PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WELCOME
This week we warmly welcome our new parish priest, Fr Phong, to the St Thomas More parish and our school community. We pray that Father Phong may enjoy a happy and rewarding ministry in our school and the St Thomas More parish.

ASH WEDNESDAY
On Wednesday parents are invited to join the students and staff for the Ash Wednesday mass in the St Thomas More Church at 9am. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence and fasting for adults.

Lent is also the time of the year that is devoted to us deepening our relationship with God through prayer and thinking of others by giving to those less fortunate than us. Rather than concentrate on the negative and what we will go without, we encourage the children to think of positive things that they can do to make the lives of others happier. Such as keeping their room tidy, helping with household tasks around home and completing homework without fuss are positive things that the children can do to help their parents and foster harmony at home.

Pope Francis has provided us with 10 tips on what we should do for Lent and I will include a couple of these a week as our prayer over the next few weeks.

BOARD 2015
I would like to thank the members of staff, parents and other members of our community for attending the Board AGM. During the AGM new members were elected to the Board. On Wednesday evening, at the first Board meeting for the year, the Board executive was elected. I would like to thank the members of our school community who have chosen to be a member of the Board for giving generously of their time to serve the Yidarra community as a member of the 2015 Board.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION MEETING
We invite all parents to the first P&F meeting for the year which will be held this evening, Monday 16th February, in the Library commencing at 7:30pm. The beginning of the school year will be celebrated with wine and cheese. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

P&F SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND MOVIE NIGHT
The countdown has commenced for the highlight of the school social calendar – the annual P&F Sausage Sizzle and Movie night on Friday evening, it will all be happening on the oval. To ensure that you do not miss out, please make sure that your order form is in to the school by this Wednesday. It looks like could also be an evening to remember to bring along some warm clothing for your family. In the interest of the safety of your children, parents are reminded to supervise their children during the evening as the staff will be attending the function in a social capacity.

ANAPHYLAXIS
Yidarra Catholic Primary School is concerned about the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. It is estimated that up to 400,000 (2%) Australians, including 1 in 20 children suffer from food allergies and some of them will experience a life-threatening (anaphylactic) reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can. We now have 20 students who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to foods, insect stings and animals. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. We also request that no pets be brought into the school and playground area as a number of children are allergic to dogs and other pets.

9 foods cause 90% of food allergies. These foods are:
- Egg
- Milk
- Peanut
- Fish
- Crustacea (prawns, lobster, crabs etc)
- Tree nuts (cashew, almond, pistachio etc)
- Sesame
- Soy
- Fish
- Wheat

Peanuts are the leading cause of severe allergic reactions, followed by tree nuts, shellfish, fish and milk.

We thank you for your assistance with this matter. To learn more about anaphylaxis and food allergies, go to www.allergyfacts.org.au and www.allergy.org.au

May God’s peace be with you.

CARMEL COSTIN
Principal

P&F NOMINEE

- William Schaefer  
- Michael Chong

POPE FRANCIS’ LENTEN TIPS

Tip One:
Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil
“Lent is a ‘powerful’ season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and enrages us.”

Tip Two:
Do something that hurts
“Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

WEB SITE NEWS
2015 Calendar is available via the Yidarra website web.yidarra.wa.edu.au and will be updated weekly.

Dates to Remember

- Wed 18 Feb - Ash Wednesday Mass 9am
- Fri 20 Feb - P&F Sausage Sizzle & Free Movie Night 5.30 - 9pm
- Thu 26 Feb - Y3 Liturgy
- Mon 2 Mar - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tue 3 Mar - PUPIL FREE DAY

STARS OF THE WEEK

Jay Harrison 2B
Jennifer Rose 6G

Yidarra Catholic Primary School
TERM 1/WEEK 3/EDITION 3 MONDAY 16 FEB 2015

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MEMBER
**P&F NEWS**

**P&F MEETING**
The next P&F meeting is **tonight** 7.30pm in the Library. The beginning of the school year will be celebrated with wine and cheese. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**Sausage Sizzle & Free Movie Night**
Friday 20 February 5.30 - 9.00pm, Sausage sizzle order forms have been sent home. Spare copies are available at the office. Please forward your order form & correct payment to the office by Wednesday 18 February, your assistance is appreciated due to catering purposes.

**Scholastic Book Club Issue #1**
Issue #1 orders and payment are due tomorrow. Please forward to the office.

**Yidarra Easter Raffle Free Dress & Donation Day - FRIDAY 6 MARCH**
Students can wear appropriate casual clothes in return for a donation. Please forward donations to your child's class.

Donations can include:
- Chocolates
- Craft
- Fluffy toys (no second hand toys)
- Baskets or gift boxes

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Please return tickets with correct payment to the office by Friday 27 March. If you require extra tickets, please collect from the office.

**P&F CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**
We are still in need of class reps for classes 2G, 4B, 4G and 6B. Contact Jodie McManus on david_mcmanus@bigpond.com

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Manager Jo Court
9332 2520
Email: cafeteria@corpus.wa.edu.au

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Tuesdays
8.15-9am
Undercover Area

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**MERIT CERTIFICATES**
**Week 3**
Friday, 20 February

‘Congratulations’ to the following students who will be receiving merits awards

Grace Yau 1B
Xavier Peca 1B
Eva Willans 1G
Leonardo Braga 1G
Jessica Nell 1R
Callum Alberti 1R
Maggie Tennent 2B
Michael Robless 2B
Sophie Johnson 2G
Thomas Cordina 2G
Jack Vetrone 3B
Benjamin Bates 4G
Byron Johnstone 4G
Mairead Carrabba 5B
Lauren Clark 5B
Isabella Cross 5G
Zak Grbelja 5G

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**ST THOMAS MORE PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup is a fun relaxed way to introduce your child to other children and for you to socialise with other parents. St Thomas More Parish has a small playgroup located near the church in the meeting room next to the parish office that you are invited to.

Children aged 0 – 5 are welcome.

Playgroup sessions are Monday, Tuesday or Friday from 9am to 11am.

Feel free to pop in and have a look and pick up an enrolment form from Playgroup on any of these days.

An annual fee of $97 covers Playgroup WA fee, Christmas Party costs, church donation and all other costs for the running of the sessions.
All welcome.