FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome
Welcome back to Term Three and the second half of the year. Term Three promises to be a very busy time of the school year. Apart from the normal school activities Bishop Justin Bianchini, from Geraldton, will be visiting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation of the children in the Hedland area.

The Confirmation masses will be held at St Cecilia’s Church at 6.00pm on Saturday, 13 August and St John the Baptist Church at 9.30am on Sunday, 14 August. I ask you to keep those students and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Resilience
Is the ability to get up more times then we fall down. Children need to learn how to deal with disappointment and those times they get teased or have other children call them names. The strategies to deal with these events can be taught, however children must be given the opportunities to develop the skills by using them. One mistake we all make is to fight our children’s battles for them, thus taking away their ability to learn strategies they can put into practice. A strategy that can be used is to ask your children: has someone been hurt by the incident or if someone has been affected by the incident. Each question is a step down the catastrophe ladder. Continue until the incident is put into a real perspective.

Timetable changes
Over the following weeks there will be some changes made to the teaching/learning timetable. The changes will enable us to dedicate more time to the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy. Our aim is to minimise disruption as much as possible. During this time no other Learning Area will be affected. Specialist lessons will remain on the same day but the rostered time of the lessons will change. Once the new timetable has been finalised copies will be available on the school website.

Faith Family Friendship

Prayer
Lord God,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us
At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need
So that You are honoured and glorified
Amen

COMING EVENTS:

Friday 29 July
ICAS—English

Monday 01 August
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 02 August
STAFF CATHOLIC DAY
PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 08 August
8.45am Whole School Mass
St Mary of the Cross
Y2 lead

Tuesday 09 August
Reconciliation Y4 9.00am

Thursday 11 August
Y3 Assembly
Nexus Art Incursion 1.30pm
PP-Y6 $6.00 due per student to each teacher please

Friday 12 August
Canteen Closed
Y5/6 Confirmation Retreat
9.00-2.30, Free Dress, Lunch provided
ICAS - Mathematics

Saturday 13 August
Confirmation 6.00pm
St Cecilia’s Catholic Church

Sunday 14 August
Confirmation 8.30am
St John The Baptist Catholic Church

Monday 15 August
8.45am Whole School Mass
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Y4 lead

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Faith Family Friendship
Monday and Thursday assemblies
We are trialling a new way to create more teaching and learning time for students. We will be holding only one assembly each week. Commencing next week (Week 3) the school will be holding a Monday morning assembly every odd week (Week 3, 5, 7, 9) and Thursday morning assembly will be held every even week (Week 4, 6, 8, 10). This creates an extra four hours of teaching/learning time per term.

New Pre-Primary teacher
Mrs Sloot will be leaving us at the end of Week Four/Five to begin a new chapter in her life. We have appointed Ms Rebecca Hartwell to teach in the Pre-Primary. Rebecca will commence at the beginning of Week Four to get to know the children while Mrs Sloot is still here.

School working bee
We have been working hard to improve the front of the school along Anderson Street. The school has been fortunate to have Greening Australia and Ashburton provide plants, reticulation and labour to begin the beautification of the front area. To finish this off we need assistance from families to help spread top soil, turf, mulch and create gardens in our garden beds. The working bee will take place at 8.30am on Saturday 20 August. Please bring along a wheel barrow, shovels and gardening tools. The P&F will provide water, nibblies and a sausage sizzle during the day. Drinks will be provided to celebrate the completion of the day’s work.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP

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 to Thursday 6.00pm
Friday Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (or RCIA)

SEARCHING! People search for many things: a job, a house, a school, a partner, a place to live, even things we can’t see. To help people in their search for the meaning of life we are running a special programme. It is called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or RCIA)

Every two years we conduct this programme. It is for those who are interested in the Catholic Faith. We will be starting this programme in Term 3 (starting on Wed. 20th. July). It will run, during school terms, up to Easter of 2017. There will be a one hour session each Wednesday, from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm (strictly). It will be conducted by Fr. John and a team of presenters.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith, either to be baptised or received into the church, please contact Fr. John (on 0417 436714). If you know of others who are interested please invite them to take part.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENTS
This is a busy term for those children taking part in the Sacramental Program. The Confirmation candidates have attended both family meetings and have been completing activities at home with their families in preparation to receive the sacrament. On Friday 12 August we will be having a retreat day for the Confirmation candidates and their classes at school before the Confirmation Masses at St Cecilia’s on Saturday 13 August and St John the Baptist on Sunday 14 August. Please keep these children in your prayers as they make final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Justin will be officiating the Confirmation Masses and we are looking forward to seeing the bishop again for what could possibly be his last visit to us as Bishop of the Geraldton Diocese. Later in the term we will have the enrolment Masses for those children preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as the first family meeting. Please keep an eye out for reminders as we get closer to the dates.

