



# St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week Two, Thursday 18 October 2018

## A Prayer for Teachers

*God of Love... Thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.*

*God of Mercy... Sustain teachers who give everything they have and feel abandoned when society expects too much. Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control. Help exhausted teachers rest.*

*God of Strength... Encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning fun for children.*

*We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five-year-olds or help fourth grade girls be empathetic. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don't happen.*

*God of Justice... help our nation find a way to steward our vast wealth to support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever the race or religion or gender or wealth of the children.*

*We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## COMING EVENTS

**Friday: 18 & 25 October**  
Growth & Development talks Y5-6

**Thursday 18 October**  
First Reconciliation Parent & Student Meeting II, Y3 & others, 7.00pm

**Monday 22 October**  
Scien-tastic Incursion K-Y6  
\$6.60 p/student on Flexischools from Wk 1

**Thursday 25 October**  
Y6 Parent evening @ HSHS Library

**Friday 26 October**  
Y6 HSHS Orientation @ HSHS  
Student Disco 5.30-8.00pm

**Sunday 28 October**  
Family Mass Y1 8.00am @ St Cecilia's Church PH

**Friday 02 November**  
NO SCHOOL  
Pupil Free Day  
Staff Catholic Day

**Monday 05 November**  
NO SCHOOL  
Staff PD Day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

### Term Four

Welcome back to Term Four, and a special welcome to our new families. I hope you all had an enjoyable break. The term has started brilliantly with the students continuing their hard work. There are only seven school weeks left for the year and we have lots packed into those seven weeks.

### Year Six High School Transition

The Year Six students begin their high school transition with an Orientation Day on Friday 26 October. They will attend Hedland Senior High for one week from Monday 29 October to Friday 02 November. The transition is designed to have students learn the layout of the High School and experience what the next stage of schooling will entail.

### School Carol Night

The school will be holding a Christmas Carol night, on Wednesday 05 December, for our end of year function. Students will perform Christmas carols commencing 6.30pm. As this is a school event we ask parents not to bring alcohol. More Information will be provided in coming weeks.

*Faith Family Friendship*

## Bullying

If your child is experiencing bullying please encourage them to speak to the class teacher, Mrs Sheen or myself. If we don't know about it then we can't help. I believe St Cecilia's deals with these matters in a strong manner and whilst bullying isn't an issue we will work with staff, students and families to ensure it never becomes an issue.

## Annual General Meeting

The School Board and P&F are holding their AGM on Thursday 29 November commencing at 7.00pm. If you wish to nominate for either the School Board or the P&F please let me know. You don't have to have any special qualities or qualifications to be on either the School Board or the P&F.

Please come along and support the Board and the P&F as they work extremely hard in driving the school to greater achievements.

## Students arriving to school before 8:00am

Parents are asked not to drop students at school before 8:00am on a school morning. There are no staff members on duty and children will be unsupervised until a staff member comes on duty at 8:00am. Thank you for your support.

## Exercise and academic achievement

Research has shown there is a positive link between physical activity and academic achievement in most children. Active children are more likely to improve their reading and maths abilities whilst also improving memory, behaviour, concentration and reasoning. Studies have also shown that children need at least 60 minutes exercise a day to maintain a healthy balance in their lives.

Yours in FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP

Peter Allen  
Principal

## PARISH MASS TIMES & NEWS

### St Cecilia's - Port Hedland

Tue to Fri 8.00am  
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
Sunday 8:00am

### Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland

Tuesday 7.30pm  
Sunday 3.15pm



### St John the Baptist - South Hedland

Mon & Wed 6.00pm, Fri 8.00am  
Saturday Vigil 7.00pm  
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### First Reconciliation

After months of preparation both at school and at home, the children from St John the Baptist and St Cecilia's parishes will be making their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 01 November at 6.30pm at St Cecilia's Church. Father January and Father Edward will be leading the Liturgy. Please keep these children in your prayers as the time draws near for them to receive this special sacrament.

