



# St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week Eight, Thursday 25 March 2021

## Prayer to End a School Term

God of wisdom,  
 we thank you for all the gifts you have given us  
 throughout Term One.

We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ,  
 and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of the Term, we voice our gratitude  
 for the good things you have done in us,  
 and we praise you for all who have shared  
 in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love  
 and give them refreshment and peace.

We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns forever and ever.

*Amen.*

## COMING EVENTS

**Monday 29 March**  
8.45am Assembly

**Thursday 01 April**  
Last day for students for  
Term One

Holy Week Assembly  
8.45am start  
PP Palm Sunday  
Y4 Holy Thursday -  
Last Supper  
Y5 Good Friday  
Y3 Easter Sunday

**Monday 19 April**  
First day for students  
Term Two

**Monday 26 April**  
Public Holiday Anzac Day

**Tuesday 27 April**  
Pupil Free Day  
Staff Development Day

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

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the last newsletter for Term One; where has the time gone? This term has gone by pretty quickly and I would like to thank everyone for a great start to the year. It has been pleasing seeing all the new students and new staff settle into the St Cecilia's community so quickly.

Term One has been a busy term with staff getting to know their students and events taking place at the school. I would like to thank all the staff for the effort and dedication they have put into the teaching and learning programs at St Cecilia's. Term Two we will be just as busy with NAPLAN Testing being held during Week Three. Please keep this low key at home as we don't want students stressing. The results will not prevent or enhance a student's chances of attending a preferred high school. Schools are funded on the number of students enrolled not on how they performed in NAPLAN. The results can be used, in conjunction with school testing, to stream students into ability groups.

### Easter

Are we ready to enter Holy Week with Jesus?

It might seem difficult to connect the Gospel from Palm Sunday with Holy Week which leads us to Easter - the greatest feast for all Christians. Looking at the gospel we see Christ almost doing a caricature of a king, parading on a young horse, (other gospel accounts tell us it is a donkey), entering Jerusalem and being acclaimed by the people. In just a few days they will not be acclaiming him and even those closest to him will be denying him. Yet this entrance into Jerusalem seems necessary, as though Jesus allows this moment because he is king and should be acknowledged so - "I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out". So how do we find ourselves in these days that are 'knocking on the door of Easter'? Are we ready to enter



*Faith Family Friendship*

with Jesus in celebration into Holy Week, and then continue the journey with him, alone, betrayed to the cross but with the greatest hope of salvation through His Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning? Unfortunately we may have some baggage when it comes to Easter and the Church either through our own misunderstandings or because we don't come from a background where Easter has been put in its proper context - that is the idea that we need to be sad and go to church a lot because it is part of doing penance, sacrificing etc..... Nothing could be further than the truth. Even worse is that if we are no longer regularly participating in the life of the Church we have to struggle to cast off the layers of guilt because we are not 'doing Easter' in the Church. Sadly we have missed the point if this is what we will struggle with and all that we will be left with when this Easter has passed. Easter is an active celebration of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Active because this Easter coming has never happened before, active because we are invited to live these days, not just to follow the play and do the rituals, and most importantly active because this week leads to the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus in our lives, in our reality exactly as it is.

So in the days ahead whether we are here in town, away or wherever, allow the event of Easter to reach you, in whatever small way let the walls down so that the message of Jesus Christ may enter our lives on Easter Sunday morning.

Mrs Mandy Sheen  
Acting Principal

## PARISH MASS TIMES & NEWS

**St Cecilia's - Port Hedland**  
Priest in charge: Fr. Edward Khaemba  
35 Sutherland Street Port Hedland  
9173 1687  
stceciliaporthedland@bigpond.com

### Mass Times

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

### Seafarers Centre

Sunday 3.15pm



**St John the Baptist - South Hedland**  
Priest in charge: Fr January Mkude  
15 Lovell Way South Hedland  
9172 1254  
stjohns@westnet.com.au

### Mass Times

Monday -Thursday 6.00pm, Friday 8.00am  
Saturday Vigil 7.00 m  
Sunday Morning Mass 9:30am

