Lord, you asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; For it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith. Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child. We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our children are the most important people in our lives, they make waking up each day a joy and we want to make sure they are safe and happy at all times. Every child has the right to a safe environment and to be looked after by people who love them. Next week is known as Child Protection Week. It is a week when we focus on our children and make sure they are aware of ways to keep themselves safe. It is a great time to speak with our children about safety and when things don’t feel right, they may not be. You may like to have a chat with your children and check that they are safe and protected and know what to do in different situations. We don’t want children to feel scared but confident in what to do in any given situation.

Book Fair

Congratulations! on a wonderful Book Fair. I am constantly amazed at how each year Book Fair seems to get better and better. A special thank you to Miss Dee Campbell for all her work in making the library and multipurpose room look so fabulous. Miss Campbell is an awesome advocate of the library.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 31 AUGUST
K & PP Sports Morning
Semester Two School Fees Due

SUNDAY 02 SEPTEMBER
Tournament Of Minds
Fathers Day

WEDNESDAY 05 SEPTEMBER
Cross Country PP - Y7
National Health & PE Day

THURSDAY 06 SEPTEMBER
Year Four Assembly

FRIDAY 07 SEPTEMBER
STAFF PD
NO SCHOOL

NEXT P&F MEETING
Thursday 13th September
After school in the Library - 2.40pm

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.
and of reading. I know she loves to see our students read and to enjoy books. A special thank you to Mrs Tanya McGrath for her drive and passion in helping the book fair become a reality in our school. These ladies are a sensational team and our school community benefits greatly from their work. I was looking through all the Book Fair assembly photos and was amazed at all our fantastic staff and students and the sizzling costumes you all came up with. Outstanding!

Canteen
Mrs Cathy McLaughlin has been our wonderful canteen manageress for the past 13 years and has served our community well. We wish Cathy a wonderful long service break as she heads to Perth to spend quality time with her children. I know we will all miss Cathy and look forward to her return next year. While Cathy is away we welcome Mrs Cheryl Johnson into the position. We hope that many parents will come and assist in the canteen over the coming weeks as Cheryl takes on this new role.

Life Skills
On Wednesday we saw our Year Seven leaders take to the hall to learn about Life Skills. This is a program that is run in all Catholic Schools in Western Australian. It is a great initiative by the Catholic Education Office to ensure that our Year Seven students learn Basic First Aid. Our students learned many important life saving skills and put their time to good use.

Year One Assembly
What a brilliant assembly we saw this morning. I can’t believe the wonderful tribute to Dad’s from our young class of super stars. Mrs Simpson and Mrs Campbell really helped the Year One class delight our Father’s in a moving look at our Dad’s. The enthusiasm and warmth was clear to see and the power point was just perfect.

Kindergarten and Pre Primary Sports Morning
Tomorrow our Kindergarten and Pre Primary students along with the their parents and staff will take to the field to participate in their sports carnival. We will see our mighty three colours proudly displayed by our students, in Matthews (red), Canty (blue), and Costello (yellow). All colours will be represented as they work their way through running races, egg and spoon races and many more. We hope lots of parents will be on hand to cheer our valiant students. Remember there is also a three legged race for parents and their children, so please be ready to join in on the day.

Happy Father’s Day
Fathers play a unique and important role in the lives of their children. As mentor, protector, and provider, a father fundamentally influences the shape and direction of his child’s character by giving love, care, discipline, and guidance. As we observe Father’s Day, our nation honours fatherhood and urges fathers to commit themselves selflessly to the success and well-being of their children. And we reaffirm the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. Raising a child requires significant time, effort, and sacrifice; and it is one of the most hopeful and fulfilling experiences a man can ever know. A father can derive great joy from seeing his child grow from infancy to adulthood. As a child matures into independence and self reliance, the value of a parent’s hard work, love, and commitment comes to fruition.

We pray that all our Father’s, Step Fathers and Grand Fathers have a wonderful day on Sunday and feel totally spoiled by their children.

