FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents & Guardians

This week I have taken the opportunity to speak with our senior classes. We encourage all students to be friends and enjoy each other’s company. From time to time we have the issue of boyfriends and girlfriends which causes disruption in our school days. Some students feel under pressure from peers while others are left out and feel confused. Our aim at St Cecilia’s is for students to be focused on their learning and just enjoy the time they spend with each other. I would encourage parents to speak with their children and support us as we inform students that we will not be tolerating boyfriends and girlfriends at school.

Book Fair

What an amazing week we have seen with our awesome P&F putting together Book Fair once again. Our Library was transformed as we took on the theme of “Lights, Camera Action”. As you entered into the Library it was like walking back through time when movie stars ruled. Tanya McGrath took on the role of organiser and was assisted by many of our fabulous mums. Who came to help display the books for all parents and students to purchase. They also decorated the library and hall, and helped to sell the books throughout the week. We had a wonderful evening on Monday Night when the P&F hosted the wine and cheese evening. Thank you to Wendy Comery for donating the cheese and sandwich platters once again. Wendy is a wonderful supporter of our school and is always so generous when it comes to our events. Thank you to all our generous Mums who constantly help us out and make each event magnificent.

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.
Book Fair Assembly
What an amazing sight was seen today when our students dressed up and paraded at assembly. Every year this dress up extravaganza just gets bigger and bigger. So many sensational characters could be seen; everyone got right behind the theme and dressed up. We have so many creative and talented people in our community. Some of the costumes were just outstanding. Thank you to each and every one of you for getting behind our school and being part of the day. We were very fortunate to have Northwest Telegraph come and take photos today so keep your eyes peeled for the newspaper article that will follow.

Biggest Morning Tea
After Assembly this morning our P&F hosted the Biggest Morning Tea. This is a wonderful celebration and a time when you can join as a community to have a cuppa and a chat. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this great fundraiser and a big thank you to our wonderful P&F for organising this event.

School Photo’s
Tomorrow Friday 27 May is school photo day. We look forward to seeing all our students in their full school uniform. Please remember no sports uniform today even if it is your child’s sport day. Please ensure that all black school shoes are polished and that students are wearing the correct uniform. All girls’ hair must be tied back and it would be lovely to see green ribbon if possible. I ask that no student is to wear their hair out for the photos. Boys this is a good chance to make sure your hair style is short back and sides only. We will also be taking the graduation photos tomorrow.

My Kitchen Rules
I believe we are all aware of the television programme “My Kitchen Rules” I know we have a lot of avid watchers of this programme. Well it appears that My Kitchen Rules is coming to Hedland. While it is not the television programme it is being run for all the Hedland schools. We are looking for five students who are budding cooks to represent St Cecilia’s. Students from Year Five to Year Seven are eligible. They would have a cook off on June 13 at Hedland Senior High School in the home economics room. We are also looking for a parent who may like to act as the coordinator of this special programme. Anyone who is interested in being involved as coordinator please contact Hilary in the front office. Also if your child is interested in being selected please hand their name and cooking skills into Hilary at the front office.

TOMS Workshop
We are looking forward to welcoming Kathy Boyatzis-Pascoe back once again to work with students in preparing for our TOMS team for 2011. The Tournament of Minds is a wonderful chance for our students to use their creative thinking skills in performing a challenge. On Monday we will choose a number of students to participate in the workshop and then we will choose the students who will represent the school.

Sorry Day
On Thursday June 2 we will be holding Sorry Day. The first National Sorry Day was held on May 26, 1998, which was one year after the tabling of a report about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. The report, known as Bringing Them Home, acknowledged that Indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families and communities since the early days of European occupation in Australia. Governments and missionaries were responsible for this forced separation.

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. We will hold a special assembly in the hall to remember this special day.
**Cross Country Training**

We train our students for cross country on Wednesday and Friday mornings. I know that a number of students find that wearing their normal black leather lace up shoes can be difficult. I am happy for students to bring their sports shoes to school on these days to change into just before the morning bell. I ask that they do not wear their sports shoes all day and that they do not wear them to school as there is a tendency to forget the correct shoes for these days. If students are able to follow this direction then from next week they may bring their sports shoes on Wednesday and Friday for cross country training.

**Peer Pressure**

Having a group of friends is one of the most important aspects of being a child and a teenager. A ‘Peer Group’ is a group of friends about the same age. ‘Peer Pressure’ refers to the effect that this group of friends can exert on an individual. Peer groups can be a very positive influence on a young person’s life, but they can also cause them great stress, including their parents!

Peer groups help a young person to have a sense of belonging and a sense of being valued. It provides them with a sense of security and of being understood by others who are going through the same experiences. The peer group can provide a safe environment for young people to test values and ideas, develop friendship skills and provide positive reinforcement and encouragement for the young person to develop their personality and identity.

Peer pressure often creates extra stress for young people as they want to ‘keep in’ with friends, and do things that help them belong to the group. There is nothing worse for most young people than to be shown up or embarrassed in front of their peer group. Not all young people respond in the same way to peer pressure. Some are simply more independent than others and can withstand or resist the pressure better.

