Congratulations to Mrs Poharama for participating in the Aus Swim teacher program. She attended courses at the pool over a full weekend and is currently working towards her Aus Swim Teacher Accreditation. I know the students enjoy the swimming lessons she prepares through their active and eager participation.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope everyone has fared well and come through the cyclone safely. We were certainly blessed that it changed course the way it did. I am impressed with the way the community rallies to support each other. It is a unique and valuable trait that communities like Port Hedland share.

Well another two weeks has flown by and I can’t really account for the time. It has been a busy start to the year for the whole school community. Cyclone Rusty hasn’t helped with the school going into cyclone clean-up drill. I would like to thank Jack, Tony, Springer and Sean for coming in and pulling the shade sails down in the Kindergarten area. A big thank you to the school staff for ensuring the school was ready for operation today.

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O Christ, you willingly set your course to Jerusalem and faced death on the cross so that we might live. Grant us faith to use this gift of new life to do your work of healing the sick and feeding the hungry.

Amen

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.
their troubles. It was during this time that Moses ascended Mt Sinai and God revealed the 10 Commandments for him to take back to the people.

The Ten Commandments are more than rules. They are a way for people to live their lives knowing they are acting in the best possible way to support their community. God’s message is quite simple ‘be good to each other and support your neighbour.’ ‘Now is the time to ‘walk the walk.’

Upcoming dates to remember:
04 March - Labour Day Public Holiday
11 March - Y3 Assembly, Under Cover Area
12 March - School Board Meeting 7.00pm
12 March - Reconciliation for Yr 4 - 5
13 March - Reconciliation for Yr 6 - 7
14 - 15 March - Staff Retreat - no school for students on these days

God Bless

Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH NEWS

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
(after 9.30 communion round)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Lent and our Chick-a-Thon
Our chick-a-thon is well underway! Thank you to our amazing Year 7 students for their leadership on this and also the incredible contribution all our families have made already! Happy chick-a-thon!

Visitor from Caritas
Last Friday 22 February Eleanor Trinchera from Caritas Australia visited our school and shared some stories of working with Caritas with all the classes across the school. The students listened attentively and asked many questions. Eleanor extends her thanks to the community for their welcome and hospitality during her cultural visit. She flew back to Sydney on Monday just missing Cyclone Rusty!

SPAR – Stop Pray and Reflect
SPAR (Stop, Pray and Reflect) is running on Fridays at 2pm in the hall for parents and friends. The last SPAR will be Friday 8 March as we have a staff PD the following week and then the Swimming Faction Carnival the week after! So please join in reflection on the 1 and 8 March at 2pm in the hall.

Year 3 Family Mass
Please join Year 3 and St Cecilia’s parish community at Family Mass on Sunday 10 March at 8.30am.

Staff Retreat
On Thursday and Friday 14-15 March, the staff of St Cecilia’s will be venturing off to Pardoo Station for a staff retreat. This retreat forms part of staff’s faith formation and professional development in Religious Education. The retreat will be led by the school’s Leadership team and Fr John Martin and will include times for reflection, prayer, Mass and reflection on Scripture. Please keep the staff in your prayers during this time.

Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN QUICK CASH FOR SCHOOLS $10 000
The West Australian is giving all West Australian schools the chance to WIN a share in $10 000! On Saturday March 16 and 23 a coupon will appear in The Weekend West. To be in the running to win we need to collect as many coupons as possible. Each coupon collected is another chance in the prize draw. So grab The Weekend West on Saturday March 16 and 23 and cut out the coupons!

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED
Please see Kelly in the canteen to discuss your offers of assistance.

Even half an hour any morning of the week 8.30am to 9.00am would be appreciated.
SWIMMING CANCELLED
Please note that swimming practice has been cancelled for Years 3 - 7 from Tuesday 05 March until further notice and the water has been tested. We anticipate the Faction Swimming Carnival will go ahead as planned.

BATTERY RECYCLING
The types of batteries for recycling include the following:
Primary (Single use) – batteries typically found in toys, watches/clocks, smoke alarms, audio-visual equipment and remote controls ie. AAA, AA, C, D etc...
Secondary (Rechargeable) – commonly found in cordless drills, mobile phones, laptops, PC's, shavers and cameras.

Please note we are not collecting car batteries.
The battery recycling box is in the front office.

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 participate in school banking they will be required to open a bank account with Bankwest in the student’s 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.

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MERIT AWARDS
14 February 2013
PP: Logam Marsden
Yr 1: Rohan Aspland
Macey Varney
Yr 3: Isabella Leopardi
Yr 4: Kayla DeCourcy
Olivia Mitchell
Yr 5: Jesse Battle
Yr 6: Angelo Damian
Yr 7: Elyse Phillips

21 February 2013
PP: Roy Flack
Yr 1: Zaina Doyle
Yr 3: Morgan Varney
Yr 4: Khayla Lomas
Charline Zoghbi
Yr 5: Milly Campbell
Yr 6: Zoe Britcliffe
Yr 7: Breanna Bolton
Super Helper Y4: Mrs Sue Taylor

DONATIONS PLEASE
Mrs Springhall would like any donations of buttons, and also old plastic cards (credit card style): fly buys, discount cards, membership cards). These items will be transformed into jewellery.

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

February
21 MERLO, Thomas K
21 GARBIN, Luke Y6
21 MELLBERG, Tess Y7
23 ELLIOTT, Jordan Y3
24 RETALLACK, Benjamin Y2
26 PRESS, Caelan Y5

March
2 ALLEN, Jersey K
3 GENEROSO, Nathan Y5
COMMUNITY NEWS

Parents and Friends Federation of WA
Annual Conference/AGM
‘Parental Engagement – The Power, The Potential’

PFFWA are delighted that we have once again secured a grant from Lotterywest to enable us to offer assistance to parents from outside the metro area to attend our annual conference and AGM. The funding means we can pay travel costs to and from Perth, your accommodation costs for two nights and your registration fee for the conference. In order to access this funding, your school must be affiliated with PFFWA.

