FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to welcome everyone back for the beginning of Term Four; I know that this term will prove to be a very busy and exciting one. This week we saw our first practice with our senior students who had auditioned for the End of Year Musical. I was very impressed with their first attempt and look forward to the interesting accents that will develop over the next few weeks. Our first junior practice is on Friday and I know our budding stars are eager to begin their play. Parents will need to keep Wednesday 5 December available for our End of Year Musicals. It will be a very entertaining evening led by our amazing, talented students.

Staff Farewell

We have been blessed to have had Mrs Cathy McLaughlin, as our Canteen Manageress for the past 13 years. Cathy always remains calm and is a friendly face in our school, helping our children and keeping them nourished. Nothing is ever too much trouble and she can always be relied upon to show love to both the staff and students. Cathy presently is on Long Service Leave and has decided it is time to return to Perth to be with her son and two daughters. We wish you all the best and thank you for your spirit and care over the past 13 years. You will be remembered and missed Cathy, enjoy the adventure!

Water Awareness

This week saw the beginning of our water awareness programme for our Kindergarten to Year Two students. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm in the students for this programme. I know that our students enjoy the opportunity to spend time in the pool and a big thank you to Mrs Poharama for organising this programme along with the Teacher Assistants and willing parents.

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.
World Teachers Day
Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. We have a wonderful group of dedicated teachers who strive to make their classrooms happy and exciting environments for our students. Take the time to wish your teacher a happy world teacher’s day and let them know the difference they make in your lives. Thank you to each and every one of you, you are just amazing people and it is an honour to work with you.

P&F Quiz Night Extravaganza
Friday night will see the school community come out and dazzle us with their intellect as they take on the Quiz Master.
We are looking forward to a Night with the Stars; it will be awesome with fantastic prizes and fun for all. Make sure you have your tables and are ready to join in with the fun. Dress up if you dare or if you have a wonderful sense of adventure. We begin at 7.00pm so come and have the night of your life.

Art Programme Assembly
I am constantly amazed by our students and their teachers. This morning we again witnessed an amazing group of talented people as they showcased their artistic talents for the school. Each semester staff come up with some outstanding ideas for the students in their care. Today we saw each group display their talents and I was really delighted by the range within the Art Programme. Well done to our Year Four to Year Seven students and our intrepid teachers who took to the Art Programme and provided such fun and versatile activities for the students.

Transition for Year Seven
On Monday our Year Seven students and their teacher Mrs Jodie Springhall will be participating in the transition programme that is held at the Hedland Senior High School. This is a wonderful opportunity for all students in Year Seven to gain an insight in to life in a high school. A lot of planning by the High School has been completed to make this transition a meaningful and exciting experience for our students. We look forward to their return in two weeks time and thank our Year Six students for stepping up into our leadership roles.

Book Lists for 2013
You would have received your book lists for 2013 earlier in the term. This is just a friendly reminder that they are due in online by Monday 29 October. If your child is attending St Cecilia’s next year they will need their booklists processed on time so they are ready for next year.

Year Book
Teachers are busily preparing the 2012 Year Book for and it is looking spectacular. The staff take a lot of time to create some amazing pages for this annual. We hope that the Year Book will arrive in time to hand out with the school reports at the end of the year. Thank you to our sensational staff who not only are creative but have amazing technological skills. You will be dazzled by the Year Book once again.

Explicit Teaching Parent Night Opportunity
On Tuesday 13 November we are offering parents the chance to come and meet John Fleming the gentleman behind the explicit teaching model we are focused on at St Cecilia’s. All of you are aware that as a school we have taken on this model in our teaching during Literacy and Numeracy. Parents have asked if there was a way they could meet John when he visits the school each term and works with our teachers. John has agreed to hold a parent evening where he will outline his model. This will run from 6.00pm to 7.00pm so come and join us in the hall.

God Bless and take care
Paula MacKenzie
Principal

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
The children from St John the Baptist and St Cecilia’s parish will be making their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 1 November at 6.30pm at St Cecilia’s Church. Please keep these children in your prayers as time draws near for them to receive this special sacrament.

