FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

This is the last week of Semester One. I would like to thank our fantastic, hardworking staff for the dedication you have put in this term. St Cecilia’s is blessed to have you all here.

This is the last newsletter for the term. We wish everyone a safe and happy break. Please travel carefully and enjoy your holiday and we look forward to seeing you in July.

To the students, enjoy your break and I hope you come back fresh for Term Three. To all the parents, enjoy your children over the holidays and thank you for the help and support you have given this semester. We all appreciate it.

To all those families who will be leaving us over the holidays we wish you all the best in your travels and will keep you in our hearts. Good luck and God bless you in the next stage of your adventure.

Pre-Primary Teacher

As our Pre-Primary Parents are aware, Mrs Tiffany Sloot will be taking maternity leave midway through next term. A new Pre-Primary teacher, Miss Rebecca Hartwell, has been appointed to commence Week Four of Term Three. She will work alongside Mrs Sloot for two weeks to ensure a smooth transition for the Pre-Primary students.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Students from Years 3 - 6 represented the school at the Interschool Athletics Carnival held at Colin Matheson Oval last Friday. Again their behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding. Thank you to Mrs Amiradaki and staff for the effort you put into preparing the students and helping out on the day. Another thank you for introducing the schools new way of communicating with parents – the Sports Tracker; it appears to be a hit with parents.

Reports

Teachers have been very busy the last couple of weeks getting reports ready to be printed. The process is nearly complete and reports will be ready to hand out on today.

Prayer

Christ, Teacher and Lord, Bless all in this school
As we seek to end our term with the grace you so generously provide.
We give thanks for the students, the staff, and the parents, and all who have contributed to this term of nurturing and growth.
We affirm all the positive moments of insight, of the excitement of learning, of accomplishment, of creativity, of laughter, of a sense of community.
We recognize the times of struggle, of difficult work, of misunderstanding, even of failure—we give these to you for transformation, so they can become seeds that will find fertile soil.
As we leave for the break, may we take with us the knowledge that you will keep us all in your embrace so we may rest and be restored and so we can continue in the ongoing discovery of your Love.

Amen
Busy Bee
On either Saturday 20 or 27 August the school will be holding a working bee out in the front of the school. We will be laying top soil and turf as well as creating garden beds. We invite all parents and families to give us a hand to create an area that can be utilised by students and families in the future.

NAIDOC Week
Wow, what a week this one has been. There has been so much going on in and out of classes. Thank you to Mrs Walker, Warren Walker, Kordal Walker and Zekiel and Jacobie Dhu for for gathering, preparing and sharing part of their culture with us. The food was delicious, as usual.
Congratulations to Mrs Wellbeloved, Mrs Sloot, Mrs Amiradaki, Mr Haywood and Ms Ouschan for organising such a wonderful week of activities. The art display in the hall, was amazing.
Again, I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. To those families leaving us have a travel safe and enjoy the next adventure in your lives.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP

Peter Allen
Principal

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or RCIA)

SEARCHING! People search for many things: a job, a house, a school, a partner, a place to live, even things we can’t see. To help people in their search for the meaning of life we are running a special programme. It is called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or RCIA)

Every two years we conduct this programme. It is for those who are interested in the Catholic Faith. We will be starting this programme in Term 3 (starting on Wed. 20th. July). It will run, during school terms, up to Easter of 2017. There will be a one hour session each Wednesday, from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm (strictly). It will be conducted by Fr. John and a team of presenters.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith, either to be baptised or received into the church, please contact Fr. John (on 0417 436714). If you know of others who are interested please invite them to take part.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St John the Baptist Whole School Mass

Last week, the Year Four class led us in the celebration of the birth of St John the Baptist. St John was the son of Mary’s cousin, Elizabeth and therefore was the cousin of Jesus. He foretold the coming of Jesus and inspired many to follow Christ when he named Him ‘the Lamb of God’.

Being the Nativity of St John the Baptist, it was very fitting to have Father Justus from St John the Baptist Church in South Hedland as our principal celebrant for the Mass. Thank you to the parents for joining us at the Mass as well. Finally, a very big thank you to the Year Four students for leading the Mass so beautifully.

