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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, that it’s your heavenly Father that you most need in life - not facebook or a favourite food. This is the real meaning of Lent. 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents

School Climate Survey
Thank you to those parents who have completed and sent in their School Climate Surveys. If you are still to complete yours please have it completed and sent by Friday 28 March. Thank you

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 children struggled to complete their race. There was much cheering and encouragement as they continued to the finish line. These are some of the things that make me proud to be the Principal here.

Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave
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Parents and children should attend the following sessions and these meetings will be combined with both parishes.

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If you have any questions or enquiries, feel free to contact me via email: sheen.mandy@cathednet.wa.edu.au or contact your parish priest.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES
St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am

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

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

RECREATIONAL EDUCATION

Chick-a-Thon
Our chick-a-thon finishes in two weeks and is taking St Cecilia’s school by storm! The contribution across all the classes has been amazing...our chick-o-meter currently reads the following for funds raised for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion Appeal:
- Year 1: $40
- Year 2: $40
- Year 3: $50
- Year 4: $90
- Year 5: $70
- Year 6: $120

Thank you to the Year Six and Seven Community Leaders for the collection and counting of all the donations.

First Holy Communion
If your child is Catholic and you wish for your child to receive their first sacrament of Holy Communion, please mark the dates that follow in your diary. Enrolment forms have been sent home with Year Four students today. If your child is in another grade, please collect an enrolment form from your parish priest. Enrolment forms need to be completed and brought to the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 06 April to the parish you belong to. Please do not send forms to the school as they will be returned home with your child. This is not a school Mass. Please attend Mass in your own parish.

CANTENE NEWS
WORLD HEALTH DAY - Monday 07 April
The canteen will have green healthy food choices to purchase: savoury muffins, avocado dip with vegetables & crackers, slinky green apples etc

RECESS ORDERS
We wish to advise that recess orders can no longer be preordered. Recess items vary each day and will be served on a line up basis for Y1-7 only. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Kelly Gould
Canteen Manageress

LIBRARY NEWS
There was a very special visitor in the Library on Tuesday 25 March, a secret guest who magically appeared to the year 1 class to read them a fabulous story called ‘Alphamonsters.’ Next week the year 2 class will have the opportunity to meet this mysterious guest and in week 10 the year 3 class will have the same chance.

There has been an incidence of graffiti on the library wall and this is a stark reminder to us all to respect our own, others’ and the school’s property, which is one of our school rules and a valuable life lesson for us all. The whiteboards and markers have been removed for the remainder of term.

When the library is open during Lunch Play on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday there will be opportunity for students to trade their Woolworths Dreamworks Heroes cards. This is the only time that the cards will be permitted out of students bags and if they are seen at any other time will be confiscated. The purpose of the trade will be to allow students to bring in duplicate cards and search for selected ones missing from their collection.

The library leaders are brewing a secret structure and we need your help, we are collecting clean, empty 2l plastic milk bottles. Please place all bottles at the front door of the library in the box provided and when the time comes we will share our amazing structure with you.

Important dates:
- 04 April – Interschool Swimming Carnival
- 05 April – Enrolment Mass First Communion Yr 4 and other students
- 06 April – Enrolment Mass First Communion Yr 4 and other students
- 11 April – Holy Week Processional Assembly Yrs 1, 2, 3, 7
- 11 April – Last day of term

God bless

Peter Allen,
Principal
If your child is going to be absent or late to school, please phone the school front office on 9173 2162 or email our admin email address: admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au. Admin staff will enter the absence in to the schools attendance register.

LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DEPARTURE

The Catholic Education Office has introduced a new system for recording student attendance. Parents please complete the sign in/out register in the front office for late arrival or early departure.

Late students: Parents are to sign students in. Students are to report to Mrs McCormack to collect a RED CARD (and to record in the school system). Parents to accompany students to class.

Early departure: Parents are to sign students out, then collect a GREEN CARD from Mrs McCormack (and record in the school system). Parents are then to give the green card to the teacher who will release the student.

If Mrs McCormack is not available please see Mrs Sheen first then Mrs Rozario.

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School is now accepting enrolments for Four Year Old Kindergarten 2015.

Applications for children with birth dates between the following dates will be accepted: 01 July 2010 and 30 June 2011. 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

Please note that if you already have a child attending this school and you will have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015, 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 27 June 2014.

Interviews will be conducted during Term Three, 2014.

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.

UNIFORMS

We have reduced the price of the old style coloured faction shirts. These shirts can be worn on faction carnival days or at home for free dress etc. Now only $10 each. Please see the order form below.

