

# 2015 Principal's Post

As the end of 2015 draws near I would like to thank the staff, students and parents for a terrific year. The St Cecilia's staff always give their best to ensure the students get the best all round education they can. This includes emotional, physical and educational support to help the children become contributing members of the community. The support allows our students to become resourceful, problem solvers, communicators and gives them the confidence to be role models. We believe the school and parents/carers work as a team to support children and staff resulting in a happy school.

Father John Martin is our Parish Priest and is the leader of our Parish and School. He is always at school and has a solid nose for smelling out a special morning tea. Father John's door is always open for advice or a friendly ear. He works hand in hand with our wonderful Sacramental Team delivering a quality Sacramental Program. Between them they provide our parish children with the best preparation they can before receiving their sacraments. Father John and the Sacramental Team are a terrific asset to our parish and school.

St Cecilia's staff is dedicated to providing a quality education whilst freely giving emotional and developmental support for all students. They often go above and beyond what is expected of them during and after school hours. They do so out of pride for the school and the desire to assist the students achieve to the best of their ability. I would like to thank all the staff and commend them for their dedication and support.

I would like to thank parents for their availability and willingness to help at sporting events and school functions. Parents are a very valuable resource to any school and St Cecilia's is no different. I watch the parents helping out in classrooms and see the smiles on their faces. Dads are very welcome and I particularly enjoy watching dads helping out in the early years. We encourage parent participation in school and hope to see more parents in class rooms in 2016.

The students were outstanding in both the Faction and Interschool Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Lightning Carnival, Pilbara Music Festival and Opti-MINDS Competition, all held throughout 2015. Their performance, sportsmanship and behaviour were exceptional and they should be recognised for both their performance and behaviour. I know they made me proud to be their Principal. The parent support at these events has been wonderful and I can see where the students get their understanding of compassion and fair play.

The School Board have made an enormous contribution to the school this year. They have many skills between them and ensure the school runs with clarity and transparency. I want to thank the board for their dedication to the school and support they have given me this year. I would also like to thank those members who are retiring from the board. Your efforts and contribution have ensured St Cecilia's continues to provide a quality education for our children.

The P&F at St Cecilia's is very active and provide the students and the school with much needed resources. They are a committed group of people who strive to develop community ties with all members of the school. The P&F have funded many things for the school including classroom resources, sporting goods, Mother's and Father's Day resources, and the Buddy Bench. They also run events like discos, the Halloween Dance and Father's Day BBQ. I would like to thank all members of the P&F for their commitment to the students and the school.

Lastly, I would like to thank and congratulate our amazing students for their energy and the desire to learn that they bring to school. I love the friendly banter, jokes and honesty of our students. They are a credit to their families and also to the staff of St Cecilia's.

I wish you all a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

Kindest regards



Peter Allen

