



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week Four, Thursday 21 May 2020

Reflection

"Take the first step in faith.
You don't have to see the whole
staircase. Just take the first step."

~ [Dr Martin Luther King Jr](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

Covid-19 and School Procedures

- ◆ **Assemblies, School Masses, School Community Events, Excursions/ Incursions**
All of these activities will not recommence until further advice is received from the Department of Health. Please note that parents can still access the assemblies through Zoom. Details will be sent via text messages.
- ◆ **School Boards, Parents and Friends**
May resume after school hours for up to 20 people where physical distancing and enhanced cleaning and hygiene protocols are observed.
- ◆ **Parent and Caregiver Meetings**
Pre-arranged meetings with parents and caregivers are permitted for purposes of new enrolments, pastoral care case management, student behaviour and engagement, medical reasons and other emergencies.
- ◆ **School Visitors**
Visitors to St Cecilia's will be limited to essential health, wellbeing, case management and maintenance providers, and occur only when the school can assure adherence to physical distancing requirements and enhanced cleaning requirements.
- ◆ **If a Child is Unwell**
Unwell students should stay at home. Parents are asked to seek medical advice if their child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19. Standard processes for advising the school of a child's absence will apply.
- ◆ **Semester One Reporting**
School systems and sectors across the country have been offered flexibility concerning reporting for Semester One, 2020. Catholic Education Western Australia is in the process of addressing this and parents will be notified as soon as these changes have been confirmed.

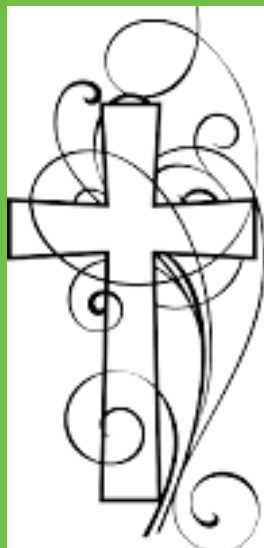
COMING EVENTS

Monday 1 June
Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Thursday 4 June
Assembly 8.45am
Zoom: 839 658 1241
palladino

Monday 8 June
Values Assembly 8.35am
Zoom: 309 860 3174
PW: sheen

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



Faith Family Friendship

♦ **Health and Hygiene**

The health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff remain our highest priority. Additional cleaning measures already in place in our school will be sustained. Unwell students are to stay at home until they receive medical clearance to attend school.

♦ **Physical distancing**

While physical distancing is not required for students in schools, we will actively encourage our students to do so wherever practical. Physical distancing is still a requirement for all adults.

♦ **Parent and Caregiver Access**

Parents and caregivers should be advised that they are not permitted to exit their vehicles when dropping off or collecting their children. If parents and caregivers are walking their children to and from school, they should undertake their drop-off or pick-up at the school gates. If you are dropping your children off to school after the bell or picking up early, please contact the office and a member of the administration team will meet you in the drive through lane.

♦ **Personal Hygiene**

Arrangements are in place for regular and thorough hand-washing for students and staff.

♦ **Liturgy in Schools**

Liturgies and class Masses will not recommence until further advice is received.

♦ **Remaining Prepared**

St Cecilia's will continue to review and respond to cleaning and hygiene protocols in line with advice from the Department of Health. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19, any temporary school closure will be advised by the Department of Health and the school will enact its Six Step Response Plan in the event of a confirmed case.

♦ **Wellbeing Resources**

For parents can be found here <https://covid19.cewa.edu.au/wellbeing/>

Out of School Hours Care

Based on the last survey, we did not have the number of participants to make it viable for One Tree. Once things return to normal we can try again. Please see below the information from the survey One Tree collected:

... the figures for any of the services were just not enough for the service to be viable. Before school needs on any given day were a maximum of 2 children. After school care needs again on any given day were a maximum of 11 children and this was only on a Wednesday, the remainder of the week was a maximum of 6 children per day. Vacation care on any given day was a maximum of 4 children and again this was only for Wednesday with the remainder of the week at 3 children per day.

Actual Clipping from Church Bulletins:

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

God Bless and enjoy the weekend



Mr Robert Palladino
Principal

PARISH MASS TIMES & NEWS

Dear all,

It is my hope that you are well. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday/Sunday, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Following the WA government directives, St Cecilia's Catholic Church is open from Monday 18 May 2020 for the celebration of Mass, private prayer, adoration, and confessions with a limit of twenty (20) people in the congregation. The social distancing of four (4) square metres will be observed with a physical distance of 1.5 metres between people. I kindly recommend that you email stceciliaporthedland@bigpond.com to acknowledge your attendance either on Saturday 5.30 pm or Sunday 8.00 am.

I am happy to celebrate more than one Mass if more people intend to come, especially on Sunday.

