PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

CONFIRMATION 2014
Congratulations to all those candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the weekend. They all looked very handsome/beautiful and, as the Archbishop said, they were all so very well prepared! The Archbishop also reminded us that, through this sacrament, our young people have been strengthened by the Holy Spirit to use and develop their gifts so that they are able to be the best disciples of God they can be.

During the Confirmation ceremony, Archbishop Costelloe anointed the sacred oil of chrism on the forehead of each nominee. With the laying on of the hands, the newly confirmed were then invited to go out into the world, just as the apostles did, with the Holy Spirit in their hearts. May we, as a faith community, continue to pray for, support and encourage our youth to accept the challenge and responsibility of nurturing God’s gifts. May we also renew, develop and continue to model our own commitment to discipleship.

Thank you to staff and parents that assisted in realising the celebrations – especially the catechists from the parish and Kaye Regan, Anita Hipper and Simon Overton from the school. A huge thank you and congratulations to Jenny Figliomeni for her coordinating skills extraordinaire!!

Information regarding photographs, etc, will be sent out as soon as it is received. A reminder that all certificates will be presented to our catechumens on Friday at assembly and parish gifts will be distributed at the various masses over the next weekend.

PARENTING WORKSHOP WITH GREG MITCHELL - TONIGHT - MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
A final reminder that tonight – Monday 15th September - at 7pm, the P&F have organised a parenting workshop with Mr Greg Mitchell who will discuss the strategies listed below:

- Overcoming the problem of negative attraction.
- How to teach your child that resilience is your ability to survive what the world throws at you and to thrive when others fall apart.
- How to move beyond the “It’s not fair!” syndrome.
- The great power of teaching delayed gratification.
- How to deal with trust issues.
- Teaching the great skills of modern learning.
- How to impart the major social skills that make family a place to grow in and develop.
- How to create win/win situations.

BOARD MEETING - WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
A reminder to Board members that the Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th September at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK
Please join our Kindy classes in the church this Tuesday at 9.30am for a Kindy Prayer service. Also in the church this week, the Year 3 classes will participate in their liturgy on Thursday at 9am.

LEARNING JOURNEYS - MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
An important reminder that our Learning Journeys are being held on Monday 22nd September between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

At least one parent or guardian from each family is expected to attend, so that your child has a special opportunity to be affirmed by you and to articulate what they have been learning in class. Your presence, positive attitude and thoughtful questioning are visible signs to your child that you value their education, that you celebrate the growth they are making and that you are proud of their achievements so far.

The ultimate outcome of this type of reporting to parents is more about placing the awareness of learning on the student. Meta-cognitive and self-regulation strategies (sometimes known as ‘learning to learn’ strategies) are teaching approaches which make learners think about learning more explicitly. Overall these strategies involve being aware of one’s strengths and weaknesses as a learner, such as by developing self-assessment skills, and being able to set and monitor goals. The potential positive impact of approaches which encourage learners to plan, monitor and evaluate their learning is very high, so as a school, we are committed to providing the opportunity for our students to think about, talk about and grow in awareness of their own learning.

Thank you for supporting your child’s learning journey and see you all next Monday!

If you would like to read more about meta-cognitive and self-regulation strategies, please visit the website below:


ROSEMARY PAPARELLA
Acting Principal
P&F NEWS

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 50c - $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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - TERM 4

Our school photo days are coming! Approximately two weeks prior, every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. You can also order your photo packages securely online through Kapture’s website. Alternatively you can select the options you wish to purchase and return the envelope to the school on the photography day with cash or cheque payment included.

Please note, credit payments can now only be made online for security purposes. If you have placed your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) business days to complete an online order only. The school office cannot accept any late payment envelopes.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place an online sibling order early to avoid disappointment. www.kapture.com.au 3XZC3S

SIBLING ORDERS CLOSE MIDDAY FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

No sibling orders will be taken after this date or on photo day

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au. All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.

YIDARRA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Has your child achieved a special milestone? Has your child received an award for The Arts, Sport, Community involvement, etc?

To help collect entries for the individual achievements article in the 2014 yearbook, and document your child’s achievements, send through photos with details to Silvana Pante-Cohen via her email address a.be.silv@bigpond.com.au

All entries must be in by Week 9 of this term

PE NEWS

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all those students in year’s 3-6 who represented Yidarra at the CPSSA Interschool Cross Country Carnival held last Tuesday at Manning Park.

I am so proud of all your efforts, both in the lead up to the carnival as well as on the day. I would like to particularly congratulate the year 3s as this was their first interschool carnival as well as to the year 5 boys and year 6 girls for receiving awards as two of the best year level running teams on the day. Our two captains Sophie Jones and Riley Spinks lead from the front all day. Sophie also picked up a bronze medal, what a great achievement!! Thanks to all those parents who attended and assisted throughout the carnival. Overall Yidarra placed 4th which is a great achievement. Well done everyone!!

Also a big thank you to the P&F for the new sports shirts, they look fantastic!

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE TEACHER
LIBRARY NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Yidarra student are certainly getting excited about being of service to others as they collect goods and make up shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. It is clear that your children have a great model of Christian Charity from you, their parents. Well done.

It’s easy to do, just get an empty shoebox and follow the directions in the brochures that went home this week with details of small gifts to send to children in poor countries. The boxes need to be filled with the following: hygiene items, school stationery, small toys, clothing, a carry bag, a soft toy and any other little thing you think a child would love. You can choose to prepare a gift for a boy or girl aged 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Finally, each box needs $9 to pay for transport. This year boxes from Perth are going to Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and PNG.

Families are invited to make up complete boxes or send some items to school for boxes to be made up in classrooms. See me in the library for more information or go to www.operationchristmaschild.org.au

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

There has recently been a marked increase in the number of students with overdue library books. On Friday 12 September, 18 students were sent accounts for lost books and 70 students were sent overdue notices.

At Yidarra we encourage students to be responsible for school resources and to develop good organisational skills. Part of that is remembering to bring their library bag and books to school every week on their library day. We ask that parents help their children to develop these skills.

CHERYL LOPEZ
Teacher Librarian

HEALTH NEWS - MEDIC ALERT BANDS

The safety of our students is taken seriously at Yidarra and this wonderful initiative is too good to pass up. We would like to see our students who have a life threatening medical condition wear a Medic Alert Band to school so we can ensure their safety is priority number one. Our school will have the opportunity to raise $10 for each band purchased which will be used towards updating our First Aid kits, Epipens, Asthma puffers etc. If you would like to purchase a band for your child, registration is waived for Yidarra families saving $15.00 when using our unique code of YIDQYF. A catalogue will be emailed to each family with ordering details and forms. If you require further information, please contact the office staff.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWS

Santa Maria College
Year 5, 2016 Admissions
Year 7, 2017 Admissions

Applications for Yr 5, 2016 & Yr 7, 2017 admissions to the College will close on Friday 31 October 2014.

Interviews will commence in February 2015.

If you have submitted an application previously or intend to submit an application, it is important that your completed Parish Priest reference form in support of your daughter’s application has been forwarded to the College Registrar prior to the closing date.

Please direct enquiries to:
Janice Hewett, College Registrar
08 6330 0226
registrar@santamaria.wa.edu.au