



Celebrating 90 years

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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 90th anniversary of our school

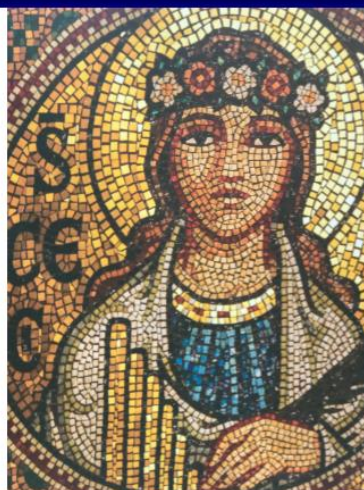
Friday 22 November 2019

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

By Friday 18 October

Celebrating 90 years...

Resilience, endurance, trust

We often hear of the importance of teaching our children 'resilience'. Luke's Gospel has something similar to say: *'Your endurance will win you your lives' (Lk 21:19)*. What does it mean to 'endure' in faith? Our world is beautiful, yet awful events occur. People are capable of kindness, and wrongdoing. Communities often live in peace, yet wars and conflict also exist. The Christian challenge is to embrace all that is good, trust in God's faithfulness, and not lose hope in the face of evil. We long for God's reign on earth to be fully established. To 'endure' is to stand firm: hope, pray and take active steps in creating a just and loving world.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE BROKEN BAY

Dear Parents

THE LION KING JR MUSICAL



We can all be excused for feeling a little weary this morning. Whilst there are a lot of exhausted children and staff the consensus is that the students enjoyed the experience of being on stage and performing. Thank you for the many positive messages we have received via Facebook and email this morning, they are very much appreciated. We are all, (parents, teachers and families) very proud of our children. They sang, danced and performed with enthusiasm and energy overcoming tiredness and excitement. Thank you to all the mums and dads, brothers and sisters, grandparents and friends who supported us by attending last night after a busy day at work.



I would like to acknowledge the staff of St Cecilia's who gave many hours of their own time ensuring the students were given the best opportunity to shine. I wish to personally thank everyone who helped make the night a success for our students.

ARTISTIC CREDITS

- Director/Producer: Gabrielle Williams
- Musical Director: Jocelyn Roberts
- Choreographer: Gabrielle Williams
- Drama Coaches: Kayle Dyer, Damien O'Brien and Gabrielle Williams

PRODUCTION CREDITS

- Sound/Lighting: The Concourse Team
- Costume and Props: Harry Walsh, Molly Walsh, Milly Ristuccia, Sophie Maher, Zoe Maher, Isabella Cheong, Sonia Walsh, Deb Ristuccia, Katherine Cook, Jodie Castellan, Jodie Franks, Lisa Vander Wert Walsh, Alana McLaren, Angela Pelling, Therese Cunningham, Jennifer Morris, Tanya Fitzpatrick, Colette Ward, Terri Smith and Gabrielle Williams.
- Many thanks to Corpus Christi St Ives for sharing additional costumes and Linda Marshall from The Regals Musical Society Rockdale for your assistance and loaned costume creations.
- Make-up: Helen Beasley from 'Hello Rainbow Face Painting by Helen'

- Video Production: Shane Evers
- Photography: St Cecilia's Yearbook Team
- Program: Bev Butler
- Ticketing: Sue Walmsley and Bev Butler

Finally to our Stage 3 (Year 5/6) students, **congratulations!** You overcame nerves, remembered lines and sang beautifully.

Enjoy down time today because tomorrow the pressure is back on with debating and preparation for the end of year events.



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 on 11 December. 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
 Basic remains Basic
 Limited becomes Elementary

STAFFING 2020

Sadly, a number of staff are moving on at the end of the year. As in all professions for professional growth one must keep extending their experience. Damien O'Brien has accepted a position at Mona Vale, Nikki Delrennie has accepted a position at Davidson, Rebecca Raso has accepted a position at Avalon and Jocelyn Roberts will seek employment closer to her home. We have been very blessed to have these amazing teachers here at St Cecilia's and wish them God's blessing as they move on. Kayle Dyer will begin maternity leave for 2020 in 2 weeks' time. We cannot wait to meet her new addition to the family and wish her a safe, event free delivery.

