God abounds in faithfulness towards you. That means that His faithfulness is only measured by one standard – abundance! It is a faithfulness of the highest quantity, the largest portion, the highest rank and the finest quality. It is a faithfulness that brings God’s “more than enough” into your life.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians

At Mass this week we were reminded of Jesus as the Good Shepherd leading us with love and care. Jesus watches over us and provides us with all we need to live a happy and fulfilled life. Take the time to sit and talk with your family and spend time with each other. Life is so busy it is good to make time to be together and listen to each other.

Anzac Day

Last Friday we saw Miss Fox and the
On the 25th of April each year, we remember the brave men and women who have served our country in times of war. ANZAC Day is probably Australia’s most important national occasion. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACs and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

On April 25, Australians and New Zealanders celebrate the first major battle fought by the ANZACs at Gallipoli in Turkey, during World War I. The date, 25th April, was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916. During the 1920s, ANZAC Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the 60,000 Australians who died during the war. The first year in which all the States observed some form of public holiday together on ANZAC Day was 1927. By the mid-1930s all the rituals we today associate with the day - dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games - were firmly established as part of the ANZAC Day traditions.

With the coming of the Second World War, ANZAC Day became a day on which to commemorate the lives of Australians lost in that war as well. In subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include Australians killed in all the military operations in which Australia has been involved. It is a day to remember the courage and sacrifice of all men and women who have served their country in times of war. It is a day when Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

What is Bullying?

Any situation where a student feels unsafe in school because of bullying is not tolerated in our school. We are committed to providing safe, secure and stimulating environments for all students. As part of this commitment we have policies and guidelines to prevent and manage bullying.

Unfortunately, the word ‘bullying’ conjures up many and varied definitions that are sometimes not very helpful in resolving any unpleasant experience a student may have. Clarifying the definition of bullying is vitally important so that children, parents and staff at school approach and resolve any ‘incident’ in an appropriate manner.

Bullying is when one or more people deliberately upset or hurt another person, their property, reputation or social acceptance, and this action is repeated over time.

There are three broad categories of bullying:

Direct physical bullying - Examples include hitting, tripping or damaging property.

Direct verbal bullying - Examples include name calling, insults or verbal abuse.

Indirect bullying - This form of bullying is harder to recognise and is designed to harm someone’s social reputation. Examples include spreading rumours, encouraging others to socially exclude someone and cyber-bullying. eg. use of text messages and e-mail.

Many distressing behaviours are not examples of bullying even though they are unpleasant and often require teacher intervention and management. There are three socially unpleasant situations that are often confused with bullying:

Mutual conflict - There is an argument or disagreement between students but not an imbalance of power. Both parties are upset and usually both want a resolution to the problem. However, unresolved mutual conflict sometimes develops into a bullying situation with one person becoming targeted repeatedly for ‘retaliation’ in a one-sided way.

Social rejection - Unless the social rejection is specifically directed towards someone and involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others, it is not bullying.

Random acts - Single episodes of nastiness or physical aggression are not the same as bullying. If a student is verbally abused or pushed on one occasion they are not being bullied. Nastiness or physical aggression that is directed towards many different students is not the same as bullying

Solutions to the above variety of ‘bullying’ and ‘non-bullying’ behaviours differ greatly. It is therefore important that you contact the school with your concerns and then work with us to resolve the issue. We are committed to the happiness and well-being of every student at our school and we have different solution focused responses to each of the above situations.

During Term One, we as a school, were focusing on the topic of bullying and providing students with ways of dealing with situations such as those mentioned above. Our students were shown how to recognize bullying and many different ways of responding to bullying.
Mother’s Day
Mother’s Day is fast approaching and it is a wonderful time to stop and remember to say thank you to our Mothers for all they have done and continue to do for us and our families. At school we will have a special assembly for Mothers on Thursday 6 May led by our Year One class. There will also be a special Mother’s Day raffle drawn at the assembly. Please join us as we say a special prayer for all Mothers and wish you a very happy and peaceful day.

