

# A word from Father John...

When thinking of what I wanted to write for my Yearbook page this year, I recalled a reflection by Mr David Hanna, an English Teacher at St Joseph's College, Albany.

*We write the story of our life, day by day so make your life the best it can be.*

*Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life.*

*The pen is in your hand, but the lines will not all be written the way you choose;*

*some will come from the world and the circumstances that surround you.*

*The secret of life is in making your story as beautiful as it can be.*

*Write the diary of your days and fill the pages that come from the heart.*

*As the pages take you through time, you will discover paths that add to your happiness and your sorrows; but if you can do these things there will always be hope in your tomorrows.*

*Follow your dreams. Work hard. Be kind. This is all anyone can ask.*

*Do what you can to make the door open on a day that is filled with beauty in some special way. Remember goodness will reward.*

*Smiles will pay you back. Have fun. Don't focus on the things you lack.*

*Realize that people are the treasure in life - and happiness is the real wealth.*

*Have a diary that describes how you did your best and the rest will take care of itself.*

At St Cecilia's, I have found that people really are the treasures in life. While all the teachers, students and their families are looking forward to the start of holidays, I look forward to the start of the new school term so that I can once again visit the many friendly, smiling faces that fill the school. I am happy to be writing the diary of my life here in Port Hedland and with so many friends that I can call my treasures in life, that make me so happy each day, I can truly say that I am living a life of wealth.

God bless and all the very best wishes for the Christmas season.

See you in 2017.

Fr John

