



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 6, Friday 09 March 2018

Prayer

*Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You By following His example of suffering
and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.*

Amen

COMING EVENTS:

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March
Enrolment Masses for First Communion Y4 & Others

Monday 12 March
Assembly UCA

Thursday 15 March
School Banking

Wednesday 21 March
Harmony Day

Friday 23 March
Faction Swimming Carnival
PP - Y1 am only
Y2- Y6 all day

26 - 29 March
Parent - Teacher Meetings
K - Y6

Thursday 29 March
Holy Week Progressive
Assembly PP, Y1, Y2, Y3

EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
No School

Good Friday - 30 March
Easter Monday- 02 April
Easter Tuesday- 03 April

Thursday 05 April
Family Meeting I
First Holy Communion
Y4 & Others
6 - 7pm in the hall

Assembly
School Banking
Friday 06 April
Inter School Swimming Carnival

Monday 09 April
Whole School Mass
The Annunciation of the Lord Y4
8.45am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

In Term Swimming Lessons

The last two weeks of swimming lessons have been a terrific success. A big thank you to the swimming staff at the Gratwick Pool for their professionalism and care of our students. A huge thank you to Mrs Fimmel for organising another successful learning experience for the students.

Faction Swimming Carnival

The students and Mrs Fimmel are all looking forward to our Faction Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 23 March. We will need parent help on the day. If you are able to help please give your name to Mrs Rozario in the office.

Student achievement

Congratulations to Stuart Wilson who travelled to Karratha to carry the Commonwealth Games baton. I received a phone call from a Principal in Karratha who told me Stuart visited his school and we should all be proud of how he handled himself. He spoke with dignity and it was a real pleasure to have him visit the school. Congratulations Stuart, I am sure your family is as proud of you as we are.

Student Attendance

Parents/Guardians it is very important that you come to the front office with your child if they are late to school as you need to log in your child's late attendance into our electronic attendance register (iPad).

Car Parking

It is pleasing to see so many parents using the car park in a safe responsible manner. Please don't park in the 'pick up and drop off zone' during school hours. It blocks the school bus and delays our delivery trucks. Parents are also asked to pick up their children from inside the marked zone. Thank you for your support.

Cyber Safety

This has become a major issue in the community. The rate of development in the IT industry has left many people behind in the area of cyber safety. Parents need to be vigilant on the websites and people their children are visiting on the internet. Make sure the device

Faith Family Friendship

your children are using is clearly visible to you at all times. We are all very conscious of our children physically talking to strangers but there seems to be less restraint shown when children are using the internet.



Peter Allen
Principal

PARISH NEWS

St Cecilia's - Port Hedland
Saturday Evening Mass 5.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:00am

Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland
Sunday Evening 3.30pm (All welcome)



St John the Baptist - South Hedland
Saturday Evening Mass 7.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

Holy Week and Easter Program

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

PALM SUNDAY
24th MARCH
7.00 pm

25th MARCH
9.30am
for Procession to the Church
9.45 am

HOLY THURSDAY
29th MARCH
7.00pm
the

GOOD FRIDAY 30th MARCH
9.30am

3pm
Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY
31st MARCH
7.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY
1st APRIL
9.30 am
3:15pm

EASTER MONDAY
2nd APRIL
9.30 am

Saturday
Mass

Sunday
Gather at 8 Lovell Place
Mass

Mass of the Lord's Sup-
per
followed by prayer at
altar of repose

Stations of the Cross

Celebration of the

Easter Vigil Mass

Mass
Mass at the Seafarer's
Centre

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Procession begins Outside

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followed by adoration

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Celebration of the Lord's

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Centre



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Commissioning Mass

On Thursday afternoon we celebrated Mass as a staff. This is a great way for our staff to gather together to celebrate the start of the new school year as well as a way for us to welcome new staff to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Geraldton.

First Communion Enrolment Mass

The Enrolment Mass for those students wanting to take part in First Holy Communion will be held in local parishes this weekend. If you have missed getting an enrolment form, please speak with Father January or see Mrs Sheen. Enrolment forms must be returned to the priest at the Mass this weekend, please do not return it to school. Each weekend, children will receive an activity to be done at home with their family. These activities provide a great way for the whole family to become involved in the preparation for First Communion. The first family activity will be given out at the Enrolment Mass.

St Cecilia's Values

Each fortnight at our Monday Assembly we are learning about values that make St Cecilia's the great school that it is. At our first assembly we discussed the value of Love and at our second assembly the value focus was Kindness. These values have been talked about in classes and after our Kindness Assembly, each class compiled a list of ways to show kindness to others. After each assembly, students are encouraged to nominate their peers for *St Cecilia's Values Awards* and these will be shared at the next assembly. Recipients of the awards are nominated for demonstrating the value of the fortnight; this fortnight it is Kindness. At our next assembly, we will announce the recipients of our Kindness awards before discussing our next value, Tolerance. Our Monday morning assemblies are held in the Undercover Area at 8:30am on the odd numbered weeks of term.

