FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians

What an amazing, sensational, outstanding event the “St Cecilia’s, Goodline Community Fete” was last Saturday. From the minute the day began which was at 8.00am sharp until the last person left the day, was filled with helpful, joyful people assisting in so many ways to help make the day a total success.

The atmosphere was just astounding as everyone joined in with the day. There were happy faces everywhere, on children, staff and parents: the day was a total blast! We have had so many people calling or emailing the school to let our P&F know, that they organised an incredible event that was appreciated not only by our school community but also the wider Hedland community.

I cannot thank our sensational P&F enough for making the fete such a wonderful experience. My thanks go out to all the parents, staff and students who volunteered their time to help set up, run the stall and clear up after the event. We had so many people helping on the day that it was just wonderful to watch. Thank you also to the terrific Dads who spent so much time working on lighting, shade sails, moving tables and chairs and bunting. We had so many volunteers, even grandparents, so thank you to all of you.

It was great to have a variety of stall holders from the wider community join in the day.

We had an outstanding Committee running the fete who never faulited. From the initial planning at the beginning of the year, they continued to plan, prepare and hold numerous meetings to ensure that everything would run smoothly on the day, and it did. Congratulations to you all!

We raised over $30,000.00, the final figure still to be calculated.

Look at the back page to see some great pictures of the day.

I studied the lives of great men and famous women, and found that the men and women who got to the top were those who did the jobs they had in hand with everything they had of energy and enthusiasm and hard work.

Harry S. Truman

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.
Farewell to Jenny Neervoort
It is always sad when we need to say farewell to staff and we have been very fortunate to have had Jenny with us for the past two years. Jenny has been our Teacher Assistant in the Pre-Primary area and will be sadly missed by both the students and the parents. Jenny is always ready to help out in so many ways and is constantly thinking of the students and how she can assist them in their learning environment.
All the best to you Jenny and thank you for everything.

St John the Baptist
Today our students joined together to celebrate the feast day of John the Baptist led by Father Tom. As you would be aware John the Baptist is the name of the South Hedland Church and our two Parishes look after our school. We have students from both Parishes and it is a wonderful opportunity to be able to celebrate both Feast days of our Parishes each year.
John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus and was the son of Mary’s Sister Elizabeth. He went out to the outskirts preaching to the people and baptizing them. When Jesus was ready to begin his ministry he went to seek out John and asked him to Baptise him in the River Jordan.
Congratulations to the Parish and we celebrate with you on this great day.

Tournament of Minds Training
We are so fortunate to have Kathy Boyatzis coming once again to Port Hedland to run our students through a workshop to assist them as they prepare for the Tournament of Minds challenge later in August. Children from Years Four, Five, Six and Seven are invited to become a member of the TOMS team and have been working on their challenges. The workshop will take place on Monday 28 June in the hall from 8.30am until 11.00am. Students may wear their sports uniform with the green shirt.

Transition to High School
Our Year Seven students have now had the chance to attend orientation at the Hedland Senior High School this week. They came back to school with many positive comments from their experience. Transition will begin in Week One next term, with the students first on Wednesday 21 July. They will then continue attending the High School each Wednesday until the end of the year. The Students will need to wear the HSHS uniform kindly given to them by the High School as well as covered in Shoes. The Students do not need to wear the St Cecilia’s shoes to the high school on Wednesdays, but will still need to wear their correct shoes on the other days of the week.
Parents will be responsible for the transportation of students to and from the high school during transition.

Cleaner for Parish Centre
It is envisaged that over the next few months more use will be made of the Parish Centre as a meeting place and for short term accommodation. This will necessitate regular cleaning of approximately two hours per week. Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist would you please contact Father Mark on 9173 1687 or 0427 470 101.

Auditions
Auditions for the musical at the end of the year will take place in Week Two of Term Three. We will be performing two musicals at the end of the year, juniors and seniors.
Juniors (Kindergarten to Year Three) auditions will take place on Tuesday 27 July between 11.00am – 12.20pm.
Senior (Years Four to Seven) auditions will take place on Thursday 29 July between 1.00pm – 2.00pm.
Scripts will be given out before the holidays for the students to view.

Mid-Year Reports
It is hard to believe that the first half of the school year is nearly over. It only seems like yesterday that the first day of school was here and everyone was in new classrooms and making new friends. Six months later it is time to look back and see the progress that has happened, as well as looking forward to setting new goals for the second half of the year.
Tomorrow you will receive your child’s report. This written report provides an opportunity to read about your child’s progress and the steps he or she has taken over the year so far. Class teachers have written comments on English and Mathematics which outline the skills that students have demonstrated and tasks completed. Students have been involved in topics appropriate to their year level with research and the presentation of information that supports the development of new understandings. Where
appropriate, teachers will include suggestions for helping your child in areas where they need extra support to achieve their best. Teachers will also make comments on your child’s social development. This aspect of the report will enable you to gain an understanding of how your child relates to others at school and some of the social skills and work habits they are demonstrating.

Please take the time to sit down with your child over the holidays and look at the report together to help them understand the things they are doing well and how they can improve. I really enjoyed reading each of the reports and congratulate the students on some wonderful progress.

