Dear Parents and Guardians

When I read the prayer for this week I believe that it puts many things into perspective. As the end of the year is quickly approaching you need to plan carefully what you wish to achieve by the end of the year. To stop and take the time to pray can make all the difference. Life will continue to speed along but it is important to take the time to stop and ask for God's help. By keeping our relationship with God alive we will achieve so much more and we may even have a chance to see the beauty around us. God gives us all we need if we just ask for his help. Remember the four steps of achievement during the last four weeks of term.

P & F Annual General Meeting

We had a very successful P & F Annual General Meeting on Tuesday evening, when we had a chance to look back over the year and see all the wonderful projects that were achieved because of the hard work and determination of a group of dedicated Parents and Friends. Many funds were raised and the money was put to good use. I would like to thank each and every one of our members because without their drive, humour and good will we could not have achieved so much for our children and our school. I would like to thank our outgoing Executive Committee. They have been amazing and it has been a privilege to work with each one of you.

President: Claire Smith
Vice President: Tanya McGrath
Secretary: Nicky Latham

I would like to welcome our new committee for 2010
President: Cass Connolly
Vice President: Trish Bourke
Treasurer: Maria Britcliffe
Secretary: Rhonda Mitchell

Faction Shirts

In consultation with the School Board and the P&F it has been decided to introduce faction shirts (ie Red, Blue, Yellow) as part of the St Cecilia's Uniform List. These will be compulsory for Year One to Seven in 2010. There is a flyer with this week’s newsletter regarding the process for placing prepaid orders to ensure they arrive in January, ready for the start of the school year. Students will be required to wear their faction shirts, instead of their sport shirts presently worn on their relevant sport days, in both Terms One and Two. However, they will continue to wear the St Cecilia’s Green Sport Shirt for all interschool sporting events and excursions.

Kindy Assembly

Prepare to be dazzled by our Kindy class together with Mr Fullers & Mrs Southorn as they perform their assembly item next Thursday 26 November.

Remembrance Day

I would like to thank Mrs Poharama and the Year Six students for a very moving Remembrance Day Ceremony that was held last Wednesday in the undercover area. The students presented a wonderful tribute to the men and women who fought throughout the ages to keep Australia safe.
Kindergarten Orientation
Orientation programs ensure that children starting school are confident and happy, that their parents are comfortable in the knowledge that their children will be familiar with their new environment and their teacher who will be able to begin making preparations for their new class.
Next week we will see our 2010 kindergarten students come for an orientation morning where they will meet their teacher for next year, Mrs Amanda Sheen and have the chance to meet their fellow classmates. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children alike to become familiar with their new surroundings for 2010.
The orientation session will be held on Wednesday 25 November between 9.00 and 10.00am for all parents and children enrolled in Kindergarten for 2010 at St Cecilia’s. We welcome any questions you may have at this time, as our aim is to make this a smooth and happy transition to school life for all. Kindy Uniforms, hats and bags will be on sale at the Kindy Orientation day Wednesday, 25 November 9.00-10.00am. Booklists will also be distributed.

Numeracy
Children develop numeracy skills when they use mathematical ideas in everyday situations. You may feel that mathematics is different from when you were at school or is taught in a different way, and you are probably right! There are still many ways that you can help and support your child at home in the development of their numeracy skills.
- Talk to your child about numbers, scores, totals, percentages, possibilities, prices, directions, weights, distances, shapes, patterns, sizes etc.
- Talk to your child’s teacher about the classroom program and what you can do at home.
- Talk to your child about the mathematics they bring home from school.
- When cooking children may be able to assist with the measurements of ingredients.

Encourage your child to ask questions like these to help them make sense of their numerate world:
- How much is there?
- Will there be enough?
- How many?
- How did you work that out?
- How do you know that?
- Does it fit?
- Is it likely to happen?
- What might happen if….? 
- Which way will I go?
- How big is it?
- Could you work it out another way?
- If you worked it out another way could you still get the same answer?

The strongest message is to talk to your child and to create opportunities for them to use their mathematical knowledge in a variety of situations.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal
**COMING EVENTS**

20 Nov 8.45am  St Cecilia’s Day Mass  
20 Nov  St Cecilia’s Day Sausage Sizzle  
20 Nov  St Cecilia’s Day Activities  
20 Nov 6.00pm  St Cecilia’s Parish Musical Evening  
25 Nov 9-10am  Kindy 2010 Orientation  
26 Nov 8.45am  Kindy Assembly  
01 Dec  Reconciliation Year Three  
02 Dec  Reconciliation Year Five  
03 Dec  Reconciliation Year Six & Year Seven  
04 Dec  Reconciliation Year Four  

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

09 Nov  Reece Pedley (Kindy)  
09 Nov  Tara Nethery (Pre-Primary)  
12 Nov  Bethany Denney (Kindy)  
14 Nov  Beth Allen (Year Three)  
19 Nov  Chloe McDonnell (Year Five)  
20 Nov  Kenny McNicol (Year One)  
20 Nov  Destiny Liddell-Tewano (Year Three)  
21 Nov  Kara Nunn (Year Three)  

**WALK-IT-HEDLAND**

Tomorrow morning at 7.30am, St Cecilia’s will be hosting a walk. Flyers were sent home earlier this week indicating the route for the walk. There will be a healthy breakfast provided for students and parents at the finish of the walk. We would love to see you there!

**MERIT AWARDS**

05 November 2009  
PP: Eliza Boyd  Riley Hunter  
Yr 1: Nathan Bourke  Lucy McGrath  
Max Kite  
Yr 2: Jorja Brown  James Watson  
Yr 3: Emily Lowe  Kelsy McColl  
Yr 4: Mariah Gonzalez  
Cheyanne Pearce  
Yr 5: Jaime Edmead  Jordan Matthews  
Keriana Eaglesome  Joshua Garbin  
Caylee Gwynne  
Yr 6: Michael Barron-Liddell  
Yr 7:  

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to all those students who returned their overdue books this week. Next week, Week Seven is the last week for borrowing. Overdue and payment notices will also be sent out next week for outstanding books. Please understand that if books are lost it is the responsibility of the family to reimburse the school the cost of the book so that your child can begin to borrow again. Outstanding payments will be added to your school fees. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs Rahman  
Library Teacher  

**OUTSTANDING FEES**

Any unpaid School Fees are now overdue and payment is required by Friday 04 December 2009. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your account please contact the Principal Ms Paula MacKenzie as soon as possible.

**2010 WOOLDRIDGES REQUIREMENTS/BOOKLISTS**

All 2010 requirement lists are due back to the school by Wednesday 25 November.

Booklists can be collected from the Multi Purpose Room, at School, on the following dates:

- Thursday 28 January 2010 1pm – 3pm  
- Friday 29 January 2010 10am – 3pm  

All unclaimed booklists will be available from the classrooms on Monday 1 February 2010. Kindy & Pre Primary 2010 supplies do not need to be collected these will be taken directly to the classrooms as they are shared items and do not need covering or labelling.