

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

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Term Three, Week Six, Thursday 24 August 2023

Principal's Notes

Where is the time going? How is it already Week 6? 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 Kindy and Pre-Primary Mini-Olympics, Faction and Interschool Cross Country, whole school Masses, Religious Education Assessment and author visits, and we still have our Book Week celebrations and Book Fair, the Nexus Arts Science Incursion, Pilbara Music Festival and Father's Day to come.

Thank you

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

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

2024 Enrolments

We have now closed our Kindy enrolments for 2024 with interviews for those students and families beginning last week. We have had a number of enquiries for enrolments across all year levels 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 2024. If you know, or you think there may be the possibility that you will be cancelling your child's enrolment for 2024 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.

Change of date – Student Free Day

Earlier this week we sent home a letter advising of a change of date to our Term Four calendar.

We had planned a Student Free Day on Friday 03 November, a day when our teachers will be taking part in Professional Learning and Development led by consultants of Catholic Education Western Australia.

Due to changes in their schedules, and therefore availability, we have needed to change the date of this development day from Friday 03 November to Monday 09 October. This means that the first day of Term Four for students will now be Tuesday 10 October. Friday 03 November will be a day of attendance for all students.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Pilbara Music Festival

The Pilbara Music Festival School Choir Day is to be held in early September at Gratwick Hall, Civic Centre, Port Hedland. Parents of students that will be taking part in Choir performances at the festival have been notified.

Thank you to all teachers involved in preparing our senior and junior choir groups, in particular Mrs Bianca Lambert and Miss Lauren Greateorex.

Staffing

The saying is 'leave the best to last' and so I apologise for ending the newsletter with some sad news. Next week we will be farewelling one of our long-serving staff members. Mr Sta Maria has made the very hard decision to farewell St Cecilia's at the end of this term to relocate to Perth for family reasons. Mr Sta Maria's last day at St Cecilia's will be next Thursday, 31 August.

Mr Sta Maria, we thank you for your years of dedication and commitment to the school and wider community and thank you for all you have done to support our students, families and staff during your many years with us. We hope you will remember that once you are a part of the Saint's family, you are always a part of the family so it isn't really a good bye, but a 'See you later'.

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

Dates to Remember

TERM THREE

WEEK 6

Friday 25 August

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 7

Monday 28 August

Deja Brew Mobile Barista 7.30-8.30

Book Fair starts "Hats off to reading"

Book Week starts: "Read, Inspire, Grow"

Tuesday 29 August

Nexus Arts Performance Science Show"

11.15am K to Y6

Wednesday 30 August

Family Storytime (& sausage sizzle) 5.30-7.00pm

Thursday 31 August

Book Week Dress Up Assembly "Read, Inspire, Grow"

Mr Sta Maria's last day

Friday 1 September

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

Happy Fathers Day to all fathers!

WEEK 8

Monday 4 September

Deja Brew Mobile Barista 7.30-8.30

Wednesday 6 September

Indigenous Literacy Day

Thursday 7 September

Assembly

Friday 8 September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary whole school Mass 8.45am, Y6 lead

WEEK 9

Monday 11 September

Deja Brew Mobile Barista 7.30-8.30

Assembly in the UCA 8.45am

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates

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

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

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

Friday 22 September - Pupil Free Day

Monday 09 October - 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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