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In Holy Communion, Jesus comes to each one of us. Sharing this mystery together makes us one with each other and one with Jesus. We are joined in a special way with Jesus and the family of God. For our Year 4 students, this weekend will be a special time when Jesus comes to be one with them as they continue on their faith journey and grow into strong and loving people in the family of God.

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As a school community we keep in our prayers the students and their families from the school and parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist over the coming weekend and celebrate the communion it brings to us all.

CROSS COUNTRY

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“Principal for a Day” Winner

Congratulations to Dickson Phoon 4G.

A big thank you to everyone who entered the “Principal for a Day” draw, especially those who made a donation to “Lifelink” through their envelopes. Congratulations to Dickson who will spend Monday 23 June assisting Ms Costin.

A Reminder

When arriving to collect your children please wait outside the Atrium until 3:00pm. This allows the teaching and learning at Yidarra to continue right up until bell time. Thankyou for your co-operation in this.

God Bless,
Carmel Costin

Parish News

Fr Mark

At the end of this term we will be farewelling Fr Mark who will be moving to Kalgoorlie to work as a parish priest. All are invited to his final Mass at St Thomas More Church on Saturday, 28 June at 6.30pm and to supper following the Mass. Please bring a plate to share for the supper.
RELIGION NEWS

St Thomas More Day
Parents are invited to attend the St Thomas More Mass on Thursday 26 June at 9am in the Church.

PARENTS & INFORMATION

Parents Morning Tea
A morning tea will be held in the Parish Meeting Room 1 at 10am following the St Thomas More Celebration Mass on Thursday 26 June.

Cake Stall
There will be a scrumptious cake stall held at recess by the Year 2 students on Friday 27 June.

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

PE NEWS

Faction Cross Country
Congratulations to all students who participated in the school Cross Country. Each person who entered gained an amount of points for their faction as well as bonus points depending on their finish place.

To those students who finished in the top five in their year group, what a great effort!

The top students from each year level are:

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Well done to all those students in ‘Marsengo’ who won the ‘Overall Cooperation Shield’.

Finally, it was a great effort by those students in ‘Dean’ to secure the ‘Championship Shield’.

Thank you to those parents and teachers who assisted with the recording and course supervising on the day. Please come and see me so I can record your names.

Rob Debowski
PE TEACHER

IMPORTANT

Speed Limit 8km within School Grounds
We have had reports of vehicles exceeding the 8km speed limit within the school grounds, please ensure you adhere to the speed limit as child safety is a priority.

Crossing in the School Grounds
Thank you to those parents who are now using the crosswalk to access their cars on the Church side of the school. I have still noticed a few who continue to cross on the corner with children. The school crosswalk is the designated and safest crossing point. 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 is modelled to the children.
MUSIC NEWS

Apologies
To Sophie McCarthy and Nicholas Adams who were not mentioned last week in our congratulations of the Year 4 cantors for First Holy Communion.
Well done Sophie and Nicholas!

Choir Reminder
Days for choir have swapped due to the Lightning Carnival for next week only.
Please note:
Tuesday 24th June - Year 3/4 Choir
Wednesday 24th June - Year 5/6 Choir

Classroom News
Our Pre Primary classes this week have been listening to a piece of music by French composer Camile Saint Saens called The Swan.
Here are some of our swans that we made while listening to the music.

Natasha Rich
MUSIC & DRAMA TEACHER

YIDARRA FEE ACCOUNTS

BPAY Payments
If any parents are making BPAY payments for their child’s fees, please check the current BPAY reference number on your account.
We have received a payment of $300 on the 16th June that currently cannot be processed. Please contact the Bursar if you have made this payment. All accounts should now be paid by Direct Debit and we thank those families who have completed and returned their direct debit forms. All families with outstanding accounts will be contacted.

Mary Courtney
BURSAR

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