Night went off without a hitch and was enjoyed by many. The entertainment was dazzling and the food was out of this world. Every event our P&F hold is just spectacular.

Pilbara Music Festival

What a great week with lots of entertainment. The Pilbara showcased so much talent over the duration of the festival. During the week our students performed in their various groups, two of these were awarded trophies for their performances. Our Junior Choir who sang Candy man was awarded the Colleen Digby Perpetual Award for Best Junior Primary School Choir. Our Year Five class were awarded the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Best Recorder Group Primary School. This is an outstanding achievement! Special thank you to Mrs Jan Gillingham who was the conductor. As always Jan's enthusiasm and sparkle helps to ignite our students' love of music.

The final concert saw a plethora of talented musicians and singers from many communities throughout the Pilbara. I would like to...
thank our students and parents who attended the final concert. Our students looked sensational and performed in two events at the festival. Our Junior Choir sang the Candy man and a small group of Year Five played the recorder and did so most beautifully.

Orientation for our Year Seven Students
On Wednesday we saw our Year Seven leaders attend orientation at Hedland Senior High School. Our students really enjoyed the experience and were delighted with the options they were given on the day. Transition will take place early in Term Four when our Year Seven students will attend the high school for two weeks.

End of Year Concert
At the end of each year we hold two nativity plays for the school community. Every child at St Cecilia’s is involved in the end of year concert. The plays will be performed on Wednesday 5 December; if your child has been selected as one of the main actors they will have received their scripts and need to begin learning their lines. All Students who auditioned for the plays received parts in the two musicals. If a student has not been selected for a speaking part they will make up the choir. It is important to have a full choir on the evening to really bring the plays home. Costumes will be provided for all speaking roles and the choir are asked to wear a Christmas shirt in, green, white or red. They will wear their school sports skorts or shorts as well as any Christmas head gear to finish off the festive feeling. As always we thank Mrs Gillian Strachan for providing the costumes for the plays and helping with the behind the scenes props and decorations along with her daughter Ciara.

Portfolio
Portfolios will be sent home from Kindergarten and Pre-Primary showcasing the amazing work the students are creating in their classes. Please take the time to sit with your child and congratulate them on the wonderful work they have achieved this term. Thank you to Mrs Carla Kay, Mrs Rachel Grey and their team of helpers on the work covered in these two amazing year levels.

Year Seven Assembly
I am always delighted to watch our sensational students take to the role of leaders at our assembly. Our talented bunch of students together with their teacher Mrs Jodie Springhall have once again starred brightly at assembly and dazzled us all. Congratulations on an awesome assembly, what a great way to finish off the term.

Chrissie McDowell
Chrissie McDowell has been a nurse for the past forty years and that in itself is a huge accomplishment. She has been in Port Hedland for the past twenty four years giving amazing service to our schools and health in general. This year Chrissie has been nominated for the WA Nursery and Midwifery Excellence Awards that were held in Perth last Saturday. This is a huge honour and we would like to congratulate Chrissie on this well deserved nomination.

John Fleming
John Fleming will be visiting our school once more to continue his coaching of the Explicit Teaching Model with the staff and students. On Tuesday 13 November we would like to offer parents the opportunity to meet John Fleming. This parent information evening focuses on the Explicit Teaching Model we use at St Cecilia’s. We hope many parents will be able to join us and hear from John about this model. The meeting will begin at 6.00pm and finish at 7.00pm.

Stress
An increasing number of school children are being diagnosed as stressed. Stress is a natural human experience which helps us to perform better when we are feeling nervous, threatened or in danger. Sometimes we feel under pressure to perform; children experience this too. Some of the causes of stress in children may be: difficulty with school work or friendships, family arguments or violence, moving house, illness or death of a close friend or relative, family split-ups, bullying or any form of abuse, feelings of insecurity and unworthiness.

Stress is nature’s way of telling you to slow down and relax, to seek help or to talk to somebody about your feelings. It feels like you have a huge weight on your shoulders or a permanent knot or pain in your stomach. It can also manifest itself through headaches, nausea, sadness, fear of the future or of failure, confusion, anger, tiredness and lethargy or feeling overloaded. Sometimes it may not be one single event or cause, but a combination of events or situations, which cause the feelings of stress.

Ensure that he or she has adequate sleep, eats lots of fruit and vegetables and drinks plenty of water. Encourage them to take deep breaths when feeling
stressed and to get out and be active; exercise is a proven method of helping to reduce stress. Talking with your child about their feelings will help them to realise that they are not alone in their situation. During the holidays take the time to talk with your child and check how they are travelling.

We hope and pray that you all have a wonderful and relaxed holiday and return safely to school on Monday 15 October.

