St Patrick’s Day
Next Wednesday we celebrate St Patrick’s Day. This is a great celebration in many parts of Australia due to our Irish ancestors. Patrick was born in Britain and later on became the Patron Saint of Ireland. When he was sixteen he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved. He escaped and later chose to return to Ireland where he became a missionary.

He lived his life out in Ireland and was known for teaching the Trinity by using a shamrock as well as driving all the snakes out of Ireland. Because our uniforms are green, on Wednesday students will wear their uniforms as normal. To mark this special day our wonderful P & F have planned to bake special St Patrick’s cup cakes which will be on sale outside the canteen.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK
Dear Parents and Guardians

What a beautiful prayer said so simply, yet it reminds us that whatever we do, if we do it with the right heart it is meaningful. No matter the work we are doing from making breakfast for our children to representing our country, we are called to make a difference and to live life to the full. God has given each of us a life to lead, how we perform each day is up to us.

Year Six Assembly
Last week saw our amazing Year Six students run the assembly. Congratulations to Mrs Poharama and the sensational super stars of Year Six. Their narrative retelling of the day they were taken by pirates was inspirational. It is fantastic to see the wonderful writing skills of our seniors and the magnificent use of vocabulary. They really thought about what they were writing and enthused us all.

How do I love God? ....
By doing beautifully the work I have been given to do, by doing simply that which God has entrusted to me, in whatever form it may take.

Mother Teresa

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COMING EVENTS
15 March
NO SCHOOL
PUPIL FREE DAY
17 March
St Patrick’s Day Cup Cake Day
17 March
PP & Y1 Swimming Practice
18 March
Year 7 Assembly
18 March
Reconciliation Year Three
19 March
Swimming Carnival
22-26 March
K & PP Screening
Complete Advantage
26 March
Inter School Swimming
26 March
Fancy Dress Disco
01 April
Easter Raffle Draw
19 June
Fete

VISION STATEMENT
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School is a multi-cultural Catholic School where staff, parents and students strive to provide a secure environment concerned with the spiritual, moral, social, emotional and intellectual development of each person. We endeavour to create an atmosphere of openness, mutual respect and loyalty within the school community.
Crazy Hair Day
Today we saw a change in our students and staff as they supported Ruby Esmonde and the Leukaemia foundation. All children were encouraged to wear crazy hair for the day and bring along a gold coin donation. Thanks to your efforts we were able to raise $500.00 Congratulations on your creativity and imagination!

Year Seven Assembly
Today we have been dazzled by our senior class as they presented the industrial revolution and the inventions of the time. It is amazing the information gleamed from researching into history. Congratulations to Miss Fox and her talented teenagers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Next Thursday our students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful gift! It can be very hard to do -- it can be intimidating, embarrassing -- but once absolution is given, you will walk away feeling special and uplifted. Christ, in His most Holy Wisdom, gave us this precious Sacrament to literally and truly bestow His grace upon us through His priests as a means of forgiving us and assuring us of His mercy and love for us.

Swimming Carnival
Next Friday we will watch as our students take to the pool. We wish all the teams the best and know that the day will be a success as the students enjoy themselves and show good sportsmanship throughout the day.

Third Week of Lent
This week the Gospel reading is from John and it looks at the story of Jesus and the Samaritan women at the well.

John's gospel says that Jesus, setting out from Jerusalem for his native Galilee, "had" to pass through Samaria. He had to come to the Samaritan town called Sychar, to Jacob's well. There he had to meet the Samaritan woman. Not just by chance did Jesus, the Savior, enter that land whose people were so bitterly opposed to their neighbors, the Jews of Judea and Galilee. Not by chance did he come to Sychar, a place of holy memories, near the beautiful site where God promised Abraham "to your descendants I will give this land"; to Jacob's ancient well where the people of the town still came for water.

"It was about noon, and Jesus, tired after his journey, was sitting by the well." A Samaritan woman came to the well for water.

What a strong, unconventional woman she must have been! She came alone to the well at noon, not the usual morning or evening time when women of the town came in groups with their water jars. Nor does she hesitate at the sight of a man sitting alone at the well. How forceful and sarcastic her answer when Jesus asks for a drink! "What! You a Jew, ask for a drink from a Samaritan woman?" The ancient feud between Jews and Samaritans rises in her blood.

