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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: *Safe and Caring Hands*

Principal's News

Dear Parents

Our year appears to be off to a great start. From time to time children have settling problems. The best thing you can do for your child is keep the morning routine calm. Children love to be grown up and independent. Have your child at school no later than 8:45am so that they can join assembly as soon as the bell goes in the morning. This will reduce anxiety associated with joining a group that is already settled. If problems continue please refer to your class teacher.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Today the children all attended Ash Wednesday Mass and received the ashes, a symbol of God's love for us. Ash Wednesday officially begins the Lenten Season. The ashes are a reminder to listen to the teachings of the Gospel and strive to live as Jesus has taught us.

WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY

This Saturday we will continue our welcome to the 2018 school year. All families new and existing along with staff are invited to attend our Welcome Cocktail Party to be held in the school grounds beginning at 7pm.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018

Important dates for 2018 have now been up loaded onto the webpage [here](#). Please be aware at times dates may need to change eg School Photos have now moved to 29 August as the only dates available for Stage 3 school camp clashed with our original date. Also the date of our Cross Country went in twice. The correct date is Thursday 29 March. This will involve all students K to 6.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2018 School Swimming Carnival for Years 2 - 6 is on Monday 19 February, at Manly Swimming Centre Balgowlah Road, Manly. On-line entry forms and permission notes can be accessed via this [link](#). If you have not entered your child into an event it is import to do so now. Children not entered into an event cannot enter on the day as the online form doubles as permission from the parent for the child to enter the water. Without this consent prior to the carnival we cannot let your child enter the water. The carnival will run from 9:00 – 11:30am. **Parents transport their own children to the pool.** At the conclusion of the swimming carnival, buses will transport children back to school. Ribbons will be awarded later in the week once the overall 50 metre event winners (not for the winners of heats) have been determined based on times collected. Children watching the winter Olympics will understand this concept. Please take the time to explain this to your child to avoid disappointment on the day. Please note: **Kindergarten and Year 1 do not attend the carnival.** They will attend school as usual.

Finally just a reminder for the safety of our children we ask parents to not bring coffee cups (even with safety lids) onto our school grounds. The movement of children is very unpredictable and burns are a severe injury.

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

Fran Taylor
Principal

YEAR 4: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: 'God's Forgiveness and Healing'

This module explores both the sacrament of Penance where we celebrate reconciliation with God, with ourselves and with each other and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick which heals, frees and prepares us to continue our journey of life towards God. Students will acknowledge that sometimes in relationships there is hurt which requires healing and forgiveness. Students will retell stories of forgiveness and healing in the New Testament. Students will recall the ways, in which the Church helps them to forgive and to be forgiven, and gives, peace and courage to those who are ill, suffering, or frail through old age.



WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Year 4 will celebrate mass with the parish next Wednesday, 21 February. This Mass starts promptly at **9:00am**. Parents are invited to attend.

Thank you to the parents who joined us this morning for our Ash Wednesday Mass. It was a wonderful celebration to mark the beginning of Lent.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our first 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the year is **Sunday 25 February**. Stage 3 will be involved in this Mass.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Our first Prayer Assembly 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

First Reconciliation

Many of our students are participating in our 2018 First Reconciliation program. The children and their parents are attending Family Group Sessions around the parish during February and March and will celebrate their First Reconciliation later this term. We pray for the children and their families.

CELEBRATING LENT

Parents may find the following resources helpful.

Families and Lent - Acts of Love and Sacrifice

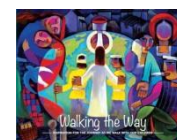
40 suggestions for putting Lent into practice at home and deepen your family's faith one day at a time.

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.

