FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Week Four of Term Three is nearly over and with it my time in the role of Acting Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the role, and while there have been a few extra duties that I have had to take on, the fantastic staff and students that I spend every day with certainly made the time easier. Thank you also to the support from you, the parents, and for your kind words of encouragement during the first half of this term.

In saying all of that though, I am looking forward to Mr Allen’s return in Week Six so I can put my feet up and rest a little!

Maggie Dent

Thanks to the efforts of our amazing P&F, we are fortunate enough to have Maggie Dent coming to run two seminars here in Port Hedland. Both seminars are on Tuesday 17 November. The first seminar runs from 10:00am to 12:00pm and is titled, From the Sandpit to Adulthood: Helping Today’s Children to Thrive. The second seminar, running from 7:30pm to 9:30pm focuses on the specific needs of boys with Maggie sharing insights and strategies to understand and meet the needs of boys.

Maggie Dent is an author, educator, and parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence. She is also an advocate for the healthy, commonsense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities. She has a broad perspective and range of experience that shapes her work and a depth of knowledge based on modern research and ancient wisdom that she shares passionately in a commonsense way. Maggie is a passionate, positive voice for children of all ages and I urge as many parents as possible to purchase tickets to either of the seminars while the tickets are still exclusively available to St Cecilia’s families. Please visit www.trybooking.com to secure your ticket at $35 per seminar.

COMING EVENTS:

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

Tuesday 18 August
9.00 Reconciliation Y4

Wednesday 19 August
9.00 Reconciliation Y5

Friday 21 August
9.00 Reconciliation Y6
24 - 28 August
Book Week: “Books light up our world”

Monday 24 August
9.00 Author visit Y4,5,6

Thursday 27 August
Book Week dress up Assembly

Friday 28 August
Semester Two Fees Due

Sunday 30 August
Y4 Family Mass
Enrolment Mass Reconciliation Y3 & Others

Please note the school’s new phone number: 9174 7000

Prayer

Mary, our Mother, your total giving of yourself reminds us that we hold in trust from God our Father
all our accomplishments and talents and gifts - trusted as we are to offer them in his service,
and bring happiness and well-being to our brothers and sisters.
Your “Yes” to God’s invitation to be the mother of his Son reminds us that prayer is not just words but is from the heart.
We ask you to pray to Jesus for us that the Holy Spirit may live fully in us, too, so that we may pray in the way that each of us finds best.
So may we be prepared to join you in saying “Yes” to God our Father, that Jesus may be born anew in our hearts.

Amen
Author Visit
Through an opportunity that was offered to us by the Literacy Centre we had author and illustrator Coral Tulloch visit students yesterday. She ran workshops with students from Year One to Year Six and gave them some insight into what it is like to be an author and what is required to write and illustrate stories/books. The Year Five class are studying her book *One Small Island* so were very excited to get some firsthand information from Coral. The Year Three and Four class thoroughly enjoyed hearing about all her expeditions to Antarctica and the Year One and Two classes enjoyed finding out where Sydney was hiding. As a thank you gift, Coral gifted the school with an advanced copy of new book *Phasmid*. The book isn’t being released for sale until early September so we are very lucky to be one of the first to read her latest work.

Our next author visit is during Book Week when we will be visited by Louise Park, author of the *Zac Power, Boy vs Beast, Harriet Clare, Star Girl and Bella Dancerella* series. This visit has been organised by the South Hedland Library as part of Book Week Festivities. Stay posted for further information about Book Week activities in our school, including guest readers, our famous Book Week Dress Up Assembly and a special ‘read by torchlight’ evening in the Library.

First Reconciliation
Today, all Year Three students received an enrolment form for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please carefully read the letter that accompanies the enrolment form. If you are wanting your child to take part in this Sacrament, then it is important that you bring the completed enrolment form to the hand to the priest at the enrolment Masses in your local parish on the weekend of 29-30 August. Please don’t return these forms to school.

If you are wanting your child to take part in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2016 then it is important that they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation first. If your child has missed out on an enrolment form, we do have some spares in the office, otherwise you will need to contact your parish priest.

Book Fair
A big thank you to Mrs Jess Hegarty and Mrs Fiona Clarke for giving up their time in the mornings and afternoons to run Book Fair. Thank you also to all of you that came in to purchase books. The school receives a percentage back from the sales to spend on resources within the school which will benefit our students.

Credit Card Surcharge
Due to the increasing costs associated with credit cards payments the school is not able to absorb the cost of credit card payments and unfortunately we have to pass this cost on. Therefore please note that commencing: Tuesday 01 September 2015 There will be a surcharge of 1% on MasterCard & Visa transactions. There is no charge for Savings or Cheque account transactions. We do not accept American Express Cards.

God bless
Mandy Sheen
Acting 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**

Rossy McDowell RIP
The community of St Cecilia’s was deeply saddened by the loss of helicopter pilot Rossy McDowell, husband of Chrissie McDowell. The Memorial Service organised by Chrissie and her family at the Civic Centre gardens was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the life of ‘Rossy Rotor’ and many community members travelled from far and wide to be there. Our prayers, love and sincere condolences go to Chrissie, Sophie and her family from all of us.