Confirmation

Thank you to those that attended the first family meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation last night, we had a huge turnout. Due to my enrolment in a course being run by the Catholic Education Office I will need to change the date for the next family meeting. The second meeting will now take place on Thursday 21 July.

Thank you for another wonderful term. I wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and for those of you returning to St Cecilia’s after the holidays, we look forward to seeing you all back in Term Three. For those families that are leaving the St Cecilia’s family, and Port or South Hedland, we wish you all the very best for your travels and for the future. All of you have a special place in our school and will be remembered fondly. Thank you for helping to make St Cecilia’s special.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

NAIDOC Week

This week at school we have acknowledged and celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander week. NAIDOC Week is celebrated in the first full week of July but as we will be on school holidays at this time, we celebrated it a week earlier. NAIDOC Week is celebrated across Australia and is a time where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival. As a school, we will celebrate as Christians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous and we will acknowledge the deeply religious and spiritual traditions of our ancestors with respect.

A huge thank you to the NAIDOC Committee for organising our events for the week, especially to Mrs Claire Wellbeloved for organising our special NAIDOC Assembly yesterday. Another huge thank you to Mrs Lizzy Walker, her mother Jean, her brother Warren, Kordal Walker, Jacobie and Zekiel Dhu and Feleena and Emily Attwood for organising and preparing our special NAIDOC Cooking Day on Monday. The students really enjoyed seeing the traditional ways that kangaroo and bush turkey are cooked and enjoyed tasting the range of food that was available for lunch. A lot of time went in to this day and we truly appreciate all that you did to allow us to experience traditional food.
Book Covering

I need book coverers! There is a pile of new Library books and a pile of new Lexile readers that I would love to put into classrooms. If you are able to help please let Mrs Sheen know and she will be more than happy to hand over some books and contact.

Diary Covers

It seems a little early to be announcing this but I have received the order forms for our 2017 Student Diary. As in past years, we would like to be able to order these diaries with a custom cover utilising student artwork. A competition will be open to all students from Pre-Primary through to Year Five to come up with our new diary cover design. The design must include the school motto, ‘Faith, Family, Friendship’ and must depict scenes or items special to our school and/or Port Hedland. Entries are due back to Mrs Sheen by Friday 22 July (end of Week 1).

SPORTS SHOES

_Mainly white sneakers with white shoe laces and white fold over socks_ is the requirement for sports shoes. If for some reason your child is unable to wear the correct uniform, please send a letter to their teacher so they avoid getting a red uniform slip.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

SPORTS NEWS

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FINAL RESULTS

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MERIT AWARDS

16 June 2016

PP: Jack Daly
Y2: Harriet Comerford
Y3: Jacobie Dhu
Y4: Rochelle Crawford
Y5: Damien Chikwaka

Shruthi Murugan
Milo Comerford
Keeley McCrystal
Kaitlyn Russell
Katharine Whitehead

Emme McCrystal
Brayden Lee
Jordan Schmich

Lola Thompson

LEXILE CERTIFICATES

Blue Star Award: Harrison Clarke Y4

23 June 2016

PP: Olive Collins
Y3: Dorian Collins
Y4: Kayleigh Curtis
Y6: David Gordon

Zachary De Andarde
Chiara Foti
Tharani Marasingha
Jayden Rozario

Anna Wellbeloved
Ezekiel Uduldam
Jaxon Unkovich
Ben Sang

BIRTHDAY WISHES

_Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday._

**June**

22 WALKER, Decklynn K
22 RASO, Isabella PP
24 KINGDOM-SPOLJARIC, Izabella Y1
27 ZONKE, Tanya Y3
27 SCHMIC, Jordan Y4
30 UIDULDAM, Ezekiel Y3
30 HODGKINSON, Levi Y4

**July**

2 PENTNEY, Seth Y5
3 FOTI, Jack Y1
3 TOMMY (WURUKI), Beau Y6
4 BENNETT, Sienna Y3
5 GOWTHAMAN, Sandya PP
6 ROGERS, Abbie Y6
13 MURUGAN, Shruthi PP
15 STREAM DHU, Kelliemarie K
16 ATTWOOD, Clara PP
16 LEE, Brayden Y3
17 STAINTON-REA, Charli Y2

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**LIBRARY BOOK COVERING**

Name:______________________________________ Class:__________________

I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.

