



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School



Year Three



Information Booklet

2020

INTRODUCTION

My name is Mrs Lyn Poharama and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome families and friends to a new year at St Cecilia's School. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children throughout the year, which surely promises to bring with it, many new experiences and challenges. As your son or daughter's teacher, it is my goal to help him/her become a confident learner and I will do my best to help make this year a positive experience for your child.

This booklet will guide families to become familiar with daily routines, school and class expectations and important administration information. Please read through, share the booklet with your child, and keep it for future reference.

Teachers

Classroom Teacher
Teacher Assistants

Mrs Lyn Poharama
Ms Samantha Whitehead &
Miss Lauren Greatorex
Mrs Kristine Lee-Gowland
Mrs Claire Wellbeloved

Library / Health and Physical Education
Science and IT

Administration Staff

Principal
Deputy Principal
School Secretary
Administration Officer
Grounds person / IT Technician
Canteen Manageress

Mr Rob Palladino
Mrs Mandy Sheen
Mrs Hilary Rozario
Mrs Genni McCormack
Mr Sean Sta Maria
Mrs Kelly Gould

Parish Priests

Father Edward Khaemba (Port)
Father January Mkude (South)

ADMINISTRATION

School Hours

School begins at **8:30 am**. The classroom doors will usually open at **8:15 am** to allow your child to organise themselves for the day.

Due to safety precautions, students and parents are not to enter the classroom if a teacher is not present

Recess: 10:20 am – 10:40 am

Lunch: 12:20-12:35 pm (eating); 12:35-12:55 pm (playing)

The school day ends at **2:35 pm**, when the children will be dismissed from their classroom. You are welcome to collect your child from outside the foyer. Alternatively, your child may use the pick-up zone, as well as buses that run to both Port and South Hedland (ensure they have a new **TransHedland Smartrider** card).

Punctuality is important to ensure your child has the best start to the school day. If for any reason your child is late to school, they must present themselves at the office, with parents, to fill out the register. Your child will then need to take the late notice red card to the classroom.

Absences

If your child is absent from school for any period of time, please write a note for the classroom teacher who will then forward this to administration upon their arrival. It is a legal requirement that all absences are in writing, even if you have contacted the school by phone or other means. If you are aware of any absences prior to them occurring please inform the classroom teacher of the dates prior to leaving.

Uniforms

All students at St Cecilia's are required to wear the correct uniform at all times. All items need to be clearly labelled with your child's name. Students are required to wear their hats outside and sunscreen is provided in the classroom for application throughout the day.

A note explaining any deviation from the school uniform is appreciated and relieves your child from any undue pressure. Any child who attends school with the incorrect uniform will be issued with a red uniform slip that needs to be signed by the parents and returned to school the next day. This includes inappropriate jewellery, socks, temporary tattoos and nail polish.

Lost Property

If your child loses an item of theirs, please check the lost property box located in the foyer. Items that are labelled will generally turn up however; it is ultimately your child who is responsible for their own items.

Canteen Lunch Orders

All orders are to be placed online. For more details or assistance in setting up online, contact our Canteen Manageress, Mrs Kelly Gould, either in person at the canteen or via email:

Gould.Kelly@cathednet.wa.edu.au. Any other requirements please do not hesitate to contact Mr Palladino.

Games, toys and precious items.

We ask that your child does not bring toys, games or any precious items to school. The school is not responsible for loss, damage or theft of the above-mentioned items.

Birthdays

Birthdays are recognised either during assembly on Monday or Thursday. We kindly request that you do not send any cakes, lolly bags or treats to school.

Assemblies and Masses

Monday morning assemblies are held on odd weeks at **8:35am**. We come together for our school prayer and singing of the National Anthem. We also reflect on the importance of school expectations and student behaviour.

Thursday morning assemblies are held on even weeks at **8:35am** in the school hall. During each assembly class items are performed; birthday certificates are handed out and merit certificates are presented. I will inform parents the day before if your child is receiving a certificate; however, this is a surprise for the students.

Please see term planner for the dates and times of all school Masses.

Important days in Year Three:

All students will be given a copy of the Year Three class timetable to place in the back of their Reading log books.

Brief Curriculum Outline

This term, the following concepts and/or skills will be explicitly taught to your child.

Literacy

Writing: Narrative and persuasive writing and building on vocabulary.

Reading: Guided Reading groups learning concepts in reading strategies for example, predicting, inferencing, prior knowledge, using text to find information, building vocabulary. Each student will have a reading log booklet to record all books at their level. Feel free to comment and sign each night and returned to school.

Spelling: Levelled spelling activities (Spelling Mastery).
Diana Rigg spelling for homework and sight words.

Numeracy

Basic facts: Solving problems using the four operations and times tables.

Number: Mental strategies involving Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and moving into some basic Division.

Mental Maths: Mental Math activities each day from their text books. Students are levelled. The Friday Mental Maths quiz is recorded and Students can move between groups throughout the year.

HaSS: History & Geography

Touching on all content descriptions, historical skills and inquiry questions of the national curriculum, providing a comprehensive starting place for an in-depth study of Australian history and neighbouring countries.

LOTE: Chinese Language

The program uses a combination of a Chinese teacher based in China using video conferencing technology and the generalist classroom teacher to provide a Chinese language and culture program. Student receive 25 minutes lesson every Friday morning. The curriculum aligns with the Australia Curriculum for Language and Intercultural Understanding.

Health and Physical Education with Mrs Lee

Skills for physical activity:

INTERM SWIMMING: Term One, Week 3 & 4. Lessons in Sport. Levels will be provided.

Art – Wednesdays Arts Program

This semester, teachers will be leading art in their own classrooms. Year Three will be focusing on a community theme and taking a look at local artists whilst incorporating techniques and processes to explore visual conventions.

Science with Mrs Wellbeloved

Mrs Wellbeloved will be the Science teacher this year. Science for the Year Three students is on Tuesdays.

Homework

In Year Three it is expected that your child engages in approximately **15-20** minutes of homework (this does not include reading) each night. Please indicate if you need a print out of the homework.

Communication Page

Please refer to the school website for weekly updates. I will endeavour to update the page each week with homework and special events.

We will be using SeeSaw in Year Three as another form of communication.

Please feel free to pop in and have a look at what your child/children are doing in class. I am happy to meet with parents/caregivers most days after school, but I would prefer to make appointments regarding more formal issues.

Parent interviews will also be held closer to the end of Term. More information will be given out soon.

If you need assistance with anything regarding the Year Three class, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

Mrs Poharama & the Year Three Team

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