



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to  
Taj Longmuir 1G  
Bianca Liedtke 6B

## Dates to Remember

- **Mon 28 Jul** - Y3&Y5 Bishops' Testing commences
- **Tue 29 Jul** - ICAS English & Confirmation Parent Meetings 5.30 & 7.30pm
- **Thu 31 Jul** - Y2 Liturgy 9am
- **Fri 1 Aug** - Y6 Graduation Disco Parent Coordinator meeting 9.30am & Footsteps Dance company sessions
- **Mon 4 Aug** - Morning Assembly 8.40am
- **Tue 5 Aug** - Scholastic Book orders due & ICAS MATHS & Y4 Christian dance rehearsal 1pm

## SCHOOL BANKING



Every Tuesday  
8.15-9am  
Undercover Area

## Reflection

*Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

- Colossians 4:6

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### GREAT START TO TERM 3

It was pleasing to see the students enjoying being back at school last week. As I moved around the school I noted happy children all busily working on their many and varied activities, fully engaged in their learning.

### NEW YIDARRA WEBSITE

Today we have launched our new website at [www.web.yidarra.wa.edu.au](http://www.web.yidarra.wa.edu.au). A note will go home to all families today with a fridge magnet with our web address. This will enable you to go to the website for up to date school information. The Website is mobile friendly and the school calendar can be synced to your mobile device using the "add to calendar" function. We suggest you take time to explore the Website and provide the school with any feedback you may have. There is a feedback form available through the "Communications" tab.

The Website and new-format Newsletter is part of the school's ongoing commitment to our community to ensure that information and initiatives are communicated in a timely, simple and cost-effective manner. The Newsletter is now published at the beginning of the week to help inform you of future events. The Merit Award winners for the upcoming Friday Assembly will be in the Newsletter - teachers will no longer provide an individual note to you regarding this. Our "Stars of the Week" will also be acknowledged in the Newsletter as well as the school's "Value of the Week" and the upcoming Canteen Roster. We will endeavour to keep the newsletter as succinct as possible, with most ongoing items available through the Website. We stress the importance of reading the newsletter weekly. As we develop the Website and Newsletter further, we hope that more school notes and reminders will become part of the online school environment.

I would like to thank the School Board's Communication sub-committee that has worked over the last year to develop the Website, especially Silvana Pante-Cohen, who has driven this initiative with great enthusiasm.

### THE BISHOPS' RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

This week the Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment for all Year Three, Year Five and Year Nine students in Catholic Schools in Western Australia will be administered during the week. Students' knowledge and understanding of the content of the Religious Education curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students' faith is not assessed. Unlike the Year Five and Year Nine assessments, the Year Three assessment is marked by class teachers. The Year 3 results do not need to be sent to the Catholic Education Office and formal reports are not produced. Year 5 parents will receive a report later in the Year. However, parents need to be aware that this one off assessment cannot replace the richer judgements made by the classroom teacher throughout the school year.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

On Tuesday evening, our Year 6 students and their parents will be attending a parent and student evening as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Next weekend, the students will be pledging their commitment to their preparation for this sacrament at one of the masses. I ask that you join with the school and parish community by supporting the Year 6 students with your prayers at this significant spiritual time.

### FOCUS OF THE WEEK - TACTFULNESS

Tactfulness has been chosen by our Year 6 students for our weekly focus. Tactfulness can be a difficult concept for children to grasp. It's a surprisingly slippery concept, especially if you're a child. There are all sorts of skills that are needed for tact. For example, you have to have the ability to see things from another person's point of view. At six to eight, this ability is beginning to emerge but is at an early stage. At six they are still self-centred and really do see things one-sided. It's important, when teaching tact, to do it with tact. Try to take your child aside and let him/her know privately that what he/she/ said was inappropriate and why, instead of embarrassing him/her in front of other people.

Therefore, being tactful means being careful about what we say. It means thinking before we speak, knowing what is better left unsaid. To be tactful means choosing our timing as well as our words. Tact requires that we put ourselves in another person's place and think about their circumstances and feelings. When you are tactful, others find it easier to hear what you have to say and it builds bridges.

Tactfulness aligns well with our school value of compassion. With Christ as our guide, our community reaches out to others by being caring and understanding to all. We strive to be aware of others and respond with sensitivity and respect at all times.

You are practising tact when you:

- \* Think before you speak
- \* Are careful about the feelings of others
- \* Stop yourself from teasing or embarrassing others
- \* Tell the truth kindly and gently
- \* Decide if it is better to tell the truth or keep silent
- \* Keep unpleasant or critical thoughts to yourself
- \* Treat people who are different as you would treat anyone



In the words of Mother Teresa, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless."

