Prayer

Loving God,
I am just beginning to realize how much you love me. Your son, Jesus was humble and obedient. He fulfilled your will for him by becoming human and suffering with us. I ask you for the desire to become more humble so that my own life might also bear witness to you. I want to use the small sufferings I have in this world to give you glory.
Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth. Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus. Help me to be with Jesus in this week as he demonstrates again his total love for me. He died so that I would no longer be separated from you. Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you.
Amen

From the Principal’s Desk

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News Letter

Term 1 Week 8 - Thursday 28 March 2013

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Coming Events

Friday 29 March
Good Friday Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Monday 01 April
Easter Monday Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 02 April
Easter Tuesday Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 03 April
School resumes

Thursday 04 April
8.45am Easter Assembly Y2

Monday 08 April
Last AASS Y4-7
SCHOOL

Tuesday 09 April
Uniform Workshop 7.00pm

Wednesday 10 April
Uniform Workshop 8.30am

Thursday 11 April
Assembly Y5
Last AASS Y1-3

Thursday 18 April
Anzac Day Assembly Y6

Friday 19 April
Last day of school for Term One

Monday 06 May
First Day back at school
for Term Two 2013

Accompanying this newsletter:
• Term 2 2013 Canteen Menu
• Easter Information Sheet for families

Faith Family Friendship

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.
and really look forward to seeing how they develop during the year.

Year One
Wow, watching the Year One students going through their Palm Sunday celebration made me wish I was really young again. They really got into the spirit of Palm Sunday and showed us how the real participants would have acted. I was watching the parents in the church and they all enjoyed the liturgy. Congratulations to Miss Berry and Mrs McGrath for the effort you and the children put in.

Year 7s and 2015
At this stage the state government has stated that Year 7s will move into high school at the beginning of 2015. In 2014, the Year 6 and 7s will be going on camp, making their Sacrament of Confirmation and graduating all in the same year. There will be some issues which need to be ironed out before I can give parents a definite answer to the many questions you will have. The local primary school principals will be meeting this year to work with the high school on how best to accommodate this move. Hopefully, as the year progresses we will be given a clearer picture to work from. If you have questions please ask me although I may not be able to give you an immediate answer.

School Based Immunisation
From 2013 onwards the human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) will also be offered to boys. The standard school-based immunisation program, previously provided in Year 7, will be suspended in 2013 to allow for "catch-up" HPV vaccination of boys in Years 8, 9 and 10. The standard school-based immunisation program will re-commence in 2014 in Year 8 for male and female students. The move to Year 8 students will mean that the program will no longer be offered in many primary schools, as such this may be the last report you receive.

Nut and Egg free school
Thank you to the families who have supported this. I realise there has been some disagreement over the decision but I want parents to understand that this is a ‘duty of care’ issue for the students concerned. My responsibility is to provide a safe environment for every child attending the school. I did discuss the issue with the Catholic Education Office and they told me I have made the correct decision based on the information I have. When more information comes to me I may be able to lift the total ban on eggs.

Medical
A new medical form is sent home every year for parents to fill in. This keeps the school informed of any change in student’s medical conditions. These forms have been sent and we are slowly receiving them back. If you have a medical form at home please send it in to help keep our records correct. This applies to all families regardless of whether your children have a medical condition or not.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Students with Action Plans for Anaphylaxis or Asthma are required to have their action plans updated every year, and a copy of the new plan given to the school. This is important as circumstances change from year to year. For example, children grow and the Epi-Pen Junior they have been issued with might not be strong enough anymore. This also applies to Asthma plans.

The school has purchased 20 Ventolin Inhalers and spacers to put in the bags teachers carry on duty. Epi-Pens and Inhalers have a ‘use by date’ and lose their effectiveness after the expiry date has passed.

Easter
Are we ready to enter Holy Week with Jesus?
It might seem difficult to connect the Gospel from Palm Sunday with Holy Week which leads us to Easter - the greatest feast for all Christians. Looking at the gospel we see Christ almost doing a caricature of a king, parading on a young horse, (other gospel accounts tell us it is a donkey), entering Jerusalem and being acclaimed by the people. In just a few days they will not be acclaiming him and even those closest to him will be denying him. Yet this entrance into Jerusalem seems necessary, as though Jesus allows this moment because he is king and should be acknowledged so - “I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out". So how do we find ourselves in these days that are ‘knocking on the door of Easter’? Are we ready to enter with Jesus in celebration into Holy Week, and then continue the journey with him, alone, betrayed to the cross but with the greatest hope of salvation through His Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning? Unfortunately we may have some baggage when it comes to Easter and the Church, either through our own misunderstandings or because we don't come from a background where Easter has been put in its proper context - that is the idea that we need to be sad and go to church a lot because it is part of doing penance, sacrificing etc..... Nothing could be further than the truth. Even worse is that if we are no longer regularly participating in the life of the Church we have to struggle to cast off the layers of guilt because we are not ‘doing Easter’ in the Church. Sadly we have missed the point if this is what we will struggle with and all that we will be left with when this Easter has passed. Easter is an active celebration of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Active because this Easter coming has never happened before, active because we are invited to live these days, not just to follow the play and do the rituals, and most importantly active because this week leads to the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus in our lives, in our reality exactly as it is.

