

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

Parent Memo

Term Four, Week Six, Tuesday 17 November 2022

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Principal's Notes

Whole School Masses

A reminder that families are welcome to join us for any Whole School Masses we hold during the year. Our next Mass is Tuesday 22 November to celebrate the feast day Mass for our patron saint, St Cecilia, and will be lead by the students of Year Three. The celebration of this day will continue after recess with our water activities. This year we are excited to have children from Strelley Community School joining us for our activities.

Children will be asked to wear their sport uniform to school on Tuesday. They may wear their swimmers underneath their uniform and must also bring a hat, thongs, towel and rashie or spare shirt to wear during our rotations.

Seafarer's and St Vincent de Paul collections

A letter was sent home last week asking for donations of small gifts to make up gifts for the Seafarer's that will be in town during the Christmas break, for St Vincent de Paul to give to families in need, including residents of Karlarra House. This year, we are also seeking donations for SAFE for animals that will be care over the Christmas holidays. Donations for Seafarer's and St Vincent de Paul can be placed in the box located inside the office or in boxes/baskets that will be placed in each classroom. Donations for SAFE can be placed in the large blue wheelie bin in the Year 4/5/6 foyer

We will be accepting donations up until the morning of Wednesday 07 December. Thank you to all of you that have already donated generously to those in need.

Christmas Mass

Will you be in town this Christmas? St Cecilia's Church will soon be looking for children to take part in the Christmas Eve Children's Mass.

If you would like your child to be involved in the Mass, please contact Father Edward for more information.

GENERAL NEWS

We are at the end of Week Six and there are only three weeks of school left. Students are completing final assessments and teachers are preparing student reports. Things are very busy for everyone and it is at this time of year that everyone gets tired and we vent our frustrations without thinking. Please take some time out and relax. Think what Christmas is really about and remember Jesus' message to 'be nice to each other'. It might help to make those things that upset us, seem trivial.

School Advisory Council P&F Annual Community Meeting

The St Cecilia's P&F Annual Community Meeting was scheduled to be held next Wednesday 23 November. Due to the introduction and transition to a new model of operation for the P&F from the commencement of 2023, the new Terms of Reference for the P&F need to be accepted and announced at the ACM. With the absence of committee members, this is unable to take place before the original ACM date. The new proposed date for the P&F ACM is Monday 05 December at 6:30pm, in the Library. The SAC ACM will still take place on Wednesday 23 November.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help the school out by serving on either the P&F or SAC for 2022. I would like to thank those members who have worked so diligently this year to ensure St Cecilia's has the resources and structures in place to meet all needs in the future. We need members for both committees and ask that you all consider helping the school out through nominating for either the SAC or the P&F. Thank you in anticipation.

Kindy Orientation Day

Our 2023 Kindy students and their families attended their Orientation day this week. Unfortunately, as I am in Perth I wasn't able to attend but from the staff in attendance, they were thrilled to see so many happy and excited faces in one place. Thank you to Miss Hartwell, Mrs Tomerini and Mrs Battye for running the session and giving parents the 'run down' for Kindy next year. All structures listed in the Parent Handbook will be in place for next year. A big thank you also to Marielle, our school nurse and the Allied Health Team, for the great talk given to parents. I hope you all got some useful tips for to prepare yourselves and your young children for the beginning of a lifelong journey of learning.

Enrolments 2023

We have vacancies for our Year Three to Six classes for next year. If you know of anyone interested in joining the St Cecilia's family, encourage them to come in and visit us or check out the website. Additionally, we have families on waiting lists for our Kindy to Year Two classes. If, sadly, you won't be re-joining us in 2023, please notify the office as soon as possible so that we can contact those waiting for a place.

Booklist Items

Thank you to all parents who ordered 2023 booklist items through Campion. If you ordered in time for the free delivery to school, these orders are due to arrive next week. Older students will be able to bring their boxes home, younger students may require parents to come to school to collect the boxes. A reminder for new Kindy students – all items will remain at school. If you have not ordered yet the booklist detail are on the schools website: <https://www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au/booklists/>

Uniforms

As the end of the year draws near, we are beginning to notice that some students are becoming a little 'relaxed' with their uniforms. It is important that we keep up the standard right through until the end of the year so as to maintain our pride in our school. Students that don't comply with the uniform code will be issued with notices that are to be taken home and sighted by parents. If for some reason your child is not in the correct uniform, please send a note in to your child's teacher with an explanation. Your support in this matter is appreciated and valued.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Principal

Dates to Remember

TERM FOUR

WEEK 6

Friday 18 October

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 7

Monday 21 October

Assembly 8.45am UCA

Tuesday 22 October

St Cecilia's Day - Whole School Mass
8.45am Y3 Lead, Water Fun Day

Wednesday 23 November

Extra Curricular Program 2.45 to 3.45 5/6
SAC & P&F ACM 6.30pm in the Library all welcome

Friday 25 November

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 8

Wednesday 30 November

Extra Curricular Program 2.45 to 3.45 6/6 (last)

Thursday 1 December

Assembly 8.45am in the hall

Friday 2 December

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 9

Monday 5 December

Assembly 8.45am UCA
K-Y5 transition visits 2023 classes

Wednesday 7 December

Y6 Graduation Mass, & Ceremony, Whole school 8.45am
Y6 Pool Day 10.45am-2.00pm
Christmas Carols Night 6.00pm start

Thursday 8 December

Y6 HSHS transition
Whole school Mass - Immaculate Conception of Mary 8.45am Y5 Lead

Friday 9 December

End of Year Thanksgiving Whole school Mass 8.45am
Ice block sales \$1.00 each
Last day for students for 2022
Reports available online PP-Y6
Canteen closed

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates

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

Term 1: 1-2-23 to 06-04-2023

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

Link to website term planners:

<https://www.stcecilia.wa.edu.au/calendar/>

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

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