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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fatherhood calls for many challenges
and hardships, which every dad bears
with pride and happiness. Your dad
has been your first friend who has al-
ways been with you, no matter what.
He is the one person who has be-
stowed you with unconditional love
and care, without asking for anything
in return. When it comes to the rela-
tionship you share with your father,
there are absolutely no strings at-
tached. He may not show it, but he is
always there for you, with his unwav-
ering support and assistance. How
often do you take time out to whisper
a silent prayer to God for the health
and happiness of this special person in
your life? This Father’s Day, take it as
an opportunity to seek blessings for
your father, with a special prayer
of gratitude.
Remember to tell
your dad how
much you love
him and what he
means to you.

Book Week
We celebrated Book Week last Thurs-
day. The students enjoyed meeting
many different characters who came to
read to them in the library to highlight
the importance of reading. It is always
wonderful to find people in our commu-
nity willing to dress up and make read-
ing come alive. We were blessed to
have our Mayor,
Kelly Howlett come
to our school to
read to a number of
classes showing
just how important
reading is. Children
love to listen to
competent readers.

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.

Accompanying this newsletter:
* Aussie of the month page
Kelly was a great sport and dressed up for the occasion, her enthusiasm shining through yet again. We were also joined by the Cat in the Hat, a Pirate and a Parent Princess. Our students are always delighted by the effort made by others and book week was enjoyed by all.

Reading is an important skill which is developed through experiences with a wide variety of texts. This includes reading books and magazines, posters and charts, pamphlets and packets, letters and postcards. It also includes viewing multimedia texts such as movies and documentaries.

Children make progress at their own pace; some pick up new skills quickly and some need more time for learning and practising the new skill. All children need to be ready to learn and to have the best conditions for learning new skills. At school, teachers create safe, happy and stimulating environments where children are encouraged and praised for ‘having a go’. You can create a similar learning environment at home with the following ideas:

- Make a regular time to read together and don’t stop reading TO your child when they can read themselves; they love listening to a competent reader.
- When you introduce a new book to your child, discuss what it could be about, talk about the pictures or text and then read it to each other. With older children you can encourage them to make predictions and pause occasionally to confirm or reject their original thoughts.
- Read and follow directions together such as when making a recipe or instructions for playing a game or assembling a new piece of furniture or toy.
- Read magazines and newspapers together and talk about the pictures as well as the text.
- Listen to audio books or story tapes and watch movies together. Once you’ve seen the movie, discuss it and then read the original book together.

Most importantly…..make sure your children see you enjoying reading.

**Life Skills**

Last week saw our Year Seven students learn about First Aid. They were given a wonderful opportunity to have instruction and discovered there is a lot you can do to assist others. This initiative can be seen in all Catholic Schools in Western Australia and has a huge impact on our students.

**Tournament of Minds**

Tournament of Minds is for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant, and public way. Tournament of Minds is one of the fastest growing international school programs, providing for the increasing demand for sophisticated, educational opportunities. The annual involvement of thousands of participants demonstrates that Tournament of Minds is a worthwhile investment in the education of our youth, and is an integral part of our collective future. Tournament’s aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

Once again the Regional final for the Tournament of Minds was held in Hedland. This year we saw an increase in teams competing, we were delighted to have seven teams. They competed in four different sections and each had a challenge to complete. They were given six weeks to complete their challenge and we were very impressed with each item presented. The students from the primary and high schools really dazzled the audience.

**Primary School Regional Winners**

**High School Regional Winners**
Year Six/Seven Camp
On Monday we farewelled our Year Six and Year Seven students as they left for their journey to attend the Broome Camp School. Teachers and students alike were happy to hop on the bus and say farewell as they began a new adventure. We look forward to hearing about the many experiences they will have had while on camp.

Safe arrival to camp
The Year Six/Seven students arrived in Broome safely. They will be leaving Broome at 8.30am on Friday and are expected to be in Hedland between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

Kindergarten Assembly
Today our youngest class took to the stage and lead their very first assembly. I have been talking with their teacher and know that they are very proud to be leading the school. I am sure that their dad’s were equally impressed with their performance. I would like to congratulate Mrs Kay, Mrs Retallack and Mrs Smith as they helped prepare the students with their first outstanding performance. Well done Kindy you were sensational.

Student’s Shining in the Community
Our students are constantly amazing us with their ability in and out of school. We were delighted to learn that two of our students have excelled in Taekwondo and were selected to attend the Australian Taekwondo Championships in Canberra in early September. Peter Wyn aged 11, who is a black belt, won the gold medal at the WA championships in June. Riley Caswell, aged 10, earned a silver and bronze medal and holds red one stripe which is also a senior level belt. Both boys did an amazing job and will now travel to Canberra to represent the state. We wish them both well.

