



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8, Thursday 22 March 2018

COMING EVENTS:

Friday 23 March

Faction Swimming Carnival
PP - Y2 am only
Y3 - 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

Friday 13 April

Last day of Term One
Canteen closed

Prayer

Loving God,

I am just beginning to realize how much you love me.
Your son, Jesus was humble and obedient.
He fulfilled your will for him by becoming human and suffering with us.
I ask you for the desire to become more humble
so that my own life might also bear witness to you.
I want to use the small sufferings I have in this world
to give you glory.

Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth.

Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus.

Help me to be with Jesus in this week
as he demonstrates again his total love for me.

He died so that I would no longer
be separated from you.

Help me to feel how close you are
and to live in union with you.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

Week Eight is almost over and we have only three weeks left before the end of term. This has been a really busy term with staff and students getting to know each other. I would like to thank all the staff, the students and families for the dedication and support put into the teaching process at St Cecilia's. We are truly blessed to have such a caring community

Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow. I wish all the students well and know they will give their all. Thank you to the P&F for running the sausage sizzle. Thank you to the parents, staff and students who make the carnival a big success. Without your efforts none of this would be possible. A special mention to Mrs Fimmel who has gone to great lengths to organise events and people.

Canada Trip

I have been selected to travel to Canada on a study tour just after Easter. The tour comprises Principals and School Consultants from the Catholic Education system. We leave Perth on 04 April and I will return to school on Wednesday 02 May. We will be observing Canada's education system and attending Education conferences. During my absence, Mrs Mandy Sheen will be the Principal. Please give her your full support.

Faith Family Friendship

NAPLAN

Term Two will also see NAPLAN Testing being held during Week Three. Please keep this low key at home as we don't want students stressing. The results will not prevent or enhance a student's chances of attending a preferred high school. Schools are funded on the number of students enrolled in the school and not on how they performed in NAPLAN testing. The results can be used in High Schools to stream students into ability groups. Primary Schools use the data to determine student growth and improvement plans for the following year. Please encourage your children to do the NAPLAN testing, but remember not to make a big deal out of it.

Easter

Are we ready to enter Holy Week with Jesus?

Easter is the time of the Christian year [when Christians remember the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ](#). They believe that Jesus, who they believe was the son of God, died for everyone's wrong-doings and then came back to life three days later to defeat death and evil: so if you believe in Him you will live forever in Heaven.

The word 'Easter' comes from two old pagan spring festivals. The old European pagan festival of 'Ostara' that celebrated new life and Arabian Sun festival of 'Ishtar'. The early Christians took over the festivals and turned the pagan festivals of new life to mean the new life that Jesus gave the world when he rose from the dead. Unlike Christmas, when Jesus's birth is celebrated (although we don't know what time of year Jesus was born!), Easter is celebrated around the same time of year that he was killed. This is because Jesus died at the time of the Jewish Passover festival.

The Passover festival dates from about 4,000 years ago when Jewish people remember that God saved them from slavery in Egypt. Jesus was a Jew and so celebrated the Passover. Passover takes place in the first month of the Jewish New Year (14-15 of the month of Nisan). The Jewish calendar follows the cycle of the moon, so the date changes a bit every year.

The first Jewish Christians added Easter celebrations to the Passover festival and because Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, so [Easter Day](#) became the first Sunday after Passover.

Over the years, the Christian festival moved in date slightly from the Jewish Passover, so they don't now have the same date, but sometimes they are very close! The Christian date for Easter also follows the moon, so it also changes every year. To make things even more complicated, Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter, like Christmas, on a different day to Catholic and Western Christians!

For Christians, the full Easter period lasted for a long time. Easter officially starts with [Lent](#) on [Ash Wednesday](#), 46 days before Easter Day. (Lent lasts for 40 days but you don't count the Sundays!) Then 39 days after Easter Day, Christians celebrate Ascension Day, when they remember Jesus going back into Heaven and promising to come back to earth one day. Easter officially ends 49 days after Easter Day with the Christian Festival of Pentecost or Whitsun, when Christians remember that God sent his Holy Spirit to help Christians. So Easter is a very busy time for Christians!

