FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and have come back to school with batteries fully charged. A big welcome to families new to the school; I hope you have settled into school life.

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 School Improvement Plan based on enhancing teaching/learning strategies.

Education:
- **Common Language** - throughout the school
- **Ability Grouping** – students working with peers of the same ability
- **Repetition** – Basic number facts, letter sounds – blends etc
- **Explicit Teaching** – an Explicit Teaching Coach – Mrs Bridget Teasr
- **Learning Intentions** – Learning intentions to be written on boards and explained to children. This gives relevance and meaning to the lesson

Community:
Investigating how the school communicates with parents and ways we can improve on that service.

We will be sending out a questionnaire for families to complete to help us with this.

Stewardship:
Introduce new staff to the school using an effective staff induction program.
Ensure staff are clear on individual and team roles and responsibilities.
Our objective is to promote an ethos of inclusivity, multi-culturalism and acceptance of all.

Catholic Identity:
We will be promoting the Gospel values as intrinsic to everyday life. This will be done through discussion of the Evangelisation Plan at staff meetings and information regarding the Plan to be placed in the school newsletter.

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

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

COMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday 17 February**
Parents meet the Teacher night
6:00 – 6:30: PP, Y2, Y4, Y6
6:30 – 7:00: K, Y1, Y3, Y5

**Thursday 18 February**
Y5 Assembly
School banking

**Friday 19 February**
Staff & Board Commissioning Mass & BBQ 4.00pm

**Thursday 25 February**
Leaders Assembly
School banking

**Tuesday 01 March**
9.00am Reconciliation Y4

**Wednesday 02 March**
9.00am Reconciliation Y5

**Thursday 03 March**
Assembly
School banking

**Friday 04 March**
9.00am Reconciliation Y6

**Please note the school’s new phone number:**
9174 7000

All 2016 Term Planners have been updated on the schools website.
Meet the Teacher Night
On Wednesday 17 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 house-keeping 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;
6:00pm - 6:30pm  -  PP, Y2, Y4, Y6
6:30pm - 7:00pm  -  K, Y1, Y3, Y5

School Uniform
Please ensure your children are wearing the correct school uniform. If you know they won’t be wearing the correct uniform please write a note for their class teacher alerting us to the problem. Any student who has the incorrect uniform on must have a note from home or they will be issued with a uniform infringement notice. Please remember to check that fingernail polish has been removed. Students, both boys and girls, may only have one sleeper or stud in each ear. Students are to wear their sports uniform only on the class PE day or when directed by their teacher. All other days the academic uniform is to be worn. Thank you for your support.

Nut and Egg Aware School
During 2015, I sent a survey out asking parents if wanted the school to remain a Nut and Egg free school or change to a Nut and Egg aware school. The response was a very strong ‘yes’ to change to a Nut and Egg aware school. I have spoken to the families of those children concerned and they have agreed to the change. As of Monday 15 February St Cecilia’s will become a Nut and Egg aware school. Families please discuss the implications of this with their children. Ensure your children understand they should wash their hands before and after eating. They shouldn’t touch each other in case of contamination and they are not allowed to share food. This issue is about constant reminding of the rules. The school will remind students but we ask that parents also remind their children.

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 experience). 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 expression and intonation in your voice. If you aren’t a confident reader have your children read to you.

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue to Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am

Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Monday to Thursday 6.00pm
Friday Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

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. It was also wonderful to see some parents joining us to welcome the start of the new year. Please remember that you are always welcome at any Mass we hold during the year.

Ash Wednesday and Lent
Yesterday, we recognised Ash Wednesday with a service in the Undercover Area to collect the Lenten promises written by children and staff before moving to the church for our Mass. Again, it was wonderful to see a number of parents join us for the Mass.
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a time to do a big spiritual ‘clean out’. Lent is a time to reconcile, pray, fast and give to others. We are all encouraged to do more of these things during the Lenten period as we prepare to celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday!
With Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent, it means that our fundraising for Caritas has also begun. On Tuesday,
each family received a Project Compassion box, provided by Caritas Australia. This has been sent home with the hope that it will become a fundraising box for your family. Each class has also been given a Project Compassion box to place on their prayer tables.

This year the theme is Learning More, Creating Change and our fundraising will reflect this. For every $10 raised for our Caritas Australia ‘Project Compassion’ Lent fundraiser, our school will be able to provide books and other school equipment for children in lesser fortunate countries.

We encourage students to contribute to this box regularly donating coins as a way of giving back during the Lenten period.

With the help of the Year 6 leaders, the money from the classroom boxes will be collected each Friday and counted with a ‘tally’ displayed in the notice board and updated each week.

Happy ‘Book-a-thon’!

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

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 the last weekend of May, with a Mass in each of the parishes.

