PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Many things happen in our week which gives life to our school. Occasions out of the ordinary that are special opportunities for our students to grow and learn. These events add value to your child’s education and make school an even better place for our children and families to be connected to. Special events can give our students a lifetime of fond memories. I know I can still remember significant events from my primary schooling and that was forever ago! Such events will be happening throughout this week as you will read below.

This is the last week of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival for 2014. Our students in Years 1 will perform on Monday and our Year 2 and 6 students will be performing on Tuesday. We wish them all the very best for their performances.

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK
During National Literacy and Numeracy Week our students will be taking part in literacy and numeracy games with their buddy classes. The National Literacy and Numeracy Week website has a range of information and resources for parents on how you can get involved in the week’s activities and how you can extend that engagement at home. Make sure you visit the website www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au.

You can also follow what is happening on Facebook and Twitter and sign up to for an e-newsletter.

Year 3 – IPAD PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Year 3 parents are invited to attend the iPad Information Night that will be held on Tuesday 26th August at 6pm in the Year 5B classroom.

THINK U KNOW CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT
We will be conducting a parent information night on cyber safety on Tuesday 26th August at 7pm in the Parish Hall. I would encourage all parents to attend this information evening.

READING PARENT WORKSHOP
As part of Literacy and Numeracy Week we will be conducting a parent workshop about strategies for assisting your child to read. The workshop will be held in the Parish Hall this Wednesday morning at 9am.

STATE LEAGUE TAG COMPETITION
Our students will be participating in the State League Tag Competition this Friday between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm at George Burnett Park Manning. We wish the league tag players an enjoyable day and the best of luck.

PARENT MEETING
For several years the parents of Yidarra and Corpus Christi College have been worried about the increase in traffic along Murdoch Drive and the risk that this poses to our students. We feel that the situation will only become worse once the Fiona Stanley Hospital is opened in October. Our school community has previously requested that the Government build an overpass or underpass, so that the students and members of our school communities can cross the road safely, however this request was unsuccessful. As a result of this continued concern a combined Yidarra and Corpus Christi College parent meeting will be held on Thursday 4th September, at 7pm in the Corpus Christi College Hall with the local member for Bateman, Matt Taylor MLA. I urge all parents to come along to the meeting to express to the Minister our concern for the safety of our children.

PUPIL FREE DAYS
A reminder that next Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September are pupil free days.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE
In a two weeks’ time a significant event will be taking place in my family as one of our daughters gets married in Scotland. I will therefore be commencing four weeks of long service leave at the beginning of next week to attend the wedding. I leave you in good hands as Mrs Rosemary Paparella has been appointed by the Executive Director to be the Acting Principal during my leave. I look forward to returning to Yidarra at the beginning of Term 4.

God bless,
Carmel Costin
Principal

WEEKLY FOCUS – GOODNESS
As one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, goodness flows from God’s great love. It is a sign that you love all people without exception. Goodness makes us want to do good to everyone, regardless of differences. Christians can effectively witness to others by just living right and being a good example and role model for others to follow.

LIVING GOODNESS MEANS:
• Developing my qualities and talents to the maximum, and using them to respond to others’ needs.
• Speaking about others with respect, not criticizing or telling lies about anyone.
• Treating everyone with kindness, goodness, and joy. No one deserves to be treated badly.
• Doing my duties with responsibility and love, and not wasting my gifts and talents.
• Not remaining quiet or passive when I can and should help someone who needs it.
• Following through on what my parents, teachers, coaches, etc. ask of me.
• Valuing and taking care of others’ work and effort.
• Saying hello to people, thanking them, saying “please” when asking for things, saying goodbye, and treating others with courtesy.
• Treating others as I would like to be treated.
**P&F NEWS**

**FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**
The Father’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, 5 September from 7.30 to 8.30am. We would appreciate your order form be returned by Friday 29 August for catering purposes and if you are able to assist, please return your helper reply slip.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS**
Book club Issue #6 orders due by Wednesday 3 September. If you have any queries, please contact volunteer coordinators Rebekah Ernst on 0417 908 896 & Diane Munro on 0417 457 007.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
Please note that School Banking in week 7 will be changed to Wednesday, 3 September due to the pupil free days on Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September.

**NEXT P&F MEETING**
The next P&F meeting will on Monday, 8 September at 7.30pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**What a week we had with ‘Connecting to Reading’ in Book Week 2014!**

**Visits**
On Monday morning the year 6 students started Book Week off with a bang. In the afternoon year 6 visited Bull Creek Library to listen to author Danny Parker. The students really enjoyed the presentation. This was a free event sponsored by Melville City Council and on Wednesday the year 1 students had a special visit from Silly Milly, a lively story teller.

