PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

As we approach the end of this term, I extend a heartfelt congratulations to our Teacher Assistants and our Teachers for the successes achieved this term. Our school community has continued to flourish because of the dedication, skill and professionalism of all our staff.

A sincere thank you to the many parents who volunteered in classrooms, contributed to the fundraising events which occurred, captured the on-going story of sports days, incursions or excursions with their camera, or generally got their child ready each day to attend school!

May we all enjoy the lapse from routine, the opportunity to do things differently, an appreciation of God’s gift of family and friends and the joy of boredom!!

We look forward to a brilliant Term 4 with Ms Costin back with us and many new adventures to challenge us to GROW - SHINE - BECOME.

SPORT SHOES

The appropriate colours for sport shoes has been questioned, so as a reminder. The school policy states that sport shoes need to be PREDOMINANTLY white or black. Students have been advised of this at assembly. Thank you for being aware of the school uniform policy when making your child’s purchase of new items.

LEARNING JOURNEY

A last reminder that the Learning Journeys are being held today, Monday 22 September, between 3.30pm - 6.30pm. Students will have a guide sheet to assist them in explaining and leading parents through the areas of learning they have applied themselves to this term. Please allow your child to explain the tasks and then prompt them to give as much detail about the challenges and successes they experienced.

PERSONAL SPORTING EQUIPMENT

Children have been reminded that the P&F has generously provided funds this year to supplement classroom sporting equipment. As such, the only sporting equipment used at recess and lunch play is to be school owned equipment. All personal sporting items or toys are to remain at home and are not allowed at school. It is far too difficult to monitor the safety of personal items and students become very distressed if such items are lost or damaged. We ask parents to please support the school with this issue.

CROSSING ROAD THROUGH STAFF CARPARK – USE CROSSWALK

Last week we, once again, had two incidences of near misses in the car park during the afterschool frenzy of picking up students. We realise that it seems convenient to walk across the staff car park - especially when having to park at the church and gather children from our Early Childhood Centre – however, the intersection is a particularly hazardous one and, in a large or high 4 wheel drive, visibility is sometimes difficult. For the safety of all, we must insist that, as responsible parents, you model to your children the correct crossing procedure - walking down and using the cross walk situated between the canteen and P&F shed at all times.

STUDENT/TEACHER ILLNESS

This time of year is notorious for colds, flu and many other illnesses. Some conditions can last for many days and it is sometimes confusing to know whether or not to bring children to school when unwell. Many of us, as working parents, have been there. We’ve felt the stab of irritation at the prospect of having to stay at home and juggle working with caring for a sick child, only to witness a Lazarus-like recovery once the call to the school is made and the TV is switched on. It makes you think twice the next time a temperature is slightly raised and you hear the tearful cry. “But Mummy, I’m too ill to go to school!”

Not surprisingly, the number one reason cited often by parents for sending unwell kids to school, is the belief they would start to perk up once there, followed by not having other childcare options, and then work commitments. As any teacher will tell you, classrooms can be like petri dishes. Children can infect one another over and over. It’s also difficult for teachers who frequently become ill due to attending to sick children in class . If you are not sure whether your child should keep their child at home, please discuss your child’s condition with your doctor.

TERM DATES

- The last day for students this term is Thursday 25 September
- Staff and students begin term 4 on Monday 13 October
- The last day for students in term 4 is Friday 12 December

Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful Holiday.

ROSEMARY PAPARELLA
Acting Principal
P&F NEWS

CAR PARK RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following winners of the Term 4 Car Park Raffle:

- Kindy/Pre-Primary - Connor Family
- Year 1-6 - Choe family

Please remember car park bays coloured yellow are reserved for raffle winners for the term.

SPORTS CARNIVAL REFRESHMENT STALL - THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER

The Yidarra Sports Carnival Refreshment Stall will be selling Hot Food, Cakes, Cool Drinks and LADY LATTE will also be there selling Tea & Coffee. Parents, Students and Teachers are welcome to purchase some yummy hot food; Snack pies, Sausage rolls, Quiches, Zucchini slices, cakes and a variety of cool drinks; fruit boxes, water and variety of canned drinks. A cake donation flyer will be sent home this week requesting cake donations, your support is appreciated. If you have any queries, please call Candy Ravlich on 0409 201 832.

