

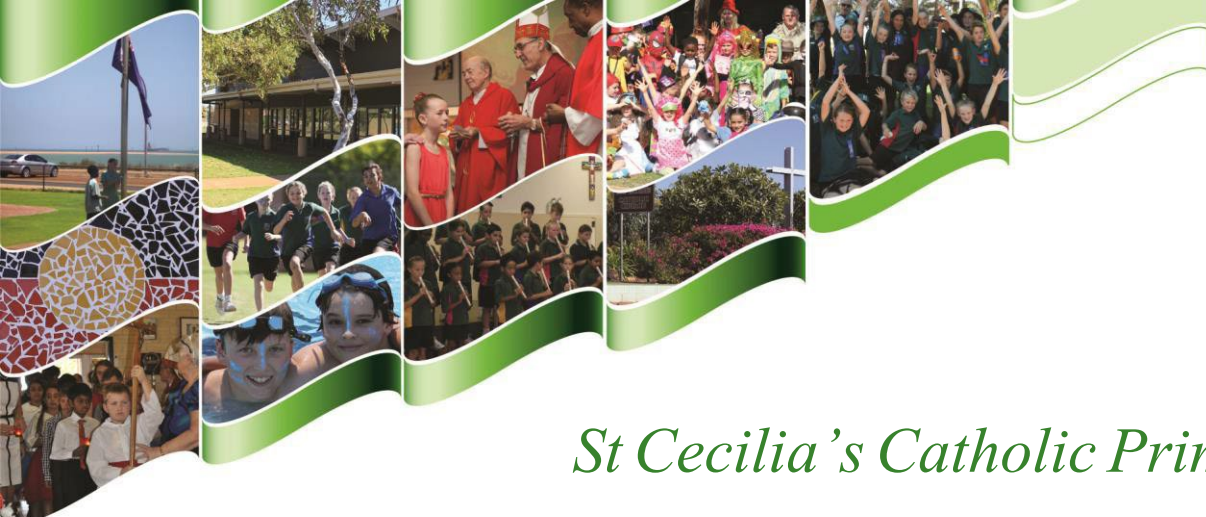


*St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School*

# Welcome

# Year 6 Parents

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### WHOSE CHILD IS THIS?

Author Unknown

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day  
Seeing a little one out at play  
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile  
"Mine to keep a little while  
To bathe his hands and comb his hair  
To tell him what he is to wear  
To prepare him that he may always be good  
And each day do the things he should"  
"Whose child is this?" I asked again  
As the door opened and someone came in  
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile  
"Mine, to keep just for a little while  
To teach him how to be gentle and kind  
To train and direct his dear little mind  
To help him live by every rule  
And get the best he can from school"  
"Whose child is this?" I ask once more  
Just as the little one entered the door  
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled  
And each took the hand of the little child  
"Ours to love and train together  
Ours this blessed task forever."

*Amen*

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**Hello and welcome to all our families in Year Six. I look forward to a very exciting and busy year with your children. Please take the time to read through this information booklet carefully, as it contains important information.**

### ***GENERAL INFORMATION***

#### **Leadership:**

The Students Leadership Day will be held Friday, Week Five (March 3). From the first week of term, students will be provided with an application form in which they can apply for a position that they wish to be considered for. Teachers who attended the day and other staff members will then select students to fill these positions. Students who are selected in these positions will need to maintain the highest standards of leadership throughout the year in order to retain their position. Leadership roles we will be offering:

- 2 School Captains
- 2 Faction Leaders per Faction (6)
- 3 Community Leaders

These roles will be split evenly according to gender to ensure equity.

All Year Six students will be rostered onto the Duties roster: this includes running Fitness, Sports Shed, Signs, Assembly, etc. The beauty of this system is that all students are given an opportunity to develop leadership skills and be involved with leading the school community.

#### **Year Six Graduation**

As part of finishing primary school, the Year Six class will graduate on Wednesday December 6 at the End of Year School Mass, beginning at 8:45am.

#### **Leavers Shirts:**

During Term One, I will be organising Leavers Shirts for students. The cost in previous years has been approximately \$40 and this will be a cost incurred by parents. Students will be able to wear their Leavers Shirts once a week on a Friday.

#### **Fundraising:**

The Year Six Class will organise fundraising events, such as selling ice blocks once a week. I believe it is important that the students play an integral role in the raising of the funds for their events. Funds raised will contribute to Graduation events, student gifts at the end of the year and charities.

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### ***GENERAL INFORMATION***

#### School Times

School begins at 8:30am. The classroom doors will be open at 8:20am for students to start their day. Students must remain outside until the first morning bell as there is not always supervision in the classroom.

Recess and lunch run at the same times each day which are as follows:

Recess: 10:20am – 10:40am

Lunch (eating): 12:20pm – 12:35pm

Lunch (play): 12:35pm - 12:55pm

School ends: 2:45pm.

#### Absences

If your child is away from school, please inform the office on the day by phone call or email.

