**Fun Run**

The Fun Run was a terrific success. The students had a great morning running and walking around the oval. I would like to thank the many parents and staff who lent a hand on the day. We are still counting the donations and will have a total figure raised shortly.

I was really impressed by the vast quantity of footy shirts worn during the Fun Run day. Congratulations to those students wearing the Queensland and Wallabies shirts…..very impressive. A special mention to Ms Fealy for her mixed attire: NSW shirt, local team shorts and QLD State of Origin socks.

**Fathers Day Assembly**

What a brilliant assembly by the Kindergarten students. They told us about their dads and why they loved them. I especially loved their rendition of the Joe song and how he wasn’t busy. Congratulations to the Kindy team and to the Kindy staff as I know a lot of hard work goes into a performance of that calibre.

All other state finalists are from the Perth metro area.

**Opti-Minds**

Congratulations to the students who represented the school last Saturday in the Opti-Minds competition, held at Cassia Primary School. The children performed wonderfully and justified the many afternoons, outside school hours, they spent writing and rehearsing their challenge. A big thanks also to the staff members who worked with the children after school.

Opti-Minds is a team based creative problem solving programme for teams of 4 to 7 students covering three areas.

- Teams are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:
  - Language Literature
  - Science Engineering
  - Social Sciences

The students from the Language Literature Team have been selected to represent St Cecilia’s in the state final to be held at Curtin University next Saturday. St Cecilia’s is one of only two schools from rural West Australia to be selected.

**Prayer**

God our Father, for each individual it is as though his or her name is written on the palm of your hand. Lead us to grow in the faith that your love for each person is without limit or condition. Inspire us to live in such a way that the light of Christ may shine through us, bringing love and warmth and happiness to those who share our lives.

Amen

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**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.
School Busy Bee
We will be holding a school busy bee on Saturday 18 October commencing at 7.30am. We will need help with the creating of the Nature Play area and various other jobs around the school. Are there any budding chefs out there who would like to man the bbqs for lunch?

I will put a sign-up sheet, in the office, for volunteers to write their names on.

There will be a sausage sizzle lunch and then refreshments after the work is completed. Please come along and get to know the members of the St Cecilia’s community.

Important dates
13 September Car Boot Sale – 3:30 to 5:30 St Cecilia’s car park
18 September First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - 6.30pm School Hall
21 September Family Mass Year 6 – 8.30am St Cecilia’s Church
26 September Last day of term
14 October Tuesday first day of Term 4
18 October School busy bee

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 6:30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments
Last Sunday 07 September was the enrolment Mass 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.

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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
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 plastic.

Footy Colours Day
Thank you for your support of Footy Colours Day last Friday. As a school we raised $223.05 to donate to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Opti-MINDS
Last Saturday, 06 September we had some very creative students compete in the Opti-MINDS Challenge at Cassia Primary School. These students have given up their Monday 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 and making props and costumes.

All three 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. An extra congratulations goes out St Cecilia’s Team One which not only took out the regional final but have also been invited to attend the State Finals in Perth on Saturday 20 September. We wish you all the best and we know you will make St Cecilia’s proud.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

LIBRARY NEWS
Roald Dahl’s birthday is on 13 September during the Week Nine, 15-19 September we will be celebrating with our own chocolate party during Library time. Please return your signed note to join in the fun.

Mrs Wellbeloved
Library Teacher

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy Birthday to the following students

September
1 CANANZI, Toria Y5
5 FOTI, Chiara Y1
6 HUDACEK, Lewis Y1
8 VAN RYSINGE, Ida Y6
12 PERERA, Menushi Y4
MERIT AWARDS
28 August 2014
PP: Chibudom Dike Regan Johnson
Yr 1: Riley Gould Nicholas Smith
       Oscar Thompson
       Amy Wade
Yr 2: Keely Bull Ella Tomerini
       Amberly Brough Emily Boland
Yr 3: Ryan Aspland Jayden Rozario
       Joseph Sang Morgan Varney
Yr 4: Olivia Campbell Merina Ndewere
       Jordyn Macpherson Jasmine Singleton
Yr 5: Amberly Brough Emily Boland
Yr 6: Riley Gould Nicholas Smith
Yr 7: Gemima Rahman

LEXILE CERTIFICATES
Blue Star Award: Mace Harris Morgan Varney
04 September 2014
KG: Mia Gonzalez Genevieve Nott
    William Rice Cooper Russell
Yr 1: Lucinda De Andrade Kaydence Walker
      Nat Cornelius Casey Springhall
      Joice Damien Presley McLarty
Yr 2: Bethany Denney Isabella Leopardi
      Clancy Roberts Elizabeth Smith
Yr 6: Reilly Cure Tara Mellberg
Yr 7: Amber Kinnane Panashe Kuzamba

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.
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3.5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations of the following items:
- Used stamps
- Aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Small Shoe boxes
These can be brought in to the front office. Thank you

Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

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
Childs Name: ________________________________________ Class: ________________
I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.
Parent Name: ________________________________________ Contact Number: ____________________

It is really a great thing when adolescents stop thinking about themselves and take time out to do something for others, so when Angelo told me he had nominated the Year 6&7 class to do the Ice Bucket Challenge, I had to go along with the idea.

