

# 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: Service

School Rule: Help others in our school, wider community and the world
Scripture: Be ready for service and keep your lamps burning – Luke 12:35
Story: Washing the disciples' feet: Help others to follow the rules

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

Bread is a living sign of what it means to be church: we come together with our gifts and talents, and, by the "yeast" that is the Spirit of God, we become the one bread, the Church, the body of Christ. In imitating Jesus' three actions in today's Gospel — blessing" and giving thanks for what God has given to us, "breaking" from our blessings (including our time and energy) in order to contribute to the good of all, and "giving" in joy and humility — we transform our small offerings of fish and pieces of bread into the means for becoming the one body of Christ.

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

#### **Dear Parents**

#### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The children were very excited to attend the athletics carnival today. We definitely missed parent participation but managed to have a very enjoyable day. We took lots of photos which will be sent out to all parents via a link. More information to come once the photos are uploaded.

#### **TEACHERS TO PHONE PARENTS**

With restrictions to parent access to the school still in place, we are very mindful that communication between parents and teachers has become more difficult. Regular contact with parents is important to us even during this difficult time. Over the next 2 to 3 weeks teachers will endeavour to contact all parents over the phone just to check in. It is important to remember however, anytime you wish to meet with teachers in person or speak to them over the phone simply send an email through to Sue in the office. She will pass the request onto the teachers who will contact you.

#### **DEBATING**

Our Stage 3 students have been given the opportunity to compete in the Independent Schools Debating Network (SDN) on Friday evenings. They are registered as the Stella Maris junior school and coached by Year 11 students from Stella Maris. Whilst Friday evenings are a big commitment for parents, students and our teachers who must attend, it is a wonderful learning opportunity for our seniors. Last Friday they attended their first debate at Brigandine College. They were asked to debate against the need for a healthy canteen menu. Not an easy thing to do and despite putting forward some sound arguments they found rebutting the topic very difficult.

#### **KINDERGARTEN'S 100 DAYS CELEBRATION**

Last Monday was an important milestone for our youngest learners! They celebrated 100 days of school! We are so proud of the growth and achievements of each student in Kindergarten despite the disruption they have had to endure this year. The day was packed with engaging learning and celebrations.

Monday 27 July marked the 100<sup>th</sup> day of learning at St. Cecilia's for our Kindergarten students. We had so much fun last week in preparation for the big day. We reflected on all that we can do now that we are 100 days smarter than before we started school and explored the number 100! We read books to our buddies and had our PE lesson with them on Friday.

Thank you Big Buddies for helping us this year to feel welcomed, settled and special. On Monday we wore our party clothes, made party crowns and received a special cupcake marked with '100'! It was a very special day. Congratulations Kindergarten for your kindness, dedication and resilience. What a year to start school! Mrs McLaren and Miss Pelling.







#### SCHOOLS NATIONAL TREE DAY, NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL

This Friday is Schools National Tree Day, Australia's largest community and nature care event. Celebrating Schools National Tree Day is a great way to inspire students to learn about the local environment while playing an active role in their community. This week students have designed an artwork that could be printed on a T-shirt to reflect what trees mean to them. In the coming weeks the students will be involved in planting a tree to replace the one near our front entrance to the school in Seaview St that needs to be removed as it is lifting the path.

#### **REDUCING UNNECESSARY WASTE**

This term we have returned to bin free Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to avoid sending lunches wrapped in plastic or other unnecessary packaging to school. An alternative is a lunch box with compartments that can hold fruit break, morning tea and lunch with minimal packaging. Please remember to check that all lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

#### **LEAP INTO LEARNING**

Our Learning Together Playgroup has been rebranded and is now known as LEAP INTO LEARNING. Our first get together is scheduled for Tuesday 4 August at 9am. We will hold it in the School Playground to ensure social distancing is still achievable. Angela Pelling will be on hand to support our parent volunteers and introduce a literacy themed program for the morning. All families with a pre-schooler ready to start kindy in 2021 are welcome.

#### IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDY 2021?

Inviting you to enjoy our free L.E.A.P play-based sessions with a difference.

