God provides the wind, but man must raise the sails.

Saint Augustine

ADVENTURE
Adventure isn't hanging on a rope
Off the side of a mountain...

Adventure is an attitude that we must apply to the day to day obstacles of life - facing new challenges, seizing new opportunities, testing our resources against the unknown and in the process, discovering our own unique potential.

John Amatt

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Friday 23 March four representatives will travel down to Perth to attend the P&F Federation WA Conference on behalf of St Cecilia’s. This annual event is run to promote the work which is being achieved in 157 Catholic Schools throughout Western Australia. During the Conference Dinner on Friday evening, Awards of Excellence are given to P&F's and Principal’s who are working extremely well in our schools, promoting Positive School Communities. We were very fortunate to be presented with these awards two years running. I would like to congratulate our sensational P&F for the awesome work they achieve in our school. It truly is an amazing partnership and one I value each and every day. I was extremely proud to nominate our P&F on behalf of the school community again this year. The work that is achieved by this group is just amazing! So far this year the P&F have supported the school by purchasing eight I Pads and providing $500 for each class so that resources may be purchased. In addition $7,500 has been donated for science equipment. We can always rely on our dedicated group to help out the school in hundreds of ways. Thank you once again.

Year Two Assembly
What a magical performance we saw last week when Miss Kathy Dowdeswell and her talented Year Two class took to the stage leading our assembly. They certainly showed great confidence and stamina when they worked out to the countdown of all count downs. They certainly know their maths and were about to skip count to one hundred, this is a great feat for such a young class.

Year Seven Assembly
Today our Year Seven class told us about Harmony Day and the importance of the many cultures we have in our school and country. We are enriched by the sharing of our lives and it was wonderful to be entertained by such

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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.
an amazing group of leaders in our school. The compe-
tition that was held was fantastic. Thank you so much to
Mrs Emily Hopkins and her sensational class of talented
students for sharing so many languages with us today.

Special Assemblies
Holy Week is a very special time in our Church and in our
lives. It is the season of Lent. A time when we prepare for
the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus’ death and the joy filled res-
urrection. I am always amazed at our students and the
wonderful way they bring meaning to our school through
the special assemblies that lead up to Holy Week. All our
special assemblies will be held in the Church at St Ce-
cilia’s, beginning at 8.45 am each morning from Monday 2
April to Thursday 5 April. They will be led by a different
class each day, so please join us as we gain a greater
meaning of each of the special days of Holy Week.
Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and comprises the
last seven days before Easter. Holy week tells us of Je-
sus’ journey when he returned to celebrate the Passover
with his disciples in Jerusalem. He sent two of his apostles
into the town to find a donkey that would be waiting for
them and asked them to bring it to him. Jesus entered
Jerusalem on the back of the donkey and the people were
shouting “Hosanna! God bless the one who comes in the
name of the Lord.”

Holy Thursday was when Jesus began the evening by
washing the feet of his disciples. At that time peoples feet
would be dirty and dusty from hours of walking. Normally
only a servant would wash the feet, however Jesus who
was their teacher stopped and washed each of their feet.
It was a sign that they should serve and not wait to be
served.
The Last Supper on Holy Thursday was a special meal. It
was celebrated with a view of the coming of the Kingdom
of God. By giving the bread and wine as his flesh and
blood, Jesus gave his disciples a share in the power of his
death to make atonement and to establish a new cove-
nant. When we celebrate Mass we share in this special
meal.

Good Friday recalls the Passion of Jesus. He was arrested and sentenced to death.
No crime could be found against him but still the people yelled for him to be cruci-
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fied. Jesus was taken away, beaten and
then given his cross to carry to Golgotha.
Along the way he met his mother and the
people who just days before had wel-
comed him into the town.

Good Friday tells of the journey and the special moments that oc-
curred on that walk until his death.
Easter Sunday is full of joy be-
cause Jesus rose from the dead
as he foretold.

Swimming Carnival
Our Faction Carnival was a huge success and I know that
all who participated had a great day. At our last assembly
we saw our champions and runner up champions re-
cieves their medals. It was a wonderful celebration.

Interschool Carnival
Our Interschool Swimming carnival is fast approaching. It
is being held on Friday 30 March. Mrs Poharama is busily
preparing our students who were informed on Thursday
that they made it into the team.

