



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

Easter calls us out of the darkness that shrouds our lives and into the light of possibility, of healing, of re-creation.

In his rising from the dead, Christ enables us to bring into our own lives all that he lived and taught and gave: the love, compassion, generosity, humility and selflessness that ultimately triumphs over hatred, prejudice, despair, greed, and death.

The empty tomb is the sign of perfect hope: that in Christ all things are possible, that we can live our lives with meaning and purpose, that we can become the people God created us to be become.

May we not fear or shrink from Easter morning's first light but embrace that light and the hope it promises in the Risen One who is forever in our midst, shattering the darkness.

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Dear Parents

Over the past week I have tried to connect with all families either over the phone or in person as they have come to collect home packs from school. Parents agree teachers have worked hard and have done a tremendous job so far in transforming how schooling and learning looks. The positivity conveyed by all families is uplifting. Whilst we all understand these are unprecedented times and whilst it can be difficult at times, we know we are in this together.

By tomorrow all children will have connected with their teachers via Zoom meetings. As one parent said to me on the phone, 'who would have thought my 6 year old would have a scheduled Zoom meeting to attend?' These are indeed unique times!

Many parents have asked how long the remote learning will continue. All I can say is 'as a staff we are preparing for the worst and hoping for the best'. At the moment it appears that next term will be very much like it is now.

The allocated pupil free days this week have provided the opportunity for teachers to review the work done in transitioning to Remote Home Based Learning and reflect on the experience of students, parents and teachers before planning for Term 2.

Teachers are

- working on overviews for next term's learning to give to parents
- recording explicit teaching of new concepts for the students
- recording workshops for parents
- planning regular Zoom meeting with small groups
- exploring ways to provide more verbal instructions

At this stage the younger students will continue to receive a combination of home packs and online tasks next term. Students in year 2-6 will continue to receive their learning online, some of which will require printing. Please email the office if you are unable to print at home and prefer to collect a home pack from school.

EASTER MASSES

With our churches closed over Easter, the North Harbour Parish will be live streaming Easter Celebrations this coming weekend

[Parish Masses Live Streaming Link](#)

Live Streaming of Masses – From this Sunday, some Masses and ceremonies will be live streamed from St Kieran's Church, including Holy Week ceremonies:

- **Passion Sunday** Mass at **9.30am**
- **Holy Thursday** – Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7.30pm**
- **Good Friday** – Celebration of the Lord's Passion - **3.00pm**
- **Holy Saturday** - Easter Vigil – **7.00pm**
- **Easter Sunday** – Mass at **9.30am**



FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM INSTRUCTIONS

(for those without a Facebook account)

LINK TO PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE - www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic

Catholics around Australia will also be able to watch Easter services live on national television from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. Channel 7 will stream The Lord's Passion at 3pm on Good Friday and Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30am across the country. Both liturgies will be broadcast commercial-free and in their entirety.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish you all a happy and safe Easter break. Remote Home Based Learning will start up again on 28 April. In the meantime, The Catholic Schools Office has committed to pushing out holiday suggestions for the children on our St Cecilia's Facebook page over the Easter break, be sure to watch out for these. The challenge will be to stay connected with other families over Easter. The closed parent, year group, Facebook pages have been set up for this purpose. Being closed groups it is safe to share posts of your virtual holiday, it could prove to be a lot of fun for the children.

Regards

Fran Taylor
Principal



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Religious Education



HAPPY EASTER

We wish you and your family a happy, safe and holy Easter. We hope you have a lovely Easter celebrating the risen Lord with your family and friends. Many thanks to everyone in our special community for your support and assistance this term especially given the unprecedented times we live in. May God bless you and your family during these times.

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING

We thank you all for praying in your homes with your children. Our prayers, as a united community, will help many people not just here in Australia, but across the globe to lean on their faith help them during these challenging times.

It would be appreciated if you keep praying with your families.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.



