Dear Parents and Guardians

Congratulations to our wonderful students that accompanied myself, Ms Walker and Mr Mellberg to Strelley Community School on Wednesday 28 October. We had a fantastic day and the students were made most welcome by Kate McKenzie and the teachers and students of Strelley. The students had the opportunity to listen to Boori Monty Pryor, who is a famous Aboriginal Author. He retold the story of My Girragundji, a story about an Aboriginal boy whose house is invaded by a Hairyman, a spirit the old people call a Quinkin. A tree frog is sent to help the young boy overcome his fears. The students loved the retelling of the story and I don’t think I have ever seen our students laugh so much. They enjoyed a great lunch followed by participating in creating a mural of colour. The mural will arrive at school on Tuesday and we will place it in the library for everyone to see.

Royal Flying Doctor Visit
We had a very successful visit from the Royal Flying Doctor service. The students learnt all about the service and how the RFDS serves the community of Port Hedland and many other communities in Western Australia. They were also presented with a great talk on Healthy Eating. It is wonderful to see our children receive sound information on what to eat and how their bodies work with food.

Fancy Dress Disco
What a fabulous night we had on Friday with our Fancy Dress Disco. The students danced the night away and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is always exciting to see the enjoyment on all the faces big and little. The children thoroughly enjoyed the music. Congratulations to Mr Sean Sta Maria who was the DJ for the evening! You really do make the evening so special by your presence. Thank you also to the staff and parents for supporting the event.

Remembrance Day
Remembrance Day is the day Australians remember those who have died in war. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice came into effect ending World War 1, bringing to an end four years of hostilities that saw 61,919 Australians die at sea, in the air and on foreign soil. Few Australian families were left untouched by the events of World War 1 - 'the war to end all wars'. Most had lost a father, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend.

Originally called Armistice Day, November 11 was set aside to pay tribute to all those who died in World War I. Following the end of World War 11 it was renamed Remembrance Day, and has become a day to honour all those who have died or suffered in wars serving Australia.

The symbol of Remembrance Day is the red Flanders Poppy. This poppy is the symbol because it was the first flower to grow in the battlefields in Northern France and Belgium following the armistice.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps wrote the following poem after watching the death of a close friend in Belgium in May 1915:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Should we feel at times disheartened and discouraged, a confiding thought, a simple movement of heart towards God will renew our powers. Whatever He may demand of us, He will give us at the moment the strength and the courage that we need.

François Fenelon

STRENGTH
I will see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart,
and wait for the Lord.
The book of Psalms
In Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarcely heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Sadly, McCrae died on January 28, 1918 and so did not see the end of the war.
His poem was printed on December 8, 1915 in an issue of Punch and soon became the unofficial anthem of the soldiers in the trenches where it was memorised and passed on by word of mouth.

In 1918 an American woman, Moira Michael, wrote a poem in response to “In Flanders Field”, titled "We Shall Keep The Faith". In her poem she promised to wear a poppy to honour the dead. This was where the tradition to wear a poppy on Remembrance Day first began; a tradition that still exists today.

Next Wednesday 11 November we will be holding a special assembly led by Mrs Poharama and the Year Six students. It will begin at 10.55am so that at 11.00am we will hold one minutes silence to remember those that have gone before us and kept us safe. We invite parents and friends to join with us on this important day.

PARTNERSHIPS ARE ESSENTIAL

It is well known that when home-based educational objectives clash with school-based objectives, the student normally resolves the conflict by rejecting the school. Research sends out a very clear message about the importance of partnerships in education. When parents express confidence in the school and teachers, which are involved in some way, their children are more likely to be happier and perform better academically.

At St Cecilia’s we actively seek partnerships with our parents. This is done deliberately, because once forged, these partnerships have been found to result in;

- greater understanding by parents of their child’s schooling,
- greater understanding by teachers of the students and their unique needs,
- better communication and understanding between home and school,
- higher pupil morale and confidence,
- increased academic performance,
- increased goodwill and mutual esteem between parents and ‘their’ school.

Conscientious parents all around the world are concerned about the education of their children. They want them to get the most they can from their schooling and to grow up as happy, caring and useful citizens. They also know that the school cannot do this on its own; they need strong parental partnerships. Partnerships are the ‘educational glue’ which assists children to have a happy and productive time at school.

God Bless
Paula MacKenzie
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Commemoration of All Souls was celebrated by Fr Mark, Fr Tom and the School Community on Monday 11 November. Thank you to Michael, Ben, Ryan, Mitchel, Emmalene, and Madara who led us in prayer and reflection. Thank you also, to all the students who sang so beautifully during the mass.

