FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and have come back to school with batteries fully charged.

We have a busy year ahead with the emphasis on the Teaching/Learning process and self-improvement of all staff and students. To assist in this process we are implementing a peer enhancement program for all staff and explicit teaching coaching for teachers. This will enable all staff to reflect on their teaching practices creating a culture of self-improvement throughout the school.

Teaching Model

St Cecilia’s uses the John Fleming Explicit Teaching model and will be continuing with this for the years ahead. It has been proven to be successful here and in schools all over Australia. At present we have four staff members trained as coaches and they have started coaching sessions with the teachers this week. The school will be sending teachers to Melbourne and Perth throughout the year to observe and learn from other schools who are using the explicit teaching model.

On Monday 10 February John Fleming visited St Cecilia’s for the day. While he was here he worked with three teachers and then held a Professional Development session, after school, which teachers and teacher’s assistants attended. John said he is really impressed with the progress we are making and can see improvement every time he visits us. He also mentioned that he loves coming here because the children are very well behaved and have beautiful manners. John provided the staff with valuable insights and information to further assist them in their warm-ups.

To further enhance the Teaching/Learning process, the school has implemented a no interruption policy during selected weeks of each term. We will keep 6-7 weeks of each term free of interruptions. This will allow staff to concentrate on educating our students.

New Staff

We have several new staff members at St Cecilia’s this year. I would like to welcome them and wish them all the best for the coming year. The new staff members are:

Kindy
Mrs Debbie Bull
Mrs Melleny Ams

Pre-Primary
Mrs Elise Batchelor
Mrs Nerine Williams

Year 1
Mrs Nancye Spiteri
Mrs Natasha Aspland
Mrs Sina Higgins

Year 3
Ms Roxanne Corbino

Year 5
Mrs Kim Piergrosse

On Tuesday 18 February there will be a meet the Teacher night at school. The night is designed for parents to meet their teacher and see what the teacher has planned for the students and any housekeeping re-

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.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we ask for your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen
requirements the teacher may have. This is not a time for
discussion about the progress of individual children as
each session only lasts for 30 minutes. If you wish to
discuss your child’s progress please book a time to
meet with the teacher either before or after school. The
times for the sessions are as follows;

6:00 – 6:30  Y1, Y3, Y5, Y7
6:30 – 7:00  PP, Y2, Y4, Y6

School Uniform
The new boys academic uniform looks fantastic and it
is nice to see so many boys wearing it so smartly.
There will be an 12 month change over period before
the new boys uniform and the new sports uniform are
compulsory.
The new academic uniform cannot be mixed with the
old uniform. Boys are reminded to have their shirts
tucked in if they are wearing the old uniform. All socks
are to be short “fold over” style, not low cut socks.
Students are to wear their sports uniform only on the
class PE day or when directed by their teacher. All oth-
er days the academic uniform is to be worn. Students
may wear either the new style faction polo shirt or the
old style green polo shirt. The old style coloured Polo
shirts are only to be worn on faction carnival days.
Any student who has the incorrect uniform on must
have a note from home or they will be issued with a
uniform infringement notice.

Help your child make connections to literature
To help your child get the most out of books, focus on
problem-solving, social skills and life experience. For
instance, take your children to the beach (life experi-
ence). Teach them to ask an adult for help (problem
solving) or to hold the door for others (social skills).
With an arsenal of these skills in place, they will be able
to relate their own life experiences to those of book
characters, improving their comprehension. If they don’t
have these life experiences, and we ask them to make
deeper connections to literature, it can be hard for
them. Read to your children, let them hear you put ex-
pression and intonation in your voice. If you aren’t a
confident reader have your children read to you.

Student news
It appears we have some very talented students at St
Cecilia’s. Over the holidays Jarred Ams (Year 6) repre-
sented the Pilbara at the Country Cricket Week in
Perth. He played against boys three years older then
him and managed to take nine wickets in four matches.
Well done Jarred.
Jack Bowins (Year 7) has been selected in the Perth All
Stars U13 Baseball team to play in Manila in the South
East Baseball tournament in March. He has also been
selected to travel to South Africa and Hong Kong with
the WA Little League Team. Well done Jack.
I hope the new year is good to you and may God bless
you.

Peter Allen
Principal

Important Dates
Meet the Teacher Night - 18 February
Year 6 Assembly - Thursday 20 February
School Board Meeting - Thursday 20 February 7:00pm
P&F Meeting - Thursday 27 February at ~9.00am
Leukaemia Fundraiser - Friday 28 February
Labour Day Holiday - Monday 03 March - no school

mass times
St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue, Wed & Thu Morning Mass 8.00am
Friday Morning Mass 7.15am
Saturday Evening Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am
St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Wednesday Night Mass 6.00pm
Saturday Evening Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9.30am
Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

Sacramental Team
To all Parents and Carers
The Parish Council discussed the matter of getting
people to help out with the Sacramental team. In re-
cent times various wonderful people have left. We are
now in the process of choosing good people who could
possibly be on the team this year.