Designed and run by teachers, unlock your child's learning potential at our sessions on August 4<sup>th</sup> &20<sup>th</sup> Sep 11<sup>th</sup> &22<sup>nd</sup> and Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.





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POTENTIAL
BEFORE THEY
START SCHOOL



## LEARNING EXPLORING ACTIVE PLAY SESSIONS

SEE SCHOOL WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS

Don't miss out..... register now as numbers are limited. We are a COVID safe environment. Click here to register.

#### **FEE RELIEF**

We're supporting families as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt throughout our community. Our program to assist families who are experiencing difficulties with school fees due to COVID-19 can be found here.

Regards

Fran Taylor Principal

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#### **Religious Education**

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE: STAGE 3: 'LEADERS OF COURAGE'

As Catholic disciples we seek to live like Jesus in the way we are and the things we do. Our actions and words reflect Jesus' way of being in his life. It influences our choices and most importantly why we care for and serve others. It influences what we value, our commitments and the goals we strive towards.



There comes a time in our lives when we are able to reflect upon our impact on others and lead others to live in the way that Jesus would want. A leader recognises potential and finds ways to invite individuals to share their gifts with, and for, the community. In order to help others recognise their gifts the leader must first get to know and understand others, their gifts, feelings and aspirations.

Jesus modelled servant leadership to us and this is the way that we are called to lead in our lives. In this module, senior students reflect upon how they can be leaders in the way that Jesus showed us. Students will explore how Jesus modelled leadership and taught about leading through love in his parables.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

On Monday we announced the new Student Representative Council (SRC) members for Semester 2. The students were chosen by their peers for this honourable role. Congratulations to each one of you and we are looking forward to you making a contribution to our school.

KB: Victoria K and Finn M KW: Eloise R and Max C 1B: Isabella C and Zahkir H 1W: Luke A and Arabella B 2B: Emma P and Jacob P 2W: Samuel G and Grace H 3B: Lucy M and Oliver T 3W: Francesca H and James M

Yr 4: Eve P and Liam M Yr 5: Danica P and Yasmina H



We thank the outgoing SRC members for all they've done during the first semester.

#### **FAITH STEPS AT HOME**

#### Celebrate

At the meal table, invite each person to name one 'mustard seed' that he/she planted. Celebrate everyone's sincere efforts! Offer them all to God.

#### **Pray**

Teach your child this simple, direct prayer: In those moments in life when it is difficult to pray, we can simply breathe deeply and ask the Holy Spirit to pray for us, within us, through us.



St Paul says that when we don't know how to pray, the Spirit intercedes "with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

#### WALKING THE WAY

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

Walking the Way is a school-based initiative in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, designed to encourage parents in their sacred task of accompanying their children on their journey with God. There are four elements: Book & video / E-Bulletin / Parent gatherings / Annual retreat. Click here to view the E-Bulletins <a href="http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2020-year-a.html">http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2020-year-a.html</a>

God bless,

Tanya Fitzpatrick, Religious Education Coordinator

#### **School News**

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate a birthday this week.

27 July: Sophie H and Ava VW

30 July: Claudia W, Nicholas B and Olivia B

1 Aug: Edward C

2 Aug: Thomas E and Charlotte F

#### **WEEKLY AWARDS**

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 1	Service Award	Merits
KB:	Zara H	Etive F and Christian S
KW:	Amelie S	Genevieve B and Beau B
1B:	Sofia P	Xavier L and Olivia M
1W:	Luke A	Matilda G and Sebastian C
2B:	Zander E	Georgia G and Austin B
2W:	Miranda C	Patrick DRSS and Lucy B
3B:	Elsie M	Darius G and Jack V
3W:	Isabella B	Fletcher H and Rose A
Yr 4:	Luca G and Lewis H	Connor B, Luisa A, Rose F and Lucia B
Yr 5/6	Oscar W and Danica P	Layla R, Elise R, Josephine B and Lucy G

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

#### **August**

Wed 19th ICAS Science

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Parent Network meeting

Wed 26th ICAS English

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> ICAS Digital Technologies

September

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day 2-5pm

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> End Term 3

**October** 

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Term 4 Commences

#### CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Cecilia's Primary School (Balgowlah) is held on **Tuesday** from **8:00 AM - 8:45 AM. Term 3 lessons started 21 July 2020.** 

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem-solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email <a href="mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au">enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au</a> for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



#### **TAEKWONDO**

**Training** for **term 3** commenced on **Tuesday 28 July in the school hall**. Class time will be **8:00am - 8:55am**. Traditional techniques will feature in this term's classes. **CHEQUE/CASH:** If paying by cheque/cash please make payable to Ben Young-Peirce and return with completed <u>slip</u> to the class instructor.

