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Prayer
Dear Lord and Father of all,
Thank you for today.
Thank you for ways in which you provide for us all.
For Your protection and love we thank you.
Help us to focus our hearts and minds now on what we are about to learn.
Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit as we listen and write.
Guide us by your eternal light as we discover more about the world around us.
We ask all this in the name of Jesus.
Amen

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Lightning Carnival
The students from Years 4, 5 & 6 were involved in the annual Lightning Carnival today. The students have been practicing and were looking forward to playing: Netball, Cricket or Soccer. The students all enjoyed themselves and the sportsmanship they displayed was outstanding. Thank you to Mrs Amiradaki for organising the students at school. Another thank you to the staff who are coaching or umpiring.

NAPLAN
I have read some interesting research regarding NAPLAN results and students being absent from school. The research has found that children who miss 10 or more days a year, from school, can drop a whole Band in their testing. The researchers believe this is because students are missing the vital links between concepts that are being taught while they are absent. These links are hard to catch up on once they have been missed and affect student’s academic development.

School Working Bee
Thank you to all those wonderful parents and staff who helped out at the working bee. We managed to get an enormous amount of work completed. Borders were laid out, top soil spread, gravel shovelled, turf laid and a sausages sizzled. The front of the school is looking much better and is really beginning to take shape.

The lawn at the front is a Yarning Circle and will be used as a learning space.

A huge thank you to B J Young Earthmoving for generously donating a side dumper truck of top soil. We will have enough soil to fill the gardens and top dress the school lawns.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP

Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH NEWS

St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue to Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am

Selevers 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
Congratulations to all the children that received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that your lives are blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and that God will bless and guide you through your lives.
Earlier this week, students in Year Three took home an enrolment letter for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The date for this Sacrament is during Term Four but the enrolment Mass is being held this weekend (Saturday 27/ Sunday 28 August) in the parishes of St Cecilia and St John the Baptist. If your child did not receive a letter, please see your Parish Priest.
If you are wanting your child to take part in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2017 then they will need to receive the Sacrament of Penance this year before receiving Communion in 2017.

Family Mass
Please join us this Sunday at 8:30am for Family Mass led by children of the Year Four class.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education 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.
GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Opti-MINDS
Over the past five weeks, a group of students have given up their time after school to prepare for the Opti-MINDS competition. These students were selected from a larger group that took part in a workshop earlier this term and have been busily writing scripts, making props and costumes and rehearsing. As competition day draws closer, I would like to wish all four teams the very best with final preparations and in addition to thanking the students for giving up their free time, I would also like to thank the parents for their support and for allowing your students to take part. I would also like to give a huge thank you to Mrs Lyn Poharama for giving up her time to be a facilitator for two of our four teams.

Pilbara Music Festival
The Pilbara Music Festival is to be held Thursday 08 September at Wanangkura Stadium, South Hedland. Students that will be taking part in Choir performances at the festival will soon be bringing home permission notes. Please ensure they are returned to school by Monday 31 August so teachers are able to make final preparations for choir performances. Thank you to all teachers involved in preparing our senior and junior choir groups and recorder group, in particular Mrs Jody Tait, Mrs Lyn Poharama and Ms Elise Batchelor.

Meeting with Teachers
Please remember parents, that time before school is valuable preparation time for teachers. Also, please remember that when the bell goes at 8:25am, teachers are trying to get students organised for the day, including the marking of the roll. It can be very disruptive to the class, and to preparation time, if parents are 'popping' in for a quick chat with the teacher. We value all conversations with parents but if it is an important matter that needs to be discussed, please make a time to meet with your child’s teacher to ensure that all information that needs to be shared is shared effectively.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

SPORT NEWS

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART UPDATE
I hope that you are enjoying running Jump Rope for Heart at your school! So far your school has raised $3,089.00 online for the fight against heart disease with 29 students fundraising out of 204 students.

If you are able to increase this number you will see a huge increase in your school's online fundraising total - funds that go directly towards cardiovascular research! Students who fundraise online raise 3x more!

To check out a list of students who have been fundraising visit this link: http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=St-Cecilia%27s-Catholic-Primary-School-PORT-HEDLAND-WA-120928

Remind students that it's not too late to ask family and friends for donations, it's as easy as sharing their page on social media. If students need help registering online, print off or email this step by step guide to get them started. I think you guys can increase your student participation online. What do you think?