Upon their return to school, students must bring a written letter explaining their absence if you notified the school by phone call.

Please complete the sign in/out register in the front office for late arrival or early departure.

Late students: Parents are to sign students in. Students are to collect a RED CARD (and to record in the school system). Parents are to accompany students to class.

Early departure: Parents are to sign students out, then collect a GREEN CARD. Parents are then to give the green card to the teacher who will release the student.

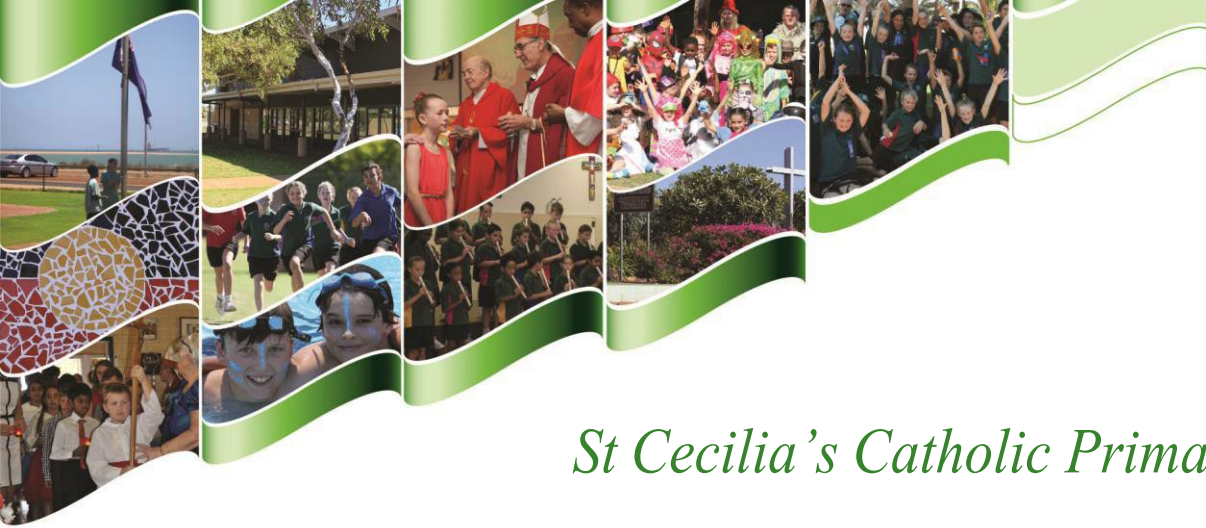
#### iPads, iPods, games, toys and any precious items

It is school policy that your child does not bring iPads, iPods, toys, games, trading cards or any other precious things to school. These will be confiscated if they are brought to school. The school takes no responsibility for lost or stolen items that are brought to school.

#### Phones

Phones are accepted; however, only with a note from parents. Students must leave their phone, switched off and in their school bag at all times. It is the student's responsibility if anything happens to their phone.

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### Birthdays

Due to our school being a nut and egg aware school and the severity of reactions that some students have we do not encourage students to bring in cakes/cupcakes for their birthday. Students' birthdays are acknowledged in our Thursday morning assemblies.

### Assemblies

School assemblies are held on Monday's for each odd week of term and Thursday mornings for each even week of term after the school bell.

On Monday morning, assembly is held in the Undercover Area. We sing the National Anthem and discuss the school rule that is the focus for the week.

On Thursday mornings, assembly is held in the Hall. The children receive merit certificates and recognition of other achievements.

Parents are most welcome to attend these assemblies. I will endeavour to inform you prior if your child will be receiving a merit certificate.

Our class will lead school assemblies at times throughout the year. You will be informed when this happens so, if possible, you can make yourself available to attend. Our first Assembly will be Thursday 27 February where Leadership Positions will be announced.

