O God, by whose wondrous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life this Lent, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PRINCIPALS NEWS

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday our Years 4-6 students had a wonderful day competing in the annual faction swimming carnival. It was great to experience the enthusiasm and effort that the students placed into achieving their personal best for their faction.

I would like to express my gratitude to the parents who assisted prior to the carnival by timekeeping on the day of the swimming trials, as well as those parents who helped by being a starter, lane judge or recorder on the carnival day. Your assistance contributed to the success of the carnival.

Special thanks go to Rob Debowski for running an efficient carnival and to the staff members who assisted at the carnival.

STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

On Saturday a group of parents spent the day at the school assisting with the development of a strategic plan for our school for 2015 – 2018. I would like to thank Will Schaefer, Leanne Harrison, Paul Lindner, Fiona Chow, Ed Kucharski and Katy and James Metcalfe – Gibson for giving so generously of their time on Saturday and for their valuable contributions.

During this year parents, staff and students will have an opportunity to contribute to the development of our new strategic plan.

TRIPLE P PARENT NIGHT

The final Triple P Parent evening will be conducted in the Library on Tuesday, 24th March commencing at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend this session.

HARMONY DAY EVERYONE BELONGS

This week we will be celebrating Harmony Week. Harmony Week is a time to celebrate the social, cultural and economic benefits that cultural diversity brings to Australia. In our school cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Below are more details about the day.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder that classes conclude at 12pm on Monday 30th March, as we will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews on the day.

EASTER RECALL

All parents and members of our parish are welcome to attend the Easter Recall which will commence at 2pm on Thursday 2nd April on the school oval.

END OF TERM 1

The last day of Term 1 for the students will be 2pm on Thursday 2nd April. All parents and members of our parish are welcome to attend the Easter Recall which will commence at 2pm on Thursday 2nd April on the school oval.

May God bless you,

CARMEL COSTIN
Principal

This Wednesday, 25 March, the school will celebrate its Harmony Day. The Harmony Day theme is “Everyone Belongs”, we have added “Everyone Plays” to this theme this year. With a focus on Asia, the celebrations will include a morning of Asian children’s games in classes. Children 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 your class teacher. 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.

The day will begin with a brief prayer in the Undercover area and we will also have the final weigh-in for the Project Compassion boxes.

TANYA GIOVANNANGELO
Assistant Principal & Harmony Day Coordinator
P&F NEWS

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

FOOTY TIPPING - LAST CHANCE!!
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&F 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!

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to all the mums that helped wrap 75 Easter Baskets on Friday! There is still time to purchase tickets. Please hand in your tickets and money by Friday 27 March. Extra copies are available at the office. The raffle will be drawn from 11am on Monday 30 March in the undercover area. Good Luck!

CAR PARK RAFFLE
It’s that time again. This is your opportunity to win a ‘premier position’ in the school car park for Term 2! Tickets were sent home today. If you would like to enter, return your tickets with correct money to the office by this Friday 27 March.

PE NEWS
Congratulations to all students who participated in the swimming carnival held last Friday 20 March. Well done to the students in Parry for winning the co-operation shield and a special congratulations to Murdoch for winning the championship shield.

Thank you to all those parents and past students who volunteered their time to assist. A day like this would not be possible without your continued support. A special congratulations to the following students who swam extremely well at both the trials and positioned well at the carnival.

- Year 6
  - Kian Ng & Zac Ravich
  - Nicolette Katnich & Claire Rose

- Year 5
  - Ethan Dawson & Daniel White
  - Jasmyn Browne & Maisy Metcalfe-Gibson

- Year 6
  - Charli Hall & Kathryn Tan

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE Teacher

ICAS - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2015
Registration Forms are now available from classroom teachers for the 2015 ICAS assessments. All registrations forms need to be returned by Friday, 27th March.

ROSEMARY PAPARELLA
Assistant Principal & ICAS Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS
In Library lessons this term Year 6 students have been researching Australian Prime Ministers. This is in connection with their classroom topic on Democracy. Year 5 Students have been researching Convict buildings in Perth and Fremantle. This information will be helpful for their Fremantle excursion this week.

Year 6 Library Monitors are doing a great job in the library at lunchtime. They loan out and return books, help the younger students and assist library staff with new book displays. Their service is appreciated by everyone.

Wanted to Borrow - One Mannequin.
If you have access to an adult mannequin that the library could borrow for our Anzac display it would be much appreciated. We promise to take good care of it. If you are able to help, please let me know by email or call in to the library this week.

CHERYL LOPEZ
Teacher Librarian