School Photos
It is time once again for school photos and we ask that all students be dressed in full school uniform on Monday 10 May. If this day is normally a sports day we ask that you do not dress in sports uniform but wear your full school uniform. Please make sure that shoes are polished and hair is neat and tidy. It may be a good reminder for students to have a haircut, I have noticed that a number of our boys are beginning to wear longer hair and this needs to be addressed. Please look through the school handbook if you are unsure of requirements or speak with myself or one of the teachers.

Arts Program Presentation
On Friday 30 April at 1.30pm in the undercover area we will be holding a special assembly to showcase the work our Year Four to Year Seven students have completed in their Art Classes. During the semester the students have been working on a number of different projects and they relish the chance to show this work to you, their parents. All are welcome to attend.

National Testing of Literacy and Numeracy
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), national tests will be held in literacy and numeracy for all students in Australia at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. These assessments are supported by all Education Ministers. The testing will begin on Tuesday 11 May and continue for the rest of the week. It is important for your children to be present at school to complete the tests.

The national tests will assess student’s achievement in literacy and numeracy in much the same way as they have been done in the past. Students will be familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer. The main difference is that all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 at schools across Australia will be doing the same tests on the same days.

Students will have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

National tests will provide information on how students are progressing, and support improvements in teaching and learning. These tests will make it easier to monitor student’s performance in literacy and numeracy across the nation. Over 1 million students from 9,000 schools across Australia will participate in the national tests.

This information will be used to evaluate what students can do and how they perform against the national benchmarks. You can help your child/ren by talking about these tests as a means of showing what they know and can do at this point in their schooling. Ease any anxiety by explaining that everyone in Australia will be doing this test at the same time and the testing process is an integral part of their school life.

Later in the year individual students will be given reports which will indicate their level of achievement in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar and numeracy.

If you would like further information about this program please contact the school or visit the website at www.naplan.edu.au

Attention Seeking Behaviour
Attention seeking is the most common form of misbehaviour in children and it can take many forms: eating problems, 24 hour a day questioning, showing off, constant interruptions, whining and tantrums. This kind of behaviour is very effective; it is annoying, hard to ignore and is often unknowingly reinforced by parents’ responses.

How do you know if your child’s misbehaviour is purely seeking your attention? If you are annoyed or irritated by a particular behaviour, there’s a good chance it is designed to get your attention. Ask yourself if the behaviour would stop if you ignored it. If the answer is yes, the behaviour is usually attention seeking because this type of behaviour requires feedback to continue.

Children who engage in attention seeking behaviours want to keep their parents (or teachers) busy and fully occupied. Try the following to reduce this kind of behaviour in your children:

Ignore the behaviour as much as possible. As soon as you respond, either positively or negatively, the child has won. Children will often settle for second best….negative attention is better than no attention from their perspective.

Help the attention seeker to feel useful. Give them little jobs to do and thank them for their help. They will seek this avenue more often if they feel needed.

Provide lots of positive attention…..play with them, talk to them, encourage, praise and value their efforts and contributions.

Catch children being good…..they need to get
the message that cooperative, positive behaviour gets them more attention than negative, attention seeking behaviour.

Plan to spend some time with each of your children. Sometimes children exhibit attention seeking behaviour because they feel a brother or sister is receiving all the attention (this is often the case when a new baby arrives in the house).

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the last week of Term One we celebrated Holy Week. I would like to thank all the teachers and students involved in these items for the amazing effort they put into sharing some very important messages and making it very special for everyone.

Well done to the following classes:
Year Three  Palm Sunday
Year Two  Holy Thursday
Year Five  Good Friday
Kindy  Easter Sunday

First Communion Workshop

Our first meeting for children and parents for Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday 4 May beginning at 6.00pm in the school library. It is important that you attend the meeting with your child/ren to gain a better understanding of the Sacrament so that you are involved with your child/ren’s faith journey. There are many decisions to be made about the day and we would encourage your involvement.