At a recent parish council meeting we discussed some
names but we thought there may be other good people
like yourselves who might be able to help. The main
work is the preparation of children and parents for First
Communion, Confirmation and First Reconciliation.
If you could do this would you please contact me any-
time when we meet or by phone on 9173 1687 or 0417
436 714.

Your sincerely in Christ
John G Martin C.Ss.R.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Beginning of Year Mass
Last week we celebrated the return to school with our
Beginning of Year Mass. It was a wonderful way to
begin our year together with prayer and some beautiful
hymn singing. Our next whole school Mass will be on
Wednesday 5 March to celebrate Ash Wednesday.

Sacraments
This year there will be three Sacraments offered to
students; First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion
and Confirmation.

First Communion
Is offered to students in Year Four, and other students
that haven’t received this Sacrament. To receive this
Sacrament, students must have taken part in First
Reconciliation. The First Holy Communion Mass will
be in June, with a Mass in each of the parishes.

Confirmation
The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place every two
years to coincide with Bishop Justin’s visit to Port Hed-
land. As with Communion, this Sacrament is held in
both the South Hedland and Port Hedland parishes
and takes place over two weekends. Being a unique
situation this year, with this being the final year of Year
Seven in primary school, Year Five students are also
being invited to take part in the Sacrament as they will
not be St Cecilia’s students when the Bishop visits
again in 2016. The dates for the Confirmation Masses
are in August.
First Reconciliation
Is offered to students in Year Three and any other students that haven’t received this Sacrament. The Mass for First Reconciliation is held at the end of October at St Cecilia’s Church.

If you have students in these years then please check the posters that are displayed in each foyer area and outside the office for more information.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal Religious Education

LIBRARY NEWS
The library saw an interesting start to the year, with cyclonic waters rushing in at all possible (seemingly inaccessible) points. A huge thank you to the staff who rushed in and saved our precious books, only a few are slightly water damaged but none have had to be discarded.

The library is also home to a HUGE brand new LED backlit TV as well as an Apple TV box, which will open the door to so many new adventures. I’ve already been asked if we can connect an xBox! You can imagine my response.

The Year Six and Seven students are currently away at camp and when they return a team of four library leaders will be selected from this group, I am excited to have some extra hands on deck to help with the never ending stream of tasks that encompasses the library.

I have a pile of books that have been accessioned into the library yet require covering in contact before we can display and loan them. I am looking for willing parent helpers to take a couple of books home on the weekends to help me reduce this pile. We will supply the books and the contact. If you are able to assist in this regard please speak to me on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or Mrs Mandy Sheen on Monday and Friday.

This valentines week I have been running a ‘love your library’ campaign where students have been asked to write on a heart why they love their library, I would like to share a few of our hearts with you.

Dear Library,
I love you because it is awesome to loan books. I love the library because it has books inside.
I love the library because it is cool.
I love the library because you have lots of books.

Dear library, thanks for the comfy cushions and books

Dear Library, Thank you for all the amazing adventures I can go on just by walking in and opening a book.

Mrs Wellbeloved
Library Teacher

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS
GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2014
2014 is an extraordinary year for Year Six and Seven students as both classes will be transitioning to High School at the end of the year with Year Seven no longer being a Primary school grade. It is for this reason that a special approach will be taken with regard to Leadership; Graduation; Confirmation and Camp. It is imperative that the two class groups learn to work together as a cohesive team and we will be implementing strategies to assist in achieving this. The Year Six and Seven students will be referred to as the Graduating Class of 2014.

Leadership:
To ensure all students in the Graduating Class of 2014 have an opportunity to fulfill and experience a Leadership role we will be offering the following structure:
- 2 School Captains
- 2 Vice School Captains
- 2 Faction Leaders per Faction
- 2 Vice Faction Leaders per Faction
- 4 Library Leaders

These roles will be split evenly according to gender and grade to ensure equity.

All students in our Graduating Class of 2014 will be rostered onto the Duties roster: this includes running Fitness; Sports Shed; Signs; Assembly etc.

Leadership Camp: February 12-14 Dampier School Camp for the Graduating Class.

Graduation:
The Graduating Class of 2014 (both Year Six and Seven) will graduate together in a ceremony at St Cecilia’s Parish Church followed by a function in the School Hall. This will follow a similar format to recent Graduations. Dress standard for the evening will be cocktail wear. Students need to ensure that their dress is in accordance with their age and that it is appropriate for the Church service.

