God is always faithful

God not only gives you exceeding great and precious promises, but He faithfully fulfils them in more ways than you could ask or think. There are things He is working for your good that you may not understand or see clearly at this moment:

- There are promises He is fulfilling you may have thought He'd forgotten;
- There are prayers He is answering that you may have thought were requests that had been denied.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK
Dear Parents and Guardians

What a busy time we have had at school as we prepare for the last week of term. There has been much excitement over the term and I have been extremely proud of our staff and students in the way they have participated so beautifully with all events.

St Patrick’s Day
The children really enjoyed St Patrick’s Day and the cupcakes were devoured by our hungry students. The decorations added to the fun of the day. Thank you so much to our dedicated P & F for taking on this special day and hosting a morning tea to be remembered.

Year Seven Assembly
Congratulations to Miss Fox and her sensational Year Seven students who dazzled us last Thursday with an assembly item to be remembered. We learnt a lot about the different inventors and what they were known for. Great job Year Seven, you are a talented group of students.

Swimming Carnival
Last Friday saw our students take to the water. It was an amazing day! The school spirit was soaring with lots of chatter and good will. The staff, parents and students had a top day. These days don’t just happen. They take a lot of organisation and Mrs Ramshaw was amazing in the lead up to and on the day. Her eye for detail was outstanding as she worked tirelessly to make the day a reality. The staff all joined in to assist on the day and as always can be counted on to help in so many ways. Congratulations to Canty who were victorious on the day and congratulations also to...
Speech Screening
This week we have had Miss Allana Kennedy from Language Advantage visit our school and screen many of our Kindergarten and Pre Primary students. This service designed by speech pathologists, helps your child’s teacher to work with their speech, language and literacy needs in class.
We are currently working with the teachers to identify and help them support students with speech, language and literacy difficulties and to also extend the skills of students without these difficulties.
As part of this service each student selected will be screened individually. A profile looks at your child’s interaction skills, semantic knowledge, oral narrative, comprehension and speech articulation skills. Pre-primary students will also complete a phonological awareness subtest. This enables an overall profile of the class be made for the teacher.
Parents will not receive an individual report but the school will be given a report on how students are developing within the class.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Cheyanne Pearce in Year Six. Cheyanne travelled to Perth last week and auditioned in a dance competition. While she was not selected she performed with great pride, dignity and to the best of her ability. We are very proud of you and look forward to seeing you perform again next year.

Congratulations
We would also like to congratulate Celeste McCorry on her achievement in receiving an A+ for her performance in the music exams by the Australian Music Examination Board. Celeste has a love of singing and has been performing for a number of years showing her great talent in this area.

Parent interviews
Thank you to all parents who made themselves available for parent interviews with the teachers. We have a very dedicated group of teachers and it is wonderful when you come and talk to the them about the progress of your child. It is important that all parents respond to these interviews so that they have a clear understanding of how their child is developing in school.

Interschool Carnival
What an outstanding day we had yesterday when our interschool swimming team took to the pool and swam their hearts out. It was a wonderful result but more importantly the school spirit was high when our team returned to school to find their classmates waiting to congratulate them. Magnificent effort swimmers you are amazing and your enthusiasm was bubbling. Thank you also to Mrs Ramshaw and Mrs McLean for their extraordinary leadership of our team. Go Saints!

School Disco
I am sure all the students are looking forward to the disco as I know they love to dance and have fun. As always our P & F are outstanding when they host any event at school. I know the students will enjoy the evening and much fun will be had by all.

Shave heads
We have an amazing group of students who volunteered to have their head shaved for a good cause. I have made mention of Ruby Esmonde in previous newsletters but soon after we discovered a number of other students who also took part in the shave. Below we can see our wonderful group of students who were brave enough to lose their hair for charity. Congratulations to all of you! Remember you have all made a huge difference in the lives of others.

Damien Buckland, Emily Gould, Ruby Esmonde & Jacob Gould
Summer reading Success
During the summer holidays a number of our students participated in the Premiers Summer Reading Challenge and it was very successful. The following students participated: Levi Bellette, Madara Herath, Damian Mathews, Ashley Pascoe, Farnaz Devlaliwalla, Jordan Mathews, Renee Buckland, Farzan Devlaliwalla. Congratulations to each and every one of you. Great Job!

Palm Sunday
This Sunday Mr Sta Maria and our Year Four students will be leading the Parish Mass in St Cecilia’s Church at 8.30am. It is Palm Sunday and this is the beginning of Holy Week. I am delighted that our Year Four students will be performing at the Mass and encourage parents and students from other classes to celebrate Mass with us. Thank you so much to our students who will be performing in the Mass. I know you will help us to gain a better understanding of this special day by your involvement and reverence.

