Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

Psalm 125:1-2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic term we have had, so many events have taken place to make this a very exciting term indeed. Last week saw the Interschool Athletics Carnival take place and it was a very eagerly anticipated time for our sporting students. On Wednesday we saw the Interschool Throws Day begin early at Cassia. Our students were outstanding as they participated in the vortex and shot put events. At the end of the day St Cecilia’s was in third place setting us up well for the carnival on Friday.

I would like to congratulate all our amazing students for the way they participated in all the events held over the two days. On Friday we saw our students once again take to the field and participate most beautifully in the running events and team games. The sportsmanship from everyone on the day was to be applauded, it was a wonderful day and the staff and parent helpers helped make the day run smoothly.

Mrs Poharama and Miss Campbell represented our school on the day so a big thank you to them both. Mrs Poharama was our organiser and as always led our school well, this was her first Interschool Carnival and I think she did an outstanding job. On the day Baler was victorious so congratulations to Baler. St Cecilia’s received third place on the day which was fantastic. Congratulations to our sensational students, you really worked as a team and we are proud of you.

Reports

It is hard to believe that the first half of the school year is nearly over. It only seems like yesterday that the first day of school was here and everyone was in new classrooms and making new friends. Six months later it is time to look back and see the progress that has happened, as well as looking forward to setting new goals for the second half of the year.

Tomorrow you will receive your child’s report. This written report provides an opportunity to read about your child’s progress and the steps he or she has taken over the year so far. Class teachers have written com-

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.
ments on English and Mathematics which outline the skills that students have demonstrated and tasks completed. Comments are also written on Religious Education as well as a general overall comment. Students have been involved in topics appropriate to their year level and have been involved in research and the presentation of information that supports the development of new understandings. Where appropriate, teachers will include suggestions for helping your child in areas where they need extra support to achieve their best. Teachers will also make comments on your child’s social development. This aspect of the report will enable you to gain an understanding of how your child relates to others at school and some of the social skills and work habits they are demonstrating.

I have really enjoyed reading your child’s reports over the past two weeks. I have been struck by the many glowing reports of our students’ progress and commitment to their learning. We are indeed a fortunate school to have such a dedicated and talented staff committed to bringing out the best in every student. Of course we couldn’t be as successful without the attitude and commitment of our students. It gives me great pleasure to visit classrooms and see the industrious and courteous manner in which our students approach their school life. If your child is away on Friday we will post their report to the address given to us by you.

**NAIDOC Week**

Next week we will be celebrating NAIDOC week in our school. We have many wonderful things planned for the week. It is an excellent time to learn about our Aboriginal Culture and share the knowledge of this land. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

At St Cecilia’s we are beginning on Tuesday with special activities being held in our classrooms. Our amazing teachers have arranged some wonderful activities in your child’s class so that children can experience the Aboriginal culture and then on Wednesday thanks to Mrs Walker and her brother and the support of FMG you will have the opportunity to taste some traditional Aboriginal food. On Thursday we will present at assembly the different activities students completed in class, with the whole school community. It should be a wonderful week.

**Master Chef**

Last year our students participated in the Master Chef series in Hedland. The competition was held at Hedland Senior High School. Our students created amazing food and were triumphant in their endeavours. Well once again the Master Chef competition is being held in Hedland and we will be placing a team of our Year Seven students into the mix. Our gallant team is led by Mrs Roula Zoghbi, I am sure they will have many exciting experiences to come as they create culinary delights once again.

**Lunches**

We are trying to help our students value healthy foods as part of our Health programme. Recently we have found an increase in the number of well meaning mothers who come to the school bringing take away food to their children. Each day we are finding more take away food; this makes it increasingly harder for other students who have been given their regular lunches. Not only does it cause unnecessary problems amongst our students but parents are coming onto the school grounds without informing the office staff.

