**PRINCIPALS NEWS**

**TRIPLE P PROGRAM**
Session 2 of the Triple P parenting program will take place on Tuesday 17th March in the Library. Registration will be from 6:45pm for a 7pm start. Don’t worry if you were not able to attend session 1. Parents are welcome to come along to any of the sessions.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
Our swimming carnival for the children in Years 4-6 will be held this Friday 20th March, commencing 9.00am, at Riverton Aquatic Centre. We wish all children a great day of fun and competition and thank Mr Debowski for the many hours of work that he has placed into preparing for the carnival.

**SUGGESTION BOX**
At the last Board meeting it was proposed that the school place a suggestion box in the school office for constructive feedback and helpful suggestions. The school welcomes feedback from the school community, so a suggestion box has been placed in the reception area of the school.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
Parents are reminded that the school will close early at 12:00pm on Monday 30th March for parent teacher interviews for K-Yr 6. It is important that you make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher, as this meeting gives you an opportunity to share information about your child with your child’s teacher. Please remember that the interviews are for 15 minutes so it is essential that you arrive on time to ensure that the teachers can keep to the meeting schedule. Although this may appear to be a brief amount of time the teachers are well organised for the meetings. To enable you to make the most of the meeting time I have included at the end of the newsletter one of Michael Grose’s articles on how to make the most of your parent teacher interview.

**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.

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**
Hannah Oversby 3G
Ezekiel White-U 4B

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**Pope Francis TEN Tips For Lent**

**Tip Eight - Evangelize**
“The Lord asks us to be joyful heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sister’s experiencing darkness.”

**Tip Nine - Help the Poor**
“In the poor and outcast we see Christ’s face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.”

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**St. Patrick’s Prayer**

We wish all members of our school community a happy St Patrick’s Day.

**CARMEL COSTIN**
Principal
P&E NEWS

P&E MEETING
The next P&E meeting will be held in the Library on Monday 11 May at 7.30pm

FOOTY TIPPING
Join the 2015 Yidarra Footy Tipping before 27th March 2015, in 5 easy steps:
- Fill in the Entry Form (spare copies available in the office)
- Hand in to the office.
- Deposit the entry fees in the P&E Account.
- Wait for an email with the password (this confirming that your payment has been received)
- Join or sign in to www.footytips.com.au, click on AFL and Search Comps for Yidarra 2015 AFL and Join (using the password provided).
Please email me at kelly@golding.net.au with any questions.
Join in the whole school fun this winter. There's big prize money up for offer!

NOTE BAG FUNDRAISER
Never mix up or lose a Note bag again! For only $10 you can have your child's note bag embroidered.
Order forms have been sent home today. Please complete and return to the office with your payment by Monday 30 March.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE #2
Please forward your order and payment to the office by Tuesday 16 March 2015.

WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS
YEARS 1-3 TRY ONS
Try-ons will be held in the Junior Atrium on Tuesday 17 March between 2.30 - 3.30pm.

PP - Y6 UNIFORM ORDERS
- Please forward your order to the office by Friday 20 March.
- Uniforms will be available for collection on Thursday 2 April from 2pm. Orders are payable on collection only.
- Order forms have been sent home, extra copies are available at the office.

PE NEWS
Congratulations to Taya Chiappini 3G as she has been selected in the Calisthenics Association of Western Australia’s Sub Junior State team for 2015. This is a wonderful achievement as many strive for this but only a few are chosen. The state competition will take place in Queensland in July.
All the best Taya.

Congratulations to Kian Ng 4G for his selection into the U12 Boys WABL, for Willetton Tigers for 2015.

FACTION SWIM CARNIVAL
The faction swim carnival takes place this Friday 20 March at Riverton Aquatic Centre.
Good luck to all those students in Years 4-6 that will be swimming on the day.

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE Teacher

OSHCLUB NEWS - PROPOSED EXTENDED SESSION
In support of Yidarra Primary School's parent interview day, OSHClub is looking to run a session from 12.00 midday until 6.00pm on Monday 30 March 2015.
The cost for this session will be $50.

Could you please register your interest by booking this day of after school care on your account, and we will confirm by email, if the program will be running. You will receive notification by the Wednesday 25 March 2015 advising of the outcome.

