



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8, Thursday 30 Nov 2017

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 recognise 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 01 Dec

Whole School Mass- End of Year
Thanksgiving/Year 6 Graduation
Mass 9:15 am

Year 6 "Star Wars" Class Party

Monday 04 Dec

Assembly—UCA
Yr 6 - School Nurse Visit

Wednesday 06 Dec

Kindergarten Graduation -
10:40 am in Class
K Portfolios go home

Christmas Carols Night UCA
5:00 – 5:50pm Meals
6:00pm Concert

Thursday 07 Dec

Year 6 Final Assembly—Hall
Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6 pm
Reports sent home for Kindy

Friday 08 Dec

Whole School Mass—
The Immaculate Conception
8:45 am

Students Last Day for the Year
Reports sent home PP-Y6
Canteen Closed

Faith Family Friendship

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

This is the last newsletter for 2017. While the end of the term is fast approaching there is still lots happening around the school. Students will be finishing off work and helping clean and tidy their classrooms and the school ready for cyclone season.

The Year Six students are back from their week long transition period to the high school. They had a fantastic time and I am proud of their efforts and behaviour whilst there.

The Year 6 Graduation Mass will take place on Friday 01 December in the parish church commencing at 9:15 am. The graduation dinner will be held at the Walkabout Hotel on Thursday 07 December.

I would like to thank all the staff for the time, effort and dedication they have put into their work this year. The teaching staff (teachers and assistants) have done a truly remarkable job under some trying conditions. Please thank them as teaching is a profession that is undervalued and under-appreciated. Keeping a class of students engaged and happy is an extremely difficult job. We have undertaken some exciting changes this year and will be implementing them in 2018.

The office staff have represented the school in a professional and friendly manner and set the standard for everything the school represents. The grounds and gardens look wonderful and we are blessed to have Mr Sta Maria looking after the school. Mrs Sheen has been terrific this year and has filled many roles from class helper to Principal. She is an asset and a blessing to the staff and school.

Carols Night

Wednesday 06 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 5.00pm for a 6.00pm start.

The P&F will be selling food from 5.00 – 5.50pm from the canteen. After 5.50pm 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 year level below 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.

Thanksgiving and Graduation Mass

On Friday 01 December there is an End of Year Thanksgiving whole school Mass at 9:15 am. All parents and family members are invited to attend.

Staffing 2018

Kindy	Kellie McEnaney	TA Fiona Clarke, Janja Zelencic
PP	Gemma Rozario	TA Renae Hill
Yr 1	Sandra Murgia	
Yr 2	Elise Batchelor	
Yr 3	Lyn Poharama	
Yr 4	Jody Tait	
Yr 5	Jason Hayward	
Yr 6	Jane Fittock	
PE/Health	Janelle Fimmel	
ICT/TE/Science	Claire Wellbeloved	
TA	Belinda Sibley	
ATA	Lauren Greatorex/Lizzy Walker	
Maintenance /IT Support	Sean Sta Maria	
Canteen	Kelly Gould	
School Secretary	Hilary Rozario	
Administration Support	Simone Fernandes	
Administration Officer	Genni McCormack	
Parish Priest	Fr Justus Opara/Fr John Martin (Port)	
	Fr January Mkude (South)	
Assistant Principal/Library	Mandy Sheen	
Principal	Peter Allen	

I would like to thank the following staff members who are leaving the school: Mrs Jankovic, Ms Ouschan, Ms Hartwell and, Mrs Sapic (Bushell). 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.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP



Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH NEWS

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

End of Year Masses

We will hold our next whole school Mass tomorrow, Friday 01 December. The Mass will begin at 9:15am and will include the Year Six Graduation presentation. The later time is due to Father Justus flying back in to Port Hedland on that morning.

Our final Mass for the year will be held on Friday 08 December and will celebrate The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As with all our school Masses, all parents are welcome to attend our end of year Masses

St Vincent de Paul and Seafarers donations

Thank you to all families that have already donated to our two Social Justice programs for this term. The boxes in front of Mrs Fernandes' desk are now beginning to fill up. We have a few more days for students to bring in donations before the gift bags are presented to St Vincent de Paul and the shoeboxes are filled and wrapped for the Seafarers. Please have all donations in by Wednesday 06 December. We are looking forward to being able to make someone's Christmas a little more special this year.

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 let Father Justus or Mrs Sheen know or complete the form found in the newsletter this week and return the slip to the office by Friday 08 December.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
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 2017.

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, excursions and a number of other events. We appreciate all that you do to support your children and our school.

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.

My final thanks goes to 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.

Now for the 'see you later's' (rather than goodbyes). To the staff that are leaving us, I thank you for all you have done during your time here at St Cecilia's and I wish you all the best for coming years.

To the families that are leaving us, parents and students, I wish you all the very best for the future and wish you a safe journey to your next destination. If you are ever passing through Port Hedland again, please come and visit us.

