FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the week I received a letter from each of the Year Five students as part of their pervasive writing lesson. They had taken the topic “homework should be banned”, as we know this is a very explosive topic with many views. I was delighted to read each of the well written letters I believe this is a testament to the wonderful work being covered in Year Five. I was delighted with the arguments put forward by our students. I was very happy to write a reply putting forward views that aligned with the need to have homework in our school. I ventured into year five and had the opportunity to speak with the class after reading my reply. It gave way to a wonderful debate where students had the chance to decide on where they stand on this topic. We have a group of mature students who were keen to give their viewpoint and reasons why they believed what they did after listening to both sides of the debate. You may be interested to know that a number of our students enjoy homework and many saw the benefits to homework.

Year Five Assembly

I must commend Mrs Poharama and Mrs Joukhadar and their class of fantastic Year Five students on the wonderful assembly we saw last Thursday. They began the assembly by celebrating Sorry Day and telling us the story and the history of this important day. Then we stopped and reflected on Mary Help of Christians and prayed together Mary’s special prayer. The assembly was memorable and beautifully celebrated.

If your heart is full of love you will always have something to give.

LOVE

Love never fails
The book of 1 Corinthians

Love doesn’t make the world go ‘round.
Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.
Franklin P. Jones

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.
Lap-a-thon
What a magic day we had on Friday when as a school we participated in the P&F Lap-a-thon. We began with a wind which made things a little chilly but in the end helped to keep our students cool as they ran and walked around the oval. Mums and Dads were on hand to give out stamps to record the number of laps completed by each student. There were many happy faces from all who competed from babies in strollers to grandmothers and everyone in between. The walk was finished with the most delicious fruit slushies created by our thermo mix gurus. Thank you to our parents and staff and students for making the day one to remember.

Creative Workshops
On Monday we had Kathy Boyatzis Pascoe enter our school and help staff and students to use their creative minds by thinking outside the box. Students from Year One to Year Seven had sessions with Kathy and really got to stretch their imagination and minds. I am sure that all children came home and chatted to you about what they were discussing in these sessions. Everyone really excelled and Kathy was blown away by the creativity in our school. Thank you to BHP for funding this amazing day.

Busy bee
We have our busy bee happening on Friday 1 June which is tomorrow. Anyone who is able to come and help we would love to see you there. We will meet in the undercover area ready to begin work at 4.00pm. All families are invited to help, bring along gloves and tools to help clean up the area around the Church and Parish Centre. We would love the area to look beautiful for the First Holy Communion which is being celebrated on Sunday 10 June. We will finish up at 6.00pm with a sausage sizzle. Hope you can make it.

Athletics Carnival
We are looking forward to our Athletics Carnival which will take place on Friday 8 June. Mrs Po-harama has been busily preparing this wonderful event. A lot of planning and time is taken to make this day such a success. Mrs Po-harama has really excelled and I know we are all going to enjoy the day. I know that the staff and students have been practicing for the events. The day will run as it did last year with a rotation based carnival. May the games begin.

Studying at Home
A supportive loving environment where parents show their interest and care for their child and understand their needs, provides a strong foundation for children to feel confident in their ability to achieve. Studies show that healthy families make time for talking and listening, show encouragement and appreciation, and accept the difference in each family member. Good study habits can be nurtured from an early age where parents, as part of their after school routine, set aside a time to read their child’s books with them. This then creates the foundation for encouraging a regular daily homework session to become part of their routine.

Other ideas include:
- Discuss with your child what time of day works best as study/homework time for them. You may need to decide what time after school will work best for younger children.
- Families who value homework and school participation encourage the same value in their children.
- Remove distractions. Turn the TV off during homework time, find a place where they feel comfortable and they will not be disturbed.
- Create a study area, although preferences may vary with each child.
- Provide other opportunities apart from TV to wind down after school - playing outside or with some toys for younger children, listening to music or reading a favourite book for older students.
- Providing a healthy snack and drink after school and some ‘down’ time before children are expected to do their homework, gives them a chance to relax and recharge after a busy day for younger children.
- Adolescents may be tired due to a combination of increasing work load and rapid growth, so good food and adequate rest needs to be included as part of their study plan.
Celebrating effort and your child’s willingness to have a go, supports children to feel they are valued as individuals and supports their self esteem and confidence.

Celebrate any achievements however small.

Teach your child about setting priorities especially for your senior students.

Encourage students to complete homework when it is first issued rather than waiting until the day before their homework is due. Waiting until the last minute increases the risk of them feeling overwhelmed with a number of assignments due at the same time.

Encourage reading a wide variety of texts - newspapers, magazines and books.

The aim is to encourage your child to work to the best of their ability and to show them you believe in their worth as an individual and in their capacity to achieve.

You can play an important role in modelling and teaching your children how to create a successful and happy life.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Cecilia’s Communio Fair
Please join us for our Communio Fair tomorrow. 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
Hope to see you there!