God Bless,

**CARMEL COSTIN**  
Principal

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**



**WEEK 2**

‘Congratulations’  
to the following students who will  
be receiving merits awards on  
Friday, 1 August assembly:

- Tobias Tanakusuma PB
- Danica Jeremiah PB
- Maddison Donaldson PG
- Adam Simmons PG
- Olivia Whittaker PR
- Diego Bouzada PR
- Amelie Butler IB
- Angelina John IB
- Sophie Fairhead IG
- Emily Boudville
- Jay Harrison IG
- Rebecca Hanson 2B
- Jack Vetrone 2B
- Alyssa Raschella 2B
- Cooper Browne 2G
- Corin Ryder 2G
- Brianna Mo 3B
- Thomas Montague 3B
- James Fender 3G
- Makayla Murray 3G
- Harrison Alp 4B
- Pierce Munro 4B
- Erika Machado 4G
- Nicholas Adams 4G
- Christophe Yao 4G
- Eric Lau 5B
- Jacob Santaromita 5B
- Alessandra Flexman 5G
- Cade Ravlich 5G
- Samuel Yau 5G
- Ruby Thoms 6B
- Hannah Harrison 6B
- Casey Scott 6G
- Michael Nienaber 6G
- Sean Nienaber 6G
- Indiana Mastaglia Music

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- Mon 28 Jul - Anne-Maree Hall
- Tue 29 Jul - Mellena Vetrone
- Wed 30 Jul - **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- Thu 31 Jul - **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- Fri 1 Aug - Anita Thompson
- Mon 4 Aug - **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- Manager Jo Court  
9332 2520  
Email : cafeteria@corpus.wa.edu.au

**LOST & FOUND**

- Silver Chain & Medallion
- Pearl Bracelet
- Pearl Earring
- Collections & Drop-offs  
to the office

**P&F NEWS**

**BUSY BEE—SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST - Helpers Needed!**

We have a range of tasks from general gardening, mulching and painting, please bring along your whipper snippers, pruners, shovels, wheelbarrows or any other useful tools. A Sausage sizzle and refreshments will be supplied after your hard work. A flyer will be sent home this

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

For only \$65.00 receive over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers! If you did not receive your order form, pop into the office for your copy or to order 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**

Term 3 - Monday, 11 August at 7.30pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

**‘NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH TODAY’**

Today, each family will receive an envelope with a small gift inside to mark the launch of the School’s new website: [web.yidarra.wa.edu.au](http://web.yidarra.wa.edu.au). By correctly answering the following questions about the new website your child’s name will go into the draw for one of two Dymock’s gift packages, kindly donated by the Cohen family. Write the answers, numbered 1-5, on a sheet of paper with your child’s name and year level clearly indicated and send it into your class teacher. One entry per child only and no multiple name entries please. The draw will be during Assembly on Friday 1 August.

- Question 1: What year did Yidarra open its doors to students?
- Question 2: Name one of the four School values?
- Question 3: Where on the website can you find the Parent Handbook?
- Question 4: How much is a School hat?
- Question 5: What date is the August P&F meeting?



**LIBRARY NEWS**

**BOOK WEEK**

Welcome back to school everyone. Third term is always very special in the library here at Yidarra. We will be celebrating Book Week in week 5 - August 18-22. The theme for Book Week this year is **Connect to Reading**. Students from Pre Primary to year 6 will be working with some of the special short list books and creating displays about them. Call into the library in a few weeks’ time to see some of the lovely creations.

Now is the time to start thinking about what your students will be wearing for the dress up parade at the morning assembly on **Friday 22 August**. Remember they need to choose a **fictional book character**, not an AFL, rugby or soccer player.

**BORROWING AND READING**

It’s great to see so many students remembering to bring their library bags to school on their library day. Using a library bag helps to protect our valuable school resources and to keep them together in one place to reduce the chance of them being lost. Weekly borrowing is part of your child’s library programme. Parents, you can help your child be a successful learner by encouraging regular borrowing and daily reading.

Research show us that the benefits of reading 10 minutes or more a day include improved performance in general knowledge, vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency and spelling. Issue 5, 2014 of the *Scholastic Teacher’s Book Shelf* magazine reminds us that a child who reads for 10 minutes a day is exposed to about 600,000 words in a year. If the reading is increased to 20 minutes a day the exposure increases to about 12,000,000 words. Encouraging your child to read and providing reading opportunities can be built into daily family life.



**PATCHWORK SACK**

The library recently received a great gift from the Barnwell Family. Mrs Tam Barnwell, ably assisted by Sophie, Nicola and Lachlan created a beautiful patchwork sack, complete with accessories, to go with the wonderful Julia Donaldson story *Jack and Flum Flum Tree*. The Kindy students enjoyed the story during their library lesson last week. The beautiful rhyming adventure was greatly enhanced by the treasures in the sack. Thank you very much Mrs Barnwell and children.

**CHERYL LOPEZ**  
Teacher Librarian

**FABRIC NEEDED**

In my spare time I am making clothes for children in third world countries. If you have fabric remnants, lace, fancy buttons or elastic you no longer need, please bring them down to 3B. Thank you.

**JOCELYN GALLIMORE**  
3B Teacher