God Bless and take care

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES

St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue, Wed & Thu Morning Mass
8.00am
Fri Morning Mass 7.15am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30am

St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Wed Night Mass 6.00pm
Saturday Evening Mass 7:15pm
Sunday Morning Mass 10:00am

Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
A reminder that the second Parent and Student, First Reconciliation meeting will be on Thursday 18 October at 6:30pm at St Cecilia’s School Hall.

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 are present around us, those holy messengers who help and guide us.

Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

BHP Aquatic Super Series
Last week on Friday I had the opportunity to take eleven of our fabulous students to Gratwick Aquatic Centre for the launch of the BHP Super Series which will be hosted in Perth this coming summer.

For the launch on Friday, our students were involved in swimming relays with their idols – Eamonn Sullivan (swimming), Blair Evans (swimming) and Luke Quinnivan (water polo), all Olympians from London 2012. The Olympians were great fun and easy for the students to talk with, giving swimming tips, posing for photos and signing autographs. Congratulations to all of our students who attended the day – you were amazing! While there was plenty of time waiting around for special guests, our students entertained themselves beautifully and sensibly. I took a number of photographs on the day, and am happy to put these on a USB stick for you.

Term 4
Just a quick reminder that all students return to school on Monday 15 October 2012.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal
We would appreciate any donations the following items:

- used stamps
- aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Shoe boxes

These can be brought in to the front office.

Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

**CHANGES TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

In December the State Government announced that Pre-Primary will become compulsory from 2013. This is an important change to early childhood education in Western Australia.

**MERIT AWARDS**

**13 September 2012**

**KG:** Lucas Babic

**PP:** Mikenna Lomas

Kayla Velsdman

**Yr 2:** Toby Hunter

Benjamin Sang

**Yr 3:** Corey Bowins

Charline Zoghbi

**Yr 4:** Zoie Dalitz

Hayden Green

Georgia Latham

**Yr 5:** Ashley Elsoum

Rani Tucker

Amy Pearson

**Yr 6:** Jack Babic

Benson Mbenjile

**Yr 7:** Kate Morley

Dane Shipway

**20 September 2012**

**KG:** Morgan Kay

**PP:** Olliviah Brojanowski

Shannon Wade

**Yr 2:** Emily Feeney

Jayanne Johnson

**Yr 5:** Angelo Damien

Branden Greipel

**Yr 6:** Kara Nunn

Jeffrey Strachan

**Yr 7:** Brayden Jessop

Tamarra Van Den Hurk

Staff: Ms Paula MacKenzie

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate their birthday.

**October**

2 FLACK, Roy K

3 LEOPARDI, Vinnie PP

5 RAHMAN, Declan Y3

7 ATKINS, Noah Y5

8 CORBETT, Sarah Y7

10 JOHNSON, Jayanne Y4

10 BOLTON, Samantha Y7

11 DAMIAN, Joice Y1

13 SMITH, Ella Y3

15 LOMAS, Khyla Y3

16 MICHEL, Mercedes Y5

20 BABIC, Lucas K

20 WAINWRIGHT, Sophie Y2

21 DENNEY, Thomas Y4

23 GALOVIC, Lachlan Y5

27 SHADE, Madison Y1

28 BARRON-LIDDELL, Brianna Y7

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**Aqua Safe Swimming Lessons**

It's time for another exciting term of AquaSafe swimming lessons at the Gratwick Aquatic Centre.

Term 4 AquaSafe Swimming lessons will commence on the 16 October with enrolments for existing members beginning on the 26 September and for new members on the 1st of October (please see tables below).

**Current Participant Enrolment Schedule**

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To speed up our enrolment process, please bring a completed enrolment form on the day. If you are unsure of your child's level you will need to attend an enrolment session at the Gratwick Aquatic Centre where there will be extra staff available to assess your child.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the Gratwick Aquatic Centre, via email, or at your schools front office.

For further information please contact the centre on 9173 3303 or email Amanda.cox@ymca.org.au

We hope to see you there!

**SCHOOL DENTAL THERAPY CENTRES**

The School Dental Therapy Centres (Port and South Hedland) wish to notify parents of a change in policy by Dental Health Services. As of the beginning of Term 4, all appointments will be made for a parent/guardian to attend with their child. This is regardless if your child attends a school where a Dental Therapy Centre is on site (South Hedland P.S and Port Hedland P.S). This is to ensure parents have informed consent for dental treatment. We look forward to meeting you all and working together to keep your child's dental health, healthy.

The Dental Therapy Team.

