Welcome back everyone; I hope you all had a terrific time with your children over the school holidays. Term Two promises to be a very busy one with NAPLAN, Sporting Carnivals and incursions. We will even manage to fit some teaching and learning in there somewhere.

St Cecilia's is a Catholic Primary School and as such we include prayer as a way of life. We expect all parents to support the school in this matter even if you don't pray at home. Prayer is a way of saying thank you or it is often used as a way of having quiet time and thinking about what we are grateful for. The Catholic Education Office mandates that all Catholic Schools in West Australia dedicate 30 minutes a day to Religious Education.

The prayer used in this newsletter represents the three core values St Cecilia's holds dearest. FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP. If we all strive to achieve those things mentioned in the prayer we know we are walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing will commence in Week Four this term. It is held annually for all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is designed to give the Federal Government data to track student progress through their schooling life. This information is used to help develop education strategies to enhance the curriculum designed by the Australian Government. It is not designed to classify students or put them in any ranking for further studies.

I would encourage parents to not make a ‘big deal’ out of the testing and treat it as any normal test their child/children might take. Your children will reflect your attitude towards the testing and this can cause anxiety and stress. The best way to help your children is to be positive about the tests, and to ensure they have a good sleep and eat a healthy breakfast on their testing days.

No Catholic School should be using NAPLAN results as a basis of enrolment. Schools will look at NAPLAN data to stream students into their ability levels to further assist in their learning.

**ANZAC Dawn Service**

Thank you to all those families who attended the Dawn Service this year. It was a very moving ceremony that highlighted the bravery and selflessness of those who have served in all conflicts over the years. It was wonderful to see so many St Cecilia’s families present for the ceremony.

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**School Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for keeping us safe over the holiday break. Bless our school families as we continue our learning journey this term. Give all students the will to do their best, to be kind to others, to have enthusiasm for things that are good. Guide them to grow their gifts and use them for you in service to others. Bless our staff that they may meet the needs of all our students and have the wisdom for the right word at the right time as they guide student learning. Bless our parents that they continue to give good guidance and support to their children. Thank you for the gift of Your Son who walks with us each day and is part of our life now not just in the world to come.

**Amen**

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**COMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday 30 April**
First Eucharist Meeting I,
6.30pm, Y4 & Others in the school hall

**12 - 14 May**
NAPLAN Testing
Y3 & Y5

**Wednesday 13 May**
NAPLAN Food Day Lunch
Pre-Orders
Canteen closed for all other orders

**Thursday 14 May**
NO Assembly due to NAPLAN

**Friday 15 May**
ICAS - Digital Technologies
1.30pm

**Saturday 16 May**
P& Mothers Day High Tea

Please note the school’s new phone number: 9174 7000

Accompanying this newsletter:
- Term Two Planner
service and the march.

Congratulations to Mrs Fittock and the Year 6 class for the touching ANZAC Ceremony they held at school on Friday. It was very respectful and touched many people. I have had numerous parents tell me how moved they were by the ceremony and how respectful all the St Cecilia’s students were.

Rubbish Free School

One of our Big Ticket Items for 2015 is sustainability throughout the school. To date we have gone paperless with most letters and the newsletter being sent digitally. To further enhance sustainability the school will be going rubbish free from Week Six, Term 2. On Wednesday 13 and Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 May the school will be holding rubbish free trial days. This will lead into a rubbish free school from Monday 25 May. Students will be taking their recess and lunch rubbish home as no rubbish bins will be placed in the undercover area of the school.

From Week 2 through to Week 4 there will be catalogues placed in the school hall, every Thursday morning, for parents to look at lunch boxes that will help with sustainability. There will also be a table set up with Tupperware lunch containers on display.

School Board

The school board will meet on Thursday 14 May at 7.00pm, in the library. At present the school board requires a secretary. If you are interested in becoming a board member please contact me to arrange a meeting.

God bless

Peter Allen
Principal

St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue to Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am

Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

PARISH MASS TIMES

St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Monday and Wednesday 6.00pm
Tue, Thu & Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

My School Diary

Page 52: Did you use the Prayer Space idea of a white ribbon on a cross to symbolise Jesus Christ risen from the dead on Easter Sunday?

