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### Prayer for the end of school

Christ, Teacher and Lord, bless all in this school as we seek to end our year with the grace you so generously provide.

We give thanks for the students, the staff, the parents, and all who have contributed to this year of nurturing and growth.

We affirm all the positive moments, of insight, of the excitement of learning, of accomplishment, of creativity, of laughter, of a sense of community.

We recognize the times of struggle, of difficult work, of misunderstanding, even of failure—we give these to you for transformation, so they can become seeds that will find fertile soil.

As we leave for the holidays, may we take with us the knowledge that you will keep us all in your embrace so we may rest and be restored and so we can continue in the ongoing discovery of your love.

Amen

### COMING EVENTS:

- **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

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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### Faith Family Friendship

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school. Mrs Sheen has been terrific this year and has filled many roles from class helper to Principal. She is a blessing to the staff and school.

Graduation
The Year Six class will hold their Graduation Liturgy and Awards ceremony on Friday 04 December at St Cecilia’s Parish Church. They will then move onto the School Hall for their Graduation party.

Carols Night
Wednesday 09 December is the school’s Christmas Carol Concert. We will be holding the concert in the undercover area again this year. **The doors will open at 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start.**

The P&F will be selling food from 5.30 – 6.20pm from the canteen.

After 6.20pm the food stall will be closed in preparation for the start of the carols. Please bring your own seating, blankets, food (if not buying at school) and drinks (no alcohol). All students must stay with their families until it is time for them to go up for their carols. Students are to go to the marshalling area when the class before them is performing. Please ensure your children are there as we won’t be waiting for anyone.

School Board and P&F
I would like to thank the School Board and the P&F for their efforts in ensuring St Cecilia’s is well resourced and financially sound. All members have contributed to the smooth running of the school and deserve accolades from everyone in the school community. We are privileged to have such caring dedicated members in our community.

Thank you to everyone who turned up to the School Board and P&F Association Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to the new School Board general member Andrew Emmitt and secretary Fiona Clarke. Thank you to Tony Riches, Julia Rahman and Bede Hegarty for your dedicated and invaluable service to the school and School Board. There are still committee members position open on the School Board. If you are interested please contact me at school.

Thank you to the ladies who volunteered for the P&F for 2016, we appreciate your support. There are positions available on the P&F and if you are interested please let me know.

Thank you to those ladies stepping down; the staff appreciates all you have done to help the school.

Thanksgiving Mass
On Friday 11 December there is an End of Year Thanksgiving whole school Mass at 8.45am. All parents and family members are invited to attend. This is the students last day at school and reports will be sent out at the end of school.

Staffing 2016

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I would like to thank the following staff members who are leaving the school; Mrs Bull, Mrs Spiteri, Ms Piergrosse and Mrs Mcleod. Thank you for everything you have done for the school and good luck for the future. We wish you well and hope you get everything you wish for.

To all those families leaving St Cecilia’s we hope you find joy and happiness wherever you are going. May your travels be safe and know that the community will miss you.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you next year.

God bless you and keep you safe.

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

For Students - The Second Sunday of Advent
Look at page 122 in your School Diary.
Do the Family meditation for 5 minutes every day. It will help us to be peaceful at this busy time.
Do you have an Advent Wreath at home? Light the second candle and say the short prayer.
This Sunday 6th December is the Feast of St Nicholas.

Advent – Jesus is the Reason for the Season
This is the time to take a moment to remember the true meaning of Christmas. It is very easy to get caught up in the Christmas buzz – shopping for gifts, baking, preparing for Christmas parties etc. and we can easily lose sight of the true meaning of this Advent season. The word ‘advent’ derives from the Latin term ‘adventus’ which means ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’. Therefore Advent is a time of preparation to welcome the birth of our Lord, Jesus. Not only is Advent a time of waiting; it is a time of reflection and renewal. As people of faith, we are invited to draw our attention not only within ourselves but also outside ourselves; where we look beyond our own needs and place the needs of others before us. Keeping that thought in mind, I thank you for all your generous donations towards our Seafarers boxes and also the St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal.

