Year Seven and Six High School Transition

The Year Seven 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. The Year Six students will commence their transition on Monday 03 November for one week. 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 the 10 December, for our end of year Christmas Carol night. Students will perform Christmas carols commencing 6.30pm. As this is a school event we ask parents not to bring alcohol.

COMING EVENTS

27 - 31 October
Y7 Transition to High School

Tuesday 28 October
Pink Ribbon Day
Canteen Pre-Orders

Thursday 30 October
Y4 Assembly
Y3 & Others
First Reconciliation
Mass 6.30pm

Friday 31 October
All Saints Day Whole School
Mass 8.45am
World Teachers Day
P&F Halloween Disco
6-8pm UCA

3 - 7 November
Y6 Transition to High School

Tuesday 4 November
Swimming Y2
Reconciliation Y4 9.00am

Tuesday 5 November
Reconciliation Y5 9.00am

Thursday 6 November
Y5 Have a go day

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. We admire teachers who enjoy middle school writers, or teach physics or math or civics. We cannot even imagine how to help every single student achieve Adequate Yearly Progress. 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.

Amen
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 27 November commencing at 7.00pm. If you wish to nominate for either the School Board or the P&F please let me know. The School Board have a vacancy for a Treasurer.
Please come along and support the Board and the P&F as they work extremely hard in driving the school to greater achievements.

Banking
Bankwest provide a free student banking service every Thursday morning, before school, in the library. Please support Bankwest or we may lose this service.

Busy Bee
What a terrific school community we have. Last Saturday St Cecilia’s held a busy bee with approximately thirty five volunteers (not including children) in attendance. Many people worked in the Nature Based Play Area, others sorted books in the library, shoveled mulch, picked up rocks from the oval, cleaned up our sheds and cooked a wonderful barbeque lunch. Thank you to those families who participated and made the day a terrific success. Congratulations to the five families who won a $100.00 gift voucher in our attendance raffle. A special mention to Sean Sta Maria who raffled his voucher and Jack Riches who gave his voucher to a very hard working student. The play area is coming along beautifully and will be ready for use shortly. Please feel free to walk around and have a look at the area.
Thank you to ALM, Yurra Pty Ltd and RFF Australia for the dedication, hard work and support you have given to St Cecilia’s in designing and creating the nature based area.

Thank you
Thank you also to Sanwell Plumbing & Civil who kindly donated $2000 to the school. The money is being used to furnish our Learning Centre. The new centre is designed to give students an alternative classroom setting catering for whole class, small group or individual learning needs.

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?
Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.
We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children (especially 10 and 11 year olds) across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsqv
Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au
God bless

Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH NEWS

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

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

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 30 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.

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 31 October. The Mass will be held at St Cecilia’s Church at 8.45am and will be led by the Year Six class.

Everyone is a saint in the making!

Book lists for 2015
Booklists for 2015 classes were sent home with students last week. If you are wanting to have booklist items delivered to the school before the end of the current school year then orders must be placed online by Tuesday 28 October. Any orders placed after this will be delivered to your home.

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.

Lexile Books
There are still Lexile books that need covering. If you can help please see Mrs Sheen.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

DONATIONS PLEASE
We would appreciate any donations of the following items:
- Used stamps
- Aluminium can ring pulls
- Ice-cream containers and lids
- Small shoe boxes

These can be brought in to the front office.

Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

SCHOOL BANKING
St Cecilia’s and Bankwest offer a school banking service for the students of St Cecilia’s.

This is a great way for children to start saving. Bankwest have great children’s accounts where they can earn some fantastic interest.

Students will be provided with their very own bank book to record their deposits week to week and see their money growing.

This service will be offered on a Thursday morning between 8am and 8.30am in the library.

For parents/carers and students wishing to partake in school banking they will be required to open a bank account with Bankwest in the students name.

It will not be possible to open an account at the school.

No forms to complete just take your child’s birth certificate into the bank. If parents are not members of Bankwest they will need to take their drivers licence with them.
We believe everybody should have a valid up to date Will. So we tailor our service to make it EASY and CONVENIENT for a person to make a Will. At the same time our fully trained consultants and experienced legal team provide a PROFESSIONAL service.

Here is how we do this:

- Convenient as our trained consultants can make home visits or see a person at a location of their choice or they can come to us (of course this is not practical for long distances). We can also arrange Skype meetings and if appropriate telephone interviews.
- Professional as all Legal advice is provided by our qualified lawyers and included in the Fixed Fee. Further this is all we do which means we offer focused expert advice.
- Fixed Fees no hidden costs no exorbitant hourly rate all relevant Legal advice is included in the fixed fee.
- Executor support – when a person dies their executors (the person(s) they choose to manage their assets under their Will) can meet with us for initial advice about their role as executor – this initial advice is included in the Fixed Fee.
- Will update service – if a person makes their Will with us we offer an update service. Any amendments to a person’s documents 30 days after they have signed them are FREE. After 30 days any changes to a person’s Will only incurs an administration fixed fee (and not the cost of making a new Will).
- Free Will review service – we offer a free initial review of a person’s current Will.

(Note: Home visits are not part of this service)

To book your place at the Port Hedland Clinic, please call Emma or Sinead on 08 6488 0005 or click the following link: https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/hDBWvt

Places are filling up quickly so please book as earlier as possible to avoid disappointment.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy Birthday to the following students

October
1 UNKOVICh, Jaxon Y2
3 LEOPARDI, Vincenzo Y2
4 FITT, Megan Y3
5 NDEWERE, Nakutenda PP
5 RAHMAN, Declan Y5 D
7 MARTEN, Paris Y4
10 RICE, William K
10 JOHNSON, Jayanne Y6
11 DAMIAN, Alyssa (Joice) Y3
12 EDWARDS, Seren K
14 JOHNSON, Regan PP
15 LOMAS, Khayla Y5
16 BROUGH, Kaden PP
16 MICHEL, Mercedes Y7
17 ATKINS, Noah Y7
18 DKE, Chibudom PP
19 CLARKE, Eloise K
19 KEEP, Tankia K
19 SOUTAR, Nash PP
20 SWEET, Justin Y5
21 BAILEY, Tucker Y4
21 DENNEY, Thomas Y6
23 GALOVIC, Lachlan Y7

MERIT AWARDS
16 October 2014
KG: Attaya Bin Saad
PP: Raif Dean
Y1: Jacobie Dhu
Y3: Year Three Class
Y4: Cullen Conolly
   Nicholas Merlo
   Joseph Sang
Y6: Mrs Campbell
   Mrs Poharama

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
FREE WILL CLINIC PORT HEDLAND NOVEMBER 14TH 2014
Why provide an essential Will writing service to your community?
Because it is an essential service (not a luxury). Our services will assist your community to take control of what will happen to their assets when they die. A valid Will gives a person’s loved ones certainty at a difficult time. eWills finds that many people do not realise the potential negative consequences that may result from not having a valid Will in place. Our goal is to educate people in this regard and make it easy for them to make a Will. So in addition to our usual services (described below) we can present free Will Clinics to the community. The Will Clinics are designed to be educational about making a Will and other related matters. They are interactive and we encourage questions.
Why eWills?
eWills offers a fresh approach to succession planning.
Proudly supporting

Keeping kids safe!

Get red, Red, READY for

Saturday the 1st of November

Wear red and educate

“Day for Daniel” is a National Day of action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

3pm - 6.30 pm Cemetery Beach Park

Sausage Sizzle – Face painting – Balloons
Activities - Giveaways – Prizes & Much more.

Proudly Supporting The Daniel Morcombe Foundation! DayForDaniel.com
This term, Year 6 has begun their final English unit for the year on Poetry. They have been revising their knowledge and skills to develop and act out poems that incorporate a range of poetic techniques. Throughout the term, they will be studying and researching a range of narrative ballads, both historical and contemporary.

Below is a taste of some of the first poems written by Year 6 this term.

**The Sky**
The sky is as blue as the ocean,  
The clouds swirl around like ballerinas  
At the end of the day the sun goes down  
Like a ping pong ball, up and down, up and down,  
Continuously going around, running non stop,  
Like it’s a marathon that never ends.  
If it does end, the sky will be darkened throughout the sky  
Like a black hole.  
Generously the moon would save us all  
With the light of the silvery moon.

Jed Marsden

**DNA**
DNA is in you, racing through your blood.
It gives you your talent and your strength.  
DNA dances through your blood, making everyone different.

DNA is in you, racing through your blood.  
It crackles and pops as it dances through your body.
It’s in every blood cell, not excluding the smallest of cells.
It twirls and spins around,  
Just to make you, you.

Georgia Latham

**The Sun and Moon**
The light touches the morning sky,  
The sun rises tall and proud.  
Midday arrives, the sun at the peak of his heat  
Sends rays of sunshine down to the people below.  
As the day goes, the sun fights off the clouds  
That have gathered around.  
The evening comes, the sun saddens,  
The moon comes sleepily taking his place.  
The night begins, we go to sleep  
As we sleep the moon feels alone  
No one cares for him as they do the sun.  
And where is the sun?  
Well no one knows where he goes.  
But he always comes back again.

Reilly Cure
DNA

The DNA sprints through your body
Like a race car that is mixed with your blood cells.
The DNA disperses with no warning, it splits up
And plunges through your heart.
The DNA assists in your body, to keep your genes running.

Mitchell Warren

The Garden

The flowers are standing tall in the garden
And the birds are loudly singing,
The trees are slowly swinging
And the bees’ humming is ringing.

Kyarna Lee

The Ocean

The ocean cries,
It darkens while birds fly.
The ocean is ferocious.
Splash! It hits the sea
Splash! The bird is no longer free.

Emily Feeney

Winter

Winter freezing everything it touches,
The world in it’s clutches
The cold breeze fills the air,
It will not share,
It is greedy,
Needy.

With a cold shoulder
If you make it angry
It will only make you colder,
Be warned.

Helen Sang
P & F News

Halloween Disco and Family Picnic
Friday 31st October 6:00-8:00pm
Undercover Area
BYO PICNIC - BBQ provided to cook your dinner
Drinks and Lolly bags available for purchase
Entry - GOLD COIN DONATION
Prizes for best dancing....so bring your grooviest and ghoulie...