Whole School Masses
Ms Tait and her Year Four class led the School Mass for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross last Friday 7 August. Fr John was the celebrant and we were very pleased to see parents/guardians and family members attend. The Year Fours performed brilliantly. Thank you Ms Tati and Year Four for a beautifully organised Mass.
This Friday 14 August we are celebrating the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:45am in St Cecilia’s Church. The Year 6 class have been busy preparing to participate in all the parts of the Mass.

Parish Raffle
Thank you to all staff, parents/guardians and community members who bought tickets in the joint Parish Raffle with proceeds going to the Parishes of St John the Baptist in South Hedland and St Cecilia’s in South Hedland. The raffle was drawn last Saturday after the 6pm Mass at Cemetery Beach Park, Port Hedland. Winners will be announced in the church bulletins this weekend.
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day
This is the national day that celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Children’s Day was first observed in 1988 and is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that community, culture and family play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child. This year’s theme is #LittlePeopleBigFutures.

Refugee and Migrant Sunday - Theme Church without frontiers, Mother to all.
Message from Holy Father Pope Francis:
“The Church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable. When living out this motherhood effectively, the Christian community nourishes, guides and indicates the way, accompanying all with patience, and drawing close to them through prayer and works of mercy.”

Blessings
Rosie Vrancic Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

CANTEEN
Please note that orange juice is no longer available from the school canteen.

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations of the following items:
- Used stamps
- 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 equip-ment 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 ac-count 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.

MERIT AWARDS

30 July 2015
K:    Perri Pawlenko
PP:  Kahreesha Drage
Y1:  Tehya Aspland
Y2:  Brayden Lee
Y4:  Megan Fitt
Anna Wellbeloved
Lachlan Vasnaik
Jarron Lee
Logan Marsden
Kiahni Lewis
Sahara Soutar

08 August 2015
K:   Alisha Iyer
PP: Seren Edwards
Y1: Charlie Drysdale
Y2: Mikayla Mills
Y3: Harrison Clarke
Y4/5/6: Bo Dinh, Javi Pulido, Kordal Walker, Year Five & Six Classes
Nicholas Wilson
Sienna Prindiville
Kaydance Walker
Shaban Salawu

Childs Name: ______________________________________ Class: ____________
I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.
Parent Name: ________________________________ Contact Number: _____________________
BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

August
4 GAUDRON, Leo K
4 PEREIRA, Samuel Y2
4 POHARAMA, Rawiri Y3
7 SALAWU, Shaban Y3
8 KUZAMBA, Rutendo Y1
11 PAWLENKO, Perri K
11 DEAN, William Y2
15 COLLINS, Rohan Y4

Year 6 Minion Movie Fundraiser
I would just like to thank all of the parents, students and staff that supported and attended our Minions Movie Graduation Fundraiser on the weekend. A lot of effort went into to organising and running the event. Special thanks to Jules Westlake, Carmel Campbell, Dee Harris, Emma Merlo and Carla Mills.

J Fittock, Yr 5 Teacher

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop
we ask that you grant our request............... We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dyslexia and Irlen Clinic
Does someone you love have: Difficulties Reading? Problems with spelling? Worries with writing?
Find out exactly where learning has stalled and what can be done to help.
Dyslexia and Irlen Clinic will be in Hedland in September 2015
Phone 1300 732 998 or email beatrice@worldwidelearningacademy.com! for appointments. ! Visit worldwidelearningacademy.com for self-assessment and download the free eBook – “Read, Spell, Write”
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.
Therefore put on the **full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** girdled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, and with your **feet fitted with the readiness** that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.

**Ephesians 6:11-17**
MAGGIE DENT

Tickets on sale now!
www.trybooking.com

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

Morning Seminar - 10am to Noon
From the Sandpit to Adulthood: Helping Today’s Children to Thrive

Every parent wants their children to thrive - to grow up happy, healthy, strong, kind and capable of realising their full potential. In this seminar, Maggie 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.

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

Maggie has a deep concern about today’s boys, who will become tomorrow’s men. From before school to adulthood, the journey of a boy to a man is often misunderstood. Boys’ needs are different to girls and in order to help our boys grow into wonderful men, parents, teachers and carers need to understand these needs and how to meet them. In this seminar, Maggie will share her insights, practical suggestions and passion from parenting her own four sons, teaching in high schools for over 17 years, counselling troubled lads and working with men in her men’s-only seminars. She is a champion of boys and wants you to be one too.

Please visit www.trybooking.com to secure your ticket. $35 per ticket per seminar.

Visit Maggie’s website - www.maggiedent.com.au to read more about her and her wonderful testimonials.

Tickets on sale to St Cecilia families from Monday 10th August to Thursday 20th August. Tickets will then go on sale to our whole community.