NEWSPAPER
Term 2 Week 2 Thursday 03 May

A Mother's Love
There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all of our fears.
There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome back to another term! It is wonderful to welcome our new families to St Cecilia's and fondly remember all of our families that have moved on to new schools, all around Australia. It is shaping up to be a very busy term with lots of exciting events.

School was due to begin on Monday 23 April however due to a burst main water pipe school had to be postponed. I would like to thank our wonderful families for the way they looked after our students and gave the school an opportunity to repair the problem. It was amazing the way we managed to contact all families and everyone found a way to look after the students and school started on Thursday without a hitch. The staff were kept very busy at school and accomplished a lot during the two days.

Anzac Day Assembly
On Friday we were led by Mrs Crisp and her sensational Year Six class in a tribute to Anzac Day. We heard the story of Anzac and listened to a moving song that remembered the soldiers of the past. The power point emphasised the memories of Anzac and helped us to understand more fully the heroic deeds of others, so that we may be free. Our special assemblies always help our students gain a greater understanding of these memorable days.

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COMING EVENTS
THURSDAY 03 MAY
6.30pm First Holy Communion
Parent & Student Meeting

WEDNESDAY 09 MAY
Author visit: Meredith Costain from Melbourne K to Y4

THURSDAY 10 MAY
Mothers Day Assembly
PP item
Rugby League coaching clinic
Y7 9.30am

TUE 15 to FRI 18 MAY
NAPLAN Testing Y3,5 & 7
ASSESSMENTS Y1,2,4,6

MONDAY 21 MAY
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
FOTOWORKS

Accompanying this newsletter:
• Term 2 Planner

UNIFORM SHOP
Open during school terms each Thursday after assembly approximately 9.00am to 9.45am
Please place orders early preferably by Wednesday afternoon.

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.
National Testing of Literacy and Numeracy

The national tests assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy. Students will be familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer. The main difference is that all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 at schools across Australia complete the same tests on the same days. Students will have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. NAPLAN will begin on Tuesday 15 May and finish on Friday 18 May.

National tests will provide information on how students are progressing, and support improvements in teaching and learning. These tests will make it easier to monitor student performance in literacy and numeracy across the nation. Over 1 million students from 9,000 schools across Australia participate in the national tests. This information will be used to evaluate what students can do and how they perform against the national benchmarks. You can help your child by talking about these tests as a means of showing what they know and can do at this point in their schooling. Ease any anxiety by explaining that everyone in Australia will be doing this test at the same time and the testing process is an integral part of their school life.

Later in the year individual students will be given reports which will indicate their level of achievement in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar and numeracy.

Quality Catholic Schooling Survey

Our aim is to be a Quality Catholic School and with this in mind we are constantly looking at ways to improve the education we provide for our students. Our motto is every child matters every day and that every child is a successful learner. We want to provide the best education we can for every child. We want to see our students grow and develop and become active citizens in society.

We are searching for feedback on our school so we are asking, students, parents and staff to complete a survey with their views about our school. All staff and students from years five, six and seven will be asked to complete the survey forms as well as 60 parents. All surveys may be completed on line and need to be in by 11 May. We are randomly selecting 6 - 7 parents from each of the year levels.

If you are unable to complete the survey could you please return to the school as soon as possible so that another family may have the opportunity to be involved.

Summer Reading challenge

Each year the Premier offers students in Western Australia in all schools to take up the summer reading challenge. This challenge reinforces the student’s reading and literacy skills which are so important in life. Every year we have a number of our students join in with this great program and today we would like to acknowledge our students: Jordan Bourke, Nathan Bourke, Alex Britcliffe, Zoe Britcliffe, Farnaz Devlaliwalla, Farzan Devlaliwalla and Lexis Rohrlach.

Congratulations children on a fantastic effort in the holidays!

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Miss Skye Jackson to St Cecilia’s; Skye joins us from Queensland and has taken on the position as our Year Seven Teacher. I know that Skye will feel part of our school community very quickly and is ready and keen to work with our students.

We were delighted when Mrs Jo Crisp joined our teaching staff at the beginning of this year. I would like to inform the school community that Jo and her husband Edward are expecting their first child later on in the year. Jo will begin maternity leave at the beginning of Term Three. We wish her all the best and thank her for the wonderful time she has spent with our students in Year Six.