Tournament of Minds
On Sunday 2 September we will be holding the Regional Tournament of Minds competition in Hedland. There will be seven teams working on their challenges and they will be competing in the St Cecilia’s Hall from 9.00am until 1.45pm. Any one is welcome to come and watch the teams compete. We have 3 teams from St Cecilia’s competing and wish them well on the day. There will be food and drinks on sale during the day, thanks to our amazing Year Six and Year Seven staff, students and parents.

Being a Good Friend
Friendship is defined as the caring relationship which exists between two or more people. Having friends is important to everyone, so helping your child to develop skills in establishing good friendships is an important parental role; one which is supported at school. Much is said about the traditional ‘three R’s’ in education, but there are really ‘four R’s’ and the fourth ‘R’ is relationships. School is about learning to live as a community member, and relationships and friendships are the glue that keeps communities together.

Here are some ideas and advice for developing healthy friendships:

- Be the kind of friend you’d like to have.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Make mistakes.
- Be prepared to forgive and forget; it is human to make mistakes.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Be honest and truthful.
- Be there when your friend needs you; be helpful.
- Respect people’s feelings and belongings.
- Share your feelings and be a good listener.
- Be kind and caring.
- Invite people to join in your games and activities.
- Never talk about people when they are not there.
- Always keep your promises.
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- BE the kind of friend you’d like to have.

Making and keeping friends requires a lot of effort. It’s not always easy and sometimes friends do things
which are hurtful. A good friendship is one in which the people involved all work together to make it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone. Be prepared to step in and help your child if you sense that their friendships are not appropriate or suitable. Talk to your child’s teacher if you are unsure.

God Bless and take care

Paula MacKenzie
Principal

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES
St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue, Wed & Thu Morning Mass 8.00am
Fri Morning Mass 7.15am
Saturday Evening Mass 6:00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30am
St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Wed Night Mass 6.00pm
Saturday Evening Mass 7.15pm
Sunday Morning Mass 10:00am
Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation
If you wish for your child to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation), please mark these dates in your diary.

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Enrolment forms are available from your parish priest.

Wanting your child to make First Holy Communion in 2013?
If your child is wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2013 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 2013.

Online Parent and Student Noticeboard
We have started an online noticeboard for parents and students. This allows parents to see current messages and notices regarding upcoming events and things happening in the school. To logon to this noticeboard, go to: http://stcecilia.wa.edu.au/mydesktop/
When prompted to log on, type in these details: Username: stcecilia.parent
Password: parent
You will see the ‘Parent Messages’ and also ‘Student Messages’ on that main page. You can click the messages individually to read more information.

Catholic Life and Culture Parent Survey
A letter went home last week inviting parents to complete an online survey to help our school’s process of self-review to improve educational outcomes. We really need your feedback, so we urge you to complete our short online parent survey.
Go to the online noticeboard for parents as described in the aforementioned notice. Click on the link where it says ‘Catholic Life and Culture – Parent Survey’. You will be directed to a link to complete the survey.
Please do not click the student survey. This will be done with students in the school time with teacher facilitation.
Thank you in advance for your support in providing us with feedback to improve the quality of education in our school.

Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week & Book Fair
We had an amazing and successful Book Week and Book Fair last week. As always there are so many people who contribute to the success of such events. I would especially like to thank the staff and students who really got into the spirit of Book Week by choosing a shortlisted book and completing some incredible art activities based on these books. The art works created were used to decorate both the Multi Purpose Room and the Library for Book Week this year. Some of these will remain on display in the Library for the remainder of Term. Parents are welcome to come in and have a look.
A special thank you must go to Mrs Tanya McGrath for all her hard work organising the selection, arrival and departure of the books from Scholastic, selling books, ordering books and packing up Book Fair. We were also fortunate to have the help of Mrs Claire Smith, Mrs Lilianna Battle, Mrs Rozario, Mrs McCormack, Mrs MacKenzie & Michael MacKenzie, whose contributions are greatly appreciated!
Finally an enormous thank you to all our wonderful parents and students for purchasing so many exciting books!

