PRINCIPALS NEWS

PARENTS AND FRIENDS’ MEETING
All parents are invited to attend the Parents and Friends’ Meeting that will be held in the Library this evening at 7:30pm. Our first meeting was well attended in February and we look forward to repeating this level of attendance this month. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting this evening.

TRIPLE P PARENTING
We are very fortunate that we can offer the Triple P: Positive Parenting Program to Yidarra parents this year. This program is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, backed up by more than 30 years of ongoing research. Series 1-3 will be held this term beginning with Seminar 1: The Power of Positive Parenting on Tuesday, 10th March, at 7pm in the Yidarra School Music Room.

NAPLAN TESTING
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted for Years 3 and 5 students between 12th – 15th May this year. Information regarding this assessment program was sent home to parents of students in Years 3 and 5 last week. Parents do have the right to withdraw their child from the tests, however to do so parents must sign a parent or carer consent form. Please contact the Principal for more information if you wish to withdraw your child. Applications for withdrawal need to be submitted before 2nd April 2015.

The school has received a large number of requests for copies of student NAPLAN reports, as parents require them for high school enrolment. Please remember to keep your child’s NAPLAN report as we do not have original reports, only copies.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
I would like to update the school community on a number of school improvement initiatives that are taking place this term and year. During the pupil free day last week our teachers and teacher assistants worked with Jenny Baker, a senior speech pathologist together with the staff of Orana and Queen of Apostles on the topic of Grammar. In the afternoon, they participated in a session with school psychologist, Terry Andrews.

As mentioned previously, Greg Mitchell will be working with the staff and students this year to promote a culture of positivity and respect in our school. Last week, he worked in the classrooms on the topic Fighting Fair, teaching the students emotional intelligence skills for negotiating with others.

Last Friday and Saturday, Sue Pantano and I attended the first days of a course in instructional leadership. At the beginning of the year we were fortunate to be accepted for a sponsored place in the 2015 Professional Certificate in Instructional Leadership Course run through the Melbourne University and facilitated by Professor John Hattie and Professor Steve Dinham.

Sue and I will be involved in study and action research throughout the year, which will directly benefit students and staff here at Yidarra.

Among school-related factors, school leadership is second only to teaching in its potential influence on student learning. Instructional leadership therefore, is a critical aspect of school leadership.

The ongoing work of instructional leaders is to ensure that every student receives the highest quality instruction each day. Here at Yidarra we continue to reflect upon teaching and learning in relation to ongoing improvement, and we professionally develop ourselves and work closely as a team, to harness our knowledge, experience, skills and collective strengths, for the good of all.

May God’s peace be with you.

Carmel Costin
Principal

YIDARRA WEBSITE NEWS

We have been working on our website updating and adding committees, staffing and P&F information, this can be found in the School Services and Communication drop down boxes. Please note the following:

Staffing Roles & Emails addresses
Footy Tipping
School Choir
Instrumental Music programme
Scholastic Book Club
Parents & Friends’ Association News
IGA Awards News
Calendar Update Week Term 1 to 4
P&F NEWS

P&F MEETING
The next meeting will be held tonight at 7.30pm in the Library.

P&F CLASS REPRESENTATIVES - 4B NEEDED
We are still in need of a class rep for 4B. Contact Jodie McManus on david_mcmanus@bigpond.com if you would like to volunteer.

BOOKCLUB
Issue #1 orders have been delivered.
Issue #2 catalogue has been sent home today & orders are due by Tuesday 16 March 2015.

PE NEWS

SWIM TRIALS
Well done to all those students in years 4, 5 and 6 that competed at the swimming trials held at Riverton Aquatic Center last Friday. A special thank you to all parents who volunteered to assist with timing, recording and starting. Without your help a day like this would not be possible.

ATHLETICS
Congratulations to all the Yidarra students that competed over the weekend for their Little Athletics Club at Langford Sports Center across many different athletic disciplines.

Mr Debowski
SPORTS TEACHER

CHILDREN’S MASS
Our first Children’s Mass for the year will be celebrated on Sunday 22 March at 9:30am. We would like to invite all children to attend. Children who would like to be involved in the Mass can register at the Church foyer. There will be a Choir practice for the children interested in singing for the Mass on Saturday 21 March at 2:00pm.