Yet the weary man persists, talking of human thirst and the living waters God provides. Gradually, as he talks of higher things, the woman recognizes he has more to give than water from the well; he fulfills all the memories associated with ancient sacred place.

He tells something, however, she would rather not hear. "You have had five husbands, the man you are living with now is not your husband." She must have heard it less as an accusation than as the truth, for she doesn't turn away. More than accusing her, she felt him refreshing her soul's thirst.

Eager and inspired, she put down her water jar and hurried to the town to tell her neighbors about the one she met. For two days Jesus stayed in that town. The tired gentle Jew, who sat by Jacob's well, was welcomed as a Savior.
Discipline

In my role as Principal I often come into contact with parents who are having difficulty managing challenging behaviour from their children. Parents often talk about punishment for inappropriate behaviour. I prefer to use the word discipline. Punishment teaches children to be resentful and guarantees a relationship based on fear and disrespect. Discipline is a learning process with the goal of teaching children self-discipline: to guide children to be cooperative and responsible for their own behaviours and actions. The following is one approach that can be used to discipline children effectively:

D - distracting the child.
I - ignoring misbehaviour when appropriate.
S - structuring the environment.
C - controlling the situation, not the child.
I - involving the child through choices and consequences.
P - planning time for loving.
L - letting go.
I - increasing your consistency.
N - noticing positive behaviour.
E - excluding the child with a time out.

Using these ideas as appropriate can greatly assist in changing unwanted behaviour and encouraging behaviour that is desired. Of all these, increasing consistency is the most important. Using the same consequences and techniques will reinforce what is expected and what will not be tolerated and your child will soon realise that the boundaries are set and you mean what you say.

Parent Teacher Interview

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:

- Keep a list of questions you want to discuss with the teacher.
- If you want to discuss a specific matter, 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.

- 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 arrange 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 assessments?

After the interview:

- Discuss the interview with your child, including any points of action.
- Stress the good things that were said and be direct 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 to knowing that the important adults in their lives are working together.

Pupil Free Day 15 March 2010

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

PARISH MASS TIMES

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
RELIigious Education

I would like to remind families that the Caritas boxes will be collected during Week Nine. I would like to thank families in advance for their kind donations for this very worthy cause.

Project Compassion

Wherever disaster occurs, Caritas is ready to respond. The Caritas Internationalism Confederation is one of world’s largest disaster response and development networks with a presence in over 190 countries. The confederation enables Caritas Australia to provide assistance to people affected by disaster quickly and effectively.

Current appeals

• Haiti Emergency Response Appeal
• Communities in Crisis: Asia Pacific Appeal
• Burma Humanitarian appeal
• Sri Lanka Humanitarian Crisis Appeal
• Africa Emergency Appeal

Mrs Ramshaw
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Condolences to the Allen family on the loss of Lyn Turner. Sister to Deb Allen. Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 2 March.

Merit Awards

25 February 2010
PP: Alexander Jonckheere Fletcher O’Connell Shannee Wilde
Yr 1: Year One Class
Yr 2: Ethan Gould Lucy McGRath
Ruby Moore
Yr 3: Regina Burton Gemima rahman
Yr 4: Riley Caswell Daniel Perrott
Josie Simcoe Gerieme Seno
Yr 5: Ruby Esmonde Tyson McDonnell
Benjamin Ochigbo
Yr 6: Jordan Matthews Olivia Perkins

04 March 2010
PP:
Yr 1: Natasha Greipel Ben Vickery
Kylie Wiltshire
Yr 2: Nathan Bourke Keisha Wilde
Yr 3: Skye Akerman Aloura Cavey
Yr 5: Tennika Quick
Yr 6: Ocean Anand Heather Andersen
Yr 7: Jacon Campbell Gerry Fox
Tomas Sweeting

Birthday Wishes

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

02 Mar Nathan Bourke (Year Two)
07 Mar Tomas Sweeting (Year Seven)
09 Mar Tahlia Cotton (Year Two)
10 Mar Piper McDonald (Year Four)
10 Mar Emma McLean (Year Four)
10 Mar Griffin Bellette (Year Seven)
11 Mar Nyomi Kelly (Year One)
11 Mar Eve Bauckham (Year Three)
12 Mar Madison Connolly (Year Seven)
14 Mar Alexander Jonckheere (Pre-Primary)

General Campus News

Sport

The Faction Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 19 March. We will begin at 9.15am and finish approximately 12.30pm. I really appreciate all the offers of help from our brilliant parents. I have sent a note home today to the parents that will be involved on the day.