Portfolio
As part of our explicit teaching model students from Year
One to Year Seven will not be completing Portfolios as
part of their assessment strategy. Only students in Kin-

dergarten and Pre-Primary will take home portfolios in
both Term One and Term Three.

Cyclone Lua
Firstly, I would like to thank our wonderful staff for the
way they prepared their rooms with the cyclone ap-
proaching. Congratulations also to our wonderful parents
and students for the way they coped with changes in the
day. When a cyclone bears down upon us much work is

Nagle College Visit
Nagle College is a Catholic school in Geraldton and next
week they are sending up a representative to talk with
parents about the opportunities they can offer in boarding.
They are aware that a number of parents in the Pilbara
send their children to boarding schools in Perth and would
like them to hear the opportunities they can offer stu-
dents. They will be speaking with our Year Six and Seven
students during class and then they would like to speak to
parents on Monday 26 March just prior to the P&F meet-
ing. If you are interested and you would like to come
along and hear from Nagle please join us on Monday
evening at 7.00pm in the Library, followed by the P&F
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Parent Interviews

It is very powerful to have home, school and the student involved in interviews so that everyone is clear about future directions and the effort that will be required. As a school we aim to encourage students to take control of their learning and to recognise the growth they are achieving in both social and academic areas. The ‘interview’ is an important opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and to build communication and understanding between home and school. If everyone is well prepared, even a short interview can be productive and very worthwhile. Interviews will begin next week; teachers have placed available times outside their rooms or in the foyers for parents to place their names against the times.

- Keep a list of questions you want to discuss with the teacher.
- If you want to discuss a specific matter, telephone or write in advance so the teacher can be prepared with the information you are seeking.
- Ask your child if there are matters they would like discussed.
- Be ready to ask questions, or admit you do not understand.
- Share helpful information about your child or family circumstances. Teachers are appreciative of anything that helps them to know their students better.
- If you disagree with any judgements the teacher may have made about your child, listen carefully and ask for examples.
- Remember the interview is a valuable time to discuss with your child, not share your experiences at school or complaints.
- Please don’t hesitate to contact the school to arrange a follow up interview.

Some questions:
- How is my child progressing?
- Are there ways I can help at home?
- Does my child need extra help?
- How does my child get on with other members of the class?
- Does my child have a sound work ethic in class?
- What is my child’s behaviour like in class and at school?
- How well is my child doing on formal assessments?

After the interview:
- Discuss the interview with your child, including any points of action.
- Stress the good things that were said and be direct about any problems.
- Act on any suggestions made by the teacher.
- Keep working with your child’s teacher by staying in touch.

Children respond positively in knowing that the important adults in their life are working together.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal
MASS TIMES
Mrs Grace Joukhadar

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Costelloe SDB is the sixth Archbishop of Perth. He comes to Perth from Melbourne, but has four years experience in this Archdiocese. He was based here in the mid-late 1990s at St Joachim’s in Victoria Park and at the University. You may have already heard that Archbishop Barry Hickey has officially handed over the Archdiocese of Perth to his successor, Tim Costelloe. Archbishop Costelloe is the sixth Archbishop of Perth.

Harmony Day
Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who assisted on our Harmony Day celebration today. It was great seeing the students engaging in different sporting activities from around the globe. Thank you also to those who sent in their ideas which supported the planning process. A special thank you to Year Seven and Mrs Emily Hopkins for leading the school in a beautiful morning assembly. Also, to our teachers Mrs Nicola Simpson, Mrs Emily Hopkins, Mrs Jo Crisp and Miss Kathy Dowdeswell for their leadership in making Harmony Day such a wonderful success. These days do not happen without your diligent planning and commitment. Thank you.

Our new Archbishop, Tim Costelloe
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Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES
St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue & Thu Morning Mass 8.00am
Fri Morning Mass 7.15am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30am
St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Wed Night Mass 6:00pm
Saturday Evening Mass 7:15pm
Sunday Morning Mass 10:00am
Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 5:00pm (All welcome)

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Reading Books
A last call for mums who are able to cover some more reading books! We have only a few boxes remaining. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the myriad of mums who have slaved away at home covering books for the library and the upper primary reading books. It has been a mammoth effort and we couldn’t do it without you!

