Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope that everyone enjoyed their long weekend and spent time as a family resting and having fun. With such a busy term it was sensational to have the time to slow down and enjoy some family time. We have three weeks left of the term and there are many events taking place.

**School Fete**
The school fete is fast approaching and it is wonderful to see our P&F busily making this happen. We are so fortunate to have 160 families in our school. This means that the fete should be a huge success; if every family assists in some way.

As a school we would like the students to have a computer lab in our old multipurpose room. I would like to see the lab up and running before the end of the school year.

If you are able to help out on a stall that would be sensational. The rosters are in the foyer and in the undercover area before and after school for parents to write their names down even for one hour. If you are unable to help out on the day, you may be able to make donations of items or perhaps cook for the cake stall. As you can see there are lots of ways to help in making our school fete successful. I hope that all families will be able to make it to the fete and join in what should be a wonderful and eventful day.

**Year Six Assembly**
Huge Congratulations! to Mrs Poharama and the talented Year Six Class, what an awesome assembly. I was very impressed with the play that they wrote and the stunning performance with sensational costumes and animated students who obviously loved what they were doing.

**How do I love God?....**
By doing beautifully the work I have been given to do,
By doing simply that which God has entrusted to me,
In whatever form it may take.

* Mother Teresa

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**COMING EVENTS**

- **11 JUNE**
  - Athletics Faction Carnival Y1-7
- **17 JUNE**
  - Pre-Primary Assembly
- **18 JUNE**
  - Inter School Cross Country
- **19 JUNE**
  - Fete
- **21 JUNE**
  - P&F Meeting
- **25 JUNE**
  - Inter School Athletics Faction Carnival
- **28 JUN- 01 JUL**
  - Three Way Conferences Pre-Primary
- **02 JULY**
  - Last Day of School Reports
- **20 JULY**
  - School Resumes Tuesday 20 July

**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.
Hall Completed
How fortunate we are to have our new School Hall completed and ready to use. The keys were handed over to the school at the beginning of the week. Today we had the chance to use the hall for the first time for assembly. The students and families were able to see the inside for the first time. We will be holding an opening ceremony for the hall later on in the year and hope that many will be involved with this exciting event.

Pre Primary Assembly
Next week we look forward to being dazzled by Miss Coleman and Mrs Neervoort with the outstanding Pre-Primary Class as they lead our Assembly. They have been practicing and are ready to entertain us with Primary Movements dance. The assembly will be held in the undercover area.

Michael Werner Leaving
Michael has been with us since the beginning of the year. He has volunteered his time to the school three days a week, helping out in many classes and even been teaching our Year Seven Class, German. Michael is from Germany and wanted the chance to come to Australia to help out in a school. We have been very fortunate to have Michael’s dedication and assistance and will miss him when he leaves us next week to continue his journey up to Broome. We wish you well Michael and thank you for all you have done for our students.

Faction Cross Country
What an awesome day was had on Tuesday. The Faction Cross Country event was the highlight of the week. Congratulations to all our students who ran around the course. I think you will agree it was a great challenge for our students and they performed magnificently. The atmosphere of the day was just sensational, so well done to you all!
Thank you to Mrs Ramshaw for her organisation of this event. Mrs Ramshaw spends a lot of time making sure that each carnival runs without a hitch and that our students have a wonderful time. I think you will agree that the race course proved to be an excellent venue.
Thank you also to the staff that turned up at 7.00am to make sure the students had shade and that the event was ready to begin on time. We have an amazing group of individuals that work so well together to make sure that all our events run smoothly.

