.nsw.edu.au)



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Come and celebrate the Ladies of the 80's with us, **Saturday 10th March**.  
Balgowlah RSL will be hosting a special Veuve Clicquot Champagne tasting and light dinner as a pre-party before our **Ladies of the 80's Tribute Show**.

Bring the girls, dress up in your best 80's outfit, crimp your hair and get that blue eyeshadow out for a night of singing, dancing, laughs and Veuve Clicquot! Best dressed prizes to be won.

**Tickets:**  
Show only \$30 Members  
\$35 Non-members

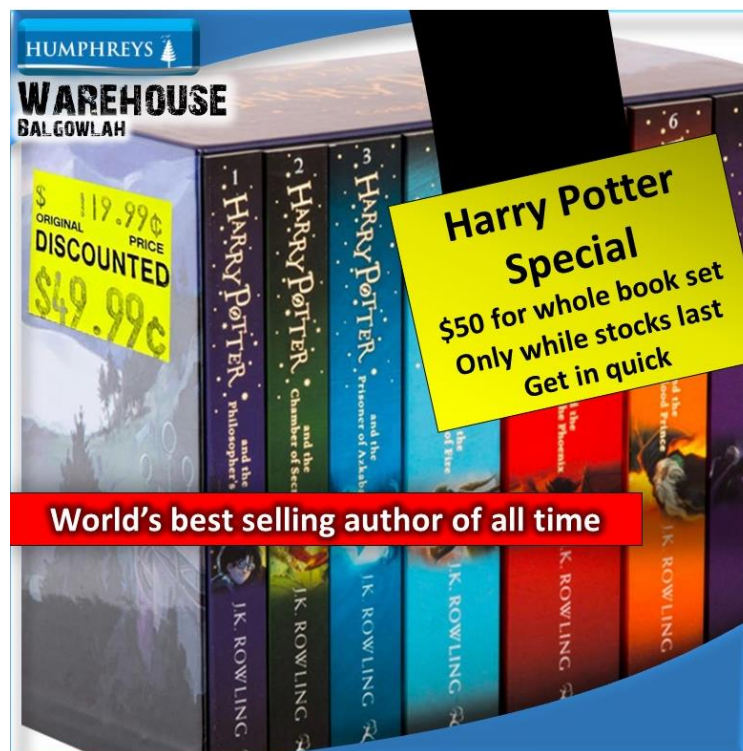
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