



# 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:** *All rubbish in the bin*

## Principal's News

### Dear Parents

I hope you have had a restful Easter break. The children have returned refreshed and excited to be back.

### TEACHERS AIDE YEAR 1 AND YEAR 4

Mrs Debra Trim has been employed to work in the Year 1 and 4 classrooms this year. Due to the large numbers in these classes they attract an allowance for a part time teacher's aide. Year 1 attracts extra support for each child over 27 in the class whilst Year 4 receives support for each child over 30. Year 4 will receive three and a half hours per week whilst the younger grades are given fifteen hours per week between them. Whilst the class teacher sets the learning program, the assistant supports with the delivery of the program, preparing the resources needed as well as supporting students particularly in English and Mathematics to access the learning or extending them beyond class expectations.

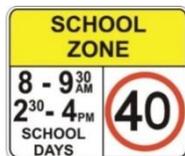


### CORE VALUE ASSEMBLY

The recipients of our Core Value Award for RESPECT will be announced at our assembly on Monday 9 April. The children who receive the award exemplify the scripture *'each of you is part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace.'* Colossians 3:15. The award ceremony begins at 2:30pm in the church.

### END OF TERM

The last day of term 1 is Friday 13 April. Children will break for a 2 week holiday period. Term 2 commences on Monday 30 April. Due to our unpredictable weather, on their return to school parents are able to choose to send their children in either full winter uniform or full summer uniform until 21 May. Monday 21 May will be the official date for all children to wear full winter uniform. We ask parents to please ensure the children do not mix the two uniforms eg if boys are wearing long pants they also need to wear a long sleeved shirt with a tie.



A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that School Zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

### ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open. It is time for families with siblings ready to start school next year to complete an enrolment form and return it to the office at your earliest convenience

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

**Fran Taylor**  
Principal

Our Stage 3 students presented a **RESURRECTION LITURGY** this afternoon. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection as a story of 'new life' and of our joyful calling to go out into the world to spread God's peace.



### YEAR 3: LENT TO EASTER MODULE

In this module students will explore the themes of Lent and Easter in a creative and integrated way. Through participation and involvement in the module as well as in whole school Lent and Easter activities and celebrations the students will explore how Jesus reached out to others through his relationships, actions, feelings, healing, lifestyle and word.

Further, students will recall the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, as well as exploring the Easter Vigil ceremony and will gain an awareness of the stories, actions and symbols of Lent and Easter. Through participating in the Church's re-enactment of these events the students will become acutely aware of the intense, all consuming love that Jesus had for the Father and reflect on how and why Catholics are called to remember and celebrate Jesus' Passover from death to new life each time Eucharist is celebrated.



Finally, students will find that by exploring the gospel accounts of Jesus' Resurrection they will be able to relate the Resurrection to their own experiences of 'new life' and in turn, how this is related to the Church's celebration of the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising in the liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter season. In particular students will study John's joyful recount of Jesus' appearance to the disciples and the command he gives to them to go out into the world to spread his Father's peace.

### WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Year **1B** will participate in Parish Mass on Wednesday **11 April**. All parents are welcome to join us.

### 'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our next **Families Come Gather** Mass will be **Sunday 27 May**. Year **3** students and their families will be involved in this Mass. Information regarding the Mass will be sent out to families early next term.

### CORE VALUE ASSEMBLY

Our Core Value Assembly for Term 1 will held on **Monday 9 April at 2:30pm**. Students receiving the Core Value Award for Respect will be acknowledged at this assembly.

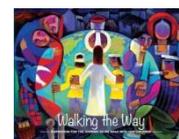
### RECONCILIATION

Stage 3 students will be attending Reconciliation this Friday 6 April. We are fortunate to have a number of priests to celebrate this sacrament with our students.

HEAVEN ON EARTH—SAVE THE DATE—Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

### 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 Easter 2 Year B <http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



## School News

### UPCOMING DATES

#### **April**

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Millie Smith Uniforms Pop Up Shop  
 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> Chess (make-up lesson for 3/4/18)  
 Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 1  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 commences  
 2.30pm ANZAC Service & Assembly 3W

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> ICAS Digital Technologies  
 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Northern Beaches Cross Country  
 9 – 10:15am Pop Up Play  
 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 2:30pm Prayer Assembly – 1B  
 Full winter uniform  
 Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> da Vinci Decathlon  
 Sun 27<sup>th</sup> FCG Mass Year 3  
 Tues 29<sup>th</sup> ICAS Science  
 Broken Bay Cross Country

#### **May**

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm Drama Presentation  
 Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Monday

**VACATION CARE:** The Autumn 2018 School Holiday Activities brochure from Northern Beaches Council is now available from the reception area near the school office.

## WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Students may return to school in Term 2 in either full summer or full winter uniform, not a mixture of both. All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 21 May.

