



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 part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace – *Colossians 3:15*

Story: The Ten Commandments: Safe and caring hands

Principal's News

Next Sunday's Gospel is about attitude and perspective. We are reminded that to follow Jesus is to see the possibilities we have for doing good things and to accept God's grace to make such good a reality.

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Dear Parents

'CEREMONY OF LIGHT' LITURGY

A warm invitation is extended to all parents to join us **this Friday 14 February** when St Cecilia's extends a very special welcome to all our Kindergarten children and any students and staff new to St Cecilia's. Our School Leaders for 2020 and our SRC will also receive their leadership badges. Please join us for this very special Mass at 9:15am.

PARENT NETWORK COMMITTEE

Our Parent Network committee invite all parents to attend the *Welcome Evening* on 22 February at 7pm at Queenscliff Surf club.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our 2020 School Swimming Carnival for Years 2 - 6 at Manly Swimming Centre, is tomorrow, 9:00 – 11:30am. Details of the event were emailed home last week. Entry to races is now closed. Children not entered into an event cannot enter a race tomorrow as the online form doubles as permission from the parent for the child to enter the water. Without this consent prior to the carnival we cannot let your child enter the water. It is OK for a child who is entered into a race not to swim if they change their mind.

Parents transport their own children to the pool. At the conclusion of the swimming carnival, buses will transport children back to school. It is a regular school day and school will continue as usual in the afternoon.

Please note for the safety of our children around water students will not be allowed to access the canteen. They will be required to remain in the assembly area with their teachers for the duration of the carnival. The forecast at this stage is the possibility of rain so please ensure your child has dry clothes to change into.

Ribbons will be awarded at assembly the following Monday once the overall 50 metre event winners (not the winners of heats) have been determined based on times collected. Please take the time to explain this to your child to avoid disappointment on the day.

Please note: **Kindergarten and Year 1 do not attend the carnival.** They will attend school as usual where their teachers will arrange fun activities to ensure they are not disappointed.

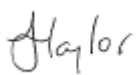
CRICKET

Representatives from the Sydney Sixers cricket team visited our school on Monday. They will be providing all students from K to 2 with a soft cricket ball and a number of short 10 minute activities to improve ball skills. The students from



Years 3 to 6 will work on cricket skills during sport time. This will culminate with a mini gala day on Thursday 27 February facilitated by the Sixers at Balgowlah Oval. Students will rotate from game to game playing cricket.

Regards



Fran Taylor
Principal

Celebrating *Respect, Justice, Service and Hope.*

Religious Education

2020 OPENING SCHOOL MASS AND CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Friday 14 February - The school community extends a very warm welcome to all families, especially those new to St Cecilia's, to join us for our opening school Mass and 'Ceremony of Light'.

Students and staff members new to our school will receive a candle to mark this important milestone in their lives and our 2020 School Leaders and Semester 1 SRC leaders will be presented with their badges. Our Mass begins promptly at **9:15am**. Everyone is welcome!



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 26 February is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. All are warmly welcome to our Ash Wednesday Mass that will commence at **9:15am**.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES

Our first 'Families Come Gather' Mass for the year is **Sunday 23 February**. Stage 3 will be involved in this Mass. Our Family Come Masses are a wonderful way for us to celebrate our faith as a community and a way to nurture the faith of our children. Your child's participation in the Mass is appreciated. If you are able to assist and would like your child to be a part of the Mass please use the following Sign-Up Genuis [link](#).

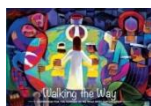
PRAYER ASSEMBLY

This term, our first Prayer Assembly will be held on **Monday 17 February** in the church. **Year 2W** will be leading the assembly and sharing some of their learning experiences in Religious Education. The assembly will begin at **2.30pm** in the church.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Today Year 3W attended our Parish Mass. On Wednesday 12 February Year 2 will attend our Parish Mass. All are 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.dbbcs.org/archive-2020-year-a.html>

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

School News

DRAMA

Drama classes start next week – Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February as follows:

- Wednesday: Years 5 and 6 in the hall
- Thursday: Years 1 and 2 in the library
Yrs 3 & 4 in the hall

Trish Collier – Stageworks Drama Teacher

BOOK CLUB

The current issue of Book Club was sent home today. Orders close Friday 21 February.