First Holy Communion
This weekend is a very special weekend as our students will be making their First Holy Communion at both Port and South Hedland Parishes at 9.00am.
I am always delighted when I see parents bring their children forward to receive Jesus for the first time. It is a very special time in each of the Parishes, when we as a congregation can welcome and support the children of the Parish together with their families.
As part of our tradition, families are asked to come along on Saturday to the Church their children will be celebrating the Sacrament and help to clean and decorate in readiness for the big day. If families can come at 2.00pm to help clean the Church, then the children will follow with their practice at 3.00pm and then the decorating the Church for the day will take place. It is expected that every family come to assist and that all children are present for the practice.
After the Practice parents are invited to go down to the school hall and prepare the room for morning tea.
After the Masses in Port and South Hedland, both Parishes will join together at 11.00am for morning tea in the school hall.
**Reconciliation**

This week all students from Years Three to Seven will be given the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church. We would like to thank Father Mark and Father Tom for making themselves available to celebrate Reconciliation with the students. We like to offer the students the opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation in each term.

**Children and Learning**

At the very centre of the school’s work is the individual child. We know a lot about children and how they learn. Through this knowledge, teachers plan for your child’s educational needs and development. We know:

- **Children are special:** Children truly have a marvellous variety of abilities, interests and characteristics that make each one special. This uniqueness deserves the respect of every parent and teacher.

- **Children need time to be children:** We should not hurry childhood. Too many pressures, too much emphasis on using every minute productively, on achieving maximum results, can rob children of their right to live fully as children.

- **Children pass through stages:** As each year passes, they develop new ways of thinking and solving problems; they are able to manage their feelings and their social skills are developing. Children reach these stages at different times. In any one class teachers have to make allowances for a wide range of maturity levels, interests and readiness to tackle new challenges.

- **Children want to know:** Children are naturally active, curious, creative, searching individuals. They are born learners; learning is what they do best. By the time they start school they have learnt a language and that is a fantastic accomplishment!

- **Children have needs:** Children need love, acceptance, limits on their behaviour, challenge and success. These all help them to grow and develop their abilities to the full.

- **Children need expectations:** Children tend to live up, or down, to the expectations of important people in their lives. They thrive on high expectations and as long as they are supported through their mistakes, they learn that successful learning often requires considerable risk-taking.

- **Children need to play:** Play is a child’s natural way of learning about the world and their place in it. Through informal play, they create meaning, stretch their imagination, practice social skills, try out ideas and learn how to cope with problems.

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**God Bless**

Paula Mackenzie
Principal

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**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**

27 May 2010
- PP: Isabella Leopardi Pierce McLean
- Yr 1: Chanelle Derschow
- Yr 2: Georgia Latham
- Yr 3: Louisa Andersen Saransh Mohanty
- Yr 4: Year Four Class
- Yr 5: Brianna Barron-Liddell Mariah Gonzalez Emily Gould
- Yr 6: Tyson Cotton Rebekah Phillips Paige Winthrop
- Yr 7: Jacob Campbell Shania Dershaw Craig Cavey

03 June 2010
- PP: Imogen Cornelius Nicholas Merlo
- Yr 1: Shay Matthews
- Yr 2: Levi Bellette Tayla Gorham
- Yr 3: Georgia Phillips
- Yr 4: Matthew Cowley Madara Herath Antonio Gonzalez Madeleine Wilson
- Yr 5: Riley Simcoe
- Yr 7: Gemma Neylon Tegan Longdon
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

31 May  Gabrielle Gorham (Kindergarten)
31 May  Leanne Lowe (Year Three)
01 June  Aayden Taylor (Year Six)
02 June  Mackenzie Lowe (Kindergarten)
02 June  Matthew McColl (Year Three)
05 June  Cameron Warren (Year Two)
05 June  Mitchell Warren (Year Two)
06 June  Elias Zoghbi (Kindergarten)

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

SPORT

Long Jump

Students completed their Long Jump events during their sports lessons this term. It was great to see how the students have developed their skills since last year. The following students received a Certificate and Place Ribbon during last week’s Assembly.

