SEASON OF ADVENT

Many Christian churches in Australia, particularly Catholic churches, celebrate the start of the Advent season this week. Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks leading up to Christmas – the birth of Jesus, so its length varies from 22 to 28 days. Advent candles and wreaths are used in many Christian churches during the Advent season. Advent is a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas in the same way that Lent is in preparation for Easter. The term “Advent” derives from the Latin word adventus, meaning “coming” or “arrival”. It refers to the period immediately before Christmas, during which time one might prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Contrary to popular culture and advertising, Jesus is the meaning of Christmas and God’s gift of love to us. Had that tiny baby not been born in the stable, in poverty and helplessness as God made man, we would not be celebrating Christmas 2000 years later. As we begin this Advent season and prepare for our Christmas celebrations, let us not lose sight of the real reason we have this preparation time and celebration.

INTERSCHOOL CRICKET

Congratulations to our Year 6 students on their recent success at the Inter-school Cricket Day. All students played very well, especially the girl’s A and B teams and the Boy’s B team, who were awarded the division trophy on the day. Thank you to Mr Debowski who coached the teams to success and to Mr Overton who assisted on the day.

NO ASSEMBLY

Please note that there will not be an assembly on Friday 4th December due to the rehearsal for the musical.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester 2 Reports will be available online for parents to access through the parent portal on Friday 11th December from 4pm. The process will be same as was used to access the Semester 1 Reports.

2016 CLASS LISTS

On Monday 7th December from 12:30pm parents will be able to view the 2016 class lists in the SEQTA Parent Portal.

1. Log in to Coneqt.p
2. Navigate to documents
3. Click on ‘Class Lists’

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God Bless,

Carmel Costin

PRINCIPAL
P&F NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you for your orders for Issue #8. All orders closed Monday and we are just waiting on delivery of the books.

As soon as the books arrive they will be delivered to the classroom or the office as requested.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Scholastic Books through Yidarra. This year Yidarra has earned $2053 in rewards from your purchases. Mrs Lopez uses these reward dollars to purchase new books that are available to everyone through the library.

Wishing you all happy reading over the Christmas and holiday break.
Rebekah Ernst and Di Munro

THANK YOU - CLASS REPS 2015

For those wonderful parents who have acted as class representatives this year and missed out on their very small "thankyou" gift at Morning Tea on Thursday, please pop into the office and pick one up.

Thank you for all your work for the school in 2015.

HEALTH NEWS

ALLERGY AWARE

A reminder that there are a number of children in the school with severe food allergies. If you are providing food for a class, please be mindful that we are a "nut aware" school and parents should avoid providing foods that may contain nut products. For some children, even the transfer of nut products on hands can lead to a reaction. If your child has an allergy, then it is suggested that you provide safe alternatives to ensure that all children are included in any celebrations.

Thanking you for your support and care of the children in our school in this way.
TANYA GIOVANNANGELO
Assistant Principal

ABBA MUSICAL INFO

MUSICAL PROMOTION VIDEO

The promotion video and interview with Beth are now on You Tube. Below are the links:
- Beth Interview: https://youtu.be/5_X5MbW6TC0
- Trailer: https://youtu.be/-uxf8nzbzCo

ABBA MUSICAL NOTES & INFO

All notes and information regarding the ABBA Musical will be available on our website: web.yidarra.wa.edu.au under the 'Communications' section.

MON 30 NOV
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TUE 1 DEC
VOLUNTEER NEEDED

WED 2 DEC
MELLENA VETRONE

THU 3 DEC
LIESL ROSE

FRI 4 DEC
MOIRA NELL

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

LOST

Gold & Diamond Stud Earring.

Please send to the office.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Thursday 3 December due to the Musical. Pre-placed orders will still be processed.

LINDA VELETTA
Uniform Shop Coordinator
PE NEWS – INTERSCHOOL CRICKET

The final event on the Interschool CPSSA calendar was the Interschool Cricket. This was held on Tuesday 24 November. Yidarra entered four teams comprising of year 6 students ‘A’ Boys and Girls ‘B’ Boys and Girls.

Up for grabs were four shields for each division. Yidarra once again competed extremely well winning three of the four shields. Yidarra won shields for ‘A’ division girls, ‘B’ division boys and girls.

Congratulations to all players for all your hard work on the day as well as for attending all the early morning training. Well done to Yidarra’s four captains Zachary Jones, Jacob Santaromita, Jessica Rowan and Ella Waddy for taking charge of your respective team.

Great job once again year 6s as your final Yidarra Interschool Carnival was a great success!

‘Your very proud Physical Education teacher’

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jamie D’Mello (3B) who received an outstanding mark on his recent ABRSM piano exam, where he achieved highest category of distinction. In particular, his performance of Ponchielli’s ‘Dance of the Hours’ received high praise from the examiner.

Well done Jamie!
LIBRARY NEWS

Well done to all student and parent borrowers who have returned their books to the library by the due date - 23 November. Borrowing has now finished and all outstanding books need to be returned promptly. During these last few weeks of term Mrs Munro and I will be carrying out our annual library stocktake.

I would like to express my gratitude to all parents who have assisted the library with covering new books at home this year and to those who assisted with sales at our two Book Fairs. I appreciate the small group of parents who assisted with processing the new library books for The School of St Yared in Ethiopia. I am also very grateful to Mrs Rebekah Ernest and Mrs Di Munro for all their hard work in running the Scholastic Book Club so efficiently and enthusiastically. Orders to Book Club in 2015 have resulted in about $1000 of free books for our library, class libraries and as Teacher Resources. This is a wonderful contribution. Thank you very much.

Over the summer holidays please encourage your children to keep reading regularly. Buy them books for Christmas or borrow from friends and relatives. Read with and to your children and talk about what you read. You may like to take advantage of your local public library as a source of books and movies as well as a place for children's holiday activities.

Over the next few months please keep your eye open for any Yidarra Library books or class reading books which may have slipped through the net and are hiding under beds, couches or on book shelves in your home. These valuable school resources can be returned in the library slot when school begins in February.

Finally, Mrs Catherine Munro and I would like to wish all Yidarra families a Happy and Holy Christmas and a safe and pleasant holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2016.

CHERYL LOPEZ
Teacher Librarian

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH - CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

We would like to invite children from Yidarra who would like to participate in the children’s Nativity to register at the Church foyer. This will take place at the Christmas Eve Outdoor Children’s Christmas Mass on Thursday 24 December at 6:30pm. The practices for the nativity will be on Saturday 19 December at 1:00pm and Wednesday 23 December at 10:00 am.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

A big SVDP thank you!

Thanks to all of you who contributed to our St Vincent De Paul Hampers this year.

We sent a whopping sixteen hampers!

Your generosity is overwhelming and will be greatly appreciated by those in need in our community this Christmas.

TANYA GIOVANNANGELO
Assistant Principal