**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Last Saturday, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast day commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin’s passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts.

**CPSSA League Tag**
Congratulations to our Years 5 & 6 students who competed in the CPSSA League Tag Competition last Tuesday. All our teams displayed good sportsmanship and achieved successful results on the day. Both boys’ teams won their respective divisions and the girls’ teams came second. Yidarra has been selected to represent the Catholic Schools in the State finals later this term. I wish to express our gratitude to Mr Debowski for coaching the teams.

**Catholic Performing Arts Festival**
As our students will be participating in a whole school musical at the end of this year it was decided that our school would not enter any class items in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival this year. However, a number of our instrumental music students are performing in the Festival. We congratulate the following students on their achievements:

- Sophie Barnwell - ‘Honourable Mention’ in the Instrumental Solo/Duet Section
- Nicolette Katnich - ‘Certificate of Merit’ in the Primary Vocal Solo/Duet Section
- Katherine Tan - ‘Certificate of Merit’ in the Instrumental Solo/Duet Section

**Census Day**
Last Friday was the school census day. Attendance data was collected on the day and forwarded to the state and federal governments to determine future funding for our school. On Friday there were 548 students enrolled in our school from Pre Kindy to Year 6.

**Staff Professional Learning Update**
In line with the learning strategic direction of Catholic Education WA, our staff will be participating in various forms of learning this term. This learning is continuous and takes place at all levels. During this term our office staff will be attending the Administrative Officer’s Day and Mrs D’Sylva has been accepted into the Front Line TAFE Certificate IV Course. Our office staff will also be piloting the MAZE upgrade. Our teacher assistants will continue to meet each week for a cluster meetings and exchange information about students and share strategies. The teachers meet each week in their clusters PP – Yr 3 or Yrs 4-6 to share professional readings, discuss data and strategies for value adding to teaching and learning. Key teachers have attended key teacher workshops in literacy and numeracy this term and share their learning with their colleagues. Next week our school will be hosting a regional networking meeting where our teachers will be discussing assessment and moderation with teachers from Queen of Apostles Catholic Primary School and Orana. Another staff member has been accepted in the CEO Leadership program and is undertaking Masters level university studies. This term the Assistant Principal’s will be continuing their coaching course with Growth International, while I will be completing my second masters unit in Instructional Leadership with Melbourne University. As you can see our staff are committed to growing in their learning and improving their work practices in our school.

God bless and have a good week,

**Carmel Costin**
Principal

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**Amount raised for LifeLink totalled $1100.90. Thank you to all the families for their contributions.**
PE NEWS

CPSSA LEAGUE TAG CARNIVAL

Tuesday the 11th of August saw Yidarra participate in the CPSSA League Tag Carnival. After many hours of training both before school and at lunch time, which included some very cold and wet weather, the students went into the carnival well prepared and ready to face the opposition with their best efforts. They did not disappoint!

Four teams represented Yidarra Catholic Primary School. A Division boys were undefeated. B Division boys were undefeated. A Division girls achieved second place. B Division also achieved second place. Team Captains Luke Yeo, Cade Ravlich, Charli Hall and Jennifer Rose were inspirational both on and off the field. With the combined scores of the two A Division Teams, Yidarra has earned the right to compete in the State Competition.

I am so proud of all of the students who represented Yidarra. Their enthusiasm, determination and commitment are a credit to themselves, their families and the school they represent. A job well done and credits well deserved!

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK

Book Week is fast approaching. It will be in Week 6. The ‘dress up as a book character’ parade, assembly and teacher’s play will be on WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST beginning at 8.40 am. Please encourage your child to dress as a fictional book character.

YARED VISIT

Yesterday Yared Wolde the co-founding principal of The School of St Yared, Ethiopia, visited Yidarra. He spoke to teachers and visited some classes telling them about his students. Yidarra students were intrigued that there are some similarities between the two schools such as subjects like English and science and sports such as soccer, basketball and games such as skipping. Our students learnt about differences too such as St Yared students being provided with two meals and a snack each day as often there is no food for them at home as well as some students needing to walk two and a half hours daily between school and home.

During this term our Year students will be running fundraising activities to support The School of St Yared.

Students in year 4B wrote letters to the students of St Yared’s. Yared will take them back with him when he returns to Africa in a few weeks.

Yidarra families interested in more information about The School of St Yared may like to go online and join the community or the sign up for the newsletter through www.schoolofstyared.com.

Last year many in our school community made library bags for the students at St Yared’s, Mrs Ruth Rushton, a Yidarra grandmother, made some for the new class of lower kindy who start in September.