School Uniforms
Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day. An easy way to do this is to check with the class teacher if you are unsure. Staff are checking uniforms each day to make sure students are in the correct uniform and wearing it correctly as well. Students in the wrong uniform or not wearing the uniform correctly, will be issued with a uniform note. Please sign the note and return it to the classroom teacher. Parents and students are aware of the uniform when the student is enrolled. Repeated deliberate incorrect wearing of the uniform will lead to parents being informed by phone and asked to bring the correct uniform to school so the student can get changed. Faction shirts are worn in Terms One & Two only as part of the Sport Uniform.

Year Three and Year Six Dental Health Screening
Just a reminder that the Dental Health Professionals will be visiting St Cecilia’s on Tuesday 3 April at 9:30am to check the dental health of our current Year Three and Year Six students. Please make sure your children are here on this day.

ICAS / UNSW Assessments
A quick reminder that the closing date for entries is this coming Monday, 26 MARCH. Please have your forms and money to the office by the close of school on Monday. No late entries will be accepted. Dates of the assessments are on the foyer windows – please make sure your child will be here for any of the assessments you wish them to participate in, as there is only one sitting date for each assessment.

Palm Sunday Mass
Calling for any St Cecilia’s students who would like to play a small part in our re-enactment of the events of Palm Sunday. This will take place at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday 1 April. Please see Miss Campbell if you would like to be a part of this celebration.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN CLOSED
The Canteen will be closed on the last day of Term One - Thursday 05 April. All students will need to supply their own recess and lunch on this day.

CANTEEN 2012 PRICE LIST
Please note that there was a new canteen price list effective from Wednesday 1 February. These were sent home to each family on bright green paper at the end of 2011. Price lists are also available on the school’s website. www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au

Please check that you are paying the correct amount to avoid small accounts being sent home.

SEMESTER ONE SCHOOL FEES DUE
Please note that the school fees are due and payable by Friday 30 March. If you are having any difficulties, please contact Ms Paula MacKenzie.

MERIT AWARDS
15 March 2012
PP: Remy Gaudron
Yr 1: Elsie Mbenjele
Yr 2: Brianna Binning
Yr 3: Year Three Class
Yr 4: Nathan Bourke
Yr 5: Amy Pearson
Yr 6: Bella Cleaver
Yr 7: Tatum TeTau

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate their birthday.

March
26 PALMER, Chloe Y7
27 SINGLETON, Jasmine Y4
28 ZOGHBI, Mirabelle Y3
27 BURTON, Nikita Y4
28 ZOGHBI, Charline Y3
28 ESMONDE, Clancy Y5

SPAR – Stop Pray and Reflect
You are invited to join our parents and friends SPAR group. What is a SPAR? Our parents and friends SPAR group is your opportunity to:
Stop
Pray
And
Reflect
This short prayer and reflection runs on Thursday afternoons at 2pm in the hall. We hope to see you there!

Friday Morning Mass
For those who would like to attend Mass more frequently during Lent, Fr John will lead a short Friday Morning Mass at 7.15am at St Cecilia’s Catholic Church. You are all most welcome. Mass is anticipated to finish about 7.45am.
HEDLAND TEEBALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION DAYS - held at both the Port and South Shopping Centres on the following dates

Thursday 22 March 2012 – 4pm until 6pm
Saturday 24 March 2012 – 9am until 12noon
Thursday 29 March 2012 – 4pm until 6pm

Saturday 31 March 2012 – 9am until 12noon

COACHES & UMPIRES NEEDED
6 to 13 year old boys and girls, $60 per player and $40 for each thereafter (Registration forms will not be accepted without payment)

HEDLAND JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Do you want to be part of a fast moving game? Join an enthusiastic team! Kick goals, or block them? Well, Hedland Junior Soccer Association is a club that can provide you with all that and more. If you would like to play, coach or train in the most popular sport in the world please come along to our registration. The 2012 season starts Sunday April 29 and ends Sunday August 12. Match games will be held on Sunday’s and this year Port Hedland will be hosting the inter-town competition. Registration will take place at the oval next to the skate park, McGregor Street, Port Hedland on Sunday 25 and Sunday 1 April between 9am and 12 noon. Uniforms will also be available for purchase on these days. For further information please contact Mike Peel (Club President) on 0409 686 851 or John Mascal on 0419 938 693.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
7.15 pm Sunday 31 March, Mass
9.45 am Sunday 01 April, Gathering at 8 Lovell place for procession to church, 10.00am Mass

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY
- THE LORDS SUPPER
7.00 pm Thursday 05 April, Holy Mass

