

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

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Term Three Week Eight, Friday 6 September 2024

Principal's Notes

Week 8 is just about over and we have two weeks left before the term break. It seems like only yesterday that the term began.

Father's Day Assembly

What a wonderful assembly by the Kindergarten students yesterday. I especially loved hearing the reasons our Kindy children love their dads. While our recognition of Father's Day was a little belated, I hope that all dads, granddads, uncles, brothers and all other father figures in our lives had a wonderful day on Sunday.

Book Week and Book Fair

Book Week was a huge success once again this year. The dress-up day was wonderful with students, staff and a few parents dressing as their favourite characters; you all made it very hard for the judges to choose best costumes. The school is blessed to have a terrific and caring staff and parents who go above expectations to make school enjoyable. A big thank you to the P&F for once again sponsoring the prizes, vouchers to be spent at Book Fair, for our Book Week Assembly.

A big thank you to all staff and parents for setting up and running the Book Fair sales and a thank you to all the families that supported our Book Fair with your many visits to buy new books. Each purchase made at the Book Fair, and throughout the year through Book Club, provides the school with reward points that can be converted to a monetary amount to purchase school resources through Scholastic.

Pilbara Music Festival

Congratulations to all students in our choir groups that took part in the Pilbara Music Festival yesterday. In order to prepare for the festival, the students have given up lunch times to rehearse and all can be proud that they put 100% effort into each of their performances and were rewarded with wonderful comments along with excellent and outstanding gradings. Thank you to Ms Tait and Miss Carlos for leading and accompanying our choirs.

A further congratulations to our Junior choir for being invited back to the closing concert on Sunday afternoon. We understand that it is short notice and that weekends are for family time, but we hope that some of our students will be able to attend and showcase the talent of St Cecilia's for the Hedland community.

Interschool Carnivals

This year, the primary schools of Port Hedland and South Hedland have been invited to take part in West Coast Fever Netball Interschool Carnival and WA Cricket Interschool Deadly Cricket Cup. Students across our Year Four to Six classes have been selected to take part in these carnivals and represent our school and we wish all our teams the best of luck.

Thank you to Mrs Lee-Gowland for organising and training the teams for these carnivals.

P&F Thank you

Thank you in advance to our wonderful P&F for the organisation of tonight's Movie Evening. There has been lots of excited talk in the playground today about to movie and we are looking forward to a fun evening.

2025 Enrolments & Cancellations

If you are leaving town and/or the school, we would appreciate as much notice as possible.

Please complete an Enrolment Cancellation form. These are available from the front office or on our website.

Mrs Mandy Sheen - Principal

RELIGION NEWS

Exciting times this term:

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

Multi-Cultural Mass Celebration at St John the Baptist Sunday 15 September 9:30am. You are very welcome to attend.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 07 September marks the nativity of Mary, the birth of Mary. While there is no evidence that this is the actual birth of Mary, the Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century with September being chosen as the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The date helped to determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, nine months earlier.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

Sacraments:

Each parish has now held enrolment Masses for those students taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you missed the enrolment Mass, or didn't receive the enrolment form, and you want your child to receive this Sacrament, please see your Parish Priest for the relevant information.

It is essential that you and your child attend the weekend Masses and the family meetings to receive the activities that will help children prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Reconciliation Important Dates 2024**

Parents First Meeting: Thursday 12 September 6:30pm @ St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School Library Port Hedland

Parents Second Meeting: Thursday 17 October 6:30pm @ St John the Baptist Parish Hall South Hedland

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 31 October 6:30pm @ St Cecilia's Catholic Church or St John the Baptist. (Attend your own parish).

Containers For Change

If you want to help St Cecilia's Catholic Parish raise money while keeping 10 cent containers out of landfills, please donate your refund to St. Cecilia's Parish using our member number: C11478907. You can drop off your containers at the Wedgefield Depot. For more information, please check our notice board in the church foyer. If you need a Containers for Change bag, they are available after mass. You can also drop off your container at the church in the green bin outside. One of our parishioners, Caroline, will help us take it to Wedgefield every two weeks to make it easier for us. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Jody Tait - Religious Education Co-Ordinator

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

Dates to Remember TERM THREE

WEEK 8

Friday 6 September

Ice block sales \$1.00 each

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

First Reconciliation Family Meeting I, Y3 & 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

Canteen closed

TERM FOUR

WEEK 1

Monday 7 October

No school, Staff PD day

Tuesday 8 October

Student return to start Term 4

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

School Term Dates

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:

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