Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the last newsletter for Term 1. This term has gone so quick and I would like to thank everyone for a great start to the year. It has been pleasing seeing all the new students and new staff settle into the St Cecilia’s community so quickly. A parent recently told me they have noticed a real positive feel coming from the school. Personally, I have been impressed with the work coming out of classrooms and have enjoyed watching the growth and development of the students here. I know we can keep this going into the future.

Thank you to all the parents who have been so supportive of their children’s education. This was evident in the wonderful turnout at the Parent/Teacher meetings. The staff told me they have noticed a real positive feel coming from the school. Personally, I have been impressed with the work coming out of classrooms and have enjoyed watching the growth and development of the students here. I know we can keep this going into the future.

During Term Two we will be involved in an Insight SRC survey. The survey will be given to all staff, some students and approximately 60 families. The data collected from the survey is collated and returned to the schools to assist in future school improvement. The responses you give are really important and I ask all parents selected to please complete the survey.

The St Cecilia’s Swimming Team were very competitive at the recent Interschool Carnival. Their sacrifice and effort has paid off. People don’t get good at something unless they put in the hard work. You have proven that hard work and dedication does pay off. Congratulations on your wonderful efforts. A big thank you to Mrs Amiradaki for organising the team and also for running the school swimming lessons this term. It has been a great success.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

COMING EVENTS:

Thursday 07 April
First Communion Parent Meeting I, 6.30pm in the hall
Y4 & others

Friday 08 April
Student last day of Term 1

CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday 27 April
Student first day back for Term 2
Thursday 28 April
Assembly
Thursday 05 May
Assembly?
School Photos envelopes issued on
Wednesday 27 April, please return to the
front office before the photo day

Friday 06 May
Mothers Day Assembly

Thursday 12 May
Assembly
First Communion Parent Meeting II,
6.30pm in the hall
Y4 & others

Prayer

God of wisdom,
we thank you for all the gifts you have given us
throughout Term One.
We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ,
and for choosing us to be your people.
As we come to the end of the Term, we voice our gratitude
for the good things you have done in us,
and we praise you for all who have shared
in the work of this school.
We ask you to bless them in your love
and give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 10 Thursday 07 April 2016
Community announcement

The Roy Hill Foundation is resourcing the school in a number of ways this year. The Foundation is providing Indigenous Scholarships funding for Homework Centre, Ed-Connect Program and a Parenting Support Group. The scholarship program began at the commencement of the school year. The Homework Centre will relaunch in Term Two as will the Ed-Connect Program and the Parent Support Group.

The Ed-Connect Program is designed to have mentors, from outside the school, provide students with one on one support. The mentors will be very carefully screened by the Ed-Connect Company. Both students and mentors will be given a series of questions to answer. From this the company will then find the best match between students and mentors to ensure they are compatible. The Ed-Connect Program runs successfully in many schools across Australia. St Cecilia’s has been chosen as the pilot school in the Pilbara. If you would like you child to be involved in the program please contact me.

The Parent Support Group will be facilitated by a Psychologist who specialises in parenting. It will be run as an open forum, informal type of gathering for parents. At this stage the meetings will be once a term. I will send out more information during Term Two. I ask parents to make use of this resource as it may be a great benefit.

The launch for the Roy Hill Foundation will be Thursday 19 May commencing at 8.35am in the hall. I hope to see you all there.

I would like to wish those families leaving the school all the best and know that we will miss you. Thank you all for a terrific term and have a relaxing break.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP

Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH MASS TIMES

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Special Assemblies – Holy Week

A very big thank you to Years One, Two, Three and Four for leading our school community in our Holy Week celebrations two weeks ago. In Holy Week, we are reminded of the promise of Easter. Thank you once again children for your engagement in our special assemblies and to your class teachers for all their hard work.

Project Compassion & Book-a-Thon

Our Book-a-thon has come to a close. Thank you to our generous families for your donations to our class Project Compassion boxes. Our Book-a-thon was a great success and as a school community we raised $xx or over $700 just through the classroom boxes. Some families have already sent in their Project Compassion boxes from home and we will be adding these to the class totals to get an overall grand total donated to Caritas Australia by St Cecilia’s. If you still have your Project Compassion boxes at home, you can keep them for the holidays and we ask that all boxes are returned to school by Friday 29 April.

A big thank you to our Year 6 Community leaders Kimberly Muzambwa, David Gordon and Aparna Sunil for collecting the money boxes each week and updating our Book-a-thon display and thank you to Mrs Genni McCormack for assisting the Community leaders to count the coins each week. A big thank you to all of you also for helping to make our book-a-thon a success through your donations.

