PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfilment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven. The ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well.

SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that when they are dropping off or picking up their children, the responsibility of caring for and supervising children falls to the parent. Please be mindful when standing with other parents to chat, that you are aware of where your children are and what they are doing. There have been a few incidents where children have wandered off to other areas of the school, or have been injured while being left unsupervised. Supervision of school students commences before school at 8:20am and the after-school supervision is between 3:00 – 3:20pm.

PARENT MEETING WITH LOCAL MEMBER FOR BATEMAN

Corpus Christi College has extended an invitation to Yidarra parents to meet with the local State member for Bateman, Mr Matt Taylor MLA BSc (Hons) at Corpus Christi College. The meeting will commence at 7pm, as the first part of the College P and F meeting, on Tuesday 2 June 2015 in the College staffroom, which is situated in the building closest to Murdoch Drive. This is an opportune time to voice any concerns you may have after the budget announcement, or any local issues you would like to raise.

NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS (NEITA)

Members of school communities around Australia are invited to nominate outstanding teachers for the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEITA). By taking the time to nominate teachers you send a message that their work is appreciated and deeply valued. Nominations for the awards close on 31 July 2015. To nominate go to: www.asg.com.au/nominate.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Parents are reminded that the Greg Mitchell parent workshop will be held in the Parish Hall between 7-8pm on Monday 18th May. Greg is a teacher and former consultant with the Catholic Education Office who is currently working as a corporate consultant specialising in organisational cultural change and positive intelligence. Based in Perth, Greg works throughout Australia and in more recent times internationally, with schools, training authorities, government agencies and businesses.

CPSSA BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Good luck to our students who will be competing in the Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association (CPSSA) basketball competition. Parents are welcome to attend this event which will be held on Tuesday 19th May, between 9am and 2:15, at Wally Hagan Stadium, Starling Street Hamilton Hill.

REGIONAL STAFF MEETING

We wish to advise parents that teachers will be unavailable to meet with parents after school this Wednesday afternoon. On this particular afternoon our teachers will be attending a regional professional learning meeting at another school.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

This week our Year 4 students will be commencing their preparation for their first Holy Communion. The preparation includes attending a parent and student workshop this Thursday evening, at 6:30pm in the Sadler Centre, Corpus Christi College and a Commitment Mass on the weekend in the St Thomas More Parish. Please keep the students in your prayers as they undertake this significant spiritual journey.

MAY FAMILY READING MONTH

Following on from last week’s newsletter I would like to share with you another benefit of reading with your child. Modelling reading to and with your child is an excellent way to improve their reading, particularly their fluency. The more exposure children have to print and reading, the more automatic and fluent becomes their reading, which makes comprehension an easier task. Enjoy the family reading activities this month.

God bless,

CARMEL COSTIN

CONGRATULATIONS

The board would like to congratulate Anna Rushton, Karen Weir and Emma Cole-Henley for their outstanding work in preparing and promoting the school’s Nature Play Area funding application to Melville Council. The application looks very competitive thanks to their efforts. May their vision of a fabulous play space for generations of children at Yidarra bear fruit soon.
**P&E NEWS**

**P&E MEETING**
The next P&E meeting will be held on Monday 8 June in the Library at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome!

**YIDARRA FOOTY TIPPING**

**ROUND 7 RESULTS**
Adults - Gilbert Tan $30
Kindy - Year 2 - Milla Hodgson $15
Year 3 - 6 - Sasha King $48

Winning can be collected from the office.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**
Issue #3 orders have been delivered to the classroom. Thank you for your orders.

**MEDICAL ALERTS**

**WHAT’S HOT**
- Tummy bugs
- Headaches
- Cold & flu symptoms
- Head lice

If your child is unwell please keep them at home so that they do not pass viruses on to others and where they can make a better recovery.

**ABSENTEE**
Full day absences from school require formal notification. Please advise the office in writing or via email to admin@yidarra.wa.edu.au.

**ASTHMA REMINDER**
Flu season is upon us, please ensure your child has their puffer and spacer available for use daily, especially on sport days. It is recommended that years 4-6 students can keep their puffer in the sick-room for Admin staff to administer or if parents prefer and are confident the child can administer themselves, their puffer can be kept in their school bag also.

**MEDICAL BOXES**
A note was sent home earlier this year reminding parents that some medication is due to expire or has

**PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY**
Who knows what the Principal does all day? Here is your chance to find out!

Lifelink donation envelopes will be sent home soon to every child from Y1-Y6. To have a chance to be the “Principal for a Day”, place your child’s name on the envelope and return it to the class teacher by Friday 19 June, for the draw at Assembly on Friday 26 June, preferably with a donation to Lifelink inside. The lucky winner will spend a day in Term 3 helping Ms Costin run the show. All proceeds from the envelopes will be sent to Lifelink. Donations can also be made via the Lifelink website: http://www.lifelink.com.au.

Please return only one envelope per child and no family or multi-name envelopes.

**REFLECTIONS OVER A CUPPA**
All mothers and grandmothers are invited to another ‘Reflections over a Cuppa’ morning tea with Sr Ann on Wednesday, 27th May in the Parish Meeting Room from 9.15am to 10.30am.

For more information, please contact Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200.
FINANCE REPORT:
The auditor’s report for the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 2014 was tabled. The summary of the auditor’s report is as follows:

“I confirm that all requirements set out in the Schedule of Audit requirements for Group Funded Schools for the year 31st December, 2014 have been carried out. In my opinion the annual financial statement prepared for the Catholic Education Office discloses a true and fair view of the audited financial accounts of the school.” Harold Shrigley (Auditor)

PARISH REPORT:
A Parish Children’s Mass will be held on Sunday 14th June at 9:30am

FACILITIES REPORT:
Recent maintenance projects have included repairs to the front drive through road and pre-primary veranda roof.

At the last meeting Mr Craig Winfield tendered his resignation.

The Board would like to express their appreciation to Craig on behalf of the Yidarra school community for his dedication to serving the school community for the last 3 years. During that time Craig was instrumental in landscaping the areas of the school that were redeveloped as part of the Building Education Revolution (BER), co-ordinated busy bees and has shared his wealth of knowledge and skills in the area of facilities management.

We thank Craig for his significant contribution to our school.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:
The Board is calling for expressions of interest from parents who have knowledge and skills in the area of facilities maintenance who would have the time to dedicate to Board duties.

8.1 Criteria for membership of the Board are:

(a) possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board;
(b) a deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff;
(c) a desire to give service to the Catholic School Community;
(d) a keenness to promote Catholic schooling;
(e) an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board; and
(f) a sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

If you require further information or would like to tender an expression of interest please contact the Board Chairman Craig Dowsett (craig.dowsett@ismapng.org.au) or the school Principal.

Next Board meeting – 10th June 2015