



# 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 a part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace"* Colossians 3:15

**Story:** *The Ten Commandments*

**Weekly Behaviour Expectation:** *All rubbish in the bin*

## Principal's News

Dear Parents

### OUR PATH TO EASTER

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is called Holy Week. On Thursday evening we enter the Easter Triduum, three days of intense reflection on the events of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Special ceremonies are held in churches on Holy Thursday evening and Good Friday, giving way to a great celebration of wonder and joy on Easter Sunday: Jesus has been raised from the dead! The crucified one is the risen Lord. Alleluia!



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Holihan family on the birth of Dorothy, a little sister for Scarlett.

### PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 3 April **will be a Pupil Free Day**. On this day all teachers will receive professional learning in Literacy concentrating on the writing process, they will be off site.

This Pupil Free Day comes at the end of the Easter break giving families an extra day to get back into Sydney and avoid the Easter traffic. The children will return to school after the Easter break on Wednesday 4 April.

### EASTER LITURGY, CROSS COUNTRY AND PICNIC THURSDAY 29 MARCH

Tomorrow, Holy Thursday, we will begin our Easter celebrations in the church at 9:30am where all classes will be involved in a moving liturgy that will follow the footsteps of Christ during Holy Week up until the crucifixion. We will celebrate the Resurrection on our return to school on Wednesday 4 April at 2:30pm. All parents are invited to attend both liturgies. They are very moving and the children put a lot of preparation into the events.

Following our Holy Thursday Liturgy tomorrow will be our St Cecilia's School Cross Country event at North Harbour Reserve. All students from K to 6 participate in the day. Children are to wear their **sport uniform**.

After eating their fruit break students will walk down to North Harbour Reserve for the afternoon's events. Parents are also welcome to join the students and teachers at North Harbour Reserve for lunch and to watch the children compete in the Cross Country. **NB Dogs are not permitted at school events when students are present just as they are not permitted on school grounds or near school gates/fences. Please do not bring dogs to the park tomorrow.**

The younger children will take part in Easter games while students 8 years and over are asked to nominate if they wish to be considered for selection to compete for St Cecilia's at the Northern Beaches Cross Country Trials. 8, 9 and 10 year olds must run/jog 2km to qualify and 11 and 12 year olds must run/jog 3km to qualify. The first six boys and six girls to complete the circuit in each age group will be selected to represent the school. Entry forms have been emailed home. If you haven't already returned your child's entry/permission note please do so.

The proposed timetable for the day is:

- 11:00am Depart for Reserve - students walk to North Harbour Reserve with their teachers
- 11:30am All students walk the cross country course-around the reserve!
- 11:45am Cross Country Races commence and Infants begin Easter Games

- 1.00pm Lunch
- 1.30pm **If you are collecting your child they must be collected by 1.30pm.**
- 1:45pm Depart reserve, children may be collected from the reserve by their parents to begin their Easter holiday break or they will return to school with their teachers for their usual going home procedure.

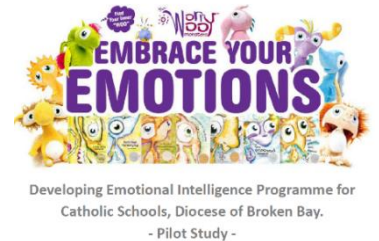
**Please Note:** For children returning to school with their teacher we have booked **one** bus. As you can appreciate there are limited spaces on the bus and once they are filled the remaining children will walk back to school.

### ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open. It is time for families with siblings ready to start school next year to complete an enrolment form and return it to the office at your earliest convenience.

### WORRY WOOS

During term 2 students from K to Year 2 will take part in an intensive program aimed at developing Emotional Intelligence. The program is part of a research study supported by the Diocese of Broken Bay. The students will be introduced to plush toys and shared texts that will guide and support conversations and learning relating to a focus emotion for the week eg anxiety, self-control, rejection, jealousy, frustration...



**Emotional Intelligence is broadly defined as being able to recognise, understand and manage our emotions. It is just as important as a child's academic ability and in fact, is a better predictor of happiness and success in life.**

Parents of students in K to 2 will receive a letter today explaining the program further.

### BOYS' MEETING

Thank you to the many people who attended our boys meeting last night. It was a very positive evening. A special thank you to Harry and James who were captains at our school last year. They spoke with passion and conviction stressing that St Cecilia's had prepared them for the transition to Year 7 with skills they may not have developed had they left earlier.

The skills included their confidence to speak before a crowd, to know themselves as learners, to listen to what is being said and to build their own thoughts from it. The boys credit their easy transition into high school with the leadership opportunities they were given in our small school as well as the teaching they received in stage 3.

