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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:** **Hope**

**School Rule:** Be positive and contribute

**Scripture:** With God all things are possible - *Matt 19:26*

**Story:** Parable of Talents: Have a go and try to do your best

## Principal's News



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You are invited to join us for the  
**Feast of St Cecilia**  
Celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school

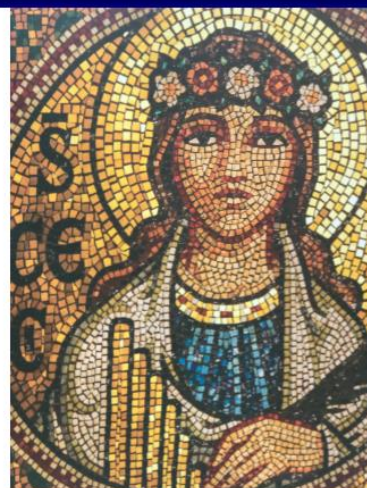
**Friday 22 November 2019**

9:15am—12pm

at

**St Cecilia's Catholic School Balgowlah**

Whole school Mass followed by Morning Tea and a  
School Tour



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By Friday 18 October

*Celebrating 90 years...*

## Do we allow our lives to get 'caught up' with Jesus?

The **story of Zacchaeus** is a beautiful example of how our lives can get 'caught up' with Jesus, even when we don't mean to, even when we take hesitant steps, and even before our lives are perfectly in order. Zacchaeus is not an honest man, but something draws him to Jesus and he climbs a tree to get a better look as Jesus comes near. The story continues with Jesus inviting himself into Zacchaeus' home. The crowd complains, but the Scripture text tells us that Zacchaeus "stood his ground"; he states publicly his intention to reform his life. Jesus affirms his courage and declares that Zacchaeus too is one of God's family, "a son of Abraham". (See [Luke 19:1-10.](#))

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE BROKEN BAY

Dear Parents



Last Thursday our SRC (Yrs 3 -6) attended the Diocesan Mission Mass along with the other schools of our Diocese.

This year, students across Australia are encouraged to learn about how the Church in Ghana is taking a lead in providing life-saving care to children with a disability and fostering their personal development for a brighter future. In Ghana there are many children who go to school, hang out with friends and family, and do fun things like sport. Distressingly, some children, especially those with a disability, struggle to have their basic needs met, such as nutritious food and clean water, healthcare, education and safety. We were able to give a donation

to Catholic Mission from the proceeds taken from Millie Smith to help support these children.

We were pleasantly surprised to have Bishop Elect Anthony Randazzo join us at the Mass. Bishop Randazzo will be officially installed as the fourth Bishop of the Broken Bay Diocese on the 4 November. The Bishop was not expected at the Mass but he said he couldn't pass up the opportunity to meet the children of the Diocese.

## KINDERGARTEN 2020



Today we welcomed our Kindergarten class of 2020 for their first transition day. They followed a trail of bears on a *Bear Hunt* adventure around the school and met our Year 5 students who will become their buddies next year. They even got to take home a goody bag filled with fun '*getting ready for school*' ideas that they can do at home before starting school next year. We will welcome them back on 13 and 20 November.



## THE LION KING JR MUSICAL

**The Lion King Junior Musical**  
**12 November 2019,**  
**The Concourse, Chatswood**

Tickets sales are now open. Follow the link to secure your seat.  
<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=CECILIAS19>  
Ticket Prices: Adults \$40, Children \$25 and Concession \$30.



## CHES

A team of our Year 3 and 4 chess players are competing in a chess tournament hosted by St Rose Catholic Primary school at Collaroy Plateau. Thank you to Mrs Rosey McGrath-Soberg who volunteered to supervise the children today. Our students attend Chess Club on a Tuesday morning here at St Cecilia's. Our current instructor Johannes, is new to St Cecilia's. Johannes, a Norwegian, is ranked as a 'Grand Master'! Very impressive.



**Heaven on Earth**  
*Three short steps along the pathway into Meditation with Fr Paul Maloney*

We welcome back Fr Paul  
to facilitate gentle meditation, interactive discussion,  
engaging resources + coffee & cake afterwards.  
Come along to unwind and replenish your own  
spiritual nourishment ahead of Advent and Christmas.

**Parents, grandparents and parishioners are invited**  
**Tuesday 19 November 9am – 10.30am, St Cecilia's School Hall**

## HEAVEN ON EARTH

This term we are happy to have Fr Paul back to lead our [Heaven](#) on Earth parent session.

This is a wonderful time for self-reflection and meditation. The timing is perfect just before the Christmas rush. We don't often get the time for ourselves. Please be assured all parents, grandparents, parishioners and friends are invited and are most welcome to attend.

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

Fran Taylor  
Principal

## Religious Education

### PARENT RETREAT DAY

On Friday 8 November all parents are welcome to attend a retreat. Details about the retreat can be found [here](#).

### PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On Monday 4 November **2W** will lead the Prayer Assembly. It commences at **2.30pm** in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today, Year 2 attended the Parish Mass at 9am. Next week **1W** will attend the Parish Mass. Everyone is welcome.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL: CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

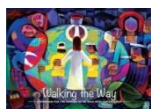
At our school we are blessed to have such a generous community. Our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal is our time to give joy to others who are less fortunate than us. More information about what items your child's class will need to bring will be shared with you shortly.

If you are able to offer some assistance please click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-vinnies>

The hamper items will need to be delivered to your child's class by **Thursday 5 December**. Our hamper appeal will coincide with our *Good Sam Day: Giving and Gratitude*.

