God provides the wind, but man must raise the sails.
Saint Augustine

ADVENTURE
Adventure isn’t hanging on a rope
Off the side of a mountain...

Adventure is an attitude that must apply to the day to day obstacles of life - facing new challenges, seizing new opportunities, testing our resources against the unknown and in the process, discovering our own unique potential.

John Amatt

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parents & Guardians
On Friday 25 March four representatives travelled down to Perth to attend the P&F Federation WA Conference on behalf of St Cecilia’s. This annual event is run to promote the work which is being achieved in 157 Catholic Schools in Western Australia. During the Conference Dinner on Friday evening, Awards of Excellence were given to P&F’s and Principal’s who are working extremely well in our schools, promoting Positive School Communities. We were very fortunate to be presented with these awards last year and once again we were presented with their awards to us in 2011. I would like to congratulate our sensational P&F for the awesome work they achieve in our school. It truly is an amazing partnership and one I value each and every day. I was extremely proud to nominate our P&F on behalf of the school community.

This was the submission: The St Cecilia’s P&F is a remarkable group of industrious women who work tirelessly for the school community. It would be impossible for me to single out one person because they are a committed collective. You will never come across a more dedicated group of workers who constantly look for ways to help our school community.

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Every year supported by their spouses and children they work on many projects. In the past they have held one major event as well as smaller projects and by doing so have provided our school with much needed technology in the form of interactive white boards in every class and now a computer laboratory for the school. Apart from this they provided so much more.

Every year they ask what can they provide for the staff and students to make life flow smoothly, they actively listen and then create opportunities to assist in our school dreams. This year they began by giving resources to every class to help with the beginning of the year. Any principal would indeed be fortunate to have such an outstanding group of women behind them. I believe our school community is one in a million and it is because of these fantastic women and their families. They are prepared to actively participate and make sure everyone who joins are community feels welcomed and invited.

Congratulations to each and every one of you and for your supportive families; you make a huge difference in our school.

**Year Seven Assembly**

Last week while I was in Perth attending a conference, Mrs Ramshaw and our amazing year seven students ran the school assembly. I have heard many reports about the wonderful assembly and the sensational item by the Year Seven students. Congratulations on an outstanding assembly!

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**Pre Primary Changes**

We have indeed been blessed to have Melinda Macleod as our Pre-Primary teacher for the past year and a half. Melinda is an extremely dedicated teacher who really considers the needs of the students in her care. Her classroom is always bright and colourful and filled with amazing work by her talented students. Her room is a hive of activity along with her trusty helpers. We wish Melinda well as she launches into her next adventure, motherhood.

On Monday we will be welcoming Miss Rachel Russell who will be joining us as our new Pre-Primary teacher. Rachel and Melinda will work together for a smooth transition during the following week. It is a wonderful opportunity for the students and teachers to work together. We know that you will help Rachel feel at home very quickly.

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**Reconciliation**

In preparation for Easter we are indeed fortunate to have Father Tom celebrating Reconciliation with our students. It is a wonderful way to prepare for Easter and reconnect with our spiritual self. Thank you to Miss Dee Campbell for preparing the Liturgy for our students.

Also we would like to welcome Father John Martin who will be joining us this week in celebrating the Easter Masses. We look forward to seeing Father at Mass and in our school.

**Special Assemblies**

Holy Week is a very special time in our Church and in our lives. It is the season of Lent. A time when we prepare for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus’ death and the joy filled resurrection. I am always amazed at our students and the wonderful way they bring meaning to our school through special assemblies that lead up to Holy Week. All our special assemblies will be held in the Church at Cecilia’s. They will begin at 8.45 am each morning from Thursday 14 April to Tuesday 19 April and will be led by a different class each day. Please join us as we gain a greater meaning of each of the special days of Holy Week.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and comprises the last seven days before Easter. Holy week tells us of Jesus’ journey when he returned to celebrate the Passover with his disciples in Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is when Jesus returned to Jerusalem with his disciples to celebrate the Passover. He sent two of his apostles into the town to find a donkey that would be waiting for them and asked them to bring it to him. Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of the donkey and the people were shouting “Hosanna God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”
Holy Thursday was when Jesus began the evening by washing the feet of his disciples. At that time people's feet would be dirty and dusty from hours of walking. Normally only a servant would wash the feet however Jesus who was their teacher stopped and washed each of their feet. It was a sign that they should serve and not wait to be served on.