So in the days ahead whether we are here in town, away or wherever, allow the event of Easter to reach you, in whatever small way let the walls down so that the message of Jesus Christ may enter our lives on Easter Sunday morning.
This is a picture of Jerusalem looking down from the Mount of Olives. This is very similar to what it looked like when Jesus was around. The land is hilly and there are stones and rocks everywhere. The Mount of Olives was where Jesus and the twelve disciples spent the last supper, in the Garden of Gethsemane which is located at the bottom of the mount.

I hope you all have a safe, happy and holy Easter. Remember Tuesday 02 April is a holiday for Catholic Schools.

God Bless

Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES
St Cecilia's - Port Hedland
Tue, Wed & Thu Morning Mass 8.00am
Friday Morning Mass 7.15am
Saturday Evening Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am
St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Wednesday Night Mass 6.00pm
Saturday Evening Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9.30am
(after 9.30 communion round)
Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

EASTER PROGRAMMES - 2013

St. John the Baptist Parish
15 Lovell Place South Hedland

HOLY THURSDAY
28 March 7.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

GOOD FRIDAY
29 March 9.30am Stations of the Cross
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Cecilia’s Catholic Church is fundraising to assist payment of repairing the church roof. Raffle tickets are available for sale at the school office at $10 each. There are four prizes to be won.
- Return airfare from Hedland to Bali for two persons, plus accommodation.
- 5 piece outdoor furniture setting and Engel Ice Box
- Ladies jewellery, perfume and quilt
- Photograph and Gift Hamper

Support our church today and buy a raffle ticket from the office!

Lent and our Chick-a-Thon

A huge thank you to our Year Seven leaders for their incredible organisation and leadership with the Chick-a-thon. What a success we have had this year! We have raised as a school community to date $2567.25. Thank you to Mrs Springhall and the Year Seven class for keeping the spirit of giving alive in our school during Lent. If you still have any Project Compassion boxes at home, could you please bring them into the office so we can finalise our payment to Caritas Australia. Thank you once again for your generous contribution.

Staff Retreat

What a successful retreat this was for our staff! We spent the night at Indee Station where we were able to get away from the pressures of daily life.

The retreat had opportunities for reflection, prayer, Mass, a deep exploration of Scripture and connecting with the land. The staff looked deeply at the ‘extraordinary in the ordinary’ from a range of perspectives, including Aboriginal spirituality and Jesus in his time - first century Palestine. What a thought-provoking two days we had! Some reflections/feedback from staff included:

“I have gained a much deeper understanding of the Catholic values which is great. I also really enjoyed Lizzy’s Aboriginal stories and perspectives…”

“I loved getting to meet staff in a relaxed atmosphere away from the pressures of school. Changed my perspective about some people. I loved listening to all the presentations.”

“The retreat meant a lot to me in so many ways. I gained great knowledge about Israel, the Scriptures in the Bible, thinking outside the square in respect to Scriptures or information that I come across.”

“Sharing with staff, being out of Hedland and experiencing nature has refreshed me and enlightened me. To get ‘away’ literally has been amazing.”
Holy Week Assemblies
Thank you to teachers and students of Year One, Four and Seven for leading such beautiful Holy Week assemblies. So much work goes into organising a class to lead these special occasions – we thank you!
Our Easter assembly will be led by Year Two on Thursday 4 April after the Easter weekend. This will be followed by the P&F Easter raffle. We hope you can join us in the church after the morning bell to celebrate the Risen Christ!
Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

CHICK-A-THON
At the start of this Lent we have been taking part in the Chic-a-thon. This is when we help raise money for Caritas Australia. Thank you to all the parents and students who have helped to raise an enormous total of $2,567.25 and nearly 257 chickens. Everyone has helped to make this programme a success, but especially, the Year Seven students who have spent their time counting and organis- ing this. In the end the Year Three's donated the most money, but everyone did a wonderful job. Congratulations St Cecilia's!
By Aditya Gupta
School Captain

