



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week Six, Thursday 23 August 2018

Prayer

*Dear Lord and Father of all,
 Thank you for today.
 Thank you for ways in which you provide for us all.
 For Your protection and love we thank you.
 Help us to focus our hearts and minds now on
 what we are about to learn.
 Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit as we listen and write.
 Guide us by your eternal light as we discover more
 about the world around us.
 We ask all this in the name of Jesus.*

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

Phew, what a term! Is there anyone else that can't believe Week Six is already here? The term seems to be flying by and we are fast approaching the end. This term has been a very busy one for extra-curricular activities. We have had author visits, Kindy and Pre-Primary Mini-Olympics, Interschool Hockey Carnival, whole school Masses, Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment, Confirmation and a visit from the Bishop, our Book Week celebrations and Book Fair this week, Year Six Life Skills Course, choir performance at the Citizenship Ceremony and of course, Melted - A Musical. Still to go, we have the Pilbara Music Festival, Father's Day events, Lightning Carnival, Cross Country and the Mathy Matt incursion and a few more surprise events. I promise you that in amongst all of this, the teachers are teaching and the students are learning.

While interruptions to learning aren't desirable, some of the opportunities that our students have been given this term have been too good to pass up and in the long run have and will continue to benefit them in the classroom and in the community beyond the school. I thank the students for their high standard of behaviour at all of these events. I thank the staff at St Cecilia's not only for their willingness to take part in these extra activities but also for the dedication they all put into the education of our children. If you have a spare minute or two please say thank you to them as well. Finally, I thank you, the parents, for allowing your children to participate in these events and for the support and assistance you provide to the staff of St Cecilia's because without your help many of these events would not be possible.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP

Mandy Sheen
Acting Principal

COMING EVENTS

Sunday 26 August
Family Mass Y3 8.00am
@ St Cecilia's Church PH

Enrolment Masses
First Reconciliation Y3 & Others

Thursday 30 August
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting I, 7.00pm

Friday 31 August
Lightning Carnival Y5&6

Semester Two School Fees Due

Tuesday 4 September
P&F Meeting 7.30pm Library

Thursday 06 September
Assembly

Pilbara Music Festival Choirs

Friday 07 September
Y6 HSHS Talk

Sunday 09 September
Family Mass Y2 8.00am
@ St Cecilia's Church PH

Monday 10 September
Author Visits

Thursday 13 September
Mathy Matt Show
- Incursion 9.00am

Friday 14 September
Cross Country Run K - Y6

Thursday 20 September
Assembly

Friday 21 September
Students last day for Term 3

Monday 08 October
Students first day back

Faith Family Friendship

PARISH NEWS

St Cecilia's - Port Hedland

Saturday Evening Mass 5.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:00am

St John the Baptist - South Hedland

Saturday Evening Mass 7.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland

Sunday Evening 3.30pm
(All welcome)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Between St John the Baptist and St Cecilia's, 25 children received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the weekend. We pray that your lives are blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and that God will bless and guide you through your lives. Prior to the Confirmation Masses, children took part in a Confirmation retreat; Bishop Michael Morrissey was very impressed with the knowledge the students had of Confirmation and the insightful questions and thoughts they had on the sacrament.

Reconciliation Enrolment

This weekend, along with the Year Three Family Mass, we will hold the enrolment Masses for those students taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you didn't receive the enrolment form and you are wanting your child to receive this Sacrament, please see your Parish Priest for the relevant information.



Please make note of the important dates below. It is essential that you and your child also attend the weekend Masses and the family meetings to receive the activities that will help children prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Enrolment Mass	Sunday 26 August	St John the Baptist or St Cecilia's – local parish times
Sacramental Meeting	Thursday 30 August	St Cecilia's School Hall 6:30pm-7:30pm
Sacramental Meeting	Thursday 18 October	St Cecilia's School Hall 6:30pm-7:30pm
First Reconciliation Liturgy	Thursday 01 November	St Cecilia's Church at 6:30pm

If your child is wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2019 and they have not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is strongly suggested that they go through the programme for First Reconciliation and receive the sacrament this year so they are ready for First Communion in 2019.

The Passion of St John the Baptist

On Wednesday 29 August we celebrate the Passion of St John the Baptist. This day commemorates the death of John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus who fearlessly spoke the truth which angered King Herod and his wife. They wanted to make their own rules for their lives and because St John the Baptist told them what they were doing was wrong, Herod's wife became angry and ordered for John the Baptist to be killed.

Let us pray for courage in our faith today that we continue to do what we know to be right:

God of the prophets, may the example of St John the Baptist give us courage to be witnesses to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Pilbara Music Festival

The Pilbara Music Festival is to be held Thursday 06 September at Wanangkura Stadium, South Hedland. Parents of students that will be taking part in Choir performances at the festival have been notified. You will need to complete the permission on Flexischools; please ensure you have logged on to Flexischools to give permission and make payment by Tuesday 4 September so teachers are able to make final preparations for choir performances. Thank you to all teachers involved in preparing our senior and junior choir groups, in particular, Mrs Lynn Poharama, Mrs Claire Wellbeloved and Ms Elise Batchelor.

