Term 4, Week 4 - Thursday 4 November 2010

**NEWSLETTER**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Friendship**

*By friendship you mean the greatest love,*

*The greatest usefulness*

*The most open communication,*

*The noblest suffering,*

*The severest truth,*

*The heartiest counsel*

*And the greatest union of minds of*

*Which brave men and women are capable.*

Jeremy Taylor

**Dear Parents and Guardians**

All Souls and All Saints Day is celebrated on 1st and 2nd of November. It is at this time when the Church honors all of God's saints, even those who have not been canonized by the Church. It is a family day of celebration - we celebrate the memory of those family members now sharing eternal happiness in the presence of God. We rejoice that they have reached their eternal goal and ask their prayers on our behalf so that we, too, may join them in heaven and praise God through all eternity.

Since the All Saints and All Souls feasts are together, we can focus on the Communion of Saints in action. We combine honoring the saints in heaven, remembering our loved ones and then directing the destiny of our own souls by prayer and actions. On Tuesday we were able to celebrate Mass together and all our students wrote down the names of family members they would like to pray for during the month of November. These names will remain in the Church for the duration of November, and our loved ones will receive prayers from the congregation throughout the month of November.

**Year Five Assembly**

Today our fantastic Year Five class together with Miss Sweeney kept us all entertained as they led our assembly. We have been blessed with the amazing talent at St Cecilia's and today was no exception. I am delighted by the way our students are able to run the assemblies. Congratulations on a wonderful job!

**Official Opening of School Hall**

On Thursday, 11 November, our School Hall and Multipurpose Room will be officially opened. This is a wonderful occasion and we hope that many of you will be able to join us. The Opening begins at 9.30am with Senator Louise Pratt declaring the building open. Father Mark will be representing the Bishop as he blesses the crucifixes in each room. Mr Michael Ciccarelli will

**FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP**

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**COMING EVENTS**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open during school terms each Thursday after assembly approximately 9.00am to 9.45am

**Accompanying this newsletter:**

- P&F Newsletter

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**VISION STATEMENT**

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be the representative from the Catholic Education Office. Ms Kelly Howlett and Mr Arnold Cater will be representing the Town of Port Hedland and Mrs Mary Jane Coates will be representing Hon Tom Stephens. It should prove to be a wonderful day and we hope you will be able to attend.

On Thursday, 11 November we request all students to be dressed in full school uniform with polished shoes and correct socks. This would be a wonderful opportunity to make sure that all boys have neat haircuts; I ask that haircuts be above the collar and around the ears. Girls I would like to see hair tied back in braids if possible with green ribbon. I am very proud of each and every one of you and would love to see you looking your absolute best. Please do not wear sports uniform; there will be no sports on this day for any year level.

Church Choir
Today we are looking for members of St Cecilia’s Parish of friends who would like to be involved in the Church Choir. We are busily preparing for Christmas and we would love to have a choir to join in song to make Christmas special. You don’t have to be a Pavarotti to join us only enthusiasm to help and have some fun at the same time. We will be meeting tonight at 7.00pm in the St Cecilia’s Church. We have a number of new songs to learn and sing at the Christmas Eve vigil with the children, so please consider joining us. Year Six/Seven students would also be welcome to join our choir.

Year Four Assembly
At 10.50am on 11 November Mr Sta Maria and the Year Four class will lead our Remembrance Day Assembly. The assembly will take place in the undercover area where we will all observe a minute’s silence at 11.00am. The Year Four class will help all students to gain a greater understanding of this important day.

Sewing Required
I am searching for a fantastic parent who would be able to complete some basic sewing for our class prayer tables. I would like each class to have the four liturgical prayer table cloths so that they can change the colour of the prayer focus to suit the correct time of the Liturgical year. Each classroom requires a purple, red, white and green cloth cut to a specified size and hemmed. If you are able to assist please contact the front office.

Remembrance Day
November is the time of the year when we wear a red poppy in memory of those who sacrificed their lives for us during wars.

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month marks the signing of the Armistice, on 11th November 1918, to signal the end of World War I.

At 11am on 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare.