### Vinnies Store

15 Lovell Way South Hedland 9172 2909

### EASTER PROGRAM - ST CECILIA'S CHURCH - PORT HEDLAND

#### PORT HEDLAND - St Cecilia's Catholic Church

<b>Palm Sunday Vigil</b>	<b>4th March</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>5th March</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Gather outside for Procession of Psalms
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>9th April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>10th April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Stations of the Cross
		<b>3.00pm</b>	Passion of our Lord / Reconciliation
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>11th April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Holy Saturday
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>12th April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass of the Resurrection
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>13th April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass of the day

### EASTER PROGRAM - ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH - SOUTH HEDLAND

#### SOUTH HEDLAND - St John the Baptist Church

<b>Palm Sunday Vigil</b>	<b>27th March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>28th March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Gather at 8 Lovell Place for Procession of Psalms
		<b>9.45am</b>	Mass
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>1st April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by prayers at the altar of repose
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>2nd April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Stations of the Cross
		<b>3.00pm</b>	Passion of our Lord / Reconciliation
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>3rd April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Holy Saturday
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>4th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Mass of the Resurrection
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>5th April</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mass of the day



## INTRODUCTION

Hello! My name is Casey, I started at St Cecilia's last week as the Assistant Principal for the remainder of Semester One, I am very excited to be joining the community at St Cecilia's. Most recently, I have been working in the CEWA office as an Aboriginal Education Consultant and I am looking forward to being back in a school. Thank you for such a warm welcome over the last week, I can't wait to get to know you and your family.

A little bit about me... my family extends from the Wiradjuri people near Orange in NSW and I was lucky enough to grow up in Broome, not too far from Hedland. I now live in Perth with my husband and my cat, Sophia. When I'm not at school I love being near the ocean, eating out and watching the ballet. I am looking forward to being able to travel again very soon.

Term Two is looking like it is going to be a busy one and I can't wait to see what exciting learning adventures it brings! I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

Mrs Casey Bakunowicz  
Assistant Principal



## 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 held last week. If you were unable to attend the Mass, but do want your child to participate in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, please contact your parish priest.

### Holy Week Special Assemblies

Please join us on the last day of term (Thursday 01 April) for our Holy Week Processional Assembly. As with previous years, we will be having one assembly beginning with Pre-Primary in the Hall at 8:45am. The Pre-Primary class will lead the Palm Sunday reflection before the assembly progresses to the Undercover Area for the Year Four Holy Thursday reflection. The assembly will then make its way up to the church, processing past Year Five's reflection on the Stations of the Cross and Good Friday before Year Three conclude the assembly with an Easter Sunday reflection.

We hope you can join us in our recognition of such a significant time of our Church's calendar.

Thank you to all the students for your engagement in and preparation for our special assemblies and to your class teachers for all their hard work.

### 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 our talented home bakers for organising the delicious cupcakes for St Patrick's Day. The gold coin donations from the green cupcakes raised \$155.00 for Project Compassion.

Mrs Casey Bakunowicz  
Religious Education Co-Ordinator

## GENERAL CAMPUS NEWS

### Harmony Day

Thank you to everyone for your contribution to our recognition of Harmony Day. Thank you to the parents that came to classes to speak of their culture, history and tradition and thank you to Miss Greateorex who spoke to the students of the school about her land.

### End of Term One

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday, particularly if you are travelling out of town. To those families that are leaving us and moving to landscapes that lack in red dirt, I wish you all the very best for the future. Whether it was for a short time or a long time, thank you for being part of our St Cecilia's family.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Yewie Tan  
for giving us two full days of his time and  
expertise to install the new sand pit cover  
(on the wall) in the  
Kindy & Pre-Primary playground.



Thank  
You!