MARCH

15 CECICH, Caeley Y7
16 PUGSLEY, John PP
16 LEOPARDI, Isabella Y4
17 KAVANAGH, Tyler Y7
18 PEAGAM, Joshua Y7
21 BENNETT, Brooklyn K
27 BULL, Teagan PP
27 BALCOMBE, Caitlyn Y2
27 SINGLETON, Jasmine Y6
27 LARSEN, Dane Y7
28 ZOGHBI, Charline Y5
28 ZOGHBI, Mirabelle Y5
28 ESMONDE, Clancy Y7

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

HEDLAND TEEBALL ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION DAYS
South Hedland Shopping Centre
Saturday, 29 March 2014 – 9am to 11am
Marie Marland Reserve
Thursday, 3 April 2014 – 5pm to 6 pm
Saturday, 5 April 2014 – 9am to 11 am
Thursday, 10 April 2014 – 5pm to 6pm
6 to 12 year old boys and 6 to 13 year old girls
$60 per player and $40 for each thereafter

Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate. For any queries please call 0477 903 067
Year 6 & 7 students held their first Car Boot Sale and Car Wash on Saturday. We had a fabulous turn out of students and parents from both classes.

The kids had a ball washing the cars, and did a pretty good job. They washed approximately 50 cars in just 2 hours. Unfortunately we only had 7 people selling second hand items from their car boots. But all sellers said they did OK. We are really hoping that our next car boot sale will be a huge success. So start cleaning out those cupboards and get ready for the Term 2 Car Boot Sale – 4pm-6pm on the 21st of June. Sellers can set up from 3:30pm and it only costs $20 to set up a second hand stall. You get to take home all the money you make. A great incentive for kids to clear out some unused toys and clothes.

Congratulations to Mel McDonald who won the raffle, a lovely hamper of goodies.

Thanks again to all the parents and students! We made $800, and hope to better this amount next term. See you all then.

J Springhall
20 March 2014

Dear Staff, Students and Families of St Cecilia’s

I would personally like to thank you for aiding the Leukaemia Foundation through your recent fundraising efforts including your Sausage Sizzle and Dress-Free Day and support for Mr Peter Allen and Mrs Nicole Boland's World's Greatest Shave. In total over $3,500 has been raised through these efforts. Your generous support is vital in helping us to continue to deliver our world-class free services to patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders.

The Foundation receives no ongoing government funding and therefore relies heavily on donations from generous supporters like you to continue our work. In the last year, over 13,500 Australians are projected to be diagnosed with leukaemias, lymphomas or myeloma; the equivalent of nearly 31 people per day.

The Leukaemia Foundation is a national organisation that provides tangible care for patients and their families such as accommodation, transport, support services, education and practical support. As well as funding cutting edge research into better treatments and hopefully one day, a cure for blood cancer.

Thank you once again - we truly appreciate your help, as do our patients and we look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Claire Smith
Community Relations Coordinator

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Port Hedland Out of School Care has an exciting Vacation Care Program lined up this APRIL!

Would you like your child to......
* Be part of our career day?
* Be involved in our community?
* Care for our environment?

Does your child show interest in drama, science and exploration?

Would you like your child to be involved in fitness and creating healthy menus?

8am-5:30pm
Located at Port Hedland Primary

Please Contact Danielle Baker (Director) for more information on: 0428 340 040

FOSTER CARE
Building a strong Pilbara community now and for future generations.

Pilbara children in care need Pilbara carers who care!

Pilbara children need Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal carers for planned weekend visits, emergency, short term and long term care.

Training, support, and subsidies payments will be provided. Please call Kate Priest or Annette Fulford on 08 6024 0400, or Foster Care and Adoption Services on 1800 462 774 for more information.

www.cfps.wa.gov.au

Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply.

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Meet Year Two’s Sock Puppets.

My name is Freddy. I like to play rugby and do flips on the trampoline.

My name is Elsa. I like to play and eat apples.

My name is Buzz. I like to ride my bike and watch movies.

My name is Sarah. I am good at jumping and jogging.

My name is Bobby. I like to eat rice and meat.

My name is Taj. My hobby is surfing. I can do a lot of tricks.

My name is Killer. I can fly and be invisible.

My name is Elizabeth. I like to eat chicken rice. I can do flips with no hands.

My name is Majesty. I like to play. I can dance and sing.

My name is Trixie. I like to sing and dance. I am flexible.
My name is Fluffy. I like sleeping.

My name is Rosie. I like Cheesy Rice. I can jump.

My name is Queen. I like cupcakes. I like to go to parties.

My name is Flying Ninga. I like Chicken Treat.

My name is Mr Mayor. I like to help. I can write.

My name is Lisa. I like to dive in the pool.

My name is Vanessa. I can do a cartwheel.

My name is Sophie. I can do two backflips at once.

My name is Tali. I like to dance.

My name is Caidence. I like to dance.

My name is Shayley. I like to jump and dance.

My name is Ella. I like to play soccer.

My name is Kevin. I like playing soccer.

My name is Stampy. I can run fast.

My name is Robin. I can slam dunk.

My name is Lutu. I can do gym.
The next P&F meeting will be held in Term 2, on Tuesday 6th May—8.30am in the library. If you would like to receive minutes from meetings or include topics for the agenda, please email: stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com

ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATIONS
St Patricks Day was celebrated with decorative green cupcakes, which were baked and artistically decorated by a number of parents. The cupcakes were distributed to all of the children through the school.

An egg substitute was used and gluten/dairy intolerances were also catered for. For information on the egg substitute and the recipe used for the cupcakes, please email the P&F on the address provided below.

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