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A Prayer of Thanks for all God’s Children

Lord our God,

We thank you that you made each one of us in your image and likeness, and that we are all your beloved children. We pray for the children in our lives.

We pray for children who

... make us smile;
... challenge our way of thinking;
... test our patience;
... are bright;
... are hardworking;
... find learning tough;
... get on our nerves;
... are a delight;
... like to laugh;
... always look lost;
... talk all the time;
... never say a word;
... are easily overlooked;
... are impossible to ignore;
... remind us of ourselves when we were younger!

We thank you for all the children who have an impact on our lives and for the privilege of having an impact on their lives.

Lord, help us to be open to new revelations and the work of your Holy Spirit in each of their lives.

Lord, help us to be Christ-like at all times; seeing each one with your eyes and valuing them with your heart of love.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus.

Amen

COMING EVENTS:

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
PM Movies and popcorn

Thursday 26 November
Assembly Board & P&F AGM 7.00pm

Wednesday 02 December
Athletes Foot shoe fitting day 8.00am to 4.00pm

Thursday 03 December
Assembly K

Friday 04 December
Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 09 December
End of Year Christmas Concert 5.30pm

Thursday 10 December
Assembly

Friday 11 December
Canteen closed

Students Last day for 2015
End of Year Thanksgiving Whole School Mass 8.45am
Reports sent home
K Portfolios sent home

Monday 01 February 2016
Student First Day of school

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Term 4 Week 6 - Thursday 19 November 2015

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la - 80% good decisions and allow 20% for mistakes. She also believes there are far too many experts, with no real experience, giving advice. Maggie believes parents should follow their gut instinct when making decisions. Thanks again to the school’s P&F for bringing Maggie to Hedland.

Remembrance Day
I would like to congratulate the Year Five class for their moving Remembrance Day Service. They reminded us all of the loss and tragedy the veterans went through during the war while being respectful of the traditions and symbolism of the day. Thank you to Miss Piergrosse for the effort and practice the Year Five class put in to ensure the service went smoothly and with dignity.

Year One Assembly
The Year One class lead the assembly this week and what an amazing job they did. They first performed a wonderful set of poems that ended in them drinking ‘a big cup of sick.’ Next they sang and danced to ‘The Lion Feeds Tonight’ and finished their performance by wearing masks they had made. Congratulations to Year One and Mrs Spiteri. A well done to Mrs Fitt for her spirited performance of the dance, at the back of the hall.

Kindy Orientation Day
The Kindy held an orientation day yesterday with many parents attending. It was nice seeing so many happy faces in one place. Thank you to Mrs Bull for running the day and giving parents the ‘run down’ for Kindy next year. All structures listed in the Parent Handbook will be in place for next year.

School Board and P&F Annual General Meeting
The School Board and P&F AGM will be held, in the hall, on Thursday 26 November commencing at 7.00pm. We need members for both committees and ask that you all consider helping the school out and nominate either before the AGM or during it. Thank you in anticipation.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

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

St Cecilia’s Day Mass
Year Two with Mrs Wellbeloved and Fr January are leading the School Mass on Friday 20th this week and we would love to be joined by as many families as possible in St Cecilia’s Church at 8:45am for this celebration of our school patron saint, Saint Cecilia.

Family Mass
It was fantastic to see so many families at the Family Mass on Sunday 8 November. The Year Three children with Ms Batchelor and Mrs Wellbeloved did a wonderful job of leading the Mass. The children read beautifully and as usual under the guidance of Mrs Sheen showed great dignity and respect when bringing up the gifts in the offertory procession. Thank you also to Father John, Parish Priest.

For Students
This Sunday 22 November we celebrate Christ the King and then next Sunday, 29 November, is the first Sunday of Advent when we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas in four weeks’ time. Look at your School Diary on page 118 and Talk about it: King of Truth. Read The Word.

Blessings
Rosie Vrancic
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Uniforms
As the end of the year draws near, we are beginning to notice that some students are becoming a little ‘relaxed’ with their uniforms. It is important that we keep up the standard right through until the end of the year as to maintain our pride in our school.

Students that don’t comply with the uniform code will be issued with notices that are to be taken home and signed by parents. If for some reason your child is not in the correct uniform, please send a note in to your child’s teacher with an explanation. Your support in this matter is appreciated and valued.
Seafarer’s and St Vincent de Paul collections
A letter was sent home a couple of weeks ago 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 or passed on to class teachers.

A second letter asked for donations to help St Vincent de Paul make up food hampers for families in need. Classrooms have now been given baskets to collect these donations, as well as an extra basket being placed inside the office beside the box for Seafarer’s donations.

The original date to have these donations sent in was Friday 27 November but we are now going to be accepting donations up until Friday 04 December. Thank you to all of you that have already donated generously to those in need.

Christmas Mass
Will you be in town this Christmas? We are looking for children to take part in the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass to be held at St Cecilia’s Catholic Church at 7:00pm.

If you would like your child to be involved in the Mass, please complete the form found in the newsletter this week and return the slip to the office by Friday 11 December.

Sacramental Team
With Petula Riches and Julia Rahman stepping down from their roles on the Sacramental Teams, it leaves a big gap in the Teams for both the St Cecilia’s and St John the Baptist parish so we are looking for more parents to join the team. The Sacramental Team is instrumental in supporting the children and families of the parishes as they prepare to receive the sacraments and with three sacraments next year, 2016 will be a busy year for the Sacramental Team. If you are interested, or would like to find out more information about what it means to be a member of the Sacramental Team, please come and speak either to myself, Petula, Julia or your parish priest.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

MERIT AWARDS

05 November 2015
PP: Attaya Bin Saad    Seren Edwards
Y1: Jennah Dhu        John Pugsley
Y2: Paisley Westlake  Stella Williams
Y3: Caitlin Balcombe  Jordan Schmich
Y4: Mackeniece Walker Katharine Whitehead
Y5: Jacob Balcombe    Audrey Thompson
Y6: Olivia Campbell   Javi Pulido Lemos
                Justin Sweet
                Year Six Class

19 November 2015
Y1: Rutendo Kuzamba  Thomas Merlo
Y3: Liam Limbie      Kartini Quin
Y4: Joice Damien     Joseph Sang
Y5: Menushi Perera   Kordal Walker
Y6: Rhiannon Mills   Charlotte Westlake

LEXILE CERTIFICATES
Red Star Award:   Athena Mendoza
Bronze Star Award: Seth Pentney

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

November
11 CURTIS, Brayden PP
12 DENNEY, Bethany Y5
15 CRAWFORD, Rochelle Y3
16 TAN, Jett K
17 VUJEVICH, Jordan PP
18 REHN, William Y6
20 WILSON, Nicholas PP
23 CRAWFORD, Joel PP
26 DHU, Jennah Y1
28 ROYLE, Manix PP
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: ________________
St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School

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

Faith Family Friendship
Oh what fun we have had

connecting

creating
constructing at kindy this year!
MAGGIE DENT
Thank you to all those who came along to listen to Maggie Dent this week. Her two seminars were very insightful and we hope you gained some useful tips from her.

ST CECILIA’S DAY
The Parent and Friends of St Cecilia’s will be providing popcorn for children on Friday to enjoy at their movie afternoon.

SAVE THE DATE! – Wednesday 9 DECEMBER 2015
ST CECILIA’S 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 has gone home with your children. Please return the RSVP slip by Tuesday 24th November to allow for catering.