Lightning Carnival

The students from Years 5 & 6 will be involved in the annual Lightning Carnival next Friday, 31 August. As part of the Carnival, our students will be playing in netball, soccer and cricket with our students playing against the students of the other schools of Port and South Hedland. The students have been practising during PE lessons and lunch times and are looking forward to playing next week. Thank you to Mrs Amiradaki for organising the students at school and thank you to the staff who are assisting with coaching or umpiring. Once again permission is via Flexischools.

Meeting with Teachers

Please remember parents, that time before school is valuable preparation time for teachers, and that when the bell goes at 8:25am, teachers are trying to get students organised for the day, including the marking of the roll. It can be very disruptive to the class, and to preparation time, if parents are 'popping' in for a quick chat with the teacher. The afternoon can be a busy time as well if teachers have an after-school duty. We value all conversations with parents but if it is an important matter that needs to be discussed, please make a time to meet with your child's teacher to ensure that all information that needs to be shared is shared effectively.



Book Week

Book week was a huge success this year. The dress-up day was wonderful with students and staff dressing to match the theme 'Find Your Treasure' as their favourite characters. Congratulations to all those for organising our book week and making it one of the highlights of the year. Ms Batchelor and Mrs Wellbeloved once again teamed up to lead our costume parade, the highlight of our school year. The school is blessed to have terrific and caring parents and staff who go above expectations to make school enjoyable.



Book Fair

A big thank you to Mrs Suzanne Bradbury, Mrs Shellie Blatch, Mrs Samantha Bone, Mrs Sally Casson, Mrs Fiona Clarke, Ms Narelle Shaw, Mrs Kirsten Thompson, Mrs Monique Wilson, Mrs Simone Fernandes and Mrs Genni McCormack for giving up their time in the mornings and afternoons to run Book Fair. Thank you also to all of you that came in to purchase books. We had a phenomenal number of sales and the school will receive a percentage back from the sales to spend on resources for the students. **We sold over \$4,000 worth of books.**

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone that wore their jeans on Friday 10 August, and donated a gold coin to donate to Children's Medical Research Institute to assist in raising vital funds for research into childhood diseases. **We raised \$224.00**

Notification of Student Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, it is important that you notify us. Please complete our online Absentee Form located on the front page of our website, before 9.00am on the day or you can complete it for any period of time. This will save you completing a form or calling the school. Please look for this icon. <http://www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au/>



Mrs Melanie Resuggan
Acting Assistant Principal

Let's hear it for mummy's boys: the kind, caring men of the future - By Anna Maxted

A study from the Marriage Foundation finds that boys who are "extremely close" to their mothers at the age of 14 are 41 per cent less likely to suffer mental health problems than their peers. In other words, boys who, in the tumultuous, challenging years of adolescence, enjoy a warm, loving relationship with their mothers are less likely to struggle with depression, anxiety and other psychological issues than those who don't. It turns out that being a "mummy's boy" - that bitter, playground insult - actually benefits our sons.

As a mother of three young men - now 11, 13, and 16 - it is a relief to have it confirmed that their development as reasonably functional, content, secure human beings hasn't been impeded by a soppy excess of maternal kisses, silly voices, or my stern motto, "Crying doesn't mean you're not brave".

Good to know that when I told Conrad, then six, that our beloved cat had died, and he collapsed sobbing, I was right to comfort and cuddle him rather than bark: "Man up!"

Boys do cry. I sometimes feel like the only person unbothered by this - apart from Steve Biddulph, author of *Raising Boys*, who's written of the healing power of tears. When Caspar, then nine, heard his favourite teacher was leaving, he wept. I was proud he felt free to express his sadness healthily. One mother voiced surprise ("he's such a boyish boy you don't expect it"). Maybe Caspar should have punched a wall.

Somehow, society persists in conditioning our boys to act tough. Even my husband (a tactile, intuitive, warm father) is occasionally gruff. Fine in moderation, but if this is the primary message, boys become brittle.

Learning how to regulate difficult emotions, not stifle them, positively impacts mental health. Outrageously, it's still more acceptable for women to model this, so I happily spell it out: "Boys, I'm going to blub and rant, and then I'll feel better."

I'm glad if, in giving hugs and reassurance when my boys are upset - such as the terrible day Caspar, 11, realised a dog had been sent into space and died - I'm turning them into big softies. All "big softie" means is "kind".

And what you give is what you get. When Oscar, my eldest, was small, he caught me crying. He put his chubby arms around me, and told me not to be sad. He asked if it was the computer (it probably was) and said he'd buy me a new one. He didn't say: "Man up."