#### **DRAMA**

- Wednesday 5 August Stage 3 in the hall
- Thursday 6 August Years 3 & 4 in the hall and Years 1 & 2 in the library

Classes commence at 8am and finish at 8.45am.

#### **Student Voice**

#### KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATE 100 DAYS AT SCHOOL

Last Monday 27 July was Kindergarten's 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. On Thursday and Friday last week, Kindergarten and Stage 3 spent time together. On Thursday, the Kindergarten children came to the Stage 3 classroom and read to us, then we coloured in together. On Friday, Stage 3 assisted their buddies with their sport activities. It was so much fun catching up with our buddies once again!



#### **NATIONAL TREE DAY**

This term the Environment Captains have been working together to organise a competition for National Tree Day, this Friday 31July. The Environment Captains will hold a T-Shirt design competition. All students will be participating in the competition and their designs will outline the importance of planting and caring for trees. The Environment Captains will judge the T-Shirt designs on Friday and award each winner with a pot plant.

Bianca T and Lily TA

#### **Parent Network News**

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click here for the 2020 booklet.

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Click <u>here</u> to view the 2020 Term 3 Canteen Menu. Order via QKR! Click here to volunteer.

During this 'COVID' time the canteen will be available for online orders only. Please remember:

- No over the counter service
- Orders via QKR! only
- No cash
- Orders must be placed by 10pm the day before order is required
- Orders will be delivered directly to the classroom

#### **Canteen Volunteering**

The canteen is now open for Term 3 volunteering. Please register via the Signup Genius <u>website</u>. We need 2 helpers on a Friday and 1 or 2 on Wednesdays. We no longer require assistance on Mondays.

We are now selling homemade lasagne (including a GF option), chicken burgers and as the winter mixed fruit salad is popular we will keep it on the menu.



#### SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR REQUIRED

The School Crossing Program are recruiting for your school crossing supervisors. Applications close on **9 August 2020**. Click <u>here</u> for further information.

#### **Parish News**

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

#### **Key Dates:**

- Week 1 beginning 20 July: Parent information Meeting via YouTube/Zoom;
- Weeks 5, 6 and 7 the celebration of First Communion: The number of children at each Mass making their First Communion will be confirmed closer to the proposed dates. We may need to allocate 9 or 12 First Communion Masses
  - 9 Masses (would allow 20 families at each Mass) 5.30pm Sat and 9.30am Sun SK and 9am Sun SC OR
  - 12 Masses would allow (15 families at each Mass) 5.30pm Sat, 9.30am Sun and 6pm Sun SK and Sun 9am SC

First Communion 22/23 August

First Communion 29/30 August

First Communion 5/6 September

#### Please note bookings for all Masses will be via TryBooking

Your group facilitators will be in contact to organize your child's family preparation group meetings which will commence in Week 2.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister, Catholic Community of North Harbour

#### **MASSES**

Sunday 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>
To access the past and upcoming bulletins please click here.

#### **Community News**

#### **CATHOLIC CARE PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS**

CatholicCare are running the following programs in Term 3. Please click on the links to view.

- <u>Parenting</u> at Home
- Growing Big Lives Workshops

#### **COVID TESTING OPTIONS**

SNHN has created a range of useful resources to inform Northern Sydney community members about COVID-19, including:

- <u>'COVID-19 testing options explained' factsheet</u> (linked and attached) we have outlined the main differences and key details (including links to booking and location information) in a one-page factsheet, so community members can decide which testing option is most appropriate for them and their family
- <u>Community information website</u>, including where to get tested in the Northern Sydney region, advice on maintaining physical and mental health during the pandemic, and more

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