**HOLY WEEK**

This week is Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Week includes Holy Thursday and Good Friday, which, together with Holy Saturday, are known as the Triduum.

During Holy Week, Catholics commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday for the sins of mankind, and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe. Thus, while Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God’s goodness in sending His Son to die for our salvation.

The Christian message of Easter can so easily be eclipsed by commercial interests whose advertising has bombarded our senses in the past weeks. The perspective we need to maintain is one of balance. It is important, that while we enjoy all the festivities Easter provides, we consider the true meaning of this celebration. The school has endeavoured to offer the students a Catholic perspective through the Religious Education program where the children have been taught the meaning of this significant season. I encourage you to reinforce this perspective, by attending the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies with your children.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher interviews will be held today for all classes K-6, except Mrs McMullen’s class. Interviews for 5B will be conducted on Tuesday.

**INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING**

Congratulations to the students who were selected to represent Yidarra in the Interschool Swimming Carnival this Tuesday. To be selected for the school squad is a great achievement. We wish all competitors an enjoyable and rewarding day at the Carnival.

**STAFFING**

At the end of this term we will farewell Mrs Maggie Cleary. We thank Mrs Cleary for her work in Kindy Green and we wish her the very best with her future endeavours.

We welcome our new Kindergarten teacher, Miss Aleisha Searle to Yidarra. We hope that Aleisha’s time in our school is enjoyable and fulfilling.

From Term 2 until the end of this year Mrs Anita Hipper will be on long service leave. We wish Anita a relaxing break and we look forward to her return in 2016. We welcome Mrs Franca Surjan who will be teaching Year 6B on Wednesdays.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Parents are reminded that all students are to wear their full winter uniform when they return to school in Term 2. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for the correct attire of the winter uniform, if you need clarification.

**ASSEMBLY**

As the school will be closed this Friday our assembly for this week will be held on Thursday morning commencing at 8:40am. Merit certificates will be awarded at this assembly.

**EASTER RECALL**

The Stations of the Cross will be led by the Year 5 classes. All parents and members of our parish are welcome to attend the Holy Week reflection which will commence at 2pm, Thursday 2nd April starting from the undercover area and processing to the school oval.

**TERM DATES**

I would like to remind parents that the last day for students this term is Thursday 2nd April. Staff and students return for Term 2 on Monday 20th April.

Finally, thank you to our hard working staff and supportive parents for making this term an excellent start to our school year. I wish everyone in our school community a holy and happy Easter and a safe holiday.

May God’s peace be with you,

**CARMEL COSTIN**

Principal
P&F NEWS

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

CAR PARK RAFFLE
Congratulations to the following winners of the Term 2 Car Park Raffle:
- Kindy/PP Bay - Dimov Family
- Year 1 - 6 Bay - Rapanaro Family

**LAST CHANCE** FOR FOOTY TIPPING!!!
If you would like to do Footy Tipping there is still time. All you need to do is email Kelly.
Tomorrow (Tuesday 31 March) is the absolute cut off, with the first game this Thursday!
And everyone that has signed up and received their password, need to ensure they have joined the' Yidarra 2015 AFL' group on www.footytips.com.au.
Any questions or if you haven't received an email, please email Kelly - Kelly@golding.net.au

MUSIC NEWS

IMPORTANT CHOIR NEWS
Please note there will be no Choir this week or week 1 Term 2.
We will recommence rehearsals Week 2 Term 2.
This is for both Junior and Senior Choir.

CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS
It's that time of year again when we need to start taking submissions for Catholic Performing Arts.
This year, forms are due by FRIDAY 8 MAY.
I return from holidays in Week 2 Term 2 at which stage I will then be taking submissions for two weeks.
Please start thinking about your solo pieces now.
Please note entries are only for Year 4/5/6. Students must be having instrumental lessons to partake in the festival.

NATASHA RICH
Music Teacher

PE NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING
Good luck to all those students who will be representing Yidarra at the C.P.S.S.A Interschool Swimming Carnival held next Tuesday 31 March. The Interschool swimmers lead by our two captains Luke Petite and Charli Hall have been preparing for this carnival with many early morning training sessions. I wish them all the best.

ROB DEBOWSKI

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Noa Grbelja 2B on receiving the trophy for Athletics Champion for the Melville Athletics. Well done Noa!

Maisy Metcalfe-Gibson 5G & Finlay Metcalfe-Gibson 3G have competed in their Life Surf Club competitions at Swanbourne for the first time. Both Maisy & Finlay came 1st in their individual board events and both came 2nd in their overall group categories.
What a fantastic effort, well done Maisy & Finlay!

THANK YOU
Our heartfelt thanks to Jocinta Russon for the time she gave to the school to present the introduction to this course over 3 Tuesday nights. It was great to see so many parents take up the opportunity to familiarise themselves with this useful and effective program. If any parents or friends are interested in undertaking the full Triple P program, please leave your name at the office and we will pass your details onto Jocinta.
Our thanks again to Jocinta who presented the program with great professionalism, humour and heaps of common sense advice.

YEP KIDS
This Thursday 2 April, at the morning assembly, we will be acknowledging all our YEP Kids who participated in the Critical Thinking Program in term 1. Students will receive a certificate of completion in recognition of their participation in the program.

ROSEMARY PAPARELLA
YEP Kids Coordinator