



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week Eight, Thursday 29 November 2018

REFLECTION

Pope Francis urges us to "Share the Journey" with migrants and refugees. The first step is quite simply to see the other person in their full God-given dignity and not look away in fear, prejudice or hatred.

Let us just take a moment as we approach the Christmas period to reflect on how many times we see news images of migrant pregnant women crossing deserts or getting off unsafe boats, with no home to go to.

Can we imagine ourselves being on their journey or on Joseph and Mary's migrant journey to Bethlehem? The town was not equipped to welcome or accommodate them. It could not offer the care a pregnant woman needed. The Holy Family was one family too many for this small place.

Can we put ourselves in the shoes of the shepherds who went to visit the Christ child? They were uneducated outcasts in their society and yet the angels appeared to them, not to a rich landowner, and said, "Do not be afraid."

The human response might be to hide away in fear when something unexpected and unexplained happens, but the shepherds went to look for the child and then they spread the Good News to everyone about what they saw.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 05 December
Christmas Carols night under the stars on the oval
6.30pm start
Bring chairs & picnic dinner
No Alcohol

Friday 07 December
Canteen closed

End of Year Thanksgiving
Whole School Mass
& Y6 Graduation
8.45am in the St Cecilia's Church

Last Day for Students, Reports sent home K- Y6

Monday 24 December
Family Christmas Mass
6.00pm Carols
6.30pm Mass

Monday 04 February
Student First day for 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a privilege it has been to be working with St Cecilia's Staff, Parents and Students over the past two weeks, such a welcoming and energetic community. As another year passes, our Year Six students journey beyond the walls our school and on to high school. I was truly touched by the Year Six students this week, as they led the school in their final assembly at St Cecilia's. Congratulations to the parents and staff who have nurtured these beautiful students throughout their primary years.

Earlier this week we had a sneak peak at St Cecilia's incoming principal - Mr Robert Palladino. Mr Palladino and his wife Jenny will be moving to Port Hedland over the Christmas break. He is thrilled to be back up to a warm climate, his previous principal position was at Holy Rosary School in Derby where he stayed for a maximum principal tenure of 8 years. Along with getting to know the staff and students of St Cecilia's, Mr Palladino spent time meeting with the Board, P&F and local community support agencies.

Over the past two weeks we have been busy trying to finalise the budget and staffing for 2019, we hope to be able to share class teachers and changes for 2019 early next week. We have also been diving deep into school data in developing school improvement plans for next year. We are looking forward to a really targeted effort in 2019!

Many blessings to our staff, students and families over the Christmas break, be safe and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. I look forward to connecting with you all

Faith Family Friendship



again next year as I resume my position as Regional Officer of the Geraldton Diocese and continue to support St Cecilia's Catholic Primary school.

Leanne Hodge
Regional Officer of the Geraldton Diocese

PARISH MASS TIMES & NEWS

St Cecilia's - Port Hedland

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

St John the Baptist - South Hedland

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

Seafarers Centre - Port Hedland

Tuesday 7.30pm
Sunday 3.15pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Advent – Jesus is the Reason for the Season

This is the time to take a moment to remember the true meaning of Christmas. It is very easy to get caught up into the Christmas buzz – shopping for gifts, baking, preparing for Christmas parties etc...and we can easily lose sight of the true meaning of this advent season. The word 'advent' derives from the Latin term 'adventus' which means 'coming' or 'arrival'. Therefore Advent is a time of preparation to welcome the birth of our Lord, Jesus. Not only is advent a time of waiting; it is a time of reflection and renewal. As people of faith, we are invited to draw our attention not only within ourselves but also outside ourselves; where we look beyond our own needs and place the needs of others before us. I would like to thank you all for your generous donations towards our Seafarers boxes and also our St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal. Your contribution will make someone else's Christmas.

End of Year Mass

Please join our school community for our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 07 December at 8.45am at St Cecilia's Church. The Mass will also include the Year Six Graduation presentation. We hope to see you there as we bid farewell to some special people and also give thanks to our God for a wonderful 2018.

