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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 05 December
Y6&7 Liturgy & Graduation
6.00pm - 7:30pm in the St Cecilia’s Church
All welcome!

Wednesday 10 December
Canteen Pre-Orders
Recess: p/pies & s/rolls
Lunch: Pizza
End of Year Christmas Carol
Open 5.30pm meal
Concert 6.30pm start
(no-alcohol)

Thursday 11 December
Y6&7 Assembly

Friday 12 December
End of Year Thanksgiving
Whole School Mass 8.45am
Students Last Day for Year K - Y7 Report go home.
K portfolios go home

Monday 02 February
Students first day for 2015

Thursday 05 February
First uniform shop opening morning for 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

This is the last newsletter for 2014. While the end of the term is fast approaching there is still lots happening around the school. The Arts performance last Wednesday afternoon was an outstanding success. The amazing talent of the students at St Cecilia’s still amazes me. It was wonderful to see the art work, dancing, singing and acting that were created by our students. I would like to thank all the staff for the time, effort and dedication they have put into their work this year. We have been truly blessed to have such a wonderful staff and students.

Graduation

The Year Six and Seven classes will hold their Graduation Liturgy and Awards ceremony on Friday 05 December at St Cecilia’s Parish Church, commencing at 6.00pm. They will then move on to the School Hall at 7.30pm for their graduation party.

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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.
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 member Lorraine Muzambwa, who will take up the Treasurer position. Thank you to Emma Merlo, Rhonda Mitchell and Matt Ravenscroft for your dedicated and invaluable service to the school and School Board over a number of years. There is still one committee member position open on the School Board. If you are interested please contact me at school.

Congratulations to Alison Fitt for being elected as President of the P&F and to Jess Hegarty for being elected to the Vice President.

The P&F still require a Secretary and Treasurer if you are interested please let me know.

Thank you to Nicole Boland, Alex de Andrade and Amanda Firenze Penteny for the amazing job you have done this year.

Thanksgiving Mass
On Friday 12 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.

Paperless school in 2015
St Cecilia’s will be slowly introducing a paperless school culture during 2015. The newsletter will be phased out at the end of Term One, with Term 2 being paperless. Parents will be able to access the newsletter on the school website (http://web.stcecilia.wa.edu.au/) every second week. If you do not have access to a computer or printer there will be copies kept at school, in the office, you can take.

Homework will also be available on the school website. Please discuss this with your classroom teacher if you will have difficulties accessing a computer or printer at home.

Rubbish at school for 2015
Commencing next year, St Cecilia’s, will look to reduce the amount of rubbish placed in bins. The Year 5 class will be conducting a Rubbish Audit to determine where and how we can reduce wastage. One of the areas we will be looking at is the rubbish produced from recess and lunch. To assist with this I have included some environmental lunch box websites that may be of interest to parents. This initiative is designed to create a sense of sustainability amongst the students and help support the environment.

Onya Innovations http://www.onyainnovations.com.au
4myearth http://www.4myearth.com.au
Tupperware http://www.tupperware.com.au
Nude Food http://www.nudefoodmovers.com.au
My Green Lunchbox http://www.mygreenlunchbox.com.au
Earth First http://www.earthfirst.net.au

Staffing 2015
Kindy
Debbie Bull
Danielle Retallack
TA
Tiffany Sloat
Kia Johnson
Nancye Spiteri
Nerine Williams
Claire Wellbeloved
Sue Mendoza
Elise Batchelor
Jody Tait
Carmel Campbell
Lizzy Walker
Jane Fealy
Lyn Poharama
Melinda MacLeod
Sean Sta Maria
Kelly Gould
Hilary Rozario
Genni McCormack
Fr John Martin (Port)
Fr Tom Kessy (South)
Rosie Vrancic
Mandy Sheen
Peter Allen

I would like to thank the following staff members who are leaving the school. Mrs Ams, Mrs Aspland, Mrs Bond, Mr & Mrs Springhall, Mrs Coad and Miss Corbino. Good luck in the future and I 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 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)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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 into 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 would like to thank you all for your generous donations towards our Seafarers boxes and also our St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal. Your contribution will make someone else’s Christmas.

St Cecilia’s Day
On Friday 21 November we celebrated St Cecilia’s Day as a whole school. The day began with a Mass led by the Year Five class to honour our patron saint. After the Mass, all students participated in water activities before enjoying a delicious sausage sizzle lunch provided by the P&F.

Thank you to the teachers and parents who helped to make the day so much fun for our students.

Thank you to the P&F for organising our delicious sausage sizzle for us and thank you to Alison Fitt, Isabella Dike, Dave Poharama, Sonja Tomerini, Runi Singleton, Luke Hodgkinson, Sonnia Van Rysinge, Grant Ferguson, Jess Hegarty and Jules Westlake for flipping sausages, packing lunches and helping with rotations. We hope you didn’t get too wet!

Thank You
In addition to Mr Allen, I also would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in 2014. 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 Sausage Sizzles, sport carnivals and other various activities and events throughout the year. 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.

