Year Six Transition
The Year Six students are currently at Hedland Senior High School and are loving the different curriculum they have encountered. I have been in contact with their teacher and she has told me the teachers have complimented her on the behaviour and effort of the Year 6 & 7 students.

I am proud of our students and would like to say thank you to the parents and staff who prepare the children to be responsible active community members.

School Board and P&F Annual General Meeting
The AGM for the School Board and P&F will be held on Thursday 27 November, in the school hall at 7.00pm. There will be a social drink and nibbles after both meetings. I urge parents to consider volunteering for either.

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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
It’s official, only five school weeks to go before the start of the Christmas holidays. I can hear the quickness of breath and the increased heart beating from here. The children are all getting a little weary and will cherish the break as this has been a tiring year. Throughout this year I have been amazed at the work ethic and thoughtfulness of the students here. This is a reflection of you, the parents, and I hope you are all proud of your children.

As an acknowledgement of all you do for your children I thought it appropriate to include a prayer for parents. Being a parent is hard work because no two children are the same. There never seems to be enough time in our day and sometimes the right decision is the hardest one to make. Congratulations and keep doing the best for your children.

Year Seven Transition
The Year Seven students spent last week at Hedland Senior High School. They enjoyed the experiences that high schools bring and will be more confident when starting next year. Parents I have spoken to tell me they have noticed a change in their children.

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

VISION STATEMENT
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School is a multi-cultural Catholic School where staff, parents and students strive to provide a secure environment concerned with the spiritual, moral, social, emotional and intellectual development of each person. We endeavour to create an atmosphere of openness, mutual respect and loyalty within the school community.
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 John 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 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 21 November, to celebrate the day of our patron saint, St Cecilia. This Mass will be led by the Year Five students.

Seafarer’s and St Vincent de Paul collections
A note 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
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

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.

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)

AMCC CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL
Dear Parishioners of St Cecilia’s
Once again we will have a stall at the Andrew McLaughlin Centre Christmas Market on Saturday November 15. In addition to Redemptorist Christmas cards and 2015 calendars, we will be selling homemade Christmas biscuits and cakes to fundraise for our parish. You can help with the stall in 3 ways: bake some Christmas treats or donate ingredients
Visit the stall anytime between 4pm and 7pm on the day. If you’d like to bake, please make 1 or 2 (or more) batches of something that is easy to package into small cellophane gift bags, e.g. biscuits, truffles, brownies.
Tash and I will do all the packaging before the market, so you can deliver your goodies to Fr John’s house, or my house (6 Cooper Place, Pretty Pool) on Saturday November 15 before 2pm.
If you’d like to donate ingredients, please contact me via email steph24601@gmail.com.
Last year we raised over $500, so please help us beat that target!
Steph Johnson
LOST AT THE BUSY BEE
White wide-mouth shovel.
Has green insulation tape wrapped around the handle.

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.

MERIT AWARDS
23 October 2014
KG: Kahreesha Drage          Jack Foti
    Wesley Mendoza
PP: Harriet Comerford        Milo Comerford
Y1: Zain Salawu             Paisley Westlake
    Mitchell Feeneey          Mikenna Lomas
    Amy Wade
Y3: Josh Denney             Seth Pentney
Y4: Tucker Bailey            Jayden Rozario
    Ben Springhall
Y5: Kieren Olling           Charlotte Westlake
Y6: Alex Britcliffe          Angelique Leopardi
Y7: Luke Garbin
30 October 2014
KG: Tanikia Keep            Parker Warren
PP: Branden Shade
Y1: Emmaline Whitehead      Brayden Lee
    Rochelle Crawford        Kayleigh Curtis
    Remy Gaudron
Y3: Jett Piergrosse          Sahara Soutar
Y4: Jamal Doyle             Abbie Rogers
    Emma Schmich
Y5: Lauren Hegarty          Olivia Mitchell

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy Birthday to the following students

October
27 SALAWU, Zaine Y1
27 SHADE, Madison Y3
29 VARNEY, Morgan Y4
30 CONNOLLY, Cullen Y4
31 NDEWERE, Merina Y5

November
1 BALCOMBE, Jacob Y4
1 ELSUM, Ashley Y7
2 DAMIAN, Angelo Y7
3 BROADFOOT, Lachlan PP
3 CECICH, Marco Y2
3 WARREN, Bayley Y7
4 ABBOTT, Ella PP
4 MARTEN, Lucas Y6

CANTEEN NEWS
We are introducing this new assortment of flavours: Strawberry Smash, Choc Smash and Banana Blast. These should be available from Monday 10 November.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA - PORT HEDLAND SUB BRANCH

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Held on Tuesday 11 November is fast approaching. Each year the RSL Port Hedland Sub Branch holds a commemorative service at the War Memorial, The Esplanade, Port Hedland at 10.30am finishing at 11.00am. The RSL Port Hedland Sub Branch would like to invite you to participate in the service. We ask that you muster at the War Memorial by 10.30am.
Mr Val Middleton
President

ANZAC DAY
The RSL has pleasure in inviting our school to participate in the ANZAC Day Service next year which will be held on Saturday 25 April 2015. The Dawn Service at 5.30am will be held at the War Memorial, Anderson Street, Port Hedland. We ask if any students would be interested in being part of a combined schools choir to sing the National Anthem. The service will be followed by a march to Marrapikurrinya Park and students are asked to form in school groups to be part of the ANZAC Day march. There will be a breakfast in the Park as well as other activities relating to ANZAC Day including displays and a fly over.
A detailed program for ANZAC Day will be forwarded to you for your perusal at the commencement of the 2015 school year.
I can be contacted on 0428 925 405 if you wish to discuss this.
Mr Val Middleton
President
COMMUNITY INFORMATION CONT

