FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

This is the last newsletter for Term 3. St Cecilia’s has had a great term and I would like to thank Mrs Sheen and the staff for the professional, caring and dedicated manner they look after the students.

Lightning Carnival

The students from Years Six, Five and Four participated in the Interschool Lightning Carnival last Friday. The three sports in which St Cecilia’s contested were Cricket, Netball and Soccer. All students were on their best behaviour and demonstrated their ability to play hard whilst competing fairly. The children enjoyed themselves immensely with one comment being, “this is better than maths.”

The school had a mixed result with all teams ranking highly. The Year Six Netball team won their division and the Pool One Soccer team won the overall Soccer competition. Congratulations to all the students for their wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the staff who coached the teams and a big thank you to the parents who supported the students with some rather loud cheering.

School Board news

There are currently vacant positions available on the school board. The school board meets on the third Thursday of every month. The board ensures the Principal is accountable for decisions concerning the good governance of the school. If you are interested in supporting the school and wish to help please nominate for the board or contact me via the school if you need further information.

Cyber Safety Awareness

Parents are you aware that children must be 13 years of age, or older, to legally have a Facebook account. This is regardless of having parent permission. The reason behind the age restriction is to prevent children’s personal details being used by outside bodies. If a child signs up for Facebook when they are 8 years old and state they are 13, in five year's they are 18 according to Facebook records. This makes them an adult in the eyes of Facebook and their personal details can be released to companies. At this stage their details are available to anyone (strangers) without your permission. Would you allow a stranger to...

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

thank you for this school;

for friendships made,

all it has given to us

and all we have been able to give to its life.

Bless us in these holidays

and in the new beginnings that await us Term 4

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen
enter your house and gather personal details about your children? Please be vigilant and ensure you monitor
your children's social media usage. There are many sites that encourage children to communicate with unknown persons. Please be cautious and ever vigilant when allowing your children to use the internet, particularly social media. Below, is a list of sites that can assist in keeping your children safe;
http://www.cybersmart.gov.au
http://www.cybersafetyhelp.gov.au
http://www.cybersafekids.com.au

Staff news
Mrs Page will be leaving us at the end of this term. Michele has become a valued staff member during her time in Pre-Primary. The St Cecilia’s community will be sad to see her leave Port Hedland and we wish her and her husband all the best for the future.

Have a safe, happy holiday and we will see you all on Tuesday 13 October. Farewell to the families leaving us. Safe travels and good luck for the future.

God bless

Peter Allen
Principal

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 and Wednesday 6.00pm
Tue, Thu & Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING
It was wonderful to see so many parents and children at our first family meeting for First Reconcili-
cation. This is a very exciting time for our young students as this sacrament is the first Sacra-
ment of Healing they receive and sets them on the path to a lifetime of faith development. Thank
you to all parents and family members for supporting your children at this important time.
A reminder that the second parent and student First Reconciliation meeting will be on Thursday
17 October at 6.30pm at St Cecilia’s School Hall. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be
held in St Cecilia’s Catholic Church on Thursday 29 October at 6:30pm.

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
On Saturday 29 September, we celebrate the feast of the archangels, three of whom we know by name from the scriptures. The word angel means “messenger.” Angels are messengers of God who adore and serve him in heaven and on earth. In the Bible, the angel Raphael helped Tobias; Gabriel battled against Lucifer; and Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the Good News of Jesus’ birth. This feast reminds us to be conscious of the angels who present around us, those holy messengers who help and guide us.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

LIBRARY
A very big thank you to Mrs Sarah Amiradaki for holding down the fort in the Library while I was fulfilling other
duties. Sadly, now that our Book Week and Book Fair activities have come to an end the Library is looking a little bare which means I will be busy filling it with new work next term.

Library days will return to the days students had at the beginning of the year as of Week One next term – Mon-
day: Year Five and Six; Tuesday: Year Three and Four; Wednesday: Year Two and One; Thursday: Kindy and Pre-Primary.

If you put your name down to take new books home to cover in the holidays, please meet me, Mrs Sheen, at the
library after school on Friday 25 September.

WOOLWORTH’S EARN AND LEARN
A huge thank you to everyone that supported the school during the recent Woolworth’s Earn and Learn promo-
tion. I was able to send off 384 sheets of stickers earlier this week and then we were given another box full of
stickers. We had teachers and students madly sticking stickers onto sheets after school on Wednesday and this means we have another 105 full sheets to send away. Each sheet holds 60 stickers so this means as a school community we collected a massive 29,340 stickers. I am eagerly awaiting news from the promoters to find out how many points I have to spend on new resources for the school.
WORLD TEACHER’S DAY
World Teachers’ Day, held annually on October 5 since 1994, commemorates teachers’ organisations worldwide. Its aim is to mobilize support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. According to UNESCO, World Teachers’ Day represents a significant token of the awareness, understanding and appreciation displayed for the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development. Education International (EI) (the global union federation that represents education professionals worldwide) strongly believes that World Teachers’ Day should be internationally recognised and celebrated around the world. (Source: Wikipedia). Over 100 countries observe World Teachers’ Day and seeing as October 5 is during our school holidays, we will be observing World Teacher’s Day on Thursday 15 October. Please come along and support our P&F in their recognition of all staff at St Cecilia’s. While teachers do not expect gifts on this day, a kind word of thanks and appreciation will always go a long way.