This weekend is the 5th Sunday of Easter and there is a plant in The Word. Find out what plant this is on page 60 of My School Diary and come and tell me at school tomorrow for a small prize.

Project Compassion and Chick-a-Thon

St Cecilia’s School raised a total of $2,031.20 for Caritas through Project Compassion and Chick-a-Thon this year. God bless you and thank you all for your generosity!!

Holy Week Assembly

Year One, Two, Three and Four classes did a wonderful job re-enacting the Holy Week Easter Story at the Assembly on Thursday 2nd April. Well done everybody! You showed us all the way to reflect on the meaning of Easter. Our students displayed understanding and reverence.

First Holy Communion

The first parent meeting is to be held this Thursday 30th April in St Cecilia’s school hall at 6:30pm. Please ensure that you arrive a few minutes early so that we are able to start on time. See you there!

It has been lovely seeing the children at the weekend Masses going up to collect their home study task every week and it is so good to see the families at Mass every week filling up the church.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be on Sunday 17 May, The Ascension of the Lord and will be planned by Year Six.

Blessings

Rosie Vrancic
Religious Education Coordinator

Library Book Coverers

Childs Name: _____________________________ Class: _____________

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

Parent Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: ______________
GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Vanuatu Fundraising
You may remember at the end of last term we held a Free Dress Day to fundraise for schools in Vanuatu after the devastation caused by Cyclone Pam. After being contacted by Jan Cartwright, I was happy to support this cause and rather than asking students for a gold coin I put out the challenge to families to donate an item of stationery.

I want to extend a massive thank you to each and every one of you for the incredible amount of donations we received. I knew that the St Cecilia’s family was a caring and generous one but even this exceeded my expectations. Mrs Rozario and I sorted each item that was donated and had it spread out from one end of the office entrance to the other. It took us over an hour to unpack, sort and repack all the items of stationery. After the items were collected, I received an email from Jan who also asked me to pass on her heartfelt thanks to everyone. In her own words she was “…totally blown away by the response from your parents and students. WOW!!!!” Each day I am proud to be a part of the St Cecilia’s family, but on this day, I felt just a little more proud than usual.

Uniforms
The cold snap last week caught us all by surprise and while we have seen warmer weather this week, it might be a good time to begin thinking about winter uniforms.

This year, we will only be selling the green jackets at the uniform shop but if your child still has the jumper we previously sold, it is OK for your child to continue wearing the jumper.

Black tracksuit pants are only permitted to be worn with the sport uniform. While wearing the dress uniform, boys may wear black trousers with their shirt and girls may wear green tights only (not black leggings) under their dress. Green tights are available from the uniform shop but plain black tracksuit pants and trousers will have to be purchased from retail stores. Please note, black trousers does not include black jeans or tracksuit pants.

Book Covering
Another big thank you, this time to Megan Grasby, Kristine Lee, Renae Price, Emma Merlo and Jess Hegarty for donating their time to cover some of the new books for the library. (I think I forgot someone so please accept an apology along with my thanks!) There is still a big pile of books waiting for covering before they can be put out for students to borrow so if you have an hour or two that you are able to spare, please come and see me before or after school and I’ll be happy to hand over a few books.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

2015 KINDERGARTEN VACANCIES

We have a few vacancies in our Kindergarten class. Applications to be made through the front office or print off the application form from the schools website www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

April
20 PUERTOLLANO, Aimee PP
21 GONZALEZ, Mia PP
22 CAMPBELL, Olivia Y6
23 KAHONDO, Izwirashe K
24 WADE, Amy Y3
24 FOTI, Scarlett Y4
26 DOYLE, Zaina Y3
29 WILLIAMS, Stella Y2

MERIT AWARDS

26 March 2015
PP: Jackuis Brown
Y1: Jack Martin John Pugsley
Y2: Sienna Bennett Zain Salawu
Y3: Harrison Clarke Jaxon Unkovich
Y4: Charlee Coppock Jenae Decourcy Scarlett Foti
Y5: Ashley Dwyer
Y6: Bailey Brook Declan Rahman

COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS

I, _______________________________, would like to donate ____ meals for the community.
Please return this slip to the front office and meal containers will be sent home with your child.
Students name: __________________________________________ Year: ____________
FUN FRIENDLY FUNDRAISING

In conjunction with St Cecilia’s initiative of ‘sustainability throughout the school’, the P&F are conducting a Tupperware Lunchbox Drive Fundraiser, from Week 2 until the end of Week 4 (last day, Friday the 15th of May). 20% of all sales will be donated to the P&F and that will provide valuable dollars to contribute towards the purchasing of vital resources for our school.

“When you consider the statistics of…”

“If one student takes 1 sandwich and 2 snacks wrapped in plastic wrap, to school every day in their lunchbox, it will result in them contributing 100m of wrap to landfill, in 1 year!”

Imagine if every child from St Cecilia’s took their food wrapped in plastic wrap to school…..

278 students = 27,800m of plastic wrap into landfill each year.

An average family ends up spending a minimum of $250 a year on plastic wrap or (zip-lock bags). Tupperware’s extensive lunch and snack storage solutions have the whole family covered. These sets will keep contents fresh and secure, without the need for plastic wrap! They are versatile and stylish, and will look after the health of your family and the environment, saving you over $200 a year.

A display will be set up each Thursday (30th April, 7th May & 14th May) in the Hall or under the undercover area, to inspect the product range. If you would like to view the regular range catalogue or the monthly preview, please contact Kristine on 0407057611 OR email at Kristine.lee@bigpond.com.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
ORDERS
DUE BACK AT
SCHOOL BY: Monday 04 May 2015
Sorry no late orders

UNIFORM SHOP
Open during school terms each Thursday after assembly approximately 9.00am to 9.30am
Please place orders early preferably by Wednesday afternoon.

Positive Parenting Program
- Explore effective discipline strategies
- Enrich parent-child relationships

DATES: Friday morning
Starting May 1st 2015
2-hour weekly sessions for 4 weeks (run every school term from week 2)
TIME: 9am-11am
VENUE: Child Parent Centre
Weaver Place
South Hedland

FREE SERVICE
Enquiries
Phone Christie
0429 203289/91741351
CRECHE AVAILABLE
Booking essential 3 weeks prior to commencement to secure childcare
Limited to 5-8 places
Bookings
Phone 91724956

Positive Parenting Program
- Explore effective discipline strategies
- Enrich parent-child relationships

DATES: Tuesday Night
Starting 28th April 2015
2-hour weekly sessions for 4 weeks (run every school term from week 2)
TIME: 7pm-9pm
VENUE: Hedland Well Women’s Centre
Leake Street
South Hedland

FREE SERVICE
Enquiries
Phone Christie
0429 203289/91741351
NO CRECHE AVAILABLE
Bookings
Phone 91741321

家庭 FUNDAY
SUN.3.5
FREE ENTRY!
CEMETARY BEACH PARKLANDS
CARNIVAL ATTRACTIONS
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
MARKET STALLS
FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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, 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.
During Term One the Year Four Class completed a History Assignment. They chose one of the great early explorers from, Sir Francis Drake, Vasco Da Gama, Christopher Columbus, Marco Polo and Ferdinand Magellan.

Our aim was to have a three-dimensional display as well as an information poster, ready to display on our parent evening in the first week of Term Two.

Here are some photos of our very successful evening on Thursday 23 April. We are very proud of our efforts and would like to thank our parents for their help and encouragement.
The variety of displays and the imagination was amazing!
UPCOMING EVENT

Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mum’s

NEXT MEETING
9th JUNE
At 7PM
In Library

SAVE THE DATE!
17th NOVEMBER
Maggie Dent will be coming to our school.

Further details will be sent home with children.

P & F Committee
A big thank you to:
Kristine Lee Acting President.
(We still need a permanent one :-()

Jules Westlake our new Treasurer

Being involved in your P&F is a great way to meet school families and strengthen our school community whilst having fun.

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