The Last Supper on Holy Thursday was a special meal. It was celebrated with a view of the coming of the Kingdom of God. By giving the bread and wine as his flesh and blood, Jesus gave his disciples a share in the power of his death to make atonement and to establish a new covenant. When we celebrate Mass we share in this special meal.

Good Friday recalls the Passion of Jesus. He was arrested and sentenced to death. No crime could be found against him but still the people yelled for him to be crucified. Jesus was taken away, beaten and then given his cross to carry to Golgotha. Along the way he met his mother and the people who just days before had welcomed him into the town. Good Friday tells of the journey and the special moments that occurred on that walk until his death.

Easter Sunday is full of joy because Jesus rose from the dead as he foretold.

Swimming Carnival
What an awesome day we saw take place on Friday 1 April when our school took to the pool to compete in the faction Swimming Carnival. Every student from Pre-Primary to Year Seven was a willing participant; I was so proud of each and every student. These type of days don't just happen, they take a lot of planning, so I would like to thank Mrs Amanda Ramshaw and Mrs Bridget Tesar for organising the day and for all the staff and parents who helped with the smooth running of the day. It was an exceptional day and everyone I spoke to mentioned what a wonderful day it was and what great sportsmanship was seen by all our students. On the day there can only be one winner, so congratulations to Canty who took first place. In second place came Costello and in third position was Matthews.

We had many fantastic swimmers on the day and last week at assembly our champions were presented with their trophies.

Champions:
Y3 Alex Britcliffe
Y4 Jack Bowins
Y5 Damian Mathews
Y6 Joel Nunn
Y7 Jordan Dershow

Tara Mellberg
Zoe Britcliffe
Madara Herath
Samantha Bolton
Cheyanne Pearce

Interschool Carnival
Tomorrow we will see our students competing in the Interschool Carnival at the South Hedland Swimming Pool. Mrs Ramshaw, Mrs Tesar and Ms Walker will accompany the students to the pool to compete. I wish our team all the very best and know that they will make us extremely proud. The Carnival is due to begin at 9.20am so we look forward to seeing lots of parents to help cheer on our team.

Parent Interviews
It is very powerful to have home, school and the student involved in interviews so that everyone is clear about future directions and the effort that will be required. As a school we aim to encourage students to take control of their learning and to recognise the growth they are achieving in both social and academic areas. The 'interview' is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to build communication and understanding between home and school. If everyone is well prepared, even a short interview can be productive and very worthwhile. Interviews will begin next week; teachers have placed available times outside their rooms or in the foyers for parents to place their names against the times.

Keep a list of questions you want to discuss with the teacher.
If you want to discuss a specific matter, telephone or write in advance so the teacher can be prepared with the information you are seeking.
Ask your child if there are matters they would like discussed.
Be ready to ask questions, or admit you do not understand.
Share helpful information about your child or family circumstances. Teachers are appreciative of anything that helps them to know their students better.
If you disagree with any judgements the teacher may have made about your child, listen carefully and ask for examples.
Remember the interview is a valuable time to
discuss your child, not share your experiences at
school or philosophies about modern education.
Please don’t hesitate to contact the school to ar-
range a follow up interview.

Some questions:
- How is my child progressing?
- Are there ways I can help at home?
- Does my child need extra help?
- How does my child get on with other members of
  the class?
- Does my child have a sound work ethic in
  class?
- What is my child’s behaviour like in class and at
  school?
- How well is my child doing on formal assess-
  ments?

After the interview:
- Discuss the interview with your child, including
  any points of action.
- Stress the good things that were said and be di-
  rect about any problems.
- Act on any suggestions made by the teacher.
  Keep working with your child’s teacher by staying
  in touch.

Children respond positively in knowing that the im-
portant adults in their life are working together.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
We are half way through the season of Lent with
only a few short weeks left until the wonderful cele-
bration of Easter!

Reconciliation
In preparation for the Easter season the students are
preparing their hearts for the coming of Christ
through Reconciliation. Today our Year Four class
with Mrs Sheen and Father Tom, took part in a Re-
conciliation liturgy. A special thank you to Father Tom
who is always willing and more than able to lead us
in our faith journey.