School Photos

On Monday 21 May we have Fotoworks arriving at St Cecilia’s for school photos. This is just a reminder so that all parents are aware of the date. It is a wonderful opportunity to make sure hair cuts are in order and students have the correct school uniform, shoes and socks.

Allergy Reminder

When parents join our school community we remind everyone that we are a nut aware school. We ask that parents do not send nut products to school as we have a number of students who have severe reactions to nut products. Unfortunately we seem to have a number of students bringing peanut butter sandwiches to school and muesli bars with nuts.

Please could you refrain from this practice as it is putting the safety of our students in jeopardy.

Mother’s Day

With Mother’s Day approaching I would like to share with you this lovely story about Mothers.

A baby asked God, “They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there be-
ing so small and helpless?"

“Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you.”

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, “And how am I going to understand when people talk to me if I don’t know the language?”

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

“You will simply call her, 'Mum.'" - Unknown

To all our wonderful Mums in our school community, have a relaxed and enjoyable Mother’s Day next Sunday.

Take care and a blessing on you all.

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Project Compassion Boxes
A reminder to families who took home Project Compassion boxes last term if you could kindly return your donations boxes to our school office as soon as possible, as this money will need to be sent to Caritas Australia. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Communio Week
Communio is a name given to a plan to help the needy people in our own Diocese of Geraldton. We are a Church support needy people in other parts of Australia and the world through Catholic Mission and Caritas. Various people themselves support other countries through other organisations as well. Money collected through Communio though goes to the needy people here in our own Diocese.

The word **Communio** is a Latin one which means ‘Communion – union with’. In other words it says that in our Church we are linked to and connected to people all around the Diocese. Needy people are part of us and our family. In fact all needy people are part of Jesus and therefore a part of us because Jesus said "Whosoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me". Each year we have Communio Week in Schools. This year, **Communio Week will be in Week 6 of this Term**. This is a time to learn more about some of the people that our Diocese supports, to pray for these people and to raise funds for them. We will celebrate **Communio Week with a Fair on Friday 1 June** at our school to raise money to support the needy people in our diocese. Watch this space for more information as we draw closer to Communio Week.

Family Mass – Mothers’ Day
Our Year Six class will be leading our parish community in Mass on Sunday 13 May at 8.30am at St Cecilia’s Church. This day is extra special as it is Mothers’ Day.

We invite all our families to come and celebrate Mass with us on this special day. We hope to see you there.

First Reconciliation
There are a small group of children from our school who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Sunday 20 May this year. These children are preparing to receive both First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for these important sacraments.

Alioth Paciente (Year 5)
Nicholas Murphy (Year 5)
Isaac Jessop (Year 5)
Tobi-Craig Brojanowski (Year 5)
Lily Fisher (Year 6)
Sebastian Dalitz (Year 6)
Kieran Murphy (Year 7)

First Holy Communion
We also pray especially for our Year Four students who have started preparations to make their First Holy Communion in June this year. The children enrolled in the Sacrament on Sunday at Mass and have begun the first step in preparations for this special sacrament.

The Holy Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (Lumen gentium, no. 11; cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1324).

Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

PARISH NEWS
MASS TIMES
St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue & 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 5.00pm (All welcome)
GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
You will have noticed in the front office the new Earn and Learn Woolworths box. Woolworths give schools the chance to purchase equipment each year from Modern Teaching Supplies. In the past few years we have been very successful in the equipment we have purchased thanks to our incredible parents and friends.

From the Wednesday 9 May, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There’ll be 1 sticker for every $10 spent. As soon as you have completed the sticker card you can place it in the collection box at school. (this excludes liquor, cigarettes and gift cards.)

ICAS
At the beginning of the term, parents were invited to nominate their children to sit the ICAS testing in Computer, Science, Writing and Spelling. All forms were sent away and now the dates for the individual tests have been placed on the school Calendar. If your child will be completing the tests please make sure they are at school on the appropriate days. Unfortunately it is too late for parents’ to nominate their children as the timeframe has passed.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

2013 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School is now accepting enrolments for Four Year Old Kindergarten 2013
Applications for children with birth dates between the following dates will be accepted: 01 July 2008 and 30 June 2009. If you wish to enrol your child, we require a copy of the following to be returned with the application form:
- Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate
- Immunisation record
Please note that if you already have a child attending this school and you will have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013, you will also need to complete an Application Form.
For further information or an Application Form please contact the school office or the view the schools website at www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au.
Applications close Friday 29 July 2012.
Interviews will be conducted during Term Three, 2012.

