



# St Cecilia's Catholic School Balgowlah

*Celebrating  
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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 your appearance





## Principal's News



**Prayer of St. Patrick**

Christ with me, Christ  
before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.





Dear Parents

### CORONAVIRUS

Further to the information sent to you on Monday this is an excellent five-minute clip for parents (and teachers!) by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on how to talk to children about the current Coronavirus situation and the anxiety they may be feeling. [https://schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-coronavirus](https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus)

### **In the event that schools are closed**

Teachers have now set up Google Classrooms or Seesaw for all grades. These platforms will be monitored each day by the class teacher and home learning will be set daily. As a school we will continue to communicate with you using our normal communication methods, Compass, newsletters, and emails.

Years 2 to 6 will use Google Classrooms. Please check that your child knows their log in details and can access Google Classrooms from home.

### General Instructions

1. On any computer with access to the internet, go to your browser eg. Google Chrome
2. Search for Google Classroom
3. Click on the link to go to: [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com)

4. Select use another account
5. Enter child's school email address: [XXXXXX@dbbstu.catholic.edu.au](mailto:XXXXXX@dbbstu.catholic.edu.au)
6. Select NEXT and arrive at the CEnet log in screen
7. Enter Child's Username: XXXXXX
8. Enter child's own private school password
9. Select Google Classroom tile-Title provided by class teacher
10. Use the supplied class code to join

For more comprehensive instructions click [here](#).

Kindergarten and Year 1 are using *Seesaw: The Learning Journal*  
Please download the app onto an iPad or android device.



**Seesaw: The Learning Journal**  
Student-Driven Portfolios



Each Kindergarten student present at school today received an *At Home Learning Pack* to take home. It includes activity booklets and home learning codes for Seesaw. Parents and students will have access to Seesaw at home should the school close and students are unable to attend school. You will be notified once access is granted. We ask that you do not complete the tasks in the booklets until notified.

Both Year 1 classes will be using the platform Seesaw and assigned similar tasks which will be set every evening for the following day, in the event of school closures. This week, students will learn how to access this platform on their devices at home. Instructions and QR codes will also be sent to parents directly in the event of a closure:

**The following Key considerations have been outlined by the Department of Education:**

#### **Parent responsibilities during remote learning**

Provide support for your children by:

- establishing routines and expectations
- defining a space for your child to work in
- monitoring communications from teachers
- beginning and ending each day with a check-in
- taking an active role in helping your children process their learning
- encouraging physical activity and/or exercise
- checking in with your child regularly to help them manage stress
- monitoring how much time your child is spending online
- keeping your children social, but set rules around their social media interactions.

#### **Student responsibilities during remote learning**

These responsibilities should be adjusted according to the age of your child:

- establishing and/or following a daily routine for learning
- identifying a safe, comfortable, quiet space in their home where they can work effectively and successfully
- regularly monitoring digital platforms and communication to check for learning tasks and feedback from teachers
- completing tasks with integrity and academic honesty, doing your best work
- doing your best to complete assigned tasks
- communicating proactively with your teachers if you require additional support
- complying with the schools' *Acceptable use policy for internet/intranet and network services in the Diocesan School System*.
- seeking out and communicating with school staff as different needs arise.

#### **ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020**

Sadly, we had to postpone our open day yesterday. Please be assured we are still happy for new families seeking enrolment to book a private tour of the school. Simply phone the office to make an appointment. For existing families enrolment forms are available online or from the school office.

#### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Yesterday all families involved in the parish First Reconciliation program received a letter from the Parish Office advising that:

*In light of the current concerns about COVID-19 and the need to ensure a safe environment for all, particularly our children, we have decided to postpone First Reconciliation liturgies at this time.*

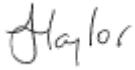
Please refer to the parish letter for details. If you did not receive the letter it is important that you email the parish office.  
[parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au)

### **SWIMMING CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to the following students who are our 2020 Swimming Champions:

8 Yr Boys: Jack K	8 Yr Girls: Lucy B
9 Yr Boys: Liam M	9 Yr Girls: Darci M
10 Yr Boys: Hunter S	10 Yr Girls: Elizabeth C
11 Yr Boys: Oscar W	11 Yr Girls: Sophie M
	12 Yr Girls: Sophie P

Regards



Fran Taylor  
Principal

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## **Religious Education**



### **COVID-19**

We pray that during these times of uncertainty that we look after each other and ask God to be with us. Let us pray that God calms the waters and leads us to a place where a solution to the current human crisis is found.

Heavenly Father, we come to you right now amongst a cloud of uncertainty,  
COVID-19 has spread amongst your people,  
It has scaled mountains, crossed borders, entered countries, and traversed oceans,  
Male and female, young and old,  
It has entered homes, schools, governments, hospitals, sporting clubs and more,  
As a people united, we cry out, do not be far from us God,  
Come quickly to help us. (Psalm 38:21)



### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Please giving generously to Project Compassion. So far we have raised \$386.90 for those who are less fortunate.