The school will be closed on Good Friday 30 March and open again the following Wednesday 04 April.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP

Peter Allen
Principal



PARISH NEW10S

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

PALM SUNDAY 24 th MARCH 7.00 pm	Saturday Mass
25 th MARCH 9.30am	Sunday Gather at 8 Lovell Place for Procession to the Church
9.45 am	Mass
HOLY THURSDAY 29 th MARCH 7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by prayer at the altar of repose
GOOD FRIDAY 30 th MARCH 9.30am	Stations of the Cross
3pm Passion	Celebration of the Lord's
HOLY SATURDAY 31 st MARCH 7. 00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY 1 st APRIL 9.30 am 3:15pm	Mass Mass at the Seafarer's Centre
EASTER MONDAY 2 nd APRIL 9.30 am	Mass

St. Cecilia's Catholic Church

PALM SUNDAY 24 th MARCH 5.30 pm	Saturday Mass
25 th APRIL 8.00am	Sunday Procession begins Outside the Church
HOLY THURSDAY 29 th MARCH 7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Cecilia's Chick-a-Thon

Our fundraising for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion is well underway. Last week our Year Six Community Leaders once again visited classrooms to collect the class money boxes and added to our graph in the display board located near the Undercover Area. So far our classrooms have collectively donated \$220 to Caritas Australia – that's 44 chickens we have raised! Thank you to our Year Six Community Leaders and Mrs McCormack for collecting and counting the donations. Don't forget to keep adding to our collection boxes. After Easter, we will ask for your money boxes from home to be returned and these donations will be included in our Chick-a-Thon count also.



First Holy Communion

It was fantastic to see so many families attending the enrolment Masses for First Holy Communion. If you were unable to attend the Mass, please see Fr January to hand in the enrolment forms for your child and to collect the first home task. Please note that home-based activities will be handed out at the weekend Masses, excluding Easter Sunday and during the school holidays. These activities are important for you and your child to work through together to involve the family in the sacrament and to reinforce the belief that the parents are the first teachers of their children. If you miss any of these activities, you will need to see Fr January for the copies missed. Furthermore, a reminder that the first Parent Meeting will be held in the St Cecilia's School Hall on Thursday 05 April.

Values

At our last Values assembly, we explored the value of Tolerance. Tolerance followed on well from Kindness as some of the ways that we demonstrate Kindness can also be the ways that we demonstrate Tolerance. The discussions around Tolerance also led to discussions around diversity which took place with our recognition of Harmony Day.

Congratulations to the students that have been nominated by their peers to receive Values awards for demonstrating our Values through their thoughts, actions and words.

Holy Week Special Assemblies

Please join us next Thursday morning for our Holy Week Processional Assembly. As with previous years, we will be having one assembly beginning with Pre-Primary in the Hall at 8:45am. The Pre-Primary class will lead the Palm Sunday reflection before the assembly progresses to the Undercover Area for the Holy Thursday reflection. The assembly will then make its way up to the church for Good Friday and Easter Sunday reflections. We hope you can join us during such a significant time in our Church's calendar.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator



Harmony Day

Yesterday, 21 March, we recognised Harmony Day at school. Harmony Day is a time for all Australians to remember and respect our diverse cultural backgrounds and to share what we have in common. In the lead up to Harmony Day, students took part in activities and discussions that helped them to understand the diversity we have in our school, town and country.

As a whole school, we shared a meal. Thank you to the parents for the delicious food we were able to share. The students enjoyed sampling the different cuisines with some brave souls even trying Haggis (myself included!). The sharing of foods from different cultures lead to discussions of where each of us comes from. These discussions help us to learn the wonderful history and story that each of us bring to our school community.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Year One student Milla Tesar for being the first Aussie of the Month recipient for 2018. Milla was presented with her award for her generosity and kindness. At her recent birthday party, Milla asked for her guests to make a donation to S.A.F.E rather than bringing a wrapped present. Her selfless act of kindness helped to raise over \$400.00 to donate to S.A.F.E. Congratulations Milla and thank you to everyone that contributed to this much appreciated donation.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings begin next week, running before and after school from Monday to Thursday (Friday is the Good Friday holiday). This year we are trialling something new with parents being asked to book meeting times online. Teachers have sent out details on how to book meetings through class Dojo pages or emails. If you have not received this information, or if you are having any difficulty booking your meeting time, please contact your child's teacher.

