



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: Recognise and congratulate others.

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...

Dear Parents

90TH ANNIVERSARY AND FEAST DAY OF ST CECILIA FRIDAY 22 NOV

It seems that we have been preparing for this event all year. We are excited to have received RSVP's from past principals, teachers, students and families. Unfortunately the Bishop and Vicar General are no longer available to attend but the guest list will include **Zali Steggall**, OAM, Federal Member for Warringah, **James Griffin MP**, Member for Manly, Dr Tony Bracken, Acting Director of Catholic Schools, Broken Bay, Anne Duncan consultant for Northern Beaches Catholic Schools, and number of Sisters of the Good Samaritan Order including Sr Patty and Sr Lia.

We will take the opportunity on Friday to launch our new school logo and a commemorative quilt designed and sewn by Bernie Casey and her sisters. It is a beautiful art work that represents our past, present and future. Please join us for this commemorative occasion and help us welcome our guests at the morning tea that will follow in the hall.

Please note students need to wear full school uniform on Friday, K, 1 and 2 can wear their sports uniform on Thursday 21st

P&F 2020
PARENT NETWORK TEAM AGM TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Last night we held our annual general meeting for the Parent Network Team as well as a thank you supper for all parents to thank them for their contribution to the school this year. We are indebted to Jamie Castaldo who steps down this year after holding the position of President and secretary over the past two years. Jamie's positive, supportive nature has been valued by the school and will be missed. Sheridan Millward will also step down after her contribution as VP Celebration and Community over the past 2 years. Her efficiency and calmness organising events has been very much appreciated.

This year we have restructured the Parent Network team so that they operate at leadership level. We have also renamed the positions so that parents can more easily relate to the work done by these leaders. We are appreciative to the new 2020 committee, some of whom have stayed on from 2019. We thank you for taking up these important positions and look forward to working you.

President:	Sam Ayliffe
Vice Presidents	Community - Louise Gilmartin Justice - Robyn Wunder supported by Clare Miller Clubs and Service - Stephanie Jeffs (Petkos) Hope - Bernie Casey Sponsorship - Derv Peach and Jo Matthews
Secretary:	Rosalie Bignold
Treasurer:	Will Sinclair supported by Jane de Saint Simon
BBCSP Rep	Rosey McGrath

There are a number of key people I need to thank for their tireless effort and dedicated service to the Parent Network Team over the last 12 to 24 months.

As a community we are extremely grateful to Sonia Walsh, Susie Warren, and Nadine Meehan who will step down this year after making a huge contribution to the operation of the P&F, hospitality and to sponsorship. The structures they have put in place will support the incoming P&F executive in their roles.



CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW PHOTO COMPETITION

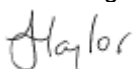
Congratulations to Joshua P who has taken out overall winner of the Northern Beaches Catholic Worldview photo competition and to Leo K-F who was awarded 3rd place in the General Category.

Joshua

Leo



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



Fran Taylor, Principal

Religious Education

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On **Monday 2 December** our Advent Prayer Assembly will be led by Year 3. It commences at **2.30pm** in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today **KB and KW** attended the Parish Mass. Next week (Wednesday 27 November) Stage 3 will attend the Parish Mass. All are welcome to join us for 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

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 5	Term 4 Hope Core Value	Merits
KB	Addison Z	Sofia P and Max O
KW	Thomas K	Harriet C and Lily K
1B:	Lily E	Matthew D and Miranda C
1W:	Charlotte C	Miles M and Grace H
2B:	Owen B	Annika W and Joseph S
2W:	Molly S	Elsie M and Max M
3B:	Coelli T	Thomas K and Alyssa W
3W:	Mieka M	Connor B and Claudia W
Yr 4	Charlotte F and Konrad B	Layla R, Nicholas G, Molly W and Tommy B
Yr 5/6	Elenor B and Eva H	Sophie P, Neisha M and All of Stage 3

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

When choosing a movie for your child to watch please consider classification ratings. The following information is from the Australian Government Department of Communications and the Arts

QUICK GUIDE TO CLASSIFICATION RATINGS

You've probably seen these classification symbols before. But how do you actually use them?

G rated films and games are OK for most kids, but remember, even some of these can be scary to the littlies.

A **PG** rating means Parental Guidance under 15. You may need to take care with these films and games, and maybe explain some of the content to your kids.

M is for mature, and we don't recommend these films and games for kids under 15.

MA 15+ stands for Mature Accompanied. These movies and games have strong content. That's why shops and cinemas are not legally allowed to sell under 15s MA 15+ games or movies without a parent or guardian present. Finally, films and games with an **R 18+** rating are only for adults as they have high impact content. So when you're deciding what's ok to watch or play, check the classification rating. Explore the Classification website at www.classification.gov.au

UPCOMING DATES

November

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 Dress Rehearsal
Mon 2nd 2.30pm Advent Prayer Assembly
Thurs 5th Good Sam Day

Thurs 5th 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

January 2020

Tues 28 Teachers return
Wed 29 MAI Yrs 1 – 6 and Best Start Kinder
Thurs 30 Yrs 1 – 6 Commence, Best Start and MAI Kinder 2020 picnic 2pm
Fri 31 Kinder 2020 commence

LIBRARY NEWS

This is the last week for borrowing books from the Library.

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



DRAMA

A gentle reminder that drama students are required to come to drama class Wednesdays AND Thursdays from this week until our performance on Thursday evening 5 December.

All lines must be learnt off by heart and some of the younger children may need some help at home. Thank you for your cooperation with this and don't forget our dress rehearsal on Sunday 1 December.

Any queries please email.

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.

Student Voice

PICTURE BOOK WRITING IN STAGE 3

For the past term we have been writing picture books for a young member of the community with Leukaemia. The books were to share with the young boy and help him get through this hard time. Our books have not only helped us to become better writers but have also showed us how fortunate we are. We did this project in groups of three and all the books were illustrated and written by Stage 3.



On Tuesday, we received our books from where they were printed and got to see our ideas in a professional style book. Each book had a different message that showed the young child values such as hope, persistence, courage and kindness. It was very cool to see and experience our ideas in a way we never imagined. We read our books to other Stage 3 students and the current Kindergarten students. Everyone enjoyed the creativity, effort and time put into these meaningful books. Overall, it was an amazing experience and we would love to do a similar activity again.

Parent Network News

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



The advertisement for Millin's Free Range Butcher features a green banner on the left with a white cow silhouette and the text 'FREE RANGE BUTCHER MILLIN'S SINCE 2011'. Below the banner, the website 'millins.com.au' and phone number '9948 1342' are listed. The main text on a black background reads 'WE'RE HERE TO HELP! GET ORGANISED EARLY WITH OUR EASY CHRISTMAS PLANNER'. A smaller text block below says 'We're now taking orders online or in-store for Christmas pick-up or home delivery. To help you figure out exactly what you need, first drop in to Millin's to pick up your one-page Christmas Lunch Planner!' The bottom of the ad is decorated with a green grass border.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We encourage you to volunteer 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!*

Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal

On Friday 6 December your help is needed for the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal. We especially need volunteers to carry donation baskets and bags from class and staff rooms to the school hall at 10.30 - 11am AND/OR transport hampers to family recipients or Vinnies at 1.30-2.30pm **Sign up here:** <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 at the end of November. It will only take 2-3 hours. Contact Robyn Wunder robyn@thewunders.net



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 22 Nov: Robyn Wunder and Kasia Wickham
Mon 25 Nov: Hayley Smith and **1 Volunteer needed**
Wednesday 27 Nov: **2 Volunteers needed**
Fri 29 Nov: Al Riordan and Kate Lovelace

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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