St Cecilia's Day

On Thursday 22 November, we celebrated St Cecilia's Day as a whole school. The day began with a Mass led by the Year Two class to honour our patron saint. After the Mass, all students participated in water activities before enjoying a delicious pizza lunch followed by a relaxing movie afternoon. We were also joined by ten students from Strelley Community School who had a fantastic time participating in all the activities. Thank you to the teachers and parents who helped to make the day so much fun for our students. We hope you didn't get too wet!

St Vincent de Paul and Seafarers donations

Thank you to all families that donated to our Christmas appeal programs for this term. The boxes in front of Mrs Rozario's desk were filled with plenty of items for the Seafarers, St Vincent de Paul, Aussie Troops and the 'It's In The Bag' appeal. We thank you for helping St Cecilia's to make Christmas a little happier for someone in need or away from their family 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 6.30pm. If you would like your child to be involved in the Mass, please let Mrs Sheen know or complete the form found in the newsletter this week and return the slip to the office by Friday 07 December. Thank you to those families that have already volunteered.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

Year Six Karlarra House visit

As part of the Term Four Library lessons, the Year Six class had the picture book *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge* read aloud to them.

The story is about a young boy, Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge, who lives near a nursing home and befriends the residents. Miss Nancy, one of the residents, has lost her memory and he wants to help her find it. The Library lessons the Year Six students participated in focused on memories, particularly their memories of primary school. As a final activity, we wanted to recreate the experience of the little boy visiting the nursing home and so on Wednesday, the Year Six students visited Karlarra House in South Hedland to do some activities with some of the residents. They did some craft activities, e.g. making Christmas cards, played board games and did puzzles before farewelling their new friends to return home. The students all enjoyed this experience, particularly those that don't get to see their grandparents as often as they would like. Hopefully, we will be able to make our visits to Karlarra House a regular event.

Soccer

Soccer has become a very popular lunch time activity for all year levels. Some of our students play soccer regularly and are familiar with all the rules, some of our students are not. On Wednesday, our keen Year One, Two and



Three soccer players were fortunate enough to have Mr Solman, (father of James in Kindy, Leon in Year One and Noah in Year Three) come to the school to give some coaching tips and help to referee the game. The students, boys and girls, had a fabulous time and can't wait for him to come back again next week for another game. Thank you, Mr Solman for giving up some time on your day off to come and help our lunchtime soccer game.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in 2018. 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. Unfortunately, with the end of the year also comes some 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 bump in to you in one of the shopping centres!). Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of you all a safe and joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

BIRTHDAYS

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

December

- 1 MARTIN, Isabella Y2
- 1 MARTIN, Natahleigh Y2
- 1 RUSSELL, Cooper Y3
- 1 THOMPSON, Oscar Y5
- 2 CORPUS, Shaylani Y2
- 4 PURTELL, Ava K
- 4 OSBORNE, Jace Y4
- 9 NYATHI, Tamara K
- 9 VANOS, Blaze Y2
- 11 DOUGLAS, Roman K
- 12 KOTUA, Aarhi K
- 12 SOLO, John Y3
- 15 PITT, Chael K
- 17 TOWNSEND, James Y5
- 22 AMIRADAKI, Elleanna Y1
- 25 HULSE, Gabriella Y2
- 27 HOCKING, Ruby K
- 27 PITT, Shaenae Y3
- 28 FRANKS, Charlotte PP
- 28 KUZAMBA, Tadiwanashe Y6
- 29 THOMPSON, Angus Y3
- 31 ENOCH, Chelsea PP



MERIT AWARDS

Thursday 29 October 2018

K: Ebony Bennett	Sumara Macindoe	Tamara Nyati
PP: Mutsawashe Chamboko		
Y1: Sophia Clarke	Casey Corpus	Decklynn Walker
Y2: Tyler Godden	Perri Pawlenko	Moono Siamutete
Y3: Nukutenda Chamboko	Bailey Flint	Tanikia Keep
Sanuki Perera	William Rice	
Y4: Sebastian Hille	Myah Wuruki	
Y5: Year Five Class		
Y6: Kayleigh Curtis	Jaden De Leon	Year Six Class

LEXILE CERTIFICATES

Blue Star Award:	Benjamin Thomas	Jace Osborne
Red Star Award:	Lincoln Vile	



Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

On Wednesday 17 November, Mr Allen & Mr Sta Maria were invited to attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony at Hedland Senior High School. This ceremony had special sentiment for both staff members; for Mr Sta Maria, this graduating class was the last full time class he taught before moving into the specialist IT role and for Mr Allen, this group of students was the last Year Seven class that attended St Cecilia's in his first year as Principal.