St Cecilia’s Day School Mass
The Year Two class with Mrs Claire Wellbeloved and Mrs Sue Mendoza prepared a beautiful Mass for our Patron Saint, Cecilia on 20th November. Thank you Fr January for concelebrating the Mass and thank you Year Two for the lovely tiled picture of St Cecilia which you donated to the church.

Thanksgiving Mass
Our end of the year Mass will be held at 8:45am on Friday 11th December.
I am looking forward to seeing you all there.
Wishing you a Blessed and Holy Christmas,
Yours in Christ
Rosie Vrancic
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Thank You
In addition to Mr Allen, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in 2015. To the parents, thank you for all the offers of help and support for various events throughout the year. There have been a number of parents who have willingly given up an hour or two of their time to be parent helpers in classes, to help with swimming and athletic carnivals, St Cecilia’s Day activities, excursions and a number of other events. We appreciate all that you do to support us.
A big thank you to the students in our school; you are the reason we are here every day and to see your excited faces and to see how much you love learning gives us the energy to get through each school year. Finally, a huge thank you to all the staff for their commitment and support this year across all areas of school life. It is an honour to work with such a dedicated and passionate staff whose greatest priority is the children that are in their care each day. To the staff that are leaving us, I thank you and wish you all the best.
To the families that are leaving us, I wish you all the very best for the future and to the families that are staying, I will see you next year. I wish you all a safe and joyous Christmas.

NextGen Group
Yesterday, Mr Allen and myself had the honour of accompanying a group of students to the unveiling of the art wall for the Cable Substation on McGregor Street. During Term Three, we ran an in-school competition for students to draw what they loved about living in Port Hedland. From there, staff were asked to select the 14 pieces of art that they thought best represented the topic. There were a range of students from Pre-Primary to Year Five that were selected among the 14 and they were invited by the NextGen group to witness the unveiling yesterday morning.
I was very impressed with the artwork produced by the children and it was a pleasure to see the look of excitement on their faces when they saw their artwork on the wall. Thank you to the parents that came along to see the unveiling also.

Christmas Eve 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.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
Year Six Icy Pole Fundraiser

I would just like to thank everyone in the school community who has helped to contribute to the Year Six Graduation by buying Icy Poles and Ice Creams this year. The Year Sixes have made a huge commitment by giving up some of their lunch time each Friday by selling the Icy Poles. They have raised enough money to help pay for some of the expenses that come along with holding such an event.

Mrs Jane Fittock
Year Six Teacher

MERIT AWARDS

12 November 2015
K: Clara Attwood
PP: Attaya Bin Saad
Y1: Ella Abbott
Y2: Hayden Fitt
Y3: Rohan Aspland
Y4: Charlotte Emmitt
Y5: Tucker Bailey
Y6: Takudzwa Hunya

Genevieve Emmitt
Logan Marsden
Talitha Sheen
Presley McLarty
Jayden Rozario
Charline Zoghbi

Jett Tan
Year Five Class

26 November 2015
Y1: Angus Hegarty
Y2: Dorian Collins
Y4: Scarlett Foti
Y5: Mace Harris
Y6: Takudzwa Hunya

Nokutenda Ndwere
William Dean
Madison Shade
Aparna Sunil
Charline Zoghbi

Branden Shade
Zekiel Dhu

Y3: Amy Wade
Y5: Jamal Doyle
Y6: Madeline Jessop

Kiahni Lewis
Jack Riches
Mirabelle Zoghbi

03 December 2015
K: Thomas Grasby
Y1: Milo Comerford
Y2: Branden Lee
Y3: Amy Wade
Y4: Emily Boland
Y5: Jamal Doyle
Y6: Madeline Jessop

