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God bless

Peter Allen
Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Catholic Primary Principals Association Conference

Last week I was in Perth 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 using that St Cecilia’s are currently initiating. Enhancing reading confidence through comprehension, going paperless and enhancing parent engagement through communication and involvement in student learning were some of the items presented that St Cecilia’s have put in place. I have spoken to those Principals and we will be discussing the developments of the initiatives to fine tune student learning.

Faction Swimming Carnival

The students and Mrs Poharama have been working hard to prepare for our Faction Swimming Carnival on Friday. 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. We are watching the weather system off the coast carefully. There may be a need to defer the carnival if the weather worsens between now and Friday. A message will be sent on Friday morning, via SMS, if the carnival is to be cancelled.

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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.
Thank You

A big thank you to Miss Jane Fealy and the Year Six class for leading the Ash Wednesday Lenten Promises Ceremony and Mass on 18th February. Students took great care to read loudly and slowly so that we could listen and relate the readings to our own lives. Thank you to all the parents, guardians and friends who also attended. It was wonderful to see you there!

Family Mass

A Family Mass is being organised by Miss Kim Piergrosse and the Year Five class this Sunday 15 March at 8:30am in St Cecilia’s Church. All St Cecilia students and families are invited to come and celebrate Mass with us.

Sacramental Dates

This year there will be two sacraments offered to students, The Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation) and The Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

The Sacrament of Eucharist is offered to students in Year Four, and other students in older years who have not received this Sacrament. To receive this Sacrament, students must already have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A letter and enrolment form was sent home on Monday. This enrolment form must be taken to the enrolment mass, not brought to school. If you did not receive the enrolment form please see us in the office or see your Parish Priest.

Please make a note of the dates and places to attend.

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Day and time of Eucharist in each Parish to be confirmed.

Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation)

The Sacrament of Penance is offered to students in Year Three and any other students in older classes who have not received this Sacrament. To receive this Sacrament, students would have already received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please note these dates:

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Student Diary

Are you enjoying doing the activities in your student diary? This Sunday will be the fourth Sunday of Lent and there is a lovely stained glass window to colour in: Jesus, Light to the World. Come and show me your coloured in picture. I would love to see it.

Blessings

Mrs Rosie Vrancic
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Last week, I had the honour of presenting our school leaders for 2015 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 Miss Fealy 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. All 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. 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.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

SEMESTER ONE SCHOOL FEES

School fees were posted out last week, if you have not received yours in the next few days, please contact Mrs Genni McCormack in the office. Payment is due by Friday 27 March 2015. If you require an annual account please contact the office. If you are having any difficulties, please contact Mr Peter Allen - Principal, as soon as possible.

2015 KINDERGARTEN VACANCIES

We have a few vacancies in our Kindergarten class. Applications to be made through the front office or print off the application form from the schools website www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au
2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School is now accepting enrolments for Four Year Old Kindergarten 2016.

Applications for children with birth dates between the following dates will be accepted: 01 July 2011 and 30 June 2012. 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

ENROLMENT POLICY
Being a catholic school we enrol children according to the following policy:

1. Catholic students from the Parish with a Parish Priest Reference
2. Catholic students from outside the Parish with a Parish Priest Reference
3. Other Catholic Students
4. Siblings of non-Catholic students
5. Non-Catholic students from other Christian Denominations
6. Other non-Catholic students

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students shall be given enrolment preference wherever possible and practicable. The Principal may vary the above priorities to suit particular local circumstances prevailing at the time after prior consultation with the Director of Catholic Education and written confirmation of the outcome.

Please note that if you already have a child attending this school and you will have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016, you will also need to complete an Application Form. 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 03 July 2015.
Interviews will be conducted during Term Three, 2015.

CONTACTING PARENTS
As you would be aware we are using a new system to contact parents, sometimes we send out messages to the whole school or selected classes.

In the event that we send an SMS to mobile phones, our new system will send the message to both parents with a mobile number in our system.