First
Year One Boys    Year One Girls
Brendon Cowley    Eliza Boyd
Ben Singh        Charlotte
Shay Matthews     Jade Adams

Second
Levi Bellette     Year Two Boys
Kenneth McNicol   Year Two Girls
Alex Britcliffe   Keysa Wilde
Tyler Pedley     Jade Adams
Lucy McGrath

Third
Year Three Boys   Year Three Girls
Jack Bowins       Holly Spurling
Levi Bellette     Lianne Zoghbi
Keysha Wilde      Caely Cecich

Year Four Boys    Year Four Girls
Matthew Cowley    Emmalene Cavey
Gerieme Seno      Emily Lowe
Daniel Perrott    Imogen Wall

Year Five Boys    Year Five Girls
Joel Nunn         Tennika Quick
Corbin Bellette   Alice Shields
Damian Buckland  Sarah McDonald

Year Six Boys     Year Six Girls
Daniel Nakhoul    Cheyanne Pearce
Jordan Dershow    Rebekah Phillips
Baze Nematollahi  Tareah Britton

Year Seven Boys   Year Seven Girls
Craig Cavey       Elise Brabazon, Fiona Barr
Griffin Bellette  Holly Bolton, Keriana Eaglesome
Kevin Phillips   Emily Barratt

Cross Country

On Wednesday we held our Faction Cross Country at the race track in Port Hedland. Students had the option of walking or running to complete the race. Well done to all our students for putting in a tremendous effort on the day. The following students came first in their year group and were presented with a medal this morning during Assembly.

Pre Primary
Pierce McLean        Bethany Denney

Year One
Brendon Cowley      Riley Hunter
Levi Bellette       Keysha Wilde

Year Two
Jack Bowins          Courtney Healey
Jeffrey Strachan    Emmalene Cavey

Year Three
Klaas Willems       Celeste McCorry

Year Four
Baze Nematollahi    Rebekah Phillips

Year Seven
Craig Cavey         Shani Kellett

The points from the Long Jump and Cross Country events will be added to the points from the Athletics Carnival on Friday. All students from Year One to Year Seven will take part in the Athletics Carnival. The Carnival begins at approximately 9.00am and will finish approximately 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there on Friday.

Mrs Ramshaw
Physical Education Coordinator

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
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.
UNIFORM SHOP
Size 20 grey shorts now available from the uniform shop
Mrs Mellberg
Uniform Shop Coordinator
YEAR SEVEN TRANSITION FORMS
Please return all from to the School Office by 9.00am on Monday 14 June.
Thank you
Mrs Rozario
COMMUNITY NEWS
Parents and Friends’ Federation of Western Australia News
The PFFWA are wanting your input on four topics that will be formalised into Position Papers that the Federation can use to inform the media, governments and educational organisations of our stance as parents of children in Catholic schools.
The four topics are:
1. The role of the P&F/Parent Council
2. Constitutional revision – both for the PFFWA to include individual membership and also for schools, to better reflect their role and responsibilities
3. MySchool website, and
4. The cost of books, uniforms and other levies
The professionally facilitated Forum will be held at the PFFWA Office, 101 Wood St, Inglewood on Wednesday 28 July, starting at 7pm. This Forum is open to ALL parents and we hope that you take up this opportunity to be involved in the discussion and formulation of ground-breaking position papers. Please RSVP by the 27 July for catering purposes to admin@pff.wa.edu.au or ring 9271 5909. Background information sheets will made available before the evening.
The Pre-Primary students designed boats, using only tin foil, that could hold at least five stones. They experimented with different shapes and designs to make a sea-worthy vessel! The most stones held by one of our boats was twenty-six!
TIN FOIL BOATS - PRE-PRIMARY
As you are probably all aware the St Cecilia's Fete Primary School Goodline Community Fete is fast approaching!!

We are organising the Cake Stall and invite your wonderful donations...cakes, muffins, cookies, toffees, etc...whatever inspires you in the kitchen.

So please don your aprons and start baking...all we ask is "NO NUTS" and a list of ingredients to be supplied with each donation. Due to limited storage space, could all donations be dropped at the school on the day of the fete by 2pm.

Please let us know if you are able to make a donation. Thank you so much!!!

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