



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week Eight, Thursday 3 December 2020

Quote of the Week

"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas."

Peg Bracken

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

Best Wishes

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank all members of the St Cecilia's community for their efforts this year, especially in a year that provided so many challenges. The contributions made by staff, parents/carers and parish members, in the formation of our students have been much appreciated. A special thank you to all those involved in the P&F and School Board. Your dedication and time offered to our school are very much appreciated. I would like to farewell all the families and staff that are leaving our community and hope that you take fond memories of us with you. I hope our Year 6 students develop the gifts that God has given them to make this world a better place.

St Cecilia's Feast Day – November 23

It was a real pleasure to participate in my first St Cecilia's celebrations. The day started with a special Mass led by our Year Three students and Mrs Poharama. Between recess and lunch, our students and children from the Strelley Community School participated in several water-based activities. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped on the day and to Fr Edward and Fr January for concelebrating the mass.

Facts about St Cecilia (https://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php?saint=34)

- Born in Rome Italy
- St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married
- Her body was discovered to be incorrupt and is the first saint to be incorrupt
- St Cecilia's vocal cords never decayed
- Converted over 400 people to Christianity

Transition - Meet the Teacher

Today after assembly, the students had the chance to meet their new teachers for 2021. Students were shown their new classrooms, and the teachers spoke about what to expect.

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum' Focus Area 4: Strategies for Keeping Safe

Parents and Carers can support their child to:

- practise telling a trusted adult a problem
- practise saying their name, address and telephone number
- regularly review their trusted networks to ensure they include people that they know will listen to them and help them

COMING EVENTS

Friday 4 December

Y6 Graduation Mass 8.45am

Y6 HSHS visit 11.00-12.30

Mon 7 to Fri 11 December

Y6 HSHS Transition week

Wednesday 9 December

Christmas Carols Night

6.00pm on the school oval

Friday 11 December

End of Year Thanksgiving

Mass 8.45am

PP-Y6 Reports online

K reports & Portfolios sent home

Canteen closed

Monday 1 February

First day for students for 2021



Faith Family Friendship

Class Teachers 2021

Please note the full list of staff will be provided next year.

KINDERGARTEN	Ms Kellie McEnaney
PRE-PRIMARY	Miss Bec Hartwell
YEAR 1	Miss Joanne Carlos
YEAR 2	Ms Elise Batchelor
YEAR 3	Mrs Lyn Poharama
YEAR 4	Mrs Jody Tait
YEAR 5	Mrs Jane Fittock
YEAR 6	Miss Rachel Mullins
Science/Technologies	Mrs Claire Wellbeloved
Health and PE/Library	Mrs Kristine Lee Gowland

Board and P&F Annual Community Meetings

Thank you to all who attended our recent ACMs for the School Board and P&F.

A special thank you to those members who are stepping down next year from the P&F and Board. Your commitment to your roles has been commendable, and I thank you all.

I am pleased to announce the following 2021 members for the School Board and P&F. The Board will at its first meeting, elect the chair, secretary and treasurer.

School Board	P&F
Stephanie Holmes-Leonard Helena Murphy Mr Andy Barrow Mrs Lorraine Muzambwa Ms Rebekah Hagan Florence Bennett (St John the Baptist Parish Rep) Fr Edward – Parish Priest Robert Palladino -Principal	President – Ree Barrow Secretary - Nick Witham Treasurer - Renae Price

Sand Pit - P&F

Thank you and well done to the P&F for funding the sand and a cover for the sandpit in the Kindy and PP area.

Actual clipping from church bulletins:

- Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding
- I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall he live

I would like to wish you all a joyful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



Mr Robert Palladino
Principal

PARISH MASS TIMES & NEWS

St Cecilia's - Port Hedland

Priest in charge: Fr. Edward Khaemba
35 Sutherland Street Port Hedland
9173 1687

Mass Times

Tuesday-Friday 8.00am
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 8:00am

Seafarers Centre

Sunday 3.15pm

Vinnies South Hedland

Are looking for parents that would be interested in volunteering in our lovely shop.
Our volunteers help sort and prepare donations from the community for the shop and for emergency relief in the local area as well assist customers in the shop.
The shop hours are Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 2pm, so perfect for school pickups/drop offs!
Please contact Deb on 91722909 or come in for a visit and see what we do.



St John the Baptist - South Hedland

Priest in charge: Fr January Mkude
15 Lovell Way South Hedland
9172 1254

Mass Times

Monday -Thursday 6.00pm, Friday 8.00am
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

Vinnies Store

15 Lovell Way South Hedland 9172 2909



ADVENT
HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE



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 collection to help St Vincent De Paul create hampers for those in our community who are in need. 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.

