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How to help:

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2. Make homework time as enjoyable as possible.
3. Establish a good working environment at home and at school and give them proper direction so that they may learn of Your wonderful virtues. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

Dear Parents

**NAPLAN**

I am pleased to say that the NAPLAN Testing is now behind us. Congratulations to the students and staff members who participated for the wonderful composure you displayed. NAPLAN can be a stressful time for students, parents and staff members. The data obtained from the NAPLAN Testing is a valuable tool but doesn’t reflect the true nature of schools and the all-round education they provide students.

**PARENT STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY**

I was initially disappointed with the response to the Parent Survey that was sent home earlier this term. I spoke to another Principal who suggested that maybe many parents are happy with the way the school operates and this is the reason not many surveys were returned. I hope this is the case because we can’t fix or alter things if we don’t know parents thoughts.

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the survey. There have been many terrific ideas and suggestions put forward and these will be discussed at the Parent Forums. At present I am collating the information and comparing that to the staff responses. There are some areas that both staff and parents share common ground on.

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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.
for students.

4. Encourage children to work reasonably quickly and efficiently.

5. Encourage children to become organised by planning homework around their extra-curricular activities.

6. Be realistic and don’t expect to solve all homework difficulties.

7. Don’t do their homework for them. (Teachers need to know if a student can’t do the homework)

Important Dates:
22 May     First Communion Parent Meeting (in the Hall at 6.30pm)
02 June    Public Holiday – No school
03 June    Pupil Free Day
12 June    Parent Strategic Plan meetings 9.00am and 7.00pm
13 June    Faction Athletics Carnival Yr 1-7
15 June    Family Mass Yr 3
16 June    ICAS Writing
19 June    Assembly
19 June    Confirmation Parent Meeting
21 June    Car Boot Sale in school carpark

God bless

Peter Allen,
Principal

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES

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

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Cecilia’s Communio Fundraising
A letter was sent home on Tuesday providing information about Communio Week, which we will be recognising next week. Attached to the back of the letter was an order form for a yummy Sausage Sizzle lunch. Just a reminder that these orders are due back tomorrow and as we need to organise the order of sausages and bread we are unable to accept any late orders.

We are also having a gold coin donation Free Dress Day and the Year Seven children are selling Paddle Pop and Bulla ice creams at lunch for $2.00 or ice blocks for $1.00 so save those gold coins and help us to raise funds to send to the Bishop for Communio.

National Reconciliation Week
Next week is also National Reconciliation Week, beginning with National Sorry Day on Monday 26 May. The theme for this year is “Let’s Walk, the Talk”. Each class has been asked to think about the contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made to Australia and children will be completing activities in class to develop a better understanding of the importance of these days.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation
We pray for our students who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All children have attended the enrolment Masses and have been receiving weekly activities to complete at home with their families. These activities are important as they support the learning that is taking place at school and involves the family in the spiritual journey that these children are preparing for. These activities are handed out at Mass each week so it is important that you are attending Mass to receive these activities.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

ICAS Testing
There is a change of date for the ICAS Science Test. Originally this test was due to be held on Friday 06 June. It will now be held on Wednesday 04 June, in the Library from 2:45 until approximately 3:45pm.

CANTENE NEWS

LUNCH MENU CHANGE
Please note that Fins and Grins will no longer be available.
Fridays special is now:
Toasted sandwiches $4.00 each
Ham, Ham & Cheese, Ham & Tomato, Chicken, Chicken & Cheese.

RECESS
We are now selling Jaffles, with baked beans at recess. They will be $1.50 for a half sandwich size jaffle.

At recess students may choose one daily special item and one piece of fruit each in line with our healthy Traffic Light System Guidelines.

Mrs Kelly Gould
Canteen Manageress
LIBRARY NEWS

Drink more milk!
Our milk bottle creation is developing well; we had a few false starts and are now expert glue gun handlers and have a well-tested plan of action. Keep bringing in those bottles and we’ll keep adding them to our creation, you should see it take shape soon!

Our library is out of this world
Quasar is a bright new addition to the Library, thank you to the Library leaders for introducing him at assembly. Each week Quasar the alien will have a burning question in his mouth, you can research the answer in the library or at home and place your answers in the Library Post box. At assembly each week we will announce the weekly winner and hand out a prize.

Mrs Wellbeloved
Library Teacher

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Port Hedland OSHC
Would you like your child to be a confident and involved learner?
Would your child like to participate in weekly Active After School Sports of Orienteering and Baseball?
Would you like them to learn life skills such as cooking, cleaning their environment and caring for our natural environment?
Would you like your child to be engaged in our new vegie patch project and recycling program?
Would your child like to be included into an exciting, fun and welcoming environment and curriculum?
Please contact Danielle at Port Hedland OSHC on 0428 340 040 or porthedlndosc@cssu.org.au
We are currently taking enrolments for After School Care and Vacation Care 2014.

