



Celebrating 90 years

# 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:** Hope

**School Rule:** Be positive and contribute

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

**Story:** Parable of Talents: Be prepared

## 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



RSVP 9948 3069 or [scb@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scb@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

By Friday 18 October



Celebrating 90 years...

Dear Parents

## Comfort, hope, strength . . .

When we are in need of comfort, encouragement and strength amidst life's many hardships and challenges, Saint Paul reminds us of the power of God's grace which, in effect, loves us into our own loveability, attractiveness and graciousness. Why not pause now, for a short prayer-break in your busy day, and allow St Paul to pray for you: "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say" (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE BROKEN BAY**



### THANK YOU

A special thank you to Jamie Castaldo and the Parent Network body who acknowledged World Teachers' Day this week. The staff was spoilt with a beautiful cake for morning tea. There isn't a teacher at St Cecilia's who doesn't feel blessed to be here with this amazing community.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Our Stage 3 children deliver Meals on Wheels on a Monday morning as part of our social justice program. For this to happen we need 2 parent volunteers per week. One to drive and the other to deliver the meals with the children. We are in desperate need of volunteer parents to see us through the rest of the school year. 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>

### THE LION KING JR MUSICAL

With less than a week to go excitement is really building. Today the children participated in their first whole school musical rehearsal and saw the entire performance from beginning to end. Your program will be uploaded onto Compass next Monday. Simply open the notification and follow the link.



On Tuesday next week the whole school will travel to Chatswood to rehearse at the Concourse. If you haven't filled in your child's online permission note please do so now.

### PARENT/CARER PERMISSION

Online permission details must be completed by **Friday 8 November**.

- Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au).
- On the Home Page simply enter the code **s9mhm** and press **"Go"**



**Step 1:** Enter your email address, name, phone number, how many students you are giving permission for and your student's name(s).



**Step 2:** For each child, use the dropdown to select their classroom teacher.

When you click **FINISHED**, details will be emailed to you. If you do not receive this email, check your junk folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly. DO NOT DELETE the email you are sent. You may need to refer back to it.

### PERFORMANCE DAY REHEARSAL- 12 November

- Students K-6 will be travelling by bus to 'The Concourse' Chatswood on the morning of the performance, Tuesday 12 November for a rehearsal.

### Please note change of uniform for rehearsal

- It is not a dress rehearsal. The students are asked to wear their sports uniform with enclosed shoes that are easy to take on and off as students will be barefoot on the stage and this will alleviate the untying and tying of shoe-laces.
- Bus pick up at school is 9.15am. Buses are booked to pick up from 'The Concourse' Chatswood at 2.00pm to return to school.
- Children will need to bring their morning tea, lunch and drink in their excursion bag. Children do not need their school bags on this day.
- Rehearsal will begin as close to 10am as possible and conclude at 1.45pm.

### Tickets

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.

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

**STUDENT REPORTS NEW GRADING SCALE**

Teachers are busily preparing end of year reports. There are a couple of changes that you need to be aware of. Firstly the reports will be posted on the parent portal on Compass. You will need your login details to access them. Secondly the gradings will be renamed but their meanings remain the same.

Outstanding becomes Extensive  
High becomes Thorough  
Sound remains Sound  
Limited becomes Basic  
Basic becomes Elementary

**ST CECILIA'S CHOIR**

Our St Cecilia's choir has an exciting performance coming up.

On **Wednesday 11 December** the choir will be performing Christmas carols at Balgowlah RSL. We will **arrive at 5:30pm** to perform between 6pm and 8pm. The choir will be moving through the bistro and main bar area singing Christmas carols. Be sure to take the kids along to support our choir. Thank you to Jocelyn Roberts for preparing the choir.

**CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW PHOTO COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Joshua P who has taken out overall winner of the Northern Beaches Catholic Worldview photo competition and to Leo K-F who was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the General Category.

