FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians

Last Friday evening I was present at the Parents and Friends Federation of WA conference dinner. The conference is held every year to recognise the amazing work by the P&F’s in our 157 Catholic schools in Western Australia. Each year they recognise P&F’s that are working extremely well in our school communities and contributing so much to the school community. This year two school P&F’s were presented with the Wills & Estates Community Partnership Awards and St Cecilia’s P&F was one of them.

So I would like to send huge congratulations to our amazing P&F for the outstanding work they do in our school. It truly is a great partnership and one I value on a daily basis. I was extremely proud to nominate our P&F on behalf of our school community.

This is what was submitted: “St Cecilia’s P&F is an amazing group of dedicated women and men who work tirelessly for our school community. They are enthusiastic and energetic and continuously work to improve our School. You could not come across a more fun filled outstanding group of individuals. When you watch the way they work together, and with the school you appreciate what a wonderful group you have in your community. I cannot speak highly enough of our P&F during my three years as Principal I have watched as they have met and

Accompanying this newsletter:

* P&F Fete news

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit...

"O Divine Spirit, I wish to be before you like a light feather, so that your breath may carry me where it wills and that I may not offer the least resistance to it."

Fr. Francis Libermann
worked on some amazing projects that benefit our school. With the help of the P&F we were able to have interactive white boards in every class to improve our technology skills this is just one of the many amazing projects they have taken on board.

They have assisted in so many ways and not just fund raising but community building. All are welcome to join and they go out of their way to support fellow school community members. With a group of talented women and men beside you, you understand that nothing is impossible they have held so many amazing events over the years and have given so much to our school.

When you need a job completed or you need assistance they are always the first to offer practical assistance, they get behind so many great causes from welcome morning teas to magnificent quiz nights that have to be seen to be believed. I believe we have a P & F that would be one in a million. I feel blessed to be associated with these sensational people.”

Scholarships
On Monday I was invited to attend a special ceremony at the Catholic Education Office where Shelby Mann, Michael Barron-Liddell and Preston Dershow were presented with their scholarships from BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

Our three former students each received a scholarship which allows them to complete their high school training in Perth, thanks to the generosity of BHP Billiton Iron Ore. A partnership has been forged between the Catholic Education Office and BHP Billiton Iron Ore to assist our Indigenous Students with their education. At the ceremony Michael Barron Liddell spoke on behalf of the students and gave a great insight into this amazing experience. I was extremely proud of Michael and all of our students who attended the event. We would like to thank Ron Dullard, the Director of Catholic Education as and Fran Haintz and Chris Cottier, representatives from BHP Billiton who together has made this possible.

Year Four Assembly
It was wonderful to be entertained by Mr Sta Maria and his fantastic Year Fours as they led our assembly this morning. It is always a pleasure to have our children leading the assembly and providing such wonderful items.

Special Feast Day Celebrations
Congratulations to our fantastic Parish Priests, Father Mark and Father Tom, who on the weekend celebrated a special feast day for their order. Both Father Mark and Father Tom belong to the Holy Ghost Fathers. They come with diverse personalities and backgrounds and are called to serve those most in need in a great diversity of cultures. As a group they recognise the importance of the presence of the Holy Spirit and lift up the Holy Spirit through education, mission, and parish ministry, making a positive change in the world.

The Spiritans are "One Heart. One Spirit."
- We seek first to allow the Spirit to transform us in our heart and soul
- We are open to the Spirit alive in others
- We go and share the Spirit wherever people are suffering

So congratulations! on your special feast day and thank you for being part of our school community, you both make a difference in our lives.

Farewell to Staff
Kirsty Hocking has been a teacher at our school for the past three years teaching in Year Three and Year One. Kirsty has endeared herself with our little ones and has shown great dedication and care in the way she teaches our young students. While we will be sad to farewell Kirsty, we wish her husband, Alan and herself all the best in their new adventure in Canada.

Pupil Free Day
Next Friday 4 June our staff will be attending a Cultural Awareness Day in Karratha. We hope that everyone enjoys their long weekend. School will resume on Tuesday 8 June.
Homework
A supportive loving environment where parents show their interest and care for their child and understand their needs, provides a strong foundation for children to feel confident in their ability to achieve. Studies show that healthy families make time for talking and listening, show encouragement and appreciation, and accept the difference in each family member.

