FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

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Thursday 03 March
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School banking

Friday 04 March
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Monday 07 March
NO SCHOOL
Labour Day  Public Holiday

Tuesday 08 March
Dental screening:
PP, Y3 & Y6

Thursday 10 March
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Friday 11 March
Faction Swimming Carnival
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Student Leadership Day
Congratulations to Mrs Fittock and the Year Six students for making last Friday a 'High Quality day. Father January, Mrs Sheen, Mrs Fittock and myself had the privilege of taking the students, from Year 6, through a series of Leadership/Group building exercises. The students problem solved and worked their way through a collection of activities designed to test their thinking and leadership skills.
Congratulations to all the Student School Leaders for 2016.

Classroom Facebook Pages
Last year some classes ran with a class Facebook page for communication between parents. This worked successfully in most classes. Unfortunately there were times it was used incorrectly ie: inappropriate comments placed on pages. The pages were never intended to be a place of negativity or to be used as places for complaining. If parents have a complaint they are encouraged to speak to the teacher first, then to myself. Teachers are in a vulnerable position as they know the truth but don’t get the opportunity to tell parents before posts are made. At times, posts can be one sided and don’t give a true representation of facts, leading to the other person be unjustly treated. Posts on Facebook, are considered a public forum and subject to laws concerning unfair comments or unfounded accusations.
Class Facebook pages need to be open to everyone and not closed. At present there should be no Facebook page claiming to represent the school or a certain class.
For a class Facebook page to occur the class teacher needs to agree to it and have administrator rights. A P&F representative, Mrs Sheen and myself must also have administration rights. If there are any comments found to be inappropriate or unfair the authors will be asked to come to the school for a meeting with me. I wish to thank the majority of parents who support me in keeping our school a safe and happy place for everyone.

P&F
Thankyou to the parents who have volunteered for the P&F this year. You are an amazing group and I can tell we are in for a dynamic year. The P&F have begun planning for the year and would welcome any ideas for fund raising or community building. All parents are eligible to be members of the P&F.

School Board
At present there are positions vacant on the school board. The board is a valuable asset to any school as it gives guidance to the principal and ensures clarity in the running of the school. If you wish to be a part of the board please contact me through the office.

SRC Insight Survey
Early in Term Two some families, students and staff members will be asked to take part in a survey about the school. The survey is sanctioned by Catholic Education WA and asks selected community members questions about the school. Families selected to take part will be notified and given a pack explaining the process. The survey is not compulsory, but the data collected will give us vital information about how members of the school community view the school.

ED CONNECT Australia
St Cecilia’s is very fortunate to be able to offer the students a support network of mentors. The program is run by ED CONNECT Australia and the funding comes from the Roy Hill Foundation. Mentors are sourced from the local area to meet with students at school to help them with school work or sort through problems. The mentors are carefully screened and then profiled to match the student. If you would like to become a mentor or you think your child could benefit from this program please arrange a meeting with me.

God bless you.

Peter Allen
Principal

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
Sacraments
Please make yourself aware of the dates for the Sacraments this year. This year there will be three Sacraments; First Holy Communion, Confirmation and First Reconciliation. Posters have been put up in the window of the office, the Year 1/2/3 and Year 4/5/6 foyers and in the Year 3-6 classrooms. These posters provide information about the dates for enrolment Masses, parent meetings and the Sacrament.

Enrolment forms will be sent home via the children but are to be returned to your parish priest at the enrolment
Masses. The first sacrament for the year is First Holy Communion and the date for the enrolment Mass is Sunday 13 March in your local parish.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

School Leaders
Today, our school leaders for 2016 were presented with their badges. These students were selected based on general behaviour, their demonstration of leadership skills during the recent Year Six Leadership Day and the applications they completed.

Thank you to Mrs Fittlock for organising the Leadership Day. On the day, the Year Six students participated in a variety of activities based on team work. These activities also required students to take on leadership roles to lead their team to successfully complete the challenges. Many students demonstrated emerging leadership qualities and this, combined with the fantastic applications they all submitted, made it a very difficult decision to select the children we did. All students put in a fantastic effort and should all be very proud of themselves for what they have achieved. Regardless of whether children have received a badge or not, we are blessed to have such dedicated and enthusiastic students leading our school. All students have a role in leading the younger students of our school and they will be required to support each other throughout the year. I know that our leadership class are ready to take on the many challenges that will come their way throughout their final year of primary school and will make themselves and everyone else proud of their abilities.

School Captains: Shannon Wade Jackson Gould
Faction Leaders:
Mathews: Emma Schmich Jayden Rozario
Costello: Bethany Denney Kordal Walker
Canty: Audrey Thompson Beau Tommy (Wuruki)
Library Leaders: Manushi Perera Abbie Rogers Ashley Dwyer
Community Leaders: Aparna Sunil Kimberley Muzumbwa David Gordon

Book-a-thon
Our Book-a-Thon is under way with all classes now having a Project Compassion box in the classrooms. We encourage students to contribute to these boxes regularly by donating coins as a way of giving back during the Lenten period. Previously we have run our Chick-a-thon but with the theme of the Project Compassion fundraising this year being Learning More, Creating Change, we will be fundraising for books with each $10 raised being used to purchase a book. The Year Six students have been busy counting the money collected and tomorrow our newly elected Community Leaders will start the graph to show how many books our school has fundraised for. The graph will be on display in the Undercover Area until the end of term so make sure you keep an eye on it to see how many books we are helping to provide.

Meetings with teachers
There have been some times when teachers have been late to class or duties because they have been caught up by parents ducking in to the class for a quick chat right before or after school. We value all communication with parents but do ask that you please arrange a time for a meeting so that teachers are free for all teaching and supervision duties that they need to perform. Please check with your child’s teacher to find out when they are available.

