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Then on Sunday 22 August we celebrated Confirmation at St Cecilia’s, Port Hedland. Again the candidates participated reverently and it was a moving day for all those involved. Refreshments were held in the School Hall after Mass. Thank you to our wonderful families for decorating the hall and making it such a special time for the candidates.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parents and Guardians
As a person is confirmed into the Catholic Church it is a time of strengthening one’s faith and being prepared to stand up and witness all we believe. Confirmation is a rite of initiation and during the Sacrament the Bishop and Celebrants through the laying on of hands and prayer, and anointing, bestow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the candidates. Confirmation is seen as the affirmation and sealing of the covenant made in Holy Baptism. What a wonderful celebration we have had in our two Parishes over the last two weeks. We have welcomed Bishop Justin to Hedland who was very quick to join in all of our celebrations. We began with the Confirmation Retreat and what a spiritual and fulfilling time was experienced by all who attended. The retreat brought together all of the candidates and helped them gain a greater understanding of Confirmation. I would like to thank the Sacramental team, teachers, catechists and their helpers for their generous support and leadership of the retreat. The Bishop enjoyed working with the many different groups and had some wonderful discussions with the candidates.

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Visaing Events
29 August
TOM Tournament
02 September
Fathers Day Assembly
Pre-Primary
Fathers Day Raffle Drawn
03 September
Semester Two School Fees Due (Terms 3 & 4)
06-12 September
Pilbara Music Festival
09 September
Year Two Assembly
13 September
Circus Challenge visit PP-Y7
14 September
School Mass Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
14 September
Board Meeting 7.00pm

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.
**Bishop Justin’s Get Together**

On Friday evening we had the chance as a community to meet with Bishop Justin. He was as always full of beans and enthusiastic about our community. Thank you to the many families that came and joined us for nibbles and drinks. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with Justin and have a talk. I must say the Bishop managed to meet and greet every family and get to know our community more fully. Special thanks to our P&F for organising the get together and financing the event. I can always count on this committed group to help out in so many ways. Thank you also for the wonderful decorations and enthusiasm for the evening.

**Bus Protocol**

This week we have introduced three labelled cones with the bus numbers written clearly on each cone. Students are asked to sit behind the cone with their bus number on it. We ask again that siblings sit together in line and on the bus. It saddens me to hear that students are waiting until the teacher disembarks from the bus and then change seats. Please be warned that siblings must sit together and wear their seat belts. You are not to get up and move away from your sibling/s. Students that choose this behaviour will be warned and may be banned from the bus for a week.

**Year Five Assembly**

Congratulations to Miss Sweeney and the fantastic Year Five students who led our assembly last week. I don’t think I have ever heard so much information at an assembly. Thank you so much for telling us all about China, their culture and the festivals they believe in. The students enjoyed presenting their item and we saw some excellent actors in the Year Five class.

**Year Three Assembly**

Thank you to Miss McGlinchey and the talented Year Three Class for taking on the challenge of leading the assembly this morning. It was wonderful to be entertained by poetry. Roald Dahl is an amazing poet and his work is legendary. Thank you once again for entertaining us.

**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.

Teams are required to work together on a Long Term Challenge for six weeks without assistance from teachers, parents or peers. They are encouraged to explore possibilities and experiment with ideas as they endeavour to produce their best possible solution. They develop a creative and original way to communicate this solution to others, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex challenge criteria and the deadline of Tournament Day.

Students present the product of their ideas - their challenge solution - to a panel of judges and an audience on Tournament Day. They have ten minutes in which to present and must do so within a 3 metre by 3 metre performance area.

The teams must also participate in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge on Tournament Day. This challenge requires rapid interchange of ideas; the ability to think creatively and well developed group cooperation skills.