Good study habits can be nurtured from an early age where parents, as part of their after school routine, set aside a time to read their child’s books with them. This then creates the foundation for encouraging a regular daily homework session to become part of their routine.

Other ideas include:
- Discuss with your child what time of day works best as study/homework time for them. You may need to decide what time after school will work best for younger children.
- Families who value homework and school participation encourage the same value in their children.
- Remove distractions. Turn the TV off during homework time, find a place where they feel comfortable and they will not be disturbed.
- Create a study area, although preferences may vary with each child.
- Provide other opportunities apart from TV to wind down after school - playing outside or with some toys for younger children, listening to music or reading a favourite book for older students.
- Providing a healthy snack and drink after school and some ‘down’ time before children are expected to do their homework, gives them a chance to relax and recharge after a busy day for younger children.
- Adolescents may be tired due to a combination of increasing work load and rapid growth, so good food and adequate rest needs to be included as part of their study plan.
- Celebrating effort and your child’s willingness to have a go, supports children to feel they are valued as individuals and supports their self esteem and confidence.
- Celebrate any achievements however small.
- Teach your child about setting priorities especially for your senior students.
- Encourage students to complete homework when it is first issued rather than waiting until the day before their homework is due. Waiting until the last minute increases the risk of them feeling overwhelmed with a number of assignments due at the same time.
- Encourage reading a wide variety of texts - newspapers, magazines and books.

The aim is to encourage your child to work to the best of their ability and to show them you believe in their worth as an individual and in their capacity to achieve. You can play an important role in modelling and teaching your children how to create a successful and happy life.

God Bless and keep smiling

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
On Tuesday evening we had our second parent meeting for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Thank you to all the students and parents for your enthusiastic involvement. Thank you also to Sister Maria, Justine Esmonde, Trish Bourke, Father Mark and Father Tom for your contribution to the evening. Preparations are well underway and the students are looking forward to their very special day on Sunday, 13 June.

On Monday morning we celebrated the Feast of Mary Help of Christians during mass. We remember that Mary is the patroness of Australia. We can celebrate this day with a very special act of thanksgiving to Our Lady, praying the holy rosary, or attending mass as we did on Monday. Thank you to the following students for their confident reading and reverence during the mass:

Sara McDonald
Tennika Quick
Jenevieve Zoghbi
Tess Mellberg
Klaas Willems
Chloe McDonnell
Holly Bolton
Olivia Perkins
Lauren McLean
Kohi Poharama
Zoe Podmore
Ciare Strachan
Jordan Matthews

Communio Fair
Last Friday, the students, staff and parents had a fabulous time at the Communio Fair. The Kindy class organised a white elephant stall which had lots of interesting items to buy. The Pre Primary class ran a very successful ‘Guess How Many Jellybeans’ competition and the Year One class soon sold out of their Lucky Dip bags!

In the Library the Year Two class organised a colouring competition and we had lots of beautiful entries. Well done to Year Three for selling all their Lolly bags. I was amazed at how many
delicious cakes the Year Four class brought in
to sell, super job! The Year Five class had a
busy time selling ‘Spider drinks’. In the Multi-
purpose room students could decorate their
own biscuits, a great idea by the Year Six
class. Well done to the talented Year Seven
class for doing such a fabulous job with the
face painting. In just sixty minutes we were
able to raise $1,043. I am sure you will agree
that this was an amazing effort by everyone.
Thank you to staff and students for your great
ideas and thank you also to parents for all your
contributions towards the various stalls. Well
done St Cecilia’s!

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
13 May 2010
PP: Cullen Connolly Jayden Rozario
Yr 1: Jemika Vrancic Aleirah Taylor
Yr 2: Clementine Wall
Yr 3: Olivia Sinclair
Yr 4: Georgia Hinch Damian Mathews
Yr 5: Damien Buckland Brayden Jessop
20 May 2010
PP: Jordan Bourke Taj Singh
Yr 1: Mirabelle Zoghbi
Yr 2: Nikita Burton Helen Nawn
Tyler Pedley
Yr 4: Max Healey Piper McDonald
Emma McLean Carl Singh
Imogen Wall
Yr 5: Sarah Corbett Joel Nunn
Yr 6: Jasmine Bailey Lauren McLean
Brody Mellberg Aayden Taylor
Yr 7: Zach Esmonde Gerry Fox

