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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Confirmation

Congratulations to those students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the last two Sundays. Bishop Bianchini was very impressed with your knowledge and understanding of what confirmation is about.

Thank you to the Parish Sacramental team and staff members who have done an amazing job preparing the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you also to all the parents for your involvement in the confirmation and the celebration after. The table was packed with some amazing food.

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The school is blessed to have a terrific and caring staff who go above expectations to make school enjoyable.

VISION STATEMENT

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School is a multi-cultural Catholic School where staff, parents and students strive to provide a secure environment concerned with the spiritual, moral, social, emotional and intellectual development of each person. We endeavour to create an atmosphere of openness, mutual respect and loyalty within the school community.
Important dates
05 September  Fight Cancer Footy Colours  Day and Fun Run
06 September  First Reconciliation Enrolment Masses
07 September  First Reconciliation Enrolment Masses
08 September  Start of the Pilbara Music Festival
18 September  First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - 6.30pm School Hall
21 September  Family Mass Year 6 8.30am St Cecilia’s Church

God bless

Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH NEWS

 MASS TIMES
St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tuesday to Friday Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am
St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Monday and Wednesday 6.00pm
Tue, Thu & Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:30 pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30 am
Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

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.

Last week students in Year Three took home an enrolment form for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The date for this Sacrament is during Term Four but the enrolment Mass is being held next weekend (Saturday 06/Sunday 07 September) in the parishes of St Cecilia and St John the Baptist. If your child did not receive a letter, please see your Parish Priest.

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Wanting your child to make First Holy Communion in 2015?
If your child is wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2015 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 2015.

Lexile
On Tuesday 02 September the Lexile program used by students in Years Four to Seven will be changed to a new platform, Literacy Pro. As a result of this migration, the online Lexile quizzes will be unavailable for approximately a week. Students will still be able to read their Lexile books but will be unable to log on for quizzes.

As part of the migration, we have purchased some new Lexile books to be used in classrooms. Before these books can be made available to students they need to be covered. If you are able to help cover these new resources for your children could you please see Mrs Sheen for some books and covering contact.

Footy Colours Day
A letter was sent home yesterday about our upcoming Footy Colours Day. The goal of the day is to raise funds for children and teens fighting cancer. Students are asked to wear a jersey, beanie, shirt or scarf in the colours of their favourite footy team and bring a gold coin donation to help us raise funds.

The Passion of St John the Baptist
On Friday 29 August we celebrate the Passion of St John the Baptist. This day commemorates the death of John the Baptist. John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus, fearlessly spoke the truth which angered King Herod and his wife. They wanted to make their own rules for their lives and because St John the Baptist told them what they were doing was wrong, Herod’s wife became angry and ordered for John the Baptist to be killed.

Let us pray for courage in our faith today that we continue to do what we know to be right.

God of the prophets, may the example of St John the Baptist give us courage to be witnesses to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

BOOKWEEK
Congratulations to everyone on a fabulously successful and exciting book week. I was amazed at the enthusiasm demonstrated by everyone for their costumes and the energy with which everyone participated in the activities.

Our morning reading sessions where very successful and we loved the variety of interesting guests who came to read to us. Thank you to Mayor Kelly Howlett, John Burke Principal of the high school, local author and Saints parent Amanda Pentney, Enigmatic Pre Primary teacher Elise Batchelor and our much loved Principal Peter Allen.

Our Year Four, Five, Six and Seven students were treated to a visit by Leonie Norrington a prominent author from the territory. Leonie had fascinating stories to share and captivated us all from the very beginning. We thoroughly enjoyed her visit and all her books have subsequently been loaned from the library.
Congratulations to all our students who embraced the spirit of this year’s theme ‘Connect to reading’ with your fabulous costumes at our book week assembly on Thursday. Check out the North West Telegraph for some awesome pics.

This year we ran a ‘redesign the logo’ competition and some wonderful ideas were submitted. Congratulations to our runner up Justin Sweet in Year Five and our joint winners Charlize Harris (Year Five) and Gemima Rahman (Year Seven).

How Splendiferous and Scrumdidilyuptious!

September is Roald Dahl’s birth month and this year St Cecilia’s will be celebrating the fabulous author’s birthday in style during the library lessons of Week Eight.

This year also marks the anniversary of the publishing of the much loved children’s classic Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It has been 50 years since readers the world over were introduced to the magical world of Willy Wonka and the unforgettable characters and candy in the novel. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is still as captivating and miraculous as it was when I first read it.

Over the next few weeks in the library we will be breaking out our copies of some Roald Dahl classics for a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Everlasting gobstoppers anyone?