St Cecilia's Catholic Church services - Port Hedland

Weekdays – Tuesday to Friday: 8.00am, Weekends – Saturday: 5.30pm & Sunday: 8.00am

I kindly ask that all parishioners attending Mass record their name and contact details in the visitors' book at the Church entrance, as per government directives.

I also ask that you use sanitiser placed at the Church entrance and, persons who feel unwell, who have flu/respiratory symptoms, elevated body temperatures or who have been in contact in the previous fourteen (14) days with persons suspected to have, or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, to not enter the church.

Thank you and God bless
Fr Edward

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pentecost

Sunday 31 May is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost, meaning 'the fiftieth day', is celebrated fifty days after Easter. It is to remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the book of Acts in the New Testament and as Jesus had promised after he rose from the dead. In Year One and Year Two, we have been discussing Pentecost as being the 'birthday of the Church' as it



was on this day that the Church's mission to the world began. If you are able to attend Mass on Pentecost Sunday, look out for the red robes worn by the priests as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth. Other symbols you may see include a white dove and wind to symbolise the breath of God.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

This term should have been a busy one for our students making preparations for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, but these preparations have been impacted by Covid-19 restrictions.

While the easing of some restrictions has meant that Father Edward is able to invite parishioners to weekend Masses once again, we are still awaiting confirmation of a new date for both of these Sacraments.

We will communicate the updated information and program dates as soon as we can.

National Reconciliation Week

Next week is National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 03 June, are the same each year and commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and High Court Mabo decision.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week this year is "In this Together". Reconciliation Australia had no idea how much this theme would resonate not just around Australia but the world when they announced the theme last year. Their view is that regardless of the situation, be it crisis or reconciliation, we are all in this together.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

School Photo Day – Thursday 18 June

We have been contacted by Fotoworks to reschedule our photo date to Thursday 18 June. The photographers have completed required health modules to ensure that all procedures on the day support health and safety guidelines as outlined by the government.

Envelopes for photo day will be delivered soon and will provide families with three options for payment – credit card, cash (using correct money) and online ordering.

More information will be sent out as we get nearer to the date.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 27 May is National Simultaneous Storytime. At 11:00am (AEST), children in schools and learning centres around Australia will stop to listen to the reading of *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas*. This year, National Simultaneous Storytime is going digital with special online readings by the author, Lucinda Gifford.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY

17 BONE, Jack K
21 HALLUM, Tommy Y6
23 BABA, Alexander Y1



MERIT AWARDS

Thursday 21 May 2020

PP: Sienna Lanza-Cariccio	Jayden Mukwembi
Y1: Jeet Gurjar	
Y2: Skyla Bradbury	Lotte Espersen-Cairns
Y3: Ilanie Binsaad	Jacob Vile
Y4: Reily Fernandes	Ruby Filer
Y5: Jane Mukwembi	William Rice
Y6: Jennah Dhu	Nokutenda Ndwere

Anna Wellbeloved
Hezekiah Uiduldam



LEXILE CERTIFICATES

Red Star Award: Isla Mellberg

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 behaviour 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 or email admin@stcecilia.wa.edu.au or Ph: 08 9174 7000





The Term 1 Swimming Carnival was our last whole school gathering prior to restrictions being put in place. It was a fantastic, hot day where students were able to test their new skills learnt in swimming lessons.



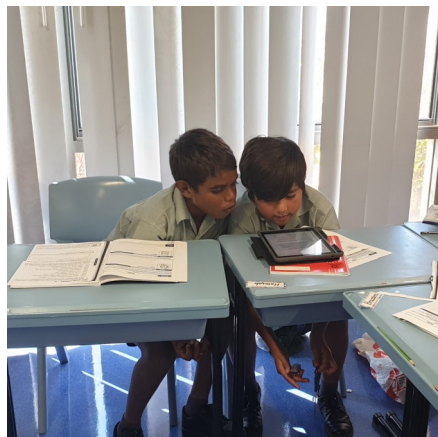
Home learning packs

The final remaining Year 5 students attending school for Term 1. The boys had the exciting task of ripping apart the classroom skirting boards and flooring in preparation for white-ant treatment in the holidays.

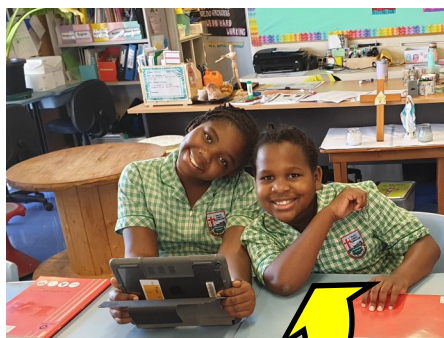


Yoga lessons with Mrs Lee through Zoom.

Year Five



Online learning for the start of Term 2.



Welcome Jane Mukwembi to our Year Five Saints Family.

Zoom lessons and daily check-ins with students attending school and learning from home.