Research indicates that young people who do not receive support at home are more likely to be influenced by their peer group.

The two best supports for young people who feel they are under pressure from their peer group are family and friends. It is very important for parents to keep the channels of communication open. As parents, you can provide the support to help your child resist pressure from friends or the wider peer group. Being able to talk things through with your child can enable them to see how they are being pressured unfairly or unnecessarily. Having a good friend (or two) can be critical in helping your child put things into perspective. Two people can resist pressure better than one and provide an alternative view point that can then influence peer group views and actions.

Peer groups are part of growing up and they will cause a great deal of pleasure and at times, some grief. By being aware of, and connected with your child’s friendships, you are in a better place to monitor and support them if ‘pressure’ arises.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

**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 had a very successful and informative First Communion Meeting at the St John the Baptist Parish Centre. It was wonderful to see so many children there with their families. Special thank you to our wonderful parishioners Karen, Petula and Maria for joining the Sacramental Team and running the evening. Our next meetings will be on Tuesday 14 June at 6pm at Port Hedland, and Wednesday 15 June at 6pm at South Hedland.

This Sunday 29 May, is the Enrolment Mass for those children making their First Communion. Masses will be held in both Port (8:30am) & South Hedland (10:00am) for the children to be presented to the parish community. This is also the time for the children to collect their next activities to complete at home with their families.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal Religious Education
LIBRARY NEWS
BOOK WEEK – LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!
This week is Book Fair Week and our amazing book fair coordinator Mrs Tanya McGrath and her band of helpers have transformed the Library with the help of the very creative Mrs Strachan. On Monday night the Library was open for a Wine and Cheese night. It was great to see so many parents coming to choose books for their children. This year’s Book Fair has been very successful and we thank all those who have supported it. With a special thank you to Mrs McGrath and the Mums who helped to make the book fair a success.

Today was Character Parade Day and it was an amazing sight watching the wonderfully dressed students getting off buses and out of cars in the drop off area! It was also exciting seeing Staff, Fr Tom and Bishop Justin getting into the spirit of the parade! Congratulations to all families on your creativity and dedication to designing such incredible costumes.

WOW! The last of the books I ordered with the wonderful donation from the P&F have arrived! I have given the students a sneak peek at the books and they are all very excited about borrowing them. Earlier in the year a number of generous Mums approached me about covering books for the Library. If you were one of those generous mums, please see me and I would love to give you some books to cover!

Miss Dee Campbell
Library Teacher

SCITECH
Over the last two weeks students at St Cecilia’s have been very fortunate to take part in a variety of incursions and excursions. Last week the Kindy and Pre-Primary classes travelled to the Chamber of Commerce to take part in a variety of Science activities designed specifically for early childhood students. Our junior students had a wonderful time playing with science equipment and making experiments!

CONSTABLE CARE
Last Thursday Constable Care came to St Cecilia’s. Through puppet shows and drama, they presented a variety of informative and interesting shows to our students to help them better understand how to treat people with respect, and value each other for our similarities AND our differences.

SCIENCE SHOW
On Tuesday students in Years One to Seven took part in The Science Show. Mr Peter Eastwell involved both students and staff in a series of experiments related to AIR. We learnt about freezing and heating air, as well as air pressure. It was a fun and educational afternoon for all!

UNSW Global - Years Three to Seven
Parents of students involved in the UNSW Assessments, please note the following dates.
All assessments will be supervised by Miss Campbell.
All materials necessary will be supplied.

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CANTEN HELPERS NEEDED
If you are able to assist in our canteen, please see Cathy our Canteen Manageress.

UNIFORMS
We have a variety of hair accessories suitable for school for sale in the school office

BHP MATCHED GIVING
Would families please return as soon as possible to the school office completed the BHP Matched Giving permission slips. We would like to finalise these prior to the end of the financial year and request that forms be returned by Tuesday 31 May. Thank you

Rhonda Mitchell P&F President

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
The Federal Government in the budget decided to continue funding for the Active After-school Communities Program, which we run, to keep kids involved in sport and physical activities. This means we will have the chance to participate in the program in 2012. The success of the program depends on the commitment and hard work of the staff, teachers, parents and community and sporting coaches who deliver it and I thank everyone involved for their efforts.

Minister for Sport, Mark Arbib, is encouraging parents to consider building on the great work of
the After School program by having their child join a local sporting club. Joining a club and playing sport doesn’t just keep kids healthy and active it also helps to teach them self-discipline, resilience and team work. While lots of kids already are members of sports clubs, the Government has developed a website that can assist parents in locating sporting clubs in our local community: www.ausport.gov.au/findaclub

MERIT AWARDS
19 May 2011
PP: Joice Damian Caitlin Felsner
Ethan Williams
Yr 1: Jordan Lewis Jayden Rozario
Taj Singh Sophie Wainwright
Yr 2: Jasmin Logghe Khayla Lomas
Kim Zacheus
Yr 3: Georgia Latham
Yr 4: Jordyn Cornelius
Amy Pearson
Yr 5: Sebastian Dalitz
Aditya Gupta
Yr 6: Holly Akerman
Kohi Poharama

