For the rest of my life I’m going to trust that God is always at work in all things, and give Him thanks long before my simplest prayers are answered.

Nancy Parker Brummett

Serenity

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

Reinhold Niebuhr

**NEWSLETTER**

**Term 2 Week 4 Thursday 17 May 2012**

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**COMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY 21 MAY**
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
FOTOWORKS

**WEDNESDAY 23 MAY**
6.00pm South Hedland Parent & Student First Holy Communion Meeting

**THURSDAY 24 MAY**
Sorry Day Assembly Y5
6.00pm Port Hedland Parent & Student First Holy Communion Meeting

**FRIDAY 25 MAY**
NO CANTEEN
CANTEEN CLOSED
P&F Lap A Thon

**MON 28 MAY to FRI 01 JUNE**
Communio Week

**FRIDAY 01 JUNE**
Communio Fair

**MONDAY 04 JUNE**
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**FRIDAY 08 JUNE**
Faction Athletics Carnival

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope all our Mothers and Grandmothers had a wonderful rest and relaxed Mothers’ Day last Sunday. It was a joy to see so many Mums at our family Mass on Sunday celebrating this special day with our Parish community. Each Mother received a beautiful red rose from Father John as part of our church celebration. We were lead by our amazing Year Six class, so thank you to Mrs Crisp and her reverent class for helping with the preparation of the Liturgy of the day.

Mother’s Day Assembly
It was a joy to be entertained by our sensational Pre Primary class last Thursday when they presented their tribute to Mothers at their assembly. Mrs Grey with help from Mrs McGrath and Mrs Retallack made sure that our young talented students shone at the Mothers’ Day assembly. We really enjoyed the song and actions and the energy of their performance.

Quality Catholic Schooling Survey
Thank you to our wonderful staff, students and parents for filling in the Surveys that were sent home last week. These surveys have been sent out to all Catholic Schools in Western Australia. The main aim of the survey is to find out how staff and students wellbeing can be improved in our school. Once we receive feedback from the surveys we will make sure that our community is informed. Thank you once again for your assistance with this matter.

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**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.
School Photos
Last week the information packs for School Photos were sent home with your eldest child. On Monday all classes will be rostered to have their class, individual and family photos taken. We have asked that all children from Years One to Seven be dressed in their full school uniform, with polished shoes and correct socks. I have noticed that a number of our boys have hair that is longer than it should be. This would be an ideal time to make sure your boys have the correct short back and sides hair style that is asked for when they attend St Cecilia’s. There will be no sports uniforms worn on Monday 21 May.

Lap-A-Thon
On Friday 25 May we will be holding our School Lap-a-thon on the oval. All students will be participating and we look forward to having a wonderful day, while getting healthy and fit: even the Staff will be joining in. We encourage all parents to come and support the lap-a-thon. This awesome event is being run by our amazing P&F who have asked a number of parents to help in setting up for the day, in running the event and finally to assist in packing away.

We would like to thank all parents who are able to assist with the various duties on the day. The day shall begin at 8.00am with the setting up of tents and equipment. Students from Kindergarten to Year Seven will begin the walk at 9.00am. We envisage the lap-a-thon will finish by 10.00am when each student will receive a fresh fruit slushy. This is a fun raising event so we hope that all students have their sponsors and are eagerly looking forward to an exciting day. Students are asked to wear their faction sports uniform as it will add to the colour of the day. Don’t forget to wear your school hat and sun block.

Caretaker Extraordinaire
We have been blessed to have Tony Ormond as our caring grounds man since late last year. Tony volunteered his services when he came to town with his wife Barbara, his daughter and grand children. Tony has powered ahead to make sure that our school grounds look magnificent every single day. He can be found at school early every morning and even on weekends. Tony has worked his magic and through hard work and diligence made sure our school grounds look beautiful each day for our students. Tony has really made a difference to our school and I know that I thank him on behalf of the whole school community; we will all miss him greatly and thank him for the wonderful work he has accomplished. Tony became part of our school community and will be remembered; hopefully Tony, you may join us once more in the future.

Communio Week
During Communio Week we reflect on all the Caring Services that operate within the Geraldton Diocese and how each of these agencies reach out to those in need. As a school community we hold a fair each year with funds raised being sent to Bishop Justin for distribution to those various agencies, who provide the care. As a school we always love to see the many different stalls that are held. We will be holding our Fair on Friday 1 June from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. All students will have the chance to visit each stall. If parents would like to assist on the day please speak with the relevant classroom teacher.

Parish Busy Bee
On Friday 1 June we will be holding a Busy Bee to clean around the Parish grounds and inside the Church. This is in preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist which will be celebrated in our Church on 10 June. I would encourage as many families as possible to come and join us on Friday afternoon from 4.00pm; children are also welcome to help out. If families could bring garden tools and gloves to help with whipper snipping, mowing, pulling out weeds and pruning. It is also a wonderful opportunity to work in the Church by cleaning windows in preparation for First Holy Communion. We hope to finish the gardening by 6.00pm in time for a free sausage sizzle. We really require your assistance so please keep this afternoon free.

