FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful day was had by all when our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students took to the field and held their very own sports carnival. The sun was shining and the students were full of energy showing us how to run a good race whether it was with egg and spoon, sacks or just plain running. There were a lot of determined faces on the field. I think even our Mums and Dads got into the spirit with lively three legged races: Go parents!

Congratulations to Mrs Kay and Mrs Grey together with their team of helpers in organising an awesome event that was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you also to staff and parents for setting up and putting away all the equipment. Many hands make light work.

Offer your lives as a living sacrifice to God. Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to Him and what is perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

God Wants To Talk To You

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.
Tournament of Minds
Tournament of Minds is for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant, and public way. Tournament of Minds is one of the fastest growing international school programs, providing for the increasing demand for sophisticated, educational opportunities. The annual involvement of thousands of participants demonstrates that Tournament of Minds is a worthwhile investment in the education of our youth, and is an integral part of our collective future. Tournament’s aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

Once again the Regional final for the Tournament of Minds was held in Hedland. Our teams competed in three different sections with each given a challenge to complete. They had six weeks to prepare and complete their challenge. We were very impressed with each teams presentation. Congratulations to our three teams along with their teachers, great job everyone!

Cross Country Faction Carnival
Last Wednesday saw our fabulous students participate in the Cross Country run. This year Mrs Poharama set a daunting track around the perimeter of the school. All students from Pre- Primary to Year Seven gave it their all and raced around the school in record time. I was standing on the corner cheering on our students and what struck me most was the smiling faces indicating happy students as they ran past me time after time. Congratulations Mrs Poharama on a wonderful carnival, well run and organised, you are a super star! Way to go students on school spirit and energy as you raced around the course.

Year Two Assembly
I must say I enjoyed this morning’s assembly with a glimpse into a day of our Year Two students. Miss Dowdeswell certainly knows how to make a class run smoothly and with the assistance of Mrs Campbell, showed us how clever and responsible our Talented Year Two students are. You could tell that our students love their teachers and classmates and work as a team. Sensational work Year Two and congratulations on a job well done.
Pilbara Music Festival
This week has seen the beginning of the Music Festival and we have been delighted to have a number of our students performing in the choirs. We had two junior choirs as well as two senior choirs and they sounded fantastic. We shall be seeing our junior choir performing on Sunday as part of the finale of the festival. I hope many families can come and support our students on Sunday. Congratulations to all our amazing students you sang like angels. Thank you also to all the parents who braided our girls hair they looked spectacular.

Year Four Assembly
Mrs Tait and her talented Year Four students really thought outside of the box when they created their assembly item for us, last Thursday. Mrs Tait had been working with her class on the Olympics and decided that everyone in our school should be involved with the program. They thought up an innovative way to have us all participating and making it a memorable assembly, congratulations team well done!

Physical Fitness
At St Cecilia’s we value the promotion of an active lifestyle. All students are encouraged to participate in activities that get the heart racing as well as getting the body moving. Recent research has outlined that children are becoming less likely to be active, and together with an inappropriate diet, this can lead to weight issues, as well as a decrease in self-esteem and confidence. As teachers, we are aware of the importance of promoting both a healthy diet as well as an active lifestyle within our curriculum.

Our Physical Education program encourages students to participate in active sessions, working at their own level. Students are taught skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and are then provided with opportunities to practice and consolidate these. Skill sessions are balanced with games that promote the fun of being involved, as well as giving students a chance to put their new skills into practice. As students get older, the skills are linked to major games such as netball and cricket. Students then have the opportunity to participate in sport sessions where aspects such as team play and good sporting behaviour are promoted and enhanced.

At St Cecilia’s we value the fact that all students are different. Not all of us will become elite sportspeople and be able to demonstrate flawless skills. Our curriculum focuses upon the ‘having a go’ nature of active living, as well as setting your own personal goals to achieve.

As parents, it is important that you encourage your child to always participate in school events. By supporting their efforts and celebrating their own personal improvements or goals, you are assisting them to seek out an active lifestyle where they can succeed at their own level.

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 and ensure you have completed your Enrolment form and returned it to your parish priest.

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**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.

**Friday Mass**
Start Friday mornings with a spiritual boost! A reminder that Mass on Fridays is at 7.15am, a perfect time for Mass just before the school day begins. We hope to see you there.

**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**
We are still desperately in need of 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 has been with students in the school time with teacher facilitation.

**ANNUAL EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES**
Orders due back by:
Tomorrow Friday 14 September 2012

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**
We have sent off all the Woolies Earn & Learn Sticker Cards last week, and when we totalled them all up we had 3509 cards which means 105,270 stickers!!!!!! An amazing effort. Thank you! I am now in the process of selecting equipment for our school.

**Coles Sports for School Programme**
We have also sent off all the vouchers for the Coles Sports For Schools Programme which came to a grand total of 23,012 vouchers! Once again an incredible effort. I have already selected sporting equipment including a new table tennis table, footballs, netballs, diving equipment and lots of other items. Hopefully they will arrive before the end of this school year.

**ICAS Assessments**
The reports for the ICAS Assessments are slowly coming in. This week students who sat the Spelling and Writing Assessments will receive their reports and certificates.

