Welcome to the Week Eight newsletter, the second last one for this term. I would like to say thank you to the students and staff for the enthusiastic effort they are putting into their teaching and learning. There is a lot of enjoyment in classes as evident by the laughter and positive messages I hear.

The prayer above is an interesting one because it asks us to think of the big picture, and not just the area that surrounds us. It asks us to look for God (who thinks we are terrific) and Jesus (be nice to everyone) in everything we do. Our children reflect us and model the behaviour they see coming from us.

Cultural Awareness Training
The staff at St Cecilia’s undertook Cultural Awareness training last Tuesday. It was a fantastic day and we all learnt about some basic customs of Aboriginal people. We hope to hold a local cultural awareness day at the beginning of 2017. The staff will be reviewing our Aboriginal Education Plan to ensure we allow for the cultural aspect of students here.

Athletics Carnival
I went and watched the students participate in our Faction Throws Carnival yesterday on the school oval. I am impressed with their attitude and the way they all had a go. I am looking forward to the athletics carnival and watching the students give their all. Congratulations to Mrs Amiradaki for organising a smooth running Throws Carnival and for setting up our new IT based scoring system. This will enable parents to have updated information on the carnival even if they aren’t at the oval for the day. A big thank you to the parents for helping out yesterday at the throws; without your help the sporting carnivals wouldn’t be able to go ahead.

School Board
The School Board are a vital part of the school community. They give advice and support to the Principal and make decisions that drive the school. To be a member of the School Board please make a time, through the front office, to have a chat with me. We are looking for community minded people who want to make a difference in their child’s education and who can support us in our decisions.

Prayer
May my horizon this day, Lord, not be so foreshortened that I notice little.
Instead, open my eyes that I may see afar and above as well as in front and beneath me.
Lead me to keep my life in perspective and balance and discover that the thread of your presence is interwoven through the events and people of this day.

Amen

COMING EVENTS:
Thursday 23 June
School Banking Assembly
Friday 24 June
Nativity of ST John the Baptist Whole School Mass 8.45am lead by Y4
Interschool Athletics Carnival
Monday 27 June
NAIDOC Week Cooking Day
Wednesday 29 June
Special Pre-Order Lunch Canteen closed for all other orders
Thursday 30 June
School Banking NAIDOC Assembly Confirmation Meeting I Parents & Students 6.30pm in the school hall. Y5&6 & others
Friday 01 July
Canteen closed
Last day for Term 2 Reports sent home PP-Y6 K Portfolios go home
Monday 18 July
Students first day Term 3
**Front of the school**

The front of the school is slowly being transformed into a usable area for students and families. There will be a grassed area for students to sit on and class and family gardens. I would like to thank Pip from Greening Australia, Andrew and Zarrin from Ashburton and Mr Sta Maria for the hard work and resources they have provided so far.

We will be holding a school busy bee on Saturday 20 August, to lay top soil and grass in the learning circle. We will also be creating compost stations and gardens on that day. More information will come out next term. Please keep this date free as your help will be vital in creating a school community space.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP

Peter Allen
Principal

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**PARISH MASS TIMES**

- **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)

- **St John the Baptist - South Hedland**
  - Monday to Thursday 6.00pm
  - Friday Morning Mass 8.00am
  - Saturday Evening Mass 6:30pm
  - Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

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**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (or RCIA)**

*SEARCHING!* People search for many things: a job, a house, a school, a partner, a place to live, even things we can’t see. To help people in their search for the meaning of life we are running a special programme. It is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or RCIA)

Every two years we conduct this programme. It is for those who are interested in the Catholic Faith. We will be starting this programme in Term 3 (starting on Wed. 20th. July). It will run, during school terms, up to Easter of 2017. There will be a one hour session each Wednesday, from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm (strictly). It will be conducted by Fr. John and a team of presenters.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith, either to be baptised or received into the church, please contact Fr. John (on 0417 436714). If you know of others who are interested please invite them to take part.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Confirmation**

Just a reminder that Thursday 30 June is the first Sacramental Meeting for the children who will be taking part in the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year. The meeting is for children and their parents and will take place in the St Cecilia’s School Hall at 6:30pm.

It is very important that you are also remembering to attend Mass each weekend to receive your family activities. These activities involve the family in helping the Confirmation candidates to prepare to receive the sacrament. There will be no activities over the school holiday period.

**Whole School Mass**

Next Friday, 24 June, we will have a Whole School Mass to celebrate the Nativity of St John the Baptist. This Mass will be led by our Year Four students. We invite all members of our school community to join us at our Mass.

