

## 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: Justice

School Rule: Treat others as you want to be treated

Scripture: Blessed are they who maintain justice who constantly do what is right – Psalm 106:3

**Story:** The Good Samaritan: *share in the classroom* 



#### **Principal's News**

Easter faith is to recognize God in our midst: in our wanting to understand, in our struggle to make things right, in our brokenness.

May this Easter season open our hearts and spirits to recognize Christ among us in every moment of our lives, in both the bright promising mornings and the dark, terrifying nights.

May the power of the risen Christ, who brings forth light from our darkness, continue to strengthen you and your families over these 50 days of Easter

#### **Dear Parents**

The question on everyone's mind is What will Term 2 look like? What we know presently is Term 2 will begin as it finished in Term 1. The majority of NSW students will be learning from home. Schools will be open and operational for students who need to attend but where practical, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home.

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#### Key dates:

- Monday 27 April 2020: Pupil-free day
- Tuesday 28 April 8 May 2020: Students learning from home where practical
- Monday 11 May: students attend school one day a week and learn from home on the other days

Students who need to be at school between 28 April and 8 May will be supervised in the school hall provided they are healthy and well. They will be completing the same Remote Home Based Learning program as the children who remain at home. They will therefore need to bring their headphones to school each day.

The Premier and Minister for Education have announced a phased operating model for schools during COVID-19. The new model will see students being reintroduced to some face-to-face learning on campus starting from Week 3. At St Cecilia's the program commencing 11 May will be as follows

Monday 11 May	Year 3 Blue	Year 4 Blue	Half of Stage 3 *	
Tuesday 12 May	Year 3 White	Year 4 White	Half of Stage 3 *	
Wednesday 13 May	Kindergarten Blue	Year 1 Blue	Year 2 Blue	
Thursday 14 May	Kindergarten White	Year 1 White	Year 2 White	
Friday 15 May	Catch up day for families and teachers to review and give feedback			

<sup>\*</sup>Stage 3 teachers will email parents directly

What are we doing to keep safe at school?

- Following the Premier's directive on a staged back to school model.
- The Catholic Schools Office is providing additional provisions of soap and hygiene supplies, such as hand sanitiser.
- Our school is professionally cleaned each day.

We will continue to implement good hygiene practices, including directing children to:

- wash hands frequently with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze
- avoid touching their face
- · limit physical contact in the playground.

The following social distancing measures will also remain in place until further notice:

- No interschool competitions
- No assemblies
- No excursions
- No visitors to the school including parents
- No community use of school sites except for Before and After school care.

#### DROP OFF AND PICK UP

For the time being we are asking parents not to enter the school grounds.

Parents are asked to use the drop off/pick up area in White St. Please remember to stay in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children.

The double gate in White Street behind the church will be used as the entrance to the school for drop off/pick up.

#### **CANTEEN CHANGE OF DAYS**

Until further notice the canteen will begin to provide lunches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. A reduced menu is available on QKR. Please note there will be no over the counter service. Lunches will be delivered to the classroom.

#### **CAMP AUSTRALIA**

Parents will have received updated advice from Camp Australia. It is important to note that whilst they will continue to provide the service, parents must book care as needed. For all families that attend, childcare will be provided free of charge until 30 June as per the Federal Government's announcement on 2 April. Booking is essential to ensure that Camp Australia have capacity for all those who need the service.

Regards

Fran Taylor Principal

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#### **Religious Education**

#### **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**

Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating a birthday this week.

28 April: Georgie G and Darci M 29 April: Xavier M and Yasmina H



#### **UPCOMING DATES**

April

Tues28th Term 2 commences

May

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Students commence attendance one day per week – 3B, 4B and half of Stage 3



#### 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: <a href="mailto:stephanie.jeffs44@gmail.com">stephanie.jeffs44@gmail.com</a>

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

From Monday 11 May the Canteen will open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for lunches only.

Limited menu.

No over the counter service.

#### **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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic/">https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic/</a> or via YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt8Dxm0ehFt-5r1ie9xOjLw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt8Dxm0ehFt-5r1ie9xOjLw</a>



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