Dear Parents and Guardians

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is almost upon us. There is still so much to accomplish and I know that all the staff are working hard to complete all tasks. It is wonderful to see the students assisting in so many ways and we look forward to many exciting events that are occurring all around us.

Reconciliation
Special thanks to Father Mark and Father Tom for celebrating Reconciliation with our children this week. It is a wonderful opportunity for all our children to begin Advent by receiving Reconciliation or a blessing. Thank you also to the teachers for preparing the children and assisting them on their journey in faith.

Graduation Mass and Dinner
Congratulations to Ms Tait for all her hard work to make the Graduation dinner so special for her students. The novel idea of a Golden Globe evening has taken off and I can’t wait to see the results. We look forward to the students beginning with the Graduation Mass. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year. Thank you also to Mrs Ramshaw for organizing the Mass. We have an amazing staff who are always willing to help in all areas of school life. I look forward to seeing our seniors dressed smartly and ready to enjoy the evening.

Recognition from the Director
During the year all children in Catholic schools throughout Western Australia were asked to join in with creating Christmas Cards for the Director of Catholic Education, Mr Ron Dullard. We were very excited when we learnt that Sai (Ocean) Anand from Year Five was one of the children selected as winners of the competition. Ocean travelled down to Perth to meet with the Director and showcase his amazing art work. Congratulations Ocean on a sensational piece of work, your attention to detail and your portrayal of Mary was just breath taking!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

The book of 1 Corinthians

WISHES
You will find as you look back
Upon your life that the moments
When you have truly lived are the moments
When you have done things
In the spirit of love.

Henry Drummond

Where there is great love, there are always wishes.
Willa Cather

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MISSION STATEMENT
St Cecilia’s CPS is a multi-cultural school where our community strives to provide a secure environment for the spiritual, moral, social, emotional and intellectual development of each student. We endeavour to create an atmosphere of openness, mutual respect and loyalty within the school community.
Dress rehearsal
Next Monday 7 December we will be holding a dress rehearsal for the concert, 11.00am K-Y3, 1.00 Y4-Y7. Would students bring their costume in a labelled plastic bag. Some students will be wearing costumes from the Parish Centre and these will be ready for them. All students who do not have speaking parts will form the choir. The choir plays a major role in the production and we ask that they wear their black sport shorts with a Christmas shirt in green or red or white rather than their sports shirt. If they would like to wear gold tinsel in their hair or Christmas hats that would be wonderful. The narrators in the Kindergarten to Year Three musical are also asked to wear the choir uniform. Thank you so much for your assistance in this matter.

School Concert
Well, the preparations for the school concert are coming along beautifully. The students and staff are busily practicing for Wednesday 9 December. The students will need to be at school dressed for the concert by 6.30pm as we would like to begin at 7.00pm sharp. The evening will commence with the awards followed by the musicals. Students will be asked to sit in their assembly lines in front of the stage; once the awards have been presented we will be entertained by the Kindergarten to Year Three children as they perform “Mary’s Knitting” after they have dazzled us they will return to the assembly lines as we watch the Year Four to Year Seven perform “Stable Manners”. We ask parents to please make sure your little ones (under school age) are seated with you, when the musicals are being performed by the students. When the little ones run around it can be very distracting for the students on stage as well as for other parents attempting to watch the performance.

Year Six/Seven Assembly
Next Thursday 10 December we will see our Year Six/Seven class lead us in assembly. They have been busily preparing for this item and we look forward to their presentation. It is a very busy time for our school leaders and we appreciate the effort they have put into this last presentation along with their teacher Ms Tait.

Morning tea for volunteers
After assembly on Thursday 10 December we will be holding a special Morning Tea to say Thank You to all our volunteer helpers. Through out the year we have been blessed to have parents come and assist in so many ways and the staff would like to say a huge thank you to you all. We appreciate your support throughout the year.

