Hello everyone, it is really wonderful to be back at school after an extended holiday. My wife, daughter and I travelled through the USA and Canada and had a very relaxing time. My wife and I would like to thank everyone in the St Cecilia’s School community for thinking of us over the last three weeks. It gave us comfort to know there are so many people, in our community, who care.

Congratulations to Mrs Sheen for the professional manner in which she ran the school. She handled everything with grace and understanding. I would like to thank staff, students and parents for the support they gave Mrs Sheen during this time.

Athlete’s Foot, Karratha
St Cecilia’s had a visit from Russell and Daniel from Athletes Foot, Karratha. They gave the Year One and Pre-Primary students lessons on tying their shoe laces. The children really enjoyed their lesson and will need to keep practising at home to ensure they get the technique right.

St Cecilia’s is arranging a shoe fitting day where staff from The Athlete’s Foot, Karratha, will be available for fitting and ordering of shoes. This will occur in Week Eight of Term Four, in the school hall. Further details will be given in the school’s newsletters during Term Four.

Vacant land use
We are looking for ideas on how best to use the vacant land on the corner of Rodoreda and Anderson Street. Please feel free to discuss this with me or draw a plan of your vision. One idea to date is for an outdoor learning area for the students.

God bless

Peter Allen
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

Sacraments
Over the past two weekends, we have had the enrolment Masses for those students taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you missed the enrolment Mass, or didn’t receive the enrolment form and you are wanting your child to receive this Sacrament, please see your Parish Priest for the relevant information. Please make note of these important dates. It is essential that you and your child attend the weekend Masses and the family meetings to receive the activities that will help children prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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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 Reconciliation, 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.

Family Mass
On Sunday 30 August, the Year Four class led the Family Mass at St Cecilia’s Church. It was wonderful to see so many students taking part in the Mass through reading, taking up the collection and the offertory and taking charge of the music and the PowerPoint. Thank you to Mrs Tait and the Year Four students for a beautiful Mass and thank you to all the families that attended.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Earlier in the term we celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tuesday 08 September marked the nativity of Mary, the birth of Mary. While there is no evidence that this is the actual birth of Mary, the Church has celebrated Mary’s birth since at least the sixth century with September being chosen as the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The date helped to determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, nine months earlier.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary’s birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Opti-MINDS
Last Saturday, 05 September we had some very creative students compete in the Opti-MINDS Challenge at Cassia Primary School. These students have given up their Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons to stay at school until 4:00pm for the last six weeks to work as a team on their long term challenge. This involved writing and rehearsing scripts, making props and costumes, and for one team, planning and trialling the building of a shelter.
All four of our teams competed well and we are very proud of the effort they all put into completing their challenge. Their spirit was fantastic also and this was evident in the support they demonstrated not only towards each other but also towards teams they were competing against. It was also evident when most of the teams faced some small hurdles on the day. Despite this, they stuck together and rose to the challenge, vowing to go on ahead and give 100% to their performance no matter what. An extra congratulation goes out St Cecilia’s Team Two for winning the Division 1 Regional Final.
Finally, once again, a thank you Mrs Poharama and Miss Piergrosse who helped to prepare the students and keep them on the track for the duration of the preparation and a thank you to you, the parents, for allowing your children to stay back after school, for coming back later in the afternoon to pick them up and for sharing your weekend time to allow them to compete.

Pilbara Music Festival
Congratulations also to all students that took part in the Pilbara Music Festival last week. On Wednesday 02 September we had our choir groups attend the Opening day of the festival. The students took part in a warm up with Kelly Wordsworth-Newton who encouraged all students to give a 100% effort, and our students can be proud that they did exactly this. I was not only impressed with the performance of all three choir groups but also their encouragement for other schools and the way they congratulated Baler Primary School when they were announced
as the winners of the trophies. I also want to congratulate all students on their presentation. Everyone looked fantastic on stage and the way the students presented themselves demonstrated the pride they have in being a student of St Cecilia’s.

In addition to the choir groups, we had our percussion group perform a section of Gotye’s *Somebody I Used to Know* which despite its simplicity, had the judges sitting up and saying ‘Wow’. The percussion group was invited back to perform at the closing concert on Sunday and were awarded the Theo’s Music Best Band Award for 2015.

Finally, further congratulations must also go to all students that took part over the week in solo and duet performances. From what I have heard these children all performed admirably and received very positive and favourable feedback from the judges.

We certainly have a large group of very talented students with skills that go beyond the academic achievements we see in school each day.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES**

During the month of July, Matt Saliacus, the manager of regional town bus services, visited schools to advise of the integration of new public transport services for 2016. The Public Transport Authority is planning to visit Port Hedland next week with the view to providing community consultation sessions to the public in anticipation of these changes.

The PTA will have a stall set up in both shopping centres and will be providing information to the general public regarding all the changes.