We are hoping to have a values section added to the school website to provide parents with more information of the values discussed so please keep checking for this addition.

2017 SACRAMENTAL PARTICIPANTS

If your child received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2017 would you please provide a copy of the certificate to Mrs Rozario in the front office.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated on March 21 each year, with the first Harmony Day being in 1999.

The message of Harmony Day is: Everyone belongs.

Harmony Day is a time for all Australians to remember and respect our diverse cultural backgrounds and to share what we have in common.

Here are some fascinating statistics about our diversity:

- around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with about 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi
- more than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

(These facts are taken from ABS 2011 Census Data.)

We are busy planning and organising activities to recognise Harmony Day at St Cecilia's so stay tuned to find out what students will be doing and how you may help.

One activity we have already planned is for students to wear orange clothing for Harmony Day. Students can go head to toe with their orange or it could be as simple as a pair of orange socks or an orange ribbon; please no coloured hair spray, singlet shirts or thongs. Why orange? Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

ICAS Testing

If your child is in Years Three to Six and they are interested in taking part in the ICAS Tests this year please complete and return your permission form and entry fee to the office by Monday 19 March.

Letters will be coming home on Friday. If your child does not receive a letter and they would like to participate, please download one from the school website or collect one from the office.

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or by email at info@eaa.unsw.edu.au.

Also, by visiting www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online, you can help your child to prepare for the ICAS English, Mathematics and Science tests using the practice online tests.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE

- Library Bags \$6.00 each
- Spencils book covers: A4 & Scrapbook \$2.20 each
- Recorders \$9.90 each
- Black Satchels \$14.30 each



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

March

4 FRANKS, Holly K
5 SIMAGALA, Faroz Y6
8 CORNELIUS, Xian Y3
9 MOYO, Vanesu Y3



MERIT AWARDS

Thursday 08 March 2018

PP: Ethan Hill
Y1: Zenith Hille
Y2: Reily Fernandes
Y3: William Rice
Y4: Chibudom Dike
Y5: Riley Gould
Y6: Vinnie Leopardi

Winter Prindiville
Decklynn Walker
Taj Heke
Hezekiah Uiduldam
James Hawes
Jayda Reti
Kuliah Ryan

Myah Wuruki
Year Six Class



LEXILE CERTIFICATES

Blue: Oscar Thompson

ABSENTEEISM

Please note St Cecilia's procedure for recording students absences. Teachers will advise the office by 9.00am each morning of any absent students. Any unexplained absences will be followed up by an SMS message sent to the Mothers Mobile.

Parents are asked to call the school office prior to 9.00am each day of their child's absence to avoid an SMS message being sent to the mothers mobile.

All absences are to be followed up by a written note of explanation.

All absences need to be notified by a parent or guardian (not a sibling, neighbour etc).

Absent Notes can be hand written, typed or sent via email, however must contain **all** of the following information:

- ◆ name of student
- ◆ year level of student
- ◆ date of absence
- ◆ explanation (reason) for absence
- ◆ parent/guardian's full name and signature (full name only on emails)
- ◆ date note was written

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Banking with..

bankwest



SCHOOL BANKING

**Thursday mornings in the
K-PP Foyer 8.00am to 8.30am**

Families who want their children to participate in the school banking program need to open a bank account for their child/children with Bankwest.

No forms to complete just take your child's birth certificate into the bank. If parents are not members of Bankwest they will need to take their drivers licence with them.

Open an account in store today!

Our Port Hedland branch is open for appointments
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm (Tuesdays 9:30am - 5pm)

UNIFORM SHOP

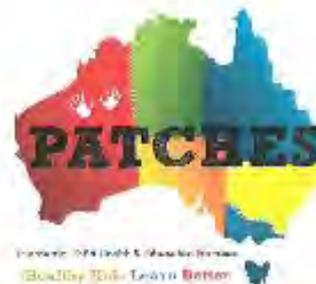
Open during school terms each Thursday after assembly
approximately 9.00am to 9.30am

Please place orders early, preferably by Wednesday afternoon.



PATCHES

Diagnostic Clinics



Diagnostic Clinics

We are based in Nedlands and also deliver outreach clinics across WA including:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- Global Developmental Delay
- Intellectual Disability and
- Mental Health Conditions

Clinicians

Our team of clinicians can include:

- Paediatricians
- Clinical Neuropsychologists
- Speech Pathologists
- Occupational Therapists and
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists

Information sheet

What is the purpose of an assessment?