We have a policy in place to safeguard our students and we need all parents to adhere to the policy. When on school grounds between 8.45am and 2.15pm you need to sign in at the front office. Please help us to help our students and refrain from bringing take away food into the school. We have a canteen if parents are running short of time and the canteen provides healthy lunches five days a week. I thank you for your assistance with this matter.

**End of Year Musicals**

This year our students will be performing the following musicals at the end of the year. Our Kindergarten to Year Threes will perform “Busy, Busy Bethlehem” and Our Years Four to Years Seven will perform “Children of the World”. Every Student is welcome to audition for a speaking part next term, preference will be given to students who have not had a speaking part before in one of our musicals. The scripts will be given out next week for students who are interested to take home if your child does not receive one and they want to audition for a speaking part, please ask the office or your class teacher. Over the holidays we hope that all take the time to familiarise themselves with the plays ready to try out once the term gets underway.

**New Girls Uniform**

This year we have discussed a new uniform for our girls, after a lot of discussion we have settled on the same fabric but a slightly different design. This new uniform is presently being made up and should be ordered soon. As always when introducing a new uniform there is a period of grace before the change is made compulsory. During 2013 either uniform old or new is encouraged. As we have quite a stock of our present uniform we hope that parents will see the value of continuing to purchase our present uniform at cost price until the new uniform arrives in our school. I have noticed that many of our girls have uniforms that are looking very short and a bit small so now would be an ideal time to purchase our present uniform at a good price as our new uniform will still take some time before it’s arrival later in the year. The new uniform will not be compulsory until the beginning of 2014. As soon as we have the new uniform in stock we will place a photo on the website.

**Optimism**

Optimism is an outlook on life such that one maintains a view of the world as a positive place. Optimists are people who refuse to feel helpless and don’t give up when faced with seemingly impossible problems. They expect to succeed, believe in themselves and remain positive. Optimists generally believe that people and events are inherently good, so that most situations work out for the best in the end.

Optimism includes the assumption I can do something to change this situation for the better, whereas pessimism includes the assumption probably nothing I do
will make any difference. Of course, when you’re optimistic, you are more willing to take action to change things for the better, which increases the likelihood that things will change for the better; that’s how optimism becomes self-fulfilling.

**How** do children develop optimism? As children grow and develop, they need as many opportunities as possible to experience success. Every time children achieve something they set out to do, they start to develop a belief that they can go on trying and have more successes. ‘Self talk’ is what we say to ourselves to explain the things that happen through the day. When children are able to say to themselves that they can do something, they are more likely to succeed.

Recent research has indicated that successful experiences and positive interactions with parents, teachers and significant others are critical factors in children learning optimism. The way that adults think about and talk about their experiences are very powerful in shaping a child’s beliefs about why success or failure might happen.

The more optimistic children are, the more able they are to succeed and have a sense of the future and the more they are able to make friends and learn at school. What parents can do:

- **Be a good role model** - let your children hear how you make sense of a situation (your ‘self talk’) and share your positive thoughts with your children.

- **Re-phrase what your child says** - say things or use different words to make more positive sense out of a situation. Child: "I never have anyone to play with." Parent: "Sometimes it’s hard to find a friend, but last week you had a good time with Mary."

- **Tell your own stories of overcoming hardships** - "When I was at school I thought . . . but then I realised . . .”

- **Give encouragement** - "What were your thoughts when you were losing that tennis game?", "How did your thoughts change to help you to move from losing to winning?" Help your child catch the helpful and unhelpful thoughts and stick with the helpful ones.

- **Remember to share some of the old sayings**: - “If at first you don’t succeed - try, try again.” - "There’s no such word as can’t." - "Every cloud has a silver lining.”

- **Draw your child’s attention** to media and highlight public figures or winning teams who have overcome hardship.