Mrs Ramshaw
Assistant Principal Religious Education

26 March 2010
PP: Olivia Broadfoot  Jordan Lewis
    Ella McGrath
Yr 1: Olivia Mitchell  Mirabelle Zoghbi
    Thomas Denney  Angelique Leopardi
    Phoebe Cate-Mouat
Yr 3: Angelo Damian  Shalini Mohan
Yr 4: Tess Mellberg
Yr 5: Kohi Poharama
Yr 6: Cheyanne Pierce  Jeneveive Zoghbi
Yr 7: Keanu Rohrlach

22 April 2010
Yr 1: Jade Admas  Riley Hunter
Yr 2: Lexis Rohrlach  Mitchell Warren
Yr 3: Matthew McColl
Yr 4: Thomas Barker  Emily Lowe
Yr 5: Galgalu Badolicha  Kiralee Vrancic
    Elliott Scott
Yr 7: Fiona Barr  David Clarke

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

19 Apr  Jordyn Cornelius (Year Three)
19 Apr  Emilio Gonzalez (Year Three)
20 Apr  Skye Akerman (Year Three)
20 Apr  Corbin Bellette (Year Five)
21 Apr  Alex Britcliffe (Year Two)
22 Apr  Olivia Campbell (Year One)
22 Apr  Nader Zoghbi (Year Five)
23 Apr  Mitchell Nelson (Year Seven)
24 Apr  Scarlett Foti (Kindy)
28 Apr  Aniket Mishra (Year One)
29 Apr  Hunter Neven (Year Two)
29 Apr  Josie Cecich (Year Five)

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

Friday, 4 June will be a Pupil Free Day.
The staff will be attending a Culture Awareness Day in Karratha.
GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

SPORT
During Physical Education lessons this term the students will be training to improve their skills in team games, long jump, triple jump, cross country and sprints. Please see the attached Term Calendar for all dates regarding the Athletics Carnivals this term.
Mrs Ramshaw
Physical Education Coordinator

MAKING FRIENDS
Yesterday we had a visit from Performance Tours. The show was called ‘Making Friends’. We all had a great time laughing along with the puppets and also listening to stories. The students learnt about how to make friends when attending new schools and were also given some very important information about bullying.

Busy Bee
Presently we have a number of large weeds growing on the oval and they are becoming widespread. The weeds need to be removed from the oval as they are starting to flower and contain prickles. Rather than spraying the weeds it would be good if we could remove them entirely. To make this possible we would require a large number of parents to help with the pulling out of the weeds. I would like to suggest a line of people moving together to pull out the weeds and place straight into garbage bags; once this is completed we would then spray the area.
I would like to hold the Busy Bee on Friday 7 May beginning at 4.00pm, as it will be cooler than during the midday sun. The more parents the faster to complete the job. Please bring along any tools to help remove the weeds as well as gloves as a number of the weeds have nasty prickles on them. We will finish up with a sausage sizzle and drinks.
If you are able to attend please let the office know so that we can purchase sausages and drinks. Children are welcome and may like to watch a movie in the library while their parents are working on the oval.
Hope you can help us with our weed problem and look forward to seeing you there.

CANTEEN NEWS
Please try not to send large notes for lunch orders. Where possible please tender the correct money as some students are not looking in their lunch bags for change and it is possibly going in the bin.
Mrs McLaughlin
Canteen Manageress

SCHOOL BANKING
Bankwest would like to advise that the school banking service for the students at St Cecilia’s will be changing days from the commencement of Term Two.
This service will be offered on a Friday morning between 8am and 8.30am commencing in Week 1 of Term 2.
For parents/carers and students wishing to partake in school banking they will be required to open a bank account with Bankwest in the students name at the Bankwest branch in Wedge Street Port Hedland. This service can only continue with your support.

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations of used stamps and aluminium can ring pulls. These can be brought in to the front office where they will be passed on to various charities.
Thank you.
Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

COMMUNITY NEWS
TAKE HOME AN INTERNATIONAL BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER.
Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.
Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2010 for 5 months from Europe and Scandinavia. They will attend your local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.
If you would like your children to have the opportunity to have a big brother or big sister from overseas for a semester, please call us now.
CONTACT : 1800 500 501
email : scceaustr@scce.com.au
www.scce.com.au

PARENTS & FRIENDS FEDERATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
14/15 May 2010 Fremantle
WIN free registration prizes. For every two parents who register for the conference from our school will be entered in to a draw to win back their registration fee plus a $100 voucher. For any enquiries please email liaison@pff.wa.edu.au
WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?
MAKING FRIENDS INCURSION