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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: Clossians 3:15

Story: The Ten Commandments: Safe and caring hands

Principal's News



ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
BALGOWLAH

OPEN DAY
2019

Tuesday 5 March
9.15 am to 11.00 am

Dear Parents



Celebrate

In what way was your day blessed? Around the dinner table, light a candle and pass it from person to person. As you receive the candle, name your blessing.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Thank you to the many families who joined us to welcome in the new year last Friday. It was a lovely way to start the year. Congratulations

to our new student leaders and welcome to all who have joined St Cecilia's for the first time. Fr John reminded us to let our light shine in our dealings with each other and not let it go out.

ABSENCE

It is important to understand that attending school is a legal requirement. This includes arriving on time and staying until the end of the school day. Where possible it is important to make doctors appointments, plan holidays etc outside of school time. On occasion these appointments are unavoidable. Please feel free to discuss such occasions with me. It is also important to remember to fill in late arrival forms if your child is late to school, or is picked up early, giving a valid reason. Without a valid reason the leave has to be recorded as unjustified. Always follow up an absence with a written note. Finally please be aware we cannot approve time away from school to attend outside tutoring during school time. This falls under Diocesan directives and an accumulation of unjustified leave must be reported.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2019 School Swimming Carnival for Years 2 - 6 is on tomorrow, at Manly Swimming Centre Balgowlah Road, Manly. Entry into races has now closed. Children not entered into an event cannot enter on the day as the online form doubles as permission from the parent for the child to enter the water. Without this consent prior to the carnival we

cannot let your child enter the water. It is OK for a child who is entered into race not to swim if they change their mind. The carnival will run from 9:00 – 11:30am. **Parents transport their own children to the pool.** At the conclusion of the swimming carnival, buses will transport children back to school. It is a regular school day and school will continue as usual in the afternoon.

Ribbons will be awarded at assembly next Monday once the overall 50 metre event winners (not for the winners of heats) have been determined based on times collected. Please take the time to explain this to your child to avoid disappointment on the day.

Please note: **Kindergarten and Year 1 do not attend the carnival.** They will attend school as usual

TAKING OF MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

All schools within the Diocese of Broken Bay must follow set guidelines for the administering of medication in school.

Of high importance:

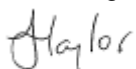
- medication needs to be sent to school in its original packaging
- all medication needs to be accompanied by a note giving the school permission to administer the medication
- prescribed medication must be clearly labelled with the dispensing sticker that notes the name of the child, name and phone number of prescribing Doctor, medicine to be taken, dosage and frequency
- all 'over the counter medication' must be accompanied by the [form](#) available on our webpage. This form also needs to be signed by a doctor
- without such written permission and clear instructions, no medication will be given to any student.
- for the safety of all students, under no circumstances is medication to be sent to the school in the child's bag.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations to the students who were selected by their peers to be members of the SRC for Semester 1:

- KB: William K and Anna K
- KW: Sebastian C and Harriet C
- 1B: Lewis W and Lily E
- 1W: Miles M and Grace B
- 2B: Madeleine A and Lachlan C
- 2W: Rebecca W and Zac B
- Yr 3: Harry W and Chloe T
- Yr 4: Konrad B and Amelia E
- Yr 5: Sophie P and Elise R

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

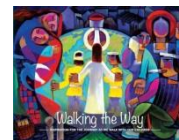


Fran Taylor
Principal

Religious Education

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-2019-year-c.html>



School News

DRAMA

- **Years 1 & 2:** tomorrow's lesson is cancelled because of the Swimming Carnival. Classes will start next week on Thursdays 8am in the school hall
- **Years 3 & 4:** Drama class in the school hall on Wednesdays 8am
- **Years 5 & 6:** Drama class on Thursday 8am in the school Library.