This Sunday at 10.00am in the School Hall the Tournament of Minds will take place. St Cecilia’s is hosting the event and Miss Roderick is the regional coordinator for the Pilbara. So come and join us if you would like to learn more about the Tournament of Minds. Good luck to our two teams and many thanks to Miss Roderick and Mrs Poharama for working with our teams in helping them prepare for this event.
Numeracy and Literacy Week

Next week we will swing into action with Literacy and Numeracy week. We are looking at introducing some fun activities on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. At lunch time each day we will have problem solving activities. During the week we will see speed writing, buddy reading, table-a-thon and Guest Teacher reading taking place in our school. Get enthused for literacy and numeracy and become involved. There will be prizes involved each day so listen closely to your teachers as they explain what will happen next week.

Student Leadership

Developing the qualities of leadership and responsibility is an important element of the curriculum at St Cecilia’s. Over the nine years that students are here at our school, we aim to provide them with a range of opportunities to grow in self-confidence and take on increasing responsibilities. Little steps like taking charge of their own home reader and homework all assist students to become responsible for their own actions.

As students become more independent, we provide them with the skills to take on wider school responsibilities and begin to show leadership skills in small and large groups. Taking on a role helps students to gain a sense of satisfaction and a feeling of being part of a larger community. Leadership is about having a go at something. You don’t have to be the ‘boss’ to be a leader. You need to be prepared to take on some challenge and see it through. Leadership must be demonstrated. As American industrialist Henry Ford said, “You can’t build a reputation on what you are going to do.”

Leadership requires enthusiasm, passion and a positive attitude for what it is you want to complete or change. Leadership is also about working with and trusting others to achieve a common vision.

We have many examples of strong student leaders in our school. This week at assembly we shall look at our new leadership team for Semester Two. Thank you to all the leaders that helped run our school in Semester One. You did an outstanding job and we now look forward to our new team taking on the role and helping to lead our school for the duration of this year.

What we want for our Children

We want more for our children than healthy bodies. We want our children to have lives filled with friendship and love and high deeds. We want them to be eager to learn and willing to confront challenges. We want our children to be grateful for what they receive from us, but proud of their own accomplishments. We want them to grow up with confidence in the future, a love of adventure, a sense of justice, and enough courage to act on that sense of justice. We want them to be resilient in the face of the setbacks and failures that growing up always brings. And when the time comes, we want them to be good parents. Our fondest hope is that the quality of their lives will be better than our own, and our inner most desire is that our children will have all our strengths and few of our weaknesses.

The last verse from one of my favourite poems, ‘Unity’ really highlights the importance of the role of the home and school and achieving what we want:

Day after day, the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured by her side
And polished and smoothed it o’er.
And when at last their tasks were done
They were proud of what they had wrought,
For things they had moulded into a child
Could neither be sold nor bought.
And each agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone,
For behind the parents stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.

Students with Special Abilities

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Regardless of whether potential is glimpsed or performance is manifested there are common characteristics in both cases. Children with these special characteristics need challenge and assistance if their capacities are to be extended and their potential realised.

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- if they ‘have it’ they will progress anyway regardless.
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• having unrealistic expectations placed upon them.
• channelling their education at the expense of other areas.
• affecting their peer group relations.

The purpose of recognising special abilities is not to identify children who have or do not have special abilities, but rather to see that the individual needs, abilities, skills and interests of children have appropriate provision made for them. Strategies used for this purpose are an integral part of our school’s general curriculum for recognising, recording and responding to individual differences.

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
The Sacrament of Confirmation was held at St John the Baptist on Sunday, 15 August and was held at St Cecilia’s on Sunday, 22 August. Both these occasions were very special for the confirmation candidates, parents and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents, the sacramental team, Father Mark and Father Tom for the support and guidance that has led our students to this very special and important time in their lives.