GOOD FRIDAY
- PASSION OF OUR LORD
3.00 pm Friday 06 April, Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

HOLY SATURDAY
- EASTER VIGIL
7.00 pm, Saturday 07 April, 
- Liturgy of the LIGHT
- Liturgy of the WORD
- Liturgy of WATER
- EUCHARIST

EASTER SUNDAY
- RESURRECTION OF JESUS
8.30 am, Sunday 08 April, Mass of the Res-

ST CECILIA’S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
6.00 pm Saturday 31 March
8.30 am Sunday 01 April
- Blessing of palms,
- Procession to Church,
- Mass

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LOWER PRIMARY MATH PROBLEM
Mrs Mane is going to the races. She has a black hat, a black dress and black shoes, a pink hat, pink dress and pink shoes. Use black and pink counters or pencils to show the eight possible outfits that Mrs Mane could wear to the races.

Middle Primary MATH PROBLEM
I went to the shop and brought a pen and a pencil case for my friend which coast me a total of $100. If the pen cost me $90 more than the pencil case, how much was the pencil case?

Upper Primary MATH PROBLEM
A knitting club of 34 adults and 27 children are on a mountain excursion when they come upon a swift and deep river. A canoe which can hold one adult and two children costs $200. If the canoe can hold one adult and two children, how much could wear to the races.
Year One are learning how to persuade others in writing. We have also been learning about food and farms. We combined the two to come up with our own versions of ‘The Best Farm Animal’

Horses are the best farm animal because you can race on them. **Charlotte**

Pigs are the best farm animal because they are funny because they roll in the mud. **Niamh**

Horses are the best farm animal because you can ride on them to make you go fast around the farm. **Kiahni**

Cows are the best farm animal because they can get you around the farm quickly and you can race them around a track. **Jye**

Bees are the best farm animal because they can make honey and they help flowers to grow. **Rohan**

Sheep are the best farm animal because sheep’s wool keeps you warm and people can make jumpers with wool. **Madison S**

Chickens are the best farm animal because they lay eggs. **Max**

Chickens are the best farm animal because we can eat them. **Elia**

Bees are the best farm animal because they make honey. **Joice**

Ducks are the best farm animal because they lay eggs. **Lena**

**Horses are the best farm animal because they run around the field and you can ride them and you feed them apples and carrots. Breanna**

**Cows are the best farm animal because they make milk for girls and boys too. Mason**

**Sheep are the best farm animal because we ride on them so we can ride around the farm quickly. Emily**

**Chickens are the best farm animal because we can eat them. Elias**

**Bees are the best farm animal because they make honey. Joice**

**Ducks are the best farm animal because they lay eggs. Lena**
Horses are the best farm animal because you race them. **Kaedyn**

Horses are the best farm animal because you can ride on them. **Jenae**

Chickens are the best farm animals because they lay eggs. **Nicholas**

Horses are the best farm animal because they can gallop fast. **Maddison B**

Chickens are the best farm animal because they can get eggs from the chickens. **Sam**

Chickens are the best farm animal because you can eat their eggs and chicken meat. **Jack**

Horses are the best farm animal because they can really fast around the field. **Lanikai**

Horses are the best farm animals because you can ride them. **Elsie**

Chickens are the best farm animal because they can give you eggs and chicken and they can fly. **Eoin**

Cows are the best farm animal because they make milk. **James**

Chickens are the best farm animal because it lays eggs and we eat its chickens. **Seth**

Cows are the best farm animal because they make milk and then people can make milkshakes and ice-cream too. **Ben**

Cows are the best farm animal because they can make fresh milk and they are a great lawn mower. You can make milkshakes with the milk and eat their meat. **Scarlett**
Easter Raffle

The P&F is conducting a free Easter Raffle—there will be 3 prizes for each year—as long as we get enough eggs!

If every family would please donate one easter egg, we will be able to make lots of prizes up for the children.

Please take your eggs to the office by Wednesday, 4th April.

Raffle will be drawn at the Easter mass on Thursday, 5th April.

Next P&F Meeting:
Monday, 26th March
7pm in the staff room
Everyone welcome!

Thanks to all the parents who baked some amazing green cupcakes for St Patrick’s Day.
Trays of cupcakes were delivered to each classroom. The children got to have their cupcakes at recess, and they were very popular!
The P&F decided to donate the money raised from these to the Chick-a-thon.
Thanks for all of your support.