

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

Parent Memo

Term Two, Week Eight, Thursday 6 June 2024

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Principal's Notes

Semester One Reporting

The end of term is approaching which also means mid-year reports will be available via SEQTA Engage on Friday 28 June. Early next week, we will send out an invitation to families that are yet to create their account. Please check your Junk email for this invitation as well. If after the email has been sent you are still having difficulty accessing your account, please contact Mrs Lee-Ann Hayes or myself to have your account reset.

Illness

As winter approaches, the change in weather not only brings cooler temperatures but also germs and illnesses. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are fully recovered. Sending your child to school when they are sick impacts their ability to learn as well as possibly affecting the health of their peers and our staff. I understand that for working parents and carers this can at times be tricky to manage but we appreciate your co-operation in doing what is best for the health of your child and all members of our school community.

If your child is staying at home, we ask that you notify the school of their absence.

If your child is exhibiting signs of being unwell at school, we will contact you and request that they be collected from school so please ensure that your contact details and the details of emergency contacts are always kept up to date.

CEWA Visitors

This week we have been visited by staff from our CEWA offices. Michelle Pietracatella visited Tuesday and Wednesday from the Perth office to share her knowledge with the Early Years staff and from Wednesday to Friday we are being visited by Helen Carrier and Emma Pollard from the Geraldton Office who are spending time visiting classrooms and working with teachers across the school to support our focus on data collection and analysis, Literacy and Numeracy programs and student engagement.

NAIDOC Week

During the final week of this term, we will be acknowledging and celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander week. NAIDOC Week is celebrated across Australia and is a time where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival. As a school, we will celebrate as Christians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous and we will acknowledge the deeply religious and spiritual traditions of our ancestors with respect.

Each year NAIDOC celebrations are based on a theme. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2024 is *Keep the fire burning! Blak, Loud and Proud*. This year's theme celebrates not only the survival but relentless spirit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Miss Ashburton is organising activities for children to undertake in school during that week and has reached out to families and Nyamal Aboriginal Corporation to support and enhance these activities. Thank you in advance to families for your support and to Miss Ashburton for her work to ensure the success of our recognition of NAIDOC week.

Throws and Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our Year One to Six students for their sportsmanship and effort at yesterday's Throws Carnival. There was lots of cheering and encouragement for peers and some amazing throwing skills on display.

Tomorrow, we head to Colin Matheson oval for our Athletics Carnival and I know the sportsmanship and effort will continue to be demonstrated.

Best wishes to all our students for tomorrow and a big thank you and congratulations to Mrs Lee-Gowland for yet another week of successful carnivals.

2025 Kindy enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten for 2025. If your child is turning four years of age before 30 June and you want them to start Kindy in 2025 then please contact us for an enrolment pack as places are filling fast.

Thank you

Thank you once again to all families for your support and understanding when we had to unexpectedly close the school last week due to a water outage. We are very thankful that Water Corp arrived on site quickly to repair the issue and that we were able to reopen for the next day.

Mrs Mandy Sheen - Principal

Religion News:

Sacrament of the Eucharist: Congratulations to the children who received their First Communion on Sunday 02 June at St John the Baptist and St Cecilia's parishes. A big thank you to our wonderful parish priests, Fr Gaspar and Fr Octavian and the parents who helped make this day so special.

Sacrament of Confirmation: First Family meeting at St Cecilia's Library.

Thursday 13 June 6:30pm. All candidates and their parents are encouraged to attend and bring along their activity sheets.

Calendar for Term 3 2024: Please check the school calendar for events coming up in Term 3. Classes will be leading school Masses and we have a family Mass on 25 August – Parish to be confirmed.

Religion Assessment: At the beginning of Term 3 all Catholic schools will be participating in an online assessment for Religious Education. Years Three and Five will be taking part in this and a letter will be going home to parents in the coming weeks.

God Bless Mrs Jody Tait - Religious Education Co-Ordinator

St Cecilia's Playgroup

We are excited to let you know that we will be starting St Cecilia's Playgroup in Semester Two. It will run on Wednesday mornings from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in our School Hall or Library. Ms Kellie McEnaney will facilitate the program. We warmly invite families with children between the ages of 0 and 4yrs old to join us. This is a space where every child is celebrated and every family is valued. To help us with logistics, we ask that you please click on the link below to register your interest. <https://forms.office.com/r/M7XPTwpHcz>

Mrs Sarah Dance - Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember TERM TWO

WEEK 8

Friday 07 June

Faction Athletics Carnival

WEEK 9

Monday 10 June

Assembly UCA 8.40am

Tuesday 11 June

Interscholar Throws Carnival

Thursday 13 June

Confirmation Family Meeting I Y5/6 & others 6.30pm St Cecilia's Library

Friday 14 June

Interscholar Athletics Carnival
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 10

Thursday 20 June

Assembly in the hall 8.40am

Friday 21 June

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

Week 11

Monday 24 June

Assembly in the UCA 8.40am

Wednesday 26 June

K Portfolio viewing 11.00 to 11.15am

Thursday 27 June

NAIDOC Assembly in the hall 8.40am

Interscholar Cross Country

Friday 28 June

Student last day Term Two
Reports available on SEQTA Engage

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

TERM THREE

WEEK 1

Monday 15 July

No school, Staff PD day

Tuesday 16 July

Student return to start Term 3

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates

Term 2: 16-04-24 to 28-06-2024

Term 3: 16-07-24 to 20-09-2024

Term 4: 08-10-24 to 06-12-2024

Public Holidays & Pupil Free Days &

Catholic Day - No School

Monday 15 July - Pupil Free Day

Monday 12 August - Hedland Cup

Public Holiday

Monday 07 October - Pupil Free Day

Monday 04 November - Staff Catholic Day - no school

Link to website term planners:

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

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