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

UNIFORM WORKSHOPS
The uniform shop is low on boys shirts and these are no longer available. Therefore we are wanting to organise a uniform committee to look at the options the school has regarding the boys academic uniform and the school sports uniform. We are calling for parents and staff to come to meetings to decide what to do with the uniform.
The meetings will be held on:
Tuesday 9 April at 7.00pm and Wednesday 10 April at 8.30am
We are organising to have samples sent from suppliers to look at. We will have to act fairly quickly in light of the short supply of boys academic shirts and the unavailability of them from now on.
Feel free to join in the committee as this is a whole school decision and we need to get it right.

LIBRARY NEWS
If there is anybody willing to volunteer to assist in covering new books please email me: simpson.nicola@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Any help is GREATLY appreciated!
Mrs Nicola Simpson
Library Teacher

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. From Monday 8 April until Sunday 9 June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources. Earn and learn points sheets can be collected from Woolworths after the 8 April for you to fill up and bring back to school.
Thank you for your support.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
WOW!! What an amazing day we all had at the Faction Swimming Carnival for 2013. All students did their best and supported each other throughout the day. I was pleased with the Pre-Primary to Year Two students who participated. Their confidence in the water was amazing. The cheering could be heard from afar and all Factions were in good spirits. Here are the results for the Faction Swimming Carnival:

Canty - 1480 point
Mathews - 1150 points
Costello - 1105 points

A huge congratulations to all those who participated and also a very special thank to the parents who helped out with practices and also on the day. We could not have run the day without your help!
There is a separate letter going out to those students who will be representing our school in the Interschool Carnival today.
There will be a special morning assembly after the bell next Wednesday 03 April to announce the swimming Champion and Runner Up students from Years Three to Year Seven.
Mrs Poharama
Sports Teacher

CANTEEN COMPETITION
We will be running a competition in the last few weeks of school. When you order your lunch please decorate your lunch bag with colourful pictures of healthy foods (you may do this at home). The winner will receive a healthy lunch on the last day of Term One.

MERIT AWARDS

March
18 PEAGAM, Joshua Y6
20 TUCKER, Rani Y6
23 HINCH, Ella Y7
23 HINCH, Georgia Y7
27 BALCOMBE, Caitlyn Y1
27 SINGLETON, Jasmine Y5
28 ZOGHBI, Charlie Y4
28 ZOGHBI, Mirabelle Y4
28 ESMONDE, Clancy Y6
30 BOLTON, Breanna Y7
CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED
Please see Kelly in the canteen to discuss your offers of assistance.

Even half an hour any morning of the week 8.30am to 9.00am would be appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP HELPERS NEEDED
We require volunteers to help with filling orders before/after assembly each Thursday. Any offers of help would be appreciated. Please see Hilary in the office.

Nude Food Wednesday (held once a fortnight on odd weeks - Week 9 and 11)
Starting in Week 9 once a fortnight we will be holding Nude Food Days at our school. Students are asked to bring a healthy recess and lunch to school in reusable packaging. No chip packets, yoghurt containers, juice boxes etc. Make it simple and stick to water. Fruit is a simple recess to pop in the lunch box and we will be collecting fruit scraps for composting. If you wish to place a lunch order on Nude Food Wednesday please pop the order in a reusable container or lunch box and your child will receive their lunch in the container to take home and use again. Visit www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au/mydesktop for more information.

Together we can make a difference!

COMMUNITY NEWS

FUN, FRIENDS AND FITNESS - PLAY AFL!
The HJFA and its fully incorporated Committee invite players of all age groups to join the Association for the 2013 season. We have 4 great teams with colours, songs and jumpers for you to choose your favourite team and get out and have a kick!
Registrations for the HJFA 2013 season are now open. You can register for footy in the following categories:

AFL Auskick
Pre Primary –Year 3 Cost $70
Playing Wednesdays 5.30 – 6.30 starting 15 May
AFL Juniors Year 4 -7 Cost $50
Playing Wednesdays 5.30 – 6.30 starting 15 May
Auskick can register online anytime at: www.aflauskick.com.au
Juniors and Auskick can register on the ‘Have a Try Night’ on the 12 April at 5pm at Marie Marland Reserve. Contact Christine on 0437 941 525, Or Lisa on 0438 402 135
Play AFL- It’s OUR GAME!