### 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 <http://walkingtheway.dbbcs.org/archive-2019-year-c.html>

God bless,

*Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator*

## School News

### BOOK CLUB

Please place orders online by 1<sup>st</sup> November. Any questions please contact Emma Trueman 0449288271.

## WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 2	Term 4 Hope Core Value	Merits
KB	Luke A	Serafina V and Anna K
KW	Alena W	Max M and Ola W
1B:	Tom O	Hugh M and Lucy B
1W:	Sophie W	Austin B and Sebastian A
2B:	Sophie H	Fletcher H and Eloise K
2W:	Lucas R-D	Lucas C and Emily G
3B:	Pedro S	Lucia B and Xander C
3W:	James S	Lewis H and Hunter S
Yr 4	Sibella H and Oli T	Charlotte F, Konrad B, Milly E and Will P
Yr 5/6	Elise B and Lily T-A	Milla C, Chloe K and Isabella M

## UPCOMING DATES

### November

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2W  
P&F Exec meeting  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 dress rehearsal  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> The Lion King Jnr Musical  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 9am Kinder 2020 Transition  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Christmas party  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KB  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 9 – 10.30am Heaven on Earth in the hall  
with Fr Paul  
7pm P&F AGM  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Art Incursion  
Kinder 2020 Transition  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Art Incursion  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.15am Feast of St Cecilia Mass

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 2.30 – 3.30pm Milly Smith Uniform Shop  
K2020 & Yr 1 Family Come Gather Mass  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Kinder Science Incursion

### December

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 2pm Drama rehearsals  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm Advent Prayer Assembly  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Good Sam Day  
6pm Drama Concert  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Reports home  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Yr 6 Graduation Mass  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm Prayer Assembly 1B & Academic  
Awards  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Thanksgiving Mass  
Last day for students

## DRAMA

This week the children will be bringing home scripts, newsletters and invoices. Please check your child's bag to retrieve these.

The scripts are for our end of year production and should be learnt off by heart and brought to drama class each week until the end of the year. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please feel free to email if you have any further queries.

*Trish Collier – Stageworks Drama Teacher*

## YEARBOOKS

Have you purchased your 2018 Yearbook? These are available for \$30 each at the school office. Please pay via QKR.

## **Parent Network News**

**PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE:** Click [here](#) for the 2019 booklet.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hi Parents!

Hope you are all doing well!

Just a quick one from me to remind you about the Parent Christmas Party on 15 November! Please see the invite below and make sure to RSVP! Can't wait to celebrate the season with you all!

x

Jamie

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal**

On Friday 6 December from 10.30am lots of volunteers are needed to collate, decorate and transport the Christmas Hampers for our local Vinnies chapter. Please give back to the most vulnerable in our community at this challenging time of the year. **Sign up here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-vinnies>

**Please help...**

We're looking for someone to collate, design and post the package of beautiful student letters and artwork for the indigenous students at Docker River Primary School in the Northern Territory. It only takes 2-3 hours, terms 2 & 4. Contact Robyn Wunder [robyn@thewunders.net](mailto:robyn@thewunders.net).

**Volunteer for MEALS ON WHEELS**

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels involves driving or accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area. It only takes only 1.5 hours (11.40am -1.10pm). Sign-up here... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

**MILLIE SMITH Pre-loved Uniform Shop**

**DONATE** your pre-loved uniforms to Millie Smith by bringing them into the school office. Funds raised from the sale of these uniforms are given to charities.

**PURCHASE** pre-loved uniforms at the last open day for the year on Friday 22 November 2.30-3.30pm or anytime via Sue in the school office. All payments via QKR.

**ASSIST** in selling uniforms on 22nd November, please sign up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille/50296801>

**BBCS UPDATE**

Please join us for these special Broken Bay Catholic School parent events:

Friday 8 November - Catholic Schools Office Parent Spirituality Day

Venue: St Joseph's Retreat Centre Kincumber (where Mary MacKillop once walked)

9am until 2.30pm / Cost is \$10 Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=556167&>

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents - Celebration Dinner & AGM

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30 dinner for 7pm start at the CSO Offices, Pennant Hills

RSVP for catering purposes: <https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/csp-agm-2019.html>

### HALF TERM OF YOUNG INVESTIGATORS SCIENCE

Registrations are now open to experiment with Science for half a term!

If you still have a **Creative Kids Voucher** you haven't used this is a great opportunity to experience half a term of Science for **only \$10!**

**Registration:** <https://www.eyehartscience.com.au/st-cecilias>

**When:** Tuesday afternoons 3:30-4:30pm

**Where:** Year 5/6 room

**Cost:** \$110 for 5 sessions

**Dates:** Tuesday 19 November until Tuesday 17 December



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

**2019 Canteen Menu:** click [here](#)

### **Upcoming Volunteers:**

Fri 1 Nov: Jamie Castaldo and Heidi Guenther

Mon 4 Nov: Kate Patterson and **1 Volunteer required**

Wed 6 Nov: Liz Psychogios and **1 Volunteer required**

Fri 8 Nov: Jane Thompson Kench and **1 Volunteer required**

### **Volunteering Times**

We will be changing the volunteer timeslots shortly. The new times will be:

- 2 volunteers required if working all day from 9am – 1.30pm
- If volunteers can only do part of the day then either two from 9 – 11.30am or 11.30 – 1.30pm
- Or if you can't commit but have some free time, even if just for an hour, contact the canteen and let them know.

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