PARENT NETWORK

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 the contribution made by all parents to the life of the school in some way (canteen, Meals on Wheels, Advisory Committee, Milly Smith, gala dinner, cocktail party, Mothers Monday, Fathers Friday, Grandparents Day).

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 have restructured the roles of the P&F executive to make them more a leadership position that can be managed by working parents. The aim is to disperse the organisation of events back to class parents and year groups. In this way we hope to reduce the workload on a small group of key people. We are still looking to fill positions so please consider becoming involved.



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.

F Taylor

Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

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 **4B** attended the Parish Mass. Next week (Wednesday 20 November) **KB and KW** 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 90TH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday 22 November we will be celebrating our school's Feast Day and our 90th Anniversary. The day will be a momentous occasion as many current families, parishioners, ex-students and 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.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

As the year draws to an end it is time to return all library books. All books need to be shelved ready for the start of the new school year.

I would really appreciate everyone having a look around the house for St Cecilia's library books. Books can be returned to Mrs Harding at any time.

Thank you

Stephanie Harding



WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 4	Term 4 Hope Core Value	Merits
KB	Billy K	Georgia W and Levi P
KW	Alena W	Max M and Ola W
1B:	Mia L	Ella S and Natalie E
1W:	Georgia G	Justine A and Emma P
2B:	James M	Lachlan C and Oliver M
2W:	Rebecca W	Jack K and Darci M
3B:	Rose F	William C and William S-G
3W:	Liam M	Harrison L-S and Kingston W
Yr 4	Lillian W and Sophie M	Harper F, Lyla R, Jessana B and Luca M
Yr 5/6	Abigail K and Amelie R	Amalia C, Sophie H and Molly O

UPCOMING DATES

November

Thurs 14th Stage 3 Debating
Fri 15th Parent Christmas party
Mon 18th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KB
Tues 19th 9 – 10.30am Heaven on Earth in the hall
with Fr Paul
7pm P&F AGM
Wed 20th Art Incursion
Kinder 2020 Transition
Thurs 21st Art Incursion
Fri 22nd 9.15am Feast of St Cecilia Mass and 90th
Anniversary
2.30 – 3.30pm Milly Smith Uniform Shop
Sun 24th K2020 & Yr 1 Family Come Gather Mass
Mon 25th Stage 2 History Incursion

Tues 26th Kinder Science Incursion
Thurs 28th Yr 5 Leadership Day and Yr 6 Reflection
Day

December

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

YEARBOOKS

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

Student Voice

'THE LION KING' MUSICAL

Yesterday the whole school participated in our school musical 'The Lion King Junior'. Stage 3 were the main characters including Mufasa, Young/Older Simba, Young/Older Nala, Timon, Pumbaa, Sarabi, Sarafina and Rafiki. Each class had a song to sing and dance to do. The whole school took the opportunity to show their talents to their parents, friends and family. Everyone had an amazing experience to perform on a real stage. We are incredibly grateful to Miss Williams, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Dyer and Mr O' Brien for encouraging us and sharing their amazing talents. The musical was a great success!

Orla C & Eva T



Parent Network News

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



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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-ceciliass>

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 15 Nov: Akosita Brown and Carly Grima

Mon 18 Nov: **2 Volunteers required**

Wed 20 Nov: **2 Volunteers required**

Fri 22 Nov: Robyn Wunder and Kasia Wickham

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.

Community News

POSITION VACANT – CANTEEN COORDINATOR

St Kieran's Manly Vale is looking for a Canteen coordinator to work 30 hours per fortnight. The canteen currently opens on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

If you are interested in applying for the position please click here <https://www.teachers.on.net/vacancy/32233/>


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