A big thank you once again to class teachers and parents for helping to prepare your child for this very special time.



### Halloween... and... All Saints Day (1 November)

The ancient English word 'hallow' declares something holy or blessed. All Saints Day was for centuries called *Hallow-Mass*, the Mass celebrating all the saints. Halloween is a shortened form of *Hallows-Even*, the evening before All Saints.

So, how did Halloween become the night witches ride and disembodied spirits roam the earth? As with many other celebrations, we can thank the Irish. Halloween began as the Celtic festival of the Lord of the dead. It was believed that on the night before the feast, the gates of the underworld were opened and that ghosts, demons, and witches were allowed to roam freely. In response to this otherworldly menace, the Celts followed the principle "*if you can't beat 'em, join 'em*" and disguised themselves as various kinds of ghouls to escape harm. (From this practice comes our custom of *Halloween masquerading*). The Celts also tried to appease evil spirits by offering them food and wine. This is where 'Trick-or-Treat' comes from 'to bribe evil spirits who wandered about the earth to trick unsuspecting people!' In the ancient Celtic calendar, November 1 began the New Year. As we know the evening before, were times of revelry, dancing, singing, games (desperately looking for someone to kiss at midnight!) and often generally making a fool of oneself.

Halloween, celebrates our "holiness"! "*Halloween*" tradition is closely connected to the feast of All Saints. The countless people many of whom we have known personally – including our family, friends and strangers, **all those anonymous saints** – who quietly, with no fanfare or publicity, lived generous, holy and faithful lives, and have gone to God, as the Eucharistic Prayer puts it, '**have gone before us with the sign of faith**', singing and dancing in heaven in the Father, Son and Spirit, Mary and all God's saints and angels.

Let the fun of Halloween in our community celebrate OUR HOLINESS!



## Whole School Mass

Please join us in celebrating All Saints Day at a whole school Mass on Thursday 01 November. The Mass will be held at St Cecilia's Church at 8:45am and will be led by the Year Three class. Later in the term we will have a whole school Mass to celebrate our patron saint, St Cecilia, on Thursday 22 November, and our End of Year Mass, with Year Six Graduation Mass on Friday 07. As always, families are very welcome to attend our school Masses with all Masses beginning at 8:45am.

Mrs Mandy Sheen  
Religious Education Coordinator

## GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

### Day for Daniel

Next Saturday, 27 October is *Day for Daniel*. *Day for Daniel* is organised by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and is Australia's largest child safety awareness and education day; it is a national day of action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and prevention. The goal of the foundation is to make Australia a safe place for all children.

To recognise the day, we are encouraging all members of St Cecilia's (students, staff and parents) to wear red clothing and participate in a walk around the outside of the school on Tuesday 06 November (the date delay means that the Year Six students will be able to participate also). The walk will take place at 8:25am during Morning Fitness time. To help raise funds for the foundation, we are asking for a gold coin donation from all those wearing red.

For more information about *Day for Daniel*, or the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, visit [www.danielmorcombe.com.au](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au)

### Uniforms

As the end of the year draws near, we are beginning to notice that some students are becoming a little 'relaxed' with their uniforms. It is important that we keep up the standard right through until the end of the year as to maintain our pride in our school. Students that don't comply with the uniform code will be issued with notices that are to be taken home and sighted by parents. If for some reason your child is not in the correct uniform, please send a note in to your child's teacher with an explanation. Your support in this matter is appreciated and valued.

### Book lists for 2019

Booklists for 2019 classes are now available on the school website. If you are unable to access the website, please contact the office for a paper copy. If you do want to have booklist items delivered to the school before the end of the current school year then orders must be placed online by Friday 02 November. Any orders placed after this will be delivered to your home and will include a delivery charge. Please note, all ordering is to be done online; please do not send orders back to school.