Remembrance Day is on 11 November. It is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. At one time the day was known as Armistice Day and was renamed Remembrance Day after the Second World War.

This special poem is often said on Remembrance Day. It is called For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon

"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them."

When we recite these words we are remembering all those who gave their life in war so that we could be free.

St Cecilia’s Day
St Cecilia’s Day falls on Monday 22 November. Every year we have a magical day, prepared by the staff with fun activities for the students and we look forward to continuing with this tradition this year. Each St Cecilia’s Day we provide the students with a sausage sizzle, a drink and an ice cream. Any parents who would like to be involved please let us know. We are looking for some wonderful parents to help out on the day in cooking the sausage sizzle. So if you are able to help please let Hilary know at the front office. If you would like to help with the activities we would be very happy to have your assistance.
Year Book
This year we are busily writing a Year Book for St Cecilia’s. Inside you will find information about the school including pictures and news on all the events that have taken place throughout the year. The teachers have been collating news of 2010 together with pictures and snap shots of their classes. It will make a wonderful memento for 2010.

You would have noticed that the cost of the Year Book was added to your Semester Two fees. Therefore, all families need to be up to date or having their fees direct debited to receive a copy of the Year Book. If you have fallen behind in your fees please make an appointment to see me to rectify this, so that you can receive a copy of your Year Book.

If you would like an extra copies of the Year Book to send to your families; you will need to pre-order them at a cost of $15 per copy. Please complete and return the slip at the back of the Newsletter by Friday 12 November. We will only be ordering the number of books we need for 2010, so please make sure you order extra copies by **Friday 12 November** or you run the chance of missing out.

Altar Servers
After First Holy Communion we had many children who showed interest in becoming Altar Servers for either St Cecilia’s or St John the Baptist. Father Mark has kindly offered to train up any interested student over the next few weeks. If your child would like to become an altar server and is willing to serve regularly on weekends please contact Father Mark directly or send a note through the school.

School Musical
As part of St Cecilia’s tradition each year we hold two musicals. All students are involved in our musicals, either in a speaking or acting role or as part of the choir. The musical, “Shine Star Shine” will be performed by the Kindergarten to Year Three. All the main characters will have costumes and ready for them on the evening in the Multipurpose Room. Students in the choir are asked to wear their black sport shorts and a Christmas T-shirt in Red, Green or White. They may also choose to wear a Christmas Hat. Years Four to Seven will be performing “Are We Nearly There Yet”. Once again all students who are the main actors and actresses will have their costumes provided and ready for them on the evening in the Multipurpose room. Students in the choir are required to wear their black sport shorts and a Christmas T-Shirt in Red, Green or White. They may also choose to wear a Christmas Hat.

What is Dyslexia?
Dyslexia literally means having trouble with reading, but the word is often used for other problems such as spelling difficulties or trouble with maths. It is a specific learning disability which affects between 5% and 10% of the population. There is some research which suggests that it could be hereditary, but this has not yet been confirmed. People who are dyslexic are often very intelligent but have difficulty with reading and spelling. One child described his difficulty with reading as, “When I opened the book, the letters and words were jumping about all over the page.” Other children frequently reverse letters and even letters within words. The most common example is was/saw and b/d or p/q. Children who have dyslexia do not realise that they have confused the letters because their brain does not process the sight and sound messages in the same way as other people’s brains might. Letters and sounds can be misheard and misrepresented. The same word may even be written in different ways within the same piece of writing, eg. should, shulod, soul.

There is no cure for dyslexia and diagnosis must be made by a specialist educational psychologist, either with or without an evaluation by a speech pathologist. There are a series of tests conducted on thinking skills, memory, vocabulary, literacy skills, intellectual ability, information processing and psycholinguistic processing. There are some common behaviours which may indicate that your child has dyslexia, however there are other factors which may be affecting their learning. This list is not complete but if you think your child shows any of the following signs you should talk with his or her teacher and the family doctor.

- Missing out words when reading, or adding words which are not there.
- Swapping letters around or reversing when they are reading or spelling.
- Losing their place when reading or commenting that the words are jumping around the page.
- Difficulty copying information from the board.
- Not understanding or remembering verbal instructions.
- Unable to read, write or spell at the appropriate year level despite being bright, intelligent and articulate.

