Famous for just a few words – 36 words to be exact.

Laurence was born in Lancaster, in the north of England, in 1869. He went to university in Oxford, where he began writing poetry and later got a job working at the British Museum in London: a very important job looking after very old prints and drawings. He married Cicely, a woman he worked with, and they had three daughters. During his lifetime he wrote many books, taught in several universities and even wrote some plays. But he is mostly remembered for just four lines of poetry.

His poem is read out during Remembrance Day services all over the world. It's called For the Fallen and remembers all those who have died in wars all over the world. The poem is our prayer today, found above.

I think you can see why these words are so powerful. Let's just look at that first line for a moment: “They shall grow not old.”

When someone dies, we remember them as they were the last time we saw them: they don’t change but are fixed in our memories. And it’s like that with the men, women and children who have lived through wars and disasters. Their memories are fixed in our minds, and they will never forget.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week at Monday’s assembly we were all wearing poppies. We wore them to show that we think about, and pray for, the men, women and children who died in the first and second world wars, and all wars around the world – including ones that are still going on.

The poppy was chosen for a very special reason. In the First World War, a lot of fighting took place in France. For four terrible years, people fought and died in the fields of northern France. The war finished at 11 o’clock on the 11th of November 1918. The next spring, the fields where the fighting had taken place had grown over with millions and millions of red poppies. The poppy was chosen as a symbol for people to show that they had not forgotten the dead – on both sides.

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children who have died as a result of war all over the world. To their friends and families who are left behind, they will never change.

Last Monday Miss Coates and our Year Six class led our school in the Remembrance Day Assembly. It was a memorable and moving assembly that really captured the feeling of Remembrance Day. I would like to congratulate Miss Coates and the Year Six students on a very reverent and well thought out tribute to the fallen soldiers, past and present.

Year Three Assembly
Last Thursday Mrs Sheen and the Talented Year Three class gave us a snapshot of the year that has been. It was a wonderful opportunity to look back at many of the events that have taken place over the year. To have a pictorial adventure was novel and exciting and I know that everyone at the assembly appreciated the walk back in time. Great job Mrs Sheen and Year Three, you are all stars.

Kindergarten Orientation
Last week we welcomed our new Kindergarten class for 2013; it was delightful to meet all our new students. I was very impressed with our new students and the way they played together. They all went outside and played most beautifully while Mrs Kay had a chance to talk to the parents. We have an excited Kindergarten team ready for the New Year.

Seafarers Shoe Boxes Appeal
Once again we have launched the shoebox appeal to support the Seafarers who come to Port Hedland at Christmas. At this special time of the year many sailors spend time away from their families and loved ones. Each year St Cecilia’s School provides Christmas wrapped shoe boxes filled with goodies and small useful items, for these sailors, who appreciate them immensely. We ask the generous St Cecilia’s community to send along items that can be placed in the shoeboxes, such as torches, socks, handkerchiefs, shaving cream, disposable shavers, deodorant, mini games, cards and any other small items. Just think of what your Dad would like! At the end of the school year we will fill and wrap the shoeboxes for the Seafarers. So far we have had a wonderful response to the appeal; you will find the big box in the front office ready for donations. Once again we appreciate your generosity.

St Vincent de Paul
As we come into the season of Advent next weekend, we are reminded that there are families in the Hedland community in need of assistance at Christmas time. Each year, St Cecilia’s School provides hampers of non perishable items to St Vincent’s to assist these families and hopefully make their Christmas a little more joyful. Any donations of non perishable items are greatly appreciated. These can be placed in the basket in each classroom. The hampers will be presented to St Vincent de Paul at our End of Year Mass on Tuesday 11 December.

St Cecilia’s Day
Today was an absolute joy as we celebrated St Cecilia’s Day in style. Thank you to Mrs Joukhadar for preparing a most memorable Mass and for Father Leo for being our celebrant. Thank you also to our amazing students for leading the Mass and joining in so well with the singing and the responses.

The teachers really came up with some winning water activities that kept everyone engaged and cool. I love wandering around and seeing the excited faces of our students and staff as they participated in the many different activities that were had by all.

It was fantastic to have so many parent helpers offer their time, it really does make a big difference to the running of the day. Mrs Rozario as always is behind the scenes, keeping us on time. Mrs Johnson our canteen manageress for purchasing all the food and drinks for everyone, working wonders along with helpers in the canteen to make sure lunch was on time for the whole school and our friends. Also Mrs Poharama and Mrs Campbell for purchasing and freezing the icy poles.

It is always a delight and pleasure to have Strelley Community School come and join us for the day. It is a great opportunity for our schools to come together and spend time, and a chance for staff and students to share.
Graduation
We are looking forward to Graduation for our Year Seven Students as they prepare for High School. We will be holding the Graduation on Friday 7 December; beginning at St Cecilia’s Church followed by dinner at the All Seasons. It should prove to be a wonderful evening full of celebration and a wonderful time to say thank you to our school leaders.

