PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The rosary is a devotion in honour of the Virgin Mary. It consists of a set number of specific prayers. The word rosary comes from Latin and means a crown of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. Not only Catholics recite the rosary, many other Christians now say the rosary, recognizing it as a truly biblical form of prayer, after all, the prayers that comprise it come mainly from the Bible.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

We have commenced our planning for classes for 2016. If your child is not returning in 2016, early notification is much appreciated. We have students on waiting lists in some year levels and finding out that a student will not be returning next year at this stage of the term allows us to complete enrolment processes for new students in a timely fashion. If your child is not returning in 2016, please inform the school as soon as possible. This does not apply to our current Year 6 students.

PARENTS & FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION AGM

Our school presents parents with many opportunities to be involved in their child’s education and school. In week 5 the school will be holding the P&F Annual General Meeting. All parents and staff are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting for the Yidarra Parents and Friends’ Association which will be held on Wednesday 11th November 2015 in the Bateman Parish Hall immediately following the Parents and Friends Association meeting that will commence at 7pm.

This week nomination forms will be sent home. All nominations must be submitted on the nomination forms. Forms will also be available from the school office. Nominations close on Friday 6th November 2015. If there are more nominations than positions, voting will then take place on the night of the AGM.

I would encourage all parents to not only attend this event but to be actively involved in the P&F Association. At the end of this year three members of the executive will not be eligible for election, as they have served the maximum term, so I ask that you give serious consideration to nominating for a position on the P&F as either an executive or committee member.

We are reminded of the responsibilities of parents in Catholic Schools by the Bishops of Western Australia:

“As the primary educators of your children, parents have special responsibilities regarding Catholic schools. Chief among them is the responsibility to contribute towards the distinctively Catholic ethos of the school through active participation in its life and practices.”

I would like to thank the loyal and hard working parents who have supported our school by taking on various roles on the P&F this year, particularly our executive members, the president Malcolm Bradshaw, vice president Julie Piscioneri, treasurer Jeremy Cordina and the secretary Lisa Lindner.

God Bless,
Carmel Costin
Principal

COMMUNITY ALERT

We would like to notify members of our school community of a recent safety concern. Around 3:05pm on Wednesday a suspicious person parked outside of the groundsman’s shed. This person went into the groundsman’s shed and when he noticed that the groundsman was in the shed asked if he could charge his phone at a power point. The person was around 1.4 tall, with black hair, of middle eastern appearance and had a moustache. The person behaved as if he was under the influence. When leaving the school grounds in his car this person went against the arrows on the road and almost collided with another vehicle. The car was a blue R8 commodore sedan.

We suspect that the person may have been casing the school and in particular the groundsman’s shed. However, this incident serves as a reminder to lock your car and make sure nothing expensive is left in your vehicle.

Members of our school community are requested to report anything suspicious to the school and the police by calling 131 444 to report an incident to police (and only use 000 in an emergency) or 1800 333 000 to reach Crime Stoppers.
SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

At the last meeting held on the 21st October, 2015 the following items were discussed:

1. 2016 school budget information from the Catholic Education Commission WA outlining the new Government funding allocation model of a ‘base and loadings’ approach.

2. Updating of the school’s MAZE accounting and administration program that will allow all Catholic schools to map their current chart of accounts to the Catholic Education WA standardised chart of accounts.

3. Change of the school accounting from a cash to accrual system as part of the Catholic Education WA move to standardise accounting practices in all Catholic schools across the state.

4. Status of the IT system and resources in the school.

5. The work of the Communications Committee, particularly the promotion of the ‘Principal for a Day’ event and the State League Tag win in the community newspaper. Website and newsletter updates.


7. Promotion of nominations for the 2016 Board.

P&F NEWS

P&F AGM MEETING

The AGM for the P&F will be held on MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER at 7pm in the Parish hall at 7.30pm, as always everyone is welcome!

SCHOOL BANKING ‘HELP NEEDED

Parent Helpers needed Urgently, please contact Marisa on 0417 926 824. Thank you to Chong Ting (Chapman family) for all your valuable assistance you will be missed.

LIBRARY NEWS

‘YIDARRA BOOK FAIR’

The Christmas Book Fair will be held in the library on:

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th November.

Selling sessions are 8-9 am, 12.50-1.20pm & 3-3.30pm on both days.

Volunteer help with selling will be much appreciated.

Please add your name to the roster at the library.

All books sold gain points for new library books.

Cheryl Lopez
Teacher Librarian

2016 YIDARRA 3 YEAR OLD PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

We are now looking at our 3 year old applications for 2016. We will be running our pre-kindergarten program on Thursdays from 8.55am – 2.40pm. Children must be 3 years of age upon commencement.

An application form and enrolment information package may be collected from the Yidarra office between 8am-4pm Mon-Fri, alternatively this information can be downloaded from our website at web.yidarra.wa.edu.au.

Please submit applications to the office as soon as possible.

SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN AT YIDARRA – An application for enrolment form still needs to be lodged at the school, even though you have other children already at Yidarra.
LIBRARY NEWS

Books for Africa
On Wednesday these kind Yidarra parents assisted with the next stage of processing new library books for the school of St Yared. The books have been bought with cash donations or were donated directly by Yidarra parents and other local Catholic schools.

Coffee Ceremony
Our visiting School of St Yared Teachers treated the Yidarra staff to traditional Ethiopian Coffee ceremony.
"HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY"

I am looking for a team of helpers for hair/makeup for the musical and am needing at least 10 parents per night. It is not a huge job and you do not require hair or makeup qualifications!!

I’m hoping that the children will come prepared for the night with their foundation etc already on and then all we’ll need to do is top and tail.

If you can help out that would be great and would make the concert run much more smoothly and plus it’ll be FUN!!!

Please send me an email sarpia9@gmail.com with your details and the night you are able to help. The opposite night to your child’s performance.

BLUE/RED - Thursday 3rd Dec
GREEN - Friday 4th Dec

Kind Regards
PIA Perruzza

PLAY FOR LIFE—TENNIS CLINICS AT YIDARRA

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Tennis programme for Term 4 has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience.

“Knowing the Holy Spirit as Friend”

Welcome back to all Yidarra Mothers and we look forward to seeing you at the “Knowing God even better” sessions!

The next session is titled, “How do we get to know the Holy Spirit as friend?”

We will come to understand how the Holy Spirit is like a precious gift that needs to be unwrapped.

We welcome all parents and grandparents from Yidarra School and Parishioners.

It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship over a cuppa, as well as coming to know this friend more deeply.

Date and Time:
Wednesday 28th October 9.15-10.30am in the St Thomas More Parish hall.

You are welcome to bring your children and some toys. For further information contact Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200 or Carolin on 0432 855 605.

FOUND ITEMS

Black sunglasses
Silver chain with blue cross
Camera
Hand bag small floral design
Reading glasses
Watches
Wallets
Headbands
various keys

PLEASE POP INTO THE OFFICE

JOB VACANCY

Liaison Officer - Parents & Friends Federation of WA

If you’re passionate about helping parents and parent communities in Catholic schools, and if you would enjoy a varied and challenging role, then this may be the job for you!

The position is for 21 hours per week, during school terms. Applications close on the 17 November 2015. The full advert and job description can be found on our website www.pff.wa.edu.au.

Initial enquiries can be directed to Shelley Hill on 0428 740 743 or email pweoff@pff.wa.edu.au.

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FAST FACTS: BACK TO SCHOOL

1. Fitness/Flexi pack: Keep your child fit and healthy with a fitness/flexi pack. The pack contains a variety of exercises and activities designed to help keep your child active.
2. Children’s First Aid: Learn the basics of first aid with our children’s first aid course. This course is suitable for children aged 5-12 and includes topics such as burns, cuts, and sprains.
3. Nutrition: Get your child ready for back to school with our nutrition guide. This guide provides tips on healthy eating and ideas for healthy snacks.
4. Safety: Keep your child safe with our safety guide. This guide includes information on Stranger danger, road safety, and fire safety.
5. Communication: Encourage your child to communicate their thoughts and feelings with our communication guide. This guide includes tips on active listening and empathy.

To find your nearest battery drop off location, visit recyclenight.wa.gov.au.
Spiritual & Faith Formation

The Catholic Institute of WA proudly presents “Galilee – A Spiritual and Faith Formation Program” for teachers and leaders in Catholic Schools! The program is named after the story of the resurrection of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, which states: “Indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him,” (Matt 28:7b). This quote from Matthew highlights the idea of a journey which needs to be taken — to Galilee — the result of which is coming face to face with Jesus, to see him, not only externally but, more in keeping with the program, to see him with the “eyes of the heart,” to quote Saint Benedict.

The goal of Galilee: A Spiritual and Faith Formation Program is to assist in the on-going spiritual and faith formation of leaders and teachers in Catholic schools. In turn, the hope is that they will deepen the spiritual and faith capabilities of the whole school community, especially the students. Galilee can provide schools with a spiritual and faith formation program from which to plan their PD days, benefiting the school community and capitalizing on the use of these pupil-free days. This is very important to the successful adoption of the program because Galilee is not about adding to the already existent load for teachers and leaders. Rather, Galilee saves the time needed for planning the days, and standardises the content across all Catholic schools, without ignoring the unique needs of each school.

All Retreat and PD Day offerings are covered under 6 headings:
1. Introduction to Spirituality and the Desire for the Divine
2. Christian Spirituality: A Pilgrim’s Journey
3. Integrating Faith, Culture and Life
4. Prayer: Being Yourself Before God and Differing Spiritual Pathways
5. Becoming Reflective and Discerning the Movement of the Spirit
6. The Transformative Journey

For further information on the contents of these headings, please contact Margaret Scharf OP.

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Sister Margaret is available to offer retreats and programs to staffs of both primary and secondary schools on a variety of topics which would be covered under the headings mentioned above, and individually styled in order to best suit the needs of your Staff!

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