Volunteer Helper
Thank you so much to Paul Braby who volunteered his time to help us with weeding of garden beds. Presently we are without a groundsman so it was much appreciated when Paul offered his services to help keep our gardens looking their best. A big thank you also to Mr Joe who while in retirement is still active in the school each day helping us in so many ways.

Football Special
Last week we were very fortunate to have Nick Naitanui and Chris Lewis visit the school representing their famous football team, the West Coast Eagles. It was a delight to have such special people come to visit and talk with the students. A special thank you to BHP for organising the visit. I know that a lot of staff and students were excited and it provided lots of chatter during the week.

Talking to your child about school
“What happened at school?” “Nothing!” Does this sound familiar? You know that your child has had a full and engaging day at school; involved in many activities, experiences and social interactions. Often children feel that their school experiences are not important or interesting. Parents, on the other hand, do genuinely want to know how their school day was. This can result in a sort of cat-and-mouse game; the parent probes, the child evades, the parent asks again, the child evades again, and so on. Usually, it is the parent who gives up first.

- Most children can be exhausted after a long day at school and discussing their day is the last thing on their mind. When they get home, they generally need a healthy snack and some ‘tune out’ time before they are ready to share some of their day with you. Listed below are some of the strategies that families use when asking the “What happened at school?”
- Create a family ritual in which everyone shares something about their day at dinner. Start by talking about your day. Make sure that everyone has a chance to talk, but also has the option of ‘passing’ if they don’t feel like contributing.
- Rather than posing a general question, ask about a specific event or class. For example, ‘How was the big assembly?’ or ‘What did your class do in sports today?’ Try to phrase your questions to invite answers that are longer than ‘yes’, ‘no’ or ‘OK’. Questions that begin with ‘What did you do in …?’ are often better for this purpose than ones that start ‘How was …?’ or ‘Did you …?’
- When your child does respond, give them your full attention. Let them know that you’re listening by asking clarifying questions, such as ‘Do you mean that….?’ or ‘Let me make sure I understand…’
- Keep open channels of communication with your child’s teacher. Teachers who know that you are interested and friendly are usually glad to keep you abreast of what’s going on. You can also grease the wheels of communication by offering to help out in the classroom or on excursions from time to time.
- Respect your child’s privacy, but let them know that you are open whenever they feel like sharing their thoughts. When children don’t feel they are being continually ‘forced’ to talk about their whole day, they will often willingly recall special parts of their day.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal
Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday this Sunday (6th Sunday in Lent) 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 but 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.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Last Thursday evening our students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A big thank you goes to Justine Esmonde, Trish Bourke, Bridget McGlinchey, Sister Maria, Father Mark, Father Tom and parents for helping prepare their children for this sacrament.
I would like to remind families that the Caritas boxes will be collected during next week, Week Nine. I would like to thank families in advance for their kind donations for this very worthy cause.
Mrs Ramshaw
Assistant Principal Religious Education

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

15 Mar
Matthew Nakhoul (Kindy)
15 Mar
Caeley Cecich (Year Three)
16 Mar
Isabella Leopardi (Pre-Primary)
22 Mar
Tennika Quick (Year Five)
23 Mar
Ella Hinch (Year Four)
23 Mar
Georgia Hinch (Year Four)
24 Mar
Matthew Gould (Kindy)
25 Mar
Josie Simcoe (Year Four)
26 Mar
Dylan Ludwigsen (Year Seven)
27 Mar
Nikita Burton (Year Two)
27 Mar
Jasmine Singleton (Year Two)
28 Mar
Charline Zoghbi (Year One)
28 Mar
Mirabelle Zoghbi (Year One)
28 Mar
Clancy Esmonde (Year Seven)
29 Mar
Kaleb Barndon (Year Seven)
29 Mar
Kato Willems (Year Three)
06 Apr
Teniyah Burton (Year One)
09 Apr
Shani Kellett (Year Seven)
13 Apr
Joshua Garbin (Year Seven)

MERIT AWARDS
11 March 2010
PP:
Alexander Harrington  Toby Hunter
Wayne McNicol  Elizabeth Sinclair
Yr 1:
Jade Adams  Olivia Campbell
Farzan Devlalwalla  Hunter Neven
Ali Wilson
Yr 2:
Cameron Warren  Tahlia Cotton
Jesse Battle
Yr 3:
Caeley Cecich  Tyrus Kelly
Emmalene Cavey  Alisha Deshmukh
Max Healey  Ella Hinch
Geremie Seno
Yr 5:
Holly Akerman  Harrison Lockley
Klaas Willems
Yr 6:
Lauren McLean  Harrison Scott
Ciara Strachan
Yr 7:
Joshua Garbin  Shani Kellett