End of Year Reports
This week I commenced reading through the students reports! As I have read through the reports I have been struck by the many of glowing reports about our students’ progress and commitment to their learning. We are indeed a fortunate school to have such a dedicated and talented staff committed to bringing out the best in every student. Of course we couldn’t be as successful without the attitude and commitment of our students. On Friday 11 December you will receive your child’s report. This written report provides an opportunity to read about your child’s progress and the steps he or she has taken over the year. Class teachers have written comments on English and Mathematics which outline the skills that students have demonstrated and tasks completed.

Retirement Singing
On Monday 14 December our amazing students will once again visit the retirement homes in Hedland and perform for our seniors. The students will be singing a selection of songs from the concert and I know that everyone will love listening to them sing. Our Year Four to Year Seven students will be visiting Kalarra House at 10.40am and will return to school at 12.20pm in time for lunch. Then our Year One to Year Three children will be performing at the Stevens Street Retirement Village from 1.00pm, returning to school by 2.20pm. Please make sure that the students wear their sports uniform on this day.

School Canteen
The last day for the canteen this year will be Friday 11 December, please make sure you mark this on your calendar. During next week the canteen will try to fill the students lunch orders as requested, however some may not be able to get what they have ordered as we are trying to use up all our stock. The canteen will re-open on Wednesday 3 February 2010.

Active Families
With all the media coverage about obesity, many parents know that their children need to be more active. However, encouraging increased activity is hard if our children are used to watching TV or playing computer games. Research indicates that children should be involved in more than one hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity a day. Parents are critical in influencing their children’s life long habits and choices to support a happy and healthy life.

Young people are growing quickly and they are also dealing with enormous physical, emotional and social change. They are often acutely sensitive to their changing body shape and can feel awkward and uncomfortable about being active. They can also genuinely be tired after a day at school, especially during warmer weather. Therefore, it will require sensitivity when discussing and considering activity and exercise opportunities which reflect the needs, interests and skills of your children. Sometimes this may mean a number of trials in certain areas before they will settle on something which suits them. Not every child will be interested in team sports; some children may enjoy more solitary activities such as photography, bike riding, walking or dance classes. Explore the range of activities that are provided by your local community; I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised by what is on offer.

Take time to plan what will work best in your family to increase physical activity and talk about why it is important. Make it do-able; start with small, achievable goals.

Here are a few suggestions:
- Cut down screen time for the whole family to one or two hours per day. Allow the children to negotiate which programs are most important to them.
- Try to fit activity in your day, such as walking to and from school whenever possible.
- Plan times for family walks or outings that involve physical activity such as a game of frisbee or rounders in the park or exploring a new area together.
- Create a list of outside activities to put on the fridge, e.g. going for a ride, playing with the pet, going for a walk, digging the garden, dancing to some music and get everyone to add new ideas as they arise.
• Instead of dinner in front of the TV, have dinner around the table and talk about the day's events or plan a family activity.
• Plan a walk or a ride after dinner.
• Get everyone involved in family jobs; a great way for children to earn pocket money or learn valuable life skills.

Remember the old National Fitness campaign slogan: "Life Be In It!"
With the Christmas Holidays approaching it is a great time to plan what you as a family can get involved in, and take this time to become active.

Christmas presents that teach
It's almost Christmas again and the children are starting to write their wish lists and letters to Santa. There are many fantastic, educational games that could be included on these wish lists. Sometimes the little, inexpensive gifts are the ones most loved by children. Consider some of the following when you are out shopping:

Try these ideas for developing your child's physical strength and coordination:
• skipping ropes
• totem tennis
• balls of different sizes
• vortex rockets
• tennis racquets, hockey sticks, cricket bats
• roller blades
• Frisbees
• set of jacks or knuckles
• badminton, boule or croquet sets

For their musical talents:
• recorder, tin whistle
• karaoke sets
• keyboards and xylophones
• guitar or drums
• harmonica

For mathematics, logic and strategy skills:
• chess, draughts, Connect Four, checkers
• battleships, mastermind
• packs of cards, Uno
• play money sets
• dice games
• puzzle books

For language skill development:
• books, audio books, story tapes
• jigsaw puzzles
• blackboards and chalk
• puppets
• farm or zoo animals