We are pleased to announce the new mobile friendly site is now only 10 days away. Upon its release it will be available to you all to use. This it is another way we are making your life easier and ‘at your fingertips’!

We have another competition on Facebook related to this new mobile friendly site. If you can guess the page from the blurred pictures we provide you, you can win cash prizes. Please join us on Facebook for more details http://www.facebook.com/OurOnlineCanteen. If you don’t have Facebook inform us at info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Please remember, if your details have changed recently, you need to change them with us. Log onto the website and go to your profile to change any details.

If you have left the school and no longer need your account please send us an email (info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au) with your user ID and bank account details. We will promptly refund any credit you have on your account.

Regards,
Our Online Canteen Management
Ph. 1300 11 66 37

PARENT MUSICAL VOLUNTEERS’ MEETING

MONDAY 16TH MARCH, 2015
IN THE LIBRARY AT 6.30PM

Thanks to the many parents who have volunteered to assist in making our 2015 Musical ABBA a reality!

Please come along to the above meeting to receive initial information and meet the crew!

Rosemary Poparella and Natasha Rich

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Week 6
Friday, 13 March
‘Congratulations’ to the following students who will be receiving merits awards

Felicity Simon 1B
Lachlan McKenzie 1B
Danica Jeremiah 1G
Aiden Cho 1G
Annaliese De Luca 1R
Noah Pires 1R
Narumi Fukushima-Harasymow 3G
Samuel Carrello 3G
Deanna Clancy-Martin 6B
Eijah White-U 6B
William Rowan 6B
Jaidyn Hamilton 6G
Jennifer Rose 6G

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tue 10 - Volunteer Needed
Wed 11 - Jodie McManus
Thu 12 - Peta & Joe Lanza
Fri 13 - Volunteer Needed
Mon 16 - Ann-Marie Hall
Tue 17 - Sue Collica
Wed 18 - Volunteer Needed
Thu 19 - Volunteer Needed
Fri 20 - Anita Thompson
Mon 23 - Julie Pacioneri

Manager Jo Court
Preferred contact via email: cafeteria@corpus.wa.edu.au
6332 2520

LOST & FOUND

Lost - Silver Tiffany’s Bracelet T-Bar clasp - lost on Friday 9 March morning possibly in vicinity of the Church car park, Church courtyard, cross walk and near Year 1 classrooms. If found please call Vanessa Fernandez-Kennedy on 0414 372 098 or drop off to the Yidarra office.

Found - Keys with fish key ring, Keys in black vinyl case, Key with Jim Beam key ring, Mazda car keys, Pink & Purple child’s purse, Boys watch and Panasonic camera battery.

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MUSIC NEWS

CHOIR REHEARSAL DAYS

There has been some confusion over choir rehearsal days. Please note that: Senior Choir - for Year 5 and 6 is at 8.20am on Tuesday morning; Junior Choir - for Year 3 and 4 is at 8.20am on Wednesday morning.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was our composer of the month for February! Come and check out the music room pin up board for some work by our clever Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 students.

DID YOU KNOW???

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star actually has six verses! We got into small groups in our Year 5 classes and wrote a new verse each. Here are two examples of our work! See if you can sing the song with these new words!

When you smile you shine so bright,
You are such a shining light.
When the sky is dark and grey,
You’ll be there to guide the way.
When I’m feeling sad and blue,
I can always trust in you.
By: Jazmyne, Jacinta & Maisy (5G)

Kobe, Owen and Brodie,
We are being so silly.
Noah jumped into the car,
and we’re singing “la la la”
We hope you like our great song,
Now we have to run along.
By: Kobe, Owen, Brodie & Noah (5B)

NATASHA RICH
Music & Drama Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP – TRY-ONS & COLLECTION

TRY-ONS - Pre-Primary will be available in the classrooms Thu, 12 & Fri 13 March.

TRY-ONS - Y1-3 will be on Tue 17 March 2.30-3.30pm in the junior atrium.

ORDER FORMS to be returned no later than Friday, 20 March. Orders will be available for collection on Thursday, 2 April from 2pm.

Thank you, Linda Veletta