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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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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School Board and P&F Annual General Meeting
The School Board and P&F AGM was held, in the hall, on Wednesday 16 November. Thank you to everyone that attended. Thank you also to the parents who have volunteered to help the school out by serving on either the P&F or School Board for 2017. I would like to thank those members who have worked so diligently this year to ensure St Cecilia’s has the resources and structures in place to meet all needs in the future. 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.

I would like to make mention of Dean Rehn, who after six years on the board has resigned. Dean’s family moved to Perth at the end of last year and Dean has graciously given his time to continue on the board. He along with Andrew Emmitt have been wonderful members of the board and would like to wish them well for the future from the whole school community.

School Code of Conduct
The Education Department require all schools to implement a Code of Conduct for school community members. The code will be inclusive of all staff members, students and parents/guardians. Catholic Education WA have given schools a basic structure that will fulfil the Education Department’s requirements to begin 2017. The staff will be working with the structure to include areas of conduct they feel reflect St Cecilia’s. Students and parents/guardians will be given the opportunity to include areas they consider should be in a code of conduct. This will take place during Term One, 2017 through a questionnaire which will be sent home. The information will be collated and a copy of the revised Code of Conduct will be placed on the school website.

Yours sincerely
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

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

Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

In that same letter, we also 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.

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 09 December.

Sacramental Team
We are looking for parents to join the Sacramental Team supporting both parishes of St Cecilia’s and St John the Baptist. The Sacramental Team is instrumental in supporting the children and families of the parishes as they prepare to receive the sacraments. 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 or your parish priest.

St Cecilia’s Day
Next Monday, we will be celebrating the Feast day of our patron saint, St Cecilia. (We are celebrating a day early due to Mr Allen and myself both being away on Tuesday.) On Monday morning, a whole school Mass will take place at 8:45am and will be led by our Year Four students. After recess, all students will participate in a range of water activities. We will also be joined by students from Strelley Community School and we are all looking forward to a fun, water filled day.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
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 sighted 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.

Library News
Next week, Week Seven, will be the last week for borrowing for 2016 to give enough time for stocktake of the Library. It is a big job to check that all books borrowed during the year have made their way back to the Library so I need your help. Over the next couple of weeks, please have a good look on your bookshelves, under beds, under the couch cushions and in your sock drawers for any lost Library books. Overdue notices will be sent out early in Week Eight to help you identify the wanted books. If you find any, please return them to Mrs Sheen.

While you are looking for those library books could you please locate any class readers including lexile readers and return these to classrooms now.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

November
23 CRAWFORD, Joel Y1
30 HENAO, Oliver Y1

December
1 RUSSELL, Cooper Y1
1 THOMPSON, Oscar Y3
1 NYATHI, Lubelihle Y5

MERIT AWARDS

17 November 2016
K: Elleanna Amiradaki Kellimarie Stream-Dhu Adien Edwards Ryan Florence
Summer Grove Sofia Jankovic Gabriella Hulse Courtney Mpisa
PP: Olive Collins Y1 John Solo Hezekiah Uiduldam Lachlan Valsnaik
Y1: Rutendo Kuzamba Charli Stainton-Rea Siena Prindiville
Y2: Chiara Foti Tanya Zonke
Y3: Harrison Clarke Raphael Nott Jaxon Unkovich
Y5: James Guilmartin Regan Hulse

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniforms Shop opening dates
Please note that there only 3 more days that the uniform shop will be open for 2016: Thursdays; 24 November and 01 & 08 December. The uniform shop will not be open prior to the student returning to school in 2017. All items will need to be purchased before the end of the school year.