Our Year 5, 6 and 7 students will also be taking part
in class Reconciliation liturgies in the Church
over the next few days.

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Holy Week Special Assemblies
Next Thursday we begin our special assemblies
to celebrate Holy Week. Our Holy Week assem-
bles will take place in the Church, commencing
at 8:45am. All parents, extended family and
friends are welcome to come and share in these
special assemblies. Please take note of the
dates below.

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish all
families a safe, holy and happy Easter and well-
earned holiday break.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal Religious Education

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS
A very special thank you to our wonderful P&F
for your continued support of all our classes. This
term I have been able to purchase a number of
new and exciting books for our Library from
money donated by the P&F. We are now for-
tunate enough to have a range of exciting new se-
ries for older children, as well as chapter books
for our middle and junior classes. I am enjoying
introducing the classes to these new series,
which will be available for borrowing next term.

Miss Dee Campbell
Library Teacher
MERIT AWARDS
31 March 2011
PP: Kaedyn Brady
Yr 1: Ryan Aspland
   Reece Pedley
Yr 2: Alleirah Taylor
   Zaiden Holmstrom
   Tara Mellberg
Yr 3: Elliot Butler
   Thomas Denney
   Ida Van-Rysinge
Yr 4: Zoe Britcliffe
   Dylan Taylor
   Destiny Liddell-Tewano
Yr 5: Emily Lowe
   Jeffrey Strachan
   Farnaz Devlaliwalla
Yr 6: Hunter Fitzhenry
   Dane Shipway
Yr 7: Year 7 Class

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

MARCH
28 ZOGHBI, Charline Y2
28 ZOGHBI, Mirabelle Y2
28 ESMONDE, Clancy Y4
30 BOLTON, Breanna Y5

April
6 FEENEY, Emily Y3
6 WILLEMS, Kato Y4
7 BURTON, Teniyah Y2
8 ZACCHEUS, Kim Y2
10 SHEEN, Talitha K
18 HOLMSTROM, Xennex K
19 CORNELIUS, Jordyn Y4
20 AKERMAN, Skye Y4
21 BRITCLIFFE, Alex Y3
22 CAMPBELL, Olivia Y2
24 WADE, Amy K
24 FOTI, Scarlett PP
25 MCSWEENEY, Jaden K
28 SELFE, Tayla Y5
29 CECICH, Josie Y6

May
4 SINGH, Taj Y1
4 SMITH, Riley Y2
4 ESMONDE, Ruby Y6
6 GOULD, Jackson Y1
6 LOWE, Emily Y5

COMMUNITY NEWS
CYCLONES JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Training days are Tuesdays and Thursdays @ Hedland Senior High School oval from 5pm until dark.
All children are requested to bring their own water bottles to training. Any further enquires please contact Dolly Colfer on 0891725318.

SOUTH HEDLAND AQUATIC CENTRE POOL MOVIE NIGHT
Date: Saturday 9 April
Time: 6:45pm
Venue: South Hedland Aquatic Centre
Tickets: Available from Gratwick Aquatic Centre and South Hedland Aquatic Centre
Cost: $4.10 Adults, Kids $2.80
Movie: Finding Nemo

The tickets are free to pick up however patrons will have to pay the YMCA standard pool entry fee on the night.

PILBARA INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS
BHP Billiton Iron Ore and the Catholic Education Office of WA are pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for five Pilbara Indigenous students to be awarded scholarships to attend school in Perth. The scholarships will be awarded in June 2011, for the school year commencing Term 1, 2012.
To be eligible, applicants must:
• be Aboriginal, with their family currently residing in the Pilbara
• be eligible for Abstudy and/or their family is willing to meet boarding costs
• have a desire for an education at a Catholic school in Perth, and has a sound attitude to schooling
• aspire to complete Year 12 and pursue a successful career
• participate willing in promotion of the scholarship and its goals

For more information, or for details of how to apply, contact Marisa Bradshaw, 9173 6212, Marisa.J.Bradshaw@bhpbilliton.com, or Norman Brahim, Aboriginal Scholarships Officer, 08 6380 5258, brahim.norman@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Applications close 20 May 2011.
The hard work by the Parents & Friends, students and many others has finally paid off. St Cecilia’s now has its own dedicated computer lab. The lab contains the latest HP desktop computers, an interactive whiteboard and colour laser printer. Each student who uses the lab has his/her own computer to work on. The students are now learning to use Windows 7, the newest version of Internet Explorer and Office 2010.

