



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School
NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week Six, Thursday 14 March 2019

COMING EVENTS

Friday 15 March
 P&F St Patricks Day Cup Cakes
 P&F Colour Run 1.00pm

Monday 18 March
 Faction Swimming Carnival
 South Hedland Aquatic Centre
 PP - Y6
 P&F Pre -Order Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday 19 March
 Reconciliation Y4 9.10am

Wednesday 20 March
 Reconciliation Y5 9.10am

Thursday 21 March
 School Banking
 Reconciliation Y6 9.10am
 Harmony Day
 Special Pre-Order Lunch

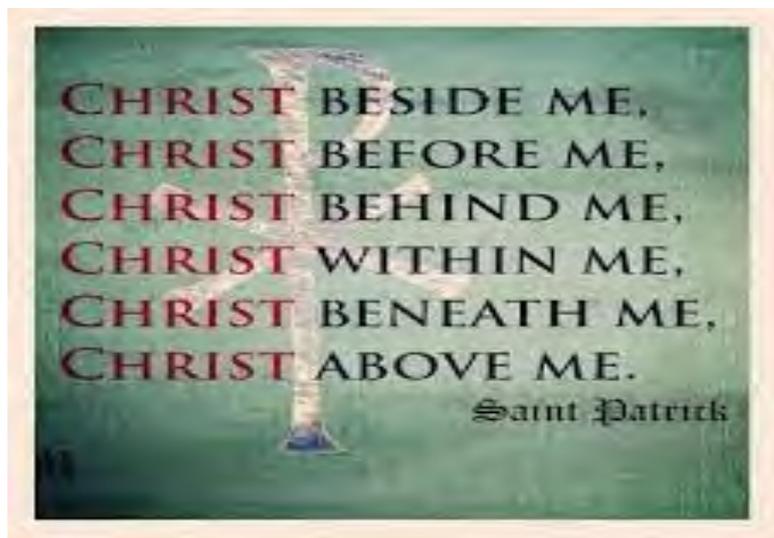
Friday 22 March
 Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC
 visiting Y6 Class

Monday 25 March
 Annunciation of the Lord
 Whole School Mass 8.45am

Thursday 28 March
 School Banking
 Assembly in the hall

Friday 29 March
 Earth Hour for schools

Prayer



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

St Patrick's Day March 18

St Patrick serves as a role model for all, because even though he denied knowing Jesus, when under pressure, he regretted it deeply and proved himself a loyal follower of Christ, for the rest of his life. This shows that despite our faults, we can continue to do God's work.

Did you know?

- * Saint Patrick's real name was Maewyn Succat. For his first 16 years, Maewyn lived a normal life as the son of a wealthy landowner and magistrate in Britain.
- * At 16, Maewyn was captured and sold into slavery by a group of pirates who raided his village.
- * After six years of herding sheep, Maewyn escaped, went to France and became a priest, adopting the name Patrick.

- ◆ The shamrock is a traditional symbol because Saint Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to represent how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit could exist as separate elements in the same entity?

International Women's Day – Friday, March 8

Last Friday was International Women's Day, and the theme was Balance for Better. We live in the hope that women around the world are regarded as equals and that they are treated with dignity and respect as God intended.

Faith Family Friendship

School Board Update

We are in the process of finalising members for the School Board. At the moment Stephanie Holmes-Leonard, Feleena Attwood, Helena Murphy, Rebekah Hagan, Father Edward and myself constitute the School Board. We are hoping to add a couple of more names to this list, especially someone with financial experience. At our first meeting, the Board will elect the chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Hon Stephen Dawson

Will be visiting the Year Sixes on March 22 at 9:15 am as he had to cancel his last visit on Clean Up Australia Day.

BHP

A work crew of approximately 20 people from BHP are volunteering a days work to undertake some tasks around the school. These include painting the basketball area and doing some work in the garden area. Thank you in advance to Shane Vanos for organising this.

CEWA Strategic Direction

CECWA (Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia) have launched their new Strategic Directions for 2019-2021. The four areas of focus are as follows:

- 1) Inspiring Christ –centred Leaders
- 2) Catholic Schools of Excellence
- 3) Catholic Pastoral Communities
- 4) Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable Systems of Schools

Leadership Day

Last Friday the Year Sixes participated in a range of activities designed to focus on their Leadership skills. Based on their participation and the applications forms submitted by the students, the school's leaders will be chosen. The announcement will be made at the Leadership assembly this Thursday and published in the next newsletter. Thank you to Rachel Mullins, Mandy Sheen and Fr Edward for organising and assisting on the day.