**Family Mass**

Thank you to the Year Six students for leading the Family Mass last weekend. A big thank you to Mr Hayward also for helping the students with their preparation for the Mass also.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

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**GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS**

**OptiMINDS**

Earlier this term a group of students from Years Four, Five and Six took part in an OptiMINDS Workshop run by Kathy Boyatzis-Pascoc, the state director for OptiMINDS. The children took part in creative thinking exercises before participating in a smaller version of a challenge that as a team in the competition would take six weeks to prepare for.

The children that took part will soon be receiving a letter seeking permission for them to take part in the competition during Term Three. For those that have not taken part before, this will require students to commit to some after school sessions with their team to prepare for the OptiMINDS competition day, to be held in September. The children that took part in the workshop enjoyed the challenges presented to them and the opportunity to think ‘outside the box’ for the day and it will be wonderful to see as many students as possible take part.

**SPORTS SHOES**

*Mainly white sneakers with white fold over socks with white shoe laces* is the requirement for sports shoes.

If for some reason your child is unable to wear the correct uniform, please send a letter to their teacher so they avoid getting a red uniform slip.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
02 June 2016
PP: Sarah Bone
Y1: Essington Bailey
Y2: Chibudom Dike
Y3: Kaydence Walker
Y4: Zaina Doyle
Y5: James Guilmartin
Y6: Cianna Gillingham
Kordal Walker
Sport: Joseph Sang

Kayla Gifford
Parker Gifford
Noku Ndwere
Branden Shade

09 June 2016
PP: Sarah Bone
Y3: Zekeil Dhu
Y5: Rohan Collins

Ava Moala

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

June
6 ZOGHBI, Elias Y5
9 WALKER, Mackenzie Y5
14 ROGERS, Oliver Y5
15 ZELENCIC, Mia K
16 McCRYSTAL, Emme Y2

LIBRARY BOOK COVERING
Childs Name: ___________________________________ Class: ________________
I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.
Parent Name: _____________________________ Contact Number: ________________
“Defend the poor & fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted & needy. Deliver the poor & needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.” - Psalm 82:3-4

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There was a fantastic fire drum burning away at our Dads and kids campout. This was very kindly loaned to us for the event. If you're interested in purchasing one, here are the details...

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$60.00

Pickup from Pretty Pool

Contact Chris 0428 505 868
Kindy and Pre-Primary Teddy Bears Picnic

Port Hedland Fire Station

Freddy the Fire Truck and volunteer Fire fighters Daniel and Vaughan.

A helicopter made a special appearance and took an aerial picture. Thanks to Mr Vasnaik.

Police visit from Officer Clarke

Incursions

Excursions
Buddies

Belonging

Being

Mother’s Day Pamper Morning

Becoming
THANK YOU!

The P&F would like to thank all the parents, carers and children who attended our Dads/Uncles/Grandads/Carers campout on Saturday night! What a fantastic night/ morning had by all! Spotlighting, marshmallow toasting and I’m sure some tall tales were told around the fires. There was so much positive feedback, we’re sure this could be an annual event.

If you don’t know Kirsten and Mat Thompson (parents of Oscar and Angus), they are our amazing organisers of the event! They made sure every detail of the night was spot on! Thank you so much Kirsten and Mat.

Thank you to Paul Martin, Andrew Wilson, Mr Allen and Andrew Nott for cooking the BBQ meals and cleaning up afterward. Thanks Kristine Lee and Monique Wilson for all that you did that afternoon and evening. Thank you Christian Boland for collecting the firewood.

The last P&F meeting for Term 2 will be held on Wednesday 29th June at 7pm in the library.

We will discuss our current funding position and any funding requests received by the school and teaching staff. We will also discuss another exciting event for next Term – but we will need helpers to organise and host a fun night, for ALL parents and friends.

Term 3 will see us host the annual Book Fair, where you will be able to shop for fantastic Scholastic books!

You can keep up to date with our events – such as supplying lunch at the sports carnival on our Facebook Page – “St Cecilia’s P&F Parent Helpers”.

Items funded by the P&F through Terms 1 & 2

- New, colourful floor mats in Kindy, Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6
- Pre-Primary reading corner mat and puzzles
- Wheeled storage shelves for reading resources – Year 3
- New “App” for tracking and recording results during the Faction Sports Carnival
- Significant updates to the Reading Recovery book resources
- Leaf muncher for the school grounds
- Future item – a large solar shade structure on the oval
- Grass and a working bee in the front vacant block currently being landscaped
- Ideas or suggestions can be emailed - stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com