For more information about how to access this great opportunity and to find out more information about the agenda for the day, please contact us on 08 9271 5909 or at liaison@pff.wa.edu.au

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE
FINANCE OFFICE POSITION

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist in its important work. The Diocese is currently seeking a Finance Officer with experience in:

- All aspects of finance including payables, receivables and payroll.
- Must be computer literate and have specific skills in MYOB, Excel and Word and be able to multi-task.

Other positions currently available include receptionist and general maintenance.

Placements are preferred for a period of 1-2 years.

For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: 08 9192 1060
Email: volunteers@broomediocese.org
Web: www.broomediocese.org
Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

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

Signed: ______________________________

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER & ALERTS CONSENT

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School’s fortnightly newsletters are available by electronic means (thereby reducing costs and helping the environment at the same time). If you are happy to receive the newsletter/school notices/alerts via this method, please indicate your acceptance below:

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

Family Name: ______________________________
Email Address: ______________________________

Students Name: ______________________________ Year Level: ___
Students Name: ______________________________ Year Level: ___
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Students Name: ______________________________ Year Level: ___

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
Win a Home Computer Package valued at over $1200

If you are a school student all you have to do is answer the questions, take your coupon to the Harvey Norman Computer Store and go into the draw to win this sensational home computer package.

This Competition is brought to you by

Harvey Norman
SHOP with CONFIDENCE.

Questions:
1. Name 3 exports shipped from Port Hedland
2. How many Laptop computers on display in the computer store?
3. What is the first name of Harvey Norman Computer Franchisee?

Answers:

Name: __________________________ Age: ______ School: __________________________ Contact Ph: __________________________

Parent’s Name: __________________________ Parent’s Signature: __________________________

Entries close Friday, March 1, 2013, 12 noon. The winner will be notified and announced in the paper on March 6, 2013. You can enter as many times as you like but copies of the coupon will not be accepted.
The Year 7 students created “WORDLE” art using words they chose to best describe the qualities of a great leader. This ‘Wordle’ was created by Tayla Selfe. These specific leadership roles are needed for events, such as Faction Swimming Carnivals or when a student representative is needed. The day to day running of the school requires a team effort and all Year 7 students are Leaders who will continue to fulfil these roles. For example the daily opening of the sports shed; weekly changing of the signs; running morning fitness activities and assemblies. These roles are vital and I have been so impressed with the initiative and responsibility shown by the class to date.

Year 7 fundraising for Camp and Graduation is off to a flying start. The students have made over $200 on ice block sales so far and this initiative will continue throughout the year. This is a great healthy treat for the whole school every Friday.

Icy poles only $1.
For sale every Friday lunchtime in the undercover area and the kindy area.

Did you hear about the 99% icy poles that the year 7 class are selling that has the canteen green tick approval!!!

The Year 7 class of 2013 are off to a fantastic start. They are proving to be a very responsible and trustworthy group of students who are committed to the St Cecilia’s School community. The Year 7 students participated in a Leadership Challenge day last week which proved a great success. The day began with some small group challenges: Human Knot, Loop-de-Loop and 30 Second Build. The students’ collaborative skills and ability to communicate effectively were tested. Then came the whole class challenge to get everyone across a Minefield safely. Leaders came to the fore while communication and cooperation were tested.

The heat outside on this day was pretty intense and the emotional strain of so much group work required a bit of down time. Students were inspired by viewing “Remember the Titans”, a classic example of leadership. Special thanks to Mr Springhall for helping out on this day!

During Week 5, Year 7 students can apply for the positions of: School Captain or Faction Leader. Students will need to complete an application form providing evidence of their ability to fulfil the role, and make a speech to the student body from Years 4-7. An election will then take place. Positions will be announced at the Assembly in the undercover area on Monday the 18th of March. Year 7 students can get an application from Mrs Springhall.

The Year 7 students are off to a fantastic start.
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School P&F Update

Friday 01 March 2013

St Patrick’s Day

Jelly Cups for Sale
Monday 18 March
50 cents per cup to be donated to the Chick a thon

As Saint Cecilia’s is an allergy aware school so it has been decided that this year we will be making green jelly cups for the children to celebrate St Patrick’s Day.

Easter Raffle

Every year we treat the children to a FREE Easter Raffle.
Please bring in an Easter egg or treat and we will package them up to raffle at Easter.
The prizes will be presented at the School Easter Mass.
Please drop the eggs or other treats into the office.

Cookbook

This year we are planning to compile a cookbook with all of our favourite recipes and children’s artwork.
We hope to have them ready to sell at the fete.
Please start thinking of recipes you would like to include and we will start collecting them soon.
If you would like to be involved in this project please let Emma know on: ekmerlo@hotmail.com

Events Planned 2013

- St Patrick’s Day Treats
- Easter Raffle
- Mother’s Day Gifts
- Cookbook
- Lap A Thon
- Fete
- Father’s Day Gifts
- Book Fair
- Disco
- Christmas Craft Gifts

St Cecilia’s P&F School Fete

The School Fete is back on!
A sub committee will be formed to plan and co ordinate the fete.
The sub committee meetings will be held of a morning in the library and children are welcome to attend. Please come along and share your ideas and help us to hold another successful fete for our school and general community.
The first sub committee meeting was postponed due to TC Rusty and will now be held on Wednesday morning at 8.30am in the School Library.

Executive Committee

Sarah Feeney
President

Ina Bozuric
Vice President

Amanda Firenze
Pentney

Emma Merlo
Secretary