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A Prayer for Parents

O Lord, omnipotent Father, we give you thanks for having given us children. They are our joy, and we accept with serenity the worries, fears and labours which bring us pain. Help us to live them sincerely. Through us you gave life to them; from eternity you knew them and loved them. Give us wisdom to guide them, patience to teach them, vigilance to accustom them to the good through our example.

Support our love so that we may receive them back when they have strayed and make them good. It is often so difficult to understand them, to be as they would want us to be, to help them to go on their way. Grant that they may always see our home as a haven in their time of need. Teach us and help us, O good Father, through the merits of Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

Amen
Front of school
Work will begin soon to complete the spreading of gravel and placement of soil in the garden beds. We will be calling for volunteers next year, to help with the beautification of the area by planting flowers, native plants and bushes. We will also be looking for old tyres to use as planters.

Students/families leaving St Cecilia’s
If you are leaving St Cecilia’s at the end of the year could you please inform us as soon as possible. We have families waiting to enroll and we would like to give them as much notification as possible.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

Peter Allen
Principal

**PARISH NEWS**

**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)

**St John the Baptist - South Hedland**  
Monday to Thursday 6.00pm  
Friday Morning Mass 8.00am  
Saturday Evening Mass 6:30pm  
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

**Christmas Mass**  
Are you going to be in town over Christmas? We will soon be seeking volunteers to help us with our children’s liturgy on Christmas Eve. Please complete the slip on the next page and keep an eye out for more information.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**First Reconciliation**  
Last Thursday night children from St John the Baptist and St Cecilia’s took part in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. After a lot of preparation at home and school the children were ready to meet with Father Justus and Father January. It was a very reverent evening and I would like to take this opportunity to firstly congratulate the children and secondly to thank the parents for their help and support in preparing the children.

**Seafarer’s and St Vincent de Paul collections**  
A letter has been sent home with the newsletter this week asking for donations of small gifts and shoeboxes to make up gifts for the Seafarer’s that will be in Port Hedland over the Christmas break. Donations can be placed in the large box located inside the office near Mrs Rozario’s desk.

In addition to sharing the Christmas spirit with the visiting Seafarer’s, we will also be continuing the tradition of collecting donations to help St Vincent de Paul make up food hampers for families in need. A letter will be going home next week with more information and suggestions for items to donate.

**All Saints’ Day**  
Thank you to the Year Six class and Mr Hayward for leading us in our Whole School Mass to recognise All Saints’ Day. All Saints’ Day falls on Tuesday 01 November and is celebrated in honour of all the saints, known and unknown, in the belief that there is a prayerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and the living. Thank you also to those parents that came to join us for our Mass. It is always wonderful to see you celebrate with us.

**St Cecilia’s Day**  
Our next whole school Mass will be held on Monday 21 November to celebrate the day of our patron saint, St Cecilia. This Mass will be led by the Year Four students. Again, parents and other family members are welcome to join us. The Mass will begin at 8:45am.

Mrs Mandy Sheen  
Religious Education Coordinator

**GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS**

**Assembly**  
Next week we will be having two assemblies. On Monday morning the Rangers from Town of Port Hedland will be attending to talk to the students about snake awareness. Some of the topics that will be covered include snake identification and what to do and what not to do if you see a snake. With the weather warming up, and as we have spotted snakes in the school in previous years, we thought this would be a valuable visit for the students.

Our second assembly will be on Friday to recognise Remembrance Day. The assembly will begin at 10:45am, in the Undercover Area, and will include the Last Post, one minute of silence and the Rouse. Thank you to Mrs Claire Wellbeloved for organising this special assembly of recognition.

As always, parents are welcome to attend both assemblies.

Mrs Mandy Sheen  
Assistant Principal
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

November
3 NARRIER, Johnathon Y3
4 ABBOTT, Ella Y2
5 HASSAN, Ella PP

20 October 2016
K: Poppy Casson
PP: Ashley Fitt
Y1: Brayden Curtis
Y2: Mitchell Hassan
Y3: Kaydence Walker
Y4: Kayleigh Curtis
Y5: Josh Denney
Y6: David Gordon
Leila Kasemets
Isa Mellberg
Keira Gorman
Emmy Whitehead
Levi Hodgkinson
Kiahni Lewis
Kimberley Muzambwa
Henry Martin
Genevieve Nott
Talitha Sheen
Abbie Rogers

Port Hedland Leisure - Vacation Care Program
Did you know that Port Hedland Leisure is planning to run its Vacation Care program one week earlier this term to support St. Cecilia’s Primary School students and families with the early school close compared to public schools.

The program is based from Wanangkura Stadium, with proposed dates of Monday 12 December – Friday 16 December for St Cecilia’s students, then the regular program commences for students of all primary schools on Monday 19 December – Friday 23 December.

We have a short break over Christmas, then recommence back into Vacation Care from 9 – 27 January 2017.

Port Hedland Leisure are seeking expressions of interest from Families whom may wish for their children to attend either the St Cecilia’s early bird session, or the regular town wide program.

Registrations are now open, but spaces are limited, so get in quick!

To register your interest or for more information, please call Wanangkura Stadium and ask to speak to Jenna or Kim on (08) 9140 0400 or e-mail PortHedland.Creche@ymcawa.org.au

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN’S MASS ATTENDANCE
24 December 2016 Christmas Eve Children’s Mass
If you will be attending will be attending and would like your child to have a part in the mass please complete and return the slip below.

Family Name: ____________________________________________________________
Contact numbers: _________________________________________________________
Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: ______
Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: ______
Students Name: __________________________________ Year Level: ______

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
Heavy and light

Float or sink?

Exploring

Investigating
cooking

learning is fun

friendships
EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE
MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE at home
HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In January 2017, students aged 15 – 18 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family…and your relatives and friends…will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. [http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student)
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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, and are 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.

LIBRARY BOOK COVERING
Childs Name: ________________________ Class: ________________
I can assist the library by covering some books. Please send home some books and contact.
Parent Name: ________________________ Contact Number: ____________________

Want to buy or sell something?

Ever wanted to buy a second hand school bag or perhaps you have an extra hat that you no longer need?
Advertise on the school “For Sale” board, to arrange a sale or swap items directly at school.

Cost: Free
Where: The Foyer of the Kindy and Pre-Primary Classrooms

A Prayer App for Life
## 2016 Uniform Order

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**TOTAL ORDER** $ 

**PLEASE NOTE:**
These items will need to be purchased from retail stores:
- SHOES: black leather school shoes (lace up/Mary Jane), mainly white sandshoes, brown sandals (not surf type).
- SOCKS: to be plain white or grey socks - short fold over, not low cut.
- BLACK TRACK PANTS: can be worn with sports polo for winter.

*All other items need to be purchased from uniform shop only to ensure the correct style and colour.*

**PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH ORDER FORM**
There is a 1% surcharge on credit card payments (not savings or cheque accounts).

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**
DATE PAID: __/__/__  PAYMENT METHOD: CA / CH / EF  OFFICE SIGN: ___  TAKEN: YES / NO

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ATHLETES FOOT FITTING DAYS
Athletes Foot Karratha will be at St Cecilia's on the following days to do fittings and take orders for formal school shoes and sports shoes.
Week 8: Monday 28, Tuesday 29 & Wednesday 30 November 2016 in the Learning Hub. They will be bringing with them a supply of replacement shoe laces and shoe cleaning kits.
Welcome to our new committee members!
We would like to welcome Liz Pegler as our new Secretary and Donna McCrystal as a General Committee member. We are grateful for all they bring to us, from their work and committee experience.

Christmas Carols!
The St Cecilia’s Christmas Carols will be held on Wednesday 7th December. The P&F are supplying Roast Beef and Gravy rolls for dinner, with a cool drink, water or juice. Please look out for an order form in your child’s folder in the coming weeks.

Annual General Meeting
The P&F will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16th November at 7pm.
All positions will be made vacant. Please consider taking up an executive or general committee position for 2017.
You can keep up to date with our events on Facebook – “St Cecilia’s P&F Parent Helpers”.