In the event that we send out an email, the message will be sent to both parents if we have an email address on record. If you wish only one parent to receive the email please let us know so we can delete the other email address.

Recently we sent out our annual page to update your contact details form. If you need to make further changes to the details we have on record please send your details in writing to Mrs Rozario in the front office or email in your changes to: admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au

CANTEEN NEWS
Weekly Specials
Week 7: 03-06 March
: Small banana smoothie and small muffin combo $2
Week 8: 09-13 March
: Small banana smoothie and small muffin combo $2

Scholastic Bookclub
A big thank you to all Children who ordered from our Issue #1. $266 was rewarded to the school from our orders which will be spent on books for our library and resources for the school. 20% of all sales from each issue go back into our school.

Issue #2 will be distributed as soon as it arrives which we are keeping our fingers crossed will be before holidays!

NEW BENCHES
The new eating benches in the Kindy/Pre-Primary area are now assembled. The children no longer have to sit on the ground to eat their recess or lunch. They are enjoying themselves and love the colours. A big thank you to Mr Sta Maria and Mr Yewie Tan for putting the benches together. Much appreciated!

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations of the following items:
- Plastic milk bottle lids
- Used stamps
- Aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Small shoe boxes

These can be brought in to the front office.

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School
Applications are invited for the following position, commencing Term 2, 2015 to 31 December 2015

Teacher Assistant (Qualified)
Temporary
1.0 FTE

Applicants must have a Certificate III of Education Support or equivalent. Special Needs Support training would be an advantage to the position.

Applicants must also be fully supportive of the objectives and ethos of Catholic Education.

Please forward a covering letter together with your resume to Mr Peter Allen, to apply for the above position, by 4:00pm on Friday 27 March 2015
PO Box 700 PORT HEDLAND WA 6721
e-mail admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au
Ph: 08 9174 7000

Faith Family Friendship
Welcome to a new year, especially to those who have just begun their school journey.

Congratulations on choosing an extraordinary education for your children – that is a Catholic education. As parents/guardians we are the primary educators of our children and Catholic schools complement the educational and faith development that we have begun and are continuing with our children.

I encourage you to get involved with your school in whatever way you can, even the smallest thing can make a big difference. You will be richly rewarded by your involvement and the positive impact this has on your children is ongoing.

Make the most of opportunities as they arise, reverse your thinking (even if it is just during Lent) don’t put a barrier up before you have begun and think I can’t do this…… because…… believe you can and enjoy the opportunity. Be the difference you want to see.

The PFFWA may be over 60 years old but there is no chance of us slowing down as we continue to work hard to represent you. PFFWA is always available to parents and schools for information and advice.

Helen Anderson

Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to 4 (four).

This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th May. Rationale for change:

1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other commitments
3. It assists both in time away from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, www.pff.wa.edu.au.

Should you have any questions, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or execoff@pff.wa.edu.au

https://www.facebook.com/pffwa

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

March
3 NOTT, Genevieve PP
4 GUCHU, Riley Y1
6 BULL, Keely Y3
8 CORNELIUS, Xian PP
9 NIEUWOUDT, Reinhardt Y3
10 QUIN, Kartini Y4
11 KELLY, Nyomi Y6
14 SANG, Benjamin Y5
14 SANG, Joseph Y5

MERIT AWARDS

26 February 2015
PP: Jack Foti  Diwan Salawu
Y1: Tehya Aspland  Ella Abbott
Y2: Emmaline Whitehead  Stella Williams
Y3: Keely Bull  Kayleigh Curtis
Amy Wade
Y4: Rohan Collins  Oliver Rogers
Mackenzizie Walker
Y5: Cullan Connolly  Cianna Gillingham
Y6: Kade Denney  Mirabelle Zoghbi

05 March 2015
Y1: Ella Abbott  Raif Dean
Y2: Caleb Unkovich  Isiah Wuruki
Y3: Rohan Aspland
Y4: Megan Fitt  Jack Riches
Madison Shade
Y5: Nicholas Merlo  Abbie Rogers
Y6: Khayla Mills  Rhiannon Mills

COMMUNITY NEWS

PORT HEDLAND TENNIS CLUB
Tennis will resume for 2015 on Sunday 01 March. Lessons will be held on: Fridays 5.00pm to 6.30pm and Sundays 5.00pm to 6.30pm. $15 per lesson for non members and $10 per lesson for members. Sausage sizzle included every Sunday after lesson. Parents must stay at the tennis courts for the whole lesson time.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
Is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in July 2015 for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters.