The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place every two years to coincide with Bishop Justin’s visit to Port Hedland.

As with Communion, this Sacrament is held in both the South Hedland and Port Hedland parishes, on the weekend of Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 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 will be displayed in each foyer area and outside the office for more information.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

A warm welcome back to school to all our returning students and a further welcome to all our new families and staff.

Carpark
When parking in the school carpark, please observe the reverse parking signs. This is to ensure the safety of our children as it can be difficult to see younger students if you are trying to reverse out of a carpark.

If you are dropping your children off at school in the morning, and you are not parking your car, the drop off must be done in the drive through and must be done at the two stopping bays. Children should not be getting out of cars while they are stopped on or near the crossing, in the middle of the carpark or at the exit of the carpark. This causes safety issues for other pedestrians and drivers. Also, please ensure that your speed is a speed that allows you plenty of time to watch out for and if necessary stop for small children that may be walking in the carpark. There are 40km/hr signs around the school for during school times and 20km/hr signs on the gate as you enter the carpark, yet there are some drivers that are still driving well above this speed limit. As a result we have had some near misses between cars and pedestrians. Remember, higher speeds mean longer braking times and distances. Please observe the speed limits as displayed in and around the school to ensure the safety of our children.

A further reminder for when collecting students of an afternoon. Parents are asked to remain in their car and wait for their turn to get to the front of the line. Students are released two at a time to the two stopping bays where they will get into their cars. At no time are students to walk to a car that is further down the line and parents must not overtake cars in front, as this has resulted in some near misses between other cars and pedestrians. Again, parents are asked not to pull up in the middle of the carpark or near the crossing to pick up students.

Your patience and cooperation is always appreciated when student safety needs to be considered.

Library News

All students have now started borrowing during their Library lessons. Students in Years Five and Six are permitted to borrow two books at a time, students in Kindy to Year Four borrow one book. While they become familiar with the borrowing system, children in Kindy will have a ‘Magic’ Library bag. Children are encouraged to make their own selection and share their choice of book with you. If at any time you feel that the choice your child has made is unsuitable, please discuss this with your child and if needed, you may contact me to discuss books also. At times throughout the year, children may be set reading challenges to broaden their reading horizons and so may bring home books they wouldn’t normally choose (e.g. older children may bring home picture books). Again, if you have any questions regarding these challenges, please don’t hesitate to contact me. All children have been reminded of how to care for their books with an emphasis placed on bringing a Library bag to school on their Library day to return and borrow their books.

Please note, that any damage caused to a book during the period of borrowing, or for any books lost, the cost to repair or replace the book will be the responsibility of the child.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

BOOKCLUB

Online ordering is now available Issue #1 has been distributed and is due Friday, 12th February. If you wish, you can now place your own order and payment for Bookclub online through the Scholastic LOOP system. Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and follow the prompts. Alternatively, forms may continue to be returned to school with payment and they will be processed for you. Instructions for online order and payment are on the next page.
BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

**January**
2 DRAGE, Kahreessa Y1
2 WALKER, Kaydence Y3
2 KAHONDO, Michael Y5
3 CASON, Poppy K
4 KELLY, Darrell Y5
7 SHADE, Branden Y2
12 UIDULDAM, Hezekiah Y1
16 KIRBY, Rohan Y5
17 MOALA, Olivia Y4
19 MEARNS, Leo Y6
20 PRINDIVILLE, Siena Y2
23 JANKOVIC, Sofia K
23 RUSSELL, Kailyn Y4
24 EDWARDS, Adien K
29 FLORENCE, Casey Y2
30 BONE, Sarah PP
30 EMMITT, Charlotte Y5

**February**
1 OSBORNE, Will K
3 LEONARD, Lilly K
4 JERRY, Christina Y2
5 BIN SAAD, Attaya Y1
7 DOYLE, Jamal Y6
8 SCHMICH, Charlotte Y2
8 JOHNSON, Breanna Y5
8 GILLINGHAM, Cianna Y6
11 BOLAND, James Y1
12 DE ANDRADE, Oliver PP
12 DE ANDRADE, Zachary PP
12 ETIENNETTE, Lucas PP
13 PENTNEY, Willow Y3
14 MENDOZA, Athena Y5
15 SMITH, Angus PP 15/
15 CORNELIUS, Nat Y4
16 WARREN, Declan K 16/
17 DALY, Jack PP
18 THOMPSON, Lola Y2 18/
18 THOMPSON, Scarlett Y2
19 SIAMUTETE, Cynthia Y4
20 WHITEHEAD, Emmaline Y3 20
20 DENNEY, Josh Y5 20
24 HAWES, James Y2
24 RETALLACK, Benjamin Y5

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**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: __________________

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**Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday 25 February 2016 at 7.00pm in the school library.

