Dates to Remember

- Tue 27 May - Y3B
  6.30pm Reconciliation in Church
- Wed 28 May - Y3G
  6.30pm Reconciliation in Church
- Thu 29 May - Y1 Liturgy
  9am in Church
- Sat & Sun - Parish Gifts for Reconciliation given at Mass
- Mon 2 Jun - WA DAY
  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tue 3 Jun - PUPIL FREE DAY
- Wed 4 Jun - Students commence

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER
As you will have noticed the newsletter has received a makeover. Over the last year the Board has been working on improving the way in which the school communicates with its community. Late last year, students from Murdoch University who were studying communications surveyed our school community, analysed the feedback from parents and wrote a report which made a number of recommendations that the school is now acting upon. Among the recommendations were the need to shorten the newsletter and to use a clearer template, hence the new look. We hope that you will find the newsletter easier and quicker to read and we would welcome any feedback.

WEEKLY FOCUS
Each week at the Monday assembly a life skill is introduced to the students and is the focus for the coming week. It is through explicitly teaching these life skills and rewarding the students when they practise these skills that we enable the students to achieve their potential. This week the focus is self discipline. Self discipline is self control. It means getting yourself to do what is important to do, rather than being a leaf in the wind of your thoughts or feelings… You don’t lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With self-discipline, you take care of yourself.

I read about a study which had been done with kindergarten students. Each child in the group was given a piece of chocolate and told they had a choice about eating it. They could eat it right away, or if they waited five minutes, they would get another piece. If they waited 30 minutes to eat it, they would get the whole box of chocolate. Many of the children ate the piece right away, several ate it at the five minute point; several others waited patiently for 30 minutes, while distracting themselves with other things. All of the children were followed in the study through school and post school. The majority of children who had waited for 30 minutes successfully pursued study and careers in professions such as medicine, law, and engineering. Those who ate the chocolate right away were not as successful in pursuing higher education or professional careers. Interesting results, which send a message to us as parents and teachers.

ANAPHYLAXIS
Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction, that is potentially life threatening. At present there are a small number of children in our school who have this condition. The most common allergens in school age children are nuts (all varieties), eggs, cow’s milk, fish and shell fish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and some medication. We also have some students who are allergic to some animals.

It is therefore important to remind members of our community that Yidarra is committed to providing, as far as is practicable, a safe, supportive environment, in which students at risk of anaphylaxis, can participate equally in all aspects of their schooling. We therefore request that students do not bring nuts or nut products to school and that no animals be brought onto the school site. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
A number of students are wearing sports shoes with Fluro colours. Parents are reminded that the students should be wearing predominately black or white sports shoes as part of their school uniform.

God Bless,

Carmel Costin
PRINCIPAL

Reflection

The wisdom of St Mary MacKillop
"God understands us Better than we Understand ourselves Or each other."
21.5.1877
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR
will be held on
Wed, 11 & Thu 12 June
Purchase times from:
8-9am, 12.50-1.20pm &
3-4pm each day!

PARENTS & FRIENDS

BUSY BEE AT YIDARRA SUNDAY, 25 MAY 9AM TO 11AM
All members of the community are invited to assist with the school Busy Bee, we would like to paint the benches in the senior atrium and clean up the garden beds. Afterwards will be a sausage sizzle, if you are able to assist please return your reply slip to the office for catering purposes.

DISCO - KINDY TO Y6 ON FRIDAY 23 MAY
K-PP 4.30 - 5.30PM
Y1-3 5.45 - 7.15PM
Y4-6 7.30 - 9PM

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ORDERS
Contact Alex Rossi on 0419 962 963 or email aarossi@iinet.net.au and order forms can be collected from the office.

NEXT P&F MEETING
The P&F meeting will be held in the Library on Monday, 9 June from 7.30pm, as usual all is welcome.

RELIGION NEWS

RECONCILIATION 2014
Reconciliations for the Year 3 students will be held on 27 and 28 May at 6.30pm in the Bateman Parish. Certificates will be presented to the students at Friday’s assembly on 30 May and the Parish will also present recipients with a gift who attend any Mass on Saturday 31 or Sunday 1 June.

The photo banners for those children who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on either 27 or 28 May 2014 are now up in the church. The parish community is asked to support the candidates, their families and teachers through their prayers.

CHILDREN’S MASS
Our next Children’s Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 15 June at the 9.30am Mass. We would like to invite the children to participate in the Mass. If the children would like to have a special part in the Mass, please register at the foyer.

PE NEWS

CPSS BASKET BALL CARNIVAL
The Basket ball carnival will be held on Tuesday 27 May at the Cockburn stadium.

LEAGUE TAG TRAINING - POSTPONED
Student who are participating the League Tag on the Yidarra oval at 7.30am on Friday 30 May. This has now been cancelled.

EAGLES CUP - POSTPONED
Y5&6 will be competing in the Eagles Cup on Friday 30 May at All Saints College and again on Friday 6 June at Christ the King has been cancelled.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY?

Lifelink is the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth’s fund-raising arm which supports Catholic agencies providing professional and caring support to those in need in Western Australia. As a way of supporting this annual fund-raising event, Yidarra will hold a “Principal for a Day” event. Lifelink donation envelopes will be sent home to every child from PP-Y6 on Lifelink Launch day, Wed 4 June. Returned envelopes will be put into a whole school draw for someone to be the Principal with Mrs Costin for a day. To enter, place your child’s name on the back of the Lifelink envelope and return it to the class teacher by Thu 12 June, preferably with a donation to Lifelink inside, although this is not a requirement for entry to the draw. Please return only one envelope per child and no family or multi-name envelopes. At Assembly on Fri 13 June, Mrs Costin will draw out the lucky winner who will spend Mon 23 June helping her with her Principal responsibilities around the school and other challenging activities. All proceeds from the envelopes will be sent to Lifelink. Donations can also be made via the Lifelink website: http://www.lifelink.com.au.