One concern a parent raised with me after the meeting and that I didn't address was the curriculum provided by an independent school. The question was, "*will the boys be missing out on anything?*" I can assure you that all schools Independent, Catholic, and State need to follow the same NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. Boys going to an Independent school will follow the same curriculum.

I am happy to meet with anyone who may have further questions.

Wishing you a happy, holy and safe Easter break.

In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus  
In all things may God be Glorified.

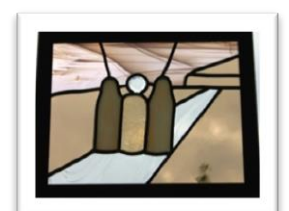
**Fran Taylor**  
**Principal**

## Religious Education

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Year 3 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week.

### YEAR 4: LENT TO EASTER MODULE

In this module students will explore the themes of Lent and Easter in a creative and integrated way firstly, through the study the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: '*Jesus cures the man born blind from birth*' and explore its themes of faith and spiritual discernment in relation to Baptism and the celebration of the Season of Lent.



Through participation and involvement in the module as well as in whole school Lent and Easter activities and celebrations, students will gain an awareness of the stories, actions and symbols of

Lent and Easter. By exploring the significance of Jesus washing the disciples' feet they will reflect upon their understanding of the new meaning Jesus gave to the sharing of bread and wine at the Last Supper and to relate the Church's celebration of the Eucharist to its hospitality and service to all.

Finally, students will explore the Emmaus story and how the risen Jesus brings hope, peace and joy to disciples who are sad, confused and/or afraid. Jesus' resurrection is not viewed as simply a story but as a reality. Students will consider how they can bring the peace of the risen Christ to others and hopefully understand that the Emmaus journey is essentially as a story about discipleship.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE: PROJECT COMPASSION**

This week is the final week for **Project Compassion**. Money raised will contribute to the many wonderful programs supported by Caritas <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>  
Thank you to all students who have donated!

### **HOLY WEEK AND RESURRECTION LITURGY**

On **Thursday 29 March**, the whole school gathers at 9:15am in the church, for **St Cecilia's 'Holy Week Liturgy'**. Each class presents a tableau representing one part of the Passion of Jesus. This liturgy is the most significant in our school's liturgical calendar and all parents and family are invited to attend.

On our return to school after Easter, Wednesday 4 April 2:30pm, Stage 3 will present a **Resurrection Liturgy**.

### **WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS**

Year **1W** will participate in Parish Mass on Wednesday **4 April**. All parents are welcome to join us.



### **'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES**

Our next **Families Come Gather** Mass will be **Sunday 27 May**. Year **3** students and their families will be involved in this mass. Information regarding the Mass will be sent out to families early next term.

### **PRAYER ASSEMBLY**

Our next prayer assembly will be our **Resurrection Liturgy** presented by Stage 3 on Wednesday 4 April. All parents are welcome.

### **CORE VALUE ASSEMBLY**

Our Core Value Assembly for Term 1 will be held on Monday 9 April at 2:30pm. Students receiving the Core Value Award for Respect will be acknowledged at this assembly.

### **CELEBRATING LENT**

Parents may find the following resources helpful.

#### **Families and Lent - Acts of Love and Sacrifice**

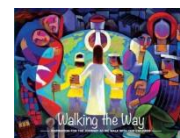
40 suggestions for putting Lent into practice at home and deepen your family's faith one day at a time.

#### **Stations of the Cross for Families**

An opportunity for families to reflect on how each of The Stations can be applied to our daily lives and for family conversation around important life and relationship issues.

### **WALKING THE WAY**

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 Holy Week Year B <http://walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



## **School News**

### **UPCOMING DATES**

#### **March**

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Cross Country and Holy Week Liturgy  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

#### **April**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> **Staff Development Day – Pupil Free**  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Resurrection Liturgy & Prayer Assembly – Stage 3  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Core Value Assembly  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Yrs 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 1  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 commences  
2.30pm ANZAC Service & Assembly 3W

#### **May**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Monday  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> ICAS Digital Technologies  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Northern Beaches Cross Country  
9 – 10.15am Pop Up Play  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Full winter uniform

**VACATION CARE:** The Autumn 2018 School Holiday Activities brochure from Northern Beaches Council is now available from the reception area near the school office.

## WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Respect Core Value</b>	<b>Merits</b>
<b>KB:</b>	Oliver D	John P and Madeleine R
<b>KW:</b>	Sebastian A	Lucy B and Rufus M
<b>Yr 1B:</b>	Rebecca W	Christopher C and Lucas R
<b>Yr 1W:</b>	James M	Imogen H and Evangeline F
<b>Yr 2B:</b>	Oscar M	Luca G and Edward C
<b>Yr 2W:</b>	Connor B	Alexander F and Kingston W
<b>Yr 3:</b>	Lillian W and Jessana B	Ava H, Henry M, James S and Samuel K
<b>Yr 4:</b>	Isabella M	Chloe V and Riley D
<b>Yr 5/6</b>	Emma W and Orla C	Emma M, Peita P and Isabella S

## WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Students may return to school in Term 2 in either full summer or full winter uniform, not a mixture of both. All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 21 May.

## DRAMA

This week the children will be bringing folders home containing their pieces which are to be learnt off by heart. Please bring these folders to drama class each week. Some of the younger children may need some help at home with reading their pieces. Thank you for your support with this. Happy and safe Easter break to all.

*Trish Collier, Stageworks Drama Teacher*

## EVERGREEN MUSIC NEWS

Guitar, keyboard and percussion classes have had a great term so far, getting to know their instrument better and playing everything from The Cranberries to The Pink Panther!

Sessions are always fun and filled with lots of music making with some music theory sprinkled in.

Our Friday morning music groups are excited to do their first 'video performance' of the year.



Regular time with instrument in hand is what makes great musicians, so any extra playing students can do at home makes a world of difference!

For families that missed Term 1 enrolment, most classes are currently full in the program, however with enough demand Evergreen can potentially run some new classes in Term 2 so please contact them if you wish to enrol. (Details below)

Evergreen is also very excited to start the St Cecilia's MIXED ENSEMBLE in Term 2, for any musicians in Years 3 and up who are learning an instrument privately out of school time.

We look forward to getting stuck into rehearsals and providing the group with some performance opportunities this year. The group will practise at lunchtime during school hours once a week. To join the MIXED ENSEMBLE or for more information contact Ben and Deb from Evergreen - [info@evergreenmusic.com.au](mailto:info@evergreenmusic.com.au)

## **Student Voice**

### MEALS ON WHEELS

'Meals on Wheels' is a great leadership opportunity for Stage 3 students as it involves helping others in our community. It puts a smile on our faces to see other people's happiness and gratitude when we bring them lunch. Everyone in Stage 3 looks forward to going on 'Meals on Wheels' because it is a way of living service and making a difference in the lives of others.

*Neneh and Emma*



## **Parent Network News**

### SCB HUB – Our Facebook Page

As we are nearing the end of Term 1, a reminder for all parents to join the SCB Hub on Facebook! Lots of great information and offers here from the wonderful community sponsors that support our school.

### BROKEN BAY LEADERSHIP MEETING

Last Tuesday, members of the P&F, along with Fran Taylor, attended the Broken Bay Catholic School Parents' Leadership Meeting. All catholic primary and secondary schools in our district attended.



We heard from speakers including Peter Hamill who spoke about the growth that the Catholic school system will face in the next 20 years. We then had the opportunity to work with other P&F committees to discuss best practice models to create engaged and inclusive school communities.

### **GIFT: Giving in Faith Together**

Here are the GIFT cook-off dates for the remainder of the term:

Kindy: Monday 26 June 6pm - 9pm (Christine Boys)

Year 2: Monday 28 May 6pm - 9pm (Gillian Hopkins, Jo Johnstone)

Year 4: Monday 14 May 6pm - 9am (Annette Paddison)

Year 5/6: Monday 30 April 9am - 12noon (Jodi Castellan, Mel Nunn, Majella Brady)

***Please volunteer for this important social justice initiative, no cooking expertise required! Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>***

### **HEAVEN ON EARTH: Reflection Mornings for Parents**

Join us for quiet reflection, interactive discussion, coffee and conversation.

#### ***Save the Dates for 2018:***

Friday 22 June, 9-11am

Friday 14 September, 9-11am

Friday 30 November, 9-11am

### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2018 – Reminder!**

Do you, or someone you know, have a business that our school parents need to know about? Sponsorship or prize donations are a great way to get your company name out there with the parent community. As one of our Community Partners you can promote your business or services regularly to parents through our newsletter and also our Facebook group SCB Hub. Plus, you could see your name up in lights at our annual Gala Dinner later this year. And needless to say you'll be helping our school and our kids in the process!

Similarly, if you are already one of our Community Partners – and we have some great ones from skincare to takeaway food, car servicing and office supplies – please keep in contact with our school parents via SCB Hub.

### **EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION**

Thanks to all of those who participated in the LJ Hooker Balgowlah Colouring Competition! Winners will be announced on 6th April! If you haven't returned your entry please do so by tomorrow morning 29 March.



