PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

NAPLAN
It was pleasing to read in the paper last week that Catholic school students in Western Australia have again demonstrated significant improvement in literacy and numeracy results since last year’s NAPLAN test. There has also been sustained improvement over the last seven years in almost all assessments. The results clearly indicate West Australian Catholic school students have maintained or improved their literacy and numeracy results to the performance of students across the rest of the country. While NAPLAN tests provide some valuable data to governments and schools, they should not be viewed as the main determiner of educational quality of schools. The education of children is complex and the measurement of success or failure on NAPLAN scores alone can lead to simplistic school improvement strategies that are designed to produce a ‘quick fix’. It would be sad to see any devaluing of what has been the true marker of Australia’s education system: its ability to produce people who are creative thinkers, able to collaborate and solve problems, have initiative, are positive contributors to society and are self-directed.

BOOKWEEK
This week is Book Week and the theme this year is “Books light up our world”. On Wednesday, 26th August, 2015 at 8:40am the school will be holding the annual staff play and student’s book parade. Children are encouraged to be dressed in their favourite book character costume. Please make sure that your child’s costume is comfortable and warm and can be worn throughout the day. Sensible shoes are to be worn please. Parents are welcome to join us for the parade.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Last week we submitted our Mid-Year Budget Review. The School Administration and the School Board work together in ensuring the Mid-Year Budget Review is completed so we can track anticipated expenditure for the remainder of the 2015 school year. School income is dependent on the regular injection of income from our Australian Government grants, our State Per Capita Funding, and School Fees. I wish to thank all families who have paid in full or who are making regular payments of school fees. This enables us to more effectively plan for the remainder of the school year.

RECONCILIATION
This week our Yr 3 students and their families commence their preparation for First Reconciliation. On Thursday evening commencing at 6:30pm the parents and students will attend a Reconciliation Workshop at the Sadlier Centre, Corpus Christi College. During the following weekend the students and their families will make their commitment at one of the weekend masses. We ask that you keep the students in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

Dear God,
I want to take a minute not to ask for anything, but to simply say THANK YOU for all I have.
Amen

CARMEL COSTIN
Principal

CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
We congratulate the following students on their achievements:

- Morgan Braithwaite - ‘Certificate of Merit’ in the instrumental Solo (Acoustic/Classical Guitar)
- Lily Daniel - ‘Honourable Mention’ in the Instrumental Solo/Duet (Acoustic/Classical Duet)
P&F NEWS

P&F MEETING
The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday 14th September in the Library at 7.30pm, as always everyone is welcome!

FATHER’S DAY CAMP OUT
Forms have been sent home. Orders and payment are due today. See page 5 for more details.

FOOTY TIPPING - ROUND 20 WINNERS
- Brett Barradeen
- Cameron Fairhead
- Matthew Rapanaro

Winnings can be collected from the office.

PE NEWS

Congratulations to the following students as they will be representing Yidarra at the ARLD State League Tag Carnival which will be held on Thursday the 17 September: Luke Yeo, Cade Ravlich, Chase Bourne, Joshua Bates, Jackson McManus, Charli Hall, Claudia Bempasciuto, Amy Cahill, Jack Clutterbuck, Jack Garland Dixon, Zoe Cahill, Jennifer Rose and Ella Collica.

This is a wonderful honour for all students to have been selected to represent Yidarra.

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jennifer Rose (6G) & her team in the Girls under 12’s Division 2, Tennis Winter Pennants Grand Final last Sunday. The girls representing Bull Creek Tennis Club won in a nail-bitingly close finish against Ocean Ridge Tennis Club with Jennifer winning both her singles and doubles matches to secure the overall win.

Well done Jennifer!

YIDARRA 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Please join past and present members of our Yidarra community as we celebrate 30 years of education on Thursday 24th September.

- 9am Whole School Mass led by Year 5
- 10am Morning Tea in the Parish Hall
- 11am Visit our classes

We look forward to our current parent community joining us on this special day. SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE DETAILS

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS NOW AVAILABLE

The photo's are now available for viewing and purchase by going to the following website:

www.maverickphoto.com.au

Login ID: confirmation
Password: confirm2015
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.

CHARITY BOOK SWAP
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.

CHERYL LOPEZ & CATHERINE MUNRO
Teacher Librarian & Library Technician
Thursday
24th September

30th Anniversary Celebrations

YIDARRA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CASH OR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO YIDARRA P&F ASSOCIATION. FATHER’S DAY NOTES AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY END OF TODAY.