Tanya Giovannangelo
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT: Parking & Crossing Walks

Parking and Crossing in the school grounds

A reminder to parents and those who drop off and pick up children regarding the parking and crossing arrangements at the school. The area outside the Canteen is a drop off and pick up area only; it is a no parking zone between 8am and 3.30pm. The area adjacent to the Administration building is a drop off area between 8am and 9.30am and pick up area between 2.30pm and 3.30pm with no parking during these times.

There are an increasing number of parents who are not using the school crosswalk to reach the Church and surrounding parking areas before and after school. The school crosswalk is just past the Canteen and although it is a little further to walk for some classes, it is the designated and safest crossing point. Those driving larger cars especially have difficulty seeing small children who are not on the crosswalk, even if the car is stopped and the child accompanied by a parent. Please take the time to walk the extra distance to the crosswalk to ensure that safety is paramount and that the good practice of using the crosswalk AT ALL TIMES is modelled to the children.

Tanya Giovannangelo
Assistant Principal

Library News

DRAMA IN THE PARISH HALL

On Wednesday 21st May, our school together with schools and libraries all over Australian celebrated the National Simultaneous Story Time. The story was Too Many Elephants in this House by Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner. Many of our wonderful staff dressed up to act out the story. Mrs Hart brought a great deal of fun to the role of Eric and who could forget Mr Del Grossi who starred as Eric’s mother? The children enjoyed the performance very much.

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NEXT WEEK’S ACTIVITIES
Next week activities are Toothbrush Painting, Friendship Bracelets, Chalk Painting, Making Stick Flower and Butterfly Collage.

OSHCLUB’S NEWS - CLOSED ON TUE 3 JUNE
Yidarra Catholic Primary School has a curriculum day on Tuesday 3rd June 2014. OSHClub will not be running on this day and any bookings have been removed from the system. Apologies for any inconvenience.
MEDIA STATEMENT

13 May 2014

Catholic Education Response to 2014-15 Federal Budget

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has expressed strong concerns with the Government’s decision to use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the basis for school funding indexation after 2017.

Catholic education welcomes the funding certainty for Catholic schools confirmed in the 2014-15 Federal Budget through to the end of the 2017 school year. This funding certainty will help systems and schools to plan for the next three years and assist school and system leaders to focus on the learning needs of students.

In the context of the Government’s priority to reduce spending in many policy areas and reduce the budget deficit, the commitment to fully fund the Australian Education Act arrangements from 2014 to 2017 for all schools in all states and territories is welcome.

However, based on recent experience, the school funding assumptions contained in the Federal Budget for 2018 and beyond will not meet the needs of schools and students.

In the last decade the CPI has averaged less than 3%. This contrasts with school funding increases reflecting real costs in schools of almost 5.5%.

NCEC Executive Director, Ross Fox, said that limiting the rate of school funding increases to the CPI will likely mean funding would not keep up with school costs.

“School funding must keep up with real school costs. For the last ten years CPI has been around half the rate of school cost increases including teacher salaries and access to technologies that support learning.

“Using CPI after 2017 is likely to increase school fees, and strain the needs-based funding approach of Catholic education,” said Mr Fox. “If funding fails to keep pace with true costs, the fee increases needed to cover the shortfall could put a Catholic education out of reach for some families.”

Catholic education welcomes the capital funding in the Budget for non-government schools. This is important funding that will help build new schools and expand school facilities in growing areas.
The number of students in schools is projected to increase by more than 25 per cent in the next ten years. This growth in student numbers will present a huge challenge for all school sectors.

“Hundreds of new schools will be required for new students in the next decade and without additional capital funding it is difficult to see how school places will be found for all students.”

School funding arrangements for Catholic schools for 2018 and beyond will need careful consideration. The review of funding indexation scheduled to begin this year will be an important starting point. Funding arrangements for 2018 and beyond must provide certainty and sufficient funding to meet the true costs of delivering education across Australia.

“The NCEC will continue to work with the Government to achieve fair funding beyond 2017 that reflects the long-standing commitment to a needs-based funding approach and ensures funding keeps pace with real school costs.”

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About the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC)

There are currently 1,706 Catholic schools across Australia, educating almost 750,000 children every year. One out of every five school children attends a Catholic school.

Most Catholic schools (96 per cent) are systemic, with the Catholic education system being a significant education provider – for example, the Catholic Education Commission of New South Wales is the fourth largest education provider in Australia and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria is the sixth largest.

In cooperation with Catholic education commissions and diocesan education offices NCEC seeks to make a significant contribution to national education policy development. This is achieved by:

- Working towards a national policy consensus between Catholic Education Commissions in all states and territories on issues of national significance, that best reflects contemporary Catholic teaching on the nature and purpose of education;
- Providing members of the Commonwealth Parliament and the Commonwealth bureaucracy with accurate and up-to-date information;
- Acting as an effective contributor to the national education policy debate; and
- Contributing to the public good in Australia by enhancing the quality of Australian education guided by the mission of the Catholic Church.