**Miranda Young at the Book Swap**
On Thursday we celebrated books with our inaugural Charity Book Swap. This was an idea from Miranda Young in year 2. Students were invited to bring in unwanted books from home and buy new ones from others students. We raised about $80 for the children’s charity ‘Room to Read’ which raises funds to get books provided for third world schools. Our funds will be helping schools in Cambodia; a very worthwhile project. I am sure we will have this activity again next year. Thank you for your great idea Miranda.

**Dress Up Parade**
On Friday we celebrated literature with our book character dress up parade. Our students made a wonderful spectacle as they paraded around the undercover area. Well done parents and thank you for helping your children dress up and enjoy themselves.

**Staff Play**
Also on Friday we had the annual staff play, which was a great success. You may have recognised some familiar faces as in this year’s fabulous production of Cinderella. It’s a bit hard to say who had the most fun, the actors or the audience. Thank you so much to my wonderful colleagues who took part in the production or produced props. It was a spectacular event and a great team effort. Well done!

**CHERYL LOPEZ**
Teacher Librarian

*’READING WITH YOUR CHILD’ WORKSHOP***

Good luck to all those students who have been selected to represent Yidarra at the ARLD State League Tag Carnival which will be held on Friday 29 August.

**ROB DEBOWSKI**
PE Specialist

**‘READING WITH YOUR CHILD’ WORKSHOP***

Parent Workshop “Reading with your Child: Strategies for Parents”

- **Wed 27 August**
- 9:00am-10:00am
- Parish Hall

Hot on the heels of Book Week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. This year’s theme is “Explore”. As part of the week we are offering the opportunity for parents to attend an information session about reading and “explore” this crucial area of literacy. If you ever wondered how to best assist your child with their home reading then this is the workshop for you! Mrs Pantano will take you through some strategies to help you get the most out of reading with your child. A cuppa will be available.

Pass the word and see you there!
MUSIC NEWS - PERFORMING ARTS

A big congratulations to the following classes and individuals who have been awarded certificates for their performances in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival.

Certificate of Honourable Mention:
- Audrey Ho (Violin solo)
- Brigitte Channer (violin solo)

Certificate of Merit:
- Cassandra Marciano (Violin solo)
- Senior Choir (Liturgical Singing)

Well done to our Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Year 3 class choir who performed out at the Vasto Club this week. It’s been so wonderful seeing friendly parent faces at our performances. Thank you for your support!

WEEK 6 – LAST WEEK OF PERFORMING ARTS

Tuesday 26 Aug
- 9.30am - 2G & 2B performance at Morley Recreation Centre. *Please have students at school by 8.20am
- 12.45pm - 6G & 6B performance at Morley Recreation Centre

Thursday 28 Aug
Piano Solos (Zenith Music, Claremont)

10.15am
Cameron Holloway
Saahil Gill
Dickson Phoon

10.55am
Alyssa Salim
Tyler Gelfi
Erika Machado

12.00pm
Victoria Ann Chong
Kathryn Tan

Friday 29 Aug
Speech Solos (Wellington Room, Morley Recreation Centre)

9.30am
Georgia Paltridge
Grace Cavaney
Jennifer Rose
Jasmine Ng
Jessica Rowan
Ella Waddy
Emma Runyon
Ruby Thoms
Hannah Harrison

11.45am
Sophie Jones

Don’t forget to drop by the pin up board outside the music room for more news!

NATASHA RICH
Music & Drama Teacher

HEALTH NEWS

HEAD LICE

There has been several cases of head lice reported in various classes, please check your child and treat accordingly. For an information fact sheet on how to treat your child are available from the office.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The St Vincent de Paul Society is opening a new Vinnies shop in October located on Canning Hwy, Applecross. We are looking for mums, dads, grandparents and neighbours to volunteer anywhere from a few hours per week to full days, doing a variety of jobs including merchandising, working the cash register, cleaning, customer service, sorting and hanging donated clothing. Our shop will be open 9am to 5pm Monday to Fridays and 9am – 4pm Saturdays, and we provide training to all volunteers. It is a great opportunity to make new friends while supporting not just Vinnies but also the local community. Vinnies are also looking for quality donations of clothing and bric a brac to help fill this new shop and so if you have anything to donate please drop if off at the Vinnies shops located in Myaree, Willetton or Hilton and mark it “for Applecross” and help kick start the new shop with some great pieces. For more information and to register your interest please contact Alex at Vinnies on retailvolunteer@svdpwa.org.au or 9475 5435.