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, “Busy Busy Bethlehem” will be performed by the Kindergarten to Year Three. All the main characters will have costumes 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 “Children of the World”. 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.

This year we will be holding the junior concert first followed by a short break of half an hour before proceeding with the senior concert. A letter will be sent home next week with all the details. We look forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you.

AGM for P&F and School Board
On Tuesday 27 November we will be holding our AGM for the P&F and the School Board, in the Library beginning at 7.00pm. We encourage all parents to come along and find out what has been achieved in our amazing school in 2012. Please find time to come and support those wonderful parents who give their time to our school community and achieve so much for our students.

New Girls School Uniform for 2013
Throughout this year there has been much discussion about a new uniform for the girls at St Cecilia’s. A new design has been chosen and the first shipment has arrived.

The new uniform will be introduced for the beginning of 2013 however all students will not need to change over until 2014. This means that for next year parents may purchase the old uniform or the new uniform as there is a year’s grace during the changeover period.

Uniform Shop
I would like to thank Sally Mellberg who has been instrumental in organising our new uniform; a lot of time has been spent making sure that everything is in place with the introduction of the new uniform. It has been a huge undertaking and Sally has managed the whole process most beautifully. Sally has run the school uniform shop for many years as a volunteer and I know we have all appreciated the great work she has done. She has just been amazing in running the shop efficiently.

After many years of service to our school Sally will be stepping down from running the uniform shop. I know on behalf of all parents we would like to say a huge thank you for everything you have done.

Therefore we are now looking for someone who would like to take over the running of the uniform shop. Being a voluntary position helps to keep the cost of the uniforms at a reasonable rate. Sally would be more than happy to assist anyone with the transition.

Tuning Into Your Child
As parents it is important to develop the ability to ‘tune in’ to children so that you can understand how life may be for them right now. This gives you vital information about your child’s experiences, what things are most important for them and what challenges are confronting them. You can use this understanding to ‘tune in’ to your child’s needs so that you can respond in ways which are going to be most relevant and meaningful for your child. Research on adolescents indicates that about three quarters report that they don’t get on well with their parents! Part of the solution might be in how parents ‘tune in’ and allow their young adolescent to express their opinions as well as modelling acceptable ways to handle conflict and criticism through your own behavioural responses. This sensitivity supports good parenting practices as it helps families develop loving, compassionate and respectful relationships with each other. It supports the development of a strong sense of belonging and allows the child to develop relationship skills which will enrich the rest of their life.

The ability to tune in to children means parents need to find time to communicate with their children, ensure they listen when they have something to say, be willing to understand their point of view and be able to share each others’ thoughts and values within a respectful and open environment. For parents this provides the opportunity to better understand the pressures and real concerns your child is facing and the opportunity to discuss and negotiate relevant solutions.

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

Our end of year mass will be held on Tuesday 11 December at 8.45am in St Cecilia’s Church. We would love to see you all there!

Mrs Grace Joukhadar
Assistant Principal Religious Education

LIBRARY NEWS

CHRISTMAS IN THE LIBRARY

As we come into the season of Advent (next Sunday, 2 December) there will be books available for the students to come into the library and read. Unfortunately there are not enough books to share around, so these books are not for borrowing. There will also be Christmas carols and songs to listen/sing along.

The library will be open every day until the end of term, with classes continuing with the roster for games and drawing/colouring. Students from any year are welcome to come to the library any day for a quiet place to read or complete work.

Miss Dee Campbell
Library Teacher

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

ST CECILIA’S DIARY COMPETITION

Well done to everyone who took part in the competition this year! The entries for this year’s diary were very creative, well presented and original. There were some incredible entries that really depicted our school and the town of Port Hedland. Mrs Simpson kindly displayed the finalists in the foyer windows and these will remain in place for one more week.

It was a very difficult task to select the winning entries. I would like to extend congratulations to Kara Nunn in Year Six and Shannon Wade in Year Two for their amazing winning entries. Kara’s art will adorn the front cover, with Shannon’s art on the back cover of the 2013 St Cecilia’s Diary.

Miss Dee Campbell
Assistant Principal

FINAL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING DAY FOR 2012

Our new style uniform dresses have arrived, order forms were sent home last week to all families. The new style dresses are not compulsory for 2013, as we will have a years grace, so students may continue to wear the old style dress in 2013.

Please note that there are only two uniform shop opening days left for 2012, the last one being Thursday 06 December 2012. The Uniform Shop will NOT be opening in January 2013, prior to the beginning of the school year.

To receive orders prior to the close of Term Four 2012 please have any orders and payments into the school office by Wednesday afternoon 28 November 2012. Order forms are available from the front office or on our website www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au

We have a large selection of 2nd hand uniforms available for a gold coin collection.

HAVE A GO - DAY

On Thursday 15 November the Year Six class were lucky enough to attend “Have a Go” Day at the Gratwick Aquatic Centre. The Royal Life Saving Association and BHP ran this event as a way of introducing children to water rescue techniques. Working in pairs, the students swam out to rescue their “drowning” buddy and safely brought them back to the edge of the pool. They learnt how to hold someone if they were unconscious in the water so that they could still get air into their lungs. Everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed working with students from South Hedland Primary School, and really loved the bright blue t-shirts! Thanks to the instructors that ran the day and to Mrs Poharama for coming to the pool with us.
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate their birthday.

**November**
- 28 BABIC, Anisha Y1
- 28 GOULD, Kyle Y6
- 29 CAMPBELL, Milly Y4

**December**
- 2 VELDSMAN, Emma Y2
- 3 GOULD, Ethan Y4
- 4 JONCKHEERE, Charlotte Y3
- 4 LE LARGE, Tara Y3
- 6 TE TAU, Tatam Y7
- 8 FLACK, Mackenzie Y2
- 8 RAHMAN, Gemima Y5

MERIT AWARDS

**Thursday 08 November 2012**
- KG: Lewis Hudacek, Noah Mitchell
- PP: Vinnie Leopardi, Talithia Sheen
- Yr 2: Ella McGrath, Nicholas Merlo
- Yr 3: Chloe Allen, Kayla DeCourcy
  - Aaliyah Dhu, Cole McLarty
- Yr 4: Tara Mellberg, Ida Van Rysinge
  - Pascal Zoghbi
- Yr 6: Georgia Hinch, Paige McLean

**Thursday 15 November 2012**
- KG: Dorian Collins
- PP: Zane Leeds
- Yr 1: Max Moore
- Yr 2: Olivia Broadfoot, Kimberley Muzambwa
- Yr 4: Angelique Leopardi, Oliver Wainwright
- Yr 5: Amber Kinnane, Thomas McDonald
- Yr 6: Kira Fitzhenry, Hannah Green
  - Angelina Mene, Year 6 Class
- Yr 7: Sarah Corbett

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE

In 2014 the following scholarships will be offered at Iona Presentation College:

**Academic Scholarships:**
- Sr Alacoque Gittins Academic Scholarship - minimum of two academic scholarships will be awarded to incoming Year 7 student
- Sr John Jones Academic Scholarship - a minimum of one student entering Year 10
- Sr Joan Evans Boarding Scholarship - one academic scholarship will be awarded to an incoming Year 7 student

**Ionian Past Pupils Association (IPPA) Scholarship** - A minimum of one academic scholarship will be awarded to an incoming Year 7 student, who is the daughter/granddaughter of a Past Pupil

**Music Scholarships:**
- Presentation Sisters’ Music Scholarship
- Sr Patricia Downey Music Scholarship
- Sr Margaret Mary Eaton Music Scholarship

Please contact Mrs Kylie Kenyon, Iona Music Department, 9384 5264, for more information about Music Scholarships.

**Indigenous Scholarships:**
- Iona Presentation College Indigenous Scholarship - A minimum of one academic scholarship will be awarded to an incoming Year 7 student (Please contact College Registrar for further information)

Further information on all scholarships for 2014 is available on our website: www.iona.wa.edu.au If you have any further enquiries, please contact: Ms Deborah Peacock, Registrar Telephone: +61 8 9285 5298 Email: dpeacock@iona.wa.edu.au

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School

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

**Teacher Assistant (Kindergarten)**

**Temporary**
- Mon-Fri 8.00am to 11.30am
  - (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

St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School

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
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Pre-primary is nearly over and we have had lots of fun learning, discovering and growing. We have lost many baby teeth but gained the ability to read and write. It has been an amazing year and full of wonderful memories.
Look at us now
7pm in the School Library—all welcome!

2013 P&F Committee Vacancies
All executive positions will be declared open. If you are interested in nominating for a position please collect a form from Hilary at the school admin office, or come to the AGM meeting. There will be plenty of information and support from the outgoing members.

St Cecilia's Calendar

There are still plenty of 2013 Calendars for sale. Don’t forget to buy yours! ONLY $10 each! May be purchased at the admin office.

We also need to sell as many calendars as possible before the end of the year. We would like to book a stall at the shopping centres on a Thursday evening or Saturday morning. Please let Rhonda know which day you will be available to help! The more people we get, the more dates we can book, the more money we will make! The kids have chosen which play / circuit equipment pieces they want—and we now have to pay for them!

Rhonda—0417 181 618 or mitchjr@bigpond.com