18 March 2010
PP:
Imogen Cornelius  Rianan Mouat
Taj Singh  Curtis Thuku-Richard
Yr 2:
Tara Mellberg  Caelen Press
Yr 3:
Courtney Healey
Yr 5:
Charlotte Boyd  Peter Wyn
Yr 7:
Emily Barratt  Shania Dershow

ST CECILIA’S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK
Palm Sunday, Sunday 28 March
6.00 pm (Sat Vigil)
8.30 am Procession and Blessing for Palm Sunday
Tuesday 30 March, 7.00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday 01 April, 7.00pm
Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday 02 April, 3.00pm
Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Jesus.
Easter Saturday 03 April 7.00pm
Vigil Service for Easter
Easter Sunday 04 April 8.30am
Mass of the Resurrection of Jesus

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK
Palm Sunday 28 March
7.15 pm (Sat Vigil)
9.45 am Procession and Blessing for Palm Sunday
Holy Thursday 01 April 7.00 pm
Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday 02 April
9.30 am Stations of the Cross
3.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
Easter Saturday 03 April 7.00 pm
Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 04 April 10.00 am
Mass of Easter
GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

SPORT
Last Friday we held our Faction Swimming Carnival at the Gratwick Aquatic Centre. I was pleased to see so many parents support their children at this event. The day was filled with lots of energy, laughter and singing. A big thank you to all the volunteers and staff, without you this day would not have been such a success. I would also like to thank all the students for their incredible effort and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful seeing your swimming improve over the last few weeks.

Mrs Ramshaw
Physical Education Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS
Where has this term gone?? Thank you to all the wonderful helpers I have had this term. The time you give, shelving or covering books is really appreciated. We have had so much new stock over the last year and it has all been shelved thanks to you. Enjoy your holidays and have a safe and Happy Easter.

Mrs Rahman
Library Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS
Please try not to send large notes for lunch orders. Where possible please tender the correct money as some students are not looking in their lunch bags for change and it is possibly going in the bin.

The Canteen will be CLOSED on Thursday 1 April—the last day of term.

Mrs McLaughlin
Canteen Manageress

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

SCHOOL BANKING
Bankwest would like to advise that the school banking service for the students at St Cecilia’s will be changing days from the commencement of Term Two.

This service will be offered on a Friday morning between 8am and 8.30am commencing in week 1 of Term 2.

For parents/carers and students wishing to partake in school banking they will be required to open a bank account with Bankwest in the students name, at the Bankwest branch in Wedge Street Port Hedland. This service and can only continue with your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION
Next meeting: 27 April 2010, venue Hedland Well Women’s Centre, from 9 am all welcome. For inquiries call 9172 1873.

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 program or for more information, email riversidesports@live.com.au or call Jonika on 0433 540 465.

HEDLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND HEDLAND AUSKICK
Registration Days
$80 per 1st child
$60 per subsequent siblings
Friday 19 March 2010
Kevin Scott Oval, South Hedland
5.15pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 24 March 2010
Kevin Scott Oval, South Hedland
5.00pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday 31 March 2010
Kevin Scott Oval, South Hedland
5.00pm to 6.00pm
Auskick training is on Wednesday afternoon and the game is on Friday. Last year we trained at 5pm and everything was at Kevin Scott oval in South Hedland. The season will start at the beginning of term two.

Volunteers are required for umpiring, coaching, team managers and canteen. Everyone welcome!
CANTEEN CLOSED

The Canteen will be closed on Thursday 01 April.

All students will need to supply their own recess and lunch on this day.

SCHOOL DENTAL THERAPIST

There is now a Dental Therapist in attendance at the Port Hedland Dental Therapy Centre, located at the Port Hedland Primary School.

Contact number 9173 2529.

YACHT CLUB MARKETS

Saturday 3rd April 9am - 12Midd

Happy Easter!

STALL HOLDERS WANTED - $20.00 PER TABLE

COFFEE AND CAKE AND MUCH MORE.

Food and Drinks available – bric a brac, huge variety of goods........

SELL SOME OLD TREASURES - BUY SOME MORE

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CHRISIE 0429 203 259
DAWN 0407 192 170
LEANE 9172 1282

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Interschool Swimming Carnival

Yesterday, we went to the South Hedland Aquatic Centre to compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Our students were amazing and I would like to thank them for their enthusiasm and positive attitude throughout the day. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Annette McLean for her help and guidance throughout the term.

First Place: St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary
Second Place: Port Hedland Primary
Third Place: Baler Primary
Fourth Place: Cassia Primary
Fifth Place: South Hedland Primary

We are the Champions!