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 1 Year B <http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



School News

UPCOMING DATES

February

Sat 17th Welcome Cocktail [Party](#)
 Mon 19th 9 am – 11:30am Swim Carnival at Manly
 Sun 25th FCG Mass Stage 3
 Tues 27 Yr 3 Boys to St Paul's
 School Advisory Committee meeting
 Wed 28th Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

March

Sun 4th Clean Up Australia Day
 Mon 5th Catholic Schools Week commences
 2.30pm Prayer Assembly Yr 4
 Tues 6th 7pm P&F General meeting
 Wed 7th Good Sam Day
 Thurs 8th 9.30am Yr 6 Leaders Mass

Thurs 8th Broken Bay Swim Carnival at Mingara
 Wed 14th 9.30 – 11am Open Morning
 Thurs 15th 9am Heaven on Earth in the Library
 Mon 19th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly
 Sun 25th FCG Mass Yr 4
 Wed 28th 9 – 9.30am Open to Learning morning
 Thurs 29th Cross Country and Holy Week Liturgy
 Fri 30th Good Friday

April

Mon 2nd Easter Monday
 Tues 3rd Staff Development Day – Pupil free

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



| Week 2 | Respect Core Value | Merits |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| KB: | Charlotte C | Lewis W and Holly A |
| KW: | Justine A | Zander E and Asha K |
| Yr 1B: | Samuel S | Rebecca W and Hudson B |
| Yr 1W: | Isabella B | Elsie M and Jessica O |
| Yr 2B: | Harrison L | Magnus S and Stirling M |
| Yr 2W: | Lucia B | Frances L and Willow B |
| Yr 3: | Thomas A | Leo K and Jessana B |
| Yr 4: | Luca C | Taylor R and Ollie N |
| Yr 5/6 | Francesca B | Brigitte W and Phoebe L |

Student Voice

CEREMONY OF LIGHT AND BUDDIES

Last Friday we had our Opening School Mass and Ceremony of Light. In the ceremony we welcomed all new students from K-6 and all new staff members. There was a special candle given to the new students and teachers to symbolise the light of Christ and to show that they are the light. There was a special ceremony for our new Student Representative Council leaders. They received a class candle and badge. These students participate in student council meetings and support the Social Justice team. There were also captain badges handed out to all the Year Six leaders who pledged to lead our school community through Respect, Justice, Service, Hope and Celebration. It was a wonderful celebration to begin our school year.

Emilie and Brigitte



Parent Network News

PARENT NETWORK NEWS

We can't wait to see you all at the **Welcome Cocktail Party** this Saturday, 17 February. Please RSVP via the following link. The deadline for RSVP's is today!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ3dxYH_O1MtuAD0nkMWDD-hQCihNl1P-7rfV-5qw6zZYJ2g/viewform

Also, in the spirit of volunteering and per the email sent last Tuesday, please remember that outside of Kindy, each year is responsible for bringing a dish to serve 20 on a disposable plate. Here is the breakdown:

- Year 1 - Baked delights - Spring rolls, quiche, mini pizza, pies, etc.
- Year 2 - Entrees/Appetisers - Chips and dips, canapés style finger food, etc.
- Year 3 - Cold platters - Sushi, deli meats, pickles, etc.
- Year 4 - Fruit and Cheese platters
- Year 5/6 - Sweets e.g. bite sized sweet treats, rum balls, mini brownies, chocolate strawberries etc.

Please ensure there are no nuts in any dishes to accommodate allergies and avoid contamination in the kitchen.

On 6 March we will hold our **P&F General Meeting**. We encourage you all to attend – especially new families.

TECH NEEDS

We need your talent! Is there a parent out there who can help us with web programming? If you could, please email Jamie Castaldo jamiecastaldo@gmail.com, that'd be great!

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club catalogues were sent home with your kids on Monday. Please order online by 21 February. Books will be delivered 10 days after that to school. Any questions please reach out to Emma Trueman emtrueman@gmail.com or Emma Burton emma.burton@rocketmail.com.

YEARBOOK

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

CLASS KITTY COLLECTION – A Reminder!