God Bless

Paula MacKenzie
Principal
PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
Saturday 7.15pm
Sunday 10.00am

ST CECILIA’S PARISH
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8.30am
Mon-Fri 8.00am Morning Prayer & Mass

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
On Tuesday morning we celebrated the Commemoration of All Saints and All Souls.

The feast of All Saints (November 1) and All Souls (November 2) can be seen as something of a twin feast that celebrates all those who have died. With the feast of All Saints we celebrate all those who have died and have entered into direct and immediate communion with God in heaven. With the feast of All Souls we celebrate and pray for those who have died but have not yet entered into that direct communion with God.

Last week the students had an opportunity to write a prayer for their loved ones. These prayers were brought up to the altar at the beginning of mass.

Thank you to Keriane Eaglesome, Gerry Fox, Holly Bolton, Renee Buckland, Chloe McDonnell, Jasmine Bailey, Lauren McLean, Angelo Damian and Zoe Britcliffe, Jordan and Ciara Strachan for leading the mass. Great job!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
We collect food items for those in need in our community and present them to the St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution at Christmas. Please give generously to those who are less fortunate than yourself. Items must be non-perishable. There is a box in each classroom into which these goods may be placed. Thank you.

SEAFARERS’ BOXES
Each year, we provide boxes of goodies that are presents to the seamen who are in Port Hedland on Christmas Day. We would like there to be enough boxes so that all seamen arriving in Port on Christmas and Boxing Day are able to receive a gift. Please support this worthy cause which is our witness and support to those who cannot spend Christmas with their loved ones. Your child will be selecting something that they would like to buy to put into the box in their classroom. A note will be coming home about this tomorrow. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Ramshaw
Assistant Principal Religious Education

ST CECILIA’S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PORT HEDLAND
Applications are invited for the following position to commence Term 1, 2011.

Teacher Assistant
(1.0 FTE)

Applicants must be fully supportive of the objectives and ethos of Catholic Education.

To obtain further information regarding this position please telephone 9173 2162.

Applications will need to be received by the school, addressed to the Principal, no later than Friday, 12 November 2010, 4:00pm

PO Box 700
PORT HEDLAND WA 6721

LIBRARY NEWS
We require volunteers to help cover library books either Wednesdays between 1.00pm and 2.35pm or on Thursdays after assembly. We have just received some beautiful books for the Kindy, Pre-Primary & Year One’s which require urgent covering before they can be used. Any time would be greatly appreciated.

Ms Tait
Library Teacher

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We would appreciate any offers of help in the School Canteen. Even half an hour any morning would be appreciated.

Assistance is particularly needed on a Tuesday morning.

Please see Cathy our Canteen Manageress if you can assist. Any offers of assistance would be appreciated. Sorry but children can not accompany canteen volunteers. Thank you.

Mrs McLaughlin
Canteen Manageress

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

26 Oct Rebekah Phillips (Year Six)
28 Oct Tayla Gorham (Year Two)
28 Oct Brianna Barron-Liddell (Year Five)
29 Oct Aloura Cavey (Year Three)
29 Oct Ocean Anand (Year Six)
30 Oct Cullen Connolly (Pre-Primary)
31 Oct Ulaani Bellette (Kindergarten)
31 Oct Ruby Moore (Year Two)
1 Nov Ashley Elsum (Year Three)
2 Nov Sophie Pileggi (Year Two)
2 Nov Angelo Damian (Year Three)
2 Nov Dane Shipway (Year Five)
3 Nov Bayley Warren (Year Three)
4 Nov Zoe Podmore (Year Five)
6 Nov Alicia Gould (Year Seven)
IMMUNISATION INFORMATION

Maintaining a high level of immunisation within our community is a key element to ensuring that we have very low incidence of vaccine preventable communicable diseases in Australia. This is just a reminder that it is important for parents to make sure that their children have received their 4 year old vaccinations (MMR & DTPa-IPV).