The students have also been doing Technology and Enterprise in the lab. Each class has been working on different projects this term. These range from designing inventions using Microsoft Word and the drawing tools functions, researching medieval times and creating dioramas, designing and making Chinese style lanterns and designing and making toys/games.

Here are some quotes by our Year Seven class—

- I like having the computer lab because it is really fun and we get to do lots of cool stuff on the computer and it also helps us to do projects and stuff like that (Olivia)
- I think the computer lab is awesome because we learn so many different things about a Computer (Ciara)
- I think the computer lab is a great thing to have at our school. The computer lab looks really good and even professional, and everyone likes using the computers for games and searching the internet (Brody)
- I think the computer lab is a great way to learn more about computers and how they work (Jaime)
- I think computers is fun and we get a chance to learn more about computers (Kelly)
- The computers in our lab are very useful (Ocean)
- I think the computer lab is a fun place to learn and is a great experience for us all (Paige)

What do the Year Twos think?

- Awesome! (Riley)
- We get to play fun games. (Olivia)
- It’s the best lab in the whole wide world. (Ben)
- It’s really fun (Chanel)
- Everything on the computer is cool (Charline)
- It’s really amazing (Alleirah)
- It’s the best place to learn about computers (Takudzwa)
- It’s cool! (Natasha)
What do the Year Threes think?
- I like free time (Tara)
- I like sitting on the comfy chairs (Ethan)
- You can learn about computers (Pascal)
- I like learning new things on the computer (Georgia)
- I like the rules (Clementine)
- I like the teacher (Lucy)
- I like completing the typing games (Thomas)
- It was really good when people got their certificates (Jed)
- We get to improve our computer skills (Caelan)

What do the Year Fours think?
- The computers are excellent (Merekai)
- It's awesome (Skye)
- The lab and computers are really cool (Reggina)
- The computers are working fast (Angelo)
- There's enough computers for everyone to have fun (Zoe)
- I don't like, but I love it (Clancy)

What do the Year Sixes Think?
- I think the lab is an awesome edition to St Cecilia's. It gives us the ability to do amazing things on the computers. It's very successful (Farnaz)
- I think the lab is exciting and very successful (Charlotte)
- I truly think the lab is the coolest place in all of Port Hedland (Josie)

What do the Year Fives think?
- We get to do fun things (Thomas)
- We learn to do new things (Ella)
- I like the way the computers are laid out (Neel)
- We get to play fun games (Georgia)
EASTER RAFFLE DRAW
Thursday 14 April

A BIG THANK YOU!!

to all parents that have already donated Easter Eggs.

- There is a collection box at the front office. Collections will be taken until Wednesday 13th morning. The more eggs we get the more PRIZES we will have!!!
- There will several individual raffles for each class – maximising your child’s chance of winning!!
- 15 tickets per family will be sent home next Wednesday 30th March
- Tickets will sell for $1 each or 3 for $2.
- Please return all tickets and money to the front office.
- More tickets will be available from the front office if required.
- Tickets will also be on sale before school in the undercover area on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th April.
- The draws will take place at the assembly on Thursday 14th April.

The St Cecilia’s P&F Committee won, for the second year, the P&F Award at the PFFWA Conference, held in Perth a few weekends ago. Congratulations and Thank You to all P&F members, parents and friends who helped make this happen.

Congratulations also to Mrs Mackenzie who won the Principal’s Award, for the second year.

COMING IN TERM 2

- Free Mother’s Day Raffle in week 2
- Book Fair and Biggest Morning Tea in week 4
- Lap-a-thon in week 6
- Disco in week 9
- Photo Competition entries open in week 9

Special meeting of P&F on Monday 11th April after school drop off in the morning.
Feel free to bring younger children – a great opportunity to come along and give the P&F a hand – especially if you can’t normally make the night time meetings.