God Bless and take care

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

**MASS TIMES**

**St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland**

Tue, Wed & Thu Morning Mass 8.00am
Fri Morning Mass 7.15am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30am

**St John the Baptist - South Hedland**

Wed Night Mass 6.00pm
Saturday Evening Mass 7:15pm
Sunday Morning Mass 10:00am

**Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland**

Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Grandparents’ Day Mass – Sts Joachim and Ann**

Please join us for our Grandparents’ Mass on Thursday 26 July (Thursday first week back of term 3) at 8.45am in the Church. Year 7 will be leading the Mass and we hope to see you there.

**Confirmation**

Bishop Justin Bianchini will be making his biannual visitations of the parishes of St Cecilia’s and St John the Baptist between 10-20 August this year. This is the occasion when the parish communities present to the Bishop those mature and active church members who wish to be confirmed in their faith through the sacraments.

We invite all parents of Catholic Year 6 and 7 students to discuss this step with your child. Confirmation is not like a graduation ceremony at the end of year 7 but rather a public profession of faith and a personal expression of a desire to be empowered by the Holy Spirit through the prayer of the Church and the support of the Christian community.

If you and your child decide that you wish at this time to be presented for Confirmation please complete the enrolment form which was sent home this week and bring along to the Enrolment Mass this Sunday at the usual Mass time at your local parish.

St Cecilia’s – Saturday at 6pm or Sunday at 8.30am.

St John the Baptist – Saturday at 7.15pm or Sunday at 10am. **Other dates to remember for Confirmation:**

| Sacramental Parent Meeting I | Thursday 28 June |
| Sacramental Parent Meeting II | Thursday 26 July |
| Confirmation retreat for candidates | Friday 10 August |
| Confirmation Mass | Sunday 12 August Sunday 19 August |

**St Cecilia’s Catholic School hall 6.30-7.30pm (please note the change of venue)**

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**St Cecilia’s Church at 8.30am**

**St John the Baptist Church at 10am**

Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

**GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS**

**ICAS Assessments**

Well done to all the students who have sat the ICAS Assessments this Term. Your attitude and the way you have worked during the assessments has been amazing. There are no more assessments for this term. The next assessment will be English on Tuesday 31 July (week 2 term 3). The final ICAS assessment will be Maths on Tuesday 14 August (week 4 term 3).

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

WOW!!! It is amazing to see the huge number of sticker cards coming into the office! Keep up the great work everyone & remember to ask for your stickers at the checkout if the staff don’t remember to offer them. Last year St Cecilia’s received Maths equipment (including volume kits, fractions kits & 3D shapes) from the points raised.
For anyone who has not noticed it yet, there is a St Cecilia's box for sticker cards out the front of Woolworths (towards the ice cream shop) as well as the one in the school office.

**Coles Sports for School Programme**
Once again St Cecilia's has registered for the Coles Sports for Schools programme. Tokens can be collected from the checkouts or the front desk at Coles. This promotion will run through until 15 August. St Cecilia's received some awesome equipment from the last promotion including a table tennis table, basketballs, soccer balls, netballs and footballs.

**Bell Shakespeare**
Bell Shakespeare are coming to perform a FREE show next Thursday 5 July for students in years 5 – 7. This performance will take place between 10:40am – 12:20pm in the hall. The show is titled “Midsummer Madness” and is sponsored by BHP.

**Miss Dee Campbell**
Assistant Principal

**EMAIL ALERTS & UPDATES**
If you would like to add your email address to receive your newsletter and any updates or alerts, please complete the form in this newsletter and return it to the school office or email your address to; admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au

**CANTEEN HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED**
Please see Cathy in the canteen to discuss your offers of assistance. We especially need someone to come in every second Friday please!!!

**Uniforms**
Our school uniform seems to have disintegrated into all colours of the rainbow lately!!!! Unfortunately a number of students have found the colder weather a challenge when it comes to uniforms. Only the school jumper can be worn with the school uniform. Students wearing other jumpers / jackets will receive a uniform slip. If your child does not have a school jumper, one can be purchased from the uniform shop. Second hand and new jumpers are available. If a student wishes to wear tights / stockings with their school dress, the colour for tights is green. I have also seen a variety of hair accessories in colours to match sports tops – please keep to the St Cecilia’s green or black hair accessories, even with the sports uniform. Black runners / joggers have never been a part of the St Cecilia’s uniform. Please make sure your child has black school shoes and predominantly white joggers for sport.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**
Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate their birthday.