For creative and artistic skills:
• craft packages
• paint sets
• watercolour pencils
• play dough

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
We collect food items for those in need in our community and present them to the St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution at Christmas. Please give generously to those who are less fortunate than yourself. Items must be non-perishable. There is a box in the office into which these goods may be placed. Thank you.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2010
During Term One 2010 there will be two Pupil Free Days as we will be holding Professional Development Days for the Staff. These will be held on:
Monday 15 February 2010 and Monday 15 March 2010

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

COMING EVENTS
04 Dec Reconciliation Year Four
07 Dec Dress rehearsals for concert
07 Dec 5.30pm Year Seven Graduation Mass
07 Dec 6.30pm Year Seven Graduation Dinner
10 Dec Year 6/7 Assembly
10 Dec Volunteers morning tea
11 Dec LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN ORDERS
11 Dec Reports go home
14 Dec Retirement Homes visits
17 Dec 2009 Last Day for Students
01 Feb 2010 Students return to school
15 Feb 2010 No School – Staff development day
15 Mar 2010 No School – Staff development day

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.
23 Nov Ella McGrath (Kindy)
25 Nov Elliott Scott (Year Four)
26 Nov Renee Buckland (Year Six)
27 Nov Farnaz Devlaliwalla (Year Four)
28 Nov Ben Singh (Pre-Primary)
30 Nov Farzan Devlaliwalla (Pre-Primary)
01 Dec Ben Vickery (Pre-Primary)
04 Dec Charlotte Jonckheere (Pre-Primary)
MERIT AWARDS

19 November 2009
KG: Olivia Broadfoot Cullen Connolly
Imogen Cornelius Alexander Jonckheere
Alexander Lowe Sharnee Wilde
PP: Olivia Campbell Kayla DeCourcy
Jemika Vranic
Yr 1: Tara Mellberg Jasmine Singleton
Cameron Warren
Yr 2: Kieran Massam Matthew McColl
Yr 3: Ella Hinch Antonio Gonzalez
Jeffrey Strachan
Yr 4: Emily Gould Harrison Lockley
Klaas Willems
Yr 5: Daniel Clarke Lauren McLean
Rebekah Phillips Jeneveive Zoghbi
Yr 6: Emily Barratt Shania Dershaw
Alicia Gould
Yr 7: Jake Battle Tom Jacoby
Byron Shields

26 November 2009
KG: Isabella Leopardi Reece Pedley
Jayden Rozario Curtis Thuku-Richard
PP: Jade Adams Nyomi Kelly
Jasmijn Logghie Benjamin Merlo
Tara Nethery Benjamin Vickery
Yr 1: Ella Braby Thomas Denney
Phoebe-Cate Mouat
Yr 2: Jorja Brown Mercedes Michel
Georgia Meszaros-Simon
Yr 3: Alisha Deshmukh Georgia Hinch
Damian Mathews
Yr 4: Sara McDonald
Yr 5: Tyson Cotton Cheyanne Enciso
Darby Jacoby Chloe McDonnell
Yr 6: Madison Connolly Gemma Neylon
Mitchell Nelson
Yr 7: Jack Neylon

LIBRARY NEWS

The students are no longer borrowing from the Library and all books need to be returned please. Thank you to all the families who have returned books and settle their accounts this week.

Our Rubbish Free Lunch Days, Paper Reusing Boxes and Composting programmes have been a huge success this Term, so much so that the school received an award from the Excellence Teaching Awards last Monday. Well done to the Year Six and Year Six/Seven children for all their effort and to the Teachers for their support. Thank you also to the parents who have helped by reducing the amount of rubbish brought to school on a daily basis. Well done everyone!!!

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 were 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.

ST CECILIA’S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PORT HEDLAND

Applications are invited for the following position to commence in December 2009.

Groundsperson/Gardener
Full-time

The type of duties required for this position include:
- Lawn mowing & Gardening
- Reticulation maintenance & repairs
- General Maintenance of School Grounds

To obtain further information regarding this position please telephone (08) 9173 2162.

Must have a Police Clearance and a Working with Children Check

Applications need to be addressed to the Principal, and received by the school no later than Wednesday 9 December 2009, 4:00pm.