**Pilbara Music Festival**
I was amazed to see how many talented music students we have in our school! I was lucky enough to hear the recorder groups from Years 3 – 5 as well as a few singing / guitar / recorder ensembles on Wednesday. The talent in our school is really quite wonderful and they looked so polished, professional & comfortable up on the stage!

**MERIT AWARDS**

| KG | Tiana Colato-Lopez | Max Smith |
| PP | Caitlin Felsner | Isabella Patzel |
| Yr 1 | Brianna Binning | Rianan Mouat |
| Yr 2 | Benjamin Merlo | |
| Yr 4 | Alex Britcliffe | Cameron Warren |
| Yr 5 | Lachlan Galovic | Isaac Jessop |
| Yr 6 | Sebastian Dalitz | Lily Fisher |
| Yr 7 | Damien Buckland | Sara McDonald |

| KG | Charlize Baars | Clara Ottey |
| PP | Zaina Doyle | Mitchel Feeney |
| Yr 1 | Jenae DeCourcey | Breanna Johnson |
| Yr 2 | Jamal Doyle | Emma Veldsman |
| Yr 3 | Toria Cananzi | Alleirah Taylor |
| Yr 4 | Ethan Gould | Jed Marsden |
| Yr 5 | Phoebe-Cate Mouat | |
| Yr 6 | Ella Hinch | Geriema Seno |
| Yr 7 | Josie Cecich | Kohi Poharama |

**GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS**

**Canteen Helpers Desperately Needed**
Please see Cheryl in the canteen to discuss your offers of assistance. Even half an hour any morning of the week 8.30am to 9.00am would be appreciated. We especially need someone to come in every second Friday please!!!

**Assistant Principal**
Miss Dee Campbell

**Assistant Principal**
Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education
BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate their birthday.

September
16 PATZEL, Isabella Y1
17 SUTHERS, Jackson PP
18 GUPTA, Ashima Y4
19 BARKER, Thomas Y6
26 ELSUM, Joshua Y7
29 RICHES, Jack Y1
29 HEALEY, Jakob Y5
16 SELFE, Patrick Y7
18 GOULD, Riley K
19 TAYLOR, Aimee Y3
27 BURTON, Kai K
29 MERLO, Benjamin Y3
29 STRACHAN, Jeffrey Y6

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
SCHOOL DENTAL THERAPY CENTRES
The School Dental Therapy Centres (Port and South Hedland) wish to notify parents of a change in policy by Dental Health Services. As of the beginning of Term 4, all appointments will be made for a parent/guardian to attend with their child. This is regardless if your child attends a school where a Dental Therapy Centre is on site (South Hedland P.S and Port Hedland P.S). This is to ensure parents have informed consent for dental treatment. We look forward to meeting you all and working together to keep your child’s dental health, healthy.

The Dental Therapy Team.
Vincent Van Gogh

As part of our art lessons, the Year Three class has been learning about some famous artists. During the last two terms we have looked at the works of Vincent Van Gogh. Vincent Van Gogh was a Dutch artist born in 1835. He began to draw as a child, and he continued to draw throughout the years that led up to his decision to become an artist. He did not begin painting until his late twenties, completing many of his best-known works during the last two years of his life. In just over a decade, he produced more than 2,100 artworks, consisting of 860 oil paintings and more than 1,300 watercolours, drawings, sketches and prints. His work included self portraits, landscapes, still life paintings of flowers, portraits and paintings of cypresses, wheat fields and sunflowers. During our art lessons we looked at the paintings Sunflowers, Starry Night and Starry Night over the Rhone and then created our own versions using paints and oil pastels. Check out the work from some of our budding artists.

Starry Night
Sunflowers

Starry Night over the Rhone
A Night With The Stars!

A quiz night full of music, movie and entertainment trivia.

Friday 26th October 2012

In the school hall

Doors open at 7pm

We are aiming for the stars, and hoping to raise funds to build a ‘fitness circuit’ for the students of our school. Good health and happiness go hand in hand, so let’s look forward to a fun filled night knowing that we are promoting an active lifestyle for our children.

In order to make this night a great success we need YOUR help. We are asking each class to donate items that we can use as prizes. Each class has been allocated a suggestion of donation. Please place your donations in the boxes labelled in your child’s class. We hope we can make some extraordinary gift baskets as prizes and thank you in advance for your support.

Kindy = Wine   Pre-primary = Beer/Pre Mix drinks
Year 1 = Chocolates   Year 2 = Savoury snacks
Year 3 = Wine   Year 4= Beer/ Pre Mix drinks
Year 5 = Chocolates   Year 6 = Savoury Snacks
Year 7 = Wine

We are also calling on members of our school community that have any items that could be donated to be used as auction items. All donations, big and small are appreciated. If you are a business owner or work in a business that would like to support this exciting event, please contact Claire Smith on 0421 857 558 or Tanya McGrath on 0418 903 371 to discuss. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business by supporting such a wonderful cause!

Of course nights like these cannot be successful without helpers on the night. If you are keen to lend your support we have many jobs that need filling.....bar staff, door greeters, auction organiser, general helpers etc. Please leave your name and number with Hilary Rozario and we will contact you at the beginning of next term.

We look forward to receiving loads of support from the school community to help us make this a night to remember! Start listening to your old cd’s, go through your DVD’s and brush up on your celebrity goss! Look out for upcoming notices when we announce our naming sponsor and ticket sales details!