

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

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Term Three, Week Two, Thursday 27 July 2023

Principal's Notes

Welcome back to Term 3 and the second half of the year; we are now halfway from where we started and halfway to where we are going. It has been a wonderful start back to the term and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff and families to the school and to the St Cecilia's family.

It has been a busy start to the term with the Year Five and Six Broome Camp last week and our cross Country and Team Games Day tomorrow. A reminder that students are to wear their sport uniform tomorrow for this eventful day. Parents are welcome to attend to watch both events with the Cross Country beginning at 8:45am and the Team Games commencing after recess at 10:40am.

Census

The government funding we receive is determined by the number of students at the school, and unexplained absences can lead to the school receiving fewer funds. Please ensure your child is at school on **Friday 04 August**, and if they are not, please provide the school with a written explanation of the absence. Thank you for your assistance.

Year Five and Six Camp

There was lots of excitement on the first day of school as the Year Five and Six students headed off on their bi-annual camp to Broome and some very tired looking faces that exited the bus on Friday afternoon. I was receiving daily updates from the staff, and I have to admit I was a little jealous to hear of all the fun and adventures that were had. I'm sure there were quite a lot of stories told over the weekend.

In the absence of the Year Five and Six students, I would like to extend a big thank you to our Year Four students. They stepped up and took on the roles in the school usually performed by our senior students and in the process demonstrated their leadership skills admirably. Well done Year Four. I was also like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Gary Silcock for organising portable toilets for the Pardoo stop. With Pardoo closed after suffering extensive damage from Cyclone Ilsa earlier this year there are no bathroom facilities between Hedland and Sandfire. Gary volunteered to organise the hire of the portable toilets and then towed them to Pardoo on Monday morning and Friday afternoon ready for the rest stop. Thank you, Gary for your thoughtfulness; it was greatly appreciated by a number of students!

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum – Focus Area 2 Relationships

Parents and Carers can support their child to:

- ◆ Understand that personal power can be used positively and negatively, e.g., letting another child join in the game, not taking turns on the swings
- ◆ Know what to do if someone tells them to do something that feels unsafe
- ◆ Identify trusted people at home, in the family, at school and in the community. Include a support service, such as Kids Helpline
- ◆ Practise talking to the people on their trusted network and know how to get help if they need it

Jeans for Genes Day

Next Friday is Jeans for Genes Day. Started in 1994, Jeans for Genes Day is a nationwide fundraising initiative held in Australia each year to help the scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute find cures for genetic diseases so children facing these diseases have the opportunity to get back to the task of 'being kids'.

To support this vital research, staff and students are encouraged to wear jeans to school and donate a gold coin for the Children's Medical Research.

RELIGION NEWS

School Masses

We invite our families and school community to join us for some upcoming school Masses. On Tuesday 08 August, the Year One class will be leading us in a celebration of the Feast Day of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop. The following Tuesday, 15 August, the Year Three class will lead us in another whole school Mass, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both Masses will be held in the Church and will begin at 8:45am.

Please check our Facebook page for updates closer to the Mass dates.

Sacraments

Later in the term we will have the enrolment Masses for those children preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Letters for enrolment will be sent home with Year Three students next week.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Principal



Dates to Remember

TERM THREE

WEEK 2

Friday 21 July

Cross Country K to Y6—note on website
Team Games Y1 to Y6
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 3

Monday 31 July

Deja Brew Mobile Barista 7.30-8.30

Wednesday 2 August

Religious Education Assessment Y3 & Y5

Friday 4 August June

Jeans for Genes day—wear denim for a gold coin donation, no ripped Jeans please.
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 4

Monday 7 August

Public Holiday - for Hedland Cup Day

Tuesday 8 August

St Mary of the Cross whole school Mass 8.45am, Y1 lead
Kindergarten 2024 class interviews begin

Wednesday 9 August

K & PP Mini Olympics 8.45am

Thursday 10 August

Assembly
Deja Brew Mobile Barista 7.30-8.30

Friday 11 August

Interschool Cross Country @ St Cecilia's
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 August

Enrolment Masses for Y3 & older St Cecilia's Church & St John the Baptist Church weekend Masses

WEEK 5

Monday 14 August

Deja Brew Mobile Barista 7.30-8.30
Assembly 8.45am in the UCA

Tuesday 15 August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary whole school Mass 8.45am, Y3 lead

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates

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 08 August - Hedland Cup Holiday
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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