The Year Two students had their practise at the swimming pool yesterday, and had a fantastic time. Pre Primary and Year One students will have their practise next Wednesday. Please refer to the note that was sent home with those classes on Tuesday, for more information.

Mrs Ramshaw
Physical Education Coordinator

Library News

Our Term is moving through very fast. Week Seven, next week will be the last borrowing week for the students. Would parents please ensure all books are returned by Week Eight. The Library will be closed to students in Week Nine. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Rahman
Library Teacher

Donations Please

We would appreciate any donations of used stamps and aluminium can ring pulls. These can be brought in to the front office where they will be passed on to various charities. Thank you.

Mrs Rozario
School Secretary
CANTEEN LUNCH BAGS
Parents please note that lunch orders **MUST** be written on a brown/white paper lunch bag with the money inside. The canteen is receiving many orders on envelopes and in plastic bags etc. All orders need to be re-written on to paper bags and this is time consuming. Lunch bags can be purchased from Coles or Woolworths or they can be purchased from the canteen at 10 cents each. We suggest you purchase 10 or so at a time and these can be given to your child with their lunch order to take home.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs McLaughlin
Canteen Manageress

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Thank you for your orders from Issue 1. When our school places orders with Scholastic, we earn credits which go towards purchasing valuable learning resources & books for our classrooms and library. Learning resources to the value of $660 have just arrived that were purchased with credit vouchers from 2009 orders. New books to the value of $160.00 have just arrived in our School Library from our Issue 1, 2010 orders. Issue 2 catalogues have now been sent home. Orders are due back Tuesday 16 March.

Sharon Buckland
Bookclub Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE
The Beginning Experience is running a WEEKEND PROGRAMME, designed to assist and support people in learning to close the door gently on a relationship that has ended, in order to get on with living. People who have had similar loss experiences themselves facilitate the programme. If you feel that this programme could benefit you or someone you know, you are invited to contact us.

The next weekend programme dates are:
**Friday 19 to Sunday 21 MARCH 2010**
For further information please contact:
**Helen** Phone: 9246 5150
**Maureen** Phone: 9537 1915

PORT HEDLAND JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Registration Day. Come and Sign up for the 2010 Junior Rugby League Season!!
Where: Marie Marland Reserve (behind the Fini Club)
When : 13th March 2010
Times: 9.00am to 12.00noon
Interested in coaching or assisting call Chris on 0418154586 or Kylie on 0488247307
Any player enquiries call Alice on 0427134034

SPONSORS NEEDED: If you are interested in supporting Junior Rugby League please contact Kylie on 0488247307. **Girls over 12 welcome!!**

Bring your child’s Birth Certificate.

DYSLEXIA AND IRLEN CLINIC
Does your child have: Difficulties Reading? Problems with spelling? Worries with writing? You don’t have to go to Perth for assessments. Find out exactly where your child’s learning has stalled and what can be done to help them.

Dyslexia and Irlen Clinic is in Karratha 31 March to 11 April 2010. Phone 1300 732 998 or email beatrice@irlenwa.com.au for appointments or more information and a free self-assessment.

Next visit September 2010

RIVERSIDE MULTI SPORTS
Riverside Multi Sports at Trinity College are hosting a sports program for all students aged 7-14 at Trinity College from Wednesday 14 April to Friday 16 April. Each day will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 12:30pm with the focus being on a wide range of sports supervised by specialist coaches in a fun yet safe environment. To secure a place on this exciting programme or for more information, email riversidesports@live.com.au or call Jonika on 0433 540 465.

HEDLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL - NEEDS HELP
With the AFL NAB cup starting its time to get Junior Football organised. Traditionally junior football in Hedland starts in Term One and extends onto Term Two but with limited volunteers and past helpers leaving town this has not been possible.

We are desperate for parent help and volunteers for the junior footy to start.

Ideally it would be fantastic to run all of seconf term for this to happen we needed volunteers, coaches, umpires, sponsors and most importantly a Committee. You are not ecpected to be a professional just someone who wants to see their child have fun and excitement in one of the greatest sports in the world. I will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 10 March.
The P&F would like to thank everyone for their support so far. The enthusiasm and offers of assistance have been great – yet there is still more to do before the end of Term!!

