PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA DECLARED A SAINT
Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a nun who dedicated her life to helping the poor, has been made a saint of the Roman Catholic Church. Saints, broadly speaking, are all people who follow Jesus Christ and live their lives according to His teaching.

Mother Teresa, who was born Agnese Gonxha Bojaxhiu of Albanian parents in 1910 became an international figure. She founded the Missionaries of Charity with about a dozen nuns in the 1950s to help the poor on the streets of Calcutta. The religious order spread throughout the world and she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

Mother Teresa was the epitome of compassion, love and mercy. Her saintly life will continue to inspire us.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Congratulations to our students who attended the Interschool Cross Country Carnival. Yidarra was placed 3rd overall in the competition out of a field of nine schools, which is an impressive result. We are proud of our students who represented our school and for the excellent sportsmanship they displayed on the day. Thank you to Mr Debowski who trained the students, Ms Regan and Mr Muto who accompanied the students and the sport captains.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM
Our Year 3 students will be commencing their Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation Program by attending a Commitment mass in the parish this weekend. This will be followed by the students and parents participating in a Parent and Child Workshop at Corpus Christi College on Thursday 15th September, commencing at 6:30pm. Please keep our Year 3 students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your prayers.

KINDY & PREPRIMARY PARKING AREA
Parents are reminded to not park on the orange areas in this carpark as it makes it difficult for drivers to reverse out of the marked parking bays. Also some parents are double parking and queuing at the entrance to the carpark which makes it hard for cars to exit this parking area and turn out into Marsengo Road. Please do not block this exit. Thank you for your assistance with this safety matter.

LEARNING JOURNEY EVENING
An important reminder that our Learning Journeys are being held on Monday 12th September between 3.30pm and 6.00pm. As the Learning Journey Night does not commence until 3:30pm parents are welcome to bring along afternoon tea for a picnic on the oval with their children.

At least one parent or guardian from each family is expected to attend, so that your child has a special opportunity to be affirmed by you and to articulate what they have been learning in class. Your presence, positive attitude and thoughtful questioning are visible signs to your child that you value their education, that you celebrate the growth they are making and that you are proud of their achievements so far.

Thank you for supporting your child’s learning journey and see you all next Monday!

May God bless your week,

Carmel Costin
Principal

STARS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations!!!
Erin M 1B
Jackson C 4G

REFLECTION
“INTENSE LOVE DOES NOT MEASURE IT GIVES”
ST TERESA of CALCUTTA

Yidarra Learning Journey
Monday, 12 Sep 2016 3.30 to 6pm
See page #3 for more details

MERCY WEEK CELEBRATIONS
Week 10 – Term 3
The last week of school this term marks our celebration of our foundations and the important role the Mercy sisters played in establishing Yidarra thirty-one years ago.

We have a number of events planned for this week as below. Parents are invited to join us on the Monday afternoon to hear our amazing choir perform their Performing Arts songs and for the distribution of certificates. We have three acknowledged in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival this year. On Thursday we have our Whole School Mass, run by the Year 5s, followed by a Morning Tea for all parent and visitors in the hall.

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We look forward to you joining in our celebrations of our Mercy heritage and the successful term.

Tanya Giovannangelo
Assistant Principal

Yidarra Catholic Primary School
TERM 3 - WEEK 9 – MON 12 SEPTEMBER 2016
P&F NEWS

P&F MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 September in the Library at 7.30pm. As always everyone is welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK RETURNS
A book was distributed to each family in May this year. There are still several outstanding books. If you have one, please RETURN or PURCHASE your Entertainment book to the office.

CAR PARK RAFFLE DRAWN THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER - TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE
Hurry don’t forget your raffle ticket entries, this will be drawn on 22 September at the Parent morning tea after the Mercy Day Mass. If you need an order form go to page #6 for your printable copy.

THERMOMIX RAFFLE DRAWN FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

DISCO - FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER - PARISH HALL
Orders have closed - see flyer for session times for each year level on page #4.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 6 has been delivered Friday, 9 September.

LIBRARY NEWS

Operation Christmas Child
Many people agree that Australia is a wonderful country to live in and we are blessed with an abundant lifestyle. It is easy for our children to take their fortunate lives for granted. Operation Christmas Child gives families a chance to consider others and share their time and treasure.

Operation Christmas Child is part of an international Christian aid program. The aim is to provide a gift for a child living in third world conditions such as Cambodia or Thailand. It’s easy to take part.

This is what you do:
1. get an empty shoebox (no bigger than A4) some are available in the library
2. choose the age of the boy or girl to receive the gift
3. cover the box with wrapping paper or contact
4. fill the box with new, age appropriate small gifts such as- clothes, stationery items, hygiene items, toys, a soft toy and a carry bag.
5. complete the donation form and include $9 to assist with transport costs
6. deliver the box to the library by Friday 14 October 2016.