Girls’ dress length
Please check the length of girls uniforms dresses. The hem lines to be at least at the knee.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN’S MASS ATTENDANCE

24 December 2016 Christmas Eve Children’s Mass
If you we 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: ______
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PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
A Glimpse at Semester Two in Pre Primary

Turtle Talk

Construction Corner
St Cecilia's Canteen Online Ordering

- This system is now up and running and proving to be very successful
- We will be implementing the canteen online ordering fully in 2017, with all orders being placed this way
- We encourage families to sign up now!
- Students are no longer required to carry cash
- You can order at your convenience, even weeks in advance
- Orders are required to be placed by 9.00am for that day
- If you have placed an online order for your child and they are going to be absent please cancel it online by 8.30am and this will be re-credited to your account the next day.
- Please register at www.canteen4schools.com.au
- For more details or assistance in setting up online, contact our Canteen Manageress: Mrs Kelly Gould, either in person at the canteen or via email: Gould.Kelly@cathednet.wa.edu.au
- Should you not be able to meet this requirement please contact the Principal, Mr Peter Allen to make other arrangements

2017 ROY HILL FOUNDATION INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Local Indigenous students are invited to apply for the Roy Hill Foundation Indigenous Student Scholarships for 2017.

There are limited number of scholarships available. Applicants will need to apply and meet the following criteria to be successful:

- Attend St Cecilia’s Catholic Primary School
- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
- Not receiving any other scholarships
- Must be on a Health Care Card
- Must meet a minimum of 90% attendance at school

Scholarships cover enrolment fee, tuition fee, amenities fee, building levy, IT levy and personal accident insurance.
- Students will also be covered for stationery & text books plus one set of both academic and sports uniform, one hat, one school bag and one school jacket.

Please contact the school to obtain an application form or if you require any other information.

Applications close on
Friday 9 December 2016
PO Box 700 PORT HEDLAND WA 6721
email admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au
Ph: 08 9174 7000
Parenting Workshop with Wendy Doyle:
The Power of Positive Parenting

Positive parenting is an effective approach to raising children that emphasizes the positive. It involves creating an environment that is loving, supportive and predictable.

About the Speaker:
Wendy has had extensive experience working with infants, children and families. She is passionate in her belief that every effort needs to be made for children to have the best possible start in life and it is through working with dads, mums and carers that this can be achieved.

Date: 22nd November 2016
Time: 6:30pm till 9:30pm
Venue: South Hedland Primary School – Library

Parent Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________

Register now (booking for workshop and creche are essential) on 9172 4956.

Parenting Workshop with Wendy Doyle:
Separation Anxiety

Saying goodbye is hard sometimes, this workshop looks at strategies to help both the parent and child with separation anxiety.

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Date: 22nd November 2016
Time: 11am - 1pm
Venue: Well Women’s Centre

Parent Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________

Register now (booking for workshop and creche are essential) on 9172 4956.

Parenting Workshop with Wendy Doyle:
Starting School Successfully

Come along and talk with Wendy about how to make your child’s transition into a school setting happy and enjoyable for everyone.

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Date: 22nd November 2016
Time: 8:30am till 10:30am
Venue: Balair Primary School

Parent Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________

Register now (booking for workshop and creche are essential) on 9172 2495.

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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: ___________________________
Welcome to our 2017 Executive Committee and General Members!

We would like to welcome our new Executive Committee for 2017

President: Liz Pegler
Vice President: Kirsten Thompson
Treasurer: Monique Wilson

The position of Secretary remains open and we would like to extend an invitation for anyone to jump on board, including anyone looking to join as a General Committee Member.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to our entire committee and parent helpers for 2016. A special thank you to our outgoing President, Nicole Boland, for absolutely everything that you have done over the past year, it is greatly appreciated and we are going to miss you on the executive committee!
Thank you everyone for a fantastic year!

Foyer Decorations!
The P&F are looking for helpers to decorate the foyers of the school in the last week of Term 4! Please contact us for more information!

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.
If you can help with decorations on the day, please contact the P&F.

Keep In Contact!
You can keep up to date with our events on Facebook:
“St Cecilia’s P&F Parent Helpers” or via email: StCecilia_PandF@outlook.com