FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome back to Term Three and the second half of the year; we are now halfway from where we started and halfway to where we are going. It has been a wonderful start back to the term and I would like to thank the staff, students and parents for their support while I take on the role of Principal. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new families to the school and to the St Cecilia’s family.

The staff commenced school last Monday with a Professional Development day on Sensory Processing and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The presenters were from Pilbara Population Health, based at the Hedland Health Campus. They discussed many ways that student learning can be affected and provided teachers with strategies to implement in the classroom.

YEAR FIVE AND SIX CAMP

On Monday morning I was greeted with a full car park. I panicked for a moment thinking I was late to school but then the sight of children with their families by the parked bus reminded me that our senior students were heading off to camp. There was a mixture of feelings amongst both students and parents – excitement, apprehension, nervousness – and a few small, hidden tears. I have been in contact with the teachers each day and have to say I am a little jealous at hearing about all the fun the students are having. Despite the great time they have had, I am sure that all students will be glad to see Mum and Dad (and maybe their siblings!) when they return tomorrow afternoon.

In the absence of the Year Six students, I would like to extend a big thank you to our Year Four students. They have stepped up and taken on the roles in the school usually performed by our senior students and in the process have demonstrated their leadership skills admirably. Well done Year Four.

PILBARA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Last week, students from Year One to Year Six took part in a choir workshop run by accomplished singer and songwriter Kelly Newton-Wordsworth. Ms Newton-Wordsworth taught the students some warm-up techniques and did some singing exercises to get their voices ready to rehearse the two set songs for the festival, Puff the Magic Dragon with the

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 31 July
Bookfair viewing PP-Y4

Monday 03 August
Hedland Cup Day
NO SCHOOL
Public Holiday

Tuesday 04 August
Bookfair week “Under the Sea”

Thursday 08 August
Year Three Assembly

Friday 07 August
Whole School Mass - St Mary of the Cross (Y4) 8.45am

Wednesday 12 August
Author: Coral Tulloch visit Y1-6

Thursday 13 August
Assembly

Friday 14 August
Whole School Mass - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Y6) 8.45am

Accompanying this newsletter:
- Term Three Planner
juniors and *California Dreaming* with the seniors. The Pilbara Music Festival runs during Week 7 and as with previous years, we will be sending a junior and senior choir group to perform. More information regarding the festival will be sent home closer to the date.

**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, 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. We have some incidences where children have reported seeing a stranger walking around the school that turns out to be a parent making a quick visit to the classroom of their child.

**CONDOLENCES**

On behalf of the school community at St Cecilia’s, I would like to extend sincere condolences and prayers to Chrissie McDowell and family on the passing of their husband and father, Arthur Percy Ross McDowell, affectionately known as Ross or Rossy. Ross was tragically killed in a helicopter accident earlier this week and while many of us at the school did not know Ross personally, we all know Chrissie through her work with our children in her role as School Nurse and member of the Sacramental Team and through her involvement with the Church. Please keep Chrissie and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

God bless

Mandy Sheen
Acting Principal

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**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

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment 2015**

Each student in Year 3, 5 & 9 sit the Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment. This assessment programme involves a series of standardised tests used to diagnose students’ knowledge and understanding of the content in the Religious education Curriculum.

The Year 3 and Year 5 classes will be doing this assessment next week. Their test booklets contain multiple choice and short and extended response items. Approximately sixty minutes is required to complete the test. The Year Three test is marked at school by our school staff. Teachers employed by the Catholic Education Office of WA mark the completed year Five booklets. After the marking process, school and student reports are produced to display student results. The school will forward on your child’s report and test booklet at the end of the year.

**Whole School Mass Friday 7 August**

You are invited to the first School Mass for Term Three next Friday at 8:45am in St Cecilia’s Church. It would be lovely to see lots of parents, guardians and families. The school Mass will celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross, Mary McKillop our first Australian Saint. Ms Jody Tait and the Year Four class have been busy preparing the Mass for us and students from Year Four will be assisting at the Mass with reading, taking up the offertory, altar serving and prayers of the faithful.

**Student Diary**

Parents and Guardians, would you please assist your children to look at page 86 of their school diary and complete The Bread of Life Word Find. Students can come and tell me next Tuesday how many words they located.

