SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Today we can officially wave goodbye to the winter blues and welcome -warmly-the arrival of spring! It might still be cold, it might still be wet, but the evenings are lengthening and the eternal optimism of spring is in the air. Spring is a miraculous experience. The whole world comes alive after the winter and becomes filled with colour and the scent of delicious greenery. The world that seemed so dull and cold has come alive once again. Spring gives us hope for rejuvenation in our own lives as well. Spring is a time to renew the excitement and zest for life that lives inside – may we all be blessed with some time to reflect, rejuvenate and renew!

PRAYING FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Candies for the Sacrament of Confirmation from both Yidarra and St Thomas More Parish united in a reflective and extremely engaging Retreat Day last Thursday. Members of the “Youth Ministry” facilitated the day which was enjoyed by all. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers as their Confirmation Day approaches on the weekend of the 13th and 14th September.

WIDER PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE

Thank you to staff and parents who attended various workshops provided through our Wider Partnerships Initiative last week. Parents of our 2015 Year 4 cohort were expertly taken through the requirements and expectations of the Yidarra 1:1 iPAD program by Mr Aaron Kubicek. Those who participated in the ThinkUKnow presentation were much more aware of the risks and tricks involved in keeping our students safe when using the internet. Thanks to Mr David Musgrave and Mr Darrion Mack for sharing their time and expertise. The “Reading with Your Child” Parent workshop was also a great success and parents were given many insights into best practice when reading with children by Mrs Sue Pantano. All workshops were received with enthusiasm and requests for ongoing or repeat sessions, which we hope to address in term 4.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

• Yidarra staff will be attending the Catholic Education Primary Curriculum Conference in Perth on Monday and Tuesday of this week.
• Our usual Monday morning assembly will be held on Wednesday morning this week. School Banking will also be available this Wednesday.
• The combined Yidarra CPS and Corpus Christi College parent meeting with local member for Batey-Murray, Matt Taylor MLA, will be held this Thursday at 7pm in the college hall.
• The annual Father’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday morning at 7.30am and our usual Friday assembly will follow at 8.40am.

FATHER’S DAY

In most countries around the world, Father’s Day is celebrated each year. It originated in America when Sonora Smart Dodd decided that fathers should have a day when they are particularly recognised, just as mothers do. Mrs Dodd and her five siblings were raised by their father, which I’m sure contributed to her admiration for him. Her idea was apparently not so popular with the fathers that she spoke with though, as they felt that they would essentially be paying for their own gifts for this crazy new holiday! Nonetheless, she persevered with her idea, going to local shops and government offices, as well as her local YMCA and churches to draw attention to her cause. Her idea was successful and on 19 July 1910 the first Father’s Day was celebrated. It has been celebrated since that date but it wasn’t until 1972 that then-President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation declaring Father’s Day to be a national holiday.

However, you celebrate - as a father or a child or both - I wish you a Happy Father’s Day! I will leave you with a poem by Anne Landers which I think suits this day perfectly.

MY DAD WHEN I WAS….  
4 - My daddy can do anything  
5 - My daddy knows a whole lot  
6 - My dad is smarter than your dad  
8 - My dad doesn’t know exactly everything.  
10 - In the older days when my dad grew up, things were different.  
12 - Oh, well, naturally Father doesn’t know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.  
14 - Don’t pay any attention to my father — he is so old-fashioned!  
21 - Him? He’s hopelessly out of date.  
25 - Dad knows a little bit about it, but then he should because he has been around so long!  
30 - Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he’s had a lot of experience.  
35 - I’m not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.  
40 - I wonder how Dad would have handled it? He was so wise and had a world of experience.  
50 - I’d give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. I learned a lot from him.

WEEKLY FOCUS - GOODNESS

Due to the short week, we will continue to explore and focus on the virtue of Goodness for the remainder of Week 7.

LEARNING JOURNEYS

As part of the reporting cycle to parents, this term students will take parents through a cross-section of their learning thus far. This is an opportunity for powerful engagement with your child’s learning and to ensure that deep learning happens for our students who are charged with articulating their understandings and demonstrating their skills. Please read the flyer which explains this reporting event with greater detail and save the date - Monday 22 September - in your calendar.

WEEKLY FOCUS - GOODNESS - ON THE LIGHT SIDE

Due to the short week, we will continue to explore and focus on the virtue of Goodness for the remainder of Week 7.

ROSEMARY PAPARELLA
Assistant Principal
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.