Sorry Day
On Thursday 24 May we will be holding Sorry Day. The first National Sorry Day was held on May 26, 1998, which was one year after the tabling of a report about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. The report, known as Bringing Them Home, acknowledged that Indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families and communities since the early days of European occupation in Australia. Governments and missionaries were responsible for this forced separation.

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. We will hold a special assembly in the hall to remember this day, led by our Year Five class.

Creative Thinking Workshops
On Monday 28 May Kathy Boyatzis-Pascoe will be coming to visit St Cecilia’s. Kathy is the State Director of Tournament of Minds and has made herself available to work with our students from Years One to Seven. It is a wonderful opportunity to help our students and teachers see and think differently, to unlock their creative minds. There will be a timetable set up for each of the classes and Kathy will run through many thought provoking strategies. We look forward to seeing how the students participate on the day.

Kathy is also going to work with the staff on the Tues-
Principal
Paula MacKenzie

Communio Fair.

We know we have many creative people in our school both in staff and students, so it should be a wonderful two days.

Peer Pressure
Having a group of friends is one of the most important aspects of being a child and a teenager. A ‘Peer Group’ is a group of friends about the same age. ‘Peer Pressure’ refers to the effect that this group of friends can exert on an individual. Peer groups can be a very positive influence on a young person’s life, but they can also cause them great stress, including their parents!

Peer groups help a young person to have a sense of belonging and a sense of being valued. It provides them with a sense of security and of being understood by others who are going through the same experiences. The peer group can provide a safe environment for young people to test values and ideas, develop friendship skills and provide positive reinforcement and encouragement for the young person to develop their personality and identity.

Peer pressure often creates extra stress for young people as they want to ‘keep in’ with friends, and do things that help them belong to the group. There is nothing worse for most young people than to be shown up or embarrassed in front of their peer group. Not all young people respond in the same way to peer pressure. Some are simply more independent than others and can withstand or resist the pressure better. Research indicates that young people who do not receive support at home are more likely to be influenced by their peer group.

The two best supports for young people who feel they are under pressure from their peer group are family and friends. It is very important for parents to keep the channels of communication open. As parents, you can provide the support to help your child resist pressure from friends or the wider peer group. Being able to talk things through with your child can enable them to see how they are being pressured unfairly or unnecessarily. Having a good friend (or two) can be critical in helping your child put things into perspective. Two people can resist pressure better than one and provide an alternative view point that can then influence peer group views and actions.

Peer groups are part of growing up and they will cause a great deal of pleasure and at times, some grief. By being aware of, and connected with your child’s friendships, you are in a better place to monitor and support them if ‘pressure’ arises.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Cecilia’s Communio Fair

Please join us for our Communio Fair. Your child will have the opportunity to purchase small items from the stalls. Please provide your child with coins so they can enjoy and participate in our Communio Fair.

**When:** Friday 1 June
**Time:** 1:15-2:15pm
**Where:** Our school hall

Class teachers will be arranging the stalls and always appreciate parent assistance. Be sure to let your class teacher know if you are available to assist at our Communio Fair.

First Reconciliation

There are a small group of children from our school who will celebrate their First Reconciliation this Sunday. These children are preparing to receive both First Reconciliation and First Communion this year. Please keep these children 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 4 students who have started preparations to make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 10 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. Please remember that if you live in South Hedland, then you belong to St John the Baptist Catholic Church, South Hedland Parish and if you live in Port Hedland then you belong to St Cecilia’s Catholic Church, Port Hedland parish. If there is an issue with this, please speak with your parish priest personally.

Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

PARISH NEWS

**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)

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion began last Wednesday 9 May. A Sticker Card is going home today with the eldest child in each family. Stickers can be collected from Woolworths at the checkouts when you shop, and then you simply apply them to the Sticker Card or send stickers in to the school office. When your sticker card is full, send it to the school office and collect a new sticker card. Additional Sticker Cards will be available from the school office as well. All sticker cards have been stamped with the school stamp and it is not necessary to put your child’s name on the card as there are no individual prizes, only prizes for the school.

Last year was very successful and St Cecilia’s received amazing equipment including fractions sets, volume kits and stopwatches. We look forward to another successful Earn & Learn promotion!
ICAS ASSESSMENTS

ICAS Assessments season is about to begin, starting with the Computer Skills Assessment on Tuesday 22 May at 1pm in the School Hall. Please note this is the official sitting date for this assessment.

All students taking part in ICAS Assessments this year may access practice questions online by going to the website [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) and follow the link to ‘Prepare’ or [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practiseonline](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practiseonline). Alternatively you can also choose to purchase past papers by going to the same website ([www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)) and following the link to ‘Buy Past Papers’. There are three more assessments taking place this term Science (Wednesday 6 June), Spelling (Tuesday 19 June) and Writing (Wednesday 20 June).

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Please see Cathy in the canteen to discuss your offers of assistance.

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 on the schools website at [www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au](http://www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au).

Applications close Friday 29 July 2012.

Interviews will be conducted during Term Three, 2012.

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

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 into the front office. 

Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate their birthday.