The details of the community consultations are as follows:

**Session 1:** Friday 18th of September 8:30am to 11:30am at Port Hedland Boulevard Shopping Centre

**Session 2:** Friday 18th of September 12:30pm to 3:30pm South Hedland Square Shopping Centre

**WOOLWORTH’S EARN AND LEARN**

The Woolworth’s Earn and Learn promotion has now come to an end. To be able to put through our orders for resources for the school we need all Earn and Learn stickers and/or completed sticker sheets need to be returned to the school office ASAP. There is an Earn and Learn box in the office or stickers and sheets can be sent to the office via the class office tray.

Thank you once again for your support in providing valuable resources for our students.

**Library books**

As always I have a pile of new library books waiting to be put out on the shelves. Before these books can be made available to students for borrowing, they need to be covered. With holidays coming up, I know that there are some of you out there that will have a little spare time up your sleeve so if you are able to help cover these new books for your children could you please let Mrs Sheen know. Books and covering plastic will then be sent home during the last week of term.

**Fathers Day Assembly**

What a brilliant assembly by the Kindergarten students last week. I especially loved their rendition of their poem about ‘big, strong dads’ and particularly loved hearing about why each child loves their dad. I was also impressed to see so many Dads signing out after their morning in Kindy wearing their colourful, hand-made ties. I hope that all dads, granddads, uncles, brothers and all other father figures in our lives had a wonderful day on Sunday.

**Thank you**

This week saw the return of Mr Allen, which saw me settle back into my role of Assistant Principal. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the role of Principal and while you may now be having a sense of déjà vu after reading this in a previous newsletter, I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for their support and encouragement over the past seven weeks.

I am looking forward to taking a rest now while I put Mr Allen back to work!

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

**SCHOOL FEES**

Semester Two School Fees were posted on Friday 28 August. If you have not received your copy please contact the front office. A reminder that fees are due this Friday 11 September 2015.

**NUT & EGG SCHOOL STATUS**

As you would be aware St Cecilia’s is currently “Nut & Egg Free”. We are looking at changing this status to “Nut & Egg Aware”.

We are asking all families to indicate their preference below.

☐ We prefer that the school stay “Nut & Egg Free”.

☐ We prefer that the school become “Nut & Egg Aware”.

Additional information:

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Family name: ____________________________________________ Date: ____________________________
03 September 2015
K: Ashley Fitt
PP: Lachlan Vasnaik
Y1: Charlotte Schimich
Y2: Nadine Retallack
Y4: Emily Boland
Y5: Cullen Connolly
Y6: Kade Denney

William Liu
Diwan Salawu
Myah Wuruki
Caleb Unkovich
James Guilmartin
Isabella Leopardi
Lauren Hegarty

Ms Batchelor & Mrs Poharama
Darrell Kelly
Athena Mendoza
Kimberley Muzambwa

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

September
1 CANANZI, Toria Y6
2 FITT, Ashley K
5 VASNAIK, Lachlan PP
5 FOTI, Chiara Y2 05
8 WURUKI, Isiah Y2
9 PRICE, Shiloh K
12 PERERA, Menushi Y5

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ALERT FOR MUMPS
Over the past 6 weeks there has been a rise in the notifications of mumps in children and adults in the Pilbara. This follows a similar outbreak of mumps infections in the Kimberley.

What is Mumps?
Mumps causes swelling of one or both glands located below and in front of the ear, causing facial or jaw swelling. Sometimes the infection starts with a headache or fever or cough or feeling unwell, before the swelling starts. The swelling can be very uncomfortable and it can be painful to open the mouth very far. The incubation period is very long – it can be 2-3 weeks after contact with an infected person before one becomes unwell.
For further information contact Pilbara Public Health staff on 9174 1660.
http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Healthy-WA/Articles/J_M/Mumps

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TODAY - PRESENTATION
A Presentation by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
Title: ‘Catholic Schools Today - What is the Point?’
Venue: Thomas More Exhibition Centre, John XXIII College, Mt Claremont
Date: Wednesday 16 September
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Cost: Free
Bookings via TryBooking
RSVP  Murray Graham 93830444 or graham.murray@johnxxiii.edu.au

P&F FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
Thank you to those that took the time to come to our Fathers Day Breakfast.
A great get together and we trust all dads everywhere enjoyed the day.
We raised $120.
You won’t miss our new look

From 1 January 2016, there are some exciting changes happening to public transport in Port Hedland. Apart from a new look, there will be a new name, new stops and a whole new way to save money when you travel.

New Name

From 1 January 2016, Port Hedland bus services will operate under the name TransHedland.

New Look

As part of this change, the Public Transport Authority will supply a fleet of modern, low-floor, fully-accessible buses painted in silver and green, similar to other TransRegional bus services. The town bus routes will also be renumbered to allow for state-wide unique route numbers to facilitate journey planning via the InfoLine and eventually an online journey planner.