Coles Sport for Schools

Thank you to everyone for the huge efforts in collecting the Coles Sport for Schools vouchers. Mrs Gould and Mrs Rozario have been bundling and counting the vouchers and we have already collected 19,600 vouchers ready to send in, WOW! You have until Tuesday 03 April to collect vouchers so make sure you ask for your vouchers when shopping at Coles.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter and for those that are going away for the Easter break, may you have safe travels.

READING PROGRAM

Parents, are you after something to do?

We require help with our MultiLit Reading Program for Terms 2 & 3.

Training will be provided at school.

The requirement is an hour a day before or after morning tea.

It would be beneficial if you were able to commit at least two times per week.

If you are interested please contact Peter Allen or Mandy Sheen at school.

2019 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School is now accepting enrolments for Four Year Old Kindergarten 2019.

Applications for children with birth dates between the following dates will be accepted: 01 July 2014 and 30 June 2015. If you wish to enrol your child, we require the following to be provided to the school office:

- Completed Application Form
- Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate
- Parish Priest reference form (if applicable)
- Immunisation record

ENROLMENT POLICY

Being a Catholic school we enrol children according to the following policy:

1. Catholic students from the Parish with a Parish Priest Reference
2. Catholic students from outside the Parish with a Parish Priest Reference
3. Other Catholic Students
4. Siblings of non-Catholic students
5. Non-Catholic students from other Christian Denominations
6. Other non-Catholic students

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students shall be given enrolment preference wherever possible and practicable. The Principal may vary the above priorities to suit particular local circumstances prevailing at the time after prior consultation with the Director of Catholic Education and written confirmation of the outcome.

Please note that if you already have a child attending this school and you will have a child starting Kindergarten in 2019, you will also need to complete an Application Form. For further information or an Application Form please contact the school office or on the schools website at www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au.

Applications close Friday 29 June 2018. Interviews will be conducted during Term Three, 2018.

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 Chair Bags \$7.70



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

March

11 PEGLER, Haylee Y3
12 TESAR, Milla Y1
16 PUGSLEY, John Y4
18 MORRISON, Brayden PP
18 MORRIS, Abby Y2
21 BLATCH, Sean Y2
21 FERNANDES, Danycka Y2
21 BENNETT, Brooklyn Y3
22 WITHAM, Evelyn K
25 VRANCIC, Jake Y4
29 SIAMUTETE, Moono Y2



MERIT AWARDS

Thursday 22 March 2018

PP: Charlotte MacGillivray	Maximilian Richards	
Y1: Will Osborne	Milla Tesar	
Y2: Abigail Stanley		
Y3: Brooklyn Bennett	Mia Gonzalez	Nicholas Wilson
Y4: India Espersen-Cairns	Christina Jerry	Branden Shade
Y5: Zekiel Dhu	Mia Morris	
Y6: Harrison Clarke	Tadiwanashe Kuzamba	Talitha Sheen



LEXILE CERTIFICATES

Blue: Casey Florence

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..

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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)



Look whats been happeni

In Kindy we have been learning about colours. We learnt a song called 'ROY G BIV'. It spells out the colours of the rainbow.



Self Portraits
We talked about the features on our face and drew a portrait of ourselves.



We had a discussion about the people in our family. Have a look at our artwork!

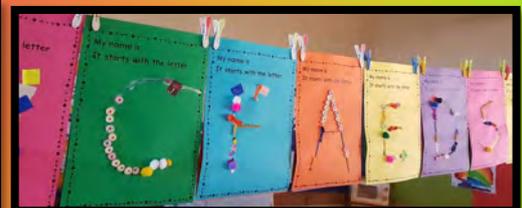


Science Experiment
We used skittles to watch what happened to the colours when we put some water on them.
"They all got mixed up" Sofia Hawes
"A rainbow" Sumara Macindoe

Mrs Sheen came to visit us for Ash Wednesday and we received a cross on our forehead.



We are learning about the first letter in our name. We did some artwork and made a necklace that we made out of salt dough. Once it was cooked we painted it.



Some Year Five students read us a story about kindness.



Miss G came and talked to us about her culture. She showed us some Aboriginal artefacts.



ing in Kindy so far...

We love to learn, play, create and have fun. We are using our imaginations, becoming independent and making friendships



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?



HARMONY DAY