

St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

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Term Four Week Two, Thursday 17 October 2024

Principal's Notes

Welcome back to Term Four, our final term for the 2024 school year. Where has the year gone? Term Four is always a busy term with lots of things happening in the school and the teachers and students have jumped straight back into it. Teachers and students will be preparing for and undertaking end of year assessments, end of year reports, Interschool Basketball Slam Tournament, Kindy Orientation, St Cecilia's Day, Year Six High School Transition and Graduation and preparing for our end of year Christmas concert.

Staff Professional Development Day

Last Monday, all staff returned to school for a Professional Development Day. Our Education Assistants were guided by Mr Simon Place, the Religious Education Consultant for the Geradlton Diocese, in an Accreditation Unit that increased the awareness and knowledge of the Sacraments while the teachers were led by Ms Jo Harris of the Catholic Institute to enhance their knowledge of bringing Religious Education to life in the classroom. Thank you to both our presenters for supporting our staff in their faith formation.



Day for Daniel—next Friday

Next Friday, remember to don your red shirts and bring your gold coin donation in recognition of *Day for Daniel* on Friday 28 October to raise funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. All funds raised will help the organisation to continue to develop and provide free resources and programs for parents, carers and educators to teach children how to stay safe. For more information on the work the Morcombe Foundation does, please visit <https://danielmorcombe.com.au/>

World Teacher's Day

Next Friday, 25 October, we will be celebrating World Teacher's Day at St Cecilia's. While the official date for World Teacher's Day is 05 October, this falls in the middle of the school holidays, so Australia recognises the day on the later date. World Teachers' Day is celebrated in over 100 countries and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank not only our teachers but all our staff for the important role they play inside our classrooms and out in the community.



Uniforms

As the end of the year draws near, we are beginning to notice that some students are becoming a little 'relaxed' with their uniforms, including hairstyles. It is important that we keep up the standard right through until the end of the year so as to maintain our pride in our school. Students that don't comply with the uniform code will be issued with notices that are to be taken home and sighted by parents. Students that come to school wearing jewellery that is not permissible for school will be asked to remove it.

If for some reason your child is not in the correct uniform, please send a note in to your child's teacher with an explanation. Your support in this matter is appreciated and valued.

We are looking to make some minor changes to our school uniform for 2025, mainly the style of shorts and the sock colour for students. We currently have a short survey seeking parent opinion on white or black socks to be part of the uniform for 2025.

If you haven't had your say yet, the survey is open until tomorrow. Seqta messages link. <https://forms.office.com/r/4Y8XndXLPa>

Book lists for 2025

Booklist ordering for 2025 classes is now open. If you are unable to access the online ordering, please contact the office for assistance. If you want to have booklist items delivered to the school before the end of the current school year (this is a free delivery), then orders must be placed online by Friday 01 November. Any orders placed after this will be delivered to your home and will include a delivery charge. Please note, all ordering is to be done online; please do not send orders back to school.

In the past, some parents have organised purchase of stationery items themselves from local stores. This has often resulted in the supply of incorrect stationery for the start of the school year as these stores do not stock or supply some of the specific items required. It is important that these items are purchased through Campion. Other items such as Library bags, pencil cases, lead and coloured pencils may be purchased from other stationery stockists.

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.

Important Dates for Term 4 2024

Sacraments:

Reconciliation

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

After months of preparation both at school and at home, the children from St John the Baptist and St Cecilia's parishes will be making their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 31 October, 6.30pm in their respective parishes. Father Octavian and Father Gaspar will be leading the Liturgies. Please keep these children in your prayers as the time draws near for them to receive this special sacrament. A big thank you once again to Ms Tait, our parish priests and parents for helping to prepare our children for this very special time.

Masses:

All Saints Day Mass: Friday 01 Nov 8:45. Year Four class leading. All welcome.

Catholic Mission Appeal - Crazy Socks Day Friday 18 October

Once again, it's October so it's time to dig out your craziest socks to celebrate Socktober in our schools. In 2024, students and their families across Australia will team up to support families in Mongolia facing many challenges. Our fundraising will support projects on the ground helping to provide nutritious meals, offer school supplies and deliver warm winter clothing for the cold Mongolian winters.

Come along to school on Friday 18 October in your crazy socks and make a gold coin donation. Lots of ideas at the link attached.

<https://www.socktober.org.au/socktober-challenge>

Containers for Change

Our St Cecilia's Parish membership number: C11478907. Thank you for your support.

Ms Jody Tait
Religious Education Coordinator



Dates to Remember TERM FOUR

WEEK 2

Thursday 17 October

First Reconciliation Family Meeting 2, 6.30pm St John the Baptist Parish Centre Y3 & Others

Friday 18 October

Crazy Socks Day - gold coin donation to Catholic Mission
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 3

Monday 21 October

Assembly 8.45am in the Under cover area

Friday 25 October

World Teachers Day
Day for Daniel Wear - Red shirt for gold coin donation
Jump Rope for Heart - Jump Off Day
Ice block sales \$1.00 each

WEEK 4

Wednesday 30 October

SAC Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 31 October

Assembly 8.45am in the hall
First Reconciliation 6.30pm
St Cecilia's Church & St John The Baptist Church, Y3 & Others

Friday 1 November

All Saints Day Whole School Mass Y4
Lead 8.45am
Ice block sales \$1.00 each
Online orders for 2025 Booklists close

WEEK 5

Monday 04 November

Staff Catholic Day - Pupil Free Day - No School

Tuesday 05 November

Basketball Carnival Y5&6
Boarding Schools Information Night 5.30pm, library, Y4&5 families

Thursday 07 November

Indigenous Spirit Carnival Y5&6

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 04 November - Staff Catholic Day - no school

Link to website term planners:

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

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