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Without a hitch. A big thank you Tanya and Claire and their band of helpers who joined in before and during the night and blew our community away. The night raised over $17,000 that will go towards upgrading our play equipment and providing a circuit gym around the oval. After assembly this morning the students had a vote on equipment they would like to see around the oval.

**Year Three Family Mass**

On Sunday 28 October Mrs Amanda Sheen and the talented Year Three class led our Sunday Mass with Father John, our celebrant. The Mass was beautifully prepared and the students celebrated in a most reverent way. The hymns were delightful and the readers were clear and confident, so thank you Mrs Sheen and Year Three for a memorable celebration.

**Year Five Assembly**

Last Thursday we were entertained by Mrs Joukhadar and Mrs Poharama’s sensational Year Five class. The students wrote their own skits and performed for the school at assembly. Each skit had a morale to the story. We learnt about honesty is the best policy as well as don’t judge a book by its cover and many more. Congratulations on sharing your talents with us, way to go Year Five!

**Water Awareness Programme**

For the past three weeks our Kindergarten to Year Two students have taken to the pool for some water awareness skills. Mrs Poharama and her helpers have travelled to the pool to lead our students in water play. Congratulations to a wonderful programme! I know our students have enjoyed the time spent in the pool during the hot weather. Thank you to Mrs Poharama for organising the program, Jacko our bus driver and our wonderful parents who give up their time so willingly to help out. You are just magic and I know our children thank you for all you do on their behalf.

**St Cecilia’s Day**

It is hard to believe that the 22 November is quickly coming into view and with it our great celebration, St Cecilia’s Day. This is a huge celebration for our school and once again we look forward to this special day. Strelley Community school will once again be joining us and we look forward to sharing this day with our friends. We will begin with Mass at 8.45am to praise our saint and sing our hearts out, as St Cecilia is the patron saint of music. Next we will have our water activities followed by a sausage sizzle for lunch and finish with a movie. It should prove to be a great day. Any fantastic parents who would like to join us with either the water activities or the sausage sizzle please give your names into Hilary in the front office, the more the merrier. Come with us and celebrate our special day.

**P&F and School Board AGM**

On 27 November at 7.00pm we will be holding our P&F and our School Board AGM. It is a time to gather and find out what has taken place in our school during 2012. Lots of amazing events have occurred and this is a wonderful time to show support to the school community. We will hold the meeting in the School Library so please come and join us to thank our wonderful parent groups who do so much for our school community and in particular for our children.

**Board & P&F Nomination**

If parents are interested in putting their names forward for the P&F committee or the School Board we will be taking nominations. You will need to call into the front office and fill in a nomination form. We would love to hear from you as some of our parents will be standing down. Both these groups do an amazing job for the school and your children so please consider joining us.

**John Fleming Parent Evening**

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 to work 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.

**Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day is the day Australians remember those who have died in war. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice came into effect ending World War 1, bringing to an end four years of hostilities that saw 61,919 Australians die at sea, in the air and on foreign soil. Few Australian families were left untouched by the events of World War 1 - 'the war to end all wars'. Most had lost a father, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend.

Originally called Armistice Day, November 11th was set aside to pay tribute to all those who died in World War I. Following the end of World War II it was renamed Remembrance Day, and has become a day to honour all those who have died or suffered in wars serving Australia. The symbol of Remembrance Day is the red Flanders poppy. This poppy became the symbol because it was the first flower to grow in the battlefields in Northern France and Belgium following the armistice.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps wrote the following poem after watching the death of a close friend in Belgium in May 1915:

_In Flanders Field_  
_In Flanders fields the poppies blow_  
_Between the crosses, row on row, _  
_That mark our place; and in the sky _  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly_  
_Scarce heard amid the guns below._  
_We are the Dead. Short days ago_  
_We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow._  
_Loved and were loved, and now we lie _  
in Flanders fields -_  
_Take up our quarrel with the foe: _  
_To you from failing hands we throw _  
The torch; be yours to hold it high._  
_If ye break faith with us who die _  
_We shall not sleep, though poppies grow_  
in Flanders fields._
Sadly, McCrae died on January 28th, 1918 and so did not see the end of the war.

His poem was printed on December 8th, 1915 in an issue of Punch and soon became the unofficial anthem of the soldiers in the trenches where it was memorised and passed on by word of mouth.

In 1918 an American woman, Moira Michael, wrote a poem in response to "In Flanders Field", titled "We shall keep the faith". In her poem she promised to wear a poppy to honour the dead. This was where the tradition to wear a poppy on Remembrance Day was first begun; a tradition that still exists today.

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

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Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - CHANGE IN DATE
Year Four to Seven Students enrolled in the Active After School Sport Program on Mondays please note that swimming has been changed due to staff training from Monday 12 to Wednesday 14 November. The program will then go back to Monday afternoons.

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!!!

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.

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.