To the families that are staying, I look forward to welcoming you back for your new school year in February (unless I see you K-Mart first!).

Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of you all a safe and joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



World Teacher's Day

World Teachers' Day, held annually on October 5 since 1994, commemorates [teachers'](#) organisations worldwide. Its aim is to mobilize support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. According to [UNESCO](#), World Teachers' Day represents a significant token of the awareness, understanding and appreciation displayed for the vital contribution that teachers make to [education](#) and development. (Source: Wikipedia)

Today we celebrated a belated World Teacher's Day. At St Cecilia's, we don't just recognise the teachers at our school, we recognise all staff as we all play a role in the education of your children. Thank you to the P&F for their recognition of all staff at St Cecilia's. While teachers do not expect gifts on this day, a kind word of thanks and appreciation will always go a long way so please take a few minutes to say thank you to our staff.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

December

4 OSBORNE, Jace Y3
12 SOLO, John Y2
17 TOWNSEND, James Y4
22 AMIRADAKI, Elleanna PP
25 HULSE, Gabriella Y1 HULSG
28 KUZAMBA, Tadiwanashe Y5
28 LEWIS, Kiahni Y6
29 THOMPSON, Angus Y2



MERIT AWARDS

30 Nov 2017

K: Felicity Olivares
Rory Fernandes

PP: Lilly Leonard

Y1: Abby Morris

Y2: Kelsie Hayter

Y3: India Espersen-Cairns

Y4: Stuart Wilson

Matilda Whitehead-Hovey

Y5: Tadiwanashe Kuzamba

Y6: Owen Day

Maxmilian Richards

Adien Edwards
Lucas Dixon

Branden Shade
Riley Gould
Caleb Unkovich
Zaina Doyle
Jamie Payne

Kelly Doig

Layne Kirby
Isiah Wuruki
Oscar Thompson
The Entire Year 5 Class

Jesse Smith

Charlie Drysdale

MULTILIT AWARDS

Aimee Puertollano
Ethan Puertollano
Levi Cowen
Jackuis Brown
Nicholas Wilson
James Boland
Haylee Pegler
Sandya Gowthaman
Olive Collins
Izwirashé Kahondo
Michael Kahondo
Kingston Bradbury
Gabriella Hulse
Jordan Vujevich
Mia Coppin
Hezekiah Uidoldom
Ezekiel Uidoldom
Lucas Dixon
Lucas Etienne
Charli Stainton- Rea
Charlie Drysdale
Jacobie Dhu
Zekiel Dhu
Mackenzie Walker
Kaydence Walker
Jake Vrancic

Shayla Vanos
Jordan Schmich
Isiah Wuruki
Branden Shade



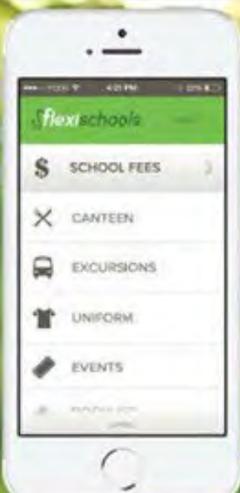


Booklists for 2018

Booklist forms are available on St Cecilia's School website under Our School/Booklists. Order online at www.campion.com.au



Reminder : Register for Flexischools for 2018. Canteen, Uniform shop and excursions will be available for booking directly on the



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In Year Two we
have been learning to
write Procedure Texts.