SCHOOL MASSES
Please join us for a whole school Mass on Monday 8 August. The Year Two Class will lead us in the Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of Australia’s first saint, Mary MacKillop. The following Monday 15 August will see the Year Four class lead us in another whole school Mass, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As always, families are more than welcome to attend our whole school Masses. The Masses begin at 8:45am so please join us in celebrating the feast days for these two very special ladies of the Church.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

PARENTS IN SCHOOL
Just a reminder to all parents that if you are doing parent help in classrooms, you must sign the visitors book in the office and collect a Visitor badge before going to the classroom. Children look for the visitor badge on an adult that isn’t a teacher so it is for safety reasons of all children in the school that we ask you to report to the office first. Also, in the event of an emergency, we need to know who is in the school to ensure that everyone is accounted for. Also, if you are coming in to the school to drop off a forgotten lunchbox, library bag, homework book, etc., please stop in at the office first to let us know you are on school grounds.
BOOK WEEK
Book Week is just around the corner, have you got your costume organised? The theme for Book Week this year is *Australia: Story Country*. Our annual Book Week assembly is being held on Thursday 25 August and as always students are invited to dress up either as their favourite book character or in theme related costume, e.g. a famous Australian or some other well-known Australian icon, a character from a book written by an Australian author or any other ‘Australiana’ themed costume you can think of. Remember, if you are not able to think of an Australian themed costume, a favourite book character is appropriate. More information about Book Week events will be coming home soon.

BOOK CLUB
Please have any book club orders finalised by Wednesday 3 August. Due to the long weekend the final date for orders has been extended.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SPORTS SHOES
*Mainly white sneakers with white shoe laces and white fold over socks* is the requirement for sports shoes. If for some reason your child is unable to wear the correct uniform, please send a letter to their teacher so they avoid getting a red uniform slip.

HAIR ACCESSORIES
Students are permitted to wear green and black hair accessories. We have received a supply of “Schoolies Hair Accessories” and Home made items by Robyn Todd, available for sale ranging from $5.50 to $2.20 (including gst) from the front office.

MERIT AWARDS

30 June 2016
PP: Clara Attwood
Y2: Charlie Drysdale
   John Pugsley
Y3: Jacobie Dhu
   Emmaline Whitehead
Y4: Vincenzo Leopardi
Y5: Regan Hulse

21 July 2016
PP: Perri Pawlenko
Y2: Jarron Lee
Y6: Taleigha Cotter

Blue Star Award:
Ashley Dwyer

LEXILE CERTIFICATES

Blue Star Award: Ashley Dwyer

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

*July*
18 WARREN, Parker Y1
21 GUILMARTIN, James Y5
28 CECICH, Matisse K
29 BROWN (GINGER), Jackuis Y1
18 WILLALANG (LIMBIE), Liam Y4
27 BOLAND, Emily Y5
28 DE ANDRADE, Lucinda Y3

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: __________________
21 June 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you may have heard St Cecilia’s is participating in ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ in term 3. This is a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program run by the Heart Foundation.

Jump Rope for Heart is a great way for your child(ren) to keep fit and learn new skills but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

We are encouraging every student to sign up for an online fundraising page, that way they receive the full benefits of the program including lots of fantastic prizes to be won!

**It would be much appreciated if you could assist your child(ren) in creating their own online fundraising account, and then sharing it with family and friends via email, sms or social media.**

The link can be found: [http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=St-Cecilia%27s-Catholic-Primary-School-PORT-HEDLAND-WA-120928](http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=St-Cecilia%27s-Catholic-Primary-School-PORT-HEDLAND-WA-120928)

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program and be a part of the fight against heart disease!

Yours sincerely

Sarah Amiradaki
Sports and Health Coordinator
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, and are 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.
Year One is very excited about the 2016 Olympics. In preparation for the special event, we have been researching the many different countries that participate in the games. During our research, we found some interesting facts...

- Germany has more than 400 zoos.
- The American flag was designed by a 17 year old as a school project in 1958.
- Russia has the world’s largest area of forest.
- Spanish is spoken in Spain—Hola, adios!
- Christ of the Andes Statue of Jesus commemorates peace between Argentina and Chile.
Brazil has the greatest variety of animals of any country in the world.

There are over 18 official languages in India, but over 1600 languages and dialects.

China made toilet paper in the late 1300’s.

French people each escargot - snails!

Italians celebrate many holidays and they like to get together with their family to eat big meals.

England brought the world football (soccer), rugby and polo.

Japanese people catch and eat more fish than any country in the world.

New Zealand is the first country in the world to see the sun every morning.

Canada’s largest river is the McKenzie River—it is 4241 kilometres long.
BOOK WEEK AND BOOK FAIR
Our annual book fair will run in conjunction with book week: 22 to 26 August. Come to the library before and after school to shop the large range of Scholastic books.

BOOK WEEK DISCO

Celebrate the end of Book Week by dressing up in your favourite Book Week costume.

Music, dancing & having fun with your class mates!

Friday 26th August 2016
5.30pm – 7.30pm
School Hall

Sausage sizzle, drinks & show bags will be available on the night. Children from Kindy to Year 2 must have a parent stay.

The next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm in the library.

We will discuss our current funding position and any funding requests received from the school and teaching staff. We will also discuss any upcoming events.

You can keep up to date with our events on Facebook – "St Cecilia's P&F Parent Helpers".