**Family Mass**

Our Family Mass this term is on Sunday 30th August at 8:30am in St Cecilia’s Church. Please put this date on your calendars.

**Sacramental Dates Reconciliation**

The Enrolment Masses for Reconciliation are on Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th August in your own Parish. Enrolment forms will be sent home with St Cecilia’s students in the next couple of weeks.

Blessings

Rosie Vrancic Religious Education Coordinator

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Child’s Name: ________________________________ Class: ________________

I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.

Parent Name: ________________________________ Contact Number: _____________________
GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

BOOKFAIR
This afternoon, Jessica Hegarty and Fiona Clarke and their team of helpers unpacked the many boxes of books that were delivered last week and along with Mrs Amiradaki (Mrs A.), set up and decorated our Library in the *Under the Sea* theme ready for Book Fair next week. All classes have been busy making decorations with Mrs A. to help make our Library look like a scene straight from the Octopus’ Garden. Tomorrow, the Pre-Primary to Year four classes will be invited to dive in and swim around the book displays and write their wish lists to bring home. On Tuesday the Kindy, Year Five and Year Six classes will do the same. Once all classes have been through the display, the Library will be open before and after school to enable children and/or parents to come in, have another look and maybe purchase some books from the wish lists written at school. If you are unable to come in with your child, there is the option to pay be credit card by completing the credit card payment form on the back of the wish list.

Please note the opening times Wednesday to Friday morning 8:00-8:30am and Tuesday to Friday afternoon 2:40-3:30pm.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Acting Principal

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations of the following items:
- Used stamps
- Aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Small shoe boxes
These can be brought in to the front office.

Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

BATTERY RECYCLING
The types of batteries for recycling include the following:
Primary (Single use) – batteries typically found in toys, watches/clocks, smoke alarms, audio-visual equipment and remote controls ie. AAA, AA, C, D etc…
Secondary (Rechargeable) – commonly found in cord-less drills, mobile phones, laptops, PC’s, shavers and cameras.

Please note we are not collecting car batteries.
The battery recycling box is in the front office.

SCHOOL BANKING
St Cecilia’s and Bankwest offer a school banking service for the students of St Cecilia’s. This is a great way for children to start saving. Bankwest have great children’s accounts where they can earn some fantastic interest.

Students will be provided with their very own bank book to record their deposits week to week and see their money growing.

This service will be offered on a Thursday morning between 8am and 8.30am in the library.

For parents/carers and students wishing to partake in school banking they will be required to open a bank account with Bankwest in the students name.
It will not be possible to open an account at the school.
No forms to complete just take your child’s birth certificate into the bank. If parents are not members of Bankwest they will need to take their drivers licence with them.

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

July
2 PENTNEY, Seth Y4
3 FOTI, Jack PP
3 TOMMY (WURUKI), Beau Y5
4 BENNETT, Sienna Y2
5 GOWTHAMAN, Sandya K
6 ROGERS, Abbie Y5
11 CONNOLLY, Logan Y3
14 SALAWU, Diwan PP
16 ATTWOOD, Clara K
16 LEE, Brayden Y2
17 STAINTON-REA, Charli Y1
18 WARREN, Parker PP
18 WILLALANG (LIMBIE), Liam Y3
21 GUILMARTIN, James Y4
25 HEGARTY, Angus Y1
26 HUNYA, Takudzwa Y6
27 BOLAND, Emily Y4
28 DE ANDRADE, Lucinda Y2
29 BROWN (GINGER), Jackuis PP
MERIT AWARDS

25 June 2015
Y1: Kiahna Hume
Y2: Year Two Class
Y3: Mitchell Feeney
Y4: Damien Chikwaka
Y6: Aimee Taylor

Charlotte Schmich
Judd Royle
Josh Denney
Talitha Sheen

Y1: 02 July 2015
Y2: Year Two Class
Y3: Mitchel Feeney
Y4: Damien Chikwaka
Y6: Aimee Taylor

Charlotte Schmich
Judd Royle
Josh Denney
Talitha Sheen

02 July 2015
PP: Aimee Puertollano
Y1: Harriet Comerford
Y4: Joice Damien
Y5: Cianna Gillingham
Y6: Corey Bowins

Manix Royle
Nokutenda Ndwere
Bejamin Grasby
Audrey Thompson
Cole McLarty

John Solo
Charli Stainton-Rea
Elias Zoghbi
Will Rehn

Y1: 23 July 2015
Y2: Year Two Class
Y3: Mitchel Feeney
Y4: Damien Chikwaka
Y6: Aimee Taylor

