MOTHERS

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We ask you to bless them with assist in so many ways. A special thank you to the Bourke, Bellette and Latham families who really set to work on the oval and were not afraid to get their hands dirty. Also a special thanks to Mrs Ramshaw, Miss Coleman, Mrs Sheen, Mr Sta Maria and Mrs Rozario for their sterling efforts on weed eradication. We were blessed with Mrs McLoughlin presence, who returned to Port Hedland for a brief visit. She also joined in with our Busy Bee. I realise there was not a lot of notice, however we did manage to take away 10 bags of thorny and prickly weeds.

NAPLAN

Naplan testing began this week and will be completed by Friday. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 underwent these tests together with all students throughout Australia. Once the results arrive, later in the year they will be sent home to you, the parents, so that you can see how your children are progressing in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling punctuation and grammar.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians

We hope that all Mothers had a wonderful day on Sunday and were spoilt by their children with love and happiness. On this special day set aside to remember mothers we have the chance to tell our Mothers just how important they are to our families. Their unselfish love, their loving smiles their patience and their care.

At this time we also remember that May is the month we dedicate to Mary and it is a time we encourage all people to pray the rosary or at least a Hail Mary on a daily basis. It is a great time to pray as a family and thank God for all that we have been given.

Busy Bee

I would like to thank our wonderful families and staff who joined in so willingly with the Busy Bee on Friday afternoon. Though we were a small group we were committed to pulling out as many weeds as possible. I love the way our families and staff join in to

COMING EVENTS

17 - 21 MAY
Communio Week

19 MAY
Constable Care

20 MAY
Year Two Assembly

21 MAY
Communio Fair
11.00-12.00

25 MAY
Parent & Student Holy Communion Meeting 6-7pm

02 JUNE
Faction Jumps

03 JUNE
Year Three Assembly

04 JUNE
NO SCHOOL
PUPIL FREE DAY
STAFF PD

19 JUNE
Fete

21 JUNE
P&F Meeting

VISION STATEMENT

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.
School Photos
This week we saw school photos take place and I must say our students once again behaved beautifully. It was wonderful to see so many students wearing their correct uniform proudly with neat and tidy hair. Please remember the rules about hair. If you check the parent book you will find there is a set guide to how we ask our students to wear their hair. I believe a few parents may need a reminder of what they agreed to when they enrolled their children in our school.

Staff Changes
This term has seen some changes with staff at St Cecilia’s. Mrs Rosie Vrancic our Reading Recovery Teacher has taken on a challenge and ventured into the Kimberley region to assist students in remote areas with Reading Recovery. We wish her well and look forward to her return in Term Four. During Mrs Vrancic’s absence we will not be running our Reading Recovery Program, however we have enlisted the aid of a former Teacher, Ms Jody Tait, who will be the literacy support teacher two days per week.

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs Julia Rahman as she takes on a new role in Hedland. Julia has transformed our library and we will miss her amazing presence in Book Week this year. Julia is always quick to join in with the fun and makes our library come alive every week. We wish Julia well in her new position and hope that one day she may rejoin us at St Cecilia’s. Ms Jodie Tait will also take on the role of Library Teacher for two days per week. I am sure we will continue to still see lots of fun activities in our Library.

Extra Help
I would like to thank Trevor Quick, one of our wonderful parents who saw a broken bench in the playground and offered to fix it. It is great when we see such positive people come in and help when items are damaged. Mr Quick is also helping with some shelving in the Sports Shed. Thank you so much for your assistance, it makes a huge difference to our school.

Confidence
Confidence is the full trust and belief in oneself, a self-reliance and assurance in one’s abilities. The ‘litmus test’ for the degree of confidence a student has can be tested by how they approach new challenges. Lack of confidence is one of the greatest barriers to successful learning. Children who lack confidence have yet to learn that:
Making mistakes is an essential part of learning.

Important people love us for who we are, not for what we can do.
We all have many skills that we have not yet discovered.
Being successful means doing your best, not being better than other people.