CHESS

Learn to be a [chess](#) champion! Coaching for students at St Cecilia's Primary School (Balgowlah) is held on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:45am, starting on 12 February 2019.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170

WEEKLY AWARDS

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



Week 2	Respect Core Value	Merits
KB:	Levi P	Luke A and Isabella C
KW	Thomas K	Matilda G and Daniel H
1B:	Eliza P	Natalie E and Lucy B
1W:	Madeleine R	Hudson V and Grace H
2B:	Evangeline F	Joshua M and Eloise K
2W:	Christian G	Sofia D and Maxwell A
3B:	Frankie L	Pedro S and Neve M
3W:	Bonnie B	Caiden M and Oscar M
Yr 4	William Mc & Millie E	Harper V, Harper F, Sebastian C and Annabel S
Yr 5/6	Eva H & Isabella S	Amalia C, Isabella C and Emma M

UPCOMING DATES

February

Thurs 14th 9 – 11.30am Swimming Carnival
 Mon 18th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 4B
 Tues 19th P&F Exec meeting
 Fri 22nd Book Club orders close
 Sat 23rd Welcome Cocktail Party
 Sun 24th FCG Mass Stage 3
 Tues 26th Yr 3 boys to St Paul's College
 7pm School Advisory Committee meeting
 Thurs 28th Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

Tues 5th 9.15 – 11am Open Morning
 7pm P&F meeting
 Wed 6th 9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass
 Thurs 7th Broken Bay Swimming at Mingara
 Fri 8th Good Sam Day
 Mon 18th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly – 3B
 Sun 24th FCG Mass Yr 4
 Wed 27th 9am Open to Leaning morning
 Polding Swimming
 Fri 29th 9am Pop up Play

March

Mon 4th 2.30pm Prayer Assembly 1W

Student Voice

KINDER / YEAR 6 BUDDIES

Last week we met our Kindergarten buddies on their first day of school. It has been our responsibility to help them settle into their new school and help them make new friends. This way, they have an older student that knows the school and its rules. We spent a week in the secret garden with our buddies helping them to get used to the routine of school and make friends. It is a great opportunity in Stage 3 to be able to pass on our knowledge to our younger peers. We have all really enjoyed this wonderful experience and we hope the Kindergartens are enjoying their first few weeks of school.

Olivia O and Eva T



Parent Network News

PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE: Click [here](#) for the 2018 booklet. The 2019 version will be available shortly.

President's Message

Hi Team! I hope everyone is having a great week! A few updates for you this week...

First, we are still looking to fill the role of Parent Network Executive Committee VP of Hope. This person oversees our relationship with Pickles, the Yearbook, and a few other items. It's a great way to dip your toe in and get involved. If interested, please contact me at castaldojamie@gmail.com.

Next, how exciting that the Welcome Party is next weekend 23 February! Book your babysitters because we are really looking forward to celebrating with all of you. Please see below for RSVP link and a reminder to existing families to check out *Sign Up Genius*, to volunteer to bring a food item. Thanks to the Year 1 families who are working so hard to make it happen! Aloha!

Lastly, a reminder to all families to donate to their *Class Kitty*. This is a voluntary \$20 donation per student and goes directly into a fund for your year. It allows the class parent to coordinate gifts on behalf of other parents as it pertains to families in the class or teachers. This voluntary donation can be done via QKR.

Welcome Party

Aloha!

The Welcome Party is fast approaching and we can't wait for what has always been a great night for our school community. We are looking forward to seeing you there so please RSVP using the below link:

[2019WelcomePartyRSVP](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-2019)

If you are an existing family, please go to the below Sign-Up Genius link to bring a food contribution.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-2019>

or if you would prefer, you now have the option to make a monetary contribution through Qkr! and the Year 1 event organisers will purchase food on your behalf.

Please sign up to Sign-Up Genius or make any donations by Wednesday 20 February.



Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

St Cecilia's assists our local Meals on Wheels program each Monday morning. It involves driving and accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area. It generally takes only 1.5 hours (11.40am - 1.10pm). **We encourage you to sign up and support this social justice initiative.** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>

Volunteer for GIFT Cook-offs

GIFT (Giving in Faith Together) organises fortnightly cook-offs to provide meals for families in need in our community. Year groups from schools in our parish come together at different times, see below. Ingredients are ordered and delivered to the kitchen beforehand and meals are frozen for collection/distribution at a later date. **Please volunteer for this important social justice initiative.**

Year 4: Monday 25 February (Coordinator Sonia Walsh)

Year 2: Monday 25 March (Coordinator Derville Peach)