Mrs Ramshaw
Assistant Principal Religious Education

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

SPORT
Last Friday some of our Year Four to Year Seven students took part in the Lightning Carnival, held at the Kevin Scott Oval in South Hedland and hosted by Port Hedland Primary School. We all had a fantastic day getting to know students from the other schools and competing in a Cricket, Netball and Soccer tournament. At the end of the tournament trophies were given to the winning teams in each of the sports. I am proud to report that trophies were won by our Girls Cricket team, Boys Cricket team and Year 6/7 Netball team. Well done to all the students that took part in the Carnival. We are very proud of your great sportsmanship! Thank you to Mrs Carmel Campbell, Ms Lizzy Walker, Miss Bridget McGlinchey, Miss Renae Sweeney and Mrs Sarah Bolton for your help last Friday. Thank you also to Port Hedland Primary School for such a well organised tournament.

The Lightning Carnival was our last carnival of a very successful sporting year. Thank you to all the students and staff for making this possible.

Mrs Ramshaw
Physical Education Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS
On behalf of the students and staff I would like to acknowledge the wonderful help that I receive from parents with covering our new library books. Two that deserve special mention are Mrs Kelly Gould and Mrs Anne Bourke. These two ladies have been back for several repeat boxes of books and always with the offer of further help. We appreciate the time you have given the school.

As we have lots of new books coming into the library it is a bit disappointing that some children are not prepared to take the opportunity to borrow books during their library session. Many are not remembering their library day and hence their book bag. Please check the library day for your child/children and remind them. Do you know what book your child has borrowed? Please take the time to sit and share it with him/her.

Ms Tait
Library Teacher

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We would appreciate any offers of help in the School Canteen. Even half an hour any morning would be appreciated. Assistance is particularly needed on a Tuesday morning.

Please see Cathy our Canteen Manageress if you can assist. Any offers of assistance would be appreciated. Sorry but children can not accompany canteen volunteers. Thank you.

Mrs McLaughlin
Canteen Manageress
SCHOOL FEES
School fees were posted out yesterday. If you do not receive your account in the next few days please contact the school office. School fees are due and payable by Friday, 3 September 2010.

MERIT AWARDS
12 August 2010
KG: Sam Waters    Sam Wilson
PP: Jordan Lewis    Jayden Rozario
    Alexander Jonckheere
Yr 1: Ben Vickery    Charlotte Jonckheere
Yr 2: Nathan Bourke    Ella Braby
    Alex Britcliffe    Thomas Denney
Yr 3: Holly Spurling
Yr 4: Benson Mbenjele
Yr 6: Tyson Cotton    Lauren McLean
    Harrarrison Scott

19 August 2010
KG: Caitlin Felsner    Mackenzie Lowe
    Max Moore
PP: Bethany Denney    Alexander Lowe
Yr 1: Jasmijn Logghe    Farzan Devaliwalla
Yr 2: Cameron Warren    Angelique Leopardi
Yr 3: Amy Pearson
Yr 4: Ashley Pascoe    Gerieme Seno
    Imogen Wall
Yr 5: Ruby Esmonde    Tyson McDonnell
    Elliott Scott
Yr 6: Kaitlyn Cavey    Cheyanne Enciso
    Chloe McDonnell    Rebekah Phillips
    Paige Winthrop
Yr 7: Jacob Campbell    Shania Derschow
    Austin Gear

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

16 Aug  Jacob Gould (Pre-Primary)
17 Aug  Holly Akerman (Year Five)
18 Aug  Fiona Barr (Year Seven)
19 Aug  Ruby Connor (Year Four)
20 Aug  Shanne Wilde (Pre-Primary)
20 Aug  Keriana Eaglesome (Year Seven)
21 Aug  Shannon Wade (Pre-Primary)
22 Aug  Kristalle Dumesny (Year Six)
22 Aug  David Clarke (Year Seven)
23 Aug  Ethan Williams (Kindergarten)
24 Aug  Lucy McGrath (Year Two)
24 Aug  Cheyanne Enciso (Year Six)
25 Aug  Chanelle Derschow (Year One)
28 Aug  Alisha Deshmukh (Year Four)

COMMUNITY NEWS
WANT TO PLAY JUNIOR BASEBALL
Can you run, hit a ball or throw a ball - if not we can teach you.
Port Hedland Baseball Assoc. is looking for players (boys & girls) to fill the:
Little League Competition (Under 13's) &
Coach Pitt Competition (Under 10's)
Also any parents wanting to learn new skills, spend some time with your kids as they learn please come and volunteer.
Season runs from October to March.
So register your interest today with Shane John - PHBA Junior Co-ordinator
shane.john@bhpbilliton.com
Matthew made a market out of macaroni and meatballs while calling the muffin man. Matthew said, ‘My market is for sale!’