Miss Dee Campbell
Library Teacher
GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Coles & Woolworths Promotions
Both the Coles & Woolworths promotions have now closed and we are preparing to send off our vouchers and sticker cards. If anyone has any ‘last minute’ stickers or vouchers, please bring them to the school office by 8:30am Friday 31 August (tomorrow). A huge thank you to all our families for your tremendous support of our school in these two promotions.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL FEES
Semester 2 school fees were posted on Friday 17 August 2012 and are due tomorrow, Friday 31 August 2012. If you have not received your fees, please contact Genni McCormack in the school office.

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations the following items:
- used stamps
- aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Shoe boxes
These can be brought in to the front office.

Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

CHANGES TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
In December the State Government announced that Pre-Primary will become compulsory from 2013. This is an important change to early childhood education in Western Australia.

MERIT AWARDS
16 August 2012
KG: Riley Gould  Toby Larson
PP: Marco Cecich  Casey Springhall
Yr 1: Rohan Collins  Nicholas Galovic
Elvie Mbenjele
Yr 2: Ryan Aspland  Braxton Holmstrom
Yr 3: Tare Le Large  William Rehn
Ella Smith
Yr 4: Jesse Battle  Nikita Burton
Helen Nawn
Yr 5: Alioth Paciente  Caitlyn Shirley
Yr 6: Breanna Bolton  Tayla Selfe
Yr 7: Hannah Blackwell  Sarah Corbett

23 August 2012
KG: Mitchell Binning  Lucinda De Andrade
PP: Kayleigh Curtis  Kaitlyn Russell
Yr 1: Kiahni Lewis  Ethan Williams
Yr 2: Jordan Elliott  Joseph Sang
Yr 3: Merina Ndewere  Riley Smith
Yr 4: Reilly Cure  Caelen Pres
Year Two
Yr 5: Rani Tucker  Ms Campbell
Yr 6: Tess Mellberg  Bayley Warren
Yr 7: Zoe Podmore  Tennika Quick

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate their birthday.

September
1 CANANZI, Tori Y3
3 BAARS, Charlize K
3 JESSOP, Callum Y5
5 FOTI, Chiara K
6 HUDACEK, Lewis K
8 VAN RYSINGE, Ida Y4
11 ALLEN, Liam K
12 PERERA, Menushi Y2
13 HUNTER, Riley Y3
13 MCCCORY, Celeste Y7
15 BRITCLIFFE, Zoe Y5

ANNUAL EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES
~ Parent Direct, Chalk & Toys N More ~
We have 3 types of equipment catalogues. These have been issued to the youngest in each family.
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:
Wednesday 12 September 2012

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3-9 September 2012 Child protection Sunday, 9 September 2012
at the conclusion of Child Protection Week
WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCH AND SOCIETY

FOSTER CARERES REQUIRED
Children in Care have a great need for people who care. The Department of Child Protection is keen to hear from anyone that has an interest in being a foster carer for respite, emergency, short term or long term caring. For more information please contact Katie Priest, Senior Project Officer, on 9160 2400 or Foster- ing and Adoption Services on 1800 182 178.

SEAMER SPORT CENTRE
Seamer Sports are hosting a sports programme for children aged 6-14 designed to offer the chance to experience a wide range of sporting activities in a fun, yet safe environment. Participants will be grouped according to age and ability.

PRESENTERS
Experienced primary and secondary trained Physical Education Teachers and specialist coaches delivering expert coaching sessions in a wide range of physical activities.

Sports include the following – Basketball, Dodgeball, European Handball, Indoor Cricket, Indoor Soccer, Netball, as well as fun warm up games, team building activities and tournaments. Morning tea will also be provided daily.

