**FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

Our annual Father’s Day Breakfast was held on Friday. We came together as a community to celebrate and it was wonderful to see so many dads enjoying their bacon and egg rolls and hot coffee! Along with great food, there was the opportunity for dads to spend this special time with their child and to catch up with others in the school community.

I’m sure I heard some in-depth exchanges on understanding the moods and moves of our children and parental best practice and teamwork…… or was that footy they were discussing????

On a serious note, we recognise our fathers for the sacred work they do – they serve and love beyond what is seen or asked for, they nurture, praise and correct so that their children may thrive and they strengthen, encourage and comfort with great skill. For this we honour you!

Congratulations to Mrs Jo Talbot and her band of brilliant mums for their organisational and BBQ cooking skills – not to mention the finesse and style they added to the morning! Thank you, ladies, for your time, dedication and work in making this such a successful event – God’s blessings on you!

**THANK YOU P&F!! - FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

Our classrooms have seen some subtle changes over the last term with the introduction of storage units for children’s personal possessions and desk tubs being discarded so that desks may be configured easily and strategically to maximize our learning areas. Teachers, educational researchers and students are discovering the advantages of cooperative, active and engaged learning. Classroom spaces that support such a shift in teaching and learning provide significant opportunity for adopting new teaching technologies and optimising student learning.

This week, our Year 6 classes begin with a complete set of new desks in their classrooms. They are bright and light and funky! We extend our sincere thanks to our P&F Committee for their generous support of the funds needed to realise our new learning spaces. If you walk by the Year 6 classrooms – take a peek and feel proud of the “fruits of your labour”!!

**MEETING WITH MATT TAYLOR, MLA**

Last Thursday, a combined schools community meeting was held at Corpus Christi College for parents of Yidarra CPS and the college to meet with local MLA Matt Taylor, the state member for Bateman and local government members for the City of Melville.

The meeting was initiated to discuss the increased traffic congestion along Murdoch Drive and the safety of our children – with particular note of the decrease in students cycling or walking to school due to this increasingly busy road. Mr Taylor, nine representatives of the City of Melville and the Leadership Teams of both schools were present at the meeting.

A summary of the meeting will be circulated early next term, in short, however, there were three options for improvement of the safety aspect that were presented - an overpass, an underpass and another set of traffic lights with pedestrian signals further down Murdoch drive.

Serious concerns regarding the increased volume of traffic along Murdoch Drive, which already seem heightened by the imminent opening of the Fiona Stanley Hospital, were voiced by both school leadership representatives. Unfortunately, there was very little parent representation and support at the meeting. A sincere thank you to Mrs Caroline Payne, Principal of Corpus Christi College, for organising and facilitating this meeting on behalf of all our students. We hope to show a united and greater support of this issue as it progresses in the future.

**P&F MEETING**

Please come along to our P&F Meeting tonight at 7.30pm in the Library.

**ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE**

This week, our school will have the privilege of a visit from our Archbishop, Timothy Costelloe. His Grace will attend our Friday assembly and then meet with our Year 6 students to discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred this weekend at either Saturday 4pm or Sunday 11am masses at St Thomas More Parish.

His Grace will be entertained by our Year 1 students and our Junior Choir at assembly. We look forward to seeing those parents who are also able to attend.

We have asked students to show they are ‘extra proud’ of our school by ensuring they are in correct school uniform this Friday – understanding that the Years 5 & 6 will be in sports uniform due to their sporting commitments.

Thank you for supporting the school with this request.

**ROSEMARY PAPARELLA**

Acting Principal
**WEEKLY FOCUS - SELF-CONTROL**

**Why is self-control important?**

To put it into everyday terms, self-control is your child’s ability to stop and think before acting. This, of course, gives your child a much better chance of making a good choice in a given situation, such as deciding not to argue about a video game or hit his sister. In another sense, self-control is the ability to remain goal-directed in the face of temptation to stray off course, such as choosing to stick with homework when the temptation of social media is just a click away.

Self-control is a lifelong challenge and one that benefits from good habits that are established early. Social psychologist and university professor Walter Mischel found that kids who displayed greater amounts of self-control at even age 4 went on to earn better grades, were more popular with peers and teachers, were less likely to report problems with drug use and earned higher salaries as adults.

It’s worth noting that a determining factor in these children’s success was self-control — not self-esteem. The problem with telling kids that they are winners and champions before they have won or championed anything is that a false sense of achievement is encouraged. Self-control, on the other hand, leads to good choices, and good choices are the building blocks of self-esteem. A child who exercises self-control in her choices regarding school work, home relationships, friendships and extracurricular activities will find that healthy self-esteem is not far behind.

The verdict is in: Self-control is a good thing, and it’s not just the researchers who think so.

**P&F NEWS**

**P&F MEETING TONIGHT**

The P&F meeting tonight 7PM in the library. Everyone is welcome.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Book club Issue #6 is now closed. If you have any queries, please contact volunteer coordinators Rebekah Ernst on 0417 908 896 & Diane Munro on 0417 457 007.

**FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

We had a fantastic turn out this year for the Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday, 5 September. It would not have been such a success without the help of so many wonderful parents. Special thanks to Nat Toth who has guided me through this event and Janelle Young who has given so generously of her time to help.

I would like to also thank the following parents: Candy Ravlich, Christianna McCarthy, Helen O’Connor, Debe Daniel, Kristine Yeo, Angela Goh, Sonia Raschella, Juliet DeMelo, Anne-Marée Hall, Jo Mastaglia, Beck Bass, Carolyn Fairhead, Jo Marsh, Jo McNamara, Pia Perruzza, Lisa Ng, Lisa Lindner, Laura Butler, Sue Collica, Debe Daniel, Kristine Yeo, Angela Goh, Sonia Raschella, Juliet DeMelo, Anne-Marée Hall, Jo Mastaglia, Beck Bass, Carolyn Fairhead, Jo Marsh, Jo McNamara, Pia Perruzza, Lisa Ng, Lisa Lindner, Laura Butler, Sue Collica, Jason Connor and Jodie McManus who volunteered on the day. Apologies to anyone who I have missed, but be assured I am most thankful for your help.

I would also like to thank European Foods Wholesaler who donated the lovely Brazilian coffee and D’Orsogna Limited who donated 5kg of bacon to us as well. Jo Talbot

**CAKE STALL**

Year 4 parents are holding a cake stall on Wednesday 17 September at recess time in the canteen. There will be lots of yummy food for the children to purchase for $0.50 - $1.00.

**PARENTING INFORMATION SESSION**

This will be a FREE event funded by the P&F. Wine & Cheese, Tea & Coffee will be provided.

**DATE:** Monday 15 September at 7pm (please arrive 6.45pm)

**WHERE:** Parish Hall, St Thomas More Catholic Church, Bateman.

Information flyers have been sent to your child’s class. For catering purposes, please complete the reply slip and return to the front office by Thursday, 11 September 2014.

**PE NEWS**

Congratulations to those students who represented Yidarra at the state league tag finals last Friday, lead by our captain Jett Ng. Although the weather was not kind to us and we played against a much older opposition the students should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Good luck to all those students from year’s 3-6 who will represent Yidarra at the CPSA Cross Country Carnival which will be held next week. All students lead by our two captains Sophie Jones and Riley Spinks, have been preparing for a number of weeks in preparation for the carnival. It would be fantastic to have lots of support for all their efforts.

If there are any parents attending who can assist by being a course marshal, please let me know.

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE TEACHER
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, slimy, 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
  - Anything 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