P&F MEETING

The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday, 20 October at 7pm in the Library.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

The Year 6 Confirmation Photo’s are now available.

The logon details are: www.maverick.com.au

logon Id: confirmation
Password: confirm2014

TANYA GIOVANNANGELO
Assistant Principal

PE NEWS

FACTION STALL

This week on Tuesday 23 September at recess the faction captains will be holding a faction stall. All items at the stall will range in price from 0.20c - $1. Some of the items at the stalls will be cakes, jelly, painting, bandanas.

If you are able to assist by making something for the stall e.g. red jelly, blue biscuits etc. it would be most appreciated.

Please send your children to school with some spare change.

The Faction Captains &

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE TEACHER

HEALTH NEWS

MEDIC ALERT BANDS

Unique Code YIDQYF

MedicAlert brochures were sent home last week for your information, if you would like to join, please make sure you use our Yidarra unique code YIDQYF on your application form.

You can join in either of the following ways:

- Complete and return the application form directly to MedicAlert or
- Complete the online joining process at www.medicalert.org.au and enter the unique school code at the checkout to waive the registration fee.

For over 42 years, MedicAlert Foundation remains the most trusted and recognised medical ID in Australia. Members wear a bracelet or necklace with a genuine MedicAlert emblem personally engraved with their vital medical information, membership number, and 24/7 emergency hotline number for emergency services and healthcare personnel to access when needed.

For any further information or queries, the office staff are happy to help.
**YIDARRA CHESS CLUB**

**CALLING ALL PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS!!!**

The Brainy Benefits of Chess! A growing body of research is showing that chess improves kids' thinking and problem-solving skills as well as their math and reading test scores. Accordingly, many school communities across the country are racing to create after-school chess programs and start local chess clubs. I have been fortunate to be able to initiate a chess club in most schools I have worked in – and am keen to start one at Yidarra. For this to be successful, though, I am asking for assistance from our wider community. So!! Do you know how to play chess? Do you have between 60 minutes and 90 minutes once a week to spare? PLEASE contact me if you are able to assist. I have the coordinator of another school who is willing to “train” up a coordinator for Yidarra – so please think of volunteering and starting our journey to Chess Success!!

ROSEMARY PAPARELLA  
Acting Principal

**PFFWA NEWSLETTER & INVITATION**

The latest PFFWA newsletter is now available. Visit pff.wa.edu.au for that latest information on:  
- PFFWA 60th Anniversary Dinner and Conference  
- What is a 21st Century Education? Keynote presentation and workshop by David Price OBE, educational futurist  
- Other exciting news

**VACSWM HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS**

**DECEMBER/JANUARY ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

Swimming pools and beaches are a vital part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For further information and online enrolment visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

**SCHOOL PHOTOS - TERM 4**

**MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER**  
**TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER**

Our school photo days are coming! Kapture Photography order envelopes have been sent home. You can also order your photo packages securely online through Kapture’s website. Alternatively you can select the options you wish to purchase and return the envelope to the school on the photography day with cash or cheque payment included.

Please note, credit payments can now only be made online for security purposes. If you have placed your order online please **DO NOT** return your envelope to school.

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) business days to complete an online order only. The school office cannot accept any late payment envelopes.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place an online sibling order early to avoid disappointment. www.kapture.com.au

**SIBLING ORDERS CLOSE MIDDAY FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER**

No sibling orders will be taken after this date or on photo day

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au. All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL AS included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

This term, many Yidarra families have been packing up shoeboxes with small gifts to send to needy children in the Third World. The boxes that have been delivered to the library are wonderful. They are filled with toys, toiletries, school supplies and clothing. Many families are not only including the necessary $9 to cover shipping costs but often adding a little more to help with other costs. If you need more information try this website.

www.operationchristmaschild.org.au

Please deliver boxes to me in the library by Thursday 25th September so I can take them to the Balcatta warehouse during the holidays.

CHERYL LOPEZ  
Teacher Librarian