

# St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

## Parent Memo

Term Three Week Six, Thursday 22 August 2024

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### Principal's Notes

Where is the time going? How is it already Week 6? Again, 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, whole school Liturgy and Mass, Religious Education Assessment, Book Week celebrations and Book Fair; and we still have an author visit, Pilbara Music Festival, Father's Day Assembly, P&F Movie Night and Interschool Netball and Cricket carnivals to come.

While interruptions to learning aren't desirable, some of the opportunities that our students have been, or are being, given this term have been too good to pass up. I thank the students for their high standard of behaviour at all of these events. I thank the staff at St Cecilia's not only for their willingness to take part in these extra activities, but also for the dedication they all put into the education of our children. If you have a spare minute or two, please feel free to say thank you to them as well. Finally, I thank you, the parents, for allowing your children to participate in these events and for the support and assistance you provide to the staff of St Cecilia's.

#### Book Week

From what I have heard, Book week was a huge success again this year. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of our Book Week events and making it one of the highlights of the year.

I did not envy the judges who were tasked with choosing the best dressed students from each class; I know that our students and families would not have made it easy for our judges. Congratulations to all winners, who were awarded a \$20.00 voucher to spend at Book Fair, and thank you to the P&F for sponsoring the prizes. A further thank you to all the special readers who joined us at our daily after lunch Story time Father Octavian, Mrs Jan Gillingham, Miss Kyarna Lee-Gowland, Stephen Dawson and the helmeted 'Mystery Reader'.

#### Book Fair

A big thank you to Mrs Chloe Beckett, Ms Rene Davies, Ms Bek Hagan, Mrs Rhiannon Rickards, Miss Tekiasha Hart, Mrs Alicia Martino, Mrs Teegan Paul and Mr Gary Silcock for assisting with running Book Fair. We had a phenomenal number of sales which kept the ladies, and gentleman, very busy with the EFTPOS machine. The school receives a percentage from the sales to spend on resources for the students so a big thank you to all who purchased books this week.

#### 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

#### 2025 Enrolments

We have now closed our Kindy enrolments for 2025 with interviews for those students and families beginning next 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 2025. If you know, or you think there may be the possibility that you will be cancelling your child's enrolment for 2025 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.

#### 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 Ms Jody Tait and Miss Joanne Carlos, and thank you to our choir students for your commitment to rehearsals and the upcoming performance.

If your child received a permission note to attend the Festival, these need to be returned to school by Friday 30 August.

#### School Advisory Council

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to attend the next School Advisory Council meeting. The work of the SAC is vital to the running of the school as it advises and supports the Principal in matters of finance, maintenance and in areas of planning and development. The SAC meets at a minimum once a term and at a maximum, twice a term with the next meeting being on Thursday 05 September. If you wish to join the SAC, or would like to know more about what joining the SAC involves, please feel free to either come along to the meeting or contact me.

I would also like to extend a thank you to families that completed our recent Climate Survey. The answers and information you provided will help us to create a picture of our school for the panel that will be visiting to conduct our Quality Catholic Education School Review.

#### Thank you

Thank you to the staff for stepping up and taking on additional duties this week during my absence this week while I travelled to Geraldton to attend CEWA's Leaders' Forum Roadshow and the Diocesan Synod. A special thank you to Mrs Sarah Dance who was in charge during my absence and to all staff that organised the Book Week Assembly this morning. While looking forward to the work I am engaging with in Geraldton, I was also upset to be missing Book Week and I am looking forward to seeing the videos and photos of all the amazing costumes.

Thank you to Miss Dana Bell for creating an amazing Book Week Menu in the canteen this week and to all the families that placed special orders.

Finally, I would like to extend a thank you to families that completed our recent Climate Survey. The answers and information you provided will help us to create a picture of our school for the panel that will be visiting to conduct our Quality Catholic Education School Review.

Mandy Sheen  
Principal



### Religion:

#### Religion News

Please check your term calendar to keep up with all the latest events in our Religion program.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Father Octavian attending the Diocesan Synod, there will be no Family Mass on Sunday 25 August.

**Sacraments - Reconciliation** Enrolment Masses were held over the weekend of 03 and 04 August. If you have not yet enrolled your child (Year Three Catholic students or others who may not have already received this sacrament), please urgently take your enrolment forms to the next Mass and hand to your parish priest.

The First Family Meeting will be held on Thursday 12 September, 6:30pm, St Cecilia's School Library.

#### Thank you

Thank you to two of our classes for leading the recognition of two very special ladies in the last two weeks. Firstly, thank you to Year Five for leading the Liturgy in celebration of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), and secondly, to our Year Three Mass for leading us in recognition of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Jody Tait  
Religious Education Co-ordinator

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### Dates to Remember TERM THREE

#### WEEK 6

**Book Fair open Tuesday-Friday  
Thursday 22 August**  
Book Week Assembly  
**Friday 23 August**  
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

#### WEEK 7

**Monday 26 August**  
Assembly 8.45am in the Under cover area  
**Wednesday 28 August**  
Kindergarten 2025 Interviews commence  
K/PP Fathers Day - 9.00am to 10.20am  
**Friday 30 August**  
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

#### WEEK 8

**Thursday 5 September**  
Fathers Day Assembly - K lead, 8.45am in the hall  
Pilbara Music Festival Junior & Senior Choir  
**Friday 6 September**  
Ice block sales \$1.00 each  
Inter-school Netball 'Fever Cup' Carnival  
P&F Movie Night  
**Sunday 8 September**  
Pilbara Music Festival Final Concert

#### WEEK 9

**Monday 9 September**  
Assembly 8.45am in the Under cover area  
**Thursday 12 September**  
Cricket Deadly Cup  
First Reconciliation Family Meeting I, Y# & others, 6.30pm St Cecilia's Library  
**Friday 13 September**  
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

#### WEEK 10

**Thursday 19 September**  
Assembly 8.45am in the hall  
**Friday 20 September**  
Ice block sales \$1.00 each  
Footy Colours Day  
Last day of Term 3

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

#### School Term Dates

Term 3: 16-07-24 to 20-09-2024  
Term 4: 08-10-24 to 06-12-2024  
2025 Students start 5-2-2025

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

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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