### ***CLASS ROUTINE AND SPECIALIST TEACHERS***

Class Teacher: Mrs Rachel Maher

Computer and Science Teacher: Mrs Nicole Drysdale

Physical Education Teacher: Mrs Kristine Lee-Gowland

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Kristine Lee-Gowland

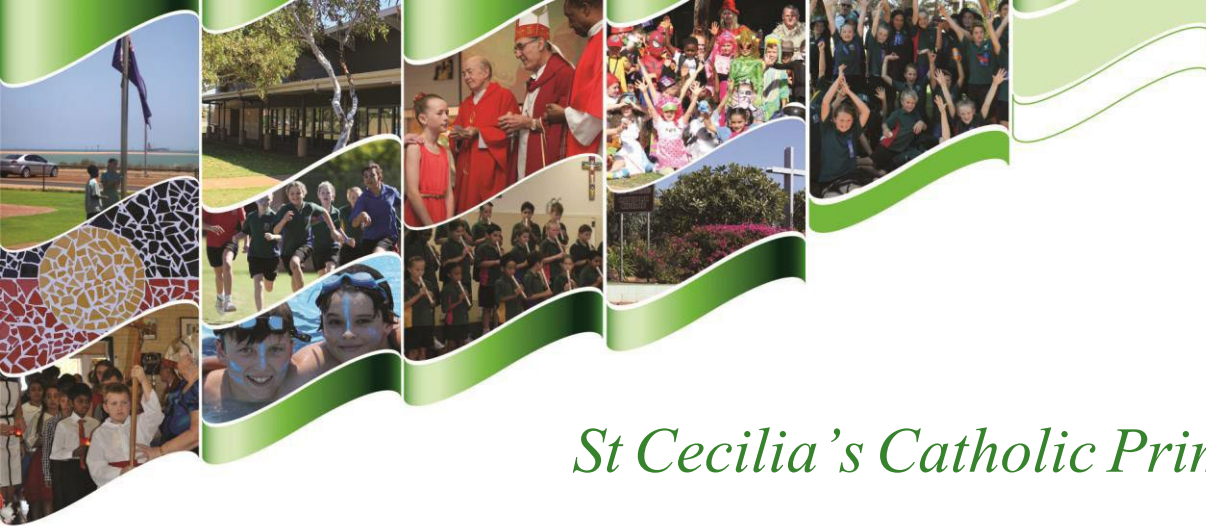
Religion Teacher: Mrs Rachel Maher

### Religious Education

Religious Education will be taught by Mrs Maher. The units of work that will be covered throughout the year include knowledge and understandings of the Catholic faith and include aspects of Prayer and Christian values.

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### Homework

Students will have homework each night, which began in Week 2. Homework will include Reading, Writing, Spelling, Mathematics and other relevant topics that we are undertaking throughout the term. Homework will be posted on the Year 6 Seesaw page.

In Year Six, students are expected to complete approximately 30-45min of homework each night, which includes reading time of at least 20 minutes.

### Uniform Information

Full uniform is expected every day of the week. If your child is unable to wear their uniform, a note explaining the reason is required. Students will need to wear their sport uniform on Thursday.

### Student Organisation

As part of Year Six, we encourage our students to be independently organised for each day and also take responsibility for their property and the things they require. Some students have very large pencil cases with unnecessary duplicates of items for the classroom as well as very fancy sharpeners, rubbers etc. These items cause distractions in the classroom and are often removed from their pencil case. Please ask your child to keep these novelty items at home. Extra glue sticks, etc. should stay at home until the one at school needs a top up. They do not need to stay in their pencil case at school. Thank you for your assistance in this area. Your support encourages your child to be mature and independent which is what we want to see of our Year Six students!

### Communication

I am available for appointments before or after school during the week if you have any concerns or enquiries. You may leave a note with the office to inform me if you require an appointment or send me an email. I will contact you as soon as possible. As email and phone conversations are ways that I communicate with you, please ensure that your contact details are up to date with the school. See below for my contact details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to introduce yourself or if you have any concerns or enquiries.

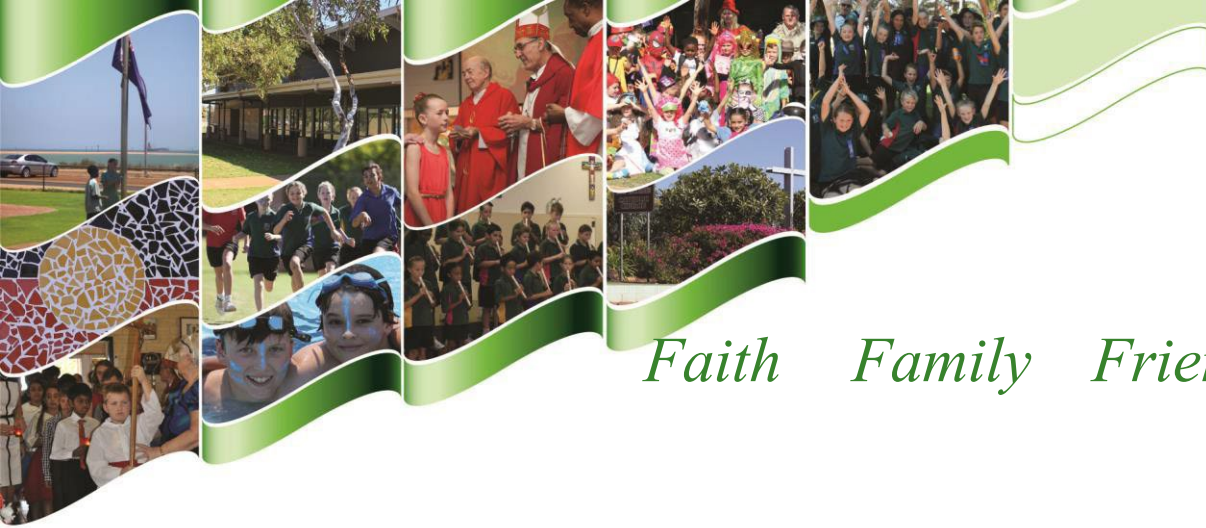
Kind Regards,

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