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

November
12 DENNEY, Bethany Y2
14 HOLMSTROM, Zaiden Y3
15 CRAWFORD, Rochelle PP
18 REHN, William Y3
21 BROJANOWSKI, Oliviah Y2
21 NUNN, Kara Y6
22 LARSON, Toby K
23 McGrATH, Ella Y2

MERIT AWARDS
25 October 2012
KG: Charlie Dalitz  Heidi Fletcher
PP: Remy Gaudron  Rawiri Poharama
Yr 1: Joice Damian  Jye Tomerini
Yr 2: Bethany Denney  Kordal Walker
Yr 3: Taiha Browne
Yr 4: Thomas Denney  Lucy McGrath
Yr 5: Jack Bowns  Merceded Michel
Yr 6: Thomas Barker  Hannah Green
Eyse Phillips
Yr 7: Brayden Jessop

01 November 2012
KG: Millie McLean  Samuel Pereira
PP: Anthea Colato-Lopez  Amy Wade
Yr 1: Emily Boland  James Gulmrtin
Yr 2: Mackenzie Flack  Gianna Gillingham
Yr 3: Khayla Lomas  Merina Ndwere
Ben Palmer  Year Three Class
Yr 4: Elijah Dhu  Thomas Kinnane
Georgia Latham  Year Four Class
Yr 5: Year Five Class
Yr 6: Kaya Dhu  Mason Rehn

ABSENTEEISM
Please note St Cecilia’s procedure for recording students absences. Teachers will advise the office by 9.00am each morning of any absent students. Any unexplained absences will be followed up with one phone call to the Mothers Mobile only by the School Secretary. Parents are asked to call the school office prior to 9.00am each day of their child’s absence to avoid a phone call being made to them. All absences need to be notified by a parent or guardian (not a sibling, neighbour etc). Parents are to follow up all absences with a written explanation note as soon as possible to class teachers.

ENROLMENT CANCELLATION
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.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER & ALERTS CONSENT
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School’s fortnightly newsletters are available by electronic means (thereby reducing costs and helping the environment at the same time). If you are happy to receive the newsletter/school notices/alerts via this method, please indicate your acceptance below:

oYes I would like to receive the newsletters and updates by email.

Family Name:  ___________________________________________________
Email Address:  ___________________________________________________
Students Name:  ___________________________________ Year Level: ___
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PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP

COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS
I, ______________________________, would like to donate meals for the community.

Signed: __________________________________________

Please return this slip to the front office and meal containers will be sent home with your child.
HO HO HO

It's that time already.....
Have you got your pressies sorted?
Get ready for Christmas with festive
twilight shopping at the

TWILIGHT XMAS
MARKETS

TO BE HELD AT THE

ANDREW McLoughlin
COMMUNITY CENTRE
KEESING ST, COOKE POINT

SATURDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER
4PM - 7PM

MORE STALLS THAN EVER BEFORE

Books       Clothing       Xmas treats       Candles
Skin Care   Food           Scrapbooking     Cosmetics
Plants      Photography    Kidswear         Giftware
Jewellery   Homewares      Kitchenwares    Crafts

YUMMY FOOD, CAKES, COLD
DRINKS & COFFEE FOR SALE
GIVEAWAYS & DOOR PRIZES
Contact Natalie 0408 931 538 OR
amcommunitycentre@gmail.com
We thought cross stitch was great. Georgia made a monkey and a shovel. Jed felt it was a great experience trying to do cross stitch. Reilly and Elijah thought it was a lot of fun.

We did recycled wearable arts with Mrs Springhall. We used lots of recycled packaging and other recycled materials. At the end we practised for our wearable arts fashion show. It’s fun to do, but stressful at the end.

We did lots of recipes. Our favourites were the chocolate balls and the ice-cream creations.

Thomas.

The most complicated recipe was the Tacos and the hardest to clean up was the Fruit Kebabs. It may sound easy but juice went everywhere!

Nikita

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Ida, Charley and Emily.

Milly and Zoie at the arts presentation morning.
In our Arts group we did creative, imaginative drawing. Alex’s picture was a drawing of a jar. Jesse’s best one was painting the shadows of the leaves and so was Mitchell’s. Nathan liked drawing the gnome.

It was fun, but hard to do scrapbooking. We had to be organised and have lots of photos for our scrapbooks. It took a lot of planning out, but our scrapbooks looked good in the end. Jasmine, Sarah and Angelique.

In Sir’s group we learnt all about a famous artist called Pablo Picasso. We learnt about all of his five periods and we drew some of his art. We could be famous too one day and sell our pieces of art for millions of dollars. Jayanne, Lexis, Oliver, Ruby, Caelan and Cam.

At the beginning of TOM’s we practised spontaneous challenges and plays. When the TOM’s presentation was over we painted masks and made symmetrical pictures of ourselves. We would like to thank all the teachers who helped us with TOM’s especially Mrs Poharama for helping with the Arts program as well. Tara, Pascal, Ashima, Ethan, Hayden and Lucy.
A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with our fundraising efforts this term! It has been a busy time with our Quiz night, raffle ticket sales and calendar sales at the Cruise Ship Markets.

We still have loads of calendars to sell and need volunteers to help sell them at the shopping centres and various markets. If you can think of anywhere else we can sell them please let us know. Don’t forget to buy some for yourself and send them ‘home’ to friends and family for Christmas! They are a great memento of our time here in Port Hedland and a nice way for our loved ones to think of us each day.

Our AGM will be held in the Library on the 27 November at 7pm.
The P&F AGM will be held in conjunction with the Board AGM. This is your chance to hear what has been happening around the school this year and any plans for the year ahead. It will also provide a good opportunity to support our wonderful Principal, Ms MacKenzie, as she presents her final Principal’s Report to Saint Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School.

All positions on the P&F will be declared open, and anyone from our school community is welcome to nominate for a position. Our tireless President will be stepping down this year, but is happy to help anyone who wishes to take on the role. In fact, anybody wishing to take on a position will have the full support and guidance of the outgoing member if they need it.