PO Box 700
PORT HEDLAND WA 6721

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

COMPOSTING RETURNS

Thank you to everyone for supporting the programs the year six and six/sevens have introduced to the school. In the Rubbish free Lunches we have reduced our rubbish by about half. A great effort! The Year Six and Year Six/Seven class would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Rahman and Mrs. Campbell who have helped to make this all happen. We have recorded the numbers of rubbish every Thursday since the third week of Term Four.

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We hope to see our program running next year and it has already been very successful because of your support. Thank you
The Year Six and Year Six/Seven class students.
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The last day of school for Term Four 2009 will be Thursday 17 December 2009

Students return to school for Term One 2010 on Monday 01 February 2010

COMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT THE YACHT CLUB MARKETS
Saturday 5 December 9am to 11am.
Mrs Gillingham is inviting students who play an instrument (Guitar, Keyboard, recorder, Mandolin and other instruments) plus voice, to play/sing Christmas music during the markets. Wear your Christmas colours, and bring your music books and instrument and music stand, and a bottle of water. Mrs. Gillingham will take keyboards to use.
Jan Gillingham ph: 0407991227

CHRISTMAS MOVIE SPECIAL & FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Department of Housing’s South Hedland New Living and Town of Port Hedland proudly invite all families to attend the free Christmas Movie Special and Family Fun Night being held on Friday 11 December at Shay Gap Park, South Hedland. The night of fun will include the screening of Santa Claus 3: The Escape Clause; heaps of fun children’s rides and activities; community stalls; food and drink available for purchase and a special visit by Santa! The festivities start at 5:30pm and the movie commences at 7:00pm. There will be a special ceremony held between 6:45pm and 7:00pm when the winners of the Town of Port Hedland Volunteer of the Year Awards will be announced. This event is a great opportunity to get to know other residents in the relaxing environment of your local park. So pack the picnic blankets, bring your Christmas cheer and enjoy the festivities with all your family and friends! Further Information:
Flyers: Will be distributed to each student and across the community. Website: www.porthedland.wa.gov.au
Phone/Email: Contact either Kim Wiltshire on 9140 2374/ kim@creatingcommunities.com.au or Kirstie Pink on 91589365 /aced@porthedland.wa.gov.au.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS’ FEDERATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA PARENT FOCUS Newsletter
Go online to www.pff.wa.edu.au to catch up on:
• The Good News Story from Liwarra Primary School, whose P&F won the $50 Tradewinds voucher
• The other very good submissions for the Good News Story
• A new and exciting fundraising idea; and
• A short bio of the three successful applicants for the positions of Executive Officer, Affiliates Liaison Officer and Admin & Finance Officer, who will take up their new roles in the New Year.
The PFFWA Council wishes our retiring Executive Director, Laurie Eastwood and Claire Duncan, our Admin assistant, who is leaving, all the best for the future, and to all families, a happy and restful Christmas break.

IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE
Scholarships 2011
In 2011 the following scholarships are offered at Iona Presentation College.
Academic Scholarships:
• Sr Alacoque Gittens Academic Scholarship – minimum of two academic scholarships will be awarded to incoming Year Seven and/or Year Eight students
• Sr John Jones Academic Scholarship – one scholarship will be awarded to a student entering Year Ten.
• Sr Joan Evans Boarding Scholarship – one academic scholarship will be awarded to an incoming Year Seven or Year Eight student.
• Iona Presentation College Indigenous Scholarship – one academic scholarship will be awarded to an incoming Year Seven or Year Eight student.
• Iona Past Pupils Association (IPPA) Scholarship

Music Scholarships:
• Presentation Sisters’ Music Scholarship
• Sr Patricia Downey Music Scholarship
• Margaret Mary Eaton Music Scholarship

For further information on all scholarships please, refer to our website www.iona.wa.edu.au Please note that applications close for all scholarships at 5pm on Friday 12 March 2010. Candidates are welcome to apply for as many scholarships as are relevant to them.
If you have further enquiries, please contact:
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