The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click [here](#)

#### Upcoming Roster

Wed 4 April: Petrea Riches and Rosalie Bignold

Fri 6 April: Sarah McDermott and Axel Peyriere

## Parish News

### **BAPTISM OF YOUNG CHILDREN PROGRAM**

Is your child interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like your child to become a Catholic and participate in the 2018/2019 Children's Sacramental Program?

Our **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7yrs – 11yrs)** will be offered in **Term 2 2018 on Sunday 6, 20 and 27 May**. The program can be downloaded from the parish website at

<http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-for-parents>

under the Sacramental Program – Additional Resources tab

### **2018 – 2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN YR2 (AND OLDER) – KEY DATES**

Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2018/2019 program are reminded that the program will commence with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 8 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 9 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey. Please note it is not necessary to attend this meeting if parents have had a child participate in the program in 2016 or 2017.

**ENROLMENT FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** on **Tuesday 5 June between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the St Kieran's Parish Centre.** All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in. **Confirmation Parent Information Meeting** on either **Tuesday 19 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 20 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

All documentation including the Program, Photo Card and Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> and from the back of both Churches.

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



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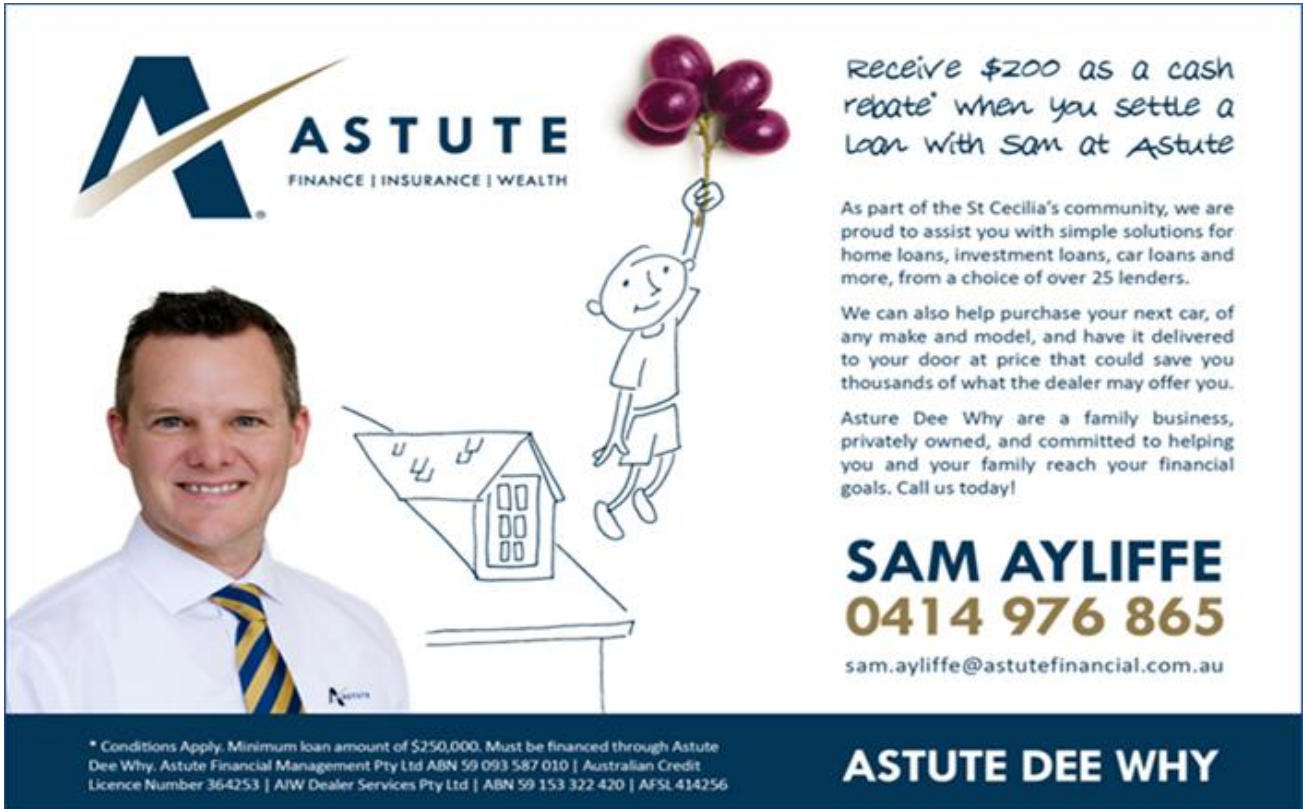
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