

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

Parent Memo

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Term One, Week Two, Thursday 9 February 2023

Principal's Notes

Welcome to our first Parent Memo for the year. Welcome back to our returning families and a warm welcome to all our new families.

As I said in an email sent out last week, thank you for helping your child prepare for the new school year. In case you didn't receive the email, I gave some tips to help set your child up for a successful year. Two of the simplest things you can do is to ensure they have all the required stationery and booklist items and ensure they have the correct uniform.

Booklists

The booklists and required items are available on our website. While some items are available to purchase from Coles, Woolworths or K-Mart, there are some specialised books that will only be available from Hedland Emporium, The Lucky Charm Newsagent or through Campion.

Uniforms

Our uniform policy is also available on the website. A reminder that this year is a transition year to our new uniform so it is acceptable for students to wear the formal day uniform from last year - green check dress for girls and button up shirt with dress shorts for boys. If you have purchased the newer polo shirt, a reminder that this shirt must be worn with skorts for girls and dress shorts for the boys. The sport shorts and coloured faction shirt are only permitted to be worn on the designated day for Health and Physical Education lessons for each class:

- Tuesday - Year 3 & 4
- Wednesday - PrePrimary
- Thursday - Years 5 & 6
- Friday - Years 1 & 2

A couple of other reminders for our uniform:

- * Black sneakers with black laces and minimal colour are to be worn with both the formal and sport uniform. White socks are to be worn with the sneakers (both boys and girls).
- * No nail polish.
- * Jewellery - no rings or bracelets; pierced ears - either plain studs or sleepers, one in each ear; necklaces - cross or religious pendant; watches - digital or analogue watches. Please refrain from allowing students to wear Smart Watches as they are causing distractions in class. If your student has a Smart Watch, they may be asked to hand it in to their teacher or the office for the day.
- * Hair - all hair that is of collar length is to be tied up. This is for both boys and girls. If students do not have a hair band, they will be asked to come to the office for a spare band. If hair is not quite long enough to be fully tied up, more than one band or bobby pins may be required to keep hair back off the face. Hair accessories are to be either green, white or black in colour. Some hair accessories are available for purchase from the office. If you have any questions about the above requirements, please come and speak with one of our Administration Team or your child's teacher.

In-Term Swimming

The Department of Education In-term Swimming program for our students begins next week, Monday 13 February. This is a mandated program and forms part of the Health and Physical Education Program therefore all students are strongly encouraged to participate. Please ensure you have returned a signed permission form to your child's teacher by this Friday, 10 February.

As safety is a very important aspect of this program, all students will be reminded of our school behaviour policy as well as the behaviour policy and expectations of the swimming instructors. Any breach of these behaviour policies will result in students not being allowed to attend lessons.

Commissioning Mass

Next Thursday, Bishop Michael Morrissey and consultants from Catholic Education Western Australia, including our Regional Officer, Lisa Gallin, will be visiting the school and leading us in our annual Commissioning Mass. While this Mass is aimed at our staff to welcome them to the new year and to commission new staff to the Geraldton Diocese, we would like to extend the invitation to all members of our school community. If you would like to join us for our Commissioning Mass, it will be held in St Cecilia's Church, beginning at 5:00pm on Thursday 16 February.

School Advisory Council and P&F

We will be sending out more information in the next couple of weeks regarding the first meetings for the year. We will be seeking volunteers to fill positions on both committees so if you do have a couple of hours each term that you are able to spare, please consider joining as a way of supporting our school.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Principal

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

Dates to Remember

TERM One
WEEK 2

Friday 10 February

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 3

Mon 13 Feb to Thursday 23 Feb

PP-Y6 Swimming lessons each day - 9 days

Friday 17 February

Year 6 Leadership day

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 4

Tuesday 21 February

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day

Wednesday 22 February

Ash Wednesday Mass 8.45am - Y6 Lead

Thursday 23 February

Leadership Assembly 8.45am in the hall

School Open Night - Classrooms open 4.00-5.00pm
- BBQ 5.00-6.00pm

Friday 24 February

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 5

Monday 27 February

Assembly 8.45am in the UCA

Tuesday 28 February

Reconciliation Y5 9.10am

Wednesday 1 March

Reconciliation Y4 9.10am

Thursday 2 March

Reconciliation Y6 9.10am

Friday 3 March

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 6

Monday 6 March

No School - Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 9 March

Assembly 8.45am in the hall

Friday 10 March

Faction Swimming Carnival

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates

Term 1: 01-02-23 to 06-04-2023

Term 2: 26-24-23 to 30-06-2023

Term 3: 18-07-23 to 21-09-2023

Term 4: 09-10-23 to 08-12-2023

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

Monday 06 March - Labour Day

Friday 07 April - Good Friday

Monday 24 April - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day

Friday 02 June - WA Day

Monday 17 July - Pupil Free Day

Monday 31 July - Hedland Cup

Friday 22 September - Pupil Free Day

Friday 3 November - Pupil Free Day

Monday 6 November - Catholic Day no school

Link to website term planners:

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

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