**June**

20 MITCHELL, Olivia Y3
27 LEEDS, Zane PP
28 MBEDZI, Isaac Y5
29 FITZHENRY, Kirra Y6

PP
2 PENTNEY, Seth Y1
4 BENNETT, Sienna K
7 TAYLOR, Dylan Y5
11 CONNOLLY, Logan PP
15 SPRINGHALL, Benjamin Y2
18 LOCKLEY, Harrison Y7
20 CURE, Reilly Y4
22 NAWN, Helen Y4
24 PHILLIPS, Elyse Y6
27 MITCHELL, Noah K
28 DE ANDRADE, Lucinda K
29 WICKRAMAGE, Madawee Y6

**MERIT AWARDS**

14 June 2012
PP: Shaban Salawu
Yr 1: Year One
Yr 2: Cianna Gillingham
Yr 3: Chloe Allen
Chanelle Derschow
Ella Smith

Yr 4: Maddison Bright
Pascal Zoghbi
Yr 5: Corey Bowins
Yr 6: Seb Dalitz
Yr 7: Kate Morley

21 June 2012
PP: Raphael Nott
Yr 3: Alleirah Taylor
Yr 4: Thomas Denney
Yr 5: Thomas McDonald
Yr 7: Samantha Bolton
Joel Nunn
Tennika Quick

SATURDAY VISUAL ARTS
I am excited to offer students from Years One - Seven the opportunity to participate in Saturday Visual Arts in Term Three. The course will run on a Saturday afternoon for six weeks starting in Week Two. Two sessions will be offered, each running for two hours with a maximum of 15 per class. There will be a cost involved to cover materials as I would like to provide the opportunity to experience media and techniques outside of what they are exposed to in the classroom, beginning with ceramics. If you are enthusiastic about being involved in this course I would like to hear from you. You can either write to me explaining why you would like to be in this class or submit a drawing, painting or other piece of art instead. There will be a clearly labelled box in the front office where you can drop your letters/artworks off. Don’t forget your name and class! Closing date will be Thursday 5th July.

Once I have final numbers I can confirm the cost. A detailed letter will then go home in the first week of Term Three. I look forward to hearing from all the creative and enthusiastic students out there at Saint Cecilia’s!  Mrs Broadfoot  Visual Arts Teacher
WEST COAST EAGLES/BORDER PATROL VISIT

What an absolute treat the students had on Tuesday with the visit of some of the members of the West Coast Eagles team. The focus was on values and being a good sportsperson. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and even role play with ‘Rick The Rock Eagle’. Some students from Years One to Seven were involved in a range of Footy drills.

Some of the members involved were Tom Roach, Ross Glendinning and of course their famous mascot, ‘Rick the Rock’ Eagle.

The promotion was part of the Border Patrol Program. Thanks also to Kim Hannah who helped make this happen for our students.

Above from left: Ross Glendinning and Tom Roach

Right: Rick the Rock Eagle
Learning is so much fun in Kindy
Hopefully everyone has taken home an entry form by now for the 2012 Pilbara Photographic and Calendar Competition.

The competition is now Open!

Make sure that you get snapping over the school holidays. We are after your best Pilbara photos for the competition.

Great prizes up for grabs – just for entering!

More entry forms available from the school or Pilbara Photographics.

Entries close Thursday 9th August.

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Social Voting Night

This will be a night not to be missed – put it in your diary now!

Friday 17th August 2012

A chance to vote for your favourite photo to go in to the 2013 calendar.

A great night out with family entertainment, food and drinks.

See you there!