Angelo provided the class with a short lesson explaining what the challenge is about:

It is a social media campaign to raise awareness about Motor Neuron Disease (MND) or ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) as it is known in the States.

Facts about MND

- MND is a progressive, terminal neurological disease
- There is no known cure and no effective treatment for MND
- Each day in Australia two people die from MND
- Each day in Australia two people are diagnosed with MND
- People with MND progressively lose the use of their limbs and ability to speak, swallow and breathe, whilst their mind and senses usually remain intact
- Average life expectancy is 27 months
- An estimated 1,900 people have MND in Australia

For every person diagnosed with MND it is estimated that a further 14 members of their family and their friends will live with the effect of MND forever.

We encourage you all to find out more about this disease and if you would like, you can make a donation at the following site: http://www.mndaust.asn.au

We raised $76. Great work Graduating Classes!!!
ANNUAL EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES

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: 12 September 2014
YEAR 5 Save One Island, Save Them All.
This term during Literacy we are looking at the book One Small Island. Students had to write a journal entry from the perspective of a captain, surgeon, or a sealer. The students were to included a personification adding life to their entry.

**July 1810 Dearest Father**
I am here on Macquarie Island and I can see the horrible changes the seals are crying to me “set me free”. I was scared and horrified. I said to myself I need to do some changes around here like stopping the sealers killing seals and caring for our more environment. I heard from the sealers the ships have not returned, they are also eating birds, eating the flippers of the penguins and eating elephant seals and the eggs of penguins. Like I said before I really need to do some changes around here. As soon as you get this letter please send me back some ideas on how to do some changes around here. Love from your dearest son. By Mirabelle

**1810 Dearest Father, I am on the land of Macquarie Island. I have shot many seals, each time my gun chuckled and the ocean spoke to me, each and every time I spoke back. I lay down at night thinking about you while my fire gives me advice on how to handle my experiences. Every day the weather decreases, I get angrier and angrier. I miss you and hope to see you soon, your faithful son Widrow. By Toria**

**1892 Dear Mother**
I hate my job. There are these beautiful seals on the calm soft sea that I have to go and kill. The wind is telling me in a cold mean way don’t kill them but if I don’t I will die of hunger because I have no money. I also need to go to the rough brutal shore to get water. When I get my knife to kill the seal it screamed of horror. I feel horrible and it is only for hideous oil. I hope you understand. Love your dearest child. By Merina

**1876 Dear my wife**
We had a rough trip getting there but we have stocked up on fur seals and penguins. We have to get back soon because the waves are howling against the oyster rocks. We are all sick from the deep cold and we are struggling, so wish me good luck in this wild weather and all give the kids a big kiss for me and tell them you love them.

Love your lovely husband. By Justin Sweet

**1816 February 16th.** We had a good day. We got lots of seal oil. One of the seals blood squirted out like an exploding pipe. We got some more fur and blubber. We killed some penguins and we got lots of fur and blubber. By Luke Mullins

**1810 To my dearest brother**
I have just arrived in Macquarie Island, I am a sealer. Tomorrow we are going to start killing seals. We are not having a good time, I want to leave. I don’t like being a sealer. Each time I kill a seal the sea screams out in horror. Each time I go to bed have nightmares about me being a seal and getting killed. I have just quit my job and I’m coming home. Your brother William. By Will

**1960 Tonight was my first night here. I had to kill seals. The bullet screamed while it was flying through the air it was sad but had to do it for oil and food. I am not alone I am with four other sealers. By Kade**

**1820 Dearest Father,**
It is time to stop killing the animals because they have feelings too just like we do. There will be no more animals left if we keep killing them. Just pretend if you were an animal how would you feel if you were about to get killed. So that is how an animal feels. A gun would laugh when it killed something, an animal would scream because it would be scared. By Khay-Diomas

Dear Father and Mother, January 1980
I’m back now, we need to make spears to kill the elephant seals but the trees are crying, don’t feel that it is good to kill them, but we are hungry and starving. We’ve been in the field checking out plants study area’s staff have found a new species near Finch Creek in the last year or so. The number of rodents at this hut has increased dramatically since I was here two years ago. Bu Charline
To my dearest sister,
I just started killing seals, BOOM …