Harriet Comerford
William Dean
Raphael Nott
Chibudom Dike

Nokutenda Ndwere
Bejamin Grasby
Audrey Thompson
Lola Thompson
Hayden Fitt

Joice Damien
Elias Zoghbi
Audrey Thompson
Will Rehn

Cianna Gillingham
Judd Royle
Josh Denney

Talitha Sheen
Josh Denney
Manix Royle

Year Six Class
Year Two Class
Year Three Class
Year Four Class

COMMUNITY NEWS

Last Chance to nominate for the …
Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc.
2015 Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities

The Awards presentation cocktail evening is set for Wednesday 5th August to be held at The Classroom, 1/356 Charles St, North Perth from 6pm to 8.30pm. The closing date for entries in the four categories has been extended to Thursday 30th July. Nomination forms for this year can be found on our website at http://pff.wa.edu.au/building-positive-school-communities-awards/

This is a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate the amazing work being done in our schools to build positive school communities, so if you have an amazing Principal, awesome P&F, outstanding Parent or wonderful Parish, please nominate for these awards.

Anyone in the school community can nominate their Principal, P&F, Parent or Parish. Applications are welcome from all Catholic schools however, only affiliated schools are eligible to win a prize.

The venue for this year's presentations is aptly named, "The Classroom", a bar and restaurant in North Perth. This is a free event for everyone in our schools and drinks and snacks will be provided.

For more information and to register please go to https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2015-awards-of-excellence-night-tickets-17406432107 Registration is FREE! Best wishes, PFFWA Council and Staff


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 by an SMS message sent to the Mothers Mobile.

Parents are asked to call the school office prior to 9.00am each day of their child's absence to avoid an SMS message being sent to the mothers mobile.

All absences are to be followed up by a written note of explanation.

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 teachers.

At our recent audit, it was determined that we are failing in meeting the Department of Education’s specific guidelines for Absent Notes whether they are hand written, typed or on email. The absence notes must contain all of the following information:

- name of student
- year level of student
- date of absence
- explanation (reason) for absence
- parent/guardian’s full name and signature (full name only on emails)
- date note was written

Thank you for your cooperation.
St Cecilia’s year six
GRADUATION FUNDRAISER
Come along and help to support the Year Six Class to raise money for their Graduation at the end of the year.
Tickets: $19 child and $25 adult
Lolly bags will be available for purchase for $2.

Buy tickets on line at the Matt Dann website

MATT DANN CENTRE
8TH AUGUST 2015
1:30PM

Thankyou for your support in coming along. All funds raised will go towards the Year Six end of year Graduation at St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School 2015.
Year 1

Superhero Dash!
BAM!

FUN RUN

DO
THANK YOU!

Another big thank you to all Staff & Parents who helped at the Fun Run last Term and for returning monies.
It was a great fun filled morning and the children did an amazing job of raising funds and running.
The total raised is nearing ~$3200!!!
If you still have any money at home please return this to the school office ASAP.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Scholastic Book Fair - 4 to 7 August
It's back! Our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Children will have the opportunity to make a ‘wish list’ of books. Our library will be transformed into a bookshop, where parents/carers can purchase these books. The Library will be open before and after school. 20% of sales will be rewarded back to our school for resources.

Next P&F Meeting
Wednesday 5 August, 7.00pm in the Library. All welcome!

MAGGIE DENT

We are so excited to have secured Maggie Dent to visit our school on 17 November 2015 for two seminars;

Morning Seminar - 10am to Noon
Sandpit to Adulthood

Evening Seminar - 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Boys, Boys, Boys: Understanding, Nurturing & Connecting to Today’s Boys

These seminars will be held in our School hall and open to our whole community with tickets for Saint Cecilia’s families going on sale from week 2 of term three. $35 per ticket per seminar. (Maximum two tickets per seminar per family)
Visit Maggie’s website - www.maggiedent.com.au to read more about her and her wonderful testimonials.

We hope you all had a lovely holiday!