WHERE AND WHEN
Seamer Sports Centre 5 Corbusier Place, Balcatta Wednesday 10th October – Friday 12th October 9am – 12:30pm Daily

COST
$45 per day or $110 when you enrol in all 3 days
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL Enrol your child for all 3 days before Friday 14th September and pay only $80. That’s a saving of over 25%! (Please note: This offer is not to be used in conjunction with any other offer) For all 1 or 2 day enrolments, the rate of $45/day will still apply

HOW TO REGISTER
Complete the attached enrolment form and return with payment to Seamer Sports by mail to PO BOX 758, Inglewood 6932. (Please note, if you are paying by EFT, ensure you still return the enrolment form)
Closing date for registration and payment: Friday Oct 5th, 2012. For all general enquiries, please call Shaun on 0419848856 or email info@seamersports.com

SANG-ROK HEDLAND JUDO CLUB
Free 1st Lesson, $10 per Lesson or $75 for 10 Lesson

ABSENTEREEISM
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 with one phone call to the Mothers Mobile only by the School Secretary.

Parents are asked to call the school office prior to 9.00am each day of their child’s absence to avoid a phone call being made to them.

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.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER & ALERTS CONSENT
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School’s fortnightly newsletters are available by electronic means (thereby reducing costs and helping the environment at the same time).
If you are happy to receive the newsletter/school notices/alerts via this method, please indicate your acceptance below:

o Yes I would like to receive the newsletters and updates by email.

Family Name: __________________________________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________________

Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: _____

Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: _____

Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: _____

Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP

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.
Sacred Heart Catholic School
GOOMALLING
(formally Presentation Convent School)
Will celebrate its centenary on
Friday, 21st September 2012

If you can assist with photos and/or memorabilia, we would love to hear from you!

To register your interest and for further details,
Please contact Lesley West at the school:
wester.lesley@cathednet.wa.edu.au
(08) 96291174

WA POLICE LEGACY & FORTESCUE METALS GROUP
2012 ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE & WA POLICE LEGACY
COMMUNITY GOLF DAY

AT PORT HEDLAND GOLF CLUB
DATE | Friday 31st August 2012
TIME | 12pm - 8pm
COST | $70 per player (includes green fees, BBQ meal, four drink tickets and prizes)
PRIZES | For 1st, 2nd, 3rd and novelties

Four Player Ambrose (Four ball better ball) competition.
Individual registration with teams determined.

Nominations to Dan Allen at the Port Hedland Police Station no later than Friday 24th August 2012.
Email | daniel.allen@police.wa.gov.au
Phone | 9173 8100

WA POLICE LEGACY BALL
SUNDAY 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 2012
6PM TILL MIDNIGHT
$170 EACH - TABLES OF 10
GRATWICK HALL, CIVIC CENTRE
FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL: 9173 8100
Or email: port.hedland@police.wa.gov.au
On the final day of Book Week 2012 the Years 4—7 classes were excited to meet Phillip Gwynne a well known Australian author. Phillip shared some of his journey to becoming an author with the students in a funny and entertaining way that had all the students laughing.

The students thoroughly enjoyed Phillip’s visit, particularly the opportunity to act out Phillip’s latest book, “The Queen with the Wobbly Bottom!”

The students were eager to learn more about Phillip’s journey to becoming a writer, and some of the questions they asked were very insightful.

Thank you to “Skippy” from the Port Hedland Library Service for organising this visit.
It was wonderful to see so many students dressed up as book characters and champions for our Book Week Assembly last Thursday. There were some interesting ‘sights’ and it was great to see some classics like the Saucepan from the Magic Faraway Tree, Pippi Longstocking & Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, as well as some modern day champions including Sally Pearson.

BOOK FAIR
Our school Book Fair was an outstanding success! Thank you to all the students & parents who visited the Book Fair and purchased books. A special thank you to Mrs Tanya McGrath for all your hard work leading up to & including the Book Fair, as well as Mrs Claire Smith & Mrs Liliana Battle for helping sell books at the Book Fair.