Literacy Research
We can safely predict that those individuals who can read and write (and numerically calculate) are most likely to be long-lived, healthy individuals who will enjoy a satisfying life on this planet and contribute positively to society; so making sure that everyone has the best possible chance to learn to read well has to be a major goal for all school communities.

Parent and family involvement and contribution to the development of oral language and associated literacy learning is vitally important, as reflected in an extensive range of research around the world. One study concluded that “… the likelihood of a child succeeding in first grade depends, most of all, on how much she or he has already learned about reading before getting there.” Parents of young children who encourage and support the development of their child’s literacy skills from the earliest years, give them greater chances to become students who achieve their potential and go on to lead effective, satisfying and productive lives in our communities.

Similarly, studies show that parents, who present the experience of reading as a mutually enjoyable experience with an emphasis on reading as a source of pleasure and personal fulfilment, will be more effective than an emphasis on the skills acquisition and academic aspects of reading development.

A UK study demonstrated the positive benefits in the development of literacy skills in families where parents agreed to read with their children and encourage their children to read aloud to them. The results showed that children who read with and to their parents made significantly greater progress in reading than those who did not engage in this kind of literacy sharing. In fact, the gains achieved through parents working with their children, were shown to be significantly greater than could have been achieved through small-group instruction conducted by an external professional coach.

Parents introduce their children to the pleasure and satisfaction of reading together and reading aloud. Elder siblings and grandparents can also productively share that role of reading mentor and guide. The ideal of parents having quiet, dedicated time with their children sharing a book has positive learning, personal, cognitive, connective and social development benefits. This later develops into a productive partnership between parents and schools working together to build a community that loves books and values literacy.

St Cecilia’s would like to wish all Dads and Grand Dads a very happy and blessed Father’s Day.

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

**FATHERS DAY PRAYER**

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.  
Amen

Thank you, friend Jesus,  
For my father who loves me,  
For my grandfather who cares for me,  
And for God, your father and mine,  
Who made me and is always with me.  
How lucky I am!  

God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless these men,  
That they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
May honour them always  
With a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

Lord, I Thank you for my dad  
Please take care of him  
He is getting older,  
But he is still brave and bold  
Please take care of him  
Amen

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

A reminder to all parents wishing their child to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation that if your child IS NOT in Year Three, you will need to see Miss Dee Campbell, or come along to the parent meeting to be held next week, as well as attend one of the four enrolment masses this weekend.  
Please make a note of the following dates, as it is important for you to attend with your child in preparation for the Sacrament.  
You must attend **ONE** of the four enrolment masses this weekend. Enrolment forms can be collected from the back of both churches, completed and handed in during Mass.

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**Year Two Sunday Mass**

St Cecilia’s parish mass on Sunday 11 September will be led by our Year Two class, with the support of Ms Tait. It would be wonderful to see as many families as possible attend this mass in support of our Year Two class. If you are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this would be a lovely time to celebrate mass with your family, the greater school and parish family!

Miss Dee Campbell  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

**GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS**

**Coles Sports for Schools**

A big thank you to all those students and families who have been bringing in vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools Programme. So far I have entered 6010 vouchers! WOW! Please keep bringing in your vouchers to support our school. I look forward to selecting a variety of sports equipment for our students to have lots of fun with!

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Points automatically appear on your shopping dockets, which you simply bring to school. Mrs Emma Merlo (thanks Emma!) will then collate and upload our points. You’ll be able to check our school’s points by logging on to Woolworths.com.au  
So far over 1800 points have been entered for St Cecilia’s School! That’s a LOT of shopping! The Earn and Learn Programme finishes on 18 September so keep shopping!

**Book Week Readers**

A special thank you to our wonderful guest readers – Mayor Kelly Howlett, Captain Jack Sparrow, the Cat in the Hat and a beautiful Princess Karen! The students had a wonderful time listening to stories and trying to figure out who the guest readers were. Everything went very smoothly (despite Kindy children trying to pull the Cat’s whiskers!) A special thank you to all those other parents who offered to read.
Library Book Covering
I have just received around $2000 worth of new books for the library and am eager to get them on the shelves for the students to borrow. The students have seen the new books and are excitedly awaiting their arrival on the shelves! Please see Dee Campbell if you are able to help cover our new books.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL FEES
Semester Two School Fees were posted on Tuesday 16 August 2011. If you have not received your account please contact the office. School fees for Semester Two are due by tomorrow Friday 02 September 2011.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED
We desperately need helpers in our school canteen. Even half an hour any morning would be appreciated. Assistance is particularly needed on a Tuesday morning and Friday morning. Please see Cathy our Canteen Manageress if you can assist. Any offers of assistance would be appreciated. Sorry but children cannot accompany canteen volunteers. Thank you.