Please Note: If you have a booking for After School Care on this day and DO NOT want to use the extended day please cancel this booking. Any bookings in the system will be charged the extended day fee of $50.

We will be running our before school session as per usual.

Kind Regards,
Zaida & Tina

NETBALL REMINDER
There will be a Netball Club briefing for all players and parents this Thursday 19 March in the undercover area straight after school.
On Wednesday 25 March the school will celebrate Harmony Day. The ongoing Harmony Day theme is "Everyone Belongs". Last year we had an amazing array of visitors to entertain the children and allow them to experience aspects of the Asian culture. To continue our focus on Asia in our Harmony Day celebrations this year, we will be having an Asian games morning. Each class will be taught a number of typical children’s games from around the Asian region. In the afternoon children will continue with other Harmony Day activities and stories.

If you have a favourite Asian story book that you think the children would enjoy or think you may be able to provide information on Asian children’s games, please contact me. Children may wear their sport uniform on this day and are encouraged to also wear an item of orange clothing, the Harmony Day colour, such as a t-shirt, head band, bandana, ribbon or similar. We look forward to a fun-filled day.

YEAR 5 & 6 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PARENT MEETING
The Catholic Family Life Education team will be presenting on Wed night from 7pm-8:40pm in the Parish hall. The parent program precedes the in-class lessons next Tuesday for the Year 5 & 6 students on growing and maturing into a young adult. The evening is informative and provides strategies that may assist as you enter into this phase of your child’s development.

TANYA GIOVANNANGELO
Assistant 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
- Reflections over a cuppa
- Footy Tipping
- School Choir
- Netball
- Instrumental Music programme
- Uniform Shop
- Scholastic Book club
- School Banking
- Parents & Friends’ Association News
- Before & After School Care
- IGA Awards News
- School Choir
- Calendar Update Week Term 1 to 4

Visit: web.yidarra.wa.edu.au

Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to 4 (four). This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th May.

Rationale for change:
1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient.
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other committees.
3. It assists both in time from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-based Councillors.
4. It still provides the ability to have more meetings should they be required.

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, www.pffwa.edu.au. Should you have any queries, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or execoff@pffwa.edu.au.

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Making the most of your parent-teacher interview

It makes sense for you as a parent to be prepared and ready to make the most of the brief time you have with teachers.

Parent-teacher interviews provide a great opportunity for you as a parent to find out how your child is progressing at school.

Many parent-teacher interviews are tightly scheduled and can seem a little rushed. Teachers are generally highly organised so they can make the most of the time you have together.

It makes sense also for you as a parent to be prepared and ready to make the most of the brief time you have with teachers.

Here are some guidelines to make the most of these interviews:

1. **Prepare well.** Before the interview, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep questions short and to the point.

2. **Attend with a partner or friend** particularly if you are nervous or unsure. It is easy to miss a point and often difficult to relay information to a partner.

3. **Give the teacher a chance** to make an assessment of your child’s progress. This may seem obvious but some interviews never get off the ground because enthusiastic parents take over.

4. **Take notes and clarify information that you don’t understand.** “What do you mean by ‘he needs to spend more time reading’...?” Make sure you have a good understanding of the messages your child’s teacher is giving.

5. **Be prepared to give an assessment of your child’s performance.** You may be asked how you think your child is performing so give an honest, but realistic assessment.

6. **Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strengthened.** No doubt your child’s teacher will have some strategies for you to assist your child, so make sure you have a clear understanding before you leave.

If there are unresolved issues or you wish to discuss your child’s difficulties in greater detail, consider asking for another interview. This is being respectful of the teacher’s time and of those parents who are to follow.

Once the interview is over consider how you will discuss it with your child.

Avoid giving generalisations or simplistic appraisals such as: “The teacher says you are a good girl.”

Discuss areas that need work in positive terms. Talk about strengths or successes first before discussing areas that may need more work.

A clear message such as, “We talked about your reading and the teacher suggested that we should try...” is far more helpful.

Involve your child in discussing any plans for improvement. Avoid making big plans for your child to improve in a subject area without consulting him or her. By involving children and taking notice of their ideas plans are more likely to be successful.