St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 8 - Thursday 26 March 2015

Prayer

THE MEANING OF LENT
Lent is the 40 day period in the Church calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and finishes on Maundy Thursday. Because Easter is a movable feast, the dates vary from year to year depending on the cycle of the moon.
Lent is really about denying yourself of something that you enjoy in order to be reminded that it's God that you depend on in life and that it's your heavenly Father that you most need in life - not face book or a favourite food. In this way Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. He voluntarily removed himself from the pleasures of life and company of people so that he could draw close to God, hear from Him, and prepare Himself for what was to come - an intense period of public ministry culminating in a gruesome death and extraordinary resurrection.

Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Faction Swimming Carnival
The Faction Swimming Carnival was a huge success and a fun day. A big thank you to Mrs Poharama for an extremely well run and organised carnival. Another thank you to the staff, volunteers, students and parents for making the day enjoyable. It was amazing listening to students and parents cheering and supporting each other. Congratulations to all the students who raced and gave their best. There were some memorable moments as students swam close to their personal best, while others showed remarkable courage and struggled to the end. Every student should be proud of their effort and their behaviour.

School Board
The School Board currently has two vacant positions that need filling. One is as a general board member and the other is the secretary role. If you feel you would like to help the school community please don’t hesitate in nominating yourself for one of these roles.

Interschool Cricket
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the interschool cricket carnival on Wednesday 25 March. I am very proud of the way you played the game and of your behaviour throughout the tournament.

Interschool Swimming Carnival
What a wonderful day, the weather was terrific and St Cecilia’s swim team certainly swam their hearts out. It was a close competition and I am proud of all our competitors. Overall St Cecilia’s finished second by 30 points. Thank you to Mrs Poharama for organising our swimming this year. A huge thank you to the wonderful, supportive parents who turned up and supported the swim team.

Rubbish Free School
One of our Big Ticket Items for 2015 is sustainability throughout the school. We have gone paperless with letters and the newsletter being sent out digitally. To further enhance sustainability the school will be going rubbish free from Week Six, Term Two, Students will be taking their recess and lunch rubbish home as no rubbish bins will be placed in the undercover area
of the school. From Week Two through to Week Four there will be Tupperware catalogues placed in the school hall, every Thursday morning, for parents to look at lunch boxes that will help with sustainability.

**Big Ticket item (School Improvement Plan) update**

**EDUCATION**
- St Cecilia’s will be aiming to enhance student achievement and wellbeing.
- Increase student and staff engagement in their own learning and faith formation

We aim to do this through:

1. **Differentiated Learning – Guided Reading**
   Teachers have been attending Professional Learning Cluster’s and discussing Guided Reading and the implementation in their class. Teachers are at different levels in their progress but are sharing information and strategies and learning from each other. Mrs Tait is doing a wonderful job facilitating the process.

2. **Providing specific Professional Development to build teacher capacity**
   Professional Development has been provided through our PLC’s for Guided Reading. This has led to an increase in student engagement in class and home reading.
   Staff have also received training, from a School Psychologist, in Restorative Practice and dealing with students with Trauma.
   Many staff members have been attending PD via teleconferencing to keep their Accreditation to work/teach in a Catholic School current.

**COMMUNITY**
- Enhance parental engagement in their child’s learning

We aim to do this through:

1. **Using ICT opportunities to communicate with parents**
   We have been using SMS, emails and the school website to enhance communication with parents. Some classes are trialling a face book communication page where parents can ask about uniforms for the next day, or homework requirements. I believe these have been successful so far.

2. **Enhancing parent knowledge of ways to support their child’s learning**
   A parent homework night was held last Thursday night. Approximately 20 people attended and the feedback, from parents who attended, has been positive. The parents indicated they appreciated the information given and have taken some strategies home with them. We are currently putting together a written version of the night and will place it along with an English and Maths glossary on the school website. If there is enough interest we would be very willing to hold a similar night during the year.

This is the last newsletter before the end of term. On behalf of the staff I hope you have a happy, safe and holy Easter and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 20 April for Term Two.

God bless

Peter Allen
Principal

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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

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

**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

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**2015 EASTER PROGRAMMES**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**
- **15 Lovell Place South Hedland**
  - PALM SUNDAY
    - 29 March 9.15am
  - HOLY THURSDAY
    - 02 April 7.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
  - GOOD FRIDAY
    - 03 April 9.30am Stations of the Cross
    - 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
  - HOLY SATURDAY
    - 04 April 7.00pm Easter Vigil
  - EASTER SUNDAY
    - 05 April 9.30am Easter Mass

**St. Cecilia’s Catholic Church**
- **35 Sutherland Street Port Hedland**
  - PALM SUNDAY
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For Students: My Student Diary
Read the Word for this Sunday March 29 Palm Sunday and find out what Jesus asked his disciples to bring to him. Did you break the code and find out what the people said as Jesus rode into Jerusalem? Would you like to show me your Praise flag?

Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment.
The assessment is for Year Three and Year Five and will take place in Week Two Term Three. The Year Five test booklets will be sent to the Catholic Education Office for marking. The Year Five booklet has 30 multiple choice questions divided into four areas; Section One: Jesus, Section two: Bible, Section Three: Sacraments and Prayer and Section four: Church.

Family Mass
The first of our four Family Masses this year was very well organised by the Year 5 class and their teacher Miss Kim Piergrosse on Sunday 15th March. The Mass was well attended by families and friends and staff of St Cecilia’s School and it was a delight to see all the children participate so beautifully. The Readings, psalm and prayers were proclaimed loudly and clearly. Well done, Year Five! Next term the Family Mass will be on Sunday 17 May and will be planned by Year Six. You might like to put the date on your calendar now.

Project Compassion & Chick-a-Thon
Our Chick-a-Thon is coming to a close. Thank you to our generous families for your donations to our class Project Compassion boxes. Our Chick-a-Thon has been a great success so far. Our last day of term on Thursday 2nd April will be the last day that our Community Leaders will be collecting the Project Compassion boxes from classrooms. You may send in your Project Compassion boxes from home and have them added to the class totals. If you keep them at home for the holidays we ask that all boxes are returned to school in the first week of next term. Thank you to the Year Six Community Leaders for the collection and counting of all donations.

Holy Week Assembly
Parents/Guardians and friends are invited to the Holy Week Assembly held next week on Thursday 2nd April at 8:45am in the Undercover Area.

Enrolment for First Holy Communion
Children took their forms along to the enrolment Masses in the Catholic Parishes of St John the Baptist and St Cecilia’s at last weekend’s Parish Masses and collected their first home study task. Congratulations to all the children and their parents and guardians for making the commitment to take part in the Sacramental Programme to prepare for their first Holy Communion. If you were unable to attend the weekend Masses, please see your Parish Priest to hand in the enrolment forms for your child and collect the first home study task. The next Home study task will be handed out at the Parish Masses this weekend. Also a reminder that the first Parent Meeting will be held in the St Cecilia’s School Hall on Thursday 30th April at 6:30pm.

Easter
Easter is the most holy celebration in the Church calendar. It would be wonderful to see you at the special celebrations in church at this time.

Best wishes for a happy, holy Easter!
Mrs Rosie Vrancic
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Cyclone Pam Fundraising
You would have all seen the devastation caused by Cyclone Pam as she tore through the island nation of Vanuatu. I was contacted by Jan Cartwright and with the assistance of Rotary she is organising for educational supplies to be sent to Vanuatu to help children to get back into school. Next Wednesday, 01 April, we will be having a Free Dress Day. Instead of bringing a gold coin donation, we are asking students to bring in a stationery donation. Some ideas of things you might choose to send in – a packet of lead or coloured pencils, textas, ballpoint pens, an exercise book, some sharpeners or erasers, rulers, colouring in books or reading books. Basically, anything that you think may help a student or teacher to get back into learning. All items that are donated will be collected by Jan next Thursday ready packed and sent over to Vanuatu. I thank you in advance for your help and support with this worthy cause.

Attention Book Coverers.
I have a nice big pile of books that have been accessioned and are ready to be covered so if you are looking for something to do during the school holidays, or you need something to do after the kids have gone to bed, come into the library either before or after school next week and I will be happy to provide you with some books and contact. Thank you once again for your help in getting some wonderful new books on the shelves for our students to read.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

SEMESTER ONE SCHOOL FEES
School fees were posted out two weeks ago, 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.

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

March
16 PUGSLEY, John Y1, 16 LEOPARDI, Isabella Y5, 18 PIZARRO, Fernand(Corvin) K ,
21 BENNETT, Brooklyn PP, 22 HUME, Temiah K , 27 BULL, Teagan Y1 27
27 UNKOVICH, Caleb Y2, 27 BALCOMBE, Caitlyn Y3 ,
28 ZOGHBI, Charline Y6 , 28 ZOGHBI, Mirabelle Y6

April
1 WURUKI, Myah Y1 , 5 EMMITT, Genevieve K , 5 BROOK, Bailey Y6 , 7 ASPLAND, Te-
7 BROWNE, Taiha Y6, 10 SHEEN, Talitha Y3, 11 PULIDO LEMOS, Francisco (Harvey) Y6

MERIT AWARDS
12 March 2015
PP:  Essington Bailey  Kahreesha Drage
Y1:  Jarron Lee  Siena Prindiville
Y2:  Zekiel Dhu  Riley Gould
Y3:  Zaina Doyle  Jordan Schmich
Y4:  Emily Boland  Jenae DeCourcy  Athena Mendoza
Y5:  Bethany Denney  Jayden Rozario
Y6:  Javi Pulido Lemos

19 March 2015
PP:  Holly Greening  Wesley Mendoza
Y1:  Chibudom Dike  Thomas Merlo
Y2:  Lucinda De Andrade  Lewis Hudacek
Y3:  Caitlyn Balcombe  Reinhardt Nieuwoudt
Y5:  Ryan Aspland  Jackson Gould

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.

