



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: All rubbish in the bin



Principal's News

ROME - Pope Francis prayed for families who are cooped up in their homes and for all those who are ill with COVID-19. During a live broadcast of his daily morning Mass March 16, Pope Francis again prayed for the many people who have fallen ill and for families who, like all citizens, have been required to isolate themselves in their homes to slow the spread of the coronavirus. "I am thinking of the families under lockdown, children who aren't going to school, parents who cannot leave the house, some who are in quarantine," he said at the beginning of Mass.

"May the Lord help them discover new ways, new expressions of love, of living together in this new situation," he said.

"It is a wonderful occasion for rediscovering true affection with creativity in the family. Let us pray for families so that relationships in the family at this time always thrive for the good," he said.

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Dear Parents

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021

New families seeking enrolment are able 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.

CORONAVIRUS

Our children are handling the news surrounding Covid-19 really well. From time to time it is normal for the children to develop anxiety about Coronavirus. Our school counsellor has sent me the [link](#) to a child friendly explanation of the virus you may like to use with your children.

Whilst our school remains open, we respect the right of parents to decide whether you send your child to school or keep them at home.

From today there is no need to enter your child's absence if your child is staying home due to the current COVID-19 situation. Your child will be automatically assigned the 'Flexible' code via the school.

Our classes are set up for remote home learning. In doing so consideration has been given to access to internet, age of students, stage of learning, and the nature of the Key Learning Area.

Therefore, remote home learning at St Cecilia's adopts a blended learning approach. This includes use of available learning and teaching technologies with learning activities being delivered online, digitally and non-digitally. Years 2-6 are using Google Classrooms whilst K-1 are using Seesaw. These platforms are monitored each day by the class teacher and home learning is 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**. All children who have been at school know their login details and can access Google Classrooms from home. Please be aware that children have different login details for the various online programs they are accessing. All login details have been sent home either in the child's diary or home learning workbook.

Kindergarten and Year 1 are using **Seesaw: The Learning Journal**

Please download the app onto an iPad or Android device. Thank you to the parents who have helped their children stay connected by posting that children have completed their home learning on these closed sites.



Seesaw: The Learning Journal

Student-Driven Portfolios

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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 their best to complete assigned tasks
- communicating proactively with their teachers if they 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.

We are conscious of the need to keep parents connected during these unprecedented times. We are setting up closed **Facebook** pages for each year group that will be connected to the school Facebook page. Class parents will be the moderators of these pages. Families will then be able to connect with each other and share home isolation stories. The pages will not be a means of connecting with teachers. *Google Classrooms*, *Seesaw* and email will remain the preferred method of teacher communication.

These pages should be ready to launch later this week.



CANTEEN CLOSED

Please be advised that our canteen will shut today and remain unavailable for service until further notice. I want to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who have helped Sara provide healthy lunches for our children. Sara will undertake other duties around the school.

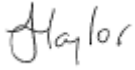
NAPLAN

NAPLAN 2020 has been cancelled across Australia.

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Camp Australia will continue to operate whilst there are still bookings. If your child is not attending remember to cancel their booking to avoid incurring a cost.

Regards



Fran Taylor
Principal

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Religious Education

GOOD SAM DAY & INTERNATIONAL HAPPINESS DAY

Tomorrow, 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.

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 8	Term 1 Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Georgie G	Etive F and Amelie T
KW:	Isabella H	Molly A and Edward M
1B:	Max M	Lola L and William K
1W:	Harriet B	Grace T and Arabella B
2B:	Asha K	Hudson L-S and Angus M
2W:	Patrick DSS	Grace H and Thomas W
3B:	Zachary B	Jack K and Charlie G
3W:	Joshua P	Lucas C and Joshua B
Yr 4:	James S and Joshua S	Emily K, Luca G, Hunter S and Scarlett H
Yr 5/6	Sophie P and Lily A	Taylor R, Sophie P, Benjamin H and Oisin M

UPCOMING DATES

March

Thurs 26th Good Sam Day

April

Thurs 9th End Term 1

Mon 27th Term 2 Commences tbc

THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2020

All information is available on the PRC website:

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

Stephanie Harding





DRAMA

As you all know, because of Covid-19, all before school drama classes have been cancelled for the rest of this term. Those who have paid fees for the whole term will be credited with the cost of 3 classes, or alternatively, please contact me with your bank details and I will arrange the appropriate refund.

This week, I have posted out individual poems, etc. to those children who did not collect their drama folders last week. I encourage you all to keep practising your individual poems, and speech rhymes, and read through the Hints for Verse Speaking Performances. Even though the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod has been cancelled for 2020, it is hoped we will still be able to perform for parents in the near future.

If anyone wishes to contact me via Skype to run through their pieces, they are very welcome to do so. Ring or email me to arrange a suitable time. Another way of extending the Term 1 Drama experience is to collect some more poems on a theme, e.g. poems about school, or scary poems, or poems about animals, or by the same author. You could compile your own personal anthology! I am very happy to help with this also. Stay safe everyone.

Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher

Parent Network News

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

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](#)



Parish News

MASSES

All regular Masses have now been cancelled.

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