### **GOOD SAM DAY & INTERNATIONAL HAPPINESS DAY**

On Thursday 26 March we will be going ahead with Good Sam 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.

It would be appreciated if we could give generously to the victims of the bushfires especially considering they are now dealing with another crisis (COVID-19) and in some cases the drought as well.

### **PRAYER ASSEMBLY**

The Core Value Prayer Assembly that was scheduled for Monday 6 April has been cancelled.

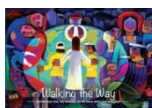
### **'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASS**

The Year 4 FCG Mass that was scheduled for Sunday 22 March has been cancelled.

### **WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS**

Students will not be attending Parish Mass until further notice.

### **WALKING THE WAY**



All initiatives planned by the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) have been cancelled. We will advise you when these initiatives resume again.  
God bless,

*Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator*

## School News

### WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 7	Term 1 Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Raphael T	Nicholas B and Victoria K
KW:	Eloise R	Genevieve B and Hugo B
1B:	Serafina V	Anna K and Sebastian K
1W:	Charles H	Dylan H and Olivia O
2B:	Georgia G	Hugo R and Holly A
2W:	Ella S	Charlotte C and Natalie E
3B:	Oliver T	Lachlan C and Oscar L
3W:	Maddy A	James M and Francesca H
Yr 4:	Willow B and Mieka M	Xavier M, Harry W, Rae-Marie B and Edward C
Yr 5/6	Scarlet F and Marnie W	Oli T, Molly W, Lillian W and Layla R

### UPCOMING DATES

#### March

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Good Sam Day

#### April

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> End Term 1

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Term 2 Commences tbc

### 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*



### DRAMA

Children are being given folders to take home this week. They need to practise their poems at home and bring their drama folders to class each week. They may need some help at home if they are not strong readers. Thank you for your support with this.

Please note Drama classes will continue until further notice. Stay safe!

*Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher*

### EVERGREEN MUSIC – GROUP CLASSES PAUSED

Hello St Cecilia's Music families,

Due to the current health situation Evergreen is putting a pause on our various group and school music programs. Given the number, the mix and the proximity of students in our sessions, and elements such as the sharing of instruments we are taking the week to assess the best action plan going forward. We are also meeting with our teaching team to look at providing a practice plan for each class so that our students can continue progressing.

Families enrolled in our program have been emailed directly and will be provided with an update once our team has met.

Thank you for your cooperation during this crazy time, we look forward to making music all together again as soon as possible.

*Ben, Deb and the Evergreen team.*

## Student Voice

### WELLBEING WEEK

Wk 7: Last week was Wellbeing Week. During Wellbeing Week, we did some different activities like mandalas, craft, games and daily wellbeing time. Instead of set tasks for home learning there was a wellbeing grid given to each student which offered different activities to complete at home. For example, cooking with your family, taking a stroll on the beach and bike riding.



The week was all about just calming yourself down and having some time to do relaxing activities for yourself.

*Aisha K and Scarlet F*

## COVID-19

Wk 8: This week has changed a lot from the original school plans. Because of COVID-19, the open day and the sport gala days have been called off. School is still going on as usual, but the timing for recess and lunch has changed for all students. All big events at St Cecilia's this term have been cancelled due to the scare of COVID-19 and there was no Monday afternoon assembly. The awards were called out over the speakers for all students and the teachers handed out the awards in class.

*Sienna H*

## Parent Network News

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

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

To all our friends and family of the St Cecilia's community,

We all hope everyone is safe and well. I am extremely proud of the correspondence from the school, Fran and the teachers, about the operational changes to try and shelter us from the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

This week I would like to simply share some important links from the ABC if you would like to understand more.

There has been a lot of misinformation about the Coronavirus so it's worth highlighting that the ABC has devoted entire teams to producing special programs and content so that people have a reliable source for the latest information. Below are some useful links.

**Online – dedicated ABC News page with the latest stories and advice**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/story-streams/coronavirus/>

**Coronacast – a daily podcast with Norman Swan answering common questions with the latest information from Australia and around the world.**

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/coronacast/> <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/coronacast/>

**The Virus – Jeremy Fernandez and Norman Swan host a weekly 15 minute summary 7.45pm Friday nights and on iView and YouTube.**

Last Friday's episode of The Virus can be found here <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/virus> and on YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dsgsj\\_E8tl4&list=PLn2RjxYNpcaxMHvBJO\\_G0ewKWolokCeOB&index=25&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dsgsj_E8tl4&list=PLn2RjxYNpcaxMHvBJO_G0ewKWolokCeOB&index=25&t=4s)

Stay safe and well, and please communicate with the school immediately if you feel you need to.

From the P&F

*Sam & Sandi Ayliffe*

### **SCHOOL YEARBOOK**

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



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 20 Mar: **2 Volunteers required**

Mon 23 Mar: Sally Ireland and **1 Volunteer required**

Wed 25 Mar: Clare Miller and Jemma McNamee

Fri 27 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.



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