Parenting
Self esteem is an important factor in how we cope with life. The confidence that children carry through to their adult life depends largely on us, parents and teachers, how we treat them and what messages we give. Some of the key ingredients to boosting children’s confidence and self-esteem are:

Discipline: Teaching children to behave well and show self-control and consideration towards others makes them more confident. Firm discipline which allows children to make mistakes and learn from them actually increases their self-confidence.

Affection: Affection is the chicken soup for the soul. Being cuddled and held, danced with, lying or sitting together reading a book, are all ways of helping children to feel good about themselves. A recent study has shown that one of the major factors in adolescent male suicide is lack of parental affection. It is the lack of expression of feeling that causes the severe loneliness that many teenagers feel.

Making a contribution: Valuing our children’s input to the family increases their self-esteem. They know they matter because the family needs their input.

Enjoyment: When we spend time with our children we need to choose activities that we enjoy doing ourselves. With older children it is more often the parent of the same sex who provides this aspect. The greatest protection from vulnerability to peer group pressure is the friendship of the same-sex parent. We need to take time to enjoy our children; gifts and treats do not replace us or our time.

Praise: Our children need specific and real compliments. Make sure that they are not always related to achievement; acknowledge the effort as well. Sometimes children need to know that they are valued because they are a nice human being. They value our compliments most if they are honest, realistic and specific.

Being a parent is an important job; a job that is full of trial and error. Underpinning the task is an unrelenting commitment of love and protection for the most important ‘asset’ anyone could ever have.

God Bless

Paula Mackenzie
Principal

FACTS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION
INTRODUCTION
“The Australian Government is undertaking a School Funding Review of schools for school funding post 2012. There is also a Federal Election to be held later this year.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia are seeking to obtain from both the Government and the Opposition the provision of ongoing funding for Catholic schools at least the same level in real terms.

To assist with the campaign, the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia would like to provide information regarding Catholic education for parents and friends of Catholic students to discuss with local candidates regarding their stance on future Catholic education funding and for parents and friends to be in a position to make an informed decision come closer to the election.”

FACTS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Catholic schools have been providing quality education for Australian children for over 180 years.
There are approximately 1700 Catholic schools in Australia, with an enrolment of almost 700,000 students – that is 1 in 5 of all Australian school students.

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Two out of every five Catholic schools are located outside of Australia's major cities. In Australia, the Catholic school system employs over 78,000 people. This is more people than the entire Australian workforce involved in the manufacturing of motor vehicles, or the same number of people that are employed across every single department store in Australia.

FUNDING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Catholic school students receive significantly less government funding than students in government schools.

Some of this gap is made up by contributions from parents and parishes through fees and levies, however Catholic schools strive to keep fees low so that schools remain accessible.

PARISH NEWS

WEekEnd Mass Times

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
Saturday 7.15pm
Sunday 10.00am

ST CECILIA'S PARISH
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8.30am
Mon-Fri 8.00am Morning Prayer & Mass

REligIOUS EDUCATION
On Tuesday night we held our first parent meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turn out of students and parents. Over the next coming weeks the students will be busily preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation with their parents and teachers. The enrolment masses will be held at St Cecilia’s and St John the Baptist this weekend. Thank you to the sacramental team for all the effort, enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra mile.

Mrs Ramshaw
Assistant Principal Religious Education

MERIT AWARDS

18 June 2010

Yr 1: Chloe Allen  Olivia Mitchell
     Aileirah Taylor  Charline Zoghbi

Yr 2: Jed Marsden

Yr 3: Lachlan Galovic

Yr 4: Kyle Gould  Benson Mbenjele
      Ashley Pascoe

Yr 6: Jack Barker  Tareah Britton
      Jordan Mathews  Chloe McDonnell

Yr 7: Alexis Damian  Keriana Eaglesome

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

08 Jun  Lene Logghe (Kindergarten)
08 Jun  Holly Spurling (Year Three)
09 Jun  Mackenzie Walker (Kindergarten)
11 Jun  Kevin Phillips (Year Seven)
12 Jun  Lexis Rohrlach (Year Two)
14 Jun  Eoin Vickery (Kindergarten)
14 Jun  Clementine Wall (Year Two)
14 Jun  Riley Caswell (Year Four)
16 Jun  Holly Bolton (Year Seven)
19 Jun  Kylie Wiltshire (Year One)
20 Jun  Olivia Mitchell (Year One)
20 Jun  Georgia Meszaros-Simon (Year Three)
23 Jun  Jeneveive Zoghbi (Year Six)
25 Jun  Georgia Gear (Year Six)
25 Jun  Olivia Perkins (Year Six)
25 Jun  Keanu Rohrlach (Year Seven)
27 Jun  Emily Gould (Year Five)
29 Jun  Lily Fisher (Year Four)
29 Jun  Baze Nematollahi (Year Six)
03 Jul  Geriene Seno (Year Four)
04 Jul  Georgia Latham (Year Two)
04 Jul  Elyse Phillips (Year Four)
05 Jul  Kelsey McColl (Year Four)
07 Jul  Jordan Mathews (Year Six)
09 Jul  Alice Shields (Year Five)
10 Jul  Matthew Cowley (Year Six)
13 Jul  Kiralee Vrancic (Year Five)
18 Jul  Harrison Lockley (Year Five)

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

SPORT

Last Friday we held the Interschool Cross Country at the Port Hedland Racetrack. It was a gruelling race for all competitors. Well done to our students for competing with such enthusiasm, excitement and determination. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped on the day.