**PARENT NETWORK TEAM AGM TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER**

Our annual general meeting for the Parent Network Team will be held on Tuesday 19 November at 7pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend to support the work of the committee this year. There are a number of key people I need to thank for their tireless energy and dedicated service to the Parent Network Team. As a community we are extremely grateful to the executive team Jamie Castaldo, Kirsty Smidt, Rosalie Bignold, Will Sinclair, Rosey McGrath, Sheridan Millward, Robyn Wunder, Jo Matthews, Derv Peach, Rachel Keeling Sandi Ayliffe and Stephanie Jeffs who have been supported by their subcommittees and a hardworking band of parents. Many members of the team are stepping down this year and so we would like to make this AGM a celebration of their contribution as well as all parents who have contributed to the life of the school (canteen, Meals on Wheels, Advisory Committee, Milly Smith, gala dinner, cocktail party, Mothers Monday, Fathers Friday, Grandparents Day) ..... in some way.

You are all invited to attend a thank you supper of cheese and Christmas goodies at the conclusion of the AGM. Again, my heartfelt gratitude for the contribution made to the school by our entire Parent Network Team.

We are still looking for a president for 2020 and a Social Committee organiser.



**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](#).





### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday 11 November our Stage 3 students will be leading us in a ceremony to remember those who have died in wars so we can have the freedom we currently enjoy. The ceremony will be held under the shade cloth.

### PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On Monday 18 November **KB** will lead the Prayer Assembly. It commences at **2.30pm** in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today **1W** attended the Parish Mass. Next week (Wednesday 13 November) **4B** will attend the Parish Mass.

### 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*.

### ST CECILIA'S FEAST DAY AND 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On Friday 22 November we will be celebrating our school's Feast Day and our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The day will be a momentous occasion as our newly appointed Bishop Anthony Randazzo along with many other distinguished guests will be joining us in our prayer and celebration. After the Mass we will be having morning tea in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our whole school Eucharistic celebration for St Cecilia's Feast Day and our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will take place in the church on

**Thursday 22 November, 9:15am**

All members of our school community are warmly invited to this Mass.

### 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.dbbcsso.org/archive-2019-year-c.html>

God bless,

*Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator*

## School News

### WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 3	Term 4 Hope Core Value	Merits
KB	Isabella C	Arabella B and Rafferty R
KW	Leon T	Dylan H and Matisse M
1B:	Gigi M	Stefania Q and Hudson L-S
1W:	Grace B	Rufus M and Max G
2B:	Mia H	Jamir H and Cassidy M
2W:	Harrison F	Lucy M and Francesca H
3B:	Thomas C	Neve M and Xavier M
3W:	Alexander F	Harry W and Ava V
Yr 4	William S and Thomas A	Henry M, Lily A, Sebastian C and Yasmina H
Yr 5/6	Aisha K and Milly R	Ainsley B, Eva T and Monet D

### YEARBOOKS

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### November

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> The Lion King Jnr Musical  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 9am Kinder 2020 Transition  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Debating  
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 and 90<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
2.30 – 3.30pm Milly Smith Uniform Shop  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> K2020 & Yr 1 Family Come Gather Mass

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Kinder Science Incursion  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Leadership Day and Yr 6 Reflection  
Day