End of Year Mass

Please join our school community for our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 11 December at 8.45am at St Cecilia's Church. We hope to see you there as we bid farewell to some special people and also give thanks for getting through what has been a unique year.

St Cecilia's Day

On Monday 23 November, we celebrated St Cecilia's Day as a whole school. The day began with a Mass led by the Year Three class to honour our patron saint. After the Mass, all students participated in water activities before enjoying a relaxing movie afternoon. Thank you to all teachers and volunteers from South Hedland Volunteer Firefighters who helped to make the day so much fun for our students. We hope you didn't get too wet!

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 7:00pm.

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 11 December. Thank you to those families that have already volunteered.

Mandy Sheen
Religious Education Coordinator

ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS ATTENDANCE 24 December 20120 Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6.30pm Carols, 7.00pm Mass

If you 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: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

Y6 FUNDRAISING CALENDARS

These have arrived! As part of their Term Three Arts Program, the Year Six students participated in a photography unit. The class voted for their favourite photos and these have been printed to create a beautiful calendar. These calendars, printed on glossy paper and spiral bound, are now available for purchase from the office for \$25.00 each. With Christmas approaching, these calendars will make fantastic gifts for family and friends. Money raised from the sale of the calendars will be put towards Year Six Graduation events at the end of the term.



Thank You

Along with Mr Palladino, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. To the parents, thank you for your patience, support and encouragement throughout the year. In the beginning of the year, we had a number of parents who willingly gave up an hour or two of their time to be parent helpers in classes, to help with swimming lessons and the carnival, and early excursions. Then we were hit with Covid-19 restrictions and our plans for the year changed dramatically. Despite all the uncertainty and changes, our staff felt supported by you. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the extra work you were prepared to do to continue the education program of your children while they were required to stay at home. As always, 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. An extra thank you for your patience and your continued resilience and desire to learn in what was a very different year of learning.

My final thanks goes to the staff for their commitment and support this year across all areas of school life. You certainly went above and beyond this year taking on extra duties and for many of you, stepping out of your comfort zone to develop new skills in order to support our students with online learning. 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.

To the families that are staying, I look forward to welcoming you back for your new school year in February (unless I bump into you in Kmart or Woollies!).

Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of you all a safe and joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Returning of Books

Would all families please look at home for any books to be returned to school eg; Library, Reading, Lexile etc, please return ASAP Thank you

Enrolment Cancellation

If you are leaving town and/or the school please complete an Enrolment Cancellation Form., we would appreciate as much notice as possible. These can be collected or sent home from the office, and are also available on our website: http://www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au/pdf/enrolment_cancellation.pdf

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

Pilbara Spirit and Lifesaving Carnival 2020

Students from surrounding Pilbara schools gathered for the 6th Annual Pilbara Spirit and Lifesaving Carnival on the Thursday 12 November 2020. The carnival, held at the South Hedland Aquatic Centre is part of a two-day Pilbara Aquatic Festival, thanks to funding provided by Principle Community Partner BHP, and the Town of Port Hedland.

Students and staff took part in a variety of activities including pool lifesaving development and safety kills around the water. The day enabled children to come together in a fun environment to participate in an interactive carnival encouraging physical activity and learning valuable lifesaving skills.

Students from St Cecilia's participated in events that included, water polo, synchronize swimming, a variety of novelty games and swimming races. The day promoted team building, resilience, positive communication, and social skills between students.



UNIFORM SHOP DATES

Uniform Shop Ordering Closing Date

The *closing date for ordering uniforms for 2020 was 3.00pm on Wednesday 2 December 2020.*

The uniform shop will be closed for the remainder of the year to do a stocktake and reordering of stock.

You may continue to order online, however, all orders placed after Wednesday 2 December 2020, can be collected on Friday will be distributed in Week One on Thursday 4 February 2021.

Please ensure you have uniforms ready for the commencement of the school Year Monday 1 February 2021.

MERIT AWARDS

Well done to the following students who received merit awards

Thursday 3 December 2020

Y1: Indie Hulse

Y2: Leah Bone

Y3: Ella-May Bin Saad
Thomas Hawes

Y4: Gregory Ashburton
Janisha Patel

Y5: Kohbi Barrow

Hamzah Bin Saad

Abbie Steeger

Zenith Hille

Beau Weir

Tasharni Coppin

Anna Wellbeloved

Brooklyn Bennett

Curtis Day



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students for their birthday.