Tomorrow we will be competing in the Interschool Athletics Carnival, the last Carnival for the Term. The Carnival will begin at 9.00am at the Colin Matheson Oval. The students will be bussed back to school at the completion of the Carnival and go home at the end of the day as usual. We wish our students the best of luck!

Mrs Ramshaw
Physical Education Coordinator

CANTEEN CLOSED

The Canteen will be closed on Friday 02 July.
All students will need to supply their own recess and lunch on this day.
HOMEWORK CENTRE
A reminder for those who attend homework centre. There will be no homework centre next week, Week Eleven. There is no homework centre in the first and last week of each term.

ZINNIA PLANTS
Free to a good home….all zinnias. Contact Mr Sta Maria in Year Four. Plants must go before the school holidays.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School is now accepting enrolments for Four Year Old Kindergarten 2011:
Children with birth dates between the following dates will be accepted:
Four Year Old Kindergarten:
01 July 2006 and 30 June 2007.

If you wish to enrol your child, we require a copy of the following to be returned with the application form:
- Birth Certificate
- Immunisation record
- Baptism certificate any denomination (If applicable)
- Immunisation record
- $50 non refundable enrolment fee per child.

Please note that if you already have a child attending this school and you will have a child starting Kindergarten in 2011, you will also need to complete an Application Form and pay the $50 Enrolment Fee.

Interviews will be conducted during Term 3, 2010.

For further information please contact the school office.

Being a Catholic Primary School we have a priority of access:
1. Baptised Catholic students from the Parish with a Parish Priest reference
2. Baptised Catholic students from another Parish with a Parish Priest reference
3. Other Baptised Catholic students
4. Siblings of non-Catholic students
5. Non-catholic students from other Christian denominations
6. Other non-Catholic students

Application Forms are available from the school office.

Applications close Friday 25 June 2010, the end of Week Ten Term Two.

UNIFORM SHOP
Size 20 grey shorts now available from the uniform shop.
Mrs Mellberg
Uniform Shop Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS
Pilbara and Kimberley Care
South Hedland
Our clients and staff would like to extend a great big THANKYOU to all that assisted in helping donate or sent my email on to other amazing networks.
From the list below we are glad to say that only a few items remain that we need assistance with so I am hoping someone out there may have or know of someone that has the items that we need:
- Fish filter and pump
- Warm men’s clothing, preferably tracksuit or men’s jeans.
- DVD or music CD preferably comedy with the DVD
- Pot plants or cuttings we are hoping to get our garden a bit more greener so palms and trees if you have any spare we would really appreciate any assistance. We have just started our garden and have some tomatoes and basil and chilli so far.
- Towels and flannels
- Cast iron cookware for cooking outside on coals or any BBQ cooking utensils

Also to let you know there is a lot of horse manure at the South Hedland stables. The people there would be greatly appreciative of seeing as much as possible of it going as soon as possible!

Parents and Friends’ Federation of Western Australia Inc.
THE INDEPENDENT VOICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS IN WA SINCE 1954

Wine & Cheese Open Forum
Do you have an opinion on:
- the MySchool website?
- the role of the P&F Associations/Parent Councils?
- The cost of books and uniforms and other levies?

Join us in an informal setting where we can openly discuss and formulate the position of parents of children in Catholic schools on these issues. This is an open forum and we welcome your input. Where:
PFFWA is located upstairs at St Peter’s Primary School 101 Wood Street, Inglewood Phone: 9271 5909
Year Three’s Magnificent Hot Air Balloons

Did you know that the first ever hot air balloon flight occurred in 1783 and had a duck, sheep and rooster on board as passengers?

Did you know that the Parachute of a hot air balloon is called an envelope?
Did you know that hot air balloons can come in any shape, size or form.

Did you know that the first ever hot air balloons were made out of paper and cloth?

Did you know the first ever hot air balloon flight only lasted for 8 minutes?
**WINNERS**
by Nancye Sims

Winners take chances like everyone else,
They fear failing, but they refuse to let fear control them.

Winners don’t give up,
When life gets tough, they hang in until the going gets better.

Winners are flexible.
They realise there is more than one way and they are willing to try others.

Winners know they are not perfect.
They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.

Winners fall, but they don’t stay down.
They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing.

Winners don’t blame fate for their failures,
Nor luck for their successes.

Winners accept responsibility for their lives.

Winners are positive thinkers who see good in all things.
From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.

Winners believe in the path they have chosen even when it’s hard,
Even when others can’t see where they are going.

Winners are patient.
They know a goal is only as worthy as the effort that’s required to achieve it.

Winners are people like you.
They make this world a better place to be.