



St Cecilia's Catholic School Balgowlah

*Celebrating
Respect
Justice
Service
Hope*

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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: Care for property

Principal's News

Jesus creates a safe "environment" in his meeting the Samaritan woman at the well: a safe, nonjudgmental space where the woman can see her life honestly and completely, where she is able to confront her failings and brokenness and begin to turn her life around. May we create such places and times of support and empathy around our "wells," where all may come and drink from the waters of compassion and reconciliation.

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Dear Parents

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK and OPEN DAY

Catholic Schools Week is an important time to celebrate the sense of belonging within our school community and the launch of the enrolment period for 2021. Our **Open Morning** is planned for **17 March from 9:15am**. We hope to welcome new prospective parents and students to our school as we open classrooms and showcase the spiritual, academic and creative opportunities offered here at St Cecilia's. If you have a younger child ready to start school in 2021 it is important to collect an enrolment package from the office or download it from our web page and return it at your earliest convenience.

During our Open Morning we will also hold our *Open to Learning Morning* when we invite all parents to visit their children in the classroom. It is also a good opportunity to visit other classes and get a feel for the open classroom structure in the primary grades.

CORONAVIRUS

As a systemic school in the Broken Bay Diocese we must follow the Department of Health and Catholic School NSW Guidelines regarding prevention strategies, increased control measures and surveillance for COVID-19 ('novel coronavirus').

Therefore, we ask for your co-operation in following these requirements to assist us in keeping our school community as safe as possible. We ask that you do not attend a school Open Day event if you meet one of the criteria below:

- Been in contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus (even if free of symptoms).
- Respiratory problems.
- Gastro type symptoms.
- Travelled to China, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, South Korea, Iran, Italy or Cambodia in the last 14 days.
- If you have been instructed to self-isolate for any reason

If you do not meet any of the above criteria, our school looks forward to welcoming you during our Open Day and Gala Day activities

In the event that our school has to be closed due to COVID-19 ('novel coronavirus') teachers will be setting up learning tasks that can be accessed and completed from home. For students in Years 2 to 6 this will be posted on google classrooms. Kindergarten and year 1 will use SeeSaw. Teachers working from home will be able to monitor and provide feedback in real time using these online platforms. Login details will be emailed home if and when required.

LEARNING TOGETHER PLAYGROUP 17 MARCH

Our Learning Together Playgroups will run again this year for all families with a toddler of any age. Friends of the family are also welcome. Our playgroup is held twice a term, once on a Tuesday and once on a Friday. Please come along and meet other mums and dads in the school.

We are looking for a volunteer who would be happy to set up the Tuesday playgroup. We will only need your help three times this year as the first one, which takes place on our Open Day on the 17 March is covered.

NAPLAN 2020

This year NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 will be held from 12 - 22 May. NAPLAN is a national assessment and our students will participate *Online*. Year 3 and 5 will complete the Reading, Conventions of Language, and Numeracy test *Online*. Year 5 will also complete the Writing test *Online* whilst Year 3 will complete the Writing test as a written paper. I can confirm the children will be given the opportunity to practise the computer skills needed to complete the assessment at school. Parents need to remember not to make a big fuss of the assessment and to ensure the children don't become anxious. Please ensure that you do not plan a family holiday during this time.

READING WORKSHOP KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 PARENTS TUESDAY 17 MARCH 7:30PM

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a workshop aimed at supporting you to help your child with reading at home. When parents and the school work together to assist students the child always benefits. Any parent with a Year 1 child or older who is struggling to get their child to read at home is also welcome to attend. We have intentionally made the meeting quite late as we are mindful of parents needing to attend to the normal bedtime routines of young children and would like as many parents to attend as possible.

HEAVEN ON EARTH

Heaven on Earth is a spiritual experience we offer parents three times a year. It is a chance for the school to support parents' understanding of Catholic life and culture as well as our relationship with the parish community. It is a wonderful experience of prayer through personal meditation. All are welcome.



Heaven on Earth

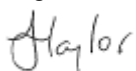
Meditation for busy people with Fr Paul

We are excited to have Fr Paul back again to facilitate some gentle meditation, interactive discussion and engaging resources to revive your spirit.

An opportunity to rest, rejuvenate and replenish. Parents, grandparents and parishioners are welcome.

Friday 27 March, 9am–10.30, St Cecilia's Church followed by morning tea in the school hall

Regards



Fran Taylor
Principal

Celebrating *Respect, Justice, Service and Hope.*

Religious Education

KINDERGARTEN: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE:

'Belonging to God's Family'



This module focuses on how we experience love as members of God's family. We belong to God's family just because we are part of God's creation. As baptised people, we are also members of the church family. We are loved and supported by our church family but are also called to reach out to other people in love, especially those in need. Like our own families and our school family, our church family is a community where God's love is expressed. Children will be invited to explore being part of a family as a way to come to know God's love.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Please giving generously to Project Compassion. So far, we have raised \$208.40. This money will help to provide on-the-job training to people in the Philippines so they can train as health care professionals.