Shiloh Price
Charli Stainton-Rea
Jonathon Narrier
Megan Fitt
Menishi Perera
Mirabelle Zoghbi

Abigail Stanley
Year Five Class

LEXILE CERTIFICATES

Blue Star Award: Damien Chikwaka
Red Star Award: Oliver Rogers

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

December
1 RUSSELL, Cooper PP
1 THOMPSON, Oscar Y2
2 VELDSMAN, Emma Y5
12 SOLO, John PP
15 HONG, Aiden K
16 MILLS, Mikayla Y2
16 McLARTY, Presley Y4
20 NOTT, Rafael Y3
21 COLLINS, Dorian Y2
24 DINH, Long (Bo) Y6
28 KUZAMBA, Tadiwanashe Y3
28 LEWIS, Kiahni Y4
29 THOMPSON, Angus PP
31 JESSOP, Madeleine Y6

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: __________________
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.

Thank you
Mrs Rozario
School Secretary

DONATIONS PLEASE

GRATWICK POOL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Free entry for children
Sunday 6 December
10.00am to 1.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP
Open during school terms each Thursday after assembly approximately 9.00am to 9.30am
Please place orders early preferably by Wednesday afternoon.
Taiha-
- Camp in Broome
- Transition in High School
- It is the last year of Primary School
- I am looking forward to Graduation

Nyomi-
- Everything!
- In Term 1 my highlight was the swimming Carnival
- In Term 2 my highlight was the Athletics Carnival
- In Term 3 my highlight was CAMP
- In Term 4 my highlight was Mrs Banting coming into the class.

Corey-
- Going to the Athletics Carnival
- Camp
- High School Transition
- Mrs Banting coming into the classroom.

Charlotte-
- Definitely camp was the best. Being the last year of primary school, dance rehearsals and learning how to do Leadership Duties properly. Being in Year 6 was awesome and we had an amazing teacher throughout the whole year!

Clancy-
- The best part of this year was High School Transition and St Cecilia’s Day.

Charline-
- My highlights of the year were during Term 1 when I found out that I was a Library Leader. Another highlight was in Term 3 when we went to Camp.

Clare-
- Camp in Term 3
- HS Transition and Mrs Banting in Term 4
- Athletics Carnival in Term 2

Lauren-
- My highlight of Year 6 was camp because it was fun and I got to meet more people. I will also like when we get to leave school and relax at home.

Charlize-
- My highlights of the year were in Term 2 as we had the Athletics Carnival. We won and I loved leading my faction. I also loved HS Transition and seeing all of my friends. I really enjoyed when Mrs B-Awesome came and taught us for a while. But interschool athletics was definitely one of my favourite highlights for Year 6 2015.

Olivia-
- The best thing about Year 6 is having all my friends by my side and Mrs Fittock, she is always super fun.

Bo-
- I liked Term 4 because we had two teachers. I liked going to high school transition because I learnt how to sew, how to cook and dance. At high school it was awesome. I liked St Cecilia’s day, it was awesome as well! Term 4 was the best term in my whole life!

Chanelle-
- A new classroom
- Mrs Fittock
- Camp
- High School Transition
- Mrs Banting
- St Cecilia’s Day
- Dance lessons
- Leadership Duties
Toria - My favourite parts of Year 6 have been:
- The Swimming Carnival
- Camp
- High School Transition
- Interschool Carnivals

Will -
- Camp
- Swimming Carnival
- HS Transition
- Mrs B-Awesome
- Leadership Duties
- Interschool Athletics Carnival
- Friends

Rhiannon - My highlights of Year 6 are Camp, HS Transition and being chosen as a school leader. These were such amazing times in my school experience.

Takudzwa -
- Camp
- Being the last year of primary school
- Lightning Carnival
- HS Transition
- Being respected by the younger students
- Mrs Banting
- I am looking forward to Graduation.