Halloween… and… All Saints Day (1 November)
The ancient English word ‘hallow’ declares something holy or blessed. All Saints Day was for centuries called Hallow-Mass, the Mass celebrating all the saints. Halloween is a shortened form of Hallow-Even, the evening before All Saints.
So, how did Halloween become the night witches ride and disembodied spirits roam the earth? As with many other celebrations, we can thank the Irish. Halloween began as the Celtic festival of the Lord of the dead. It was believed that on the night before the feast, the gates of the underworld were opened and that ghosts, demons, and witches were allowed to roam freely. In response to this otherworldly menace, the Celts followed the principle “if you can’t beat ’em, join ’em” and disguised themselves as various kinds of ghouls to escape harm. (From this practice comes our custom of Halloween masquerading). The Celts also tried to appease evil spirits by offering them food and wine. This is where ‘Trick-or-Treat’ comes from ‘to bribe evil spirits who wandered about the earth to trick unsuspecting people!’ In the ancient Celtic calendar, November 1 began the New Year. As we know the evening before, were times of revelry, dancing, singing, games (desperately looking for someone to kiss at midnight!) and often generally making a fool of oneself.
Halloween, celebrates our “holiness”! “Halloween tradition is closely connected to the feast of All Saints. The countless people many of whom we have known personally – including our family, friends and strangers, all those anonymous saints – who quietly, with no fanfare or publicity, lived generous, holy and faithful lives, and have gone to God, as the Eucharistic Prayer puts it, ‘have gone before us with the sign of faith’, singing and dancing in heaven in the Father, Son and Spirit, Mary and all God’s saints and angels.
Let the fun of Halloween in our community celebrate OUR HOLINESS!
Everyone is a saint in the making!
Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

LIBRARY NEWS
We have recently purchased a number of new and exciting books for the library, particularly for the students in Years 4 – 7. These include the Jiggy McCue books, more books by the author of “War Horse” and a new series by James Patterson. Also hitting the shelves this week is a new series called ‘Fablehaven’. This series is incredible, exciting, well written and difficult to put down once you start reading it!
Miss Dee Campbell
Library Teacher

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

STUDENT STATIONERY BOOKLISTS
Please note that the final day for submitting orders with Campion on line for free delivery to St Cecilia’s is Monday 29 October. All orders placed by this date will be filled and sent to school before the end of Term Four, ready for students to start 2013!

ICAS ASSESSMENTS 2012
The final ICAS assessment results have landed at St Cecilia’s and will go home with students today. Congratulations to all our students who participated this year – you should be very proud of your achievements!
Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM
Care for Headland Environmental Association with support from ToxFree are once again kicking off our school battery recycling program!
This program will run for the remainder of 2012 and will involve each school collecting domestic batteries for recycling. At the end of this term the batteries from each participating school will be collected and weighed. The school with the most weight in batteries will be awarded $200 to the associated Parent and Friends Association.
The types of batteries to be recycled will include the following:
Primary (Single use) – batteries typically found in toys, watches/clocks, smoke alarms, audio-visual equipment and remote controls ie. AAA, AA, C, D etc…
Secondary (Rechargeable) – commonly found in cordless drills, mobile phones, laptops, PC’s, shavers and cameras.

Please note we are not collecting car batteries.

YEAR SEVEN READING CORNER
Year Seven are enjoying their Reading Corner thanks to the fabulous cushions and rug purchased with their P&F money.
Thank you to all the parents who tirelessly fundraise for our school.
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!!!

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.

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

October
30 CONNOLLY, Cullen Y2
31 DHU, Aaliyah Y3
31 NDEWERE, Merina Y3
31 MOORE, Ruby Y4

November
1 ELSUM, Ashley Y5
2 DAMIAN, Angelo Y5
2 SHIPWAY, Dane Y7
3 CECICH, Marco PP
3 WARREN, Bayley Y5
4 PODMORE, Zoe Y7
4 VAN DEN HURK, Tamara Y7