We also congratulate Isabella B (3W) and Olivia B (KW) for their generosity. They made cupcakes on the weekend and sold them. They raised around \$82 for Project Compassion!



GOOD SAM DAY & INTERNATIONAL HAPPINESS DAY

On Thursday 26 March we will be having a combined celebration. We will celebrate Good Sam Day as well as International Happiness Day. On this day students can wear a coloured accessory that makes them happy. For example, students could wear a green shirt as the colour green makes them happy. All funds raised on Good Sam Day will go towards helping those affected by the bushfires.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

On Monday 16 March 3W will lead our Prayer Assembly at 2:30pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASS- CHANGE OF DATE

Our next Families Come Gather Mass will be on **Sunday 22 March**, not Sunday 29 March, with our Year 4 families.

To ensure the Mass and morning tea run smoothly, we require a number of volunteers to fill various roles. Please indicate via SignUp Genius if you are able to attend and provide support

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949AAAE2CA6F94-families12>

Any assistance you can provide at the Mass is greatly appreciated.

WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS

Year 2 attended our Parish Mass today. On Wednesday 18 March Year 3W will attend the 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

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 6 Term 1 Respect Core Value

KB:	Kyra P	Eden V-W and Raphael T
KW:	Chloe M	Max C and Amelie S
1B:	Campbell F	Zahkir H and Harriet C
1W:	Luke A	Matilda G and Mimi W
2B:	Sophie W	Lily E and Zander E
2W:	James C	Hudson V and Sam M
3B:	Sofia D	Louis V and Sienna L
3W:	Sophie H	Liam H and Arthur L

Yr 4:	James P and Xanthe P	Frances L, Caiden M, Thomas K and William O
Yr 5/6	Josephine B and Amalia C	Amelia E, Yasmina H, Jessana B and Billie O

UPCOMING DATES

March

Tues 17th Open Day
 9am Learning Together Playgroup
 Stage 3 Gala Day
 7.30pm Kindy & Yr 1 Parent Literacy Night
 9am Open to Learning Morning
 Thurs 19th Stage 2 Gala Day
 Yr 6 Leaders Mass at Waitara
 Sun 22nd Yr 4 FCG Mass
 Thurs 26th Good Sam Day
 Fri 27th 9am Learning Together Playgroup
 Heaven on Earth 9am
 Tues 31st Environment Leaders Day

April

Mon 6th 2.30pm Core Value Assembly
 Thurs 9th 9.30am Holy Week Liturgy
 End Term 1

Mon 27th Term 2 Commences

May

Fri 1st **SDD – Pupil Free Day**
 Mon 4th Parent Teacher interviews this week
 Tues 5th 9am Learning Together Playgroup
 Wed 6th Northern Beaches Cross Country
 Thurs 7th Mothers' Thursday
 Tues 12th NAPLAN Online commences for Yrs 3 & 5

THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2020

All teachers now have their student passwords. All information is available on the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Stephanie Harding



HEAD LICE

There have been reports of headlice in some classes. Please check your children's hair thoroughly and if found treat appropriately. For further information go to the NSW Health [website](#).

Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click [here](#) for the 2020 booklet.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The P&F held our first meeting last Tuesday 3 March. Thank you to those who attended, and those involved. A reminder that all are welcome. It was nice to have a few kindy parents there too. Thank you for expressing interest in being involved further, it is your school too.

We will call out for specific agenda items parents wish to discuss, two weeks before the next meeting.

Please watch for this in the lead up newsletters.

Fran arranged for a guest speaker, *Carmel Hewitt*, from the Catholic School's Office who discussed the importance of **Positive Behaviours for Learning**.

PBL is a framework to work in a positive way to enhance skills and create a positive environment. This is a whole school approach for proactive strategies to define, teach & support appropriate behaviours. This includes the use of consistent language and the redesign of environments based on problem solving, whilst clearly defining expectations.

Our valued teacher, Terri Smith, gave an overview of the matrix for SCB based on the core values and asked for parent feedback, noting that Chris Bignold (Advisory Committee Chair) is also on the PBL team. I found the reminder to keep it consistent from home to the school, is a key component in your child's behaviour.

Volunteering is going well; we thank all the volunteers to date.

Meals on Wheels has now filled all fortnightly spots to September, so we have sought to re-engage with the weekly routine.

Please continue to support St Cecilia's in this strong community involvement. As always, don't forget helping Sara in canteen.

Introducing this month's '**Parent Volunteer Award**'.

An initiative to thank a parent, like so many, who give countless hours to the school to make it a better place.

Jo Trube, (Yr 1 & Yr 4) has put in hours of work over the years in the school, especially our gardens, keeping them looking amazing. The P&F would like to thank Jo for her tireless support and look forward to sharing a photo of her with her Merit Award just like our kids get, hopefully at the 16 March assembly.