Congratulations to our former students Rawiri Te Tau, Jeffery Strachan, Kyle Gould, Gerieme Seno, Georgia Hinch, Ella Hinch and Tess Mellberg on your Graduation and the best of luck for your future endeavours.



ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
WELCOMES PORT HEDLAND
TO

CHRISTMAS

Carols

WEDNESDAY
5 DECEMBER

ST CECILIA'S SCHOOL OVAL
35 SUTHERLAND ST PORT HEDLAND

6.30PM

BAKE SALE 5-6PM

FEATURING STUDENTS FROM KINDY - YEAR 6
ST CECILIA'S CPS SCHOOL CHOIR
WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

BYO *PICNIC & CHAIR

Supported by:
St Cecilia's CPS P & F Association
St Cecilia's Garden Working Group

*No food available
An alcohol free community event





St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

**Teacher Assistant (Qualified)
Temporary
0.8 FTE**

Applicants must have or be working towards:
-Certificate III of Education Support or equivalent
-Accreditation to Work in a Catholic School

Special Needs Support training would be an advantage to the position.

Applicants must be fully supportive of the objectives
and ethos of Catholic Education.

Please forward a covering letter together with your resume
The Principal, to apply for the above positions, by 4:00pm on

Wednesday 19 December 2018

PO Box 700 PORT HEDLAND WA 6721
email leanne.hodge@cewa.edu.au
Ph: 08 9174 7000

Faith Family Friendship

ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS ATTENDANCE

24 December 2018 Christmas Eve Children's Mass

6.00pm Carols, 6.30pm Mass

If you we will be attending 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





To the 2018 Year Six



Graduating class

I would like thank each of you for the great life and leadership you have provided to the Primary school community this year. You are a talented and compassionate group of young people with a bright future ahead. I have been proud to teach you in your final year of primary school. Enjoy your celebrations next week at your graduation dinner.

Let mum and dad take lots of photos of you - in the future you will look back at your beauty and wide-eyed excitement.

Spend your last days of Primary School in reflection and gratitude to your teachers and the wonderful friends you have made. Aim high and make big plans for your future.

Farewell and congratulations to our Graduating Class of Year Six, 2018.

Miss Mullins



Year Six Art

This year our Year Six class have as a part of their end of year projects, designed art work on tiles. Thanks to a generous donation from Brett at Jupps and the creative mastermind of Mrs Narelle Curtis, the students were able to design a subway tile each that best reflected their personalities. These tiles may be displayed at the school for the next generation of Year Six classes to see and read and eventually add to.



P&F NEWS BULLETIN

(St Cecilia's Parents and Friends Association)

P&F Announcements

Committee

The P&F are pleased to announce the election of their new executive committee members at the AGM held on Thursday 29 November 2018.

President – Chantal Foster

Vice President – Sally Casson

Treasurer – Renae Price

Secretary – To Be Confirmed

We would like to give thanks to all the former committee members and give a warm welcome to everyone who has stepped on as general members. We look forward to a wonderful 2019.

Our next Committee Meeting will be announced with a P&F calendar before the end of term.

Christmas Crazy Hair Day

On Wednesday, 5 December we are holding our Christmas Crazy Hair day.

There is a gold coin donation on the day and you can come with your craziest, wildest Christmas do!!!!

There will be prizes for the most original in each year.

Bake Sale

On Wednesday, 5 December at the School Christmas Carols, the P&F will be holding a bake sale.

Only \$5 to design your own dessert plate so buy as many as you wish!!!

If you would like to contribute something yummy, please contact Sally Casson on 0423118267 by Monday, 3 December.

Colour Run

In February we will be holding our 2019 COLOUR RUN!

Keep an eye out for more info to come.