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:________________________
HOLY WEEK
Holy Week includes the last 5 days of Lent and the Easter Triduum. During this week, we reflect on the events of the last days of Jesus’ life and how it leads into the celebration of the Resurrection of His life, which begins the 50 days of the Easter season. The following information may help you and your family come to understand the meaning, customs and traditions of Holy Week more fully, resulting in a deeper readiness for the Easter Season.

Passion/Palm Sunday
• On this day we recall Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. People yelled out “Hosanna” and laid down cloaks and palm branches on the ground for Him to walk over. He was treated with all the respect and dignity that a King deserved.
• The word Hosanna means, ‘Save us.’ Hosanna was a prayer that could only be said to God. People heard of the stories and miracles Jesus had shared and they believed he was the Son of God and the one who would lead them to salvation.
• The people wanted Him to save them, but they had no idea that it would take his death to do that.
• For the Jewish people, a palm was a symbol of prosperity, beauty and victory.

IDEAS OF WAYS FOR HONOURING THIS DAY WITH CHILDREN

Holy Thursday/ Maundy Thursday
• Holy or Maundy Thursday is the day we recall the last meal Jesus shared with the disciples. This is why it is called the ‘Last Supper.’
• The word maundy is derived from the Latin word for command.” The “Maundy” in Maundy Thursday refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.
• This meal was a celebration of the Jewish Passover.
• It is this special event that we recall in the Liturgy of the Eucharist each Sunday at Mass.
• After dinner, Jesus wanted to show with his actions, the importance of the act of humility and service to others – a sign of love – by washing their feet. This was a very significant act, as in the Jewish culture, it was a slave’s job to wash the feet of others: An inferior would wash the feet of a superior, a disciple the feet of the master, a lowly person the feet of a king.
• Never would a king kneel down in front of one of his subjects, nor a teacher before his disciples.
• Jesus was setting an example that we should humbly love and serve one another.
• During the Mass of the Last Supper, the hosts used for the Good Friday service are consecrated, as masses are prohibited on Good Friday.

IDEAS OF WAYS FOR HONOURING THIS DAY WITH CHILDREN

Good Friday
• On Good Friday, we recall the hours leading up to Jesus death.
• Good Friday is the commemoration of the passion and death of Jesus Christ. This is the most sorrowful day in the church. It is the day that Jesus who was innocent and without sin died on the cross for the sake of our sins. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13).
• No masses are celebrated on Good Friday. Instead we attend services for the Stations of the Cross or Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion includes the Veneration of the Cross. To venerate means to respect or greatly honour.
• Why do we venerate the Cross? In venerating the cross we do not adore the cross, but rather what the image of what the cross represents. In kneeling and venerating the cross through touch or kiss we are paying honour to the ultimate sacrifice of Christ on the cross.
• On Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 are required to fast. And those who are over the age of 14 are required to abstain.

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SERVICE TIMES FOR:
ST CECILIA’S PARISH, PORT HEDLAND
Sunday 29th Mar: Palm Sunday 8:30am
Thursday 02 Apr: The Lord’s Supper 7:00pm
Friday 03 Apr Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 9:00am
Friday 03 Apr Good Friday: Passion of our Lord 3:00pm
Saturday 04 Apr: Easter Vigil Mass 7:00pm
Easter Sunday 05 Apr: Easter Mass 8:30am

SERVICE TIMES FOR:
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, SOUTH HEDLAND
Sunday 29th Mar: Palm Sunday 9:15am
Thursday 02 Apr: The Lord’s Supper 7:00pm
Friday 03 Apr Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 9:30am
Friday 03 Apr Good Friday: Passion of our Lord 3:00pm
Saturday 04 Apr: Easter Vigil Mass 7:00pm
Easter Sunday 05 Apr: Easter Mass 9:30am
Swimming fun in Year One!
in Year One!
Parents & Friends News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5 MAY 7PM IN LIBRARY

EVENTS FOR TERM 2

FUN RUN DRESS AS YOUR SUPER HERO

FAMILY DISCO DRESS LIKE YOU WOULD IN THE 1980’S

We welcome new members
Sarah Emmitt
Sarah Feeney

School Lunch Box Drive
Starts: 30th April 2015