New members required, if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a position please contact Peter Allen, School Principal.

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**Vacancies 2016**

St Cecilia’s is a single stream co-educational Catholic primary school catering for children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school caters for educating the whole child and we use a positive behavior management plan to enhance student potential and achievement.

The school enjoys a close relationship with the Parish and strong support from the parent community.

**We are currently have vacancies in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2017**

Application forms can be downloaded from our website [www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au](http://www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au) or email admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au or Ph: 08 9174 7000

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Commencing in 2016 SmartRider facilities will be available to students. The school has ordered cards for all students currently enrolled. All future cards will need to be ordered by parents on enrolment and replacement.

Who is eligible for Student SmartRider?
If you're a primary or secondary school student you can use the Student SmartRider. You'll get the student fare for any journey Monday – Friday during the school year and concession fares on the weekend and during the Christmas school holidays.

Fare Costs
60c using SmartRider card or $1.20 to $1.80 cash depending on the zones.

On receiving the SmartRider card for the first run please top up with cash (minimum $10.00) with the bus driver as it takes 3 to 5 working days for electronic payments to credit the SmartRider cards.

Primary School Students
How much is the Student SmartRider?
Your initial card is free using the application form or $5.00 with online ordering. A replacement card costs $5.00. The initial minimum value is $10.00 for all Student SmartRider cards.

Primary students - initial card
There are two ways to get a Student SmartRider.
You can use a manual application form or place an online order. The initial card is free if you use the manual application form. Ordering with application form Complete an Application for Student SmartRider form, have it authorised by your school administration, and mail it to the address shown on the form.

Ordering online - If your primary school is registered you can order online. There is a $5.00 fee for ordering online.
To see if your school is registered check the Monitor WA website.

HOW TO REPLACE A LOST OR STOLEN SMARTRIDER CARD
Replacement of lost or stolen card
You can organise a replacement card if you lose or damage your Student Smar-
Community Book Sale

PILBARA INSTITUTE - Your Local TAFE

Back by popular demand! Pilbara Institute is holding a once-in-a-lifetime book sale direct to the community with thousands of books looking for new homes.

This is a wonderful chance to considerably add to your book collection or find things for the kids to learn or keep them entertained.

The stock is being offered at $1/bag of books, regardless of the size of the bag. BYO bags, boxes or trolleys as all books must be taken on the day.

Where
South Hedland Campus on Hamilton Road

When
Sunday 28th February

Time
10:00am - 2:00pm

Pilbara Institute is in the process of decommissioning its library facilities and has now reached the stage of opening up the book sale to the public.

1300 304 244 | www.pilbara.wa.edu.au | info@pilbara.wa.edu.au

BIKE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

What
bike and scooter engraving

Why
making your property easily identifiable and less likely to be stolen

Who
available to everyone

Where
South Hedland Shopping Centre

When
Sunday 14th February 2016 between 10am and 2pm

How
bring us your bike or scooter and we will engrave it with your driver’s number or address. (Bring the license with you!)
Enrolments Open

To enrol please visit www.jabatdance.com

Our Venues

St Cecilia’s School Hall • Dome Port Hedland • Colin Matherson Hall

Contact us for any queries
jabatdance@live.com.au
0400 007 082

2016 JaBaT Dance Inc Timetable

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P & F COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, 16th February 7.00pm
School Library

- Please come along to our first meeting for 2016. We would love to see any past members or new faces that want to come along and see what we do.
- A great way to meet other parents and get involved within the School community.

We hope to see you there!

KINDY/PRE-PRIMARY SANDPIT BUSYBEE

Date to be confirmed (Feb/Mar).

Busybee coming up to replace the sand in the Kindy/Pre-Primary sandpit.

Parents and Friends Federation of WA

The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We trust that at this stage, into week 2, you are all back into the routine of lunches, uniforms and searching for those elusive permission slips at the bottom of school bags.

The staff here in the office have hit the ground running and are currently working hard to get information about our upcoming conference in May out to all schools. The dates for the conference this year are Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 21st May. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are already available on our website, so get your entry in early!

We are also receiving lots of calls in the office from parents who are working hard to ensure P&F’s and parent groups get off to a good start for the year. If you need any information about office bearer’s roles, governance or just some general advice please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Theresa McDonnell, the new Liaison Officer at the Federation, has settled beautifully into our small office and she, along with Siobhan Allen (our Executive Officer) is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting with parents and parent groups in Catholic schools throughout the state. If you would like to arrange a visit from PFFWA to your school, please contact the office or email theresa@pff.wa.edu.au and we would be delighted to organise a time.

Best wishes
PFFWA Council and Staff

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