



# 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

Pope Francis delivered from the window of his private library overlooking an empty St Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Sunday, March 22, 2020.

*"To the pandemic of the virus we want to respond with the universality of prayer, of compassion, of tenderness. Let us unite. Let us make our closeness felt to the people who are most alone and most deprived."*  
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

**Dear Parents**

### SHOULD I BE SENDING MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

Government advice is:

**"Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to keep their children home if possible."**

We are open for children whose parents are essential workers.

### 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.

### REMOTE HOME BASED LEARNING

Thank you to parents who have continued to send messages of appreciation as the children settle into their remote home based learning. Please remember to pace the children with plenty of breaks and wellbeing time. Students work at different rates. It is OK to prioritise Maths, English and Wellbeing. Remember the important thing is to keep learning fun.

### PARENT FACEBOOK PAGE

The parent Facebook page has been set up for class groups to keep in touch. You will have received an invitation to join the page. Please join and start posting your good news stories regarding this new Home Based Learning experience. Look after each other. I would strongly encourage you to take advantage of the Facebook capability and FaceTime each other at a set time.

### STUDENTS' WELLBEING

The children also need social connectedness. The children from Years 2 to 6 all have the capability of joining Google Hangout using their school Gmail account. At this time of social isolation it is important for parents to organise a time for their child to connect to other children from their grade. It is easy though platforms such as Google Hangout, FaceTime, interaction through safe online games like versing each other on Mathletics live... the ideas are endless. In the meantime, teachers are working toward live Zoom meetings next term.

In case you are not aware our school counsellor is still available to support parents and students who may require advice/ support at this time. Simply contact me via the office to arrange a phone consultation.

### **CORONAVIRUS GOVERNMENT APPS**

The Federal Government has recently unveiled a new app allowing users to navigate the latest advice and information about coronavirus in real-time.

Coronavirus Australia, which is available from the [Apple App Store](#) and on [Google Play](#), was launched alongside the Government's new [WhatsApp feature](#).



Regards

Fran Taylor  
Principal

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## **Religious Education**



Dear friends,

During this time the staff here at St Cecilia's have been gathering for prayer each morning. We would like to invite you to pray with us each day by praying the prayer below with your family. We have also been praying one decade of the Rosary. There are instructions below about how to pray the Rosary. Please pray the prayers or part of the prayers at a time that's suitable for your family.

We're all in this together and our prayers as a community will help to alleviate the challenges people may be facing during this time.

### **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.

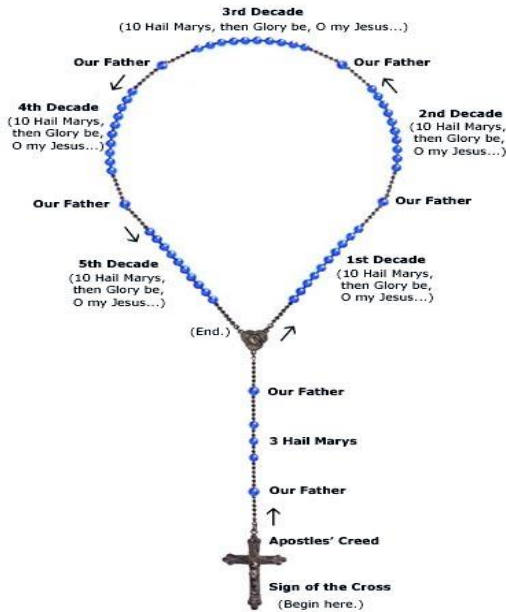
### **Short Litany to Our Blessed Mother**

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

**Many thanks in advance to each of you for praying with us. As a community our prayers will help us to reach out to those in need and help to contain this pandemic.**

#### 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

#### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

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

- 27 March: Harper V  
29 March: Edward M  
30 March: Levi P  
31 March: Georgia J, Ella V, Ainsley B, Xavier L  
1 April: Ella S, Lachlan S  
2 April: Liam H



## UPCOMING DATES

### April

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

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

## 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.

Happy Reading!

Please contact me with any queries.

*Stephanie Harding*



## Parent Network News

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

### MEALS ON WHEELS

There will be no Meals on Wheels during this unprecedented time. Northern Beaches Council will be using their own staff for insurance purposes.

### 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.

Please click [here](#) for the Parish Bulletin 29 March 2020. To access the past and upcoming bulletins please click [here](#).



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