Listed below are some ways in which you can help your child to become more confident, and therefore more successful as a learner:
• Be excited and interested in their achievements, no matter how small.
• Build on any special strengths with praise and new opportunities.
• Ensure that your children feel safe and supported in taking risks. Every child needs to learn that it is fine to make mistakes and that trying and not succeeding straight away is part of learning.
• Take a child’s interests and activities seriously. Let them see that their experiences are valuable.
• Ensure all challenges are realistic. Nothing succeeds like success and the more success children have the more confidence they bring to any new challenges.
• Carefully consider the place of competition in the life of the child. Despite what some people think, an individual’s success in life, in the things that matter, does not depend on being faster, stronger or smarter than other people. Success is about doing your best and being proud of yourself.

“If you think you can or if you think you can’t, you’re right either way.” Henry Ford

Developing Physical Skills
For young children, movement is at the centre of their lives and a major part of their development. Parents are in a unique position to guide and encourage their children in developing their physical skills. Children who are involved in physical activity every day are less likely to have problems with obesity, poor coordination or poor social skills. It is equally important to spend time throwing a ball or skipping with your child as it is to read stories with them on a regular basis. The following activities are designed to develop balance, strength, coordination and body awareness and can be short, simple tasks to provide fun and fitness on a family walk in the park; others will require a degree of preparation. Have a go at some of these with your child:

• Stand on one leg like a stork and count to ten, then try the other leg.
• Stand on tiptoes and reach for the sky (or the top shelf).
• When a child is learning to hop, you can support their weight with a broomstick held horizontally by an adult.
• Walk forwards, backwards, sideways and on tiptoes along a line.
- Do bunny hops, bear walks, donkey kicks down the passage.
- Climb hills and stairs wherever possible (encourage alternating legs).
- Roll balls of different sizes along a line to an object, or play skittles.
- Hit a ball or sock in a stocking with a ‘stick’ made from rolled up newspapers.
- Use a torch to track objects with eyes (around the body, along a line, around the door or window frame).
- Throw soft objects into a container (soft toys, socks).
- Walk along a rope or line (straight or curved, short or long).
- Make obstacle courses both inside and outside the house which involve climbing, crawling, throwing, bouncing or rolling.
- Play games like ‘Simon Says’.

Most of all…..HAVE FUN!!!

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacrament of First Eucharist
Last Tuesday the first meeting was held for the parents of students preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist. Thank you to Mrs Trish Bourke and Sister Maria for facilitating the meeting. Preparations for the Sacrament are well underway and I would like to thank all the families for their encouraging and positive participation in the program. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25 May at 6.00pm in the School Library.

Communio Week
The Communio theme for 2010 invites us to ‘Lend a Hand’. Sometimes it is easy to help others and sometimes it is a challenge to ‘Lend a Hand’; especially to people whom we may not like as much. Let us strive to reach out and ‘Lend a Hand’ to at least one person today. Let’s strive to do a small thing for another this day. In this way we can become better ‘Communio’ people; people who think about and consider others.

Communio Fair
Each class from across the School has volunteered to operate a stall at our Communio Fair to raise funds for the various organisations assisting communities throughout the Geraldton Diocese. The Communio Fair will be held during school hours from 11.00am – 12.00pm on Friday, 21 May 2010. Classes will be making preparations for their stalls and class teachers will be sending more information home regarding their requirements for their stall. All parents are welcome to join in the fun next Friday. We would love to see you there!

Mrs Ramshaw
Assistant Principal Religious Education

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

MERIT AWARDS

29 April 2010
PP: Olivia Broadfoot Jordan Lewis
Ella McGrath
Yr 1: Olivia Mitchell Mirabelle Zoghbi
Yr 2: Thomas Denney Angeline 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: Kaunu Rohrlach

06 May 2010
PP: Tyler Akerman Ryan Aspland
Alexander Lowe Kordal Walker
Yr 1: Kayla DeCourcy Kimberley Morton
Yr 2: Aniket Mishra
Yr 3: Aloura Cavey
Yr 4: Kara Nunn Toby Plant
Yr 5: Farnaz Devlaliwalla Dane Shipway
Yr 6: Cheyanne Enciso Rebekah Phillips
Yr 7: Griffin Bellette
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

03 May  Curtis Thuku-Richard (Pre-Primary)
04 May  Taj Singh (Pre-Primary)
04 May  Ruby Esmonde (Year Five)
06 May  Louisa Andersen (Year Three)
06 May  Emily Lowe (Year Four)
08 May  Daniel Perrott (Year Four)
10 May  Nicholas Merlo (Pre-Primary)
12 May  Jenae Decourcy (Kindergarten)
12 May  Chloe Allen (Year One)
13 May  Jayden Rozario (Pre-Primary)
13 May  Tyson Cotton (Year Six)
13 May  Paige Winthrop (Year Six)

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS

It is with great sadness that I leave my position as the Teacher Librarian at St Cecilia’s. It has been a very rewarding position both professionally and personally.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students, Staff and parents and would like to thank you all for the amazing support and assistance I have received.