New Stops

Many new bus stop posts are being installed around the Port Hedland region. Blue bus stop posts indicate the pick-up and drop-off points for TransHedland school bus services. Orange bus stop posts indicate the pick-up and drop-off points for TransHedland town bus services. Students can be picked up from both blue and orange bus stops.

New Ticketing System

SmartRider is a fully electronic ticketing system that allows you to travel anywhere on the TransHedland system without having to carry change to buy your fare. With SmartRider, you simply add value to your card before you travel then tag on when you board and tag off when your journey ends. The SmartRider will automatically calculate the lowest fare for your journey.

Best of all, your SmartRider lets you enjoy discounted fares, such as the student fare and the free travel entitlements for seniors and pensioners. You can only take advantage of these discounts and entitlements when you use a SmartRider.

As a bonus, your SmartRider can be used to buy your fares on TransRegional services in Albany, Bunbury, Busselton, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie, as well as on Transperth buses, trains and ferries when you visit Perth.

The SmartRider system will be in operation on TransHedland services in 2016.

What if I have existing tickets?

We recognise that some users may have unused travel value left over when the new SmartRider system is launched.

Passengers will have three months to use the remaining travel value on their MultiRider.

New Brochures

Brochures explaining how to obtain and use a SmartRider will be distributed to all local schools and will be available within the general community. Should you require more information on these changes please call the InfoLine on 13 62 13 (TIS: 13 14 50). Hearing or speech impaired? Call via NRS 133 677 and ask for 13 62 13.
Dear World,

This term, we have been travelling to each of the seven continents of the world on Year Three Airlines. It’s been an incredible journey so far. To begin with, Kayla Veldsman won our airline logo competition and was among an array of fantastic class entries. We also launched our class travel website, dearyear3.wordpress.com, to update our families and friends with our adventures.

After a quick and flashy pit stop doing our class assembly, performing all of our times tables, we got about beginning to reply to the postcards we asked people from all around the world to send us.

BAZOOOMBA! (That’s onomatopoeia)

We have received postcards from every continent, flooding in from dozens of countries, from people we know and some we’ve never even heard of! This is because of our website, word of mouth and putting the call out on Twitter to spread the word. The project went viral and was retweeted more than 170 times in one day, reaching even comedian Julia Morris and all sorts of weird and wonderful world destinations.

Along with this, we’ve been in the media several times: Once on the ABC, once on Spirit Radio, twice in the North West Telegraph AND we even made page two of the West Australian newspaper last week!

A highlight has definitely been our very special visit from the Vietnamese Consul General, Mr Le. Keely learned Vietnamese greetings and we all brushed up on our official cultural protocols, as you do, for this incredible morning. Our choir also sang for him.

We now have more than 200 postcards and they’re now climbing the classroom ceiling.
Here are just a few of our postcards from around the world!

Closer to home, our class travel companion, Pterry (with a silent “P”) Dactyl, has been travelling each night to our happy Hedland homes (That’s alliteration). We have a passport to fill in each week, but, guess what? So does he! Pterry has had some fabulous adventures, including doing Judo, running Dome Café, playing at the pirate park, being read bedtime stories, enjoying family meals, doing acrobatics and gymnastics, climbing at the Yacht Club, meeting Harrison’s other dinosaurs and even becoming a super hero! In fact, at Jaxon’s place, Pterry managed to score himself the leading role in a locally produced action movie! We’ve watched this so many times and think Pterry is as talented as Charlie Chaplin. Right now, Pterry is at a family wedding in Queensland. Gosh he gets around!

If you click on the QR code on Pterry just here, (using a free smartphone QR code app) he will take you straight to our website!

In any case, we are still travelling for two more weeks and would love you to ask your family and friends to send us a postcard. We will write back to any with return addresses! Please check out our website too.

Lots of love,
Year 3

Write to:
Dear Year 3
St Cecilia’s CPS
35 Sutherland St
Port Hedland, Western Australia, 6721
Port Hedland Seminars
17th November 2015

10am-12noon
From the Sandpit to Adulthood: Helping Today’s Children to Thrive

Every parent wants their children to thrive — to grow up happy, strong, kind & capable of realising their full potential. In this seminar, parenting author, educator and ‘queen of common sense’ Maggie Dent 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.

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

Boys’ needs are different to girls and in order to help our boys grow into wonderful men, parents, teachers and carers must understand these needs and how to meet them. In this seminar, Maggie Dent will share her insights, practical suggestions and passion gleaned from parenting her own four sons, teaching in high schools for over 17 years & counselling troubled lads. Maggie is a champion of boys and wants you to be one too.

Date: 17th November 2015
Venue: St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School Hall
Cost: $35 per ticket per seminar
Bookings: From the Sandpit to Adulthood —
http://www.trybooking.com/152304
Boys, Boys, Boys — http://www.trybooking.com/152307
Contact: St Cecilia’s P&F on 0417 982 384 or at stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com

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