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

MAY
17 SMITH, Mason PP
18 LOGGHE, Jasmin Y2
19 DERSCHOW, Jordan Y7
19 MCDONALD, Lochlan Y7
21 VRANCIC, Jemika Y2
23 MCDONALD, Thomas Y4
24 HOLMSTROM, Braxon Y1
25 LOMAS, Mikenna K
26 BROADFOOT, Olivia Y1
26 WASHINGTON, Sarah Y3
27 TURNER, Jack Y1
28 STRACHAN, Ciara Y7
29 FITZHENRY, Merekai Y4
31 ASPLAND, Rohan K
31 GORHAM, Gabrielle PP

COMMUNITY NEWS
FAMILY & FRIENDS FUN DAY
The Andrew McLaughlin Community Centre will be holding a Swap Meet at our annual "Family & Friends Fun Day", on Saturday 11th June at Keesing Street, Cooke Point, Port Hedland, from 3pm to 7pm. Book your stall today! Sell unwanted household items, books, plants, kitchenware, toys, sporting gear, tools, anything! Arts & crafts market stalls also welcome! Only $10 Stall Holder Fee. Fundraise for your community or sporting group. Contact Jess on 0438 365 902 to register or email amcommunitycentre@gmail.com
We look forward to seeing you there!

Management Committee Andrew McLaughlin Community Centre - a volunteer-run, not-for-profit community facility Keesing Street, Cooke Point, Port Hedland - next to Port Hedland Primary School Office 9173 4787, Bookings 0427 814 303 167 Port Hedland WA 6721

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Junior Rugby League training days. Registration is still available for kids aged 5-18 girls and boys. Our training days are Tuesdays and Thursdays @ Hedland High School oval from 5pm until dark. All children are requested to bring their own water bottles to training. Refills are available. Any further enquires please contact Dolly Colfer on 0891725318.

HEDLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND HEDLAND AUSKICK
Due to the development of Kevin Scott Oval, the season will be put back to term 3 at this stage. Please contact Steve on 0417 947 730 or smarkham@galvins.com.au

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the Scandinavian countries will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Over the past couple of weeks, Mrs Sheen has been giving us some tricky brain teasers and strange facts and asks us to find out if they are true or not.

We have decided to collect some of our own brain teasers and amazing facts to share with you. Do you have your thinking caps on? Warm up your brains with these baffling riddles and amazing facts from the Fantastic Fours!

Why is it against the law for a man living in Victoria to be buried in New South Wales? - Merekai

What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment but never in a thousand years? - Branden and Dylan

What starts with a 'p', ends with an 'e' and has a thousand letters in it? - Courtney

How do you get a one-armed men out of a tree? - Kato

What goes up, but never comes down? - Jack

There were eight copycats sitting on the wall. One jumped off. How many are left? - Rani

A cowboy rode into town on Friday, stayed three days and left on Friday. How? - Skye
If you dropped a pebble from the top of Mount Thor, how long will it take to hit the ground? - Zoe

Can you sink to the bottom of the Dead Sea? - Angelo

Is a whale shark a whale or a shark? - Noah

Why is the Dead Sea called the Dead Sea when it is actually a lake? - Mercedes

Are penguins part of a polar bear’s diet? - Reggie

Why do they have different sized ridges around the edges of coins? - Holly

What is the longest word in the English language that is also found in a dictionary?

Imagine you are in a sinking row boat surrounded by sharks. How would you survive? - Amy

If a rooster laid an egg on the top of a roof, which side would it roll down? - Olivia

What falls down but never goes up? - Callum

If a plane crashes on the border of Western Australia and the Northern Territory, where would they bury the survivors? - Jordyn

Which bird has an eye that is bigger than its brain? - Saransh

Did you know that the silk in a spider web can be stronger than metal? - Georgia

Did you know that a liger is a cross between a male lion and a female tiger and a tigon is a cross between a male tiger and female lion? - Caeley

Did you know that a Killer Whale isn’t a whale? It’s a dolphin! - Lachlan

Did you know that more monopoly money is printed in the world each year than real money? - Ashley

The very long word Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia is actually the name of the phobia for very long words! - Mrs Sheen
LAP-A-THON
FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL, RAISING FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH THE SCHOOL’S NUMERACY FOCUS FOR 2011. FORMS AND MONEY ARE DUE BACK ON THE 10TH JUNE! THE MORE MONEY YOU RAISE THE BETTER PRIZES YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM!

Disco

The next disco will be on Friday 1st July. Following the popularity of Bishop Justin dressed as Harry Potter, we will have a Hogwarts theme, so another great opportunity to dress up! We need volunteers to help with this. Please contact Chantelle Cecich on 0427 710 841 if you can help out on the night. Without volunteers we can’t hold the disco.

PHOTO COMPETITION

The P&F is once again having a photo competition culminating in a 2012 calendar. Entries will open towards the end of term 2 – stay tuned for more info!

P&F MEETING

The next P&F meeting will be Monday 13th June at 7pm in the staff room. Please come along and have your say on what the P&F is up to!