As a school we welcome Ms Tait to the position and I know that you will offer her the same helping hands I received.

Wishing the families of St Cecilia’s the very best for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Rahman
Library Teacher

FEES DRAW

All families who paid their School Fees by Friday 19 March had their name placed in a draw for one family to receive a refund for their first child’s tuition fee. We are pleased to announce the Sahu/Mohanty family, Saransh from Year Three, the recipient of this draw. Congratulations!

DONATIONS PLEASE

We would appreciate any donations the following items:
- used stamps
- aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids

These can be brought in to the front office.
Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School’s fortnightly newsletters and class notes are available by electronic means (thereby reducing costs and helping the environment at the same time). If you are happy to receive the newsletter/school notices via this method, please complete the relevant form in the front office.

Families options are:
- No, please send me a paper copy
- Yes I would like to receive the newsletter/school notices by email.

This week’s newsletter will be distributed as requested by each family. If you or another family do not receive the newsletter in the requested format then please come to the office to amend our records.

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

PARENTS & FRIENDS FEDERATION OF WA
We are looking for an enthusiastic person to work in our Inglewood office as the Administrative Assistant. This position is for 15 hours per week, during school terms. Applications close on 13th May. An immediate start is favourable. If you are interested, please contact Joe Monterosso on 0434 606 691, email vicepresident@pff.wa.edu.au or look on our website www.pff.wa.edu.au for more information.

CRICKET SEASON IS BACK
Cricket season is back and the Port Hedland Junior Cricket Association wants you! Training starts Monday, 3rd May and continues each Monday from 4 - 5.45pm
Come on down to the McGregor St Oval, Port Hedland to the cricket nets situated near the Race Track
Two age categories:
MILO in2Cricket (5 - 10 yrs)
Junior Cricket (11 - 16yrs)
for further enquiries and registration details please contact Sam on 0407 195 706 or email: sdmason13@bigpond.com
Hope to see you there!

DALGETY HOUSE MUSEUM
is open again. if you have visitors this this season this is a great place to bring them.
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 10 am-2pm
Saturday and Sunday 11am - 1pm
Dalgety House can be opened on request by organising it with a committee member of the Port Hedland Historical Society.

CLASSIC MOVIE SERIES
The ultimate outdoor movie experience has started in Hedland, with the Classic Movie Series sponsored by BHP Billiton Iron Ore.
The West End comes alive each Saturday night and the Hedland community is invited to bring their picnic rugs, bean bags and chairs and join in all the fun at Marapikurinya Park.
At all G and PG rated movies there will also be great children’s rides and activities and movie goers are invited to dress as up as their favourite character, or in the theme of the movie, to go into the running to win a prize for best-dressed.
Each movie event will be supported by a community group who will be fundraising from the sale of food and drink.
The movie schedule for the next four weeks is the following:
Saturday May 15: Shrek (PG) – Port Hedland Primary School P&C Association
Saturday May 22: The Blues Brothers (M) – South Hedland Primary School P&C Association
Saturday May 29: The Wizard of Oz (G) – Variety WA
June 5: Goldfinger (M) – Hedland Blue Light Committee
The movies on show will be a combination of G, PG and M so that there will be an opportunity for community members of all ages to attend. Please ensure children under 15 are accompanied by an adult for PG and M rated films.
There are only a limited number of tickets for each event, so be sure to reserve your spot by obtaining them from either the Port Hedland Visitor Centre or by arriving early on the night.
Gates open at 6:00pm, with each film screening at 7:00pm. A donation for entry would be appreciated – with all proceeds raised going to the community group on the night. Suggested donations are a dollar note for adults and a gold coin for children.
Year One love their mums!
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WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

Reconciliation
18 March 2010