You can make an appointment with your GP or visit the local (free) immunisation clinic run by our Pilbara Population Health Unit.

IMMUNISATION INFORMATION

Monday’s 0900 – 1100 hrs in Port Hedland – Morgan Street, (street below current hospital)
Friday’s 0830 – 1100 hrs in South Hedland – South Hedland Community Centre (where Gemini Medical Centre is located).

Contact Chrissy McDowell, Community health school nurse, on 0429 203 289.

Non-Immunisation information for parents:

Parents or legal guardians who make a conscious informed decision not to immunise their child should note the following.

In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (Whooping Cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate vaccination.

Parent/Guardians please make sure your school-aged child is fully immunised and that you have provided a copy of the record at the school’s front office.

Did you know that as parents you can simply ring the national registry or go to their website to check out your child’s immunisation status?

All you need is your Medicare number. Phone 1800 653 809 or access the website: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Thank you

School Health Nurse

Chrissy McDowell

COMMUNITY NEWS

HELP NEEDED

Vinnies in South Hedland is always looking for VOLUNTEERS, if you think you could spare any time at all please contact Anna 9172 3041.

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

“Follow in the Footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop … An Australian Pilgrimage” Visiting Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Penola 10 to 22 October 2011 - Limited spaces

This pilgrimage has been prepared by and is led by the Sisters of St Joseph and is designed to help you enter more deeply into Mary’s story and spirituality.

For a brochure, bookings and information please contact: Laura: 9334 0999, lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au

HEDLAND TOY LIBRARY

Room 4, Lotteries House, South Hedland
PO Box 1994, SOUTH HEDLAND, WA, 6722
hedlandtoylibrary@hotmail.com

Term 4 Opening Dates, 06 November 9 to 11
13 November Toy Garage Sale (9 - 12)
20 November 04 December
18 December

We are also looking for any toys people would like to donate for our Garage Sale!!!

They can be dropped off at the next opening or call Simone on 0427 972 380.

HEDLAND HEALTH CAMPUS OPEN DAY

To celebrate the opening of Hedland Health Campus, the WA Country Health Service Pilbara is inviting community members to attend an Open Day on Saturday 6 November from 10am to 2pm.

Hospital staff will undertake guided tours commencing each half hour from the main entrance of the campus.

SUNDAY 06 NOVEMBER 10.00 to 2.00
Hedland Health Campus
Colebatch Way South Hedland

The Open Day provides an opportunity for you and your family to have the first viewing of the campus before it is operational in November.
In year Five we have been busy writing all different types of poems. We thought we would share

There once was a class named Year Five They went to the car shop to learn how to drive. The man yelled “ham!” And the car went BAM! It’s amazing that they are all still alive!
By Brayden, Josie, Jack, Nader, Sarah and Celeste

You have to agree that Year Five rule Our teacher is the best in the whole school Year five is the best Among all the rest We are fantastic and real cool!
By Farnaz, Josh, Ruby, Peter, Zoe and Chloe

There once was a class of stinky Year Fives They all liked to dive into a giant beehive They are also very loud And like singing in a crowd And here we are trying to survive By Emily, Klaas, Brianna, Tyson, Holly and Harrison
There once was a Year Five class
Who insisted on making a mask
Their class was so boring
That they all started snoring
So they decided to start flying cars
By Corbin, Kiralee, Sam and Damien

There was a class with girls and boys
They were always making too much noise
They were so silly
That’s why they got chilli
And their tongues started burning OH BOY!
By Sara, Kohi, Dane, Patrick, Georgia and Charlotte

There once was a class of Year Fives
Who loved messing around with coloured dye
They were very loud
They drew in a crowd and started to tell funny lies
By Tennika, Joel, Riley and Gal-galu
ST CECILIA’S 2010 ADDITIONAL YEAR BOOK ORDER FORM

Please return to the office in an envelope marked: Year Book order & family name

Student order: Name: __________________________ Year level: ______

Total Number orders __________ @ $15 EACH Total: $______________

All monies & slips to be returned to the school office by Friday 12 November 2010

Please RSVP before 4pm Friday November 5th

on phseafarer@westnet.com.au or 9173 1315