Leavers Shirts:
A Leavers Shirt will be organised for the Graduating Class of 2014 and all student names for Year Six and Seven will be included. The cost for these shirts will be approximately $30 and this will be a cost incurred by the parents. These will be organised during Semester Two for students to wear once a week.

Fundraising:
Funds need to be raised for the Leadership Retreat and Graduation. The Graduating Class of 2014 will sell ice blocks once a week and will also run a Car Boot sale once a term. At the Car Boot sales the graduating classes will sell drinks, run a sausage sizzle, sell raffle tickets for a hamper, and run a car wash. We believe it is important that the students play an integral role in the raising of the funds for their events. Parents of Year Six and Seven students will be required to assist with the sausage sizzle at the Car Boot sales, and assist with supervising students in their roles. This will be a rostered system whereby each family will need to commit to at least one car boot sale in the year.

Thank you
Mrs Jodie Springhall & Mrs Jane Fealy

CANTEEN
Please note we have a new canteen menu, extra copies are available on the schools website or from the front office. The menu does change slightly each term.

Mrs Kelly Gould
Canteen Manageress
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

January
2 DRAGE, Kahreesha K
2 WALKER, Kaydence Y1
3 BINNING, Mitchell Y1
4 MCDONAGH, Alana K
4 BATTLE, Jesse Y6
4 MARSDEN, Jed Y6
4 JESSOP, Isaac Y7
6 TAYLOR, Alleirah Y5
7 SHADE, Branden PP
7 GALOVIC, Nicholas Y3
10 VELDSMAN, Kayla Y2
15 MELLBERG, Tara Y6
16 GREENING, Holly K
20 PRINDIVILLE, Siena PP
20 LEOPARDI, Angelique Y6
22 LARSEN, Conor Y4
23 RUSSELL, Kaitlyn Y2
25 SMITH, Elizabeth Y5
26 ASPLAND, Ryan Y4
February
4 JERRY, Christina PP
5 BIN SAAD, Attaya K
7 DOYLE, Jamal Y4
8 SCHMICH, Charlotte PP
8 JOHNSON, Breanna Y3
8 GILLINGHAM, Cianna Y4
11 BOLAND, James K
13 PENTNEY, Willow Y1
13 WILLIAMS, Alexander Y3
14 MENDOZA, Anthena Y3
15 CORNELIUS, Nat Y2

THANK YOU

During the holidays we were visited by Cyclone Christine. The school didn’t receive any structural damage but there were quite a lot of broken branches around the school grounds. A working bee was held one Saturday morning and I would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Tait, Mr Johnston, Mrs Poharama and her family and Mark Sibley for all their help in clearing the grounds. Your help made the job easier and made the school grounds looking great for the return to school. A further thank you is also to be made to Mrs Tait and Mrs Poharama for their help in cleaning up the water that made it’s way in through the windows in the library.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal Religious Education

LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DEPARTURE

The Catholic Education Office has introduced a new system for recording student attendance.

Parents please complete the sign in/out register in the front office for late arrival or early departure.

Late students: Parents are to sign students in. Students are to report to Mrs McCormack to collect a RED CARD (and to record in the school system). Parents to accompany students to class.

Early departure: Parents are to sign students out, then collect a GREEN CARD from Mrs McCormack (and record in the school system). Parents are then to give the green card to the teacher who will release the student.

If Mrs McCormack is not available please see Mrs Sheen first then Mrs Rozario.

DONATIONS PLEASE

We would appreciate any donations of the following items:
- Used stamps
- Aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Shoe boxes with lids - small & medium

These can be brought in to the front office.

Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

MERIT AWARDS

13 December 2013
KG:  Odette Leeds  Beau McSweeney
     Thomas Merlo  Indi Mumford
     Laura Pereira  Charli Stainton-Rea
PP:  Pre-Primary Class
Y1:  Kayleigh Curtis  Rawiri Poharama
Y2:  Paris Harvey  James Larson
Y6:  Year Six Class
Y7:  Tahlia Dillon  Gerieme Seno
To Mr Sta Maria from every class!

07 February 2014
Y4:  Tucker Bailey  Ashley Dwyer
     Paris Marten  Abbie Rogers
Y5:  Takudzwa Hunya  Merina Ndwere
Y6:  Thomas Kinnane  Kyarna Lee
Y7:  Ashley Elsum  Lachlan Galovic

COMMUNITY NEWS

DENTAL THERAPY

A message from your Dental Therapy Centre...

Hi all, please allow me to introduce myself as your new Dental Therapist for both Port and South Hedland regions. I look forward to meeting many of you at your regular dental appointments.

At this stage the South Hedland clinic will operate Mon-Fri but closed Mon-Wed on alternative weeks. During this 3 day closure the Port Hedland clinic will operate. Both clinics will continue to operate between the hours of 7:30am – 3:30pm.