Watch this space: **COMING SOON**
St Cecilia's TRIVIA NIGHT

Date to be confirmed

Thank you all, have a great week.
Sam Ayliffe
(on behalf of all the P&F)

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SPIRITUALITY

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>

Volunteer for GIFT Cook-offs

GIFT (Giving in Faith Together) is a program of our local North Harbour Parish. It organises fortnightly cook-offs to provide meals for families in need in our community. Year groups from schools in our parish come together at different times - see below for the St Cecilia's schedule. Ingredients are ordered and delivered to the kitchen beforehand and meals are frozen for collection/distribution at a later date. Cook-offs are held on Mondays at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale. **Thanks to Year 2 and your coordinator Christine Boys, who did their cook-off on Monday 23 February.**

Please sign up here to volunteer in your year group time

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

- 27 April 6-9pm: Year 3 (Coordinator: Derv Peach)
- 25 May 6-9pm: Year 4 (Coordinator: Gillian Hopkins)
- 15 June 6-9pm: Year 1 (Coordinator: Sally Virgona)
- 20 July 6-9pm: Years 5-6 (Coordinators: Katharine Cooke & Sonia Walsh)
- 31 August 6-9pm: Teachers (Coordinator: Jenny Morris)
- 26 October 6-9pm: Kindy (Coordinator: TBC)

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

2019 Yearbook is now available for \$33. Order your copy through the QKR! App and collect at the school office

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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. 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. 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](tel:0403063013) or at bryanne-crabb@gmail.com

Bryanne Crabb

PARISH MASS HELPERS REQUIRED

The Parish is in need of more volunteers to support the 9am Sunday Mass and it is particularly keen on support from St Cecilia's Primary School. Commitment is one Sunday every 1 or 2 months so being rostered on 6-12 times each year. They are looking for the following helpers:

- Readers - suit students in Stage 3 or above, older siblings and/or parents
- Altar Servers - suit children in Year 4 and above who have made their Confirmation and 1st Communion
- Morning tea - host morning tea after Mass

Please reach out to Christine Boys via caboy01@gmail.com if you are interested.



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 13 Mar: Helena McGrath **and 1 volunteer required**
Mon 16 Mar: Robin Furlong and Sandi Ayliffe
Wed 18 Mar: Susie Warren and Rebecca Hill

Fri 20 Mar: **2 Volunteers 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

2020/2021 Children's Sacramental Program for children in Year 2 (and older)

The Bishop's Office has now finalised the Diocesan Confirmation Program and Confirmation will be celebrated at North Harbour Parish on **Saturday 15 August 2020 at 10.00am, 12 noon and 3.00pm.**

The program commences with a **Sacramental Program Overview Meeting for parents new to the program** on **Tuesday 5 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 6 May at 7.00pm both in SK Church.** An introduction to the sacramental program including Family Preparation Groups, the role of Group Facilitators and how parents accompany their children (for the sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion) in our parish based, family centered process will be explained at this meeting.

A **Confirmation Information Meeting for all parents** will be held on **Tuesday 16 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 17 June at 7.00pm both in SK Church.** Fr Dave will speak on the sacrament and explain why the Sacrament of Confirmation is the first sacrament the children will receive in the Diocese of Broken Bay and how this differs from other dioceses and overseas. How the sacramental preparation and age the children receive this sacrament may be different from the parent's experience and why this can be confusing. The role of the school and special religious education classes in supporting the program, the process and time frame for this sacrament including final details of Family Preparation Groups and booking a date via TryBooking will also be provided.

A copy of the full **2020/2021 Children's Sacramental Program** and information on how and when to **Enrol** will be available in coming weeks.

Please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for more information.

Community News



Stella Maris
COLLEGE MANLY

Start your Stella story...

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 18 March 4.00pm - 7.30pm

see website for details
www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
f smcmanly, 52 Eurobin Avenue Manly



Concerned about your children's safety on social media? Looking for the answers but not sure where to turn? The Safe on Social face-to-face presentation and Q&A session delivers real life case studies and strategies to help parents support their children without the fear!

Topics covered but not limited to:

- Using social media with awareness
- Keeping personal information private
- Online grooming
- Posting photos and sexting
- Safe social networking
- Cyber-bullying
- Privacy settings
- What your posts say about you
- Identity theft
- Legal responsibility
- Gaming dangers
- Learning to read teenager behavior online
- Managing digital footprints
- Strategies to build resistance and resilience

"Your presentation was simply awesome! You not only opened my eyes up to how I can keep my kids safe, you helped keep me safe too. More importantly, your style helped me come home and create a safe conversation with my kids about what we'll do moving forward rather than disconnecting the electricity and beginning to churn our own butter!!!"

Stacey - Banora Point - NSW

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Office of the
eSafety Commissioner

Please note this presentation is for ages 18+
Date: Monday March 16, 2020
6:30pm St Paul's Catholic College, Manly
Time: RSVP Call 9977 5111 between 9-3pm



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