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students
who celebrated their birthday.
17 May Mason Smith (Kindergarten)
17 May Wayne McNicol (Year Pre-Primary)
18 May Jasmijn Logghe (Year One)
19 May Jordan Dershow (Year Six)
21 May Jemika Vrancic (Year One)
23 May Thomas McDonald (Year Three)
26 May Olivia Broadfoot (Pre-Primary)
28 May Daniel Clarke (Year Six)
28 May Ciara Strachan (Year Six)

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

SPORT
There will no longer be an Interschool Jumps Day
due to various reasons and therefore I have de-
cided to cancel the Faction Jumps Day. The stu-
dents will compete in Long Jump during their nor-
mal sports lessons. The results and ribbons will be
given out on Thursday, 3 June at the School As-
sembly. Parents will be notified before the assem-
bly if their child earned a First, Second or Third
place ribbon in the Long Jump.

Mrs Ramshaw
Physical Education Coordinator

MESSAGE FROM THE P&F
Parents and Friends Federation of WA
AWARDS.
CONGRATULATIONS to our Parents and Friends
Association and our Principal Paula Mackenzie for
awards presented to them at the recent Parents
and Friends Federation of WA Conference held in
Perth in May.

Both awards were presented as an acknowledg-
ment of excellence in building school and commu-
ity partnerships, highlighting the importance of the
relationship between the Principal and the P&F
Association, in building the school community and
raising funds for the benefit of our children’s edu-
cation.

The competition was open to 157 Catholic Schools
within Western Australia where P&F Associations
were able to nominate their Principal and vice
versa.

Executive Officer, Trish Somers, of the PFFWA
made special comment that St. Cecilia’s were the
only school that nominated both the P&F and the
Principal independently. This is the type of relation-
ship that the PFFWA are hoping to foster within all
schools.
Finally an ENORMOUS THANK YOU to the school community who supports all events. Neither of these awards would have been won without the sense of community spirit within the school and the desire to provide the best possible learning environment for our children.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

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.

We follow the Western Australian entry guidelines, according to your children’s date of birth.

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

ST CECILIA’S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PORT HEDLAND
Applications are invited for the following position to commence Term 3, 2010.

Part-Time Teacher Assistant
(0.5 FTE)

Applicants must be fully supportive of the objectives and ethos of Catholic Education.

To obtain further information regarding this position please telephone 9173 2162.

Applications will need to be received by the school, addressed to the Principal, no later than

Friday, 18 June 2010, 4:00pm
PO Box 700
PORT HEDLAND WA 6721

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend dates at Safety Bay June 25-27, August 20-22 and October 15-17. Weekends held at Safety Bay. For details/bookings call Joe & Margaret on 9417 8750 or email: WABookings@wwme.org.au Website www.wwme.org.au

ST MARY’S REUNION
Grade 10 Class Of St Mary’s College 1970
40 Years on…………..

Come join us to reminisce the good old days on Friday 25 June 2010 At Shakana Restaurant, Roderick Street, Ipswich from 6.30pm
Booking essential, ContactBernadette
Dinner Menu $25 includes Canapes on arrival and Main meal Your choice of: Spinach & feta pie Sicilian lamb casserole Moroccan chicken & couscous Desserts, coffee & tea available for purchase Licensed venue Please note – payment for meal required on the night – and not before. Please RSVP to Bernadette Mohr, 15 Mary Street, Flinders View Q 4305 or email bernadette.mohr@qt.com.au or fax 07 3817 1775 by Friday, 11 June 2010.

Riverside MultiSports at Trinity College
Riverside Multi Sports are hosting a sports program for all students aged 7-14 at Trinity College from Wednesday 14 July to Friday 16th July. Each day will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 12:30pm with the focus being on a wide range of sports supervised by specialist coaches in a fun yet safe environment. To secure a place on this exciting program or for more information, email riversidesports@live.com.au or call Jonika on 0433 540 465.
Here is what we have been doing

Last week at the Communio Fair we raised over $200

In Yr 5!

In Maths we have been learning about area and designing our own house plans
In SOSE we have been learning about everything water! We have been busy researching all the different ways to save water, why we save water and why water it is such a precious resource.
ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE CONSENT

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 indicate your acceptance below:

☐ Yes I would like to receive the newsletter/school notices by email.

Family Name: ___________________________________________________
Email Address: ___________________________________________________
Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: ____
Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: ____
Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: ____
Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: ____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP