FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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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 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**

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**COMING EVENTS:**

- **Sunday 08 November**
  - Family Mass led by Y3
- **Tuesday 10 November**
  - Reconciliation Y4 9.00am
- **Wednesday 11 November**
  - Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45am UCA
  - Reconciliation Y6 9.00am
- **Friday 13 November**
  - Reconciliation Y5 9.00am
- **Monday 16 November**
  - Staff Catholic Day
  - No School - Pupil Free Day
- **Tuesday 17 November**
  - Maggie Dent 10.00 - 12.00: From the sandpit to adulthood: Helping today’s children to thrive.
  - 7.30 - 9.30: Boys, boys, boys: Understanding, nurturing & connecting to today’s boys.
- **Wednesday 18 November**
  - 2016 Kindergarten Orientation 11.30-12.30
- **Thursday 19 November**
  - Assembly Y1
- **Friday 20 November**
  - St Cecilia’s Day Whole School Mass 8.45am Led by Y2
  - St Cecilia’s Day Water Activities

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**St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER**

**Term 4 Week 4 - Thursday 05 November 2015**

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School Board and P&F Annual General Meeting
The AGM for the School Board and P&F will be held on Thursday 26 November, in the school hall at 7.00pm. There will be a social drink and nibblies after both meetings. I urge parents to consider volunteering for either the Board or the P&F.

The Board is responsible for the financial administration of the school and is also entrusted with the duty of planning to meet the present and future needs of students. The P&F are responsible for building community and raising funds for school resources. Both groups are vital elements of the school community and allow parents to contribute to their children’s education.

Day For Daniel
The Day for Daniel is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. Wear Red and Educate is the theme of Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in Keeping Kids Safe. St Cecilia’s held our day on Monday with students, staff and parents wearing something red. Everyone met in the undercover area and then walked around the school and school oval. St Cecilia’s managed to raise over $280.00 which is a big effort for a small school. Congratulations to the students, parents and staff for their active participation. Thank you to Miss Piergrosse for organising the event and ensuring it ran smoothly.

Front of school
We have finally begun work on the front of the school, the area bordered by Anderson and Rodoreda Streets. The area has been levelled and cleaned. We are working with Pip Short, from Greening Australia, to design and help with the implementation of planting of bushes and trees. Next year the school will be calling on volunteers to create an outdoor classroom and a school community garden area for everyone to share. If you have any ideas or designs please forward them to me. Thank you.

Car park
Parents are reminded about the correct use of the car park. Entry is from the Anderson St end of the car park only, follow the arrows as the car park is one way, only stay in the ‘pick up lane’ if your children are waiting to be picked up, no overtaking in the ‘pick up’ lane, be patient and courteous as there are children and parents walking to cars. Thank you for your support.

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 enrol and we would like to give them as much notification as possible.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

God bless

Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH 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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Mass
This Sunday at 8:30am in St Cecilia’s Catholic Church we have the last Family Mass for this year led by Mrs Claire Wellbeloved and the Year Three Class. I know our Year Three class would love to see as many families as possible attend this final Family Mass for the year. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

First Reconciliation
Last Thursday night, children from the Parishes of St John the Baptist and St Cecilia’s received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. After a lot of preparation at home and school the children were ready to meet with Father Justus and Father John and receive their First Reconciliation. It was a very reverent evening and I take this opportunity to firstly congratulate the children and secondly to thank the members of the Sacramental Team and the parents for their help and support in preparing the children.
St Cecilia’s Day
Our next whole school Mass will be held on Friday 20th November, to celebrate the day of our patron saint, St Cecilia. This Mass will be led by the Year Two students and Mrs Wellbeloved.

All Saints Day
Thank you to Miss Piergrosse and the Year Five class for doing a wonderful job of leading the School Mass and proclaiming the Word of God last Friday.

For Students
Look at your School Diary on page 114. Read Gift of the Heart – A Story. What did the family in the story choose to do?

Blessings
Rosie Vrancic
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

First Reconciliation
I would also like to congratulate the children that received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for the first time last Thursday night. Unfortunately, this joyous message is also tinged with some sadness as this is the final year that Mrs Petula Riches and Mrs Julia Rahman will be helping to prepare the children to receive the sacraments. Both Petula and Julia have stepped down from their role on the Parish Sacramental Teams and I would like to thank them for their valuable support with all sacraments over the past number of years. They have guided not only the children and parents in their preparation, but also myself in the role that I have played in the Sacramental Team. With Petula and Julia stepping down, it leaves a big gap in the Sacramental Team for both the St Cecilia’s and St John the Baptist parish’s so we are looking for more parents to join the team. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please come and speak either to myself, Petula, Julia or your parish priest.

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 outside the office or passed onto class teachers.
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.

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. Keep an eye out for more information.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN’S MASS ATTENDANCE
St Cecilia’s Catholic Church 24 December 2015
If you would like your child to have a part in the mass please see Mrs Sheen or please complete and return the slip below. Yes we will be attending the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass
Family Name: ________________________________________________________
Contact numbers: _____________________________________________________
Students Name: _____________________________________ Year Level: ______
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PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
MERIT AWARDS

22 October 2015
Y1: James Hawes
Y2: Jonathon Narrier
Y3: Kayleigh Curtis
Y4: Damien Chikwaka
Y5: Jackson Gould
Y6: Nyomi Kelly

29 October 2015
K: Izwirashe Kahondo
PP: Holly Greening
Y1: Milo Comerford
Y2: Grace Riches
Y3: Vinnie Leopardi
Y4: Michael Kahondo
Y5: Cianna Gillingham
Harper Mackay
Hezekiah Uiduldam
Rutendo Kuzambwa
Oscar Thompson
Shaban Salawu
Jamie Payne
Benjamin Sang

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

October
27 SALAWU, Zaine Y2
27 SHADE, Madison Y4
30 CONNOLLY, Cullen Y5
31 NOBY, Nathen Y1
31 NDEWERE, Merina Y6

November
01 BALCOMBE, Jacob Y5
03 NARRIER, Johnathon Y2
04 ABBOTT, Ella Y1

VACANCIES 2016

St Cecilia's is a single stream co-educational Catholic primary school catering for children from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school caters for educating the whole child and we use a positive behavior management plan to enhance student potential and achievement.

The school enjoys a close relationship with the Parish and strong support from the parent community.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2016

Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au or email admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au or Ph: 08 9174 7000

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: ________________
Enrolments from 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.
The Pre Primary children loved their visit to the Port Hedland Fire Station. They saw a fire truck and got to spray a fire hose. The class wrote Thank you letters to the Fire Fighters to thank them for an awesome day!

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Tune of: "If You’re happy and You Know it’

If you need to call for help, dial 000
If you need to call for help, dial 000

If you think that you’re in trouble,
And you need help on the double.
If you need to call for help, dial 000!
2015 TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER
Don’t miss out on this gorgeous momento
– all orders to be returned to school by 12th November 2015.
*If you need an order form, please download from the School’s website

COMING SOON!
Tickets still available
There is less than two weeks until Maggie Dent comes to our school.
Have you got your tickets yet?

SAVE THE DATE! – 11TH DECEMBER 2015
ST CECILIAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT
Parents and Friends of St Cecilia’s will again be catering dinner for this event.
A flyer with further details will go home with your children next week for RSVP’s.