

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

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Term Three, Week Six, Thursday 25 August 2022

Principal's Notes

Phew, what a term! Is there anyone else that can't believe Week Six is already here? The term seems to be flying by and we are fast approaching the end. This term has been a very busy one for extra-curricular activities. We have had incursions, Kindy and Pre-Primary Mini-Olympics, whole school Masses, Confirmation, Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment and our Book Week celebrations and Book Fair this week. We still have a few events coming up including a special P&F Father's Day Grill and Glide evening (further details coming out soon) and our annual Cross Country. I promise you that in amongst all of this, the teachers are teaching and the students are learning.

Thank you

Thank you to the staff for stepping up and taking on additional duties this week during the absence of myself and Mrs Padua. Both Mrs Padua and I travelled to Geraldton this week to attend CEWA's Leaders' Forum Roadshow

Have Your Say

We currently have two surveys within the school. The first is the School Climate Survey, completed by all members of our school community – students, staff and parents. The results and feedback from these surveys help us to identify areas for improvement within our school. If you would like to have some input into the future direction of the school, please go online to complete the survey at www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code SCPPACS in the Start Questionnaire field.

Our second survey is to get your input on the proposed change to the uniform for our girls. To date, we have 82% of responses in favour of changing to the blouse and skirt. If you would like to have your say on these proposed changes, please follow the link sent via SEQTA SMS earlier in the week. If you didn't receive the message, please contact Mrs Heke in the office.

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum Focus Area 3 – Recognising and Reporting Abuse

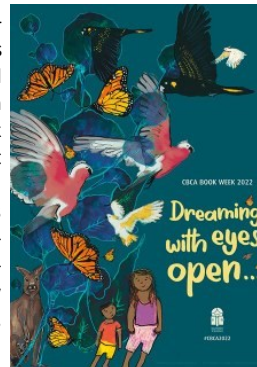
Parents and carers can support their child to:

- Understand that some touch may be uncomfortable but necessary, e.g. when going to the doctor or dentist
- Practise saying 'No' or 'Stop It' if they feel unsafe or are being touched in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable
- Know how to recognise abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, neglect), e.g. being hurt, seeing others being abused, being touched inappropriately, no food or clean clothes

Book Week

Book week was a huge success this year. The dress-up day was wonderful with students and staff dressing in the spirit of the theme, *Dreaming with Eyes Open*, or as their favourite book characters. I was most upset to miss the staff dress up and retelling of Tiddalik but was very grateful to have the rare event of my flight from Perth being on time so I was able to catch the classes parading in costume. Thank you to all those involved in the organisation of our Book Week events and making it one of the highlights of the year.

I did not envy the judges who were tasked with choosing the best dressed students from each class. Congratulations to all winners, who were awarded a \$20.00 voucher to spend at Book Fair, and thank you to the P&F for sponsoring the prizes. A further thank you to all the special readers who joined us at our daily after lunch Story time and Pyjama Storytime – Bishop Michael Morrissey, Deputy Mayor Tim Turner, Miss Kyarna Lee-Gowland, author Lina Lerede and the helmeted 'Mystery Reader'.



Book Fair

A big thank you to Mrs Lucy Heke, Mrs Sally Casson, Mrs Jane Fittock, Mrs Claire Wellbeloved and Mrs Tracy Hayes for assisting with running Book Fair. We had a phenomenal number of sales which kept the ladies very busy with the EFTPOS machine. The school receives a percentage from the sales to spend on resources for the students so a big thank you to all who purchased books this week.

2023 Enrolments

We are now closing our Kindy enrolments for 2023 with interviews for those students and families beginning in the next few weeks. We have had a number of enquiries for enrolments in recent weeks for both this year and next year and even though it is only Term Three, we are already beginning to look at class numbers, vacancies and budgets for 2023. If you know, or you think there may be the possibility that you will be cancelling your child's enrolment for 2023 due to leaving town or other reasons, we ask you to please let us know as soon as possible as we do have waiting lists for some classes.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Principal

Out of School Hours Care <https://app.kidsoft.com.au/p/ChildCampusPortHedland/find-a-place>

Dates to Remember

TERM THREE

WEEK 6

Friday 26 August

Ice block sales \$1.50 each

WEEK 7

Monday 29 August

Assembly 8.45am UCA

Friday 02 September

Cross Country 8.45am K-Y6

Ice block sales \$1.50 each

Fathers Day Grill & Glide

WEEK 8

Wednesday 7 September

SAC Meeting

Thursday 8 September

Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Whole School Mass 8.45am

Friday 09 September

Ice block sales \$1.50 each

WEEK 9

Monday 12 September

Assembly 8.45am UCA

Thursday 15 September

Reconciliation Family Meeting II

Friday 16 September

Ice block sales \$1.50 each

WEEK 10

Thursday 22 September

Assembly in the hall 8.45am

Friday 23 September

Student last day Term 3

Ice block sales \$1.50 each

TERM FOUR

WEEK 1

Tuesday 11 October

Students return to school

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates

Term 4: 11-10-2022 to 09-12-2022

Public Holidays & Pupil Free Days
& Catholic Day - No School

Term 3:

Fri 29 July - Staff PD

Mon 1 August - Hedland Cup Public Holiday

Term 4:

Mon 10 October - Staff PD

Mon 7 November - Catholic Day

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