FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

Catholic Primary Principals Association Conference

This week I have been in Geraldton for the Catholic Primary Principal’s Association conference. During the conference many Principals gave talks on what their schools are doing and new practices they are using to enhance student learning. I was really pleased to hear some Principals talking about practices they are initiating that St Cecilia’s have already implemented.

The conference has concentrated on Principal and staff well-being. The rates of stress related health conditions, amongst teaching staff, has risen dramatically in the last twenty years. The reasons for this are many and varied with the end result causing teachers to resign. We have been shown different techniques to help relieve stress which we will pass onto staff.

Faction Swimming Carnival

The students and Mrs Amiradaki have been working hard to prepare for our Faction Swimming Carnival on Friday 11 March. All the children have been enjoying the exercise and can’t wait for the carnival.

We still need parent help on the day. If you can help please fill in the help sheet placed near the door of the office.

Student Attendance

Parents/guardians it is very important that you bring students who are late to school via the front office so that they can be logged in as attending through our electronic attendance register. Please follow the instructions located at the front bench of the office. It is also very important that parents continue to send in a note to their child’s/children’s classroom teacher/s if they have been absent on a particular day or days. Your cooperation with these practices is much appreciated!

Car Parking

It is pleasing to see so many parents using the car park in a safe responsible manner. Please remember the SPEED LIMIT in the car park is 10 kilometres per hour. Also remember St Cecilia’s driveway is ONE WAY. Entry is from the bottom gate (off Anderson St) and departure is from the top gate. Thank you all for your support.

God bless you.

Peter Allen, Principal

Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6 Thursday 10 March 2016

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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

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion
This weekend marks the beginning of the preparation of the first of our Sacraments. Children in Year Four and other classes will be attending the enrolment Masses at their local parish. Parents, please note that you will need to attend these Masses with your child and hand in the enrolment form and copies of their Baptism and Reconciliation certificates. These forms do not get handed in at school. Please mark these other relevant dates in your diaries.

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| Sacramental Meeting            | Thursday 07 April | St Cecilia’s School Hall 6:30-7:30pm |
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| First Holy Communion           | Saturday 28 May | St John the Baptist Church at 6:00pm  
St Cecilia’s Church at 8:15am |

Holy Week Assemblies
Our Holy Week assembly will take place during on Holy Thursday in Week 8 of this term. As with previous years, we will be having one assembly beginning with Year One in the Hall at 8:45am. The Year One class will lead the Palm Sunday reflection before the assembly progresses to the Undercover Area for the Holy Thursday reflection. The assembly will then make its way up to the church for Good Friday and Easter Sunday reflections. We hope you can join us during such a significant time in our Church’s calendar.

Mrs Mandy Sheen  
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Book-a-thon
Our Book-a-Thon is well under way with all classes contributing to our fundraising efforts. The Year Six community leaders have been working with Mrs McCormack to count all the money they collect each Friday afternoon and then add the books to the graph in the display board in the Undercover Area. So far we have raised over $300 towards our book-a-thon.

Don’t forget the Project Compassion boxes you have at home. These boxes can be used to collect all that loose change that is found under couch cushions and in the bottom of the washing machine. As the fundraising effort takes place during the season of Lent, families have until the end of term to return these boxes. All monies received will be included in the total amount of money collected at school.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is celebrated on March 21 each year, with the first Harmony Day being in 1999. The message of Harmony Day is that everyone belongs and this year the theme is: Our Diversity is our Strength.

Harmony Day is a time for all Australians to remember and respect our diverse cultural backgrounds and to share what we have in common.

On Monday morning, 21 March at assembly in the Under Cover Area, as a school we will acknowledge Harmony Day through a reflection and prayer. During the day, classes will be taking part in activities to help them recognise and celebrate our diversity.

Ride2School
On Friday 18 March we will be holding a Ride2School event in conjunction with Bike Week. The event encourages students to ride their bike or scooter, skate or walk to school from the Yacht Club. There will be a number of staff to meet children and walk or ride with them but we do ask that for any child in Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year 1 or 2, a parent or guardian is to accompany them. All children riding bikes or scooters are to wear appropriate safety equipment, especially helmets. If they do not have a helmet, they will not be permitted to ride.

On Ride2School day, children taking part in the event are to meet on the pathway that is in front of the Yacht Club at 7:30am. (For Walk2School day we have met in the carpark but it may be a bit tricky to ride scooters through the dirt on the way back up to the path.) We will begin riding, scooting or walking by 7:40am, following the path all the way to school and then sharing cereal and fruit for breakfast in the hall. Road rules will be discussed during Assembly on Thursday morning.

Once at school, all bikes and scooters will be placed in the basketball court with the court being locked and out of bounds during the day to ensure the safety of bikes and scooters. Children may bring a lock if they have one to provide extra security.

An pamphlet with information on how to look after your bike and bike safety has been sent home today with the eldest in the family. Please take time to read over this with your child/children.
Swimming Carnival
Good luck to everyone for the swimming carnival tomorrow. Remember to try your hardest and be proud of your efforts. Thank you to Mrs Amiradaki for all the time you have spent organising, planning and preparing for the carnival and thank you to the parents that have volunteered their time to assist at the carnival. A big thank you also, to the P&F and parent volunteers for organising and preparing the hot dog lunch for students and families.

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 schools website at www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au.

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

MERIT AWARDS

25 February 2016
PP: William Liu Isla Mellberg
Y1: Angus Thompson Nicholas Wilson
Y2: Ella Abbott James Hawes
Y3: Nadine Retallack Emmaline Whitehead
Y4: Remy Gaudron Rawiri Poharama
Y5: Ethan Puertollano Mackenzie Walker
Sport: Mace Harris Cynthia Siamutete

03 March 2016
Y2: India Espersen-Cairns Casey Florence

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

March
3 NOTT, Genevieve Y1
4 GUCHU, Riley Y2
8 CORNELIUS, Xian Y1
10 QUIN, Kartini Y5
11 PEGLER, Haylee Y1
12 TESAR, Milla K
12 GIFFORD, Kayla PP

HOLY WEEK Mass Times 2016 - at
St. John The Baptist’s Catholic Church

Palm Sunday: 19/03/2016 (Saturday)
6.30 pm Mass.
20/03/2016 (Sunday)
9.15 am Gather at 8 Lovell Place for Procession to the Church.
9.30 am Mass.

Good Friday: 25/03/2016
9.30 am Station of the Cross.
3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.

Easter Vigil: 26/03/2016 7.00pm Easter Vigil. (Saturday)
Easter Sunday: 27/03/2016
9.30 am Mass.
3.15 pm Mass (at Seafarers’ Centre)
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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 or email admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au or Ph: 08 9174 7000

Faith Family Friendship

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.

Students name: __________________________________________ Year: __________
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: ____________
In Year Three we are... always up for a challenge

make mistakes, but never give up

Kind, Smart
We will shoot through the moon and even if we miss, we will land among the stars!!!
Our first meeting has already been held and we now have a complete Executive Committee with two new General Committee Members!

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