In the past, some parents have organised purchase of stationery items themselves from K-Mart or local newsagents. This has often resulted in the supply of incorrect stationery for the start of the school year as these stores do not stock or supply some of the specific items required (e.g. dotted third exercise books). It is important that the correct items are purchased. Other items such as Library bags, pencil cases, lead and coloured pencils may be purchased from other stationery stockists.

### Coles Sports for Schools

During Term Two we asked families to shop at Coles and collect vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools promotion. I am happy to say that the items purchased using the vouchers have finally arrived. We have lots of new equipment for Sport lessons as well as to place in the equipment sheds on the oval and in the Kindy/Pre-Primary area for students to play with at lunch time.

Thank you for your support with this promotion.

Mrs Mandy Sheen  
Assistant Principal



## LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Resuggan performed an amazing feat accessioning a mountain of new books last term but we are still looking for some parents that may have a spare hour or two to help cover these books. If you are able to help, please come and see either Mrs Sheen or Mrs Rozario to collect a bag. All help will be greatly appreciated.

### LIBRARY BOOK COVERING

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I can assist the library by covering some books.  
Please send home some books and contact.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who have had their birthday.

### October

2 CORPUS, Shaylani Y2  
3 LEOPARDI, Vincenzo Y6  
5 NDEWERE, Nokutenda Y4  
10 RICE, William Y3  
12 EDWARDS, Seren Y3  
14 PERERA, Elizabeth Y1  
14 JOHNSON, Regan Y4  
15 MELLBERG, Isla Y2  
19 CLARKE, Eloise Y3  
19 KEEP, Tanikia Y3  
20 DAY, Curtis Y3



## MERIT AWARDS

### Thursday 18 October 2018

K: Austin Duscher  
PP: Brayden Morrison  
Y2: Clara Attwood  
Y3: Braxton Love-Jones  
Y4: India Espersen-Cairns  
Liam Smith  
Y5: Ruby Foster  
Y6: Tadiwanashe Kuzamba

Ruby Hocking  
Sethmi Perera  
Scarlett Black  
Edward Morrison  
John Pugsley  
Myah Wuruki  
Ezekiel Uiduldam

Jordan Hynes  
Logan Tan  
Gabriella Hulse  
Noah Solman



### DONATIONS PLEASE



Do you have any old digital cameras lying around the house that are not being used?

Miss Mullins' Year 5-6 Art group are hoping to do a photography unit next Term & are on the hunt for some cameras that we may be able to have/borrow for the term? If you may have any cameras that are in working order please bring them into the school or if you'd like to contact Miss Mullins please send an email to:  
[Rachel.Mullins@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Rachel.Mullins@cewa.edu.au)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WAAPA Summer School 2018/2019

This Summer WAAPA at ECU, Mt Lawley is offering an exciting performing arts program for students from Years 1 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in RAP, Acting, Dance, Drama, Screen Performance, Music Theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit [WAAPA Summer School](http://www.waapa.edu.au) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at [g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au](mailto:g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au)

### 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](http://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.






**VACSWIM 2018-19**

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

**Choose from four VacSwim programs:**

<p><b>Country early start program</b> Every day from Saturday 15 December to Friday 21 December 2018 Enrolments close Sunday 4 November 2018</p>	<p><b>Program 1</b> Every weekday from Wednesday 2 January to Friday 11 January 2019 Enrolments close Sunday 11 November 2018</p>
<p><b>Short program</b> Every day from Monday 7 January to Friday 11 January 2019 Enrolments close Sunday 11 November 2018</p>	<p><b>Program 2</b> Every weekday from Monday 14 January to Friday 25 January 2019 Enrolments close Sunday 18 November 2018</p>

**Enrol now**  
Visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming) or call 9402 6412.




**VACSWIM 2018-19**

Your Bronze Medallion can help you save lives.

**If you are over 13 years old and love swimming, then we want you to get your Bronze Medallion.**

No matter where in Western Australia you and your family spend these summer holidays, there are VacSwim lessons you can take part in. Make swimming a part of your summer plans and enrol to learn advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation skills.