There are several events coming up in the next 3 weeks, following is more information about each:

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY**
— Wednesday 17 March
**GREEN** cupcakes will be for sale for 50c each at morning recess to raise money for the P&F. If you have agreed to supply **GREEN** cupcakes please deliver them on Wednesday morning to the Staff Room. **ALLERGY FREE** – there will be gluten free as well as egg, dairy and gluten free cupcakes available.

**FANCY DRESS DISCO**
— Friday 26 March
6pm to 8pm Meal Deals are $5 and include a Hot Dog, Drink & IcyPole. Additional hot dogs $2 and drinks $1 can be purchased on the night.
Children must be picked up from the **undercover area**. No child will be allowed out to the car park for collection.
Kindy and Pre-Primary students need to have a parent/guardian per family in attendance.
Meal order forms will be sent home next **Tuesday 16 March**. We require parent helpers for the night, so please let us know if you are able to assist.
This will be the first disco of the year. This is a really fun night for the children, and we all enjoy a chance to dress up!

**EASTER RAFFLE**
— Thursday 1 April
A BIG THANKYOU!! To all parents that have already donated Easter Eggs.
There is a collection box at the front office. Collections will be taken until the morning of Tuesday 30 March. **The more eggs we get the more PRIZES we will have!!**
There will be several individual raffles for each class – maximising your child’s chance of winning!!
15 tickets per family will be sent home next **Tuesday 16 March**
Tickets will sell for $1 each or 3 for $2.
Please send sold/unsold tickets and money to the School Office by the morning of Tuesday 30 March.
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, Tuesday and Wednesday in the last week of school.
The draws will take place at Assembly on Thursday 1 April.

**GOOD LUCK!!!!**

*In summary of the P&F events over the next two weeks:*

**Tuesday 16 March:**
Easter Egg raffle tickets will be sent home
Disco Meal order forms will be sent home

**Wednesday 17 March:**
Delivery of donated **GREEN** cupcakes to Staff Room
**GREEN** cupcakes for sale at recess for 50c

**Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 March:**
Easter Egg raffle tickets for sale in undercover area

**Wednesday 31 March:**
Last day for donation of Easter Eggs

**Thursday 1 April:**
EASTER EGG RAFFLE DRAW at Assembly

AND NOW FOR MORE NEWS ON OUR 2010 MAJOR EVENT!!!
The date of the Fete has changed. Please now put Saturday 19 June 2010 (times to be confirmed) in your diary. The change has occurred as the consensus was that there was a lot of preparation for a few hours of Fete. Having the Fete on Saturday allows more partners to assist with the preparation and provides longer utilisation of activities.

The Fete Committee has continued to be hard at work with the planning. We will be hiring numerous large rides including the Gladiator and Giant Slide. There will also be numerous displays and stalls with each class having control of one. Below is a list of parent contacts for each year that will be assisting in coordinating their Class stall. All parents will be provided with more information on their classrooms’ activities as the information becomes available.

Year 7 Cass Connolly
Year 6 Annette McLean
Year 5 Sharon Buckland
Year 4 Dee Singh
Year 3 Jodie Phillips
Year 2 Michelle Moore
Year 1 Eyvette DeCourcy
PP Emma Merlo
Kindy Megan Smith

Remember if you have experience with Fetes, or even just plenty of enthusiasm! Please think about joining the Fete sub-committee. The Fete sub-committee meetings will be held fortnightly throughout Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2, moving to weekly meetings as the day draws nearer.
Next Fete Sub-committee meeting:
Tuesday 16th March at 8.45am in the staff room at school. If you can’t make the meeting but would like to help out, or to pass on any ideas, please contact Sarah via email at bolton.wa@gmail.com. All comments, suggestion, ideas etc... will then be discussed at the meetings.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of lollies. This fortnight, we would like to ask for donations of more lollies - wrapped lollies in particular (i.e. lolly pops, Freddo Frogs etc...). These will be used as consolation prizes as well as making up mixed lolly bags for sale on the night.

Please ENJOY the upcoming events and remember all money raised by the P&F is used for the benefit of the students.

Thank you again for your support.

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