PRE PRIMARY

YEAR TWO

YEAR ONE

Mrs Rozario & Mrs McCormack
A very special thank you to all students and staff for entering the spirit of Book Week so enthusiastically! It was a fabulous week capped off by the parade. It was wonderful seeing so many students so excited about purchasing books at the Book Fair—some coming back two & three times to purchase books!

Book Week Displays
Thank you to all classes who completed art activities based on the Children’s Book Council Shortlisted Books. These were on display for the duration of Book Week in both the Library and the Multi Purpose Room. Some remain on display in the Library & parents are welcome to come and see this incredible art work!
School Funding

The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements that will be debated in Federal Parliament later this year.

These new arrangements could have significant consequences on funding received by our school. I believe it is vital that you are aware of the facts and are able to actively defend the right of our school to obtain the funding needed to continue offering a quality education, while also keeping our fees as low as possible.

There has already been a lot of misinformation about school funding in the media, including claims that Catholic and other non-government schools receive more funding than government schools. These claims are simply wrong. As the chart below highlights, students in Catholic schools, on average, receive only about 90% of the government funding provided to students in government schools.

![Chart showing net recurrent income per student in Australian schools (2010)]

I also encourage you to view a video that was prepared by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V33EeqyUikE&feature=youtu.be), which provides a snapshot of Catholic education’s role in the community and how we are funded to undertake this role.

Over the coming weeks, more detailed information about funding will be provided in our school newsletter. I encourage you to stay informed and actively participate in this funding debate.

More information about Catholic school funding can be found at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au
Join Yoga With Grace for a special event to support Yoga Aid and make a difference both on and off the mat. Join us for partner yoga, relaxation, silent auctions, henna tattoos, lucky door prizes, music, tea & snacks.

**Cost:** $20 to attend the event or FREE for those who register as a Yoga Aid Challenger (contact Grace for more details if you’re interested).

ALL proceeds will go to the selected charities on the Yoga Aid support list. Go to www.yogaaid.com if you want more info.

**What to bring:** a mat (if you have one, otherwise we have some spares), water bottle, a cushion to sit on and also some money for silent auctions and a gold coin for a henna tattoo.

**Location:** St Cecilia’s Primary School Hall (35 Sutherland St, Port Hedland). Entry via Roderda Street. Parking available.

**No need to register, just turn up!**
To assist with catering and planning, it can be helpful to know if you’re coming so drop us a line at info@yogawithgrace.com.au

www.yogawithgrace.com.au
Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following entrants whose photographs were voted the 12 most popular in our photo competition. A special mention to students Ella, Jack and Jesse for their winning entries! All twelve are displayed in the school office and will be printed in next year’s Saint Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School Calendar.

1. Danielle Waugh  
2. Sean St Maria  
3. Jamie Mitchell  
4. Ella Smith  
5. Jack Riches  
6. Rhonda Mitchell  
7. Jesse Battle  
8. Petula Riches  
9. Jack Merlo  
10. Mandy Sheen  
11. Trish Van Den Hurk  
12. Jack Merlo

Pilbara Roads  
Westmoore Sunset  
Ghostly Gums  
Fairy Kiss  
Kermey  
Deep Sunset  
The Pink Fluffy Flowers in the Sun  
Sunrise @ Carawine Gorge  
Coming in for a load  
Iron Ore Sunset  
BHP @ Sunset  
Brown Falcon  
Carawine  
Westmoore Island  
South Hedland  
Spoilbank Port Hedland  
Port Hedland  
80 Mile Beach  
Pretty Pool  
Carawine Gorge  
Port Hedland Harbour  
Port Hedland  
Cooke Point  
South Hedland

Open  
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*NEXT MEETING Thursday 13th September – after school in the Library*

*Meetings – monthly*

*Casual attendance welcome*

*Ideas or suggestions - ekmerlo@hotmail.com*