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

MERIT AWARDS

08 May 2014
PP: Harriet Comerford
Yr 1: Ethan Gavranic
Yr 2: Jaden McSweeney
Yr 3: Kartini Quin
Yr 4: Jacob Balcombe
Yr 5: Chloe Allen
Yr 6: Jarred Ams
Yr 7: Clancy Esmonde
Abbie Rogers
Willow Pentney
Rawiri Poharama
Mackenzie Walker
Conor Larsen
Cole McLarty
Emily Feeney
Amy Pearson

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students
May
12 DECOURY, Jenae Y3
12 ALLEN, Chloe Y5
13 BROADFOOT, Lucy K
13 HARRIS, Mace Y4
13 ROZARIO, Jayden Y4
14 MURPHY, Nicholas Y7
19 DWYER, Ashley Y4
21 DUNN, Lawson K
21 COLATO-LOPEZ, Tiana Y1
22 COMERFORD, Harriet PP
22 COMERFORD, Milo PP
22 TOMERINI, Ella Y2
23 MCDONALD, Thomas Y7
24 LOMAS, Mikenna Y2

ENROLMENT CANCELLATION
If you are leaving town and/or the school at the 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.

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:___________________

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:_________________
Come for a Shocking Night Out!

Family Science Show

Electricity and Lightning

Wednesday June 4, 2014
6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

Baler Primary School, South Hedland

For Keen Science Students (Primary and Secondary) and Parents/Guardians

Increase your Interest and Enjoyment in Learning

- What is the difference between volts and amps? Which one is deadly? Does a lightning flash travel upwards or downwards? Why shouldn’t you lie down on the ground when there is a thunder storm around? Why do so many people die unnecessarily after an electrical accident or being struck by lightning? And more.

Highly Visual and Entertaining

- See the long sparks from a one-half-million-volt Tesla coil, the effect of electricity on your muscles (ouch!), how lightning caused an Italian church to explode, what happens when lightning strikes a car, and more, and hear some fascinating stories involving lightning.

Examine Interesting Phenomena Using Equipment That is Not Readily Available

- Study different types of lightning strikes to people and other animals, ways to protect yourself from being struck by lightning, why lightning can affect different types of trees in different ways, and more.

Cost: $12 per person (includes GST).

Presenter: Dr Peter H. Eastwell

As numbers are limited, places need to be filled on a first-in basis.

To Book

To book, please email the name(s) of those in your group wishing to attend, as well as the name of your school, to baler@sciencetime.com.au by Saturday, May 31. If places are still available, you will receive a subsequent message containing payment information. Booking is important to ensure that the show is not overbooked or that you are alerted in the event that bookings are insufficient to support the show.
Hi Everyone

Welcome to Hedland night is on tomorrow Friday 23 May and St Cecilia’s will be having a stall. We will be selling show bags and cookbooks. Come on down and say hello!

Also on Friday 23 May, it is Walk to School Day. The P & F will be supplying breakfast to the students that participate in the walk that morning.

We welcome two new members to the general committee. Welcome Alison Fitt and Belinda Sibley.

The next P&F meeting will be held on Friday 06 June, from 8.30am onwards in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc.

**REGISTER NOW!**

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to remind you that our 60th Anniversary Dinner/Conference takes place on Friday 23rd May/Saturday 24th May.

Guest speakers include Hon Peter Collier MLC, Dr Tim McDonald Director - Catholic Education WA, Allan Blagaich - CEO School Curriculum and Standards Authority, and a presentation from Daniela and Stefania from My Kitchen Rules 2011!

Full details/registration forms can be found on our website. Simply complete the registration form and return to us with payment ASAP!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our 60th Anniversary Dinner and Conference. If you have any questions/queries, please call Siobhan Allen (Liaison Officer) on 0409 025 683 or call the PFFWA office on 9271 5909.

Please visit our website to keep updated on the conference, or look for us on Facebook.

[http://pff.wa.edu.au](http://pff.wa.edu.au)
Some very hungry caterpillars made holes in our fruit at Kindy.
Our fruit kebabs were tasty!
On Wednesday 21 May the whole school took part in the National Simultaneous Storytime where we read Ursula Dubosarsky’s book *Too Many Elephants in this house*. We also had a colouring in competition and Ms Batchelor in Pre-Primary lead us on a very exciting elephant journey on the playground. In 2013 over 430,000 children at over 2,500 locations across Australia took part and this year St Cecilia’s was proud to add to those numbers. A great time was had by all, I can’t wait to participate again next year.