FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Term Four
Welcome back to Term Four, and a special welcome to our new families. I hope you all had an enjoyable break. The term has started brilliantly with the students continuing their hard work. There are only seven school weeks left for the year and we have lots packed into those seven weeks.

World Teacher Day
Teacher Appreciation Day was held last week. I would like to thank all our staff for the remarkable job they do with the students here. A special thanks to Mrs Sheen for organising a magnificent morning tea and lunch for the staff.

Front of School
Greening Australia is hoping to donate trees and shrubs to beautify the front of the school along Anderson St. We would like to transform the land into an outdoor learning area and school community garden. Does anyone know of someone with a truck and front end loader who may be able to donate some time to clear and level the area for us. We would be greatly appreciative.

A Prayer for Teachers

God of Love... Thank you for every teacher who notices a child’s special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.

God of Mercy... Sustain teachers who give everything they have and feel abandoned when society expects too much. Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control. Help exhausted teachers rest.

God of Strength... Encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning fun for children.

We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five-year-olds or help fourth grade girls be empathetic. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don’t happen.

God of Justice... help our nation find a way to steward our vast wealth to support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever the race or religion or gender or wealth of the children.

We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ.

Amen
Year Six High School Transition
The Year Six students begin their high school transition next Monday. They will all attend Hedland Senior High for one week to assist with their move into high school next year. We wish the students well and hope they enjoy their time in High School.

School Carol Night
The school will be holding a Carol night, on Wednesday 9 December, for our end of year Christmas Carol night. Students will perform Christmas carols commencing 6.00pm. As this is a school event we ask parents not to bring alcohol. More information about the night will be sent home in coming weeks.

Dogs on school grounds
Parents are asked not to bring dogs onto school grounds as a matter of safety for the students. Dogs can become agitated with the attention they receive from children and can respond with a nip or bite. Please contact me for any clarification. Thank you for your support.

Annual General Meeting
The School Board and P&F are holding their AGM on Thursday 26 November commencing at 7.00pm. If you wish to nominate for either the School Board or the P&F please let me know. You don’t have to have any special qualifications to be on either the School Board or the P&F.
Please come along and support the Board and the P&F as they work extremely hard in driving the school to greater achievements.

Exercise and academic achievement
Research has shown there is a positive link between physical activity and academic achievement in most children. Active children are more likely to improve their reading and maths abilities whilst also improving memory, behaviour, concentration and reasoning.

Maggie Dent
There are still tickets available to the two Maggie Dent sessions on 17 November, in the school hall. The first session (From the Sandpit to Adulthood) will start at 10.00am and the second session (Boys, Boys, Boys) will commence at 7.30pm.
Maggie Dent is an author, educator, parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence. Maggie is a passionate advocate for the healthy, common-sense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities.

Birthday treats
Parents are asked not to bring birthday treats to school. This includes lollies, cakes, cupcakes and ice blocks. There are children with allergies who can’t have those treats and miss out. The school recognises birthdays with a certificate and birthday pencil. If there are any concerns regarding this please come and discuss the matter with me.

God bless

Peter Allen
Principal

St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland
Tue to Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 am

Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

PARISH MASS TIMES

St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Monday and Wednesday 6.00pm
Tue, Thu & Fri Morning Mass 8.00am
Saturday Evening Mass 6.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9.30am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Saint’s Day
Year 5 are preparing the School Mass to celebrate All Saint’s Day on next Friday 30th October at 8:45am. Parents, guardians, grandparents, little brothers, sisters and friends are all invited. We would all love to see you there!

Term Four Student Sacrament of Reconciliation Liturgies
The liturgies will take place in St Cecilia’s Church at 9am on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November and Friday 13th November for Year 4,5 & 6 students.

Family Mass
The last Family Mass for this year is on Sunday 8th December at 8:30am in St Cecilia’s Catholic Church. The Year 3 Class with Mrs Claire Wellbeloved together with Fr John are organising the Mass. We would love to see many of our St Cecilia’s families attending this final Family Mass for the year.

For Students
Look at your School Diary on page 110. Read The Word and do the activity.

Blessings
Rosie Vrancic
Religious Education Coordinator
First Reconciliation
After months of preparation both at school and at home, the children from St John the Baptist and St Cecilia’s parishes will be making their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 29 October 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. A big thank you once again to the Sacramental team, class teachers and parents for helping to prepare your child for this very special time.

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!

Whole School Mass
Please join us in celebrating All Saints Day at a whole school Mass on Friday 30 October. The Mass will be held at St Cecilia’s Church at 8:45am and will be led by the Year Five class. Everyone is a saint in the making!

Book lists for 2016
Booklists for 2016 classes were sent home with students last week. If you do want to have booklist items delivered to the school before the end of the current school year then orders must be placed online by Monday 27 October. Any orders placed after this will be delivered to your home. Please note, all ordering is to be done online; please do not send orders back to school.