Year 1: Tuesday 7 May (Coordinator Christine Boys)

Kindy: Monday 17 June (Coordinator TBC)

Year 3: Monday 29 July (Coordinator Gillian Hopkins)
Teachers: Monday 26 August (Coordinator TBC)
Years 5-6: Monday 14 October (Coordinators: Katharine Cook, Annette Paddison)
Year 4: Monday 11 November (Coordinator Sonia Walsh)

Cook-offs are held on Mondays at 6-9pm in the Parish Kitchen at St Kieran's Manly Vale. Please sign up here to volunteer in your year group time slot... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-gift>

Millie Smith Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Thank you to everyone who donated their pre loved uniforms to the Millie Smith Uniform shop. We are stocked up and ready to sell! All donations via QKR are given to charities chosen by the Social Justice committee at St Cecilia's.

Shop open days:

Friday Feb 22

Friday March 22

Payments via QKR!

Access to the shop at other times via the school office.

Sign up to volunteer to open and manage the shop from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on a Friday.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-mille>



2019 Canteen Menu: click [here](#)

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS CLASSES ARE CONTINUING FOR TERM 1 2019!

WHEN: MONDAY MORNING TIME: 7:45AM - 8:30AM (45MINUTES)

DATES: COMMENCING IN WEEK 3 - 10 (8 WEEKS)

PRICE: \$120.00 (Mats and Props are included)

PLEASE BOOK by emailing: connect@theheartofliving.com.au, visit the website: www.theheartofliving.com.au or call 0421552212 (please note ** Be HAPPY Yoga has rebranded to The Heart of Living in July last year)

Payment is due prior to Term 1 classes commencing and also confirms placement for child/ren in the class. There are limited spaces in the class so be sure to secure your child's placement.

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

- Parents of children in Year 3 and older (who received the sacrament of Confirmation last year) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 19 February at 9.30am OR Wednesday 20 February at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church;**
- **Group Facilitator Meetings** will follow the Parent Information Meetings at 10.30am (Tuesday) OR 8.00pm (Wednesday) in St Kieran's Church;
- **Practice for First Reconciliation Tuesday 19 March at 4pm in SK Church OR Wednesday 20 March at 7pm in SC Church;**
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **March 2019**, prior to the beginning of the 2019 – 2020 Children's Sacramental Program;
- Advance notice - The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 17 August 2019 at 10.00am, 12 noon and 3.00pm.

Parents new to the school with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact Janette as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

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

Community News

ST JAMES KINDERGARTEN

Vacancies in 2019 at St James Kindergarten - 1 Bareena Dr Balgowlah Heights.

For more than 30 years SJK has served the community of Balgowlah, in providing a high-quality preschool learning program, within a loving and nurturing environment by long standing, highly experienced and qualified staff.

Relationships with children and families is key in our high standard of care at St James, for children aged 3 to 5 years. We understand children have agency, with capabilities and rights to initiate and lead learning. Their interests, abilities, previous experiences and individual learning styles are considered in our planning as we aim to ignite the children's love for learning.

We have a few spaces left in our Thurs Fri class and one in our Mon, Tues, Wed class for 2019. Please ring the Director Debbie Atkinson on 99497840 for a tour and/or further information.

MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 3 March 11am – 2pm at 101 Archer St Chatswood 9419 2890 mercy@dbb.catholic.edu.au
www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au

ST AUGUSTINES COLLEGE OPEN DAY

We warmly invite prospective families to our annual Open Day, Friday March 1 from 3:45pm to 7:00pm. Meet our Principal, Jonathan Byrne along with our staff and students and find out more about what St Augustine's College can offer your son.

Visit our website to register your interest and for more details - <https://www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au/2019-open-daY>
Be a part of our student-led tours to gain an authentic insight into College life. We look forward to extending a warm Augustinian welcome to your family.

SEAFORTH RAIDERS RUGBY REGISTRATION

Mini Rugby for under 6 to 9; under 6 & 7 two handed tag, not tackle; Under 8 & 9 tackle but no contested scrums; junior rugby under 10 and over; dedicated girls teams. Register at www.raidersrugby.com.au

SEAFORTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

Register online at www.seaforthfc.com . Enquiries to registrar@seaforthfc.com

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