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 see Mrs Sheen or complete the form found in the newsletter this week and return the slip to the office by Friday 12 December.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN’S MASS ATTENDANCE
St Cecilia’s - Port Hedland Christmas Masses:
24 December 2014 Christmas Eve Children’s Mass
If you would like your child to have a part in the mass please see Mrs Sheen or please complete and return the slip below.

Yes we will be attending the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass
Family Name: ________________________________________________________
Contact numbers: _____________________________________________________
Students Name: _____________________________________ Year Level: ______
Students Name: _____________________________________ Year Level: ______
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 Students Name: _____________________________________ Year Level: ______

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
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 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

MERIT AWARDS

20 November 2014
PP: Jarron Lee Siena Prindiville
Y1: Hayden Fitt Nadine Retallack
Y2: Keely Bull Logan Connolly
Nat Corneliuss
Y3: Emily Boland Alexander Williams
Y4: Olivia Broadfoot Bethany Denney
Joseph Sang
Y5: Charlotte Westlake Charline Zoghbi
Y6: Georgia Latham Mitch Warren
Y7: Isaac Jessop Tayla Rutherford

27 November 2014
KG: Eloise Clarke Isabella Kingsom Spoljaric
PP: Kaden Brough
Y1: Chiara Foti Grace Riches
Y2: Zaina Doyle Levi Hodgkinson
Reinhardt Niewoudt
Y4: Ashley Dwyer Kimberley Muzambwa
Springa (Dad)
Y5: Taiha Browne Cole McLarty
Charline Zoghbi Mirabelle Zoghbi
Year Five Class
Y6: Sarah Washington
Y7: Holly Spurling

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy Birthday to the following students

November
28 ROYLE, Manix K
30 SMITH, Flynn Y4

December
1 RUSSELL, Cooper K
1 THOMPSON, Oscar Y1
2 VELDSMAN, Emma Y4
3 GOULD, Ethan Y6
8 RAHMAN, Gemima Y7
11 COPPOCK, Charlee Y3
16 MILLS, Mikayla Y1
16 McLARTY, Presley Y3
20 NOTT, Raphael Y2
21 COLLINS, Dorian Y1
28 KUZAMBA, Tadwanashe Y2
28 LEWIS, Kiahni Y3
29 THOMPSON, Angus K
31 MULLINS, Adam PP
31 JESSOP, Madeleine Y5
31 LEE, Kyarna Y6
31 BOWINS, Jack Y7

Baseball and Softball Success
Next year, Zoe Britcliffe, Gemima Rahman, Mackayla Denney, Jack Bowins and Corey Bowins have been selected for Softball and Baseball teams that will be playing in Jakarta. This is part of the SE Asia Youth Baseball & Softball Tournament (SEAYBST) in March 2015.
Corey Bowins, Kade Denney, Mitchell and Cameron Warren have also been selected to represent WA in the Little League International Tour. They will travel to Dubai and Bahrain.
Congratulations!!!!!!

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.
CAROLS
IN THE SQUARE

"I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

SUNDAY
14th December
7:00pm
South Hedland Town Square

Brought to you by
St Matthew’s Anglican Church

Jump Jump Star

The Fairies
Live in Concert

Bunbury Mon 19 Jan South West Italian Club Tickets: thefairies.com 0475 307 707
Mandurah Tues 20 Jan Boardwalk Theatre Tickets: manpac.com.au 9550 3900
Perth Wed 21 Jan Regal Theatre, Subiaco Tickets: ticketek.com 132 849
Karrinyup Thurs 22 Jan Lady Wardle Theatre Tickets: thefairies.com 0475 307 707

MAGICAL LIVE CONCERT!
All details at thefairies.com
May God bless all our families this festive season and may we all return safely next year.

Have a great holiday...

Love
Year 2 (2014)
Parents & Friends
News
stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com

Vacancies for 2015

Call out to all.
There are two vacancies on the Committee for 2015.
Searching for a Secretary and Treasurer to join us in 2015.
Being involved in your P&F is a great way to meet school families and strengthen our school community whilst having fun.

Thank you

Last week was the P&F AGM. There have been a number of changes to the Committee for 2015.
Firstly a big thank you to Committee members who gave their time to the P&F this year. A number will remain as general members.
Thank you
Nicole Boland, Alex de Andrade, Amanda Firenze-Pentney, Emma Merlo and Rhonda Mitchell.
In 2015 the P&F Committee welcomes Alison Fitt (Chairperson), Jess Hegarty (Vice Chairperson), Fiona Scott-Clarke and Jules Westlake.
Looking forward to a fun filled 2015.

UPCOMING EVENT

HOSTED BY YOUR P&F
DINNER UNDER THE STARS
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Join us this holiday season...

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 10TH
Dinner Service 5.30pm - 6.30pm and Carols to follow!

Hot Beef Rolls and Salads
Cold drinks
Rainbow Candles for Sale

Don’t miss out on a fabulous evening full of dining, singing & fun!

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