In the past, some parents have organised purchase of stationery items themselves from K-Mart or local newsagents. This has often resulted in the supply of incorrect stationery for the start of the school year as these stores do not stock or supply some of the specific items required (e.g. dotted third exercise books). It is important that these items are purchased through Campion. Other items such as Library bags, pencil cases, lead and coloured pencils may be purchased from other stationery stockists.

Library
I feel a touch of déjà vu in saying this but a huuuuuuge thank you to Mrs Nicole Boland for covering close to 100 new books over the school holidays. The children have been very excited to see the new books on display as they enter the Library each day and eagerly ask if they are allowed to borrow the books. I still have quite a few books to accession over the next couple of weeks so if you have a spare hour or two to help us get more books on the shelves before the end of the year, please contact me in the office. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

MERIT AWARDS

24 September 2015
K: Jake Cameron
Y2: Zain Salawu
Y3: Rohan Aspland
Y4: Seth Pentney
Y5: Ashley Dwyer

15 October 2015
PP: Brayden Curtis
Y3: Rochelle Crawford
Y4: Josh Denney

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

October
1 UNKOVICH, Jaxon Y3, 3 LEOPARDI, Vincenzo Y3, 4 FITT, Megan Y4, 5 NDEWERE, Nokutenda Y1, 5 RAHM, Declan Y6, 10 RICE, William PP, 11 DAMIAN, Joice Y4, 12 EDWARDS, Seren PP, 14 JOHNSEN, Regan Y1, 15 MELLBERG, Isla K, 15 LOMAS, Khyla Y6, 18 DIKE, Chibudom Y1, 19 CLARKE, Eloise PP, 19 KEEP, Tanikia PP, 19 SOUTAR, Nash Y1, 19 GRASBY, Benjamin Y4, 20 AYCAN (SWEET), Justin Y6, 21 BAILEY, Tucker Y5 & 22 LIU, William K.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

JOB VACANCY
Liaison Officer Parents & Friends Federation of WA

If you’re passionate about helping parents and parent communities in Catholic schools, and if you would enjoy a varied and challenging role, then this may be the job for you! The position is for 21 hours per week, during school terms. Applications close on the 17 November 2015. The full advert and job description can be found on our website www.pff.wa.edu.au. Initial enquiries can be directed to Shelley Hill on 0428 740 743 or email execoff@pff.wa.edu.au. https://www.facebook.com/pffwa, www.pff.wa.edu.au, 9271 5909, 103 Wood St Inglewood WA 6932

VACSWIM 2015-16
Enrolments for December/January are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small price increase from $10.00 per enrolment to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50).

For further information and online enrolment visit: education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

School Banking with.. bankwest

One of our friendly staff members is in the library every Thursday from 8:00am until the bell rings!

Open an account in store today!

Our Port Hedland branch is open for appointments
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm (Tuesday 9:30am - 5pm)

The first FOUR kids to come in store and open an account get a GOODY BAG! But don’t worry... if you aren’t the one of the first four, you still get a money box or toy!!

Come & Join Us!
Every Friday
8:00 - 7:30 pm

Come & Try

Playing Season
November to December
February to March

Flippa Ball is a modified version of Water Polo for children. It is a FUN sport to build water confidence, swimming and ball skills in a team environment.

Junior Flippa Ball
Grades Pre-Primary to Grade 3
Senior Flippa Ball
Grades 4 to 6

All Flippa Ball players to be accompanied by a parent/guardian (TG) at the pool. Minimum abilities are: to be confident in the water & able to recovery to an upright position in shallow water.

Venue: South Hedland Aquatic Centre

Week 1 Friday 16/10
Port Hedland Primary
St Collins Primary

Week 2 Friday 23/10
Bale Primary
Castella Primary
South Hedland Primary

For more info contact:
Store: 08 9172 2445 or 04 9172 4866
Facebook: Bankwest Inverell Branch
Hedland Health Campus

Staff Development Workshop: Shift Work & Parenting

This workshop will cover the service needs and particular issues faced by shift workers and their families. You will be given information and tips on how the family at home can effectively manage and adapt the needs of their household in the patterns of absence and presence.

Date: Monday 2nd Nov 2015
Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Venue: Learning & Development Room
Hedland Health Campus
RSVP: Amanda Ph:9174 1095

Ngala’s Top Tips for Starting School

Starting school is a major change in a young child’s life. This workshop will discuss the opportunities and challenges for both the child and the family. We will look at ways to make this a smooth transition.

Date: Thursday 5th November
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am & 12.00pm to 2.00pm
Venue: Cooke Point Playgroup
Keesing Street, Port Hedland
RSVP: Rebecca 0412 184173
cookepointplaygroup1@gmail.com

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Ngala
Parenting with Confidence

YMCA WA Early Learning Centre

Ngala’s Parenting from the Same Page

This workshop looks at common adjustments couples make to their communication about routines, discipline and rewards for their children. Topics covered include:
- How development affects your child
- Recognising when your actions aren’t helpful
- What you and your partner can do differently for a positive

Date: Wednesday 4th November 2015
Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Venue: YMCA Early Learning Centre
Cnr Keesing & Dempster St, Port Hedland
RSVP: (08) 9173 1088 or
Perthbridge.elc@ymcawa.org.au
Educators can look after children on-site, Bookings Essential.