## CHESS

As yesterday was a Staff Development Day there will be a make-up Chess lesson on Thursday 12 April.

## TENNIS

Hot Shot Tennis with High Performance Tennis Coach Bryanne Crabb is back for Term 2

I've had to scale back to two mornings a week because of prior commitments so I can only do Monday and Friday mornings 7.45-8.30am. Racquets / equipment provided

Please email Bryanne directly with any questions [bryannecrabb@gmail.com](mailto:bryannecrabb@gmail.com)

## Student Voice

### HOLY WEEK

The Holy Week Liturgy is when the whole school and parents gather together to commemorate Jesus' death and reflect on why he died for us. Every class contributed to an event that happened when Jesus was sentenced to death. While this happened, the whole school learnt about Jesus and all the things he had done for us. This was important because as Catholics we need to understand Jesus' message and how we can apply it to our own lives. As Stage 3 students, we feel fortunate to be able to lead this liturgy.



## Parent Network News

### FUN IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Year 4's and their parents spent a wonderful Saturday afternoon recently exploring the Harbour by kayak as part of a fun get-together outside of school. It was a great community-building activity organised by our class parents and supported by Shannon O'Brien and Kate Lovelace (parents Year 4) from Sydney Harbour Kayaks down at The Spit.

Thanks to Sydney Harbour Kayaks who continually support our school and fundraising efforts.



### MILLIE SMITH UNIFORM SHOP

**Firstly**, a big thank you to all who have signed up via sign up genius to support the opening of the Millie Smith Pop Up Shop! If you've not signed up, please have a look and see if you can give up one hour of your time at school pick up on a Friday. It's fun and a great way to meet other parents!  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille>

**Secondly**, if you are looking to buy pre-loved uniforms, our next Millie Smith Uniform Shop open day will be this Friday 6 April 2:30-3:30pm. Cash only or via QKR! Proceeds raised from the sale of pre-loved uniforms during Term 1 will be donated to a North Harbour Parish Social Justice

initiative which our school supports, GIFT.

**Lastly**, if you are donating, please remember to bring in your clean pre-loved uniforms to the school office. Please do not donate uniform items which are no longer current. The Mille Smith Pop up Shop is located behind the canteen/ off the Camp Australia area.

### GIFT: Giving in Faith Together

Here are the GIFT cook-off dates for the remainder of the term:

Kindy: Monday 26 June 6pm - 9pm (Christine Boys)

Year 2: Monday 28 May 6pm - 9pm (Gillian Hopkins, Jo Johnstone)

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>**

### HEAVEN ON EARTH: Reflection Mornings for Parents

Join us for quiet reflection, interactive discussion, coffee and conversation.

#### **Save the Dates for 2018:**

Friday 22 June, 9-11am

Friday 14 September, 9-11am

Friday 30 November, 9-11am

### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2018 – Reminder!**

Do you, or someone you know, have a business that our school parents need to know about? Sponsorship or prize donations are a great way to get your company name out there with the parent community. As one of our Community Partners you can promote your business or services regularly to parents through our newsletter and also our Facebook group SCB Hub. Plus, you could see your name up in lights at our annual Gala Dinner later this year. And needless to say you'll be helping our school and our kids in the process!

Similarly, if you are already one of our Community Partners – and we have some great ones from skincare to takeaway food, car servicing and office supplies – please keep in contact with our school parents via SCB Hub.

### **EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION**

Thanks to all of those who participated in the LJ Hooker Balgowlah Colouring Competition! Winners will be announced on 5 April!



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

#### Upcoming Roster

Fri 6 April: Sarah McDermott  
Mon 9 April: Louise Gilmartin and Kirsty Smidt  
Wed 11 April: Nadine Meehan and Susie Warren  
Fri 13 April: Johanne Little

### **Parish News**

#### **BAPTISM OF YOUNG CHILDREN PROGRAM**

Is your child interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like your child to become a Catholic and participate in the 2018/2019 Children's Sacramental Program?

Our **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7yrs – 11yrs)** will be offered in **Term 2 2018 on Sunday 6, 20 and 27 May**. The program can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> under the Sacramental Program – Additional Resources tab

#### **2018 – 2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN YR2 (AND OLDER) – KEY DATES**

Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2018/2019 program are reminded that the program will commence with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 8 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 9 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey. Please note it is not necessary to attend this meeting if parents have had a child participate in the program in 2016 or 2017.

**ENROLMENT FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** on **Tuesday 5 June between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the St Kieran's Parish Centre**. All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in. **Confirmation Parent Information Meeting** on either **Tuesday 19 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 20 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

All documentation including the Program, Photo Card and Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> and from the back of both Churches.

*Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister, Catholic Community of North Harbour*

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