Mrs Wellbeloved
Library Teacher

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

SCHOOL FEES
Semester 2 school fees were posted out on Wednesday 20 August. If you have not received your account yet, please contact Mrs Genni McCormack, Administration Officer. Fees are due and payable by Friday 29 August. Should you be experiencing any difficulties with payment, please contact Mr Peter Allen, Principal.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

PORT HEDLAND OSHC
Would you like your child to be a confident and involved learner?
Would your child like to participate in weekly Active After School Sports??
Would you like them to learn life skills such as cooking, cleaning their environment and caring for our natural environment?
Would you like your child to be engaged in our new vegie patch project, worm farm composting and recycling program?
Would your child like to be included into an exciting, fun and welcoming environment and curriculum?
Please contact Danielle at Port Hedland OSHC on 0428 340 040 or porthedlandosc@cssu.org.au
We are currently taking enrolments for After School Care and Vacation Care 2014.

MERIT AWARDS

14 August 2014
KG:  Lucy Broadfoot  Angus Thompson
PP:  Ella Abbott  Emmaline Whitehead
Yr 1: Zekiel Dhu  Remy Gaudron
Yr 2: Keely Bull  Talitha Sheen  Casey Springhall
Yr 3: Megan Fitt  Sahara Soutar
Yr 4: Paris Marten  Morgan Varney  Emma Schmich
Yr 5: Takudzwa Hunya  Rhiannan Mills

21 August 2014
KG:  Brooklyn Bennett  Seren Edwards
PP:  Christina Jerry  Siena Prindiville
Yr 1: Mikayla Mills  Ethan Williams
Yr 3: Libby Macpherson  Ben Springhall
Yr 4: Kimberley Muzambwa  Jed Marsden
Yr 6: Jarred Ams  Caley Cecich
Yr 7: Zoe Britcliffe  Thomas McDonald

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to the following students

AUGUST
19 SCHMICH, Emma Y4
21 WADE, Shannon Y4
21 KINNANE, Amber Y7
23 FITT, Hayden Y1
23 SOUTAR, Sahara Y3
23 WILLIAMS, Ethan Y3
23 MUZAMBWA, Kimberly Y4
25 SUNIL, Aparna Y4
25 DERSCHOW, Chanelle Y5
25 GREEN, Hayden Y6
26 MARSDEN, Logan Y1
26 McLARTY, Cole Y5
26 MULLINS, Luke Y5
27 MACPHERSON, Libby Y3
27 MILLS, Rhiannon Y5
28 PUERTOLLANO, Ethan Y3
30 BAILEY, Essington K
31 WALKER, Kordal Y4

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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: 10 September 2014
CAR BOOT SALE!!!!

Date: SATURDAY 13th September
Time: 3:30 - 5:30 PM
Location: St. Cecilia's School Carpark

**SOLD-TO-SELL YOUR TREASURE**
Sellers set up from 3.00 PM

**CARWASH** $10

**FREE**

COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS

I, _______________________________, would like to donate ____ meals for the community. Please return this slip to the front office and meal containers will be sent home with your child.

Library Book Coverers

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Pilbara Families Building Pilbara Communities

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Neala
Pilbara Families Building Pilbara Communities

Please contact Ngaala Hedland on 08 918 8755.
For all venue and workshop details visit www.ngala.com.au/three-aures/PilbaraHedland.

TENNIS JUNIOR COACHING

WHEN
Starting 7th of September
3:30pm - 5pm
Parents must be present

WHERE
Tennis Courts
McRae Park Beside Port Hedland Recreation Centre

EMAIL US YOUR DETAILS TO BOOK
JUNIORTENNISPH@GMAIL.COM

NEAL GUILMARTIN
PRESIDENT

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Book Parade: Year 7 were great sports all getting dressed up to show how much we love books. We have been learning about Ancient Rome through such books as Horrible Histories and the Roman Mysteries series, so it was apt that we dressed as Ancient Romans. Can you spot Wally in Ancient Rome?

In our study of Ancient Rome Year 7 students have been Archaeologists. They had to work out the person behind the artefacts.

Year 6&7 Fundraising
Special treat ice blocks for sale on Friday – till stocks last.

$2.50
The new Chrome Books have enabled more access to the Internet. Students are currently working on a History Assignment. They access all research materials and task sheets online via Edmodo - a little like Facebook for teachers and students.

Year 7 participated in Life Skills for Life, run by Surf Life Saving WA. This practical experience allowed them to practise basic first aid skills and resuscitation. Students were even shown how to use a portable defibrillator.

Students enjoy a game of Algebra Grand-Prix to revise algebra concepts.
FUN RUN
The fun run is coming up on Friday 5 September.
Get your running shoes on.
Yesterday the sponsorship forms went home with the children, if a child did not receive his or hers please let the office know so we can get one to you ASAP to start raising money.
The P&F is serving Quelch Fruit Juice ice blocks to the students on the day.
Volunteers would be appreciated to help on the day between 9.00am and 10.00am.
The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday 1st September 7.30pm in the school hall.
If you would like to receive minutes from meetings or include topics for the agenda, please email:
stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com