CEOWA (Catholic Education Office of Western Australia) Statement re Cardinal Pell

Dear parents/caregivers,

The recent news of the conviction of Cardinal Pell has been deeply distressing for our community, particularly for those whose lives have been impacted by sexual abuse.

Out of respect for the ongoing judicial process, Catholic Education Western Australia will not be providing comment on the conviction and upcoming appeal at this time, other than to say that we must continue to acknowledge the pain of all victims and survivors of abuse, and provide support to them and their loved ones wherever and however we can.

As a school community, this is a reminder that every student and staff member needs a safe and supportive learning environment, and that the wellbeing of all in our school remains our highest priority.

This is indeed an extremely difficult and confronting time, and I encourage you to contact the principal directly if you or your child requires support in dealing with this.

Religious Humour

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson: "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his brother and said, Ryan, you be Jesus.

Enjoy the coming weekend

Mr Robert Palladino

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

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Last week, we recognised Ash Wednesday with a service in the Undercover Area to collect the Lenten promises written by students and staff. These promises were then burned to make the ashes for our Mass. As with all our Masses, it was wonderful to see a number of parents join us for the Mass.

With Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent, it means that our fundraising for Caritas has also begun. Last Wednesday, each family received a Project Compassion box, provided by Caritas Australia. This was sent home with the hope that it will become a fundraising box for your family. If you missed getting a box, or if you would like additional boxes, please see Mrs Sheen.

Commissioning Mass

Last Thursday afternoon we celebrated Mass as a staff with Bishop Michael Morrissey as our celebrant. We were joined by Mrs Leanne Hodge and Mr Damien O'Malley from the Catholic Education Western Australia Office in Geraldton, Mr Peter Yensch from the Perth office and School Board representative, Mrs Feleena Attwood. This



Mass 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 and 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 on the weekend of Saturday 06 and Sunday 07 April; enrolment forms will be sent home with students within the next week. If you have missed getting an enrolment form, or if your child has missed receiving the Sacrament and you want them to take part this year, please speak with Father Edward or see Mrs Sheen. Enrolment forms must be returned to the priest at the Enrolment Masses, please do not return it to school.

St Cecilia's Values

Each fortnight at our Monday Assembly we will be 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 next assembly the value focus will be Kindness. These values will be discussed in classes and information shared in the newsletters. 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.

Our Monday morning assemblies are held in the Undercover Area at 8:30am on the odd numbered weeks of term.

Parish News– St Cecilia's Church Golden Jubilee

St Cecilia's Church will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its construction on the current site on Sutherland Street. The event will be commemorated on Sunday 28 July with a Mass and shared meal in the Undercover Area of St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School.

We would like to invite as many people as possible that have been involved with St Cecilia's Church. If you know anyone that has been involved in the St Cecilia's Church community in any way over the past 50 years, for example, architects, builders, priests, sisters, families, parishioners or parish council members, please contact Father Edward (0474 732 684), Mandy Sheen (9174 7000) or Arnold Carter (0400 205 173).

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

School Leaders

Congratulations to the School Leaders for 2019.

Regardless of whether children have received a badge or not, we are blessed to have such dedicated and enthusiastic students leading our school. All students have a role in leading the younger students of our school and they will be required to support each other throughout the year. I know that our leadership class are ready to take on the many challenges that will come their way throughout their final year of primary school and will make themselves and everyone else proud of their abilities.



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.* To recognise Harmony Day at St Cecilia's, we will be making and flying kites and wearing orange.

As a school, we will be making and flying kites to represent the idea that there is one sky over Australia and we all share and live under it. Students will be making the kites within their class before moving to the oval to try out their kite flying skills. The kites are multi-coloured with orange tails.

For Harmony Day, students will be encouraged to wear orange clothing. 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.

Finally, Mrs Gould has organised a special lunch order of pizza and juice. If your child would like to enjoy the special lunch, please order via Flexischool by 3:00 pm Monday 18 March.