# MERIT AWARDS

Well done to the following students who received merit awards

Thursday 25 March 2021

PP: Alice Oliveira Pereira

Y1: Paramveer Rana

Y2: Jeet Gurjar

Y3: Whitney Chikwaka

Noah Price

Y4: Casey Corpus

Y6: Curtis Day

Stella Wilson

Blaire Wheeler

Aarhi Kotua

Ethan Hill

Abbie Steeger

Myla Lester

Kahreesha Drage

Ava Purtell

Elias McPherson



# BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following students:

Lilly	Andrews	18	March	PRE_PRIMARY - 2021
Shane	Andrews	18	March	PRE_PRIMARY - 2021
Brayden	Morrison	18	March	YEAR 3 - 2021
Harry	Day	21	March	KINDY - 2021
Zariah	Binsaad	21	March	PRE_PRIMARY - 2021
Sean	Blatch	21	March	YEAR 5 - 2021
Brooklyn	Bennett	21	March	YEAR 6 - 2021
Evelyn	Witham	22	March	YEAR 2 - 2021
Dexter	Cloma	26	March	PRE_PRIMARY - 2021
Liam	Sampson	28	March	PRE_PRIMARY - 2021
Richie	Simpson	6	April	YEAR 2 - 2021
Blair	Murphy	9	April	YEAR 4 - 2021
Khaya	Otieno	10	April	KINDY - 2021
Elena	Egan-Reid	11	April	PRE_PRIMARY - 2021
Ebony	Bennett	11	April	YEAR 2 - 2021
Alex	Mullan	17	April	YEAR 1 - 2021
Paisley	Battye	17	April	YEAR 2 - 2021







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Principal Partner

**BHP**

**2021**

**ALL-HEDLAND  
SCHOOLS**

**Clean Up  
Australia Day**

**Friday 5 March 2021**

School  
Clean Up



Clean Up



**STEP UP TO CLEAN UP**

*Great Work*

**St. Cecilia's Primary School**

**for joining Clean Up Australia's Schools Day**

**Friday 5 March 2021**



**Fortescue**  
The New Force in Iron Ore

**2021 TOTAL RESULTS:**

- St. Cecilia's PS = 40kgs
- Total Schools = 219kgs
- No. of Students = 1863
- VIP = Kalindi Commerford

2020 All Hedland Schools CUAD

31kgs

2020 Great Northern Clean Up

23kgs

2021 All-Hedland Schools CUAD

40kgs



# 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](mailto:containers@careforhedland.org.au) or **(mob) 0418 695 585** or **ph 13 42 42** or visit [containersforchange.com.au](http://containersforchange.com.au)

All funds raised will go towards the Year Six fundraising.

# WELCOME TO

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Here are just a few of our favourite moments in our class so far.



## ASH WEDNESDAY



## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS





**SWIMMING, SWIMMING AND MORE SWIMMING!**





Care for Hedland

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KIDS CLUB

Looking for something FUN and FREE for the kids to do these school holidays? Why not bring them down to the community garden where they can get out into nature, get their hands dirty and some fresh air all whilst learning to grow their own food. Suitable for all ages.

**WHEN:** Tuesday and Friday mornings 9-10am

**WHERE:** Community garden on Hedditch st

**COST:** FREE

**WHAT TO BRING:** Hat and a reusable water bottle.

This event is a single use plastic and device free event.



[garden@careforhedland.org.au](mailto:garden@careforhedland.org.au)  
[www.careforhedland.org.au](http://www.careforhedland.org.au)

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# BAYDON GETS YOU GROWING

CALLING ALL KIDS AGED 9 AND UP!

Looking for something different to do with your older kids these school holidays? 9 year old Care for Hedland volunteer Baydon will be running a kids gardening class, where he will teach the kids everything from how to build a garden bed, install retic, fill with soil, plant and then care for their own veggie garden.

**WHEN:** Tuesday and Friday during the school holidays 10-11am

**WHERE:** The community garden on Hedditch st

**COST:** FREE!

**WHAT TO BRING:** Hat and a reusable water bottle

This is a single use plastic and device free event.



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[www.careforhedland.org.au](http://www.careforhedland.org.au)

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# IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

## Hedland Auskick

Kevin Scott Oval

Tuesday 4pm 30-3-21

Shane Fletcher 0407 429 639  
Register via the Auskick website

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)