P&F FATHER’S DAY CAMP OUT 2015
Due to a large response from our school community the Father’s Day Camp out has been confirmed. Time to unplug from modern technology, get back to basics with the kids and have some one-on-one time in a setting under the stars!

Date: Friday 4 September - Saturday 5 September 2015
Set up: Friday from 5pm - for attendees only
Pack up: Saturday morning (oval needs to be vacated by 10am)
For: Yidarra students only and their father/father figure representations
Where: Yidarra school oval
Cost: $30 per family

WHAT TO BRING:
1. Your evening meal or alternatively you may order a ‘BBQ pack’ with a choice of rolls, steaks, hamburger patties & sausages.
2. Snacks & Drinks.
3. Warm clothes, small tent, sleeping bags, pillows, camping chairs, camping light, torch, games i.e. board games, cards, sport equipment and sense of fun!

WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED:
1. A cooked breakfast - bacon & egg burgers, tea & coffee.
2. BBQ facilities.
3. The venue, lighted access to toilets.
4. Disposable paper plates, cutlery, serviettes and sauces.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:
- Electronic/digital devices.
- Camping Trailers.
- ALCOHOL IS NOT TO BE CONSUMED ON SCHOOL PREMISES.
- SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL PREMISES.

Please ensure all forms are returned by this Friday 21 August 2015.

FATHER’S DAY CAMP OUT RETURN SLIP & ORDER FORM

Name of Adult Attending: ___________________________ Contact No: ___________________________

Student Name: ___________________________ YR ___ Name: ___________________________ YR ___
Student Name: ___________________________ YR ___ Name: ___________________________ YR ___

BBQ Pack Order: NAME ON ORDER: ___________________________

No. Rolls @50c ea __________________ = $ ________ No. Steaks @$4 ea __________ = $________
No. Hamburger: Patties @$1 ea __________ = $ ______
No. Sausages @ $1 ea __________ = $ ______
ORDER TOTAL $ __________ PLUS CAMP COST $ 30.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED $ ___________________________

NON CAMPERS ONLY - I am able to assist with breakfast Saturday morning from 7.15am
NAME: ___________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________
FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
TUESDAY 22nd September 2015

Dear Parents,

TUESDAY 22nd September is our school Athletics Carnival. We would love to see you on this day to support and encourage your children as they compete. The scores from the field events will carry over to Tuesday so that parents can see how well each faction performed.

Please ensure your child is sent to school with a hat and water bottle both labelled. The canteen will not operate on Carnival Day unless lunch orders have been placed.

Whilst we endeavour to ensure all events run smoothly and on time, we cannot prepare for every unforeseen circumstance. There may be inaccuracies in the carnival’s scheduling and recording. and whilst this is unfortunate, please remember to support the school and recognise the many positives of our school carnival.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday the 22nd September.

Rob Debowski
Phys Ed Coordinator

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
TUESDAY 22nd September 2015
PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

If you can help out on the day please tick the time slot/s that suit you. I would appreciate any time that you can give.

Rob Debowski
PE and Sports Coordinator

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
TUESDAY 22nd September 2015
PARENT HELPERS REPLY SLIP

Name: ________________________________

Child/ren's name: ________________________________ Class: ______________________

I can help at the following times:

☐ 9.00-2.30 (scoring, judging, team games etc.)

☐ set up 7 – 9am

☐ pack up 2:30 – 4:00pm
“I have a dream, a song to sing...”

In celebration of Yidarra Catholic Primary School’s 30th Anniversary, the staff and students are presenting a school musical this year.

The musical ‘Achieving Beth Bailey's Ambition’ (A.B.B.A) is the brain child of Assistant Principal Mrs Rosemary Paparella. It’s a heart-warming story about a young girl's search for family and belonging.

The production is in full swing, with the costume crew busily sewing the many outfits needed to dress our little performers and the scenery crew constructing and painting sets. The children are familiarising themselves with their item and have commenced singing during music lessons. Dancing instruction has also commenced.

There is a focus on our local area and community within the musical, therefore opportunities for local business sponsorship exists. If you would like your business represented, please email Silvana Pante-Cohen at abe.silv@bigpond.com.au.

Ticketing information will be available shortly.

Introducing the cast of ‘Achieving Beth Bailey’s Ambition’:

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