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Parenting with Confidence
In the Year 5 classroom we have been writing a text to persuade the readers and listeners to save an area in the Pilbara. This was then presented to the class as an oral presentation.

My chosen topic…..

…Dampier, because it has a beautiful beach to watch the sunset. Tucker

…Port Hedland because I have seen lots of rubbish on the beach and I wanted to comment on it and put a stop to the littering. Jayden

…Cemetery Beach because we don’t save it the turtles will die. Abbie

Cape Keraudren, because it is beautiful. Mace

…Cemetery Beach because it is a wonderful place with lots of turtles. Nick

…Mackerel Islands, because the Mackerel Islands is a great place for snorkelling and a relaxing holiday. Emma S

…Cape Keraudren, because it has beautiful white sand and water. Beau

…Cemetery Beach, because I want to save the beautiful turtles and sea creatures and it’s a beautiful place for family and friends to come and play. Izzy

…Cemetery Beach because of its beauty and the turtles need to be saved. Jamal

…Cemetery Beach, because it is great for fishing and wind surfing. Kordal

…Cape Keraudren, because it’s really pretty and there’s lots of fun activities. Shannon

…South Hedland, because everyone just looks at the rubbish, so I want to help these people with my knowledge. Jackson

…Port Hedland, because it is a small town and we need to keep it clean. Benjamin

…Cemetery Beach because it is a natural environment and lots of animals call it home and it is a beautiful place. Aparna

…Cemetery Beach, because I think it is a nice place to relax and enjoy. Emma V

…Cemetery Beach, because I would like to save the turtles and stop litter bugs. Audrey

…Cemetery Beach, because I wanted to save the turtles. Jacob

…Port Hedland, because of the turtles that lay their eggs. Ryan

…Pretty Pool, because I thought if we don’t pick up the rubbish, it would be ruined. Cullen

…Carawine Gorge, this is a beautiful place to camp. Ashley

…Cemetery Beach, because it is a peaceful place. Joseph

…Cemetery Beach, because it is a beautiful spot for people to come to. Menushi

…the Mangroves, because mangroves have so many jobs, like being protectors of shorelines and I thought it would be interesting. Kimberly

…..Cemetery Beach to save the turtles and the native flora and fauna Cianna

…..Cemetery Beach, because I want the turtles to stay alive and live. Bethany.

…Cemetery Beach, because the animals want and need a home. Chelsea.
‘Day for Daniel’ is a National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection. Parents, carers and guardians are asked to start a conversation about personal safety in the real world and in an online environment.

The objectives of ‘Day for Daniel’ are:

- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT.
- To provide FREE safety and educational material.
- To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe.

‘Day for Daniel’ is an opportunity for Australians to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable in modern Australia. It aims to help empower our children to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT if they feel something is not right.

What does RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT mean?

RECOGNISE encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise body clues in situations where they don’t feel safe. REACT helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible. REPORT encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

On Monday 2nd November the whole school will be wearing RED to raise awareness for Child Safety and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This will begin at 8.30am and we will be walking around the outside of the school. A permission note for leaving the school grounds will be sent home tomorrow. Please return this note by Thursday 29th October. A gold coin donation per students is requested to bring on the Monday to be sent to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Please check out the following website for more information.

Dear Parent / Carer / Friend,

As part of our fundraising efforts for this term, the Parents & Friends Association is running a school tea towel project to help raise funds for school shade structures.

The unique tea towel design will be made up of individual portraits created by all our children and staff. The children’s pictures and names will be arranged together as a commemorative design for each year group, then screen printed in bottle green onto high quality white tea towels (50x70cm).

We chose tea towels because the project involves the children, provides a wonderful keepsake and makes a meaningful gift for parents, relatives and special friends. The tea towels look amazing, are so easy to post and make a fabulous reminder of your child’s early years. There is a sample tea towel hanging in the front office to view.

It is only $15 for one limited edition tea towel OR SAVE by ordering 3 tea towels for $40. Tea towels can be ordered by completing the order form below and returning with exact payment in an envelope clearly marked “TEA TOWEL ORDER”.

Make sure you don’t miss out! Preserve your child’s artwork and remember friends and teachers forever!

Final orders are due before → **THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015**

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any queries please contact Alison via email ali.fitt@y7mail.com.

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**TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM**

Student Name: _________________________________________________ Class: ____________

Contact Name and Phone Number: ____________________________________________________

Number of Tea Towels Ordered: 1□ 2□ 3□ 4□ 5□ or more →

Please enclose payment with your order

Cash or cheques made payable to: TOTAL Enclosed $____________

**ST CECILIA’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F ASSOC.**