



# 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 someone in another class.*

## Principal's News

### Fr John Frauenfelder's Words of Wisdom – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2 September 2018

Like Tevye's image of a fiddler on the rooftop, we can find ourselves trying to simply live our lives balancing precariously between tradition and love. It can be much easier to live by someone else's set of rules than to obey and follow God. Tevye argues frequently with this demanding, counter-intuitive and tenacious God, but love won.

Jesus gave us a new tradition that begins and ends with love. He asks us to let love transform our hearts and our souls so that we transform the world. In the tradition of love, are we willing to climb down from the rooftop and scratch out our simple, pleasant tune grounded in God?

### FATHERS' FRIDAY 9AM TO 1PM

We hope that all dads in our community had a lovely Father's Day last weekend.

The students in Years 2, 4 and 6 are very excited to welcome their dads to school this coming Friday. I believe there may be a lot of science and maths happening in classrooms when the dads visit. We appreciate how hard it is to get time away from work so please don't feel obliged to spend the entire morning with us if it is not possible. Any time you can spare will be appreciated.



### OPEN TO LEARNING THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 9AM -10AM

All parents are invited to join us for an Open to Learning morning next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 10am. Parents are welcome to visit their child in the classroom at that time. I also urge parents of Year 2 children to visit the Year 3 classroom to familiarise yourself with the environment your child will be in next year. Parents of Year 4 children are invited to do the same in the Stage 3 room. Often there are misconceptions regarding flexible learning spaces. The best way to dispel the misconceptions is to see the class in action.

### POP UP PLAY

Pop Up Play is on again. All parents with toddlers are invited to attend Pop Up Play on Friday 14 September at 9:15am. The playgroup is held in the Secret Garden. Pre-schoolers enrolled for 2019 who attend Pop Up Play are invited to collect their "St Cecilia's Here I Come" tee-shirt from the school office when they arrive.

### NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2-8 SEPTEMBER

This week is National Child Protection week. During September the Parishes and Schools of Broken Bay will be promoting the topic of safeguarding and child protection.

National Child Protection Week is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to think about how we can work together to keep all children safe. Importantly, we want to remind everyone that:

- We ALL have a part to play in protecting ALL children
- Even small actions can help to improve a child's future
- By building stronger communities, we are creating safer environments for our children

Last night our Diocese launched the following commitment to Safeguarding during a liturgy of Commitment and Care at the Cathedral.

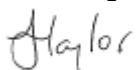
We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanity of each human person, and by our dedication to sustained education, practice and conversation about our moral, legal and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within our community.

[Linked](#) is an information flyer for parents.

Finally a huge thank you to all the parents who contributed to my appraisal last week. I was overwhelmed by the positive feedback but will endeavour to keep working on the communication.

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



Fran Taylor  
Principal

## Religious Education

### **FATHERS' FRIDAY – 7 SEPTEMBER**

We look forward to welcoming the fathers of students in Year 2, 4 and 6 to school on Friday. The students are excited to share their learning with their dads!



We will be having a special **Fathers' Friday Liturgy**, starting at 11:30 in the church. All are welcome to attend this.

### **WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS**

Today **1B** attended our Parish Mass. Thank you to the students for their reverent participation. **Year 3** will attend the Parish Mass on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** at **9am**. All are welcome!

### **HEAVEN ON EARTH - WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, 9AM IN SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Join us for a morning of prayer and reflection. Mrs Monica Officer will facilitate this session along with Mrs Virginia Ryan from the Catholic Schools Office. Both Monica and Virginia have extensive experience in leading adult faith formation activities and bring a wealth of knowledge, joy and good humour.

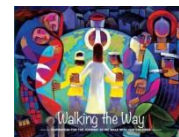
### **'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES**

As the date for the Year 1 **Families Come Gather** Mass is the Sunday following the Gala Dinner, we have decided to reschedule it. We will combine the FCG Mass for Year 1 families with the Mass for incoming Kindergarten families. The remaining Families Come Gather Masses for 2018 are:

- 28 October—Kindergarten
- 25 November—Year 1 & Kindergarten 2019

### **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 <http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>.



## School News

### **ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open.

### **TEACHERS**

This week we welcomed six Preservice Teachers from the Australian Catholic University to St Cecilia's. Alexandra (2B), Kate (2B), Benjamin (Stage 3), Isabel (Stage 3), Danielle (Year 4) and Melissa (KW). These teachers will be joining us a day a week for five weeks and will return next term for an extended block. We hope they have a very successful and enjoyable practical experience with our students.