For more information pick up a brochure from the library, ask Mrs Lopez or go online at operationchristmaschild.org.au

CHERYL LOPEZ
Teacher Librarian

PE NEWS

Interschool Cross Country Results - Yidarra 3rd Place Overall
Individual Winners
1st Place - Jay F 5
2nd Place - Jack C
2nd Place - Sienna F 4
3rd Place - Isabella C 6

Perfect day, weather was sensational for cross country and the atmosphere was energizing. There were thrills and spills, competitors even threw themselves over the finish line, only to recover and congratulate other runners, real team effort, Well done to all the Cross Country Team!

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Due to increased pricing from our supplier, prices of some uniform stock will rise starting Week 1, Term 4 2016.

Order forms can be downloaded from the Yidarra website.

Linda Veletta, Uniform Shop Manager
SHARE YOUR CHILD/REN’S....

Dear Parents/Guardians...

Each family is asked to come along in Week 9 of this term on Monday 12th September, between 3.30pm and 6.00pm, to spend time with your child/ren as they take you on a tour of some of the learning experiences and opportunities that they have been engaged in this year.

At least one parent or guardian from each family should attend, so that each child has a special opportunity to be affirmed and to explain what they have been learning in class. Your presence, positive attitude and thoughtful questioning are visible signs to your child that you value their education, that you celebrate the growth they are making and that you are proud of their achievements so far.

If younger siblings are present, parents are asked to please carefully supervise them. Older siblings may also need reminding to be respectful when it is their brother or sister’s turn to take their parent on the learning journey. Please prepare your children with your expectations ahead of time about the importance of this night for each child.

Take time to talk with your child, asking them about various activities, praising them for effort, good ideas, skill development and achievements. If you see room for improvement, ask your child how they think they can improve first, before offering your suggestions. Keep your feedback to the point and positive.

Parents are asked to remember that this is time for you and your child, not time for impromptu parent/teacher meetings or catch ups with other parents. If you wish to discuss aspects of your child’s progress with the classroom teacher, please book another time to meet via email.

The Undercover Area, Music Room, Library and Atriums are other spaces with displays that show various aspects of our teaching and learning programs at Yidarra.

At the end of your journey you and your child will complete a “Reflecting on the Journey” sheet. It means a lot for a child to have positive affirmations from their parent, and it provides us with feedback and a record of your child’s learning. PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMPLETE THIS SHEET BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE CLASSROOM.

Kindest regards,

Carmel Costin & all the YIDARRA Staff

Yidarra Tennis
Before School Tennis Lessons with Pop Tennis
Term 4 2016 Wednesday’s Yrs 1-3 & Thursdays Yrs 4-6
7.45-8.30am Cost $150/child for 8 weeks.
For more info and enrolments email Glen info@poptennis.com.au or 0433 340 646
YIDARRA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Disco Celebration

Friday 16th September
Bateman Parish hall

All students are invited to
'Dance the night away and sing'!

4:30 to 5:30    K to PP
5:45 to 7:15    Years 1 to 3
7:30 to 9:30    Years 4 to 6

Tickets
$5.00 - Entry and drink
Or
$7.00 - Entry, drink and pizza

There will also be lollies, chips and drinks for sale!
TIM WINTON AWARD ENTRY - TOP 10

Congratulations to Jamie D story was in the Top 10 for the state Tim Winton Writing competition.

Fantastic Effort!

I hope you enjoy his wonderful story below:

JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

DAY 1

My name is Raheem Jaffer. I am nine years old with no brothers or sisters. Daya and Baba gave me this diary to record my friendships and experiences. Here I sit in Erbil International Airport waiting for Garuda Airlines to pick us up. Baba is at war and Daya and I try to seek a better life in a country called Australia. My heart was pounding with nervousness. “Was Baba okay?” I wondered as nearby explosions filled my ears. Tears filled my eyes as I thought of my best friend Azad who I would never see again.

I pestered Daya with questions about Australia, such as: What language do they speak? Do they play football? Until she burst out “THAT’S ENOUGH!” Finally, the plane is here and I will rest.

DAY 2

We have reached Jakarta Airport and Daya says we have to go to the man with a sign bearing our surname “Jaffer”.

“There he is!” exclaimed Daya. We went over and he greeted us warmly. His name is Setya Lise and he paired us up with another family. We were bundled into a black van with no windows.

“What’s your name?” I asked the other family’s kid.

“Malik Azziz” he replied proudly.

What seemed like hours later, we arrived at our destination. We stepped out of the van and made our way toward a house in a forest. Once we were inside, I collapsed on the ripped couch and fell asleep.

DAY 3

I forgot to describe the house as I was very tired. It is poorly lit with plaster peeling off the dusty walls. There are three small rooms with one bathroom to share. The living room has one ripped plastic couch and a littered, patched carpet. Outside there are many trees, long grass and poorly grown plants.