PORT HEDLAND OUT OF SCHOOL CARE
Would you like your child to be a confident and involved learner?
Would your child like to participate in weekly Active After School Sports??
Would you like them to learn life skills such as cooking, cleaning their environment and caring for our natural environment?
Would you like your child to be engaged in our new vegie patch project, worm farm composting and recycling program?
Would your child like to be included into an exciting, fun and welcoming environment and curriculum?
Please contact Danielle at Port Hedland OSHC on 0428 340 040 or porthedlndosc@cssu.org.au
We are currently taking enrolments for After School Care and Vacation Care 2014/2015
DANIELLE BAKER
DIRECTOR
Port Hedland Out of School Care
Port Hedland Primary School| Corney St.
PO Box 493| Port Hedland| WA 6721
Mb: 0428 340 040
Fax:0891731980
Web: www.cssu.org.au

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, 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.

ABSENTEEISM
Please note St Cecilia’s new procedure for recording students absences. Teachers will advise the office by 9.00am each morning of any absent students. Any unexplained absences will be followed up by an SMS message sent to the Mothers Mobile. Parents are asked to call the school office prior to 9.00am each day of their child’s absence to avoid an SMS message being sent to the mothers mobile. All absences are to be followed up by a written note of explanation. All absences need to be notified by a parent or guardian (not a sibling, neighbour etc). Parents are to follow up all absences with a written explanation note as soon as possible to class teachers. At our recent audit, it was determined that we are failing in meeting the Department of Education’s specific guidelines for Absent Notes whether they are hand written, typed or on email. The absence notes must contain all of the following information:
- name of student
- year level of student
- date of absence
- explanation (reason) for absence
- parent/guardian’s full name and signature (full name only on emails)
- date note was written
Thank you for your cooperation.
Thursday 06 November 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians

Each year as a school we have supported the Seafarers who come to Port Hedland at Christmas time. Many sailors dock at our port and are away from their family and friends at this very special time of year. We provide shoe boxes wrapped in Christmas paper filled with trinkets and goodies that are appreciated by the seafarers.

The shoeboxes are filled with a multitude of items and presented to all seafarers that are in Port Hedland on Christmas Day. It is a small way of saying Merry Christmas to those seafarers who are not with their loved ones over the Christmas period.

We are after empty shoe boxes (small or medium) that we can fill up with your donations. We greatly appreciate donations of the following items:

- After shave
- Alarm clock
- Cap
- Nail clippers
- Playing cards
- Razors
- Religious items
- Socks
- Souvenirs
- Sweets
- Key ring
- Fruit cake
- Shaving cream
- Multi-vitamins
- Deodorant (roll on)
- Comb
- Book
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Torch
- T-shirt
- Wallet
- Phone card
- Hand towel
- Envelopes (airmail and writing pads)

Please do not include items that will perish such as fresh food or chocolates.

We would appreciate any donations to be sent to the School by Friday 28 November. There is a large box inside the office, near Mrs Rozario’s desk, for the collection of donations.

Thank you for your assistance in this fundraising venture. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

Faith Family Friendship
During Second Semester, Pre Primary has had many adventures through the universe: back to the dinosaurs, under the sea, into outer space, through the human body and around the world. We received postcards from friends and people we don’t even know, as part of our exploration of the seven continents, and we mapped these on a huge world map. We’re still writing back! We also had an amazing visit from “Dr Rob” and his medical team at the end of Term 3. They taught us “APPLeS”: Advanced Pre Primary Life Support. We did bones and x-rays, parts of the human body, resuscitations, accident and emergency triage, getting off nasty (glittery) germs and we all GOT BANDAGED! That’s right. We learnt how a doctor does a REAL plaster and we got ourselves all fixed up! We also had a fun and fabulous Father’s Day afternoon that was very special. Now it’s Term 4 and we’re nearly year 1!
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“APPLeS”

Advanced Pre Primary LifE Support

With Dr Rob and team.
Parents & Friends News

Wednesday 10th December 2014
Gather with family and friends at St Cecilia’s for dinner before the Christmas concert.
Food and drinks available 5.30-6.30pm

Halloween Disco
Ghosts, ghouls, mummy's, witches and friends came to dance the night away at the Halloween disco. Lots of effort went into the costumes, congratulations to the winning best dressed on the night.
Mr Sta Maria, our DJ, played all the latest music and even got parents & teachers up to dance. A special thank you to Carly Mullins, who kindly donated the Halloween decorations that were on display. And Bede Hegarty for loaning the tables on the night.
A big thanks must be extended to our hardworking Parents & Friends who did a great job decorating and organising our disco. Thank you to all the families who supported the night and joined in the fun.

AGM
27 Nov 2014 @7pm
All Welcome
The P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on the same evening as the School Board.
All positions will be open for nomination.
Being a General Committee member (non-executive) is a great way to be involved in your P&F. If you have any ideas for fun school community events or fundraisers, we need you!
Come along or email your interest.

Christmas Drink Donations
The P&F are requesting donations to sell at the Christmas Concert Dinner.
- Cartons of soft drink cans
- Cartons of water bottles

Thank you