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 2	Term 1 Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Finn M	Cian O and Georgie G
KW:	Edward D	Olivia B and Charlie R
1B:	Lily K	Sofia P and Aiden C
1W:	Olivia O	Leon T and Hannah D
2B:	Justine A	Stefania Q and Miles M
2W:	Sebastian A	Grace H and Mia L
3B:	Thomas E	Annika W and Eloise K
3W:	Darci M	Molly S and Joshua P
4B:	Neve M	Ava V-W and Thomas C
4W:	Lucia B (wk 1) & Alyssa W	James P and Xander C
Yr 5/6	Abigail K and Eva H	Aisha K, Elizabeth C, Ainsley B and Konrad B

UPCOMING DATES

February

Thurs 13th Swimming Carnival 9am – 12pm
 Fri 14th 9.15am Ceremony of Light
 Mon 17th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 2W
 Tues 18th Yr 1 Excursion to Narrabeen
 Sat 22nd P&F Welcome Cocktail evening
 Sun 23rd Stage 3 FCG Mass
 Tues 25th Yr 3 boys to St Paul's
 School Advisory Committee meeting
 Wed 26th Ash Wednesday
 Thurs 27th Yrs 3-6 Mini Cricket Gala Day

March

Mon 2nd Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

Tues 3rd 7pm P&F Meeting
 Tues 10th Broken Bay Swim Carnival
 Tues 17th Open Day
 Kindy Parent Literacy Night
 Wed 18th Stage 2 Gala Day
 Thurs 19th Yr 6 Leaders Mass at Waitara
 Thurs 26th Good Sam Day
 Fri 27th 9am Learning Together Playgroup
 Sun 29th Yr 4 FCG Mass

April

Mon 6th 2.30pm Core Value Assembly
 Thurs 9th End Term 1

CHESS

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Cecilia's Primary School (Balgowlah) is held on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:45am and commenced yesterday 11 February. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem-solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Student Voice

STAGE 3 PREPARATIONS

This week Stage 3 has been preparing for the Ceremony of Light which will be held on Friday 14 February. The Year 6 students will receive their captain badges at the Mass and Mrs Taylor will announce the Student Representatives for Semester One. The Kindergarten children will receive a candle to officially welcome them to our school community.



This Thursday, the students in years two to six will participate at the St Cecilia's swimming carnival. The Stage 3 students will lead each colour house through their war cries, to encourage sportsmanship and participation. There will be trophies presented to the winning house colour team and ribbons for individual swimmers.

Parent Network News

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

GARDENING CLUB

A special shout out to Jo Trube, who did a tremendous job of taking care of our gardens while we were on the summer break. It was super dry for many weeks before we had any type of drenching! The gardens look beautiful! Thank you Jo, your commitment to the Gardening Club is very much appreciated.

If there are other families, that would like to be part of the Gardening Club (fantastic thing to do as a family), please reach out to me (stephanie.jeffs44@gmail.com), as Jo and I will be mapping out how to best manage this for the year ahead.

PICKLES SCHOOLWEAR

- **NEW LOCATION:** If you haven't heard, Pickles have a new address - with ample parking! They are now located at 43 Carter Road, Brookvale.
- **NEW CONTACT:** We also have 2 new key contacts, Kerrie and Alice - so feel free to reach out to them at any time on Ph. 9905 2711.
- **NEW LOGO:** Our new school logo has also been provided to Pickles and we will start the transition over the year. As I'm sure you can appreciate, it will take some time to run through old stock, as new stock comes in, it will include the new logo. Transition periods can take a couple of years, so please be mindful of this.
- **BACK ORDERS:** The majority of items are now in stock - Library Bags have now arrived, text messages were sent to those with back orders. Items such as winter jumpers are still on their way.
- **COMMUNICATION:** This year, my key focus with Pickles is to improve the communication between staff and parents. I'll be meeting with the Pickles team on a regular basis and will be sure to provide you with general updates through the school newsletter. Any specific feedback or concerns can be raised directly with Kerrie or Alice - if you feel the need to escalate, then please reach out to me via email: stephanie.jeffs44@gmail.com