PFFWA - Message from the President
Dear Parents/Carers,

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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: __________

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Library Book Coverers

* Childs Name: _______________________________ Class: _______________
* I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.
* Parent Name: _______________________________ Contact Number: __________
PILBARA MUSIC FESTIVAL
2015 AGM
New members welcome
Tuesday, 24th March
7.00pm @ 16 Wangara Crescent,
South Hedland
Enquiries: 0407 991 227
Email: ruskalka@westnet.com.au

Positive Parenting Program
- Explore effective discipline strategies
- Enrich parent-child relationships

DATES:
Tuesday Night
Starting 28th April 2015
2-hour weekly sessions
for 4 weeks (run every school term from week2)
TIME:
7pm-9pm
VENUE:
Hedland Well Women’s Centre Leake Street
South Hedland

FREE SERVICE
Enquiries: Phone Christie 0429 203289/91741351
NO CRECHE AVAILABLE
Bookings: Phone 91741321

Learn about Your World
Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015 like Nele, who is 15, is outgoing and positive and who likes being involved in her community.
Together with her school-mates, she had organised a fundraiser effort involving participation in a 300-km hiking trail into the Black Forest. Besides playing the piano and saxophone in a band, she also performs in street festivals and helps out at the farmers’ market. Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.sccce.com.au, email us at scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.
The year 3s have been learning more and more each day about how to build a simple sentence. This will help them also learn where to put a full stop (or exclamation mark or question mark) at the end.

We went a bit wild with our imaginations and wrote some crazy, simple sentences for you. We hope you enjoy reading them!

Maybe you can try to make some crazy sentences for fun at home!
Caitlyn: The crazy whiteboard jumped off a diving board madly.
   Raphael: The crazy octopus is listening to music.
   Remy: The fat frog danced madly.

   Harrison: A groovy dinosaur roared loudly.
   Ryan: The old dad danced madly.
   Levi: The naughty dog ate the puppy’s food quietly.

   Amy: The crazy gymnast danced weirdly.
   Nat: An insane octopus pulled out insane cakes and pulled out silly faces.

   Zaina: The lady giggled loudly.
   Talitha: The girl went to the pet shop and got a cat.

   Kaitlyn: A naughty girl danced madly.
   Keely: A salty chip cooked grumpily.

   Mikenna: A pretty girl eats a hot dog.
   Vinnie: The old dad jumped high.

   Shelly: An orange egg boiled happily.
   Mitchel: The crazy bats ate tacos with spiders madly.

   Judd: The cute Pikachu lightning-bolted you slowly.
   Kayla: The spotty hippo sang crazily all holiday.

   Kayleigh: The crazy cupcake jumped into the sink.
   Marco: The happy, red hot dog party danced madly.

   Jordan: The pretty boy danced funnily.
   Rohan: The stupid chicken jumped happily in the lava.
Vacancies for 2015

Call out to all.

There are two vacancies on the Committee for 2015.

Searching for a Secretary and Treasurer.

Being involved in your P&F is a great way to meet school families and strengthen our school community whilst having fun.

The P&F will bring some Irish cheer to recess on St Patricks Day. All students can celebrate with a home baked, egg free, green cupcake.

NEXT MEETING
19th MARCH
At 7PM
In Library

JOIN US FOR
ST. PATRICK’S

GREEN CUPCAKE RECESS
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

Gold Coin Donation

All donations to Caritas Australia

Baked with love by your P&F

EGG FREE CUPCAKES