**We wrote a procedure
on how to make
Gingerbread Men.**



Spencil book covers are removable and reusable

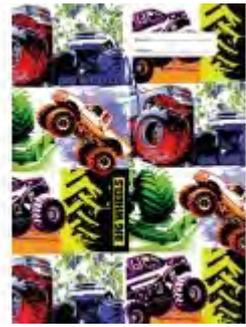
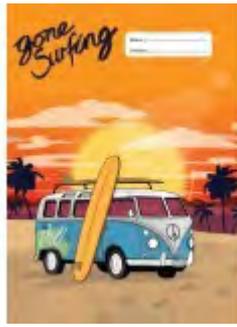
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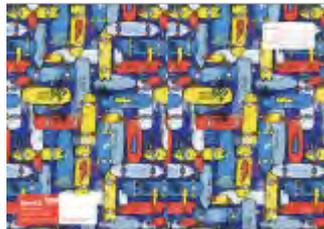
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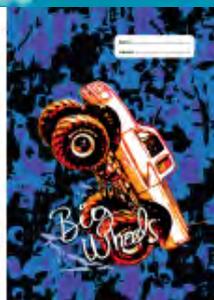
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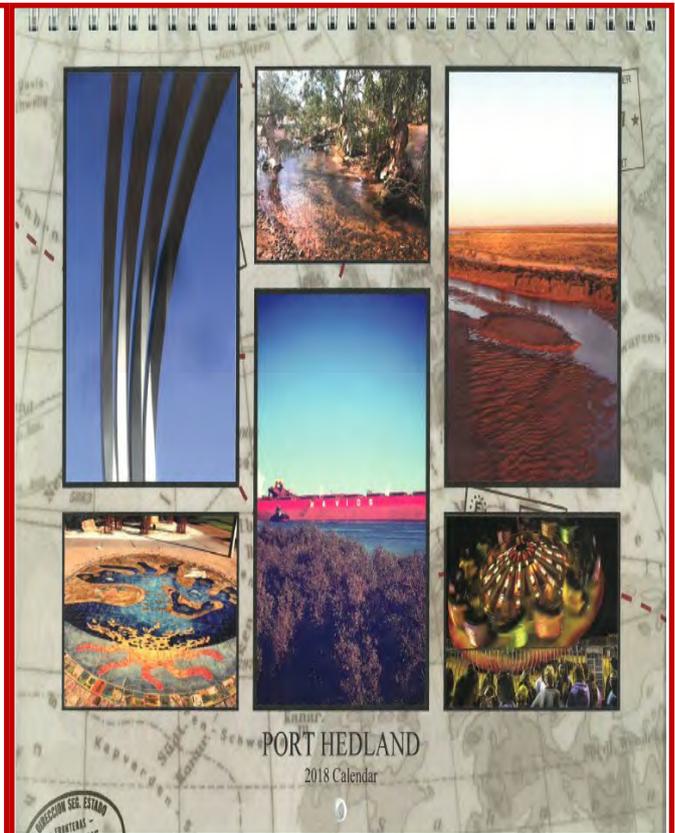
Please Buy our St Cecilia's
2018 Port Hedland Calendar
By Year 6 and friends.

\$20

All proceeds go towards the Princess Project
charity and Year 6 graduation.

Thank you so much!

You can pay with cash, cc or EFT right here.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS ATTENDANCE

24 December 2016 Christmas Eve Children's Mass

If you will be attending and would like your child to have a part in the mass please complete and return the slip below.

Family

Name:

Contact

numbers:

Students Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Students Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Students Name: _____ Year Level: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP



THANK YOU!

As 2017 comes to an end, I would like to extend a thank you to all of our families who helped with our P&F events this year. Our school may be small but the love is huge! Thank you for your time and commitment to the P&F! We have a huge 2018 planned and cannot wait to see you all at our first meeting in Week 2 of Term 1!

P&F AGM

Thank you to our wonderful parents who attended and voted in our executive committee.

President: Liz Pegler | **Treasurer:** Jodie McMahon

General Members: Renae Price, Andy Bell

We still have the roles of Vice President and Secretary open so please contact us if you would like to nominate! It's not too late to become just a general member either!

I'd like to take the time to say a huge thank you to Kirsten Thompson for her 4 years of dedicated service to the P&F, it's been a wonderful experience organising events with you!

StCecilia_PandF@outlook.com



St Cecilia's P&F Parent Helpers



Thank you for a wonderful 2017!



Activities for children - Birth to 18yrs

Fun & Games 4 Kids Hedland

Do you want to know whats on in town?

Do you always miss an event?

Do you forget whats on?

This is a group for people to post outings aimed for children of all ages to attend in the Hedland community, events, fundraising, craft ideas and activities



Add us to your daily routine and see what is happening in your town today

FB: Fun & Games 4 Kids Hedland - scan the QR on the right for direct link



CALLING ALL HEDLAND, MARBLE BAR & NULLAGINE PRIMARY SCHOOL ARTISTS

Stephen Dawson's Christmas Tree Drawing Competition



- Design Stephen Dawson's Christmas Card. Draw **'Your Favourite Christmas Tree'** on an **A4 sheet of paper - remember to use bright colours!**
- Include your **name, age** and **school** on the back of your entry and **return by Wednesday 5th December**
- Winning artwork will be published in the North West Telegraph on Wed 13th December 2017
- 1 winner from each school that enters
- All artwork will be displayed in our office window, South Hedland Shopping Centre

Great prizes to be won!

 (08) 9172 2648  stephen.dawsonmp@mp.wa.gov.au
 Shop 26A South Hedland Shopping Centre, Throssell Road,
SOUTH HEDLAND WA 6722, PO Box 2440

Merry Christmas

Stephen Dawson Labor MP for Mining & Pastoral Region



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KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 3rd December 2017 from 9am - 12 noon
Gratwick Aquatic Centre, Port Hedland

Fun games, plenty of giveaways, lots prizes and a sausage sizzle
For further information stay tuned to **Spirit 1026 & RedFM 91.7** or go to
our websites spiritradio.com.au/hedland or redfm.com.au/hedland.

This is a
free event for
primary school
aged children

Santa
will make
a special
appearance

All children need to be accompanied by an adult 18 and over and there is a maximum of 5 children per adult.

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