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 16 Feb: Christine Boys and Rebecca Cuschieri
Mon 19 Feb: Canteen open
Wed 21 Feb: Alison Westh and grandmother
Fri 23 Feb: Sandi Ayliffe and Nadine Meehan

YOGA

Yoga classes at St Cecilia's are run by *Be Happy Yoga* on Monday mornings from 7.45am in the school hall. Does your child suffer from anxiety or stress? Do they have difficulties regulating their emotions or controlling their moods? Or even have problems with their focus and concentration? Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation has been proven to have huge positive benefits for children. It teaches children to connect with themselves by becoming more self-aware and also how to interact with other children in a positive, fun, playful learning environment.

Our classes focus on movement, poses, yoga games, partner poses, mindfulness activities, breath awareness techniques and relaxation. Term 1 2018 classes commence Week 3 Monday 12 February, 2018.

When: Monday morning Time: 7:45am - 8:30am

Dates: Commencing in week 3 - 10 (8 weeks) Price: \$120 (8 classes)

www.behappyyoga.com.au | <https://www.facebook.com/behappyyoga.org> | angelatonkin@behappyyoga.com.au

Are you preparing your child for success in the 'Asian Century' by learning Chinese? Facts: **Mandarin Chinese is the world's most spoken language** with 1 in every 5 people in the world speaking it, and the second most spoken language in Australia; in NSW primary schools, Chinese is the most popular LOTE program; China is Australia's largest trading partner; and **learning Chinese enhances cognitive capabilities by using both sides of the brain** (whilst most other languages only use the left side of the brain)!

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- Fun, multi-sensory learning through games and hands-on activities;
- Clever mnemonics for remembering pronunciation and characters;
- Small classes for maximum engagement and participation;
- Cultural enrichment through Chinese festival celebrations;
- Multimedia online learning for additional practice at home;
- Support and feedback to parents including student reports;
- Team of professional teachers who are experienced and passionate.





Year 7 2019 Academic and Performing Arts Scholarships

Applications close
on 21 February 2018

Details and application forms can
be downloaded from the website

Please contact the Registrar,
Kerrie Dudley at
registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
for further information

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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,
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Tickets:

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

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\$85 members | \$90 non-members

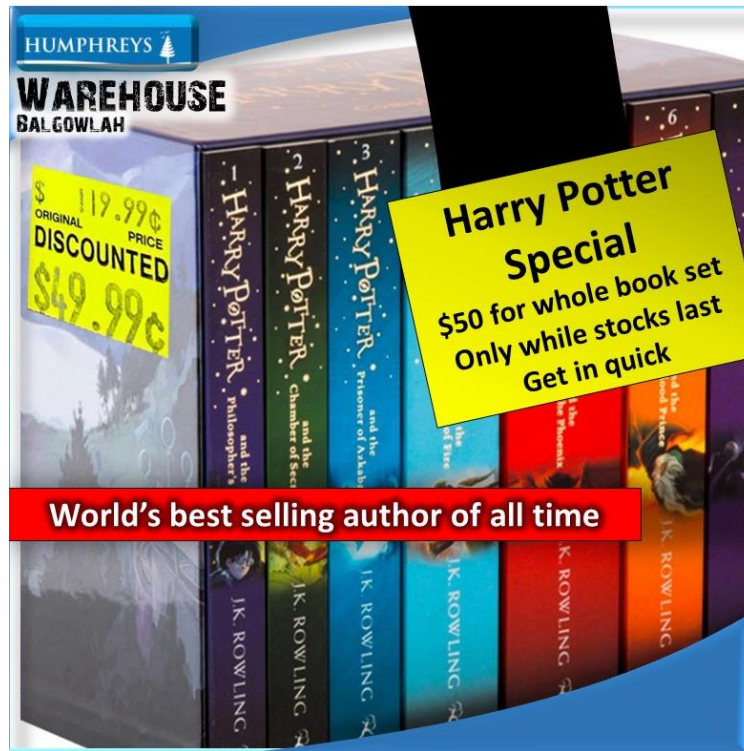
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