Term Calendars

Term Calendars showing events for Term One and Two are now available on the school website. Please refer to these to find out about important dates and events happening in our school.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

BIRTHDAYS

March

6 MCLAUGHLIN, Tammy K
6 STOKES, Shelby Y4
12 TESAR, Milla Y2
16 MAJOR, Addison-Rose K
16 PUGSLEY, John Y5



MERIT AWARDS

Thursday 14 March 2019

Y1: Diogo Oliveira-Pereira	Kai Pawlenko	
Y2: Lilly Leonard	Leon Solman	
Y3: Luka Zelencic	Taj Heke	Anna Wellbeloved
Y4: Angus Thompson	Aimee Puertollano	
Y5: Ella Abbott	Charlotte Schmich	
Y6: Ava Falkner		



UNIFORM UPDATE

SPORTS SHORTS

We have extended the unisex microfibre shorts worn in the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes to now also be available to students in Years One to Six.

These are now available for purchase through Flexischools online ordering system.

Samples for sizing are available in the front office.

Throughout 2019 there will be a transition where students can wear either the older style knit shorts or the new microfibre shorts will be available.

As they are a unisex short, girls have the option to wear either the skort or the new microfibre shorts.

The older style knit shorts are on sale and available for \$10.00 each while stocks last, these can be ordered via Flexischools.



St PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



P & F would like to thank you for baking cupcakes.

Bridget Tesar, Carly Steeger, Chantal Foster, Claire Wellbeloved, Janja Zelenčić, Jess Douglas, Karla McCormick, Kim Tucker-Pawlenko, Laura Hawes, Lucy Heke, Rebekah Hagan, Renee Hulse, Sally Casson, Steph Holmes, Suz Braders & Kirsten Thompson

**We raised a total of \$293.20 for free dress day and sale of cupcakes.
Thank you Kirsten Thompson for organising the cupcake event.**



Our Year Five Classroom Term One



This term we are having fun and making a woollen weaving using Aboriginal colours. We are using our fine motor skills as we learn that weaving requires patience and perseverance.

It will be worth it because we are making a colourful book mark. Later on we will add some pretty pom poms for decoration.



We have used our research skills to work on our art. We looked at Aboriginal art styles and the artists.

We found that some artists like to use the traditional colours such as red, yellow and black for their art.

We also discovered that the artists use symbols in their paintings to enable them to tell Dreamtime stories.

When we have finished our weaving, we will explore using paint to recreate some of the styles we researched.



Of course we haven't just been weaving, so...

What else have we been up to?

In the morning we like to keep fit. We rotate through activities with our friends in Year Four and Year Six.

We have the opportunity to play dodge ball, egg and spoon relay and clock relay. This week we were practising our war cries ready for the Swimming Carnival.



We are developing our spelling skills through the Spelling Mastery books and our Maths with our Mental Maths books. We are working very hard and are making improvements everyday.

We have used the Chromebooks to research early Australian Colonies to find out how convicts contributed to the development of Australia. One thing we found out was that the daily life of a convict was very harsh.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On the 1st of March; Year 6 participated in the Clean up Australia Day. We walked around the school boundary and over to Cemetery Beach to pick up rubbish. 2019 was the 30th anniversary of Clean up Australia Day, it was a 'simple idea' brought to life by Ian Kiernan, in Sydney.

Julie Arif from Care for Hedland and David Tench from BHP, came into our class to talk about the roles their organisations play in helping the environment.



Mini Library Hutch

Year Six

mini library hutch has arrived!!

It was a shared labour of love and donated to the Year 6 class.

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for our beautiful hutch that will house our "Leave one, Take one" books.

Michelle Mills—Millstyle Furniture—bringing it to life

Caine Oatley Real Estate—donating the furniture
Port Hedland Glaziers—donating the perspex

Thank you from the Year 6 class





St Cecilia's P&F would like to thank BHP for supporting our Science classroom grant, totalling \$3870.50. Our Science classroom has some amazing new science equipment, which gives students the opportunity to receive hands on experience.

Save the date
Saturday, 8 June 2019
Dads and Kids Campout



ATTENTION ATTENTION

**Volunteers needed at the
SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**To help cook the BBQ Sausage
Sizzle**

**Mon 18th March @ South
Hedland Aquatic Centre**

**Thank you in advance. Your
help is much appreciated.**



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