For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention or think of your particular concerns and prayers now)

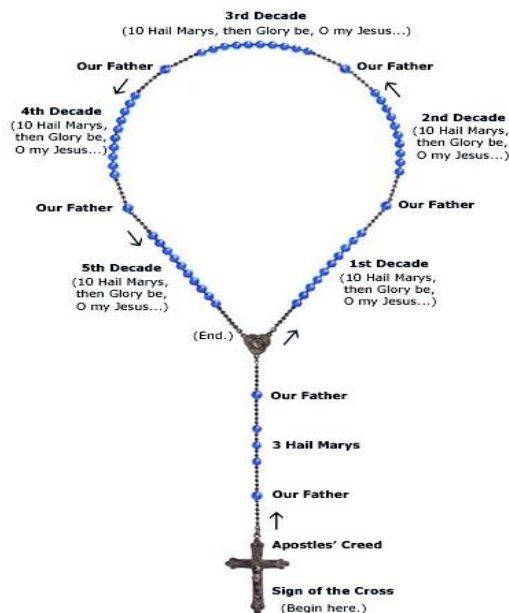
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.

Short Litany to Our Blessed Mother

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.
Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.
Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.
Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.
Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us.
Amen

Pray one decade of the Rosary

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY



At Fatima, Our Lady asked that we pray at least 5 decades of the Rosary every day for world peace and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

HOW TO PRAY THE FIRST DECADE (FIRST MYSTERY) OF THE ROSARY

1. State the First Mystery
2. Optional: state the prayer intention for this mystery
3. At the individual bead -- say one Our Father
4. At each of the ten consecutive beads -- say one Hail Mary

5. After the 10th, say Glory Be

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

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

BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating a birthday this week and to those who are celebrating a birthday during the holidays:

10 April: **Olivia O**
11 April: **Finn M, Eloise R**
13 April: **Patrick-Louis DSS, Beck M**
20 April: **Isabella B, Oscar W**
21 April: **Josephine B, Ava Hill**
22 April: **Georgia W**
23 April: **Taylor R**
24 April: **Aleksandra W, Connor B**



UPCOMING DATES

April

Wed 7th **Staff Development Day**
Thurs 9th **Staff Development Day**
Mon 27th **Staff Development Day**
Tues 28th Term 2 commences

THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2020

With more and more students staying at home now and public places closing in reaction to the coronavirus, families are finding themselves with a lot of time together at home. This is the perfect opportunity for all children to challenge themselves in the Premier's Reading Challenge:

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



All students have their own personal log in. If this is not available, please email me and I will send it to you.

Once logged in they can check if the books they have at home are on the booklists. I find it is more accurate to use the actual booklist checklists than the general search option. Students can search for a book using title, author or category.

Once a book is completed it is preferable to enter it straight away onto the student's online reading record. This will encourage students to keep reading as they see their personal list grow. Younger students will require an adult to help log their books.

Stephanie Harding

WINTER UNIFORM

If returning to school all students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 11 May.

Parent Network News

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

2020 YEARBOOK UPDATE – LET'S SEE YOUR COVID SNAPS

With so many events cancelled and postponed, this year's yearbook is looking rather "skinny". COVID-19 is clearly a big part of this year, and the entire community has done such an amazing job - our teachers; staff; parents; sponsors; and of course the kids! We're all in this together! ❤️🙏

I would love to use some photos of this time in the 2020 Yearbook. So please share your snaps by **posting these on your Closed Facebook Year group page**, or by emailing them to me at: stephanie.jeffs44@gmail.com

Let's see how you are working from home and home learning; all the fun family things you are doing; walks, yoga, home masses and celebrations; arts and crafts and everything in between. Teachers we want to see you too!
Happy Snapping! Stay safe everyone.

Stephanie Jeffs, VP Clubs and Service

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.
To access the past and upcoming bulletins please click [here](#).

Parish Masses Live Streaming link: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic/>

COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	COLD	FLU
	Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
Sore Throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
Sneezing	No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

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Aneli 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. Aneli and the practice and ensure that treatment is carried out at the correct time.

Terms and Conditions: 1) This offer is for parents and children currently enrolled at St Cecilia's. 2) The offer is valid for the 2019/2020 financial year.



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