Another seal hit the ground the gun shed a tear as the bullet flew out of the gun's mouth and through the seal's stomach, soon we prepared the dead seals for the making of the oil. Sealers journal 1810. By Maddi

To my dearest brother
I have arrived at Macquarie Island. I am shocked at what I have seen. Gangs are killing the seals, the gun shakes every time a seal is killed. The Captain was so disappointed with all the killings and that smell, the oil stinks. He didn't know what to say about it. We left the island a few days ago, we just couldn't stand watching the seals getting killed. We packed all our gear up and sailed off back to our home. From your dearest sister Taiha. By Taiha Browne

To my good brother,
Now I am going to Macquarie Island. I will keep you posted, I hope I will catch a seal. When I catch my first seal I will be so happy. We went out hunting. I was about to shoot. I didn't realise the gun was sad so I did not follow through.
By Corey

1892 Dearest Mother,
You are the only one who will understand. I have been working for Hatch, killing seals and using their blubber for warmth and to get money to survive. The feral animals snarling and growling, stalking their prey, are a big problem. They brought in animals such as rabbits, goats and many more are destroying the island, the hills and mountains groan and moan. I wish this never happened. Love, your brother, Jeff. By Ben

Dearest Brother,
I have just arrived in Macquarie Island. I am shocked by what I see; there are more seals and penguins dying each day. I don't like see it. At night the stars are dancing but down below all I hear are the seals crying. It's hard to get to sleep. I look forward to leaving in two more weeks. Hope you are well.
From your dearest sister Liv. By Olivia C

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I really hate that we have to listen to the knife screaming out help and stop while the men stab the seals guts out of its body. The seals family could not hear him. I feel really guilty but I know that we have to kill them to get some oil and food for our survival. From your dearest child. By Chanelle

Dearest Brother
I am on an expedition at Macquarie Island. I may be here for a while because I must make a few changes at the island. Most of the men have killed most of the seals, there are lots of pests. At night, cats and dogs scream and fight all night I usually get some sleep. …
From your dearest sister Aimee

Dear Sister, In the shore of Macquarie Island there was a sealer that was looking for a seal and he found one and he killed it after he killed it and the seal started crying and the tree hiccupped as the seal died. By Declan

1892 Dearest Mother,
My job is barbaric and cruel this land was once beautiful and free from harm and love blew in its air. As I walk to the brutal shore to collect water for the rest of the sealers as I walk by the sea it screams stop this vile lifestyle and save these beautiful animals. I hate my job and so let's stop killing and return Macquarie Island to its natural state. Please understand best wishes love your dearest child. By Rhiannon

Dear sister,
I am here on Macquarie Island. My Captain keeps forcing me to kill the innocent seals. I can hear the sea screaming at me to stop. I can't leave, the others will kill me. I won't have food or water, I won't survive. I feel like a killer, please send me a boat to get me away from this putrid place. Your dearest child. By Olivia M

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Dearest Father,
I am here on Macquarie Island. My eyes are horrified to see the job I will be taking on. The wind is whispering in my ear and begging me to abandon my duties. The beautiful green grass pats my feet, telling me to leave. The practices are hard and cruel. The waves bang themselves against the coast line. We start our day by going to the straw hut and getting geared up. We all go down to the west shore line. The sand was covered like a dark brown blanket. The seals lay unaware, of what was to come. The wind brushed my hair as I walked down the sand hill. My first kill was an awful experience. My dagger bounced up and down into the helpless seal. This is my duty, My Life, my home. I'm longing to return. By Elizabeth

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Fun Run

Last Friday was the fun run and despite the warm morning, was a great event, especially with a cooling icy pole at the finish! The students put in a lot of effort on the day and we look forward to rewarding them with some fun and functional new outdoor equipment. We would like to thank all the Teachers and staff for their assistance with the event, especially Mr Allen, Mr Springhall, Mrs Sheen and Mrs Poharama, who set up early in the morning. Mrs Rozario had the time consuming task of making the lap cards, so we would like to thank her especially. Thank you to the parent helpers, who took time out of their day to assist with the event - Justin McLarty, Narelle Shaw, Sonja Tomerini, Carla Mills and Jack Merlo were among a large group who helped to mark lap cards and give the children support from the side lines!

A reminder to parents and carers that the Fun Run sponsor form and any collected donations are due back to the office by this Friday 12 September.

Term 4 Activities

We at the P&F would like to inform you that Term Four will be jam packed with lots of opportunities for community focused fun! There will be something for everyone!

Our wonderful P&F is organizing a Halloween Disco for Friday 31 October (Week 3). If you can help to create spooky decorations or set up on the day, please put a note in the P&F trays in the Admin Office or email: stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com

The next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 of October, which is in Term 4, Week 2. Venue is to be arranged. Everyone is welcome!