First Holy Communion

We held the first of our family meetings for the Sacrament of First Communion last night and it was fantastic to see so many families attend. A reminder that there will not be any home activities handed out during the holidays; the next activity will be given out at the Masses on the weekend of April 30/May 01. The next family meeting will be held on Thursday 11 May in the school Hall at 6:30pm. If for any reason you are unable to attend the family meetings or Sunday Masses, please contact your parish priest.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday, particularly if you are travelling out of town. To those families that are leaving us and moving to landscapes that lack in red dirt, I wish you all the very best for the future. Whether it was for a short time or a long time, thank you for being part of our St Cecilia’s family.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

ENROLMENT CANCELLATION

If you are leaving town and/or the school at any time please complete an Enrolment Cancellation Form. These can be collected or sent home from the office, and are also available on our website: www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au We would appreciate as much notice as possible as we have many students on the waiting list. This information will be kept confidential.
MERIT AWARDS

17 March 2016
PP: Ashley Fitt
Y1: Eloise Clarke
Y3: Jacobie Dhu
Y4: Nat Cornelius
Y5: Athena Mendoza
Y6: Bethany Denney

Abigail Stanley
Diwan Salawu
Zekiel Dhu
Jordan Schmich
Rohan Collins
Jamal Doyle

31 March 2016
Y2: Jack Martin
Y3: Sienna Bennett
Y5: Charlotte Emmett

Charlotte Schmich
Hayden Fitt
Rohan Kirby
Riley Gould
Jamie Payne
Ezekiel Uiduldam
Elias Zoghbi

07 April 2016
PP: Sandya Gowthman
Y1: Izabella Kingdom Spoljaric
Y4: Harrison Clarke
Y5: Emily Boland
Y6: Ashley Dwyer
Sports: Moono Siamutete PP

Perri Pawlenko
Wesley Mendoza
Tharani Marasingha
Scarlett Foti
Jayden Rozario
Jordan Schmich
Luka Zelencic
Presley McLarty
Bailey Tucker

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

April
1 WURUKI, Myah Y2
5 EMMITT, Genevieve PP
5 GORDON, David Y6
6 ESPERSEN-CAIRNS, India Y2
7 McKay, Harper PP

DONATIONS PLEASE

We would appreciate any donations of the following items:

- Used stamps
- Aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Small Shoe boxes

These can be brought in to the front office.

Thank you
Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

ABSENTEEISM

Please note St Cecilia’s procedure for recording students absences. Teachers will advise the office by 9.00am each morning of any absent students. Any unexplained absences will be followed up by an SMS message sent to the Mothers Mobile.

Parents are asked to call the school office prior to 9.00am each day of their child’s absence to avoid an SMS message being sent to the mothers mobile.

All absences are to be followed up by a written note of explanation.

All absences need to be notified by a parent or guardian (not a sibling, neighbour etc).

Parents are to follow up all absences with a written explanation note as soon as possible to class teachers.

At our recent audit, it was determined that we are failing in meeting the Department of Education’s specific guidelines for Absent Notes whether they are hand written, typed or on email. The absence notes must contain all of the following information:

- name of student
- year level of student
- date of absence
- explanation (reason) for absence
- parent/guardian’s full name and signature (full name only on emails)
- date note was written

Thank you for your cooperation.
COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS

I, _______________________________, would like to donate ____ meals for the community.
Please return this slip to the front office and meal containers will be sent home with your child.
Students name: __________________________________________ Year:____________

Want to buy or sell something?

Ever wanted to buy a second hand school bag or perhaps you have an extra hat that you no longer need?
Advertise on the school "For Sale" board, to arrange a sale or swap items directly at school.

Space is limited but advertisements are welcome.

Cost: Free
Where: The Foyer of the Kindy and Pre-Primary Classrooms

Hedland Little Athletics Club
Family, Friends, Fun and Fitness

Little Athletics involves a wide range of track and field events that are modified to suit the age and ability of all children aged from 6 to 16.

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!

COST:
ALL ATHLETES $110 per athlete for the 2016 season (includes insurance and club contribution) + $30.00 for a Chl T-Shirt

PROOF OF AGE: Please bring along your child’s BIRTH CERTIFICATE (Used to verify competition age grouping)

WHERE: Hedland Senior High School Oval (Behind "Dreamers" Corner)

TIME: Saturdays - Arrive for an 8.00am sharp competition start (Commencing on Saturday, 30th April 2016)

TRAINING: Wednesdays - 4.30pm until 5.30pm (Commencing on Wednesday, 6th April 2016. Net compulsory, but highly recommended)

EMAIL: hedlandlta@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: Hedland Little Athletics

If you would like further information please email, Facebook or contact our Registrar: Marjorie 0437 615 291

PLEASE NOTE: Parent involvement is crucial to the successful running of our club, which is run entirely by volunteers. Please note that you will not be able to drop your child off and leave to collect them at the finish line (like other sports). You must remain at the oval to support & supervise them. Parent helpers are crucial to ensure we have a smooth running event day so we need you to stay and help where you can, we need you to participate in duties on competition days from time to time.

School Banking with...

bankwest

One of our friendly staff members is in the library every Thursday from 8:00am until the bell rings!

Open an account in store today!

Our Port Hedland branch is open for appointments Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm (Tuesday 9:30am - 5pm)

The first FOUR kids to come in store and open an account get a GOODY BAG!! But don't worry...
If you aren't the one of the first four, you still get a money box or toy!!
LIBRARY BOOK COVERING

Child's Name: ____________________________________  Class: ________________

I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.

Parent Name: _____________________________  Contact Number: __________________
Swimming Carnival 2016
WHAT’S BEEN GOING ON?

RIDE TO SCHOOL