CONDOLENCES
On behalf of the school community at St Cecilia’s, I would like to extend sincere condolences and prayers to John and Carmel Campbell and family on the passing of John’s mother, Joyce. Please keep John, Carmel and their family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

THANK YOU
I also wish to say a big thank you to Mrs Michele Page for the amazing work and support she has given to Mrs Sloot, the Pre-Primary students and the families of some our youngest students. Your dedication cannot be faulted and your enthusiasm and passion has definitely shown during your short time with us. I wish you and your family all the very best for the future. You will be missed.

Finally, I would also like to thank all staff, students and families of St Cecilia’s for all your hard work and dedication to teaching and learning this term. I wish you all safe holidays and we look forward to seeing you back for the start of Term Four.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

MERIT AWARDS
10 September 2015
K:    Sarah Bone
PP:    Leo Gaudron
Y1: Nash Soutar
Y2: Ezekiel Uidulam
Y3: Raphael Nott
Y5: Cullen Connolly
Y6: Olivia Campbell
      Ben Merlo
      Toria Cananzi
      William Rehn
      Charlize Harris
      Declan Rahman

17 September 2015
PP:    Brooklyn Bennett
Y1: Harriet Comerford
Y2: Sienna Bennett
Y3: Caitlyn Balcombe
      Remy Gaudron
      Kayla Johnson
      Nat Cornelius
      Jordan Schmich
      Zaina Doyle
      Chiara Foti
      Nat Cornelius
      Jack Riches
      Jack Riches
      Nicholas Merlo
      Declan Rahman

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

September
14 WILSON, Stuart Y2
15 HARRIS, Charlize Y6
18 GOULD, Riley Y2
20 PRINDIVILLE, Arani Y2
23 ROBERTS, Clancy Y6
26 GAUDRON, Remy Y3
28 MENDOZA, Wesley PP
29 RICHES, Jack Y4
29 WHITEHEAD, Katharine Y4
29 MERLO, Benjamin Y6

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:___________________
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Department of Sport and Recreation, in partnership with the Town of Port Hedland, is making sport and recreation more accessible by providing funding for children to join sporting clubs.

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5–18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance of up to $200 towards club fees and, where applicable, uniforms and equipment. The fees go directly from the Town of Port Hedland to the registered KidSport clubs participating in the initiative. While the primary objective of KidSport is to ensure all Western Australian children can participate in club sport and recreation, its secondary objective is to engage these children and their families in the community. Most junior summer sports are now taking registrations for the 2015–16 season, so now is the time for families to apply for their children. To apply or get more information on KidSport, please contact Tenielle Dunne, Club Development Officer for the Town of Port Hedland.

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Click here to sign up for Hedland Sports News.

The Town of Port Hedland’s Club Development Officer is proudly brought to you by:

Gratwick Open Day
Come and enjoy a day out with the family
Sunday October 11th
Entry is free
10.00am - 4.00 pm
Plenty of games and activities on offer
Free Group fitness Classes will be held between 10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Swimming lesson enrolments
Sign up for a membership and receive a free appraisal
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Saint Cecilia’s Year Four to Year Six classes took part in the annual inter-school Lightning Carnival. We participated in three of the four sports; soccer, cricket and netball.

**Soccer**
Two teams competed in the soccer rounds and Team One was successful in the Grand Final winning the soccer trophy.

**Cricket**
There was a boys team and a girls cricket team. They played with great spirit and even scored some sixes.
Netball

Two teams competed in the Netball competition, with the Year 6 Team from Pool A coming out as the overall Netball trophy winners!

Congratulations to the children, team managers and parent supporters on the day.
Port Hedland Seminars
17th November 2015
with Maggie Dent

10am-12noon
From the Sandpit to Adulthood: Helping Today’s Children to Thrive

Every parent wants their children to thrive — to grow up happy, strong, kind & capable of realising their full potential. In this seminar, parenting author, educator and ‘queen of common sense’ Maggie Dent explores the 10 keys to parenting that support this goal. She acknowledges there is no ‘perfect’ and that challenge, adversity and failure can actually help our kids grow stronger and smarter.

7.30pm-9.30pm
Boys, Boys, Boys: Understanding, Nurturing & Connecting to Today’s Boys

Boys’ needs are different to girls and in order to help our boys grow into wonderful men, parents, teachers and carers must understand these needs and how to meet them. In this seminar, Maggie Dent will share her insights, practical suggestions and passion gleaned from parenting her own four sons, teaching in high schools for over 17 years & counselling troubled lads. Maggie is a champion of boys and wants you to be one too.

Date: 17th November 2015
Venue: St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School Hall
Cost: $35 per ticket per seminar
Bookings: From the Sandpit to Adulthood — http://www.trybooking.com/152304
Boys, Boys, Boys — http://www.trybooking.com/152307
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