FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Well I am still here for one more newsletter item. For those that were not aware, Mr Allen had to extend his Long Service Leave by another two weeks after the passing of his Father-in-Law. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family at this time.

As with the start of this term, Week Six has flown and we are fast approaching the end of the term. This term has been a very busy one for extra-curricular activities. We have had author visits, the Year Five and Six camp, Book Fair, whole school Masses, our Book Week celebrations this week with guest readers and our favourite event of the year – the Book Week Assembly. Still to go, we have the Pilbara Music Festival next week, the Kindy and Pre-Primary ‘Mini Olympics’, Father’s Day events and the Lightning Carnival. In amongst all of that, we have also squeezed in time for learning. Phew, what a term!

While interruptions to learning aren’t desirable, some of the opportunities that our students have been given this term have been too good to pass up and in the long run have and will continue to benefit them in the classroom and in the community beyond the school. I thank the students for their high standard of behaviour at all of these events. Visitors to our school have had nothing but praise for the behaviour, manners and enthusiastic participation of our students and have said they would be honoured to visit again.

I must also thank the staff at St Cecilia’s not only for their willingness to take part in these extra activities but also for the dedication they all put into the education of our children. If you have a spare minute or two please feel free to say thank you to them as well.

Prayer

God of Love,
I thank You for the people in my life who are easy to love.
I thank You for my family and friends who understand my actions, who support me in my decisions, and whose presence can lift the burden of a thorny day.
Help me with those who are difficult to love. When they come at me with criticism and wild expectations, when they ignore me or try to bend me to their will, let me recognize their flaws and their dangers. But then let me remember your attitude toward them, and lead me to see them in the light of Your love.

Amen
Opti-MINDS
Over the past four 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 teams the very best with final preparations and in addition to thank the students for giving up their free time, I would also like to thank the parents for their support and for allowing their children to take part. I would also like to pass on a huge thank you to Mrs Lyn Poharama and Miss Kim Pergrose for giving up their time to be facilitators.

Pilbara Music Festival
The Pilbara Music Festival is to be held next Wednesday 02 September at Wanangkura Stadium, South Hedland. Yesterday, students that will be taking part in Choir performances at the festival took 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, in particular Mrs Lyn Poharama and Ms Elise Batchelor.

Congratulations
The Hedland Art Awards are one of the country’s most prestigious exhibitions of local and regional talent and last week, this year’s winners and entrants were celebrated. St Cecilia’s is proud to have Year Six student Benjamin Merlo among those entrants chosen. Given that only 70 or so individual works were selected from more than 200 hopeful entries, Ben’s is an outstanding achievement. His beautiful, framed colour drawing of a local bird on a soft-focus pastel background proudly hangs in the Courthouse Gallery.

We also congratulate Mrs Amanda Firenze-Pentney, mum to Seth (Year Four) and Willow (Year Two), for winning the award for Best Sculpture with her fascinating 3D lino cut work, “My Street”. Please seek out these works at the gallery!

Condolences
On behalf of all at St Cecilia’s, I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Mr Peter Allen and his family on the passing of his Father-in-Law. I would also like to extend further condolences to Mr Sean Sta Maria and family on the passing of his uncle. Both Mr Allen and Mr Sta Maria have taken leave in order to travel to be with their families at this time.

God bless
Mandy Sheen
Acting Principal

PARISH MASS TIMES

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This is a huge weekend for Mass celebrations!!

First Reconciliation
Last week students in Year Three took home an enrolment form for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The date for this Sacrament is in Term Four but the Enrolment Mass is being held this weekend (Saturday/Sunday 29-30 August) in the Parish of St Cecilia and St John the Baptist. If your child did not receive a letter, please see your Parish Priest. The first parent meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Thursday 17 September in St Cecilia’s School Hall 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Wanting your child to make First Holy Communion in 2016?
If your child is wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2016 and they have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance, it is strongly suggested that they go through the programme for First Reconciliation and receive the sacrament this year so they are ready for First Communion in 2016.

Forty Year Anniversary
Congratulations to St John the Baptist Catholic Parish who are celebrating their fortieth year this weekend. Bishop Justin Bianchini will be attending the weekend Masses.

Family Mass
Year Four are preparing for the Family Mass this Sunday at 8:30am in St Cecilia’s Church. It would be lovely to see many families attending.

Refugee and Migrant Sunday 30th August, Theme: Church without frontiers, Mother to all.
Message from Holy Father Pope Francis.
"Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognised in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches."
Reconciliation Services
Year Four, Five and Six classes celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week in St Cecilia’s Church. Thank you Mrs Jane Fittock, Miss Kim Piergrosse and Ms Jody Tait for organising the services and preparing your students so well. Thank you Fr January and Fr Justus for coming over from St John the Baptist Catholic Church to administer the Sacrament.

School Mass
Well done Miss Kim Piergrosse and students of the Year Six class for organising a beautiful School Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary last Friday 14 August.

Blessings
Rosie Vrancic Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

SCHOOL FEES
Semester Two School Fees will be posted of Friday 28 August. Please contact us if you do not receive them within the next week. Fees are due by Friday 04 September.