Parent Name: _____________________________ Contact Number:__________________
Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we come to the end of Semester One, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your family for the vital role you play within our Catholic Education community in Western Australia. For those of you who have joined us this year, I extend an especially warm welcome.

Some of you may have heard about the 2016 National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Conference which was hosted by Catholic Education Western Australia recently in Perth. The conference, attended by more than 1,400 delegates from across Australia and the world, presented opportunities for many of our principals and teachers to contemplate a Catholic education system that provides new educational opportunities and ways of learning.

It was truly wonderful and humbling to hear Honduran Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga speak of Catholic Education in Australia as one of the best Catholic school systems in the world. I am confident that this would not be the case without the hard work and dedication of our staff, or without the invaluable contribution from the parents, families and friends that make up our school communities.

This term was filled with countless stories of student achievement, innovative teaching and learning approaches, and inspiring community initiatives across our system of 163 schools. Witnessing the first Catholic School Youth Summit, with Year 10 and 11 students from across our state, reinforced the agility and resourcefulness of Catholic Education to reimagine learning in a complex youth environment. The opportunity to join hundreds of primary school students from across the Archdiocese of Perth to support the 2016 Lifelink Day campaign launch encouraged me to reflect on the role of our schools to grow compassionate school communities, where Christian values flourish in the lives of our children.

As the winter holiday begins, I hope you will have opportunities to spend time with your children, to have fun, and to continue learning with them and from them. I also hope it is a time for you to reflect on the great importance of your role as your child’s first educator. May you be encouraged by the words of Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga, in his address to the NCEC Conference, “To be an educator is to be joyful.”

I wish your family a joy-filled winter break.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tim McDonald
ENROLMENT CANCELLATION

If you are leaving town and/or the school at any time please complete an Enrolment Cancellation Form. These can be collected or sent home from the office, and are also available on our website: www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au. We would appreciate as much notice as possible as we have many students on the waiting list. This information will be kept confidential.
his term, we went on a “Back to the Future” History mystery tour to find out more about the world from its very beginnings.

Going backwards can teach us a lot about how best to go forwards and we discovered this in particular by studying Roald Dahl’s book

**Esio Trot.**

Here are some of our giant *Esio Trot* projects!

Esio Trot means “tortoise” backwards. We had great fun tricking the whole school and the audience when we did our assembly on *Esio Trot* and ran the whole assembly BACKWARDS! The funniest part was when Mr Allen got up and congratulated us on our fantastic item...and we hadn’t even performed it yet!
In our *Esio Trot* studies, we learned how to write about characters. We also learned that any great story is actually awesome because it is full of **PROBLEMS**.

And there’s no problem with that at all!

Why? Because with every crazy problem comes the chance to find the perfect solution!

This is exactly what Mr Hoppy did in *Esio Trot* to make sure that Mrs Silver knew he was in love with her …Awwww.
TERM 3 AND 4 EVENTS

A Friday night Disco in Week 6 of Term 3, will wrap up Book Week celebrations.

The P&F will supply refreshments at the Working Bee in August - to lay the turf in the new garden adjacent to Anderson St.

The P&F are holding a FUNdraiser in Term 4 – A Quiz Night! The evening will feature games, raffles and prizes, so put your thinking caps on for the questions and get ready to laugh the night away with the games!

2016
CAMPOUT –
SATURDAY
11TH JUNE

The first P&F meeting for Term 3 will be held on Tuesday 26th July at 7pm in the library.

We will discuss our current funding position and any funding requests received from the school and teaching staff. We will also discuss the upcoming Quiz Night and form the subcommittee for this event. We will need many hands to host this fundraiser.

You can keep up to date with our events on Facebook – "St Cecilia’s P&F Parent Helpers".