Jackie French visit

We were very fortunate to have renowned author Jackie French visit the school on Tuesday 18 November. Jackie discussed many things about books and writing to the students. They really enjoyed her visit and listened with wonder as she spoke about her inspirations and ideas for her books. We would like to thank Jackie for her honest and simple approach to writing.

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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

We are at the end of Week Six and there are only three weeks of school left. Students are completing final assessments and teachers are preparing reports. Things are very busy for everyone and it is at this time of year that everyone gets tired and we vent our frustrations without thinking. Please take some time out and relax. Think what Christmas is really about and remember God’s message to ‘love one another’. Might make those things that upset us seem trivial.

Students and staff will be busy over the next week finishing the last of their assessments and class work. Please support both as the year comes to an end.

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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

St Cecilia’s Day
Tomorrow, Friday 21 November we will be celebrating the day of our patron saint, St Cecilia. The day will begin with a whole school Mass led by the Year 5 students.

After recess the children will enjoy water activities before a sausage sizzle lunch. A note has been sent home with more information for the day. Children will be required to wear their sport uniform to school with swimmers underneath. They must also bring a rashie or a T-Shirt to wear over the top.

A big thank you to the P&F for organising the sausage sizzle lunch. Remember the canteen will be closed so children will need to bring their own recess and if they are not eating the sausage sizzle lunch, they will need to bring their own lunch.

Seafarer’s and St Vincent de Paul collections
A note went home recently asking for donations of small gifts and shoeboxes to make up gifts for the Seafarers that will be in Port Hedland over the Christmas break. Donations can be placed in the large box located inside the office or passed onto class teachers.

In addition to sharing the Christmas spirit with the visiting Seafarers, we will also be continuing the tradition of collecting donations to help St Vincent de Paul make up food hampers for families in need.

Each class has been given a basket to collect donations which will be made into hampers and presented to St Vincent de Paul representatives at our End of Year Mass.

Please have all donations to school by Friday 28 November.

Bus Behaviour
We have had some issues with bus behaviour again today. The children have been spoken to about the acceptable way to behave on the bus and after discussing the issues with Hedland Bus Lines we would like to remind parents of the expectations as set by the school and the bus company.

- Children are to remain seated with seatbelts on at all times until they have reached their stop.
- Children are to refrain from yelling and screaming while on the bus.
- Children are to speak to drivers politely.
- Children are to have bus tickets or money to pay for tickets.
- Children are to wait at a designated bus stop. If you are unsure of your nearest bus stop please get a map from the office or contact Hedland Bus Lines.

Continual incidences of unacceptable behaviour will result in students needing to find alternative ways to travel to and from school as they will be banned from the bus.

Finally, parents are asked not to park near bus stops when collecting children as they get off the bus.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

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)
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

UNIFORMS
2014 Final Uniform Shop Opening Day
We encourage Parent/Guardians to order uniforms for 2015 ASAP. The final day the uniform shop will be open for 2014 is Thursday 11 December.

Please note that the Uniform Shop will NOT be opening in January 2014 prior to the beginning of the school year.
The uniform shop will be open on Thursday mornings only as normal from the first week of school 2015, the first day being Thursday 5 February 2015.
Order forms are available from the front office or on our website www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au

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
06 November 2014
PP: Nokutenda Ndwere
  Y1: Dorian Collins
  Y3: Oliver Rogers
  Y4: Cianna Gillingham
  Y5: Madeleine Jessop
  Y7: Noah Atkins
13 November 2014
KG: Essington Bailey
  PP: Ella Abbott
  Y1: Willow Pentney
  Y2: Harrison Clarke
  Y3: Rohan Collins
  Y4: Isabella Leopardi
  Y5: Bailey Brooke
  Y6: Emily Feeney
  Y7: Jack Bowins

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
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 veggie 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 porthedlindosc@cssu.org.au
We are currently taking enrolments for After School Care and Vacation Care 2014/2015

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy Birthday to the following students
November
11 CURTIS, Brayden K
12 DENNEY, Bethany Y4
15 CRAWFORD, Rochelle Y2
18 REHN, William Y5
23 CRAWFORD, Joel K

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Official Duties
Our school captains finally had an official function to attend, and wow, talk about going all out. On Thursday the 6 November the honourable Peter Cosgrove, Governor General, and his wife attended the citizenship ceremony held at the Esplanade. Zoe Britcliffe and Ashley Elsum shook hands with the Governor General and chatted with other school students and members of the public whilst sipping on Fanta and nibbling away on hors d’oeuvres. Angelo Damian was a member of the invited public as he watched his mum become an Australian citizen – Aussie, Aussie, Aussie– Oi, Oi, Oi! Congratulations Marilyn!!!

ENROLMENT CANCELLATION
If you are leaving town and/or the school at the 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.
Monday, 10 November 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we head into the season of Advent, we are reminded that there are families in the Hedland community in need of assistance at Christmas time. Each year, St Cecilia’s School provides hampers of non-perishable items to St Vincent De Paul to assist these families and hopefully make their Christmas a little more joyful.

We need your help. We are grateful if you could donate non-perishable items for these hampers. Each classroom has a basket to fill, so your child can bring their donations to their classroom. Some suggestions of items you can donate are:

- Canned fruit or veggies
- Tinned ham
- Bottles of soft drink or juice
- Jars of condiments
- Chocolates
- Bags of lollies
- Packets of biscuits (sweet or savoury)
- Packets of nuts
- Packets of chips
- Christmas treats (e.g. Fruit cake, fruit mince pies)
- Packets of jelly
- Bon bons

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

We would appreciate any donations to be sent to the School by Friday 28 November. These baskets will be presented to St Vincent De Paul representatives at our End of Year Mass on Friday 12 December.

If you know of anyone in need of one of these hampers, please speak to your Parish priest.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Hedland community this Christmas time.

Thanking you,

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

Faith Family Friendship
Literacy is lots of fun in Year One!

- Listening post
- Independent reading
- Games
- IPads
fun in Year One!

Writing

Comprehension