May

14 MURPHY, Nicholas Y5
17 SMITH, Mason Y1
18 LOGGHE, Jasmijn Y3

MERIT AWARDS

03 May 2012

PP: Rohan Aspland  Levi Hodgkinson
    Talitha Sheen

Yr 1: Charlotte Emmitt  Caitlin Felsner
    Breanna Johnson

Yr 2: Jordan Bourke  Mackenzie Flack
    Riley Hunter  Olivia Mitchell
    Charlotte Jonckheere

Yr 4: Nikita Burton  Ethan Gould
    Jed Marsden

Yr 5: Noah Atkins  Holly Spurling

Yr 6: Piper McDonald

Yr 7: Damien Buckland  Kohi Poharama

10 May 2012

PP: Vinnie Leopardi  Sophie Williams
    Lena Logghe  Niamh McCrohan
    Max Moore

Yr 2: Katana Cox  Alexander Jonckheere

Yr 3: Shay Matthews  William Rehn

Yr 4: Maddison Bright  Reilly Cure
    Georgina Latham

Yr 5: Luke Garbin  Joshua Peagam

Yr 6: Georgia Hinch  Tess Mellberg

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER BY HOSTING A SHORT TERM EXCHANGE STUDENT.

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for a short term of only 3 months. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friends!

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](http://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.
ABSENTEEISM
Please note St Cecilia's procedure for recording students absences.
Teachers will advise the office by 9.00am each morning of any absent students.
Any unexplained absences will be followed up with one phone call to the Mothers Mobile only by the School Secretary.
Parents are asked to call the school office prior to 9.00am each day of their child’s absence to avoid a phone call being made to them.
All absences need to be notified by a parent or guardian (not a sibling, neighbour etc).
Parents are to follow up all absences with a written explanation note as soon as possible to class teachers.

UPPER PRIMARY MATH PROBLEM
Circular Puzzle
A class of students is numbers off and asked to sit in an evenly-spaced circle. Student 8 sits directly opposite student 20.
How many students are there in the circle altogether?
Which student is opposite student 13?
Submit answers in the ‘Problem Solving Solutions’ box (found in the front office) by Friday 25th May. Good luck!

LOWER PRIMARY MATH PROBLEM
Crack the code
In a secret code, letters stand for numbers. In this code, the word BEE is worth 12 points. The word DOG is worth 26 points.
How many points is the word CAT worth?
Submit answers in the ‘Problem Solving Solutions’ box (found in the front office) by Friday 25th May. Good luck!

MIDDLE PRIMARY MATH PROBLEM
WASHY, WASHY, WINDOWS
Trevor is going to earn a little money during holidays by washing windows for his neighbours. He plans to charge $5.00 per window. Mr. Smith has 18 windows on his house and Mrs. Jones has 14 windows on her house. How much will Trevor earn from Mr. Smith? ______
How much will Trevor earn from Mrs. Jones? ______
How much money will Trevor earn in total? ______
Submit answers in the ‘Problem Solving Solutions’ box (found in the front office) by Friday 25th May. Good luck!

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER CONSENT
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School’s fortnightly newsletters are available by electronic means (thereby reducing costs and helping the environment at the same time). If you are happy to receive the newsletter/school notices/alerts via this method, please indicate your acceptance below:

- Yes I would like to receive the newsletters and updates by email.

Family Name: ___________________________________________________
Email Address: ____________________________________________
Students Name: ___________________________________ Year Level: ____
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Students Name: ___________________________________ Year Level: ____
PleASe return to the school office asap

Canteen Closed on Friday 25 May
What have Year Four been up to?

Music!

With Mrs Gillingham

Cooking up a storm!

placing mixed numerals on a Number line.
Oh no! More Maths, but it's fun!

We love Sport with Mrs Poharama.

Religion with Father John. We think he's terrific!

More fun when we did a Rap about Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
P & F NEWS BULLETIN
(St Cecilia’s Parents and Friends Association)

Lap-a-thon

Friday 25th May

With the Lap-a-thon NEXT WEEK hopefully the kids have chosen a prize to work towards and started fundraising! Spare forms are available in the office.

For parents unable to help on the day, the P&F are asking for donations of oranges or lemons for our fresh fruit slushies. These will be provided free to the children after their laps. Please leave bags of oranges/lemons in the office on Wednesday next week.

We still need helpers on the day to put up shade, stamp the kids lap cards as they run by, serve the slushies and assist with taking the shade down. We would also love Thermomix owners willing to help with the slushies to please contact Emma on 0407610244 or ekmerlo@hotmail.com. It is not a long day and we will be finished by morning recess.

Showing Appreciation to our Teachers

Parents value teachers’ efforts. However, we rarely have the opportunity to publicly express our appreciation. This is our chance to do so by nominating our teachers and leaders for the NEiTA 2012 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards.

It’s easy to nominate and show our teachers how much we appreciate and support them. Nomination forms can be downloaded or completed online at www.neita.com.au or requested from the NEiTA Secretariat by phoning 1800624487. Nominations can be made by individual parents and grandparents, the Parents and Friends Association, the School Board and community organisations.