**Drama & Hip Hop/Breakdancing/Funk**

A singing two day workshop coming to Port Hedland, all ages 2 days only!! Gemma Maddock Actor - Singer - Dancer - Teacher - Writer

Gemma Maddock is an Actor who currently resides in Melbourne but she grew up in the far off land of beautiful red dirt & gumtrees called Mubinbudin in central wheatbelt WA on a big farm full of sheep. In pursuit of her love of drama, singing and dancing Gemma one day spread her wings & ended up in Sydney then Ballarat & finally Melbourne. This also saw her gain a Bachelor of Arts in Music Theatre form the University of Ballarat, an Associate of Trinity College London Speech and Drama Teaching Diploma & a Certificate II in Music Theatre from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. It has seen her teach Speech and Drama, dance & singing for nearly ten years & in three different states. Gemma balances an exciting life of teaching, acting & writing, with her most recent performance being her self devised cabaret, put a Ring on it, which she performed in the, Short and Sweet.
Cabaret Festival at Chapel off Chapel. Gemma strives to instill a love of learning performing arts, constant improvement & excellence in all her students & is so proud of every one of them both past & present. She is very passionate about the development of children’s confidence, individuality & communication skills; all skills which are so important to leading a valuable life! Gemma would love to come share her knowledge & experience with any performing arts enthusiasts in a whole whirlwind of fun, no experience needed, an opportunity not to be missed!!

Who: 5-8yr old enthusiastic children!
When: Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd of October 2012
What: Singing Dancing and Drama
Where: J.D. Hardie Youth Centre, Cottier Drive, Sth Hedland
Time: 9am - 10pm
Cost: $40 per child for the two days
Bring: Comfortable clothes, joggers, water bottle and an enthusiastic attitude!
* parents able to watch if want but otherwise are invited to short 15min performance @10am on the 2nd day.

Who: 9-14yr old enthusiastic children!
When: Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd of October 2012
What: Singing Dancing (hiphop with some break dancing) and Acting
Where: J.D. Hardie Youth Centre, Cottier Drive, South Hedland
Time: 10:30am - 5:30pm (This includes a lunch break and two small other breaks)
Cost: $180 per child for the two days
Bring: Comfortable clothes, joggers, water bottle, snacks and an enthusiastic attitude!
NOTE: Lunch will be provided
* Parents are invited to watch a small performance from 5pm on the second day.

Who: 15yrs and over
When: Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd of October 2012
What: Hiphop/Breakdancing & Drama
Where: J.D. Hardie Youth Centre, Cottier Drive, South Hedland
Time: 6-8pm
Cost: $60 per child for the two days
Bring: Comfortable clothes, joggers, water bottle and an enthusiastic attitude!
If you are interested please email me asap, I required a minimum of 20 participants in all the classes with a maximum of 30, in the occasion I do not get the numbers you will be refunded your deposit. Also in the occasion I get the maximum there may be another two days offered on the 4th and 5th of October. I look forward to your enrollments! Gemma Maddock email: gemmamaymaddock@hotmail.com Phone: 0439 818 349 If you have any requests or suggestions they are also welcome. Do not hesitate

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 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Colombia, Canada and the U.S.A. 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 a selection of international student profiles to check out, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

ABSENTEEISM
Please note St Cecilia’s procedure for recording students absences.
Teachers will advise the office by 9.00am each morning of any absent students.
Any unexplained absences will be followed up with one phone call to the Mothers Mobile only by the School Secretary.
Parents are asked to call the school office prior to 9.00am each day of their child’s absence to avoid a phone call being made to them.
All absences need to be notified by a parent or guardian (not a sibling, neighbour etc).
Parents are to follow up all absences with a written explanation note as soon as possible to class teach-

ENROLMENT CANCELLATION
If you are leaving town and/or the school at any time, please complete an Enrolment Cancellation Form. These can be collected or sent home from the office, also available on our website: www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au We would appreciate as much notice as possible as we have many students on the waiting list. This information will be kept confidential.

COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS
I, ______________________________, would like to donate meals for the community. Please return this slip to the front office and meal containers will be sent home with your child
Signed: ______________________________
This term we have written some AMAZING texts. It’s really incredible how much we have learnt since the beginning of the year!

**Acrostic Poems**

Elias likes the park
Loves cars
Is a yellow belt
At taekwondo
Sport is my favourite subject

Ben likes to play soccer
Eggs are my favourite food
Nin-ja-go is my favourite cartoon
Jumping is my favourite thing
Apples are my favourite fruit
My mum cooks cupcakes
Ice cream is my favourite food too
Numbats are my favourite animal.