*Angela Pelling*

## DRAMA

Congratulations to all those children who performed so well at the Drama Performance Night last Thursday. I was very proud of you all.

Thank you to the parents and friends who were such an appreciative audience. I am sure all the young performers were encouraged by your positive response to their work.

*Trish Collier, Drama Teacher Stageworks*

## UPCOMING DATES

### September

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Friday 9-1pm (Yrs 2, 4 & 6)  
11.30am Fathers' Friday liturgy  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly KW  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 9 – 10am Open to Learning morning  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 9 – 10.15am Pop up Play  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Heaven on Earth  
Science Incursion  
Night of the Notables  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Good Sam Day  
Science Incursion  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Gala Dinner

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Core Value Assembly 1B  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Stage 2 Gala Day Netball/Cricket/AFL  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Gala Day Netball/Cricket/AFL  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> End Term 3

### October

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Term 4 Commences  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 9 – 10.15am Pop Up Play  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Mission Mass  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly – Stage 3  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Camp  
Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 9am Kinder 2019 Transition

## VACATION CARE

Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care brochures are now available in reception or go to their website: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#)

## **Student Voice**

### GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2018

On 24 August the school held our annual Grandparents' Day. At the start of Grandparents' Day we had a Mass to show the grandparents how special they are to us and we also sang them a blessing hymn. During the Mass a child from each class was chosen to read a letter they had written about their Grandparents. After the Mass the grandparents were given tea and cake for morning tea.



Grandparents then came to classrooms and were able to experience learning alongside their grandchildren. We showed them our flexible learning space and they all noticed how different it was to when they were at school. We also showed them our paintings, our learning examples and the beautiful notes we had written to them telling them how special they are.

Grandparents were also given the choice to buy a book from the 'Book Fair' for their grandchildren, which was held in the school hall. There were novels, picture books, activity books and even a stationery stand!

Overall, both the children and grandparents had a great time and we look forward to next year.

*Neneh and Peita*

## **Parent Network News**

**PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE 2018:** Click [here](#) for the 2018 booklet.

### **BROKEN BAY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS - 'Parent to Parent' initiative**

**Tuesday 11 September** (evening at Mater Maria, Warriewood) - Kristy Goodwin will present on Cyber [Safety](#).

### **FUNDRAISING GALA**

BE IN IT TO WIN IT!! All raffle ticket booklets should have made it home by now. Please let Sue know if you have not yet received them.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! Don't forget to book your babysitter and buy your tickets. News about all exciting auction items will be streaming through on our SCB Hub Facebook page.

### **UNIFORMS**

As we prepare to move to the Summer Uniform in Term 4 (more to come on that), we have been advised by Pickles that all **orders for Summer Uniforms need to be placed by Term 3, Week 10 (24 September)** - in order to receive them in time for Term 4. If you have any questions, please contact Sheridan Millward at [smillward09@gmail.com](mailto:smillward09@gmail.com).

## GIFT: GIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Supporting our Parish... Below are the GIFT cook-off dates for the remainder of the year. To volunteer for this important social justice program, sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>

- Kindy: Monday 15 October 6pm - 9pm (Christine Boys)
- Year 1: Monday 26 November 6pm - 9pm (Derville Peach)
- Year 3 / Teachers: 12 November 6pm - 9pm (Evelyn Paterson)
- Year 4: Monday 29 October 6pm - 9am (Annette Paddison)



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

### Upcoming Roster

- Fri 7 Sept: Kate Lovelace and Annette Paddison  
Wed 12 Sept: Derville Peach and **1 Volunteer required**  
Fri 14 Sept: Trina O'Kelly and **1 Volunteer required**

## Community News

### QUEENSIE NIPPER REGISTRATION

Rego Days at Queensie Surf Club Sunday 9 and 16 September from 9.30 – 11.30am. For more information go to [www.queensie.com](http://www.queensie.com) .



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