Merina -
- Getting chosen to be a Community Leader but, in the process I embarrassed myself.
- Camp in Term 3 was so much fun!
- Bookweek was great! I won 2 years in a row for my costume.
- Transition was amazing!
- St Cecilia’s Day was great.
- I am looking forward to Graduation.

Bailey -
The best things about Year 6 -
- Camp
- Transition
- Pilbara Music Festival
- Leadership Duties
- Practising our Christmas Carols

Justin -
The highlight of Year 6 is getting to do more activities around the school and having the best teacher. There weren’t many downsides to my year really because it was so much fun. Most people think that Year 6 will be so much work but it isn’t. It is fun work, trust me. When you move to Year 6 you will have a ball. I will miss all my mates and my teachers.

Declan -
The best thing about being in Year Six is:
- Getting a good education
- Completing Leadership duties
- Helping out at all the carnivals.

Khayla -
Some of the highlights this year were camp when we were in Broome. High School Transition was also another highlight. My last two highlights are the dance rehearsals and it being my last year of primary school.

Madeleine -
- Term 3 Camp
- Term 4 HS Transition

Cole -
- Term 3 Camp
- Term 4 – HS Transition and Mrs Banting coming into the Year 6 classroom.

Mirabelle -
- Camp
- St Cecilia’s Day
- HS Transition
- Being the last year of primary school.

Benjamin -
My Highlight of Year 6 was proving my superior intelligence in “super hard” tests.

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Student SmartRider

Commencing in 2016 SmartRider facilities will be available to students. The school has ordered cards for all students currently enrolled. All future cards will need to be ordered by parents on enrolment and replacement.

Who is eligible for Student SmartRider?
If you’re a primary or secondary school student you can use the Student SmartRider. You’ll get the student fare for any journey Monday – Friday during the school year and concession fares on the weekend and during the Christmas school holidays.

Fare Costs
60c using SmartRider card or $1.20 to $1.80 cash depending on the zones.

On receiving the Smartrider card for the first run please top up with cash (minimum $10.00) with the bus driver as it takes 3 to 5 working days for electronic payments to credit the SmartRider cards.

Primary School Students
How much is the Student SmartRider?
Your initial card is free using the application form or $5.00 with online ordering.
A replacement card costs $5.00.
The initial minimum value is $10.00 for all Student SmartRider cards.

Primary students - initial card
There are two ways to get a Student SmartRider.
You can use a manual application form or place an online order. The initial card is free if you use the manual application form. Ordering with application form Complete an Application for Student SmartRider form, have it authorised by your school administration, and mail it to the address shown on the form.

Ordering online - If your primary school is registered you can order online.
There is a $5.00 fee for ordering online.
To see if your school is registered check the Monitor WA website.

HOW TO REPLACE A LOST OR STOLEN SMARTRIDER CARD
Replacement of lost or stolen card
You can organise a replacement card if you lose or damage your Student SmartRider card or if someone steals it. Firstly let us know it’s gone so we can put a hold on your remaining balance. See Lost or stolen cards for more info. The balance on your card will automatically transfer to your new card.
Please note that while you are waiting for a replacement Student SmartRider you will need to purchase cash tickets. The cash ticket will be charged at the concession rate and will depend on how many zones you travel through.

Ordering a replacement card during school term time
During school terms, use one of the following methods to obtain your replacement card.
If your school is a primary school or secondary school not registered for online ordering, complete the Application for Student SmartRider form, have it authorised by your school and send it to the address shown on the form with a $5.00 cheque or money order payable to "Monitor WA".
If your school is registered for online ordering, you may order the replacement card from the Monitor WA website

Ordering a replacement card during school holidays
If you need a replacement Student SmartRider during school holidays, use one of the following methods. Complete the Application for Student SmartRider form, form and send it without school authorisation to the address on the form with a $5.00 cheque or money order payable to "Monitor WA". If your school is registered for online ordering, you may order the replacement card from the Monitor WA website.