Libby’s friends are Bella, Jye, Joice and Madison
Is a dog lover
Bees are Libby’s favourite animal
Big sister and a little sister too.
Yellow and blue are my favourite colours

Charlotte is good at art
Horses are my favourite
Animals
Really good at finding shells
Love my family
Origami with my mum
Tries her best
The bird in my house tweets a lot
Everyday I go to the park

Jye likes to go to the skate park
Yellow and orange are Jye’s favourite colours.
Ella is his sister

Joice jogs and jumps
Spunky Seth is security in Sydney at the swimming and surfing.

Mad Max makes muffins on Mondays

Mean Mason makes marshmallow milkshakes on Mondays.

Rockstar Rohan races running rabbits

Marvellous Madison makes monsters on Monday!
In the Jurassic when the dinosaurs were around, a T-Rex was looking for food. He ate meat, only dead meat but… all the food started to disappear! He felt miserable, sad and hungry. "Where did the food go?" he thought. Then he saw the animals go into a dark cave where there were lots of spiders, creepy crawlies and really big rocks. The cave was very dark too so he walked out. Then he looked in a really tall tree. He climbed the tall tree and looked down into a hole but there was nothing in it. He looked under a leaf and he still didn't see anything. Then he thought of a good plan. He pretended to be a nice dinosaur and all of the animals came out. Now T-Rex had plenty of food to eat! He was so happy and proud of himself. And then he started to eat!

By Anisha

Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess. She was dancing at a ball. The ball was very pretty until a witch snatched her! The witch made a big castle with her wand and locked the princess inside. The princess was very, very sad and hoped that someone would rescue her from that terrible witch. One day she was waiting in the castle when the witch came to give her food. She quickly hid then jumped out and snatched the witch’s wand. She broke the wand and the castle disappeared. She ran away from the witch, the prince was waiting for her. He was so glad to see her and the witch never went near the princess again.

By Presley

By Emily

It was Christmas. A ghost came along and scared my sister in her bedroom but she scared the ghost back. The ghost was scared because she was wearing skeleton pajamas. He went back to his ghost cave. He was safe there but he was still scared that the scary skeleton might come back. “I'll find someone new to scare tomorrow,” he thought.

By Jack

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

The old lady is an old queen from a long time ago. She lived in a very old castle. It was dark, old, big, skinny and purple. She wears a pretty dress, a pretty crown and she needs glasses. By Lanikai

The old woman is a wrinkled old girl. The is the old lady who rode a horse. She has messy hair and she has bobby pins sticking out like two twigs. Her name is Bella. She likes to wear a sparkling crown and she has snow white hair and red clothes. By Presley

The old lady is the Queen of England. She is old and lives in a castle. By Elsie

The old lady is the oldest queen. She can’t see properly. On her head she has short, brown hair and a silver crown. Her hair always has bobby pins sticking out. The hair colour is grey. She sits on a red and pink chair. By Bella

The old man is a builder. He builds homes and he can put things back together again. He has a dog to carry wood and nails. The dog’s name is Blue. By Breanna.

The old lady is a chef. The old lady is also usually teased by big boys because of her age. By James G

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Narratives

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By Jack
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School P & F proudly present .....

A Night With The Stars!

A quiz night full of music, movie and entertainment trivia.

Friday 26th October 2012

In the school hall

Doors open at 7pm

We are aiming for the stars, and hoping to raise funds to build a ‘fitness circuit’ for the students of our school. Good health and happiness go hand in hand, so let’s look forward to a fun filled night knowing that we are promoting an active lifestyle for our children.

In order to make this night a great success we need YOUR help. We are asking each class to donate items that we can use as prizes. Each class has been allocated a suggestion of donation. Please place your donations in the boxes labelled in your child’s class. We hope we can make some extraordinary gift baskets as prizes and thank you in advance for your support.

Kindy = Wine
Year 1 = Chocolates
Year 3 = Wine
Year 5 = Chocolates
Year 7 = Wine

Pre-primary = Beer/Pre Mix drinks
Year 2 = Savoury snacks
Year 4 = Beer/Pre Mix drinks
Year 6 = Savoury Snacks

We are also calling on members of our school community that have any items that could be donated to be used as auction items. All donations, big and small are appreciated. If you are a business owner or work in a business that would like to support this exciting event, please contact Claire Smith on 0421 857 558 or Tanya McGrath on 0418 903 371 to discuss. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business by supporting such a wonderful cause!

Of course nights like these cannot be successful without helpers on the night. If you are keen to lend your support we have many jobs that need filling.....bar staff, door greeters, auction organiser, general helpers etc. Please leave your name and number with Hilary Rozario and we will contact you at the beginning of next term.

We look forward to receiving loads of support from the school community to help us make this a night to remember! Start listening to your old cd’s, go through your DVD’s and brush up on your celebrity goss! Look out for upcoming notices when we announce our naming sponsor and ticket sales details!