EMAIL ALERTS & UPDATES
Those who are on the newsletter email list will have noticed that they received an email re the recent cyclone and water issues. If you would like to add your email address to receive your newsletter and any updates or alerts. It is easier and quicker for Staff to update families as a group rather than calling them individually.
Please contact the school office for a form or email your address to admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations the following items:
- used stamps
- aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Shoe boxes
These can be brought in to the front office.
Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

ALTAR SERVERS
There will be a practice for alter servers on Thursday 10 May at 1.00pm in St Cecilia’s Church.

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

May
9 MCCLEAN, Charley Y4
10 MERLO, Nicholas Y2
12 DECOURY, Jenae Y1
12 ALLEN, Chloe Y3
13 ROZARIO, Jayden Y2

MERIT AWARDS
04 April 2012
Yr 1: Kaedyn Brady Ethan Williams
Yr 2: Drew Goodman Jackson Gould
Sophie Wainwright
Yr 4: Charley McClean Cameron Warren
Yr 5: Cooper Elliott Year 5Class

COMMUNITY NEWS
ZUMBATOMIC (Children’s Zumba)
South Hedland Lotteries House, Coles Carpark, Leak St, South Hedland, Saturday’s in May only
Age 4-7 2:15-3pm, Age 8-12 3:15-4pm Registration 28 April, South Hedland Lotteries House 10am-12pm Bookings essential Ph: Jackie 0438 774 004
Year 6 held our ANZAC day assembly on Friday 27 April. Despite only having one day to rehearse, they produced a moving and respectful assembly in commemoration of the Australia and New Zealand army corps and moreover, for all those who have served in military operations and died for their country.

Madawee was our main narrator for the assembly and spoke clearly, Jeffrey was extremely organised being in control of the PowerPoint and music and Gerieme and Kyle acted beautifully in our short story ‘Not a Hero’.

All pupils made a huge effort to present clearly to the audience and are congratulated on the wonderful effort they put in to making our ANZAC Day assembly a memorable one.

Tayla laid the wreath and Angelina and Kara raised the flag to half way as we took a minute of silence to remember those who have fought and died for our country.

Thank you to Mrs Strachan for her last minute assistance.
In literacy, Year Six have been learning techniques for persuasive writing. Here are some of the strategies that we have been implementing in our work.

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MI5 contacted Mrs Crisp with regards to a vacancy in their ‘Mission Impossible’ department. We have each written an application letter using the above techniques to persuade Mr Bond to employ us. Here are some examples from our letters! Can you spot who has used which strategy?

**Georgia**
You should definitely employ me because I am a determined, successful and well trained spy.

**Tango Bravo**
Have you found your employee of the decade yet?

**Thomas**
I am agile, accurate and athletic, which is why I have never failed a mission as my mission record prove, moreover, I am renowned for my determination, adaptability and skill.

**Neel**
My five years work have been exceptional, exemplary espionage.

**MTW120**
You must employ me because I have achieved 100% in all marksman tests which has not been done since 1984.

**Agent Remus**
You must employ me because I am experienced, determined and able.

**Neel**

**Madawee**

**Agent Pond**

**Elyse**
Lap-a-thon
Friday 25th May

This year the P&F is fundraising for NEW play equipment for the oval!
It’s up to us to raise as much money as we can for our children to have the best equipment possible!
Our first fundraiser for this year will be the Lap-a-thon. Prizes will be awarded for money raised! Sponsorship forms will be sent home soon.
We will be looking for helpers on the day to set up some shade, stamp the cards as the kids run their laps, and help whiz up the fresh fruit slushies.
So come along and cheer on the kids!

Photo Competition

The photo competition will be run over term 3, with a Voting/Family entertainment night in August. The top 12 photos will be reproduced in our popular St Cecilia’s Calendar!

Quiz Night

SAVE THIS DATE →
Friday 26th October

Anyone interested in helping with this event please email Tanya at s-tmcgrath@westnet.com.au