Aussie of the Month
Congratulations to Damien Chikwaka for being first Aussie of the Month recipient for 2016. Damien was presented with his award by Mayor Kelly Howlett for his Generosity of Spirit.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
BOOKCLUB

Online ordering is now available 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.

2017 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School is now accepting enrolments for Four Year Old Kindergarten 2017. Applications for children with birth dates between the following dates will be accepted: 01 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. If you wish to enrol your child, we require a copy of the following to be returned with the application form:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate
- Parish Priest reference form (if applicable)
- Immunisation record

For further information or an Application Form please contact the school office or on the school’s website at www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au.

Applications close Friday 01 July 2016. Interviews will be conducted during Term Three, 2016.

MERIT AWARDS

04 February 2016
Y1: Jackius Brown
Y2: Jace Osborne
Y4: Olivia Moala
Y5: Regan Hulse
Y6: Taleigha Cotter

William Rice
Georgia Smith
Cynthia Siamute
Ava Moala
David Gordon
Leo Mearns

11 February 2016

Y2: Jennah Dhu
Y4: Kayleigh Curtis
Y5: Damien Chikwaka
Y6: Menushi Perera

Talitha Sheen
Katharine Whitehead
Joseph Sang

18 February 2016

PP: Jett Tan
Y2: Layne Kirby
Y3: Dorian Collins
Y4: Raphael Nott
Y5: Seth Pentney
Y6: Ashley Dwyer

Scarlett Thompson
Brayden Lee
Kaitlyn Russell
Sahara Soutar
Mace Harris

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DENTAL SCREENING NOTIFICATION

It’s approaching that time of year again where our Dental Therapy team will be visiting your child’s school to screen Pre-Primaries, Year 3’s, Year 6’s and any new or outstanding patients.

For those unfamiliar with the screening process – it is simply a growth and development check by our Dental Officer. It is a legal requirement to screen new patients, (and every 3-4 years in between), prior to receiving any treatment through School Dental Services.

Please note that dental screening is a very quick non-intrusive process and is not a dental examination. During the screen, children are lined up and simply need to bite together. The process takes approximately 5-10 seconds per child. School Dental Services do not require parents to be present or consent to Dental Screening. However, if you wish to opt your child out of dental screening, please contact the clinic immediately to advise.

If you have any queries regarding dental screening, please contact the clinic on 91732529 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays 7:30am -3:30pm). Warmest regards, School Dental Therapy Staff.

PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016

Save the Date! “Congratulations! We Hear You’re Engaged!”

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth. The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future. Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016 At Crown Perth For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact admin@pff.wa.edu.au; tel 9271 5909; https://www.facebook.com/pffwa; www.pff.wa.edu.au; 9271 5909; 103 Wood St, Inglewood, WA 6932

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 2016. Visit worldwidelearningacademy.com.au. for ‘Appointment Calendar’ for your area, assessment information and download the free eBook – “Read, Spell, Write”, !for more information ph: 1300 732 998 or email beatrice@worldwidelearningacademy.com.au!
LIBRARY BOOK COVERING

Childs Name: ________________________ Class: ________________

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

Parent Name: ________________________ Contact Number: ________________
Introducing...

Hi my name is Cynthia and I am very good at Spelling. I enjoy playing with my friends. My goal is to get 25/25 in my Mental Maths.

Hi my name is Raphael and I like “Free time.”

Hi my name is Zaina and I am getting good at Maths.

Hi my name is Harrison and I am smart and I want to learn division.

Hi my name is Rochelle and I am good at Reading.

Hi my name is Olivia and I really like to dance.

Hi my name is Rawiri and I’m good at Maths and Handball.

Hi my name is Liam and I am good at playing the X-Box.

Hi my name is Raphael and I like “Free time.”

Hi my name is Jaxon and I love school.

Hi my name is Talitha and I like to do Art and Maths.

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Hi my name is Zaina and I am getting good at Maths.
Hi my name is Kaitlyn and I am good at maths and Sports.

Hi my name is Levi and I had a good day at school. I did swimming.

Hi my name is Amy and I love Reading, Writing, Sports, Science and English.

Hi my name is Vinnie and I like Art.

Hi my name is Nat and I am good at playing cricket.

Hi my name is Kayleigh and I like Art and English.

Hi my name is Remy and I like tennis and to dance exactly like Michael Jackson.

Hi my name is Tadi and I am good at making planes.

Hi my name is Shaban and I like playing soccer.

Hi my name is Jordan and I like to read at school and do Maths at school.

Hi my name is Kaitlyn and I am good at maths and Sports.
Our first meeting has already been held and we now have a complete Executive Committee with two new General Committee Members! Welcome to Andy Bell and Georgina Marciniak!

Are you a BHP Billiton employee? Did you know that the P&F can claim Matched Giving for any donations you make to us – including your P&F Levy? Please contact Hilary Rozario to obtain a Matched Giving Form.

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Saint Patrick's Day
Green Cupcake Recess
Thursday 17 March

Gold coin donation
All money raised donated to

Caritas Australia

The P & F would greatly appreciate any assistance with baking of cupcakes.
If you are able to assist, please contact Kirsten by email before Monday 14 March
stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com

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If you are interested in what will be happening around the school this year, please come along to a meeting and share your ideas. Not only do we discuss fundraising opportunities for the school, we also organise community building events for our children and families. This is a fun and easy way to get involved in the school community. No pressure – ever!

- **Next Meeting** – Tues 15th March 7pm – School Library
- **Casual attendance welcome**
- **Ideas or suggestions to the Committee**
  - stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com.au