SCHOOL YEAR BOOK (YB)

- **2019 YB** - Sally is busy pulling together the Year Book for 2019 - thank you to all our school photographers, and parents who contributed! More news on when this will be available soon.
- **2020 YB - HELP NEEDED!!!** I'm looking for a volunteer to help me pull together the 2020 Year Book. If you would like to help out, please contact me on the above email address, and I can run you through what's involved. This would be perfect for someone that is a little creative. The template for the Year Book has been created, and it's just a matter of organising the photo's into it using the printer's software. It can all be done from the comfort of your own home, in your own time.

THANK YOU!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Volunteer for MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is an important social justice endeavour of St Cecilia's school. Volunteering for Meals on Wheels involves two parents driving and 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) on a Monday. Please support this worthwhile social justice activity. Sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy 2020 will begin on Sunday 1 March. The children's liturgy ministry is always looking for new mums, grandparents and carers to be involved in this wonderful and rewarding ministry. Being a volunteer in this ministry involves helping with children's liturgy that takes place on Sundays at the churches of St Cecilia and St Kieran's. You will be placed on roster alongside another volunteer who is currently doing children's liturgy to help out about once to twice a term.

Children's liturgy only takes place within the school term and doesn't take place when year family masses are scheduled. All information, resources and activities are printed off and provided by the children's liturgy co-ordinator on a weekly basis. All volunteers will be required to obtain a working with children check number, but this is simple to do, and this is something that I can help you obtain.

Being part of Children's Liturgy can be a very helpful way a parent can be involved in the Parish which may help with secondary school applications.

If you feel like this is something you could get involved with or would simply like more information, please feel free to contact me on 0403 063 013 or at bryannecrabb@gmail.com



The **roster** can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click [here](#)
2020 Canteen Menu: click [here](#)

Upcoming Volunteers:

Fri 14 Feb: **2 Volunteers required**

Mon 17 Feb: **2 Volunteers required**

Wed 19 Feb: Sally Virgona & **1 Volunteer required**

Fri 21 Feb: Sophie Burton & **1 Volunteer required**

Volunteering Times

- 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.

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

- Parents of children in Year 3 and older (who received the sacrament of Confirmation last year) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 11 February at 9.30am OR Wednesday 12 February at 7.00pm both meetings in St Kieran's Church;**
- **Group Facilitator Meetings** will follow the Parent Information Meetings at 10.30am (Tuesday) OR 8.00pm (Wednesday) **in St Kieran's Church;**
- **Practice for First Reconciliation Tuesday 10 March at 4pm in SK Church OR Wednesday 11 March at 7pm in SC Church;**
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **March 2020**, prior to the beginning of the 2020 – 2021 Children's Sacramental Program;

Parents new to the school with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact Janette as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

You are part of a community that cares about you. Join us for a fun filled morning tea to explore questions on life, faith, and meaning. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends and family.

Friday 7th February at 9.30am then every Friday from 28th February

2 King Street Manly Vale in the North Harbour Parish Community Hall

Morning Tea is provided.



Community News

MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Wednesday 4 March from 4 – 7pm. Click [here](#) for further information.

WATER RESEARCH OPEN DAY

The Water Research Laboratory of UNSW Sydney located next to Manly Dam is opening their hydraulic and coastal laboratories on Saturday 15 February between 9.00am – 1.00pm. This may be of interest to students at primary school level for general environmental studies; and for high school students interested in choosing a science or engineering career. Please refer to our web site for further information about the Open Day and the specialised research and consulting work completed at the URL. <http://www.wrl.unsw.edu.au/all-events/wrl-open-day>

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Anil is very approachable and is always happy to answer any questions or concerns regarding orthodontic treatment or early orthodontic intervention. If your child is not ready to start orthodontic treatment, they will receive periodic reviews at no additional charges to monitor their dental development until they are ready to start treatment. This will allow your child to get to know Dr. Anil and the practice and ensure that treatment is carried out at the correct time.

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