Naughty, nifty Niamh never knew that Noah ate normal nuts and won the noble prize for novel and noun books—Emma.

Lillian is a loving, lucky, left handed girl. Lillian’s list of friends are, Lily, Louise and Lara. She likes literacy, lights, leaves, lines and saving lives—Emmalene.

Rude ridiculous Riley rolls like a rocket, spinning around and runs in the rain, rushing around the ring post.

Benson flies to Broome with his brother Boo to play bingo. While blue Ben played with his ball.

Kyle the keeper went to Kindy to buy a kangaroo, koala and cockatoo. He kindly kept them cool in a cage with cosy comfy cushions.

Ruby’s random rocking rabbit rolled round and round the roundabout and found a red ruby.

Dinosaur Damian went dancing at the diner. Then Dialga and Deoxy destroyed each other.

Alisha the awesome likes adventure and animation which she aces. She grows annoying apples and astonishingly delicious apricots.

Katie kicks a karate kid all the way to a kennel. A kangaroo came our and kissed a kind hello—Emily.

Crazy Carl cooks cranky crabs, cute chickens, creamy candy, crocodiles, cannon carrot and crabby cats!!

Georgia went to Germany and Japan in January with her juice and jelly. Jamie and George joined the journey in the jungle. They saw a joey and a jolly big gemstone.

Madawee the magnificent well mannered magician, makes marvellous math magic tricks, though many more of Madawee’s magic tricks came from magazines, like melting mangos and much much more.

Terrific Tess loved her tiny tiger turtle but it tries to tie up truck tyres with tea bags

Maddie Moo-Cow munches on marvellous macaroni and took a mouthful of magnificent milk, but the macaroni melted, which made the milk mad, so the magician turned the milk that had no manners into a mango.

Lovely little Lily loves to eat large lizards and lollies on a leaf in a lagoon.
Alexandra always eats armies of ants and amazing American alien apples, with arrows as forks. - Imogen

Ashley and Alley feed African animals apples and apricots, while apes munch on juicy ants.

Naughty Nellie’s next door neighbours eats new neat noodles and nachos at the nightclub for naughty nervous nice noisy Nick.- Elyse

Josie the jockey eats jade jelly and Japanese jam. She wears jungle jeans and jumps on a jawbone.

Kara can kiss kind kittens and kill kings to keep the kingdom

Jeffrey jumped in his jet and he just loved it. Jo and Jot bought their jets to so Jo and Jot joined in

Jackpot Gerieme juggled jelly, jam and Gemstones in July in Germany

Dotty Destiny decided to go to Darwin with her dumb dragon, with her Dalmatian dog in the dark.

Breanna’s brilliant brownies bounced out of the box with brown bats and Brett batted a ball to Breanna and yell, “Breanna, bounce it back!”, but she head butted it back instead

Madara makes mars bars on Mars with marvellous mothers that bring mighty milk that makes the mars bars milky.

Max liked music with mighty maracas and eats melting marshmallows monthly, while mining on the moon madly for moon motion.

Thomas the Tasmanian lives in a tomb. Toby the tiger drives a tank to tennis

Louise licks lollipops in the lagoon next to the light house with a Labrador named Lucky. He likes logs, lambs and lizards. — Elia

Daniel the drinking duck decided to go in the Delta Doom Squad. His pet dog is dancing, dealing, Dangerous and so called Donald Duck.
WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

LIGHTESTING CARNIVAL