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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents

I would like to congratulate Mrs Springhall and Ms Fealy for the amazing job they did organising the Graduating Classes Leadership camp, at Dampier. Everyone had a terrific time and we could see the leadership qualities of the children beginning to develop. The students were outstanding and earned the praise of the Camp School Staff who told me they were amongst the nicest group they had ever had there. A special thank you to Sir (Mr Sta-Maria), who drove up from Perth to assist us with the camp. He was a great asset and the students enjoyed his company.

While on camp the teachers were observing the students to see who demonstrated leadership skills in organised and free-time activities. Many students stood out and we have had a difficult time selecting the school leaders for 2014. I was proud to announce our student leaders at assembly this morning and wish them well in the year ahead.

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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.
All Catholic Schools in West Australia will be using this new format when planning their strategic direction this year.

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<td>Engagement is essential - We are committed to Catholic Education’s mission through relationships with all.</td>
<td>Enhance parental engagement in their child’s learning and faith formation Develop our people to be leaders in Catholic Education’s mission</td>
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<td>ACCOUNTABILITY</td>
<td>Accountability is nor optional – We have personal and collective responsibility for our system’s success</td>
<td>Increase understanding of our individual and collective responsibility for Catholic Education’s mission Ensure inclusivity, good governance and the resource allocation required to meet our mission</td>
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Bayley Warren was selected in the WA Little League team to tour South Africa and Hong Kong in April.

**Important dates:**
03 March – Public holiday, no school
12 March – Dental Screening - PP Y3, & Y6
18 March – Leukaemia Head Shave Day 12.30pm UCA
20 March – Faction Swimming Carnival
04 April – Interschool Swimming Carnival
05 April – Enrolment Mass First Communion Y4 and other students
06 April – Enrolment Mass First Communion Y4 and other students
11 April – Holy Week Processional Assembly Y1,2,3,7
11 April – Last day of term

God bless you.

Peter Allen
Principal

**PARISH NEWS**

**MASS TIMES**

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| **St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland** | Tue, Wed & Thu Morning Mass 8.00am
|                  | Friday Morning Mass 7.15am
|                  | Saturday Evening Mass 6.00pm
|                  | Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am                     |
| **St John the Baptist - South Hedland** | Monday and Wednesday 6.00pm
|                  | Tue, Thu & Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
|                  | Saturday Evening Mass 6:30pm
|                  | Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am (then Holy Communion round). |
| **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 recent 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 anytime when we meet or by phone on 9173 1687 or 0417 436 714.

Your sincerely in Christ
John G Martin C.Ss.R.
Ash Wednesday and Lent
Next week marks the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the day that Lent begins, occurring 40 days before Good Friday. As a whole school we will be recognising Ash Wednesday with a ceremony in the undercover area where the Lenten promises written by the students will be burnt. The ashes from the burnt promises will be combined with the ashes from the burning of last year’s Palm Sunday palm fronds and will be distributed during our whole school Mass in St Cecilia’s church. The Year Seven class will be leading the Mass and all parents are welcome to attend both the ceremony in the undercover area and the Mass.

Project Compassion Boxes
Next week, all families will be receiving a Project Compassion box provided by Caritas Australia. This box will become a fundraising box to support our fundraising efforts at St Cecilia’s. A letter will accompany the boxes explaining the process and the meaning of Lent.

We will encourage students to contribute to these boxes regularly by donating coins as a way of giving back during the Lenten period.

Boxes can be handed into the office at the beginning of Term Two.

Chick-a-thon
The start of Lent also signals the return of our Chick-a-Thon. For every $10 that classes, and families, raise for our Caritas Australia ‘Project Compassion’ Lent fundraiser, a chicken will be provided for a Zimbabwean community.

Our Year Six and Seven Religion leaders will run the program and will reveal how many chickens each class has raised each week.

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 2/3/4 and Year 5/6/7 foyers and in the Year 3-7 classrooms. These posters provide information about the dates for enrolment Masses, parent meetings and the Sacrament. These dates are

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal Religious Education

CANTEN - RECESS
We wish to advise that recess orders can no longer be preordered. Recess items vary each day and will be served on a line up basis only. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Kelly Gould
Canteen Manageress

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

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 in or out of cars while they are stopped on or near the crossing, in the middle of the carpark or at the entrance or exit of the carpark. This also includes the busy roads leading to and from the school. 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 car park.