Amandeep Bajwa
National Jump Rope for Heart Field Officer

The fundraising update amount can be found here: http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=St-Cecilia%27s-Catholic-Primary-School-PORT-HEDLAND-WA-120928

HEALTH INFORMATION

Influenza
As you may be aware there has recently been an increase in influenza activity across the Pilbara. We know that influenza is circulating in all of Western Australia, and the Pilbara community at the moment, as it does every year during winter. Influenza often causes large clusters of illness in venues such as schools and workplaces. To prevent the spread of infection schools and day care facilities should ensure and promote frequent hand washing and good cough etiquette. We have attached an Influenza Fact sheet for your information and you may wish to share this with your community.

If you notice an abnormal increase in absenteeism or you have any queries please contact Pilbara Population Health on 91741660 and ask to speak to speak to one of the public health team.

Incubation period
Day care and school staff have a key role in preventing the transmission of diseases in day care and the school environment. While it is often difficult to prevent the transmission of common respiratory (colds/flu) and gastroenteritis infections that occur, every effort should be made to minimise the spread of infection by encouraging:

◊ Staff and children at school or childcare to stay at home in the early stages of illness as at this stage they can be infectious and shed the virus, bacteria or parasite through coughing, sneezing, contaminating surfaces and personal contact
◊ School staff and students who are ill should not to return to work/daycare until they are symptom free if they have a cold or flu and for at least 24 hours if they have had gastroenteritis
◊ Staff and children at day care, healthcare workers and food handlers who have had gastroenteritis should not return to work until they are symptom free for at least 48 hours
◊ Parents to seek medical advice if their child has ongoing symptoms of illness.
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

**August**

KUZAMBA, Rutendo Y2
11 PAWLENSKO, Perri PP
19 WELLBELOVED, Anna PP
19 SCHMICH, Emma Y6
20 KASEMETS, Leila K
21 WADE, Shannon Y6
23 MARTIN, Henry K
23 FITT, Hayden Y3
23 SOUTAR, Sahara Y5
23 MUZAMBWA, Kimberly Y6
25 SUNIL, Aparna Y6
26 MARSDEN, Logan Y3

**BIRTHDAYS**

**28 July 2016**

K: Oliver Hunt
PP: Genevieve Emmitt
Y1: Mia Gonzalez
Y2: Regan Johnson
Y3: Year Three Class
Y4: Jaden De Leon
Y5: Oliver Rogers
Y6: Bethany Denney

SPORTS:

LITERACY PRO:

Kate Wilde
Gabriella Hulse
Hezekiah Uiduldam
Nash Soutar
Santiago Henao
Sahara Soutar
Cianna Gillingham
Liam Willalang-Limbie
Ava Moala

Luka Zelencic
Pre-Primary Class
Leo Mearns
Kaitlyn Russell
Jaime Payne

**MERIT AWARDS**

**SPORTS:**

Liam Willalang-Limbie
Kaitlyn Russell

**LITERACY PRO:**

Ava Moala
Jaime Payne

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**HART Sport** is partnering with Jump Rope for Heart in the fight against heart disease to support world class research and health education programs. Together we can help keep more families together and improve the heart health of more Australians.
I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.

Parent Name: _____________________________ Contact Number: __________________
This week we have been celebrating Book Week. We began the week with an ‘Opening Ceremony’ and each morning we have had special guest readers read us their favourite stories. We also had our very special Pyjama Storytime out on the lawn on Tuesday night. It was great fun sitting and listening to stories while sipping hot chocolates and we are all very happy that Ms B. found the ‘B’ from her ‘ook’!

Thank you to Bradley Derschow, Neil Clarke, Mrs Wellbe, Ms B. and Kelly Howlett for entertaining us with your storytelling throughout the week. We would also like to thank David Hooper for painting the book cover of the book read by Kelly Howlett this morning, *Monty C. Turtle Learns to Swim.*
One of our favourite events on the school calendar is our very popular (and possibly world famous!) Book Week assembly. This year didn’t disappoint with some fabulously creative book character costumes, Aussie themed costumes and some well thought out group costumes.

A special thank you to Max the Wild Thing and Miss Nancy Delacourt for hosting our assembly and a further thank you to Monique Wilson, Kirsten Thompson and Glenn Hawes for the

This year we were lucky enough to have Book Fair run at the same time as Book Week.

A huge thank you to Mrs Clarke who had the giant task of organising and setting up the books for the Book Fair display and to Monique Wilson, Nicole Boland and Kirsten Thompson for helping mums, dads, children and children to choose their favourite books before and after school each day.
BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those who shopped the Scholastic Book Fair this week. You have contributed to reading resources in our classrooms, through the Scholastic credits earned from the purchase of your items!

BOOK WEEK

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

Music, dancing & having fun with your classmates!

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 fundraising position and any fundraising 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”.