CHERYL LOPEZ
Teacher Librarian
The Charity Book Swap will also be in Book Week. Yidarra students are asked to bring in any old, good quality children’s books that they no longer want and some money to buy other second hand books. Families can start sending in their unwanted books tomorrow. They can be placed in the BOOK SWAP box in the library. Students who do not wish to part with their books are very welcome to come and buy other people’s treasures. Books will be on sale at lunchtime on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th August. This year the funds raised will go to supporting the library at The School of St Yared in Ethiopia.
PLAY4LIFE

After-School Balls, Body & Brains Clinic (Term 3)
All Kindy to Year 2 children were given a registration form for an After-School Balls, Body & Brains Clinic starting Wednesday, the 19th of August (3.15 - 4.15pm). We will conduct it on the school grounds.

Our BBB Clinic is a combination of Perceptual Motor & Fundamental Movement Skill Programs that will assist children’s academic success and self-esteem through structured physical activity that focuses on movement and motor experiences within physical coordination, strength, balance, spacial and social awareness activities.

Our clinics are coordinated and run by Physical Education and/or BBB Specialists; all with their Working With Children Checks.

The Clinic focuses on Maximum Participation during Organised and Fun 8 x 1 Hour sessions. The cost for the term is $80.00 per child.

If you are interested in letting your child develop and improve their BBB skills in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at www.play4life.com.au, or complete the registration form and return it to reception by Tuesday, the 18th of August. (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS
The photo’s are now available for viewing and purchase by going to the following website: www.maverickphoto.com.au
Login ID: communion
Password: com2015

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS
NEW SCHOOL FUNDING MODEL
As a result of the implementation of the Australian Education Act 2013, the way schools generate funding will change significantly. From 2016 schools will receive their Federal and State Government funding according to a new “Base” and “Loadings” formula which is directly linked to student need. Under the new student centred funding model, Principals and school Boards will have greater flexibility in making curriculum and staffing decisions that best meet the needs of their school. Later this term the Principal, Assistant Principals, school Finance Officer and Board members will be attending an information evening about the new school funding model.

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & THE MEMBER FOR BATEMAN
On Wednesday 9th September the Principal, Board Chairman and President of the P&F have been invited to attend a meeting with the Minister for Education, Hon Peter Collier MLC and Matt Taylor, Member for Bateman. At this meeting discussion topics will include education reform and funding.

FOOTY TIPPING
FOOTY TIPPING - ROUND 19 WINNERS
• Malcolm Bradshaw
• John Paltridge
• Sierra Allen
Winnings can be collected from the office.

LOST & FOUND (collections in office)
LOST - Sport Jacket belongs to Christophe Yao 5G
FOUND - Pair of reading glasses (Levi’s)
FOUND - Pair pink reading glasses (found with music sheets outside Oshclub)
FOUND - See picture featured right
Grandcarers Support Scheme

for all enquiries call:

Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme
1800 794 909
10.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday

What is the Grandcarers Support Scheme:
♦ An annual payment to grandcarers who have the full-time care of their grandchild / grandchildren

Criteria:
♦ Providing full-time care for grandchildren under 18 years
♦ Minimum of four months care in the past year
♦ Not receiving financial support from the Department for Child Protection and Family Support
♦ Willing to sign a Statutory Declaration confirming that the information provided is true and correct

How much is the payment:
♦ Eligible grandcarers will receive $400 for the first grandchild and $250 for each additional grandchild under 18 years

How to apply:
♦ Telephone Wanslea 1800 794 909 to apply
 or
♦ Online at: www.wanslea.asn.au/gss to download the application form
 then
♦ Send your completed application form to:

Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme
PO Box 1142 Cloverdale WA 6985
VacSwim

VacSwim is Western Australia’s most popular holiday swimming program, catering to more than 54,000 students over the October and December/January school holidays. VacSwim is offered at more than 200 pool and beach venues across the state and employs over 1,000 qualified swimming instructors.

Morning programs are approximately four hours and afternoon programs are approx three hours and 15 minutes. You can apply to work in morning and/or afternoon programs.

Applications for October programs will be accepted from early August 2015.

2015—2016 VacSwim program dates

**October Programs**
- Program: 29 September to 9 October 2015
- Short Afternoon Program: 5 to 9 October 2015

**Country Early Start Program**
- Program: 19 to 23 December 2015

**January Programs**
- Program 1: 29 December 2015 to 8 January 2016*
- Program 2: 11 to 22 January 2016
- Short Afternoon Program: 4 to 8 January 2016

* No lessons New Years Day, Friday 1 January 2016