



*St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School*  
**NEWSLETTER**

Term One, Week Eight, Thursday 26 March 2020

**Quote of the Day**

"I've learned that people will forget what you said,  
 people will forget what you did, but people will  
 never forget how you made them feel."

[Maya Angelou](#)

**COMING EVENTS**

**Thursday 09 April**  
 Last day of Term One  
 Canteen closed

**Friday 10 April  
 to Tuesday 28 April**  
 NO SCHOOL  
 School Holidays

**Wednesday 29 April**  
 Students return  
 to start Term Two  
 "To be confirmed"

Facebook link:  
<http://fb.me/stceciliascps>



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Message From Bishop Michael**

Please note that all Masses will be suspended until further notice. Meanwhile, you can access Masses as per below: Mass on Demand' (Online)  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD\\_HVaQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ)  
 OR Mass for You at Home. 6.00 am every Sunday on Channel 7.

**St Patrick's Day Mass**

Thank you to the Year Three class and staff members who helped with the St Patrick's day Mass. A thank you is also extended to Fr Edward and Fr January for celebrating the Mass. A big thank you to all the parents who donated green cupcakes for St Patrick's Day. Your efforts are appreciated.

**COVID-19 and Mental Health**

I read an article the other day stating that 'Kids Helpline' has seen a nearly ten-fold increase in the number of approaches from children concerned about the virus. A spokesperson from Kids Helpline said it was important for parents to keep talking to their children. Some tips from the article to help you at home are as follows:

- Make sure you are communicating from a place of calm. If you seem anxious or distressed, your child may pick up on this and may also become anxious or distressed.
- Pick your time and place to chat carefully. Some great options are when you are side-by-side, like in the car or unpacking the dishwasher together, and during the day, as anxiety levels are higher at night.
- Talk about some of the positives and kindness that can come out of stressful times
- Use this as an opportunity to learn together, for example; you could watch a video or read a book on how our immune system works

**Congratulations**

Well done and best wishes to two of our students who were chosen to represent the state recently. Our congratulations are extended to:

**Brooklyn Bennett** for his selection in the state athletics team and **Lincoln Vile** for his selection in both the state rugby and athletics team.

*Faith Family Friendship*

### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all participants in the St Cecilia's swimming carnival held in Week Seven. I was very impressed with the behaviour and attitude of all students. Thank you to Mrs Lee-Gowland for her thorough organisation of the event and also to the staff, parents and volunteers who assisted.

### School Fees

If at any time families are under financial pressure due to job losses/cutbacks, as a result of the virus, please come and see me to discuss how we can help with school fees.

### Board Member Retiring

Mrs Lorraine Muzambwa is retiring from the School Board as no member, other than Ex-Officio members, can serve more than six consecutive years. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Lorraine on her enormous contribution to the school as not only a current member but also an ex Treasurer of the Board. Lorraine's advice and insight will be greatly missed, and I am hoping to see Lorraine return to the Board next year.

### Actual Announcements Taken From Church Bulletins.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

God Bless and enjoy the coming weekend.



Mr Robert Palladino  
Principal

## PARISH MASS TIMES & NEWS

You would all be well aware of the temporary suspension of Masses as part of the social distancing requirements, but, did you know that St Cecilia's Church has a Facebook page? Father Edward is posting the daily readings to this page each morning so if you haven't already liked the page, look for *Cecilia's Church Port Hedland*, like and follow to get the daily reading.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### First Holy Communion

A reminder for those families with children wishing to take part in the sacrament of First Holy Communion this year – the enrolment Mass was due to be held last week but due to restrictions on public gatherings, we directed children to return their enrolment form to Mrs Sheen at the school or to your Parish Priest directly. If you haven't returned your form yet, please bring it in to school or scan and email to Mrs Sheen.

The first at home activity was given to those that have returned their form yesterday. Future at home activities will be emailed to families of enrolled children each Sunday morning. 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.

We will keep you informed of any further developments as we are informed of them.

### Holy Week Special Assemblies

Due to current circumstances, we will have to cancel our Holy Week Assembly. For those at home or at school, there are plenty of short videos available online to learn about the events of Holy Week. Use the search term, 'Holy Week for Children' to view some short videos on YouTube to learn more about Holy Week.

### Caritas Project Compassion

Our fundraising for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion has been underway for a month now. How are your fundraising efforts going at home?

I would like to thank the P&F for organising the delicious cupcakes for St Patrick's Day. The gold coin donations from the green cupcakes raised \$144 for Project Compassion.

Mrs Mandy Sheen  
Religious Education Coordinator



## GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

### Harmony Day

Unfortunately, our cultural lunch to recognise Harmony Day was postponed due to our increased health and hygiene protocols. We will hold this lunch later in the year as a way of recognising the diversity we have within our school.

Mrs Mandy Sheen  
Assistant Principal



## BIRTHDAYS

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

### March

18 ANDREWS, Lilly K  
18 ANDREWS, Shane K  
18 MORRISON, Brayden Y2  
21 BINSAAD, Zariah K  
21 BLATCH, Sean Y4  
21 BENNETT, Brooklyn Y5 21  
22 WITHAM, Evelyn Y1  
25 VRANCIC, Jake Y6  
26 CLOMA, Dexter K  
26 LOVE-JONES, Braxton Y5  
28 SAMPSON, Liam K



## MERIT AWARDS

Thursday 26 March 2020

Y1: Evelyn Witham  
Y4: Jaleia Binsaad  
Y5: Curtis Day  
Y6: Taylah Filer

Kingston Bradbury  
Noah Solman  
Lincoln Vile

### LEXILE CERTIFICATES

Blue Star Award:  
Red Star Award:

Isla Mellberg Y4    Sarah Bone Y4    Reily Fernandes Y4  
Sarah Bone Y4    Reily Fernandes Y4



## ENROLMENTS

St Cecilia's is a single stream co-educational Catholic primary school catering for children from Kindergarten to Year Six.

The school caters for educating the whole child and we use a positive behavior management plan to enhance student potential and achievement.

The school enjoys a close relationship with the Parish and strong support from the parent community.

**We currently have vacancies in all year levels  
and are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2021  
for children born between 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.**

Application forms can be downloaded from our website [www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au](http://www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au) or  
email [admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au) or Ph: 08 9174 7000

## DONATIONS PLEASE

We would appreciate any donations of the following items:

◆ Recorders

◆ Small Shoe boxes with lid

These can be brought into the front office.  
Thank you Mrs Rozario School Secretary



# WELCOME to our

# CRAZY

# world of PRE PRIMARY



We are Easter  
Bunny helpers!



We are hand  
washing experts!





**We are swimmers!**



**We are mathematicians!**



**We are builders!**