On Friday, 20 November, we will be celebrating St Cecilia’s Day. St Cecilia is honoured in the Catholic Church as the patroness of music and musicians. Please come and join us celebrate this very special day. Mass will begin at 8.45am.

Mrs Ramshaw
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Accompanying the newsletter this week:
- Uniform order form
- Year One Page

PROFFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2010

Next year on Monday 15 February will be a Pupil Free Day as we will be holding a Professional Development Day for the Staff. There will also be another day in March 2010, the date to be confirmed.

ENROLMENT CANCELLATION

If you are leaving town and/or the school at the end of 2009, please complete an Enrolment Cancellation Form. These can be collected or sent home from the office.

We would appreciate as much notice as possible as we have many students on the waiting list.

PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
Saturday 7.15pm
Sunday 10.00am

ST CECILIA’S PARISH
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8.30am
Mon-Fri 8.00am Morning Prayer & Mass

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Nearly four weeks after the typhoons, tsunamis and floods in the Asia Pacific, Caritas Australia is delivering assistance to more than 277,000 people in Samoa, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, India and Nepal. Although media focus has moved away from these disaster areas now is the critical stage for aid agencies as they move from emergency relief to medium and long term response to get communities back on their feet. You can support Caritas Australia “Communities in Crisis – Asia Pacific Appeal" by calling 1800 024 413 or online at www.caritas.org.au
**COMING EVENTS**

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**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

- 25 Oct  Katrina Nethery (Year Four)
- 26 Oct  Rebekah Phillips (Year Five)
- 28 Oct  Tayla Gorham (Year One)
- 28 Oct  Brianna Barron-Liddell (Year Four)
- 29 Oct  Aloura Cavey (Year Two)
- 29 Oct  Ocean Anand (Year Five)
- 30 Oct  Cullen Connolly (Kindy)
- 31 Oct  Ruby Moore (Year One)
- 01 Oct  Ashley Elsum (Year Two)
- 02 Oct  Sophie Pileggi (Year One)
- 03 Oct  Bayley Warren (Year Two)
- 04 Oct  Zoe Podmore (Year Four)
- 05 Oct  Marisol Fernandez (Year Four)
- 06 Oct  Alicia Gould (Year Six)
- 07 Oct  Shania Derschow (Year Six)

**MERIT AWARDS**

**22 October 2009**

KG:  Jacob Gould  Rianan Mouat
     Owofu Ochigbo  Taj Singh

PP:  Chloe Allen  Alleireah Taylor
     Jesse Battle  Nadia Pereira
     Billie Rezek  Jasmine Singleton

Yr 1:  Louisa Andersen  Tyrah Kelly
       Branden Greipel  Bayley Warren

Yr 2:  Emmalene Cavey  Callum Massam

Yr 3:  Kiralee Vrancic

Yr 4:  Joshua Allen  Georgia Gear
       Ryan Zavaleta-Power

Yr 5:  Fiona Barr  Jacob Campbell
       Preston Derschow  Branden Zavaleta-Power

**29 October 2009**

KG:  Eila Gould  Toby Hunter
     Nicholas Merlo  Elizabeth Sinclair
     Declan Rahman  Ali Wilson

PP:  Thomas Denney  Angelique Leopardi
     Skye Akerman  Reggina Blarton
     Georgia Phillips  Kato Willems

Yr 1:  Beth Allen  Thomas Barker
       Riley Caswell

Yr 2:  Katrina Nethery  Joel Nunn
       Zoe Podmore  Alice Shields
     Ciara Strachan

Yr 3:  Heather Andersen  Harrison Scott
       Ciara Strachan

Yr 4:  Renee Buckland  Craig Cavey
       Gerry Fox  Austin Gear

Yr 7:  Mitchel Phillips

**GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS**

**P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

History in the making.... The P&F will be endorsing their first ever Constitution at the AGM to be held Tuesday 17 November at 6.30pm. Do you want to be a major player in this historic moment and help take the P&F into 2010? Well !! You can..... by nominating for one of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Committee Member.

Copies of the Constitution for perusal prior to the meeting can be picked up from the office at the beginning of next week.

Please join us on Tuesday 17 November at 6.30pm in the Library and be part of history in the making...