MERIT AWARDS

27 September 2012
KG: Sienna Bennett Logan Connolly
    Xennex Holmstrom Lukas Jonckheere
    Ella Tomerini
Yr 1: Charlotte Emmitt James Larson
      Libby Macpetherson Seth Pentney
Yr 2: Jordan Bourke Jackson Gould
      Isabella Leopardi
Yr 3: Teniyah Burton Natasha Greipel
      Riley Hunter Declan Rahman
Yr 4: Charley McClean Ruby Moore
      Sarah Washington
Yr 5: Noah Atkins Jakob Healey
      Amy Pearson
Yr 6: Madawee Wickramage Year Six Class
      Zoe Podmore
Yr 7: Cleste McCorry Chloe Palmer

18 October 2012
KG: Kai Burton Ava Mathews
    PP: Rochelle Crawford Jordan Schmich
Yr 1: Ben Retallack Elias Zoghbi
Yr 4: Milly Campbell Lexis Rohrlach
Yr 5: Tobi-Craig Brojanowski Callum Jessop
Yr 7: Sam Bolton Joel Nunn

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following position,
Beginning Term 1, 2013

Canteen Manageress
Permanent
(0.5 FTE)

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

Please forward a covering letter together with your resume to Ms Paula MacKenzie, if you are interested to apply for the above position, by

Friday, 30 November 2012, 4:00pm

PO Box 700
PORT HEDLAND WA 6721
Ph: 08 9173 2162

Faith Family Friendship

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

IMMUNISATIONS
Are your child’s immunisations up to date? Maintaining a high level of immunisation within our community is a key strategy to ensure that we have very low incidence of vaccine preventable diseases such as measles in Australia.

Did you know that parents/guardians can simply ring the national immunisation registry or go to their web site to check out their child’s immunisation status? All you need is your Medicare number. Phone 1800 653 809 or access the web site:
www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

If your child is due or overdue for immunisations, please contact your local community health service on the details below to get your child vaccinated. Alternatively, speak to your school health nurse, AMS or local GP.

Parents or legal guardians who make a conscious informed decision not to immunise their child should note that in the case of a Measles or Pertussis (Whooping Cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health to exclude students from school who have not received the appropriate vaccination.

Visit your local Community Health Immunisation Clinic
Port Hedland – Child Health Clinic beside the Library, Dempster Street. Mondays’ except Public Holidays 9am-11am
South Hedland –
Hedland Health Campus Friday 8.30-11am in Community Health
Hedland Health Campus -Appointment only clinic
Tuesday 1pm-4pm phone 91741321 for appointment time

Chrissie McDowell
Community health school nurse,
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.
Throughout Term Three the Year Six students worked in groups to rehearse and eventually perform a selection of wonderful plays. The students prepared their own props, backdrops, sets and costumes for their performances and they all worked hard to memorise their lines. Each student should be very proud of the effort they put into Drama and of their excellent teamwork skills.
Haikus
A haiku is a Japanese poem about nature that looks at the beauty in God’s creation. There are three lines in a haiku. Our haikus are based around the four seasons.

Changing Leaves
By Ella Hinch
The leaves are changing from green to red and orange in the month of March

Spring
By Kara Nunn
Spring is filled with life spring is very colourful spring welcomes flowers

Autumn
By Breanna Bolton-Taylor
Leaves falling off trees in the forest lots of wind March is colourful

Spring
By Kyle Gould
Natural colours everywhere flowers bloom into spring trees throughout September

Cold Winter
By Mason Rehn
White snow cold as ice white snow lying on the ground in the cold winter

Life Resumes
By Madawee Wickramage
Creatures awakening from their wintry slumbers for spring to begin

Autumn Colours
By Elyse Phillips
Leaves falling on paths in the sky the colours blow amazing sights seen

Summer Time
By Hannah Green
Swimming at the beach cyclones, heatwaves and mangoes fun time in the sun

Spring
By Aditya Gupta
Rivers start to flow among the blooming flowers as springtime rolls in

Colours of Autumn
By Georgia Hinch
Orange trees swaying Maple leaves are falling down in April birds chirp
A Night With The Stars!

TONIGHT

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

Date: Friday 26th October 2012
Time: Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Venue: St Cecilias Catholic Primary School Hall
Cost: $20 per ticket or $200 for a table of ten

See Hilary at the Front Office to Reserve your table or call 9173 2162 to pay by credit card over the phone

ONLY 4 tables left!

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.