2/12/2020	Shaylani	Corpus
4/12/2020	Ava	Purtell
7/12/2020	Holly	Bropho
9/12/2020	Tamara	Nyathi
11/12/2020	Ellie	Andrews
12/12/2020	Aarhi	Kotua
12/12/2020	John	Solo
14/12/2020	Kayal	Gowtheepan
15/12/2020	Chael	Pitt
17/12/2020	Zara	Steeger
18/12/2020	Alana	Newton
19/12/2020	Jacob	Vile
20/12/2020	Tasharni	Coppin
21/12/2020	Lily	McPherson
23/12/2020	Shaie	Weir
25/12/2020	Gabriella	Hulse
27/12/2020	Ruby	Hocking
27/12/2020	Shaenae	Pitt
29/12/2020	Sienna	Lanza-Cariccio
29/12/2020	Ayomikun	Okeowo
31/12/2020	Chelsea	Enoch



ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

Memories of
Christmas
Past



CAROLS ON THE LAWN

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

6.30PM

ST CECILIA'S SCHOOL OVAL

BYO PICNIC FROM 5.30PM

5.30-6.15pm P&F Bake sale with Year 6 glow sticks!

Everyone welcome!



Parents & Friends
Association



AUDIO | LIGHTING | BACKLINE | STAGING

An alcohol free
community event



St Cecilia's P&F

Christmas Concert

Cake Stall

\$5 per plate

**From 5:30pm under the shelter on
the oval, before the
Christmas Concert**

**Donations for the stall can be
brought to the hall fridge
before school from 8am or
after school until 3pm
Wednesday, 9 December or
directly before the stall opens.
No uncooked dairy please.**



Farewell from Year Six



To the graduating
class of Year Six..



I would like to 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 2020.

Miss Mullins







Year 6
Pool Day 2020



Support St Cecilia's and

OUR PLANET



USE CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

SCHEME ID:

C10291546



PIC•COLLAGE

✓ ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

The scheme targets drink containers most commonly seen as litter. Most aluminium, glass, plastic and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible for a refund.



✗ INELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

Generally, ineligible containers are those that are less than 150ml and greater than 3L/ Other ineligible containers include all plain milk bottles, wine bottles, spirit bottles, cordial and registered health tonics. Pure juice containers 1L or greater (or less than 150ml) are also ineligible.



To find out more on what beverage containers are eligible or ineligible, please contact Care For Hedland Containers Coordinator **email: containers@careforhedland.org.au** or **(mob) 0418 695 585** or **ph 13 42 42** or visit **containersforchange.com.au**



THE PORT HEDLAND DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**ALL PATIENTS WILL NOW BE SEEN AT THE SOUTH HEDLAND
DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE WHICH IS IN THE GROUNDS AT 1
WEAVER PLACE SOUTH HEDLAND.**

**THE OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 7:30AM UNTIL 3:30PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY.**

**IF YOU WISH TO CONTACT THE CLINIC PLEASE CALL 9172
1912 DURING OPENING HOURS OR ALTERNATIVELY PLEASE
LEAVE A MESSAGE AND WE WILL RETURN YOUR PHONE
CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**SHOULD AN EMERGENCY ARISE AFTER CLINIC HOURS OR
DURING A PUBLIC HOLIDAY PLEASE CONTACT THE
EMERGENCY SERVICE ON 1800 098 818 OR YOUR LOCAL
PRACTITIONER.**

PORT HEDLAND VISITORS CENTRE

**COMPLETED YOUR
GIFT LIST YET?**

**AFTER
HOURS
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING**

Unique Christmas gifts for all the family

Thursday evening Dec 3

5 - 8pm

PORT HEDLAND VISITORS CENTRE

Twilight
Christmas
Markets

11 DEC 2020

From 5pm Wedge Street

**SANTA WILL BE AT THE VISITORS
CENTRE**

Funky Christmas Trees of Port Hedland

*Get the list of participating
businesses, collect your voting
slip from the visitors centre,
check out all the trees and vote
for your favourite.
drop you vote in to the Visitors
Centre to be in the draw for a
Christmas package prize*

Dec 1 - 18

Contact the Visitors Centre for more info
91731711



Hedland SHS

ARTS SHOWCASE

Live performance & exhibition



Matt Dann Theatre
December 10th

Showcase 1 | 5:30pm Showcase 2 | 7:00pm

Canapés will be served

Entry | Gold coin donation

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

A FREE, fun online healthy lifestyle program for kids



Free fitness tracker,
freebie packs and
rewards!


betterhealth
company

Call the Better Health Program team on
1300 822 953 to see if your child is eligible.