CANTEEN
Please note that orange juice is no longer available from the school canteen. Water and Choc milk is available for purchase.

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

13 August 2015
K: Kindy Class
PP: Kahreesh Drage
Y1: Teagan Bull
Y2: Arani Prindiville
Y4: Rohan Collins
Y5: Chelsea Narrier

20 August 2015
K: Jack Daly
PP: Haylee Pegler
Y1: Raif Dean
Y2: Riley Gould
Y4: Breanna Johnston
Y5: Ryan Aspland
Y6: Cole McLarty

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

August
17 RICHES, Grace Y2
19 WELLBELOVED, Anna K
19 SCHMICH, Emma Y5
21 WADE, Shannon Y5
23 FITT, Hayden Y2
23 SOUTAR, Sahara Y4
23 MUZAMBWA, Kimberly Y5
24 HEGARTY, Jobe K
25 SUNIL, Aparna Y5
25 DERSCHOW, Chanelle Y6
26 MARSDEN, Logan Y2
26 McLARTY, Cole Y6
27 MILLS, Rhiannon Y6
28 PUERTOLLANO, Ethan Y4
28 NARRIER, Chelsea Y5
30 BAILEY, Essington PP
31 WALKER, Kordal Y5

ENROLMENT CANCELLATION
If you are leaving town and/or the school at the 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.

ANNUAL EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES
~ Parent Direct ~ Chalk ~ Toys N More ~
We have 3 types of equipment catalogues.
A limited number of catalogues have been delivered to the school.
These are available for collection from the front office.
The school receives 20% of all sales,
These funds are used to purchase educational equipment for the school.
Sorry no cash payments
Cheque, Money orders or Credit Card payments only.
Orders close: 11 September 2015

THE BALLAD OF PONDLIFE MCGURK
Mon 31 August, 4.00pm
Duration: 50 mins
Recommended for 8 years and above

No matter what age you are, The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk is uplifting and completely unforgettable. Martin’s the new kid at school among a sea of unfamiliar faces. Sharon’s the class bully and she doesn’t like Martin one bit. Then Simon McGurk comes along. He’s wildly different to Martin, but they become the best of buddies. Then, one day, Martin does something that will poison their friendship forever.

Ticket prices:
$24 - All tickets
South Hedland WA 6722
20 July 2015

Dear Friends of St John The Baptist’s Parish,

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of St John the Baptist’s Catholic Parish South Hedland. As part of the celebration of our Parish’s 40th Year Anniversary, we would like to invite you and your family to attend a weekend of paraliturgical, feast and celebratory Mass.

The details of the activities are as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 29 August 2015
**Event:** Paraliturgical Celebration and Feast
**Time:** 4PM start
**Venue:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
15 Lovell Way, South Hedland WA 6722

**Date:** Sunday, 30 August 2015
**Event:** Prayer to pay our respect and acknowledge the local Aboriginal People (the traditional owners and custodians of the land) whom have been laid to rest
**Time:** 8AM start
**Venue:** South Hedland Cemetery

**Date:** Sunday, 30 August 2015
**Event:** Celebratory Mass
**Time:** 9.30AM start
**Venue:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
15 Lovell Way, South Hedland WA 6722

Our anniversary celebration would be greatly enriched by your attendance. We would appreciate if you could confirm your participation before 7 August 2015 by emailing us at stjohn.southhedland@gmail.com, or calling the following people:

- Father Tom (ph: 08 9172 1254 / mob: 0488 080 545)
- Sister Jane (mob: 0428 288 984)
- Cath O’Connor (mob: 0411 873 715)

Many thanks and have a blessed day.

Yours sincerely,

![Signature]

Father Tom Kessy, CSSp.
Parish Priest.
Mayor Howlett launched our week with her favourite story from Tanzania, *Tricky Turtle*.

On Tuesday, Dr Steph Breen entertained us with a book she loves to read to her little baby, Elly: *Oh the Places You’ll Go*, by Dr Seuss.

On Wednesday, Port Hedland artist David Hooper came in and PAINTED *Oh the Places You’ll Go*, by Dr Seuss. We are very fortunate that he has donated this wonderful painting to our school library.
BOOK WEEK!
24-28 JULY

On Wednesday night we had a fabulous "Pyjama Storytime" with hot chocolate in the library. About 100 mums, dads and children came along in PJs and listened to Ms B read Please Mr Panda and The Book with no Pictures. Families then read among themselves. In the process, we gathered two huge baskets full of great donated books for our Strelley children’s book mountain!

Thursday morning was our gigantosaurus Book Week parade. Many parents and friends came to support our students wearing fantastic book-based costumes. And wow, were they amazing! Mary Poppins popped by along with the North West Telegraph and our children paraded with their costumes, books and huge smiles. Thanks to guest judges, Jules Westlake and Jess Hegarty from the P&F and staff judges Ms Spiteri and Miss Piergrosse!

Our Book Parade Winners are:

Kindy—Year 2: Shiloh Price, Joel Crawford (The Very Hungry Caterpillar)
Year 3–Year 5: Marina Ndewere (The Rainbow Fish) and Harrison Clarke (The Magic School Bus)
Most Overall Costume of Awesomeness: Hayden Fitt as a Roald Dahl
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.