PPB NEWS

At the assembly on Monday, 25 August a guest speaker spoke to the students about Alopecia Areata. Charlie Geer from PPB has this condition. Here is some information to help everyone understand what it is Alopecia Areata:

- Alopecia Areata is a hair-loss condition which usually affects the scalp.
- Alopecia Areata typically causes one or more patches of hair loss.
- Alopecia Areata affects both genders.
- An autoimmune disorder, in which the immune system attacks hair follicles, is believed to cause Alopecia Areata.
- For most patients, the condition resolves without treatment within a year, but hair loss is sometimes permanent.

KAREN FORSYTH
PB Teacher

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:
Senior Choir (Primary Choral)

Certificate of Merit:
Junior Choir (Primary Choral)

Well done to our Year 1, 2 and 6 classes who performed in the Choral Speech section of the festival this week.

Well done also to our piano soloists and speech soloists who performed at Zenith Music and Morley Recreation Centre. I am very proud of your efforts! Apologies to Brendan Boudville & Sinead Rego who I left off the piano solo list last week!

It has been so wonderful seeing friendly parent faces at our performances. Thank you for your support of this festival. A big thank you must also go to the staff at Yidarra who have been patient, flexible and ever so encouraging!

Finally, to the students – BRAVO! You all performed with maturity and enthusiasm. I am impressed by how hard you were willing to work over the past term in class music time and the pride that you had for your performances.

Keep an eye on the pin up board and door of the music classroom for all the certificates from the festival!

NATASHA RICH
Music & Drama Teacher

IGA WINTHROP - SCHOOL BENEFITS PROGRAM

Yidarra Catholic Primary School was once again privileged to have Mrs Anne O and Mr Jack Keeley join our Friday assembly and present the school with a cheque for $1596.35!

What an amazing effort! Ms Costin thanked IGA Winthrop for their generous “Schools Program” and the parents of our community for their continued patronage of IGA Winthrop.

Food Shopping + Using IGA School Benefits Card = More resources for Yidarra students

Now, that’s the kind of mathematics we like!! Thanks again to all involved…..and keep shopping!
LIBRARY NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of the international Christian Aid Organisation – Samaritan’s Purse. In partnership with local churches, groups, businesses, schools and individuals worldwide gift-filled shoeboxes are given to needy children in over 100 countries. It is so easy to be part of this worthwhile and rewarding charity. All you do is select an empty shoebox (no larger than A4), cover the box and lid separately in bright paper, choose the age of a boy or girl you want to give it to and start filling it with small gifts and toys. When it is full, add a cash donation of $9 to help with transport and storage costs and drop it off at the library before the end of term 3.

At Yidarra, many staff members and school families have been making up shoeboxes for several years. This year the great gift idea is opened up to classes as well.

Over the next few weeks parents are asked to donate small goods and toys to help make up a few shoeboxes from each class. The boxes will be completed by week 9 so they can be delivered to the collection point during the October holidays. See below for a list of goods to donate and also a list of goods which cannot be included. As each box also needs $9 for transport, cash donations would be welcome too. Please talk about this with your children.

Each shoebox needs to have at least one thing from each of the following categories:

**Something to wear:**
- T-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, rubber thongs etc.

**Something to love:**
- Teddy bear, doll, soft toy etc.

**Something special:**
- Sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, personal note, photo of yourself etc.

**Something for school:**
- Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, crayons (in a zip lock bag), sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc (no textas please)

**Something to play with:**
- Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind-up torch, small dolls etc

**Something for personal hygiene:**
- Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hairclips etc.

All shoe boxes need a carry bag, about 40cm by 32 cm. These can be homemade or bought.

- Please do not include any of the following prohibited items:
- Items that can leak or melt
- Food or lollies of any kind
- Used or damaged items
- Any breakable items
- Anything that can scare or harm a child
- Any gambling related items.
- Anything of a religious, racial or political nature.

See Mrs Lopez in the library or go online for more information, packing tips and video of children receiving boxes at operationchristmaschild.org.au.

CHERYL LOPEZ
Teacher Librarian

MAKING MURDOCH DRIVE SAFER FOR OUR CHILDREN

We need parents to show their support by attending this important meeting to keep our children safe!

Guest Speaker Matt Taylor, MLA for Bateman

This is a Yidarra & Corpus Christi Community Meeting

College Hall, Corpus Christi College, Bateman on Thursday, 4 September from 7pm

Refreshments will be available

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