PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

St Mary of the Cross Feast Day Mass
Parents are invited to join the Yr 6 students, teachers and parishioners in celebrating the feast day of St Mary of the Cross on Friday 8 August at 9:00am in the St Thomas More Church. This special day acknowledges and celebrates Australia’s first saint, Mary MacKillop.

Lost Property
I appreciate how frustrating it is when students lose items of clothing, especially when there is a name on the item. Keeping students dressed in the correct school uniform becomes expensive when items go missing. I understand our children can leave their jumpers, hats etc around the playground and forget to go and collect them when they head back to the classroom. This happens. What I would ask is that you check your child’s school bag and at home for any items of clothing that do not belong to them. With the uniform, it can happen easily that they end up with someone else’s clothes. I know parents of children with lost school clothing who will be extremely appreciative of any mistaken items that can be returned. Lost property is kept outside the library.

Busy Bee Change of Date
We are sorry that the note that went out to families regarding the Busy Bee had the incorrect date. The Term 3 Busy Bee will be held this weekend on Saturday 9th August between 9am and 11am. Please meet in the undercover area on the morning. We are hoping to paint the senior atrium benches and tidy up the garden bed near the intersection at the front of the school. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast
Notes will be coming home regarding the annual Father’s Day Breakfast that will be held on Friday 5th September from 7:30am – 8:30am. To assist with catering I request that you assist those who are organising this event by returning your order forms early.

God Bless,
Carmel Costin
PRINCIPAL

Value of the Week – Thankfulness
Thankfulness is to be grateful for what you have. It is also being grateful for the little things which happen around you and within you every day. To be thankful is to have a sense of wonder about the beauty of this world and to welcome all of life as a gift. It is an openness and willingness to receive God’s gifts. You are practicing thankfulness when you:

- Have an attitude of gratitude
- Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others
- See difficulties of life as opportunities to learn
- Appreciate the beauty of the world
- Count your blessings.

CONGRATULATIONS

KARATE
Giorgia Patridge 6G and Indiana Mastaglia 6G competed at the National Karate Championships over the weekend and both won Bronze medals in their events,

HIP HOP
Isobel Gelfi 6B, Ciara Thornett 6G and Tyler Gelfi 4G competed in the SM Down under championships and came 2nd place overall in their group dance.

FORMER YIDARRA STUDENT ORDAINED - CHRISTIAN IRDI
We congratulate former student Christian Irdi who was ordained last Saturday. Christian will celebrate mass at St Thomas More Church this Sunday at the 6pm mass. All who attend the mass are invited to attend a supper which will be held after the mass. Please bring a plate if you are attending the mass and supper.

NEEDED - KINDY BLUE
If you have any old unwanted Tupperware containers would be appreciated for the children to use in the sandpit. Thank you
**P&F NEWS**

**BUSY BEE - SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST - ‘NOTE DATE CHANGE’**

We have a range of tasks from general gardening, mulching and painting, please bring along your whisper snippers, pruners, shovels, wheelbarrows or any other useful tools. A Sausage sizzle and refreshments will be supplied after your hard work. Please return your reply slip for catering purposes.

**FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

The Father’s Day breakfast will be held on Friday 5 September 7.30 - 8.30am. More information will be sent out this week.

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**NEXT P&F MEETING**

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

**MUSIC NEWS**

We are in full swing for Catholic Performing Arts! Please read weekly to keep up with the upcoming performances as well as photos and feedback from performances as they happen! I’ve been impressed with the students enthusiasm and eagerness to work on their performances.

The notice board outside the music room has a schedule and information for the Festival. I’ll also be posting feedback sheets there so please stop by for a look! I hope to see some of you at our performances!

**Tue 5 Aug** - Good luck to our vocal solo and duet performers! Y4 Dance Rehearsal at Mercy Church at 1.00pm.

**Wed 6 Aug** - Y4 Performance - Liturgical Dance - Mercy Church, 11.30am *Year 4s need to wear sports uniform on this day and will change into costumes (provided by the school).

**Thu 7 Aug** - Y5 Performance - Percussion Ensemble - Trinity College, 9.30am *Please have your child at school by 8.20am to ensure we make it to Trinity College on time.

This week’s photo is the Year 2G class reading and practicing their scripts for the festival.

**NATASHA RICH**

Music & Drama Teacher

**LIBRARY NEWS**

You may have noticed the library displays for Book Week are slowly beginning to take shape. The Pre Primary elephants and the Year 1 children are all proudly ‘connecting with reading’.

At lunch time on Thursday 21 August we will be celebrating Book Week with a CHARITY BOOK SWAP. This great idea comes from Miranda Young in 2B. The way it works is that Yidarra students bring in any of their own books that they no longer want (they must have parental permission first) and swap them with other students. As this is a CHARITY event student, must pay 50c for each new book they take. If you have any question come and see Mrs Lopez or Mrs Munro.

**CHERYL LOPEZ**

Teacher Librarian

**PINEY LAKES SENSORY PLAY PARK RENEWAL/ UPGRADE**

Piney Lakes Sensory Play Park, located off Murdoch Drive in Winthrop, is an innovative play space for all members of the community to enjoy. The main aim of the park is to facilitate accessible and meaningful exploration, diverse play and enjoyable leisure in which individual’s primary senses are stimulated. Established in 2000, this park is now in need of an upgrade. A draft concept plan for the park has been developed in alignment with the original vision for the park and from feedback provided by park users and residents. The renewal of this space will be completed over several years. We would love to hear what you think of the plan! To view the draft concept plans and to have your say, please visit http://werelisteningmelville.com.au/sensorypark

**OSH CLUB NEWS**

**REQUEST**

If parents have any empty boxes, cardboard rolls, scrap material or old clothing for dress ups, we would be grateful to receive any donations.

**OUR LOCATION**

The Junior Atrium next to class 3G. For further information or to enrol, please phone 92613200 or go to www.oshclub.com.au.

**ZAIDA BOLTMAN**

OSH Club Coordinator