This is a great way to become more involved in your school, and the good news is that meetings are held only twice a term.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Claire Smith on 9173 4718 or Tanya McGrath on 9172 3993.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

If you placed a book order and want the books to be held in the office please send a note to the office for us to pass onto Mrs McLean.
RANGER VISIT
Tomorrow Friday 6 November we will be having a visit from Francheska Gobel. Francheska is a training Ranger and is coming to share some valuable information about looking after pets properly. She will also be bringing a cat and dog to school to demonstrate good behaviour. If you child has an allergy to cat or dog hair, please let the office know as soon as possible.

LIBRARY NEWS
We are heading towards the end of Week Four of Term Four. There are many children who still have outstanding library books from previous Terms. Overdue notices will be going out next week and payment notices in Week Six and Seven. It is important for all students to return their books so that they can borrow in 2010. Please remember that students that have not returned or paid for lost books will be unable to borrow until the account is settled with the office. All Year Seven students need to ensure that their books are returned before they sadly leave St Cecilia’s.

There has been a great need for the covering of books this year and recently with the purchase of the schools new reading sets, our trusty families have continued to put their hands up for covering. We are awaiting the arrival of our Book Week books and will again need some assistance. It would be great to see some extra hands offering to help. We appreciate all the support that we get. Thank you.

Mrs Rahman
Library Teacher

LOST
A large banded silver ring with pearl and small green stone has been lost. If anyone has found it could they please hand it into the Office. It is my favourite and would love to give someone a big hug for finding it. Thank you

Julia Rahman
Library Teacher

COMPOSTING RETURNS
Well done to all the classes and students that participated in the “Thursday Rubbish Free Days”. This week everyone was very cooperative, which made the waste free lunch days committee very impressed. If you do not have the suitable Tupperware there is a wide range of waste free lunch boxes and containers available at Woolworths, Coles or K-Mart. We would like to thank everyone in the school for your great effort.

Keep it up!
The results for the classes rubbish are below

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LOST READERS
We are concerned about the amount of lost or unreturned Home Readers. Home Readers are an essential part of the school’s literacy programme and we need all of our books to be returned. Would all parents and students please do a search through rooms/shelves/ cars etc. for any of our lost readers? Thank you in advance!

We will be charging a fee of $12.00 per lost reader. If you cannot find the reader issued to your child please pay $12.00 to the school as soon as possible.

UNIFORM SHOP
We would like to encourage parents/guardians to place their uniform orders for 2010 during Term Four 2009, to avoid the queues and heat in January. An added Bonus is that you get uniforms at 2009 prices. Please note payment is required when placing your order. These orders will be collected and a group of volunteers will collate them by the end of Week Eight, Term Four 2009. A uniform order form is enclosed with this newsletter. Kindy Uniforms, hats and bags will be on sale at the Kindy Orientation day Wednesday, 25 November 9.00-10.00am.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED
We would appreciate any offers of help in the School Canteen. Even half an hour any morning would be appreciated. Assistance is particularly needed on a Tuesday morning and every other Friday morning. Please see Cathy our Canteen Manageress if you can assist. Any offers of assistance would be appreciated. Sorry but children can not accompany canteen volunteers. Thank you

THANK YOU
A huge thank you to David and Lyn Poharama for spending time at the weekend putting together the table tennis sets. We all appreciate your time and effort, especially the students who are really enjoying this new and exciting activity at recess and lunch.

PUNCTUALITY
It is important in order to ensure a smooth start to the school day. If students arrive late, they disrupt the class routine and require extra documentation on the register in recording their late arrival as well as a Late Arrival Form being filled in by parents. Students who arrive at school after 8.25 am must be accompanied by a parent to the office for a late slip and then parents must take them to their class. Learning to be punctual is also an important life skill. Please look after your child’s best interests and support your child’s teacher by ensuring that punctuality is observed.

LOST SILVER TIARA
At Friday nights School Disco. Please check that is hasn’t been taken home by mistake. Please return to the school office or call 0400 447 992. The Tiara has sentimental value. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FANTASTIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
The Parents and Friends’ Federation of WA Inc., the independent voice of parents with children in Catholic schools, is seeking three enthusiastic, motivated, parent-focussed people to fill the office positions of:
Executive Officer (full-time)
Admin and Finance Officer (0.8FTE)
Affiliates Liaison Officer (0.4FTE)
If you are interested, please visit www.pff.wa.edu.au for details. Applications close 12 November 2009.

YACHT CLUB MARKETS
Saturday 7 November, 9am till 12pm (set up is at 8am)
Coffee and cake and much more.
Come and join in. Food and drinks available.
Sell some old treasure buy some more.
For further information or stall bookings
Phone Dawn 0407192170, Chrissie on 0429 203 295 or Leaine 9172 1282, www.phyc.com.au