The main goal is to better understand the young person and give them the chance to have the necessary supports they need to support positive development at home, in school, and in the community. Sometimes a combination of features in a person fits a certain diagnosis, such as FASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Global Developmental Delay, or Intellectual Disability. This information is useful for caregivers and teachers to understand how to better work with and support the young person, based on what is known about strategies that are used in other people with similar features. Some diagnoses provide the young person and their school with access to funding and community services to support their development.

What forms must be filled out before the day of the appointment?

1. **Referral form:** PATCHES must receive a referral form completed by a GP or Paediatrician using the Medicare item numbers 721 and/or 723
2. **Client information form:** To be completed by the parent/carer
3. **Detailed child development questionnaires:** To be completed by the parent/carer and school. All our forms are on the PATCHES website: <http://www.patches-paediatrics.com.au/online-forms/>

Why is there so much paperwork?

We see the young person for a small snapshot in time. The parent/carer, and often school/day care staff, know the young person best. Information about the individual's skills and behaviours at home and school is an important contribution to support the quality of the assessment.

What will happen on the day?

The appointments can take around 3 to 4 hours including breaks. Families may want to bring some snacks. Parents/carers may be asked to complete some questionnaires during the appointments, which can help give the clinical team a better picture of the young person.

What happens after the assessment?

A detailed report will be provided to the referrer after the appointment within a short time frame. We may ask who the report should be distributed to (e.g. school, GP). Legal guardians can distribute the report to whoever else may benefit from seeing it (e.g. NDIS). The report will also have recommendations and relevant referrals to other professionals. A follow up case conference or appointment can be scheduled to discuss the assessment results with a member of the PATCHES team and other relevant agencies. The cost for a report feedback is \$300 for a standard session. Costs to agencies will incur GST.

Assessment cost

The total cost of assessment is \$3,000. Families may be eligible for Medicare rebates. Costs to agencies will incur GST.

What is included?

The clinic team includes a combination of professionals who are highly specialised in developmental conditions. Each member of the team meets individually with the young person and carers. Our one stop shop provides clients with the assurance that they will be provided a thorough, efficient and excellent service.

The whole process includes: specialist face-to-face time with the young person, analysis of test results and writing the report. The report is written in a way that makes sense to parents, school staff, and other agencies to maximise potential eligibility for other support services and funding.



diagnosis@patches-paediatrics.com.au (08) 6280 1259

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, and are 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.



Year Five 2018 - Welcome!

In Week Three of Term Two (Tuesday 15 May – Thursday 17 May), Year Five are undergoing four NAPLAN tests in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (Literacy) and Numeracy (Maths).

We have talked about the processes involved in the tests and learnt that they are not a true measure of how intelligent you are, nor are they a real measure of what you are capable of. Adding to this, we also have learnt that the results of NAPLAN do not affect if you pass the year or not.

We know that everyone gets stressed during tests and exams. Even the people who say that they don't. Look around a room where people are doing a test or exam and those people who are yawning, looking bored or stretching and looking as cool as cucumbers, are stressed.

As we approach the NAPLAN test time our focus has been on learning and understanding the processes involved in reaching the answers. We know that everyone will be tested throughout their time at school and by being calm in our approach, then this will only serve to help with our coping skills.

In finishing, this message is to the Students, Parents and Staff at St Cecilia's. Year Five would like everyone to be aware that while we face demands in our everyday life, we can be more resilient in overcoming these difficulties by using our own strengths and asking those who care for us



Swimming Lessons

to 'lend a hand'.

Upcoming events for the Year Five class include a continuing Persuasive Text Learning Journey (Literacy), Fractions, Decimals and Percentages Investigation (Math), Introduction to our Kindergarten Buddies (highly anticipated by all) and our school Arts Programme and Drama Production - 'Melted'. Since starting this year, the Year Five class have had to face many challenges and it has been a pleasure to witness their maturity in overcoming these 'hurdles'.

Please enjoy the photos showing a small snippet of our year thus far. It is important to cherish each and every day, as these memories can stay with us for a lifetime.

In closing, be kind to each other and ensure that the welfare of those who surround you is a priority.

By caring for others, we emulate the work that Jesus showed us.



Ash Wednesday Mass



Morning Fitness - Let's Work Together





Lenten Promises Burning Ceremony



Swimming Lessons



Saint Cecilia's P&F Association



Thank you to the parents who attended the first meeting of the year for our P&F and a big welcome to Sarah Amitradaki who is now our Vice President.

We are still looking for a **Secretary** to finalise our **Executive Committee**.

Next week your child will come home with an order form for lunch at the Swimming Carnival. These will be due back via Flexischools on March 16.

Please join us for our next meeting on **April 10** at 7pm in the **School Library**.

Please park on **Sutherland Street** across from the school as the school gates will be locked after 7pm.

Find us on Facebook: St Cecilia's P & F Parent Helpers

Email Us: StCecilia_PandF@outlook.com