FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who received the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the first time last weekend. I have no doubt that all present would agree that both ceremonies were absolutely wonderful. The children looked beautiful and participated with reverence. A huge thank you is extended to all who helped to make this a special and memorable occasion. In particular, we thank Fr Phong and Fr Jeronimo who celebrated the mass and the teachers Mrs Gallimore and Mr Kubicek who prepared the students for this sacrament. I would also like to extend our appreciation to the teachers who assisted on both days.

CPSSA LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

Last Tuesday, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 students competed in netball, volleyball, soccer and football at Gibson Park, Beale Park and Santich Park. All children displayed wonderful sportsmanship and competed with fierce enthusiasm – congratulations to you all - you continue to be amazing!!

BUSY BEE

Thank you to all the families who generously volunteered a couple of hours on Saturday morning to assist with the Busy Bee. In a short space of time the area at the front of the school was given a clean-up. Many hands make light work.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Although Christmas is a long way off our staff will be spending an afternoon after school this week packing gifts into shoe boxes as part of Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan’s Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. We are truly blessed to be able to share both our time and resources for the benefit of others.

“Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everyone, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.” Mother Teresa

SEMESTER REPORTS

The semester reports will be available online from next Friday 3 July at 9.00am. Please refer to the letter that was recently posted to all families for details of how to access your child’s Report. Included with this newsletter is some helpful advice in an article by Michael Grose about “Reading Your Child’s Report”.

END OF TERM

Parents are reminded that Term 2 concludes this Friday 3rd July and that the students will return to Yidarra for the commencement of Term 3 on Wednesday 22nd July.

We wish everyone in our community a relaxing break from the normal routines of the school term and look forward to your safe return at the beginning of Term 3.

God bless,

CARMEL COSTIN
Principal
P&F NEWS

P&F MEETING
The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday, 27 July in the Library at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome!

CAR PARK RAFFLE
Secure your parking bay for Term 3!
- Tickets have been sent home.
- The flyer has been attached to this newsletter for your convenience.
- Tickets are due no later than Wednesday 1 July.
- Winners will be drawn at assembly on Friday 3 July.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Week 11 - Friday 3 July
Ruby Bass PB
Patrick Holgate PB
Joshua Fairhead PB
Jemma Golding PG
Oliwer Taylor PG
Naomi Karczub 1B
Aiefel Thomas 1B
Jack Kelly 1B
Ellie Tjing 1G
Nathaniel Kusuma 1G
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Hannah Marinovich-Zano 2B
Oakley Bourne 2B
Thomas Cordina 2G
Matthew Menezes 2G
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3G
Sash King 4B
Amanda Gan 4B
4G
4G
Owen Cowman 5B
Oliver Birkinshaw 5B
5G
5G
Cameron Fox 6B
Jack Parker 6B
Amy Cahill 6G
Zoe Cahill 6G

WEB SITE NEWS
2015 Calendar is available via the Yidarra website web.yidarra.wa.edu.au and will be updated weekly.

SCHOOL BANKING
Tuesdays
8.15-8.45am
Undercover Area

CANTEEN ROSTER
MON 29 JUN
Volunteer Needed
TUE 30 JUN
Volunteer Needed
WED 01 JUL
Volunteer Needed
THU 02 JUL
Volunteer Needed
FRI 03 JUL
Volunteer Needed

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

Please visit the following website for the Bugsy Malone children's workshop
www.facebook.com/events/655494374552667/

For bookings please visit www.TryBooking.com/GQRE

2015 Awar ds of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities

The Awards presentation cocktail evening is set for Wednesday 5th August to be held at The Classroom, 1/356 Charles St, North Perth from 6pm to 8.30pm. The closing date for entries in the four categories has been extended to Thursday 30th July. Nomination forms for this year can be found on our website at http://www. pf.wa.edu.au/building-positive-school-communities-awards/.

This is a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate the amazing work being done in our schools to build positive school communities. So if you have an amazing Principal, outstanding Parent or wonderful Parish, please nominate for these awards. Anyone in the school community can nominate their Principal, P&F, Parent or Parish. Applications are welcome from all Catholic schools however, only affiliated schools are eligible to win a prize.

The venue for this year’s presentations is aptly named, “The Classroom”, a bar and restaurant in North Perth. This is a free event for everyone in our schools and drinks and snacks will be provided.

For more information and to register please go to https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2015-awards-of-excellence-night-tickets-174054324777

Registration is FREE!

Best wishes,
PFFWA Council and Staff

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Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

**Could try harder… always does her best… lacks concentration… easily distracted… a pleasure to teach…** Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

**Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:**

1. **Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?**
   Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. **Do you believe that children learn at different rates?**
   There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. **Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?**
   Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

**Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:**

- **Focus on strengths:** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning:** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

**Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

**Take note of student self-assessment**
Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

**Discuss the report with your son or daughter**
Talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.
**P&F Car Park Raffle**
**Term 3 2015**

Tickets are again on sale. We have 2 Bays to raffle.
- One bay in the Pre-Primary car park for the Kindy and Pre-Primary families *(you must have children in Kindy and/or Pre-Primary in 2015 to be in the draw for this car bay)*.
- The other bay which is near the P&F Shed, is for the families in the rest of the school *(you must have children in Years 1-6 to be in the draw for this car bay)*.

Tickets are only $5 each or 6 tickets for $20 & will be drawn on FRIDAY 3 JULY 2015 9am in the UNDERCOVER AREA.

Please send correct money or cheque payable to Yidarra P&F Association, together with the completed tickets below in an envelope labelled:
Car Park Raffle - Term 3 2015 & your eldest child’s name & class to the office by **Monday, 29 June 2015**.

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