The speed limit for the school car park is 10km/hr. There are 40km/hr signs around the school for during school times yet there are some drivers that are driving well above this speed limit through our school carpark. As a result we have had some near misses between cars and pedestrians. Remember, higher speeds mean longer braking times and distances. Please note the 10km/hr sign at the entrance to the carpark. We ask that all drivers strictly observe this for the safety of all persons on the school grounds and surrounds.

A further reminder when collecting students using the drive through drop off and collection lane 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 cars at a time in 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. The road side (apart from the parking areas) is also not a safe place to collect and pick up your children from as these are busy times of the day and many road users need to use this area at the same time.

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

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal Religious Education
UNIFORMS
We have reduced the price of the old style coloured faction shirts. These shirts can be worn on faction carnival days or at home for free dress etc.
Now only $10 each. Please see
Mrs Hilary Rozario
Uniform Coordinator

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

February
19 DUNN, Maddison PP
19 SMITH, Nicholas Y1
20 WHITEHEAD, Emmaline Y1
20 DENNEY, Josh Y3
20 DENNEY, Kade Y5
21 HINGSTON, Zachary K
21 MERLO, Thomas PP
21 GARBIN, Luke Y7
24 RETALLACK, Benjamin Y3

SCHOOL BANKING
St Cecilia’s and Bankwest offer a school banking service for the students of St Cecilia’s.
This is a great way for children to start saving. Bankwest have great children’s accounts where they can earn some fantastic interest.
Students will be provided with their very own bank book to record their deposits week to week and see their money growing.
This service will be offered on a Thursday morning between 8am and 8.30am in the library.
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.
It will not be possible to open an account at the school.
No forms to complete just take your child’s birth certificate into the bank. If parents are not members of Bankwest they will need to take their drivers licence with them.
St Cecilia’s Car Boot Sale

$20 per car.
Come and sell your second hand items.
There’s also going to be a car wash, barbeque and RAFFLE TICKETS.

Where?
St Cecilia’s Primary School car park

Schedule
Term 1: 15th of March
Term 2: 21st of June
Term 3: 6th of September
Term 4: 8th of November

4pm—6pm
(Sellers set up from 3:30pm)
The Graduating classes of 2014 went on a Leadership Camp at Dampier. This three day camp was an opportunity to test the student’s ability to work as a team and to demonstrate leadership potential. After the camp students were invited to apply for Leadership positions within the school. Based on their application, performance at camp and at school the teachers have selected the following leaders for 2014:

**School Captains:**
- Zoe Britcliffe
- Ashley Elsum

**Vice School Captains:**
- Mackayla Denney
- Thomas Denney

**Mathews Faction Leaders:**
- Alex Britcliffe
- Holly Spurling
- Tayla Rutherford
- Elijah Dhu

**Canty Faction Leaders:**
- Amber Kinanne
- Jack Bowins
- Tara Mellberg
- Cameron Warren

**Costello Faction Leaders:**
- Amy Pearson
- Hayden Green
- Georgia Latham
- Jarred Ams

**Library Leaders:**
- Reilly Cure
- Caeley Cecich
- Lachlan Galovic
- Emily Feeney

**Community Leaders:**
- Gemima Rahman
- Ethan Gould
- Angelo Damian
- Angelique Leopardi

**Congratulations!!!** These were not easy decisions as there were so many fantastic students to select from.

In addition to these positions all Year 6 & 7 students have leadership responsibilities with running Fitness and fulfilling other duties such as putting up the flag and changing the signs.

There were rafts strewn across the rocky beach after the students tired of battling the wind and waves. A great show of determination, ingenuity, and team work.
The Graduating class of 2014 certainly had plenty of opportunities to work together and develop new friendships. We have been so impressed with their attitude toward the year ahead.

We all enjoyed plenty of yummy food, from lasagne and apricot chicken to chocolate mousse and chicken salad wraps.

Teams performed a war cry that they devised. ‘Justice League’ went all out with costumes.

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WANTED

We need the items pictured on this page for Recycled Craft. Please bring these in and place in the box located outside the office.

Please ensure jars and cartons are rinsed out and dry.

Chip packets need to be in good condition and large.

Thanks

J. Springhail