LITTLE LEAGUE NW REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
Over the weekend, Port Hedland’s Junior Baseball team, the “Hedland Reds” played in the NW Regional Tournament against Karratha and Newman. On Saturday we played Karratha first and won 13 – 6. We then played Newman and also won 14 – 3. We went straight into the finals, and played Karratha in a close game, winning 4 – 2. This was very exciting as now the Hedland Reds are heading to Perth on Thursday 28th March, for the Easter weekend to play in the State Tournament.

We are playing Geraldton in the best of five games, to decide the WA Regional team that will then go to Gold Coast for the National Championships in June.

Students from St Cecilia’s that are in the team are myself, Jack Bowins, Bayley Warren, Dylan Taylor, Ash Elsum and Noah Atkins. We are looking forward to a very exciting weekend and will keep you posted with the results.

By Jack Babic
The Year Three class has been talking about the celebration of Easter and what it means to each of us. As you can see, spending time with our family is very important and while some of us enjoy eating chocolate eggs, we also remember that Easter is a time to think about Jesus. However you choose to celebrate, we all hope you have a wonderful Easter.

I like Easter because you get to collect eggs in an Easter egg hunt.—Toby

I like Easter because you can play with your family and eat eggs together.—Cullen

I go to church with my family on Easter Sunday. Easter is special to me because it reminds me of special things that have happened.—Jackson

Easter makes me happy because we go on holidays and spend time with each other.—Morgan

Easter reminds me of other good times with my family.—Ella

I like spending time with my family at Easter.—Brianna

At Easter I like to think about good times with my family.—Jordan

I like when the Easter Bunny hides eggs and you need to find them.—Izzy

I like Easter morning because when I wake up there is a surprise.—Braxon

Happy Easter from the Year Three
On Easter Sunday I go to church with my family to remember that Jesus forgave our sins. — Kimiery

I like Easter because I get to spend time with my family, drink hot chocolate and find eggs. — Emma V.

On Easter morning we go to church. I like Easter because I can share my eggs with my brother and sister. — Olivia

I like eating eggs at Easter. — Joseph

I like to spend time with my family and friends at Easter. — Ben

I like spending time with my family at Easter — Ryan

I like Easter because I get to eat chocolate and watch Hop as many times as I want. — Shannon

I like waking up on a fresh new morning. — Jacob

At Easter I go to church with my family. I like Easter because Jesus forgave our sins. — Emma S.

I like going to Church with my family and then hunting for Easter eggs. — Menushi

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I like to spend time with my family and friends at Easter. — Ben

I like Easter because we remember Jesus and God. — Sophie

On Easter Sunday I go to church with my family to remember that Jesus forgave our sins. I also like eating chocolate eggs. — Kimberly

I like Easter because we remember Jesus and God. — Sophie

I like spending time with my family at Easter — Ryan

I remember to pray more for Jesus at Easter. — Mackenzie

I like Easter because I spend time with my family and friends. — Bethany

I like going to Church with my family on Easter Sunday. I also like Easter because it is the day that Jesus rose from the dead. — Jayden

I like Easter because we go to Church and because Easter reminds me of
Calling all kids!

Are you the next Junior Master Chef? Do you love to cook or help Mum and Dad in the kitchen? The P&F are publishing a cookbook! Why not enter your favourite recipe, and it could be chosen to feature in our very own St Cecilia’s Cookbook! Don’t forget to tell us why your recipe is so awesome!

Go online and enter it here:
PublishedAuthors.com.au

Or email it to me and I will upload it for you - ekmerlo@hotmail.com

Parents – you can enter yours too! We might have a bit of room left after the kids have finished.

Easter Raffle

A big thank you to everyone who donated Easter treats for the children and staff Easter raffle. We hope the lucky winners enjoy and share their prizes with family and friends. The kids get so excited, listening for their names and those of their friends.

The Easter raffle will be drawn on Thursday week 9 after the Year Two Easter assembly in the church.

The P&F would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter.

Fete News

We have set a date!
Saturday 22 June
Please keep this date free!

We need parents to help with the class stalls. If you can help your class, please let your child’s teacher know. We need help with planning the stall and getting a roster of parents set up to help on the day.

Donations needed!

For the White Elephant and Second Hand Book Stalls. Books can be dropped off at the office now. Please hold on to any goods that you think would be good for the white elephant stall. We will start collecting them soon.

Thank You!

A huge shout out to Goodline and Mc Mullen Nolan Group for organising and painting our new four square and hopscotch games. The kids are having a ball.

Calendars

Unsold calendars will be available in the office to collect free of charge.