**Enrol now**  
Visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming) or call 9402 6412.

Image supplied courtesy of Surf Life Saving



## VacSwim 2018-19

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim programs are held at pools and beaches all across the State. No matter where you are planning to spend these summer holidays, your children can take part in VacSwim.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming)

### Text for school Apps

Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

Find a location near you at [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming)

**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)

Welcome to Year One. We have had a busy semester, learning lots of new things, exploring the world around us and having fun within our classroom. Here are some of the things we have been learning.



Book Week 2018



We love learning our spelling words through messy hands on play.



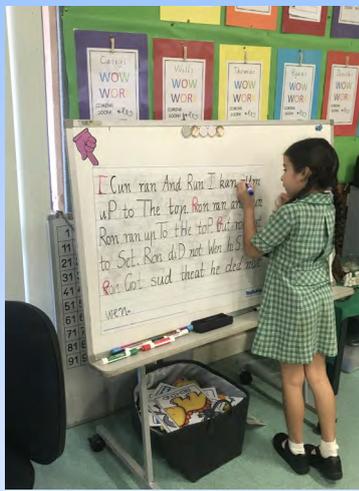
In Maths we learnt about formal and informal measurement. We learnt how to measure objects length, height and weight. It was fun comparing results for how long our friends are!



We have all grown so much this year!

# Year 1 Adventures

This year we have been learning to edit a muddled up passage, by finding the missing full stops and capital letters and helping Miss Murgia spell the words correctly. We like writing on our whiteboard.



We love helping out in the garden, especially when we get to eat our yummy cherry tomatoes!

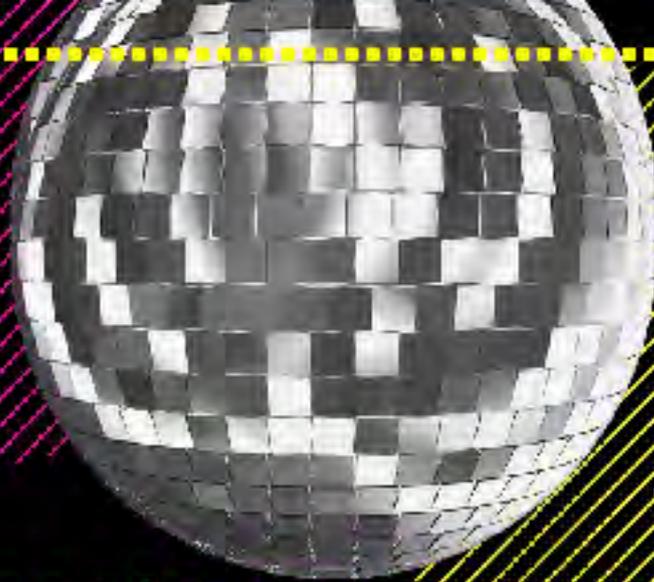


We explored different countries around the world during our informative writing block. Each week we tried different foods from the country we were learning about. We even got to learn how to make Pasta. It tasted delicious!



In Maths we learnt how to make different 2D shapes by using our bodies and working together as a team.





AWESOME

# ST CECILIA'S STUDENT DISCO

**When:** Friday 26 October 5:30pm-8:00pm



**Where:** St Cecilia's School Hall

**What:** \$7.00 Entry, Hotdog, Juice Box and Glowstick included.

Bottled water on sale .50c each



**Y6 Graduation Fundraising:**  
Selling Glow products

*ONLY students of St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School, no siblings. Kindy and Pre-Primary students must have a parent/guardian remain throughout the disco.*

*To attend the disco please login to the Flexischool website complete the permission form including payment of \$7.00 by 3.00pm on Monday 22 October.*

*No late orders or door entry/sales will be accepted.*

*Flexischools will be available in the first week of T4.*