Malik and I went exploring and found that we were accompanied by insects, rats and snakes. The rain smelt beautiful and dewdrops dripped steadily. I felt a cricket hop up my leg which I swatted away instantly. The house is in the middle of a forest which blocks out noises from the main city of Jakarta.

The Dayas didn’t come with us as they were cooking a simple meal. That night I prayed to Allah that Baba is okay. Daya did too.

DAY 4

Today we explored a bit more of the forest and found some food crops. We went to look for dama and eventually found one called the Negara Dam. At the back of my mind I still think about Baba and Azad back in Iraq. Well, at least I have Malik to keep me company.

That night we ate rabbit stew with a few black vegetables made by the Dayas. After dinner I played with Malik who is now a good friend. He is a skinny runt with ink-black hair, iron-grey eyes and a mouth quick to smile. Every night we sit by candle light and pray to Allah.

DAY 5

We picked some fruit which we ate like a pack of wolves. We also found a harmless snake and named it Mar which means snake. The dam was empty so we collected nectar. We did the same things as yesterday so I have nothing to write about.

DAY 6

I found out more about Malik. He is also Kurdish and his dad is at war too. He is nine years old like me and has an older brother at war. We played with sticks and pretended to be soldiers at war. The thought of war reminded me of Baba.

It started to rain and we hurried indoors. Inside we found a patched, incomplete pack of cards. We sat on the tattered carpet and made a house of cards.

“Come for some bread”, Daya yelled. The thought of having stale bread A4ATN makes my stomach turn.

After dinner Setya came to say that we were leaving tomorrow. The Dayas started chattering loudly. The moment Setya stepped out of the house, Daya forced me to pack a small backpack.

DAY 7

At 5 o’clock in the morning, we heard Setya’s car pull up on the mud track outside our house. We grabbed our backpacks and rushed outside. We clambered into the same black van and he whisked us off to the harbour. Once we were at the harbour, we hopped into one of the four fishing boats.

“Will this boat be taking us to Australia?” Malik asked.

“Not sure my friend”, I replied.

After about one hour (I think) we arrived at a bigger boat which would be taking us to Australia. We had to remain there overnight. We were crammed like sardines, elbow to elbow with men, women and children. The word odour of ginger, after-shave, body odour and unfortunately pee, forced itself up my nose. Small babies were crying and the Dayas did their best to try and soothe them.

DAY 8

The boat creaked as we started to leave for Australia. It was sometime at night when we left. The silence was filled with whispers, then murmuring, then loud chattering. It was so dark, I could only see the shapes of people.

After a couple of hours, just as dawn broke, we ate an unappetising bowl of noodles for breakfast. The rays of the rising sun seemed to create a pathway to Australia. I wanted to enjoy the morning light but Daya forced me to update my diary. Once I finished, I ducked through a tangled of umas and legs to talk to Malik who was somewhere in the boat.

A short while later, we approached land and refugees started talking excitedly. The seas was rough and choppy with three metre waves smashing on the boat. I felt a puddle of water gather around my feet.

The water grew deeper and deeper until I was ankle deep in water. Then I heard a sharp “CRACK”. Malik and I ran to Daya.

“Daya,” I screamed, “I think we’re sinking”.

Many of the other refugees started shouting at the top of their voices. Daya pulsed me in close and held me tightly. I watched in horror as the other part of the bow broken boat was picked up by the waves and slammed against the sharp rocks.

The screaming refugees were thrown in all different directions. The other half, which Daya and I were on, crammed again. I tried to grab on to something but found myself thrown into freezing cold water. I thought of Baba as a wave forced me under. I swam upwards, desperate to get rid of the burning sensation in my lungs. I got a breath of air and my heart felt like it was going to burst out of my chest.

A voice called out to me and men in an inflatable of some sort hauled me out of the water. I was surrounded by men in navy blue suits.

“MALIK,” I screamed. No use. My good friend was gone. I felt an arm around me, it was Daya! She was saved. I buried my face into her body and wept and wept.

“It’s okay son” said one man.

As we were loaded off the inflatable, I saw the ghost of Malik. He said, “Raheem, I will always be with you in spirit”.

The sound of sobbing and screaming filled my ears. I wondered what the others were experiencing. Dead bodies were strewn across the rocks and being carried away by powerful currents. The day had ended in disaster.

EPilogue

We have now been in a detention centre for two weeks. The detention centre is on an island called Christmas Island. We are not allowed to mix with the islanders. My journey to freedom has ended in a prison.

THE END
YIDARRA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

P&F
Car Park Raffle
Term 4 2016

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 2016 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 THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2016 during the Parent Morning Tea.

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 4, 2016 & your eldest child’s name & class to the office by Monday 19 September 2016.

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