Of course, boys naturally break away from their mother in the course of their development. When Oscar was 10, he rebelled (and again at 15). But I didn't back away in return, and eventually he came back.

Being close to my sons doesn't mean indulging them, or that they always have to please me. But it promotes respect, a prototype for future relationships. Recent example: "Don't burp in my face. Girls don't like that." Hopefully they took that one on board.

Being a mummy's boy enables young men to grow sure of themselves, but not ghastrly. To develop a masculinity that incorporates kindness, emotional intelligence and the ability to not take themselves too seriously - all crucial for psychological well-being.

Oscar is now 16, and proof you can be a hairy, cricket-playing, bantering bloke while sporting pristine red-varnished toenails because your girlfriend has used you as a foot model. I'd like to take some credit.

By Anna Maxted - Author based in North London



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday.

August

13 BRADBURY, Skyla PP
16 MACEK, Jacob Y2
16 HILLE, Sebastian Y4
19 WELLBELOVED, Anna Y2
20 KASEMETS, Leila Y1
22 SMITH, Grace Y6
23 FILER, Ruby Y2
24 PATEL, Janisha Y2
26 MARSDEN, Logan Y5
30 DRYSDALE, Darcy PP



MERIT AWARDS



Thursday 23 August 2018

K: Nate Godden

PP: Lotte Espersen-Cairns

Y1: Rex Bell

Y2: Ruby Filer

Y4: Nokutenda Ndewere

Y5: William McMahon

Sofia Hawes

Max Thompson

Adien Edwards

Taj Heke

Matilda Whitehead-Hovey

Cullan Janse Van Vuuren

Isla Mellberg

James Solman

MORNING ARRIVAL

Each morning Supervision is provided from 8.00am however all students and families are to wait in the undercover area until 8.15am. Please do not allow children to play on the play equipment, especially the equipment in the Kindy/Pre-Primary area before and after school.

ENROLMENT CANCELLATION

If you are leaving town and/or the school 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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Although the uniform shop is open each Thursday after assembly We are transitioning to online orders only from 2019 therefore encourage you place your order via Flexischools by Wednesday afternoon for delivery to students on Thursday afternoon.





Join Care For Hedland and Clean Up Australia for the 2018 Great Northern Clean Up!



All participants should wear protective clothing, closed-in shoes, a hat and bring water.

Gloves and bags provided!

Time: 7am - 8:30am

1st Sept - Cormorant Street, Osprey Village South Hedland

15th Sept - Hamilton Road brick entry, South Hedland

22nd Sept - opposite Port Hedland shopping centre

*For more info, contact Care For Hedland Association
Coordinator Jo Smith.*

Email: coordinator@careforhedland.org.au

Phone: 0488907260.



Principal Partner

BHP





MELTED

a musical

6 months, 6 schools, 60 rehearsals, 120 students, 6 live performances and dozens of amazing staff and parents behind the scenes.

Thank you! To the St Cecilia's family for helping to make this musical theatre experience as professional and meaningful and thrilling and wonderful as it was.
We were brave!

Ms Batchelor



I love ice cream!



Move over *Frozen*.
We are in the Pilbara and
WE ARE MELTED!

#wearemelted



And THAT'S how
you scare children
away. BB1, BB2,
that's a lesson for
YOU!



9-11 August, 2018
Matt Dann Theatre & Cinema
Port Hedland



Hurley
cried a
river
of
tears.



P&F NEWS BULLETIN

(St Cecilia's Parents and Friends Association)

It is safe to say that without the St Cecilia's Parent and Friends Committee (P&F), the vast majority of school events would not take place. Fortunately the school has enjoyed an active P&F which provides an avenue for interaction and communication through social events and regular meetings. The P&F provides significant financial assistance for specialist equipment, professional development for teachers and learning initiatives. Importantly, the St Cecilia's P&F also provides working parties and forums on issues of interest to parents.



Unfortunately, we have had a number of executive and general committee members leave due to other commitments so we need **YOU** to be able to continue to provide the level of support we have been able to provide in the past.

Some quick facts on the P&F....

- ◆ Any parent or carer is more than welcome and is encouraged to join the P&F at any time during the school year
- ◆ The P&F strive to develop a community of parents, carers and teachers which reflects the schools aims and ethos
- ◆ The committee works collaboratively with the Principal and the School Board in the pursuit of common goals
- ◆ As a member you'll benefit from being actively involved in shaping your child's early education
- ◆ As members, parents will better understand and appreciate more fully the teaching and learning programmes being implemented at St Cecilia's
- ◆ The committee is a healthy forum in which ideas can be discussed on any relevant issue that will benefit the school.

If you are interested in finding out more, please attend our **next P&F Meeting on Tuesday 04 September at 7:30pm in the school Library.**

Remember,



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

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School P&F
Email: stcecilia_pandf@outlook.com