### December

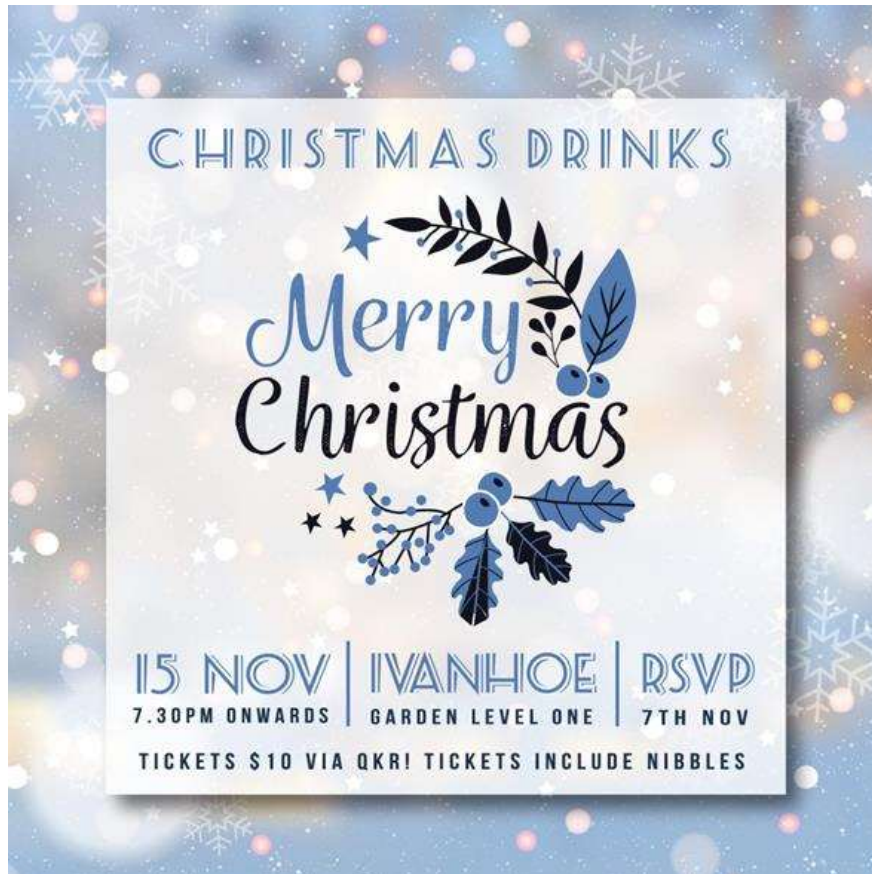
Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 2pm Drama rehearsals  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm Advent Prayer Assembly  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Good Sam Day  
6pm Drama Concert  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Vinnies Christmas Hamper packing  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Reports home  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Yr 6 Graduation Mass  
Mon 16<sup>th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

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## Parent Network News

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

As many of you know, we are still looking to fill the roles of President and VP Celebration for 2020. I've spoken with many of you, and I know that it is a big commitment. But, these roles are integral in making all of our events happen next year. So, if you do have a bit of time to spare, please consider taking on one of these roles. And, don't forget, they can each be taken on as a co-role! This could be really great if you'd like to be involved, but are worried about the time commitment. Grab a friend, and dig in! Here is a little more info about the two roles:

### **President:**

1. Provides leadership and direction for the P&F by working cooperatively and collaboratively with the principal
2. Promotes the aims of the P&F
3. Acts as a liaison between the school Advisory Committee, P&F Executive Committee and parent community
4. Supports the executive committee members and ensures correct functioning of all office bearers and subcommittees
5. Oversees the P&F Executive and General meetings

### **VP of Celebration:**

VP Celebration is a fun-filled role within the P&F. I have loved being involved this year. I chose to take a very active role in the events, but we have some excellent parent volunteers so the events will run just as smoothly with a less hands-on approach as well. All events are documented. My favourite event this year was the introduction of the Trivia night. If you didn't attend everyone had an absolute ball! It was so easy to organise, and flowed really well on the night. I would highly recommend this role in the P&F, not being biased I think it is one of the best roles. Just being part of the P&F gives you such insight into the school. My daughter loved seeing me pop up around school and was really excited to see her mummy volunteering.

If you are at all interested please contact me directly and I can walk you through the role, I promise it is not a daunting as it may seem.

Sheridan

Also, please take note of the Parent Christmas Party on 15 November. Please remember to RSVP.

Lastly, please add to your diary the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 19 November at 7pm.

Thanks all!

x

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

*We encourage you to volunteer for our social justice activities below and assist those less fortunate at what can be a very challenging and vulnerable time of the year. It only takes a small amount of time. Thank you!*

#### **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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1)

#### **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. [Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-vinnies](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-vinnies)

#### **Collating Artwork and Letters for Docker River School...**

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 in Terms 2 & 4. Contact Robyn Wunder [robyn@thewunders.net](mailto:robyn@thewunders.net).

#### **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 between now and the end of the year via Sue Walmsley in the school office. *All payments via QKR.*

#### **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-cecilia>

**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 8 Nov: Jane Thompson Kench and Sonia Walsh

Mon 11 Nov: Sandra Corica, Ann Marie Stewart and Emma Trueman

Wed 13 Nov: Patrick Eyherabide and **1 Volunteer required**

Fri 15 Nov: Akosita Brown and Carly Grima

### 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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