Dear Parents & Guardians
Welcome back to another exciting term. I have been very impressed with the way our students have settled back into school routine. We have a number of new students and I love the way our students take responsibility to make them feel part of our school. We would like to welcome Mrs Carla Kay, as our Kindergarten Teacher. Carla has taken over from Mrs Peta Mottlee who returned to Queensland due to family reasons. Carla with her husband and children arrived during the holidays and have quickly made Hedland their home. We hope that Carla will feel part of the school and I know that we all wish her a very warm welcome to St Cecilia’s. Also we would like to welcome Mrs Megan Smith, as the new Kindergarten Teacher Assistant. Not only is it a time for staff changes but a number of our families have left and we wish them well with their futures. We welcome all of our new families into our community and hope they too will feel part of our school.

Scitech Class Visit
Last week we saw Scitech come to visit our school and run sessions for the students in Pre-Primary, Year One, Year Two and Year Seven. The students had a wonderful time and learnt a great deal. Our Year Seven students were put through their paces and had a wonderful workout. They were looking at pulse rates, investigating the correlation between rest and exercise and the effects this had on their pulse rate. Our Year Sevens worked hard performing many exercises, all in the name of good fun. Our Pre-Primary and Year One Students investigated Skittles and M&M’s and the effect that floating them in water had on the lolly in question. They discovered that when lollies were...

Give Your light through me Lord,  
And remain in me in such a way that 
Every soul I come in contact with can feel Your presence in me

John Cardinal Newman

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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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.
placed in water, they
started to dissolve and
all the colours got mixed
up. Year Two students
spent their time investi-
gating helicopters. It
was a wonderful experi-
ence which all the stu-
dents enjoyed.

Thank you
We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all
those involved in establishing the Indigenous Gar-
den. Diana Robinson representative of the Maripi-
kurrinya people who worked with us in making
this garden become a reality.
Jenny Phillips one of our parents
who was an inspiration in creating
our garden as well as using her
artistic ability to paint the mural
that sits at the back of the garden.
Our senior Indigenous students,
who with assistance from Jenny
Phillips and Elizabeth Walker cre-
ated our Mosaic flag and turtle.

Hedland Schools Prospectus and Filming
Presently all the Hedland schools are working on
a prospectus to hand out to new families outlining
the schools available in Hedland. We have been
invited to be part of the prospectus and it will in-
volve filming our school and students involved in
various activities. This will then be burnt onto a
DVD which will form part of an education package
which will also include a colourful information
sheet on each school. The filming will take place
on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 August during
school hours. A note was sent home yesterday if
you do not wish to have your child join in with this
initiative please complete the bottom part and re-
turn it to the school office.

School Choir
Our students have such wonderful voices that we
would like to begin a choir before school on Tues-
day mornings from 7.50 – 8.20am. We invite stu-
dents from Year Two to Year Seven who would
like to participate in the choir to come and see
Mrs Hopkins or myself. We will begin the choir
next Week on Tuesday 9 August. If you would like
to sing please join us, we will be singing many
different types of songs and all are welcome.

Cross Country Carnival
Tomorrow we will be hold-
ing our Cross Country Car-
nival. This is a gruelling
race which covers a great
distance. Students from
Pre-Primary to Year Seven
will take to the race course
to compete.
Students are required to
wear their coloured faction
shirts and to bring their water bottle and hat. We
encourage parents to come down to the grounds
to cheer on our runners. There will be a Year Six/
Seven Sausage Sizzle fundraiser back at school
for lunch. This will be the last day that our stu-
dents will be wearing their coloured faction shirts.
After the carnival we shall return to wearing our
green sports shirts only.

Farewell Father Raymond
We have been truly blessed to have
had Father Raymond join our
school and Parish community over
the last two months. From the mo-
ment he stepped into our Parish he
made himself available and took a
keen interest in our school and the
families within. He has been an in-
spiration to us all and has made a huge difference
to our community. His enthusiasm and passion
for education and the passing on of our faith is
easy to see. Thank you for the gift of yourself we
will miss you greatly.

Indigenous Garden
This morning we held the opening of our Indige-
 nous garden. We have been entrusted to be care-
takers and so we have created this garden to re-
member the traditional land owners who once
walked upon this land. We have a rich history with
Aboriginal people of the past. The local Aboriginal
families, together with the local priest, saw a need
for a school and education for their children that
led to the establishment of St Cecilia’s School.
The ceremony reflected on their past contribu-
tions and will be a place of remembrance for
years to come.
Variety Bash

The WA Variety Bash will be travelling through the region this year and we would like to invite students to join us on Saturday 6 August at the Port Hedland Yacht Club. We will line up to farewell the 50 Bash cars and their support vehicles as they start their journey up to the Kimberley Region. Every year Variety holds the Bash and love to dress up with a theme to fundraise for many great causes. We were very fortunate last year to receive a bus from Variety so it would be a great opportunity to say thank you and have some fun.

7.30am Breakfast, Market stalls, Jumpy castles
8.30am Presentations to schools,
9.15am Line the road to farewell bash cars
9.30am Bash cars start to depart.

We ask that students of St Cecilia’s please wear their Green Sports polo shirts, black sports shorts and runners.

Before School and After School

We are still seeing a number of parents and students that think it is okay to wander around classrooms in the morning or in the afternoon when the teacher is not present. Could I please ask you to refrain from doing this and to wait for the teacher to be present before entering the classroom.

Learning in Mathematics

A great deal has been learned about how children and adults learn mathematics. It is now widely accepted that learning is an active process. It is something that learners do rather than have ‘done to them’. Knowledge about the process of learning mathematics assists teachers in providing the best possible conditions for learning for their students. There is no single ‘best’ approach to teaching mathematics. In fact, a teacher may vary the style of teaching according to the particular aspects of mathematics being studied at the time and the wide range of backgrounds and experiences that the students bring to the classroom. Teachers try to build upon the existing knowledge that they each have, challenging and extending their understandings and skills.

Teachers aim to provide mathematical experiences which are interesting, useful and purposeful. If students see a purpose in a particular activity and the activity is rewarding, the likelihood of their learning what was intended from the experience is increased. As well as being interesting and purposeful, mathematical tasks need to be challenging, requiring the student to take risks and to deal with unfamiliar situations. Students need to be helped to see the inconsistencies in their thinking and the gaps in their knowledge.

Mathematics uses some very specialised terms and teachers take care to use that language to increase students familiarity with them, and to develop confidence and knowledge to use them independently. Similarly with the signs and symbols used in mathematics; their correct use is developed over time. Students begin recording their mathematical experiences and knowledge by drawing pictures and diagrams. As they move through school their understanding and skill in recording mathematics will develop from the familiar to the formal, sophisticated representations that are used in algebra, geometry and trigonometry.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
Saturday 7.15pm
Sunday 10.00am

ST CECILIA’S PARISH
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8.30am
Mon-Fri 8.00am Morning Prayer & Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bishops’ Literacy & WAMSE Assessments. This week our fabulous Year Three and Five students are completing the Bishops’ Literacy Assessment which all students in Years Three and Five across Western Australia take part in each year. The students complete a series of multiple choice and short and extended answer questions about Jesus, the Bible, Sacraments and Prayer, and The Church. Next week our Year Five and Seven students will take part in the WAMSE Assessment. The WAMSE (Western Australia Monitoring Standards in Education) Assessment incorporates the areas of Society and Environment and Science.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal Religious Education
GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Coles Sports for Schools
Coles sports for schools programme is back for 2011. This year is bigger and better with more quality sports gear available (footballs, netballs, soccer balls, cricket equipment etc.). Please keep your eyes open for the special promotions Coles will be running throughout the programme so you can collect even more vouchers. Vouchers MUST be collected before you leave the service area, as they will not give out vouchers if you go away and come back, so please remember to collect your vouchers BEFORE you leave Coles. Vouchers can be brought to the office and placed in the box provided.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Points will automatically appear on the bottom your shopping docket, please tear off the voucher which you simply bring to school. Miss Campbell will then collate and upload our points. You will be able to check our school's points by logging on to Woolworths.com.au

When the 9-week program ends on the 18 September we can redeem points to select from more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more. So if you are a regular Woolworths shopper please bring in your receipts to the office and place them in the box provided.

Diary Cover Competition
Once again this year we are calling all our talented artists to step forward and participate in designing a Diary Cover for St Cecilia's 2012 school diary. This competition started on Thursday 28 July and will finish on Monday 22 August (Week 5). All students from Kindy to Year Seven are welcome to enter. The winner of the competition will have their winning design printed in colour as the cover of the school diary for 2012. When designing your diary cover, you may wish to consider what makes Port Hedland unique, and what makes St Cecilia's School unique and special. The winner of the Design St Cecilia's School Diary Competition will be announced at Thursday assembly in Week 5.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

SCITECH VISIT
When SciTech visited St Cecilia's Primary School on Thursday 28 July, the day was extremely invigorating and informative for both our budding scientists and their Science Teacher (Miss McIntyre). The students are beginning to understand that Science is not all about experiments, but that scientific knowledge and concepts are all around us in our everyday lives. The day consisted of fun experiments and hands on experiences, which not only created enthusiasm but instilled a certain curiosity within our students.

Miss Jessica McIntyre
Science Teacher

Jessica Watson Visit
Next Thursday, 11 August at assembly St Cecilia’s are privileged to be hosting Jessica Watson (Young Australian of the Year). Jessica and a representative of the Australia Day Council will be visiting St Cecilia’s School to present our first Aussie of the Month Award for 2011.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

MERIT AWARDS
28 July 2011
K: Pearl Ayana Talithia Sheen
PP: Jenae Decourcy Samara Herath
     Max Moore Phoebe Perkins
Yr 1: Ella McGrath Rianan Mouat
     Reece Pedley
Yr 2: Taiha Browne Declan Rahman
     Will Rehn Mirabelle Zoghbi
Yr 6: Matthew Birch Chloe Palmer
     Tamara Van Den Hurk

EDUCATION TAXATION REFUND
We wish to inform parents of the Australian Taxation Office link for information on the Education Taxation Refund.
http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.aspx?menuid=0&doc=/content/00174278.htm&page=1&H1
Please keep your receipts for school fee accounts including text books, uniforms etc as you receive them. We will be unable to reissue receipts.

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations the following items:
- used stamps
- aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
These can be brought in to the front office.

Mrs Hilary Rozario
School Secretary

ANNUAL EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES
~ Parent Direct , Chalk & Toys N More ~
In the office we have 3 types of equipment catalogues.
Please take one of each catalogue.
The school receives 20% of all sales, These funds are used to purchase educational equipment for the school.
Sorry no cash payments
Cheque, Money orders
or Credit Card payments only
Orders close:
Wednesday 21 September 2011
COMMUNITY NEWS

THE WEST END MARKETS
Returning on Saturday, August 27 from 4pm to 8pm in Glass Lane and the Courthouse Gallery Gardens.
Wander through the gardens as local artists, growers, provedores and crafters come together for a vibrant and creative evening of festivities featuring live music from local musicians.
Back by popular demand are the Erth crew – who could forget their dinosaur show! This time around they’ll be bringing with them creatures from The Garden and the beautiful Water Dragon, sure to keep the kids entertained!
Grab some dinner from an array of hawker-style food stalls including Spanish paella, Thai, pizza and much more that guarantee to tempt the tastebuds! Don’t forget dessert with an array of locally made international sweet treats on offer.
Bring your picnic blankets and unwind at the end of the night with a performance from acclaimed blues and roots musician Andrew Winton under the stars.
See you and your friends and family there for this FREE event! For more information, or to become a stall holder, contact the Courthouse Gallery on 9173 1064 or mail@courthousegallery.com.au

8 WEEK SHORT TERM HOSTING EXPERIENCE - VOLUNTEER FAMILIES REQUIRED
AFS Intercultural Programs have 15 students arriving from Germany on the 24 September for 8 weeks, where they will live with an Australian family and attend school.

Have the world come to your home for a short while, but gain friendships that can last a lifetime. So - whether you have cattle or a poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family.

If you are able to host a student or know of anyone that would like to host please contact your local volunteer Joyce on 95345823 or go to www.afs.org.au for more information.

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2012 - HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN WA
In January 2012 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family in WA and attend a local school for 2-10 months.
All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also download some student profiles in PDF Format. This is just a small sample of all the students who will be arriving. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!
“Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.
If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
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 February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada 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, 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 friendship!
Some of our Year Seven students reading with their Pre-Primary buddies!
PHOTO COMPETITION

We hope you have seen the ad in the paper! The Photo Competition is now open – the only complication being the entry forms haven’t come back from the printer yet! Keep snapping away, an entry form will come home soon.

A Social Voting Evening will be held on Friday 23rd September. If you are keen to help out in any way, please let Emma or myself know. We would love help – from putting up posters, to selling the ads in the calendar, to helping to organise the voting evening, and more!

fathers day raffle

THE P&F WILL RUN A FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE - ALONG THE SAME LINES OF THE FREE MOTHER’S DAY ONE EARLIER THIS YEAR. IF YOU HAVE A SUITABLE PRIZE YOU COULD DONATE, PLEASE LET RHONDA KNOW. ANY PRIZES THE DAD’S OF THE SCHOOL MIGHT LIKE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

LAP-A-THON PRIZES

The Lap-a-thon was a huge success! The fundraising company had a backlog of prize orders to get through, and have advised that our prizes should be here by end of next week. Fingers crossed - I know everyone has been waiting patiently - thank you!

Next P&F Meeting:

Monday 15th August 7pm in the staff room