First Holy Communion
We pray for our students who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 10 June this year. The children have been preparing for this important Sacrament each week and we look forward to sharing this special occasion with them.
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)

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK 2012
This year’s Book Week will take place in Week 5 Term 3, starting on Monday 20 August. This is also the week for our school Book Fair. In 2012 the Olympic Games will be held in London in July. The Book Week theme for 2012 is “Champions Read!” Each year the Children’s Book Council selects books suitable for different ages and puts them on a shortlist. I have already ordered a selection of books from the shortlist and am eagerly awaiting their arrival.
With the school holidays coming up, now is the time to start thinking about your Book Week costume. I know which champion I am going to dress up as!
Miss Dee Campbell
Library Teacher

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

ICAS Assessments
Congratulations to all those students who participated in the ICAS Computer Skills Assessment last week. The next ICAS assessment is SCIENCE. The Science assessment is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6 June at 1pm in the St Cecilia’s Hall. Once again students are asked to bring their desk frame & top as well as a book to read when they have finished the assessment.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
After a rocky start, the Woolworths Earn and Learn Programme is up and running once more. Congratulations to those students who have been filling up sticker cards so rapidly! Don’t forget every time you shop at Woolies to collect your stickers. Extra sticker cards are available from the school office. The Earn and Learn promotion closes on 1 July 2012.

Fire Drill
Last Thursday we had a fire drill. The purpose of a fire drill is to practice evacuating the school as quickly as possible to ensure that in the event of a real fire students are confident in what they need to do – move quickly and quietly to the muster point. Students involved in music or Dutch lessons at the time of the fire drill as well as all visitors to the school, must also make their way to the muster point as it is important to account for every person on the school grounds. I understand that this is not always convenient, but appreciate your co-operation in following the fire drill procedure.
Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

Faction Athletics Carnival
Just a reminder that the canteen will only be available for Kindy & Pre-Primary next Friday 8 June. Please make sure permission slips and money are returned before or on the due date.
Thank you
Mrs Lyn Poharama

CANTEEN HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED
Please see Cathy in the canteen to discuss your offers of assistance.
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.

Applications close Friday 29 June 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
21 COLATO-LOPEZ, Tiana K
22 TOMERINI, Ella PP
23 McDONALD, Thomas Y5
24 HOLMSTROM, Braxon Y2
25 LOMAS, Mikenna PP
26 BROADFOOT, Olivia Y2
26 WASHINGTON, Sarah Y4
28 BINNING, Brianna Y2
29 KAY, Morgan K
31 ASPLAND, Rohan PP

MERIT AWARDS

17 May 2012
PP: Kayleigh Curtis Rawiri Poharama
Yr 1: Joice Damien Nicholas Galovic
Eoin Vickery
Yr 2: Toby Hunter Ella McGrath
Yr 3: Teniyah Burton Khayla Lomas
Sarah Washington
Yr 4: Angelique Leopardi Mitchell Warren
Yr 5: Angelo Damien Mercedes Michel
Yr 6: Thomas Barker Madawee Wickramage
Yr 7: Brianna Barron-Liddell Ruby Esmonde

24 May 2012
PP: Lukas Jonckheere Jaden McSweeney
Kayla Veldsman
Yr 1: Emily Boland James Larson
Yr 2: Nicholas Merlo Shannon Wade
Yr 3: Tara Le Large Charline Zoghbi
Yr 4: Jesse Battle Helen Nawn
Yr 5: Tobi-Craig Brojanowski Gemima Rahman
Yr 6: Breanna Bolton Kara Nunn
Jeffrey Strachan
Yr 7: Joel Nunn Zoe Podmore

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.

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.
ST CECILIA’S 2011 END OF YEAR CONCERT DVD

Please return to the office in an envelope marked: End of Year Concert

Student order: Name: __________________________ Year level: ____
Total Number orders __________ @ $5 EACH Total : $_________

All monies & slips to be returned to the school office by;             Thursday 7 June 2012

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER & ALERTS 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:

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

Family Name: _______________________________________________
Email Address: _______________________________________________

Students Name: ____________________________________________ Year Level: ____
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PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP

UPPER PRIMARY MATH PROBLEM

Meg is our school’s netball champion. In the first 4 games of this season, she scored an average of 8 goals per game. She scored a different number of goals in each game.

What is the greatest number of goals she could have scored in any game?

Submit answers in the ‘Problem Solving Solutions’ box (found in the front office) by Friday 8 June. Good luck!

MIDDLE PRIMARY MATH PROBLEM

SMARTY PANTS

In a tube of Smarties there are brown, red, yellow and green sweets.

How many are brown?

| There are 25 sweets in the tube. |
| There are 6 yellow Smarties.    |
| There are 2 less green than yellow. |
| There are twice as many red as green. |

Submit answers in the ‘Problem Solving Solutions’ box (found in the front office) by Friday 8 June. Good luck!

LOWER PRIMARY MATH PROBLEM

Sarah and Ben.

Sarah and Ben’s ages, when added up, equal 12 years.
Sarah is Ben’s older sister. How old could Ben be?

Submit answers in the ‘Problem Solving Solutions’ box (found in the front office) by Friday 8 June. Good luck!
Communio Fair!

FRIDAY 1 JUNE
1pm — 2pm
St Cecilia's School

Kindy
White Elephant Stall $2

Pre Primary
LOLLY BAGS! $1

Year 1
How many lollies in the jar????
1 guess 50c
3 guesses $1

Year 2
Hoop Ball Game
1 turn 20c,
3 turns 50c

Year 3
Lucky Dip $1

How many lollies in the jar????
1 guess 50c
3 guesses $1

Pre Primary
LOLLY BAGS! $1

Year 2
Hoop Ball Game
1 turn 20c,
3 turns 50c

Year 3
Lucky Dip $1
Year 4
Biscuit Decorating
20c each biscuit

Year 5
Stationery Bags
$2 each

Year 6
Face Painting
$1

Year 7
Spiders!!
$2 each
WHAT’S BEEN GOING ON?

LAP-A-THON