MERIT AWARDS
18 August 2011
KG: Rochelle Crawford Levi Hodgkinson
Christopher Sinclair
PP: Lanikai Savy Elias Zoghi
Yr 1: Jackson Gould Nicholas Merlo
Menushi Perera
Yr 2: Farzan Devlaliwalla Jasmijn Logghe
Yr 3: Nathan Bourke Ashima Gupta
Jed Marsden Pascal Zoghi
Yr 4: Georgia Phillips Bayley Warren
Yr 5: Isabella Cleaver Sebastian Dalitz
Ella Hinch Mason Rehn
Destiny Liddell-Tewano
Yr 6: Damien Buckland
Yr 7: Brody Mellberg

25 August 2011
KG: Anthea Colato-Lopez Levi Hodgkinson
Vinnie Leopardi
PP: Maddison Barlow Henry Connor
Caitlin Felsner Mackenzie Walker
Yr 1: Samuel Goodman Isabella Leopardi
Alleirah Taylor
Yr 2: Natasha Greipel Shay Matthews
Alleirah Taylor
Yr 3: Jesse Battle Elliott Butler
Emily Feeney
Yr 4: Year Four Class
Yr 5: Ruby Connor Lily Fisher
Benson Mbenjele Ramage
Madawee Wickramage
Yr 6: Celeste McCorry
Yr 7: Olivia Perkins

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

AUGUST
21 GUPTA, Aditya Y5
23 WILLIAMS, Ethan PP
24 McGrath, Lucy Y3
25 DERSCHOW, Chanelle Y2
31 WALKER, Kordal Y1

SEPTEMBER
1 CANANZI, Tori Y2
3 JESSOP, Callum Y4
4 COX, Katana Y1

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

VACSWIM HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
It is vitally important every child learns to swim properly and develops essential water safety skills. Your child will benefit from taking part in VacSwim with qualified instructors who will teach them all the necessary skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. Enrol in VacSwim October and December/January programs now: For further information and to enrol visit: W: det.wa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS
OPEN DAY CATHOLIC AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BINDOON
The Principal, Staff and Students warmly invite you to Open Day 2011 on Saturday 10 September 2011, 10.00am – 3.00pm at 3398 Bindoon-Dewars pool Road BINDOON (cnr Great Northern Highway). For further information please visit our website at www.cacbindoona.wa.edu.au
Now taking enrolments for 2012.
Year Two Procedural Writing.
Making Happy Face Biscuits.

All the ingredients were yummy.

I like it 100% so much because I want to make another one.

We all put jellybeans for the eyebrows.

Some people made puppy face biscuits with jellybeans, chocolate freckles, sprinkles, a lolly snake and biscuit.

I liked it 100%. I used red icing and made a puppy dog.
I love it so much I wanted to make another one. We used the other half of the snakes to make the hair.

I can’t wait to eat mine. Just watch Jamie Oliver in action.

I’m not waiting. I’m starting.

Can’t wait to get started on my biscuit.

Da dahh! Finished products. What do you think?

So! What do you think so far?
SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS NOW

You only have just over a week left to get your photos in! Dust off the camera, check the computer, get printing now! Your Pilbara photos are needed for the competition. All those red hills, beautiful sunsets, fascinating trains and ships, salt piles, whales, wildlife and more - everything that makes Port Hedland and the Pilbara so unique. Don’t be too critical of your own photos - submit them, and you may be surprised. Entries close on Monday 12th September. The more entries you put in, the better your chances of winning some great prizes.

SOCIAL VOTING NIGHT

Friday 23rd September - not just a great night of choosing your favourite photos for the 2012 calendar, but a great night of family entertainment. Come along to be entertained by Hey Presto! A magician and performer from Perth – it is sure to be a great night of family fun – don’t miss it!

Helpers are needed to make this a success – please email mitchjr@bigpond.com or phone 0417 181 618 Rhonda if you can help with the night. We need helpers during the day to set up, and many hands on deck for the actual night. If you have never helped before, don’t be shy – this is your big chance to help the P&F and have fun doing it! If you have your RSA we would especially love your help on the night, please call Rhonda.

Next P&F Meeting:
Monday 12th September 7 pm in the staff room.