Parents of Pre-Primary students and all new students can expect to receive enrolment forms this term. If for any reason you have not received these for your pre-primary child by second term, please contact us.

Our clinics run on a waiting list basis so when your child/ren are due for an examination an appointment is sent home. Therefore it is important to keep us up to date with your contact details as we do not use the school’s system for this. If, however, your child complains of pain, has an accident, or you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.

South Hedland Dental Therapy Centre: 9172 1912
Port Hedland Dental Therapy Centre: 9173 1114
All the very best for the new school year – keep brushing!
Kristy Sharp – Dental Therapist.

STUDENT EXCHANGE
Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills
Hosting – An Experience for Life
Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home
www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)

DYSLEXIA AND IRLEN CLINIC
Does someone you love have:
Difficulties Reading?
Problems with spelling?
Worries with writing?
Find out exactly where learning has stalled and what can be done to help.
Dyslexia and Irlen Clinic
will be in your area in March 2014
Phone 1300 732 998
or email beatrice@worldwidelearningacademy.com
for appointments. Visit worldwidelearningacademy.com for self-assessment and download the free eBook – “Read, Spell, Write, Right?”

PORT HEDLAND OSHC
Would you like your child to be a confident and involved learner?
Would your child like to participate in Active After-school fitness programs?
Would you like them to learn life skills such as cooking, cleaning their environment and caring for our natural environment?
Would you like your child to learn all about Port Hedland’s Flat Back Sea Turtles?
Would your child like to be included into an exciting, fun and welcoming environment and curriculum?
Please contact Danielle at Port Hedland OSHC on 0428 340 040 or porthedlindosc@cssu.org.au
We are currently taking enrolments for After School

St John Ambulance is holding a Caring for Kids & Child Basic Resuscitation course on Saturday 8th March 9am-3pm.
A few of the subjects that will be covered are: falls, cuts, nose bleeds, soft tissue injuries, fractures, external bleeding, choking, burns, electrocution, shock, poisons, bites and stings, allergic reactions, meningococcal, CPR and common childhood problems.

Please call 9172 1333 or email hedland.ambulance@bigpond.com to make a booking. $220 per person.

Care and Vacation Care 2014

Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc.
The Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to take this opportunity to welcome staff, children and parents back to the new school year.

Please bear in mind that when you have your first P&F meeting for the year, if there is any assistance or advice that we can help you with, please call Siobhan Allen (Liaison Officer) on 0409 025 683 or the call the PFFWA office on 9271 5909.

We look forward to a great year working with you, and of course to seeing as many of you as possible at our 60th Annual Anniversary Dinner and Conference on 23rd/24th May 2014. Please visit our website to keep updated on the conference, or look for us on Facebook.
http://pff.wa.edu.au
Meet the classes of 2014.
We have had a great start to the year.
The students have been working hard
and they are all excited about
the year ahead.

Kindy have been busy learning about numbers, shapes and the days of the week. They have also had to teach Martin Monster how to behave in Kindy.

Sport with Mrs P. is always lots of fun. The Pre-Primary class have been doing some tricky obstacle courses while ‘Dancing on Sunshine’.

Year One thought they were very grown up when they snuck into the Year Seven classroom. Shhh, don’t tell they Year Seven’s.

Year Two think it’s great that they haven’t had homework yet!
Year Three have been having fun getting to know the new students and their new teacher.

Year Four have been working so hard they were too busy to even stop and pose for a photo.

Year Five are excited about being the leaders of the school while Year Six and Year Seven are away on camp.

To help develop leadership skills, and to give them the opportunity to bond as the Graduating Classes of 2014, the Year Six and Seven classes headed off to Dampier for a three day camp. There was a lot of excitement leading up to camp. We hope you have a fantastic time.
Welcome back to school everyone and we hope you are settling in for the first term. The P&F is holding their first meeting on Thursday 27 February after school assembly (finishes at approximately 9.00am).

We would like to welcome any new members to join the team. Please bring along any items you would like to add to the Agenda.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute your ideas, please complete the feedback form that went home with students last week.

Thank you and we hope to see you there.

P&F Team

On Friday 28 February, children will be invited to participate in a ‘dress free’ day by donating a gold coin to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

The Leukaemia Foundation of Australia is the only not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the care and cure of people living with blood cancer and their families.

Along with the opportunity to ‘dress free’ there will be a “guess the number of lollies in the jar” competition and a sausage sizzle at lunchtime.

Further details will be sent home in a note to families.

We also use newsletter contacts list for daily updates and messages sent by email

Yes I would like to receive the newsletters and updates by email.

Family Name:_________________________________________________
Email Address:________________________________________________________________
Students Name:_________________________________ Year Level: ___
Students Name:_________________________________ Year Level: ___
Students Name:_________________________________ Year Level: ___
Students Name:_________________________________ Year Level: ___

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP