We wish all members of our Yidarra community a holy Christmas filled with love, peace and joy.

As we come to the end of the 2016 academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to a number of people for their hard work and support this year.

2016 has been a productive and successful year for the members of our school community. We are very fortunate to be blessed with a supportive community of staff, parents and parish members who are dedicated to working together so that we can offer the children the best opportunities for learning. I thank all our parents for their commitment to our school and for their crucial support through our home school partnership. Our volunteer workers in the canteen, library, classrooms and sports carnivals, to mention just a few areas, have all demonstrated commitment to our school through their work and enthusiasm. Without this support we would not be able to accomplish all that we do achieve with our children.

In particular, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Parent and Friends’ Association as well as our parent class coordinators, for their hard work to ensure that our events were first and foremost aimed at gathering our people.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the School Board members who have ensured once again that the school finances and strategic directions remain well managed and secure.

The strength and vitality of any school rests with its staff. Whether they operate in the classrooms, in the grounds, canteen, uniform shop, library or office, all contribute their skills to advancing the education and well-being of our students. I thank each and every one of them for giving their time and energy to enriching the lives of others. In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to the Assistant Principals, Sally Hart and Tanya Giovannangelo, for their personal support and outstanding work in our school.

FAREWELL

This year we farewell a small number of staff. Mrs Maria Turner and Mrs Sally Hart will be leaving Yidarra at the end of this year. Both have been at Yidarra for twelve years and we thank them for the significant contribution they have made to our school community. I am sure the entire School community joins with me in wishing these wonderful educators, God’s richest blessing for the future.

Mr Owen Connolly will be taking up a 12-month secondment at another Catholic school. We wish him well and look forward to his return to Yidarra in 2018.

We also farewell our Year 6 students as they leave to further their education at various secondary schools. As leaders they have been a helpful group, always keen to assist. They have contributed greatly, leading assemblies, assisting with our carnivals and working with all students through the Peer Support Program. We wish them every success for the future and hope they take many happy memories with them of their time at Yidarra.

To the students and families who will be moving to other places and schools we wish you the very best for the future and thank you for being a part of our Yidarra family.

As our year draws to a close I congratulate our students, staff and parents on another very successful year of living our vision of growing, shining and becoming like Jesus at Yidarra Catholic Primary School. We look forward to your safe return next year when school recommences on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

God Bless

Carmel Costin
Principal
Dear Parents and Other Members of the Yidarra School Community,

The Board of Yidarra seeks competent and dedicated people to serve on it.

Parents and others who have an interest in the welfare of the students and staff and are eager to promote Catholic schooling may seek membership of the Yidarra School Board as a means of giving valuable service to the school community. Though all Board members should bring to the Board their own contribution to its work, the most important skill required is the ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board. Board members must, of course, be willing and able to give their time to Board duties.

The Board invites you to attend the Annual School Community Meeting in the undercover area on WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2017 at 6.30PM when elections will take place. A report will also be given at that meeting on the Board’s activities during the past year and on the proposed budget for the school in 2017.

To nominate, please complete the form below, mark it for the attention of the Principal and return it as soon as possible. Nominations close on FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2017.

The opportunity for you to participate in the elections is provided by the “Constitution for Catholic School Boards in WA”. Should you wish to read the “Constitution” a copy may be obtained from the Principal, Ms Carmel Costin.

The Board invites you to nominate yourself for election if you feel that you would be prepared to serve the community as a Board member. Nominees are invited to make a short presentation in support of their nomination at the meeting.

CRAIG DOWSETT
Chairperson
Yidarra School Board

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD SHALL BE:
1. Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board.
2. Deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff.
3. Desire to give service to the Catholic School Community.
4. Keenness to promote Catholic schooling.
5. Ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board and
6. Sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

------------------------------- NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2017 -------------------------------

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION FORM 2017
I have read the letter of invitation and wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the School Board.

NAME: ____________________________  STUDENTS AT YIDARRA (If applicable):

ADDRESS: ____________________________  Name: ____________ Class: ___2016

PHONE: ____________________________  ________  ___2016

SIGNATURE: ____________________________  DATE: ____________________________
**P&F NEWS**

**CAR PARK RAFFLE TERM 1 2017 WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following winners:
- Kindy-PP Bay - BENINO FAMILY
- Year 1-6 Bay - LINDNER FAMILY

**SCHOOL BANKING - RAFFLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to:
- Liam C (brother of Keira C PB)
- Sophie C PB

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES 2017**

The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday, 25 January from 11-1pm and the first day of school Wednesday, 1 February from 8-9am.

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**IN - TERM SWIMMING PROGRAM**

As parents are aware one of the In-Term Swimming days were cancelled due to the Melville Aquatic Centre experiencing problems on the day. Unfortunately, the In-Term swimming instructors are fully booked for the year and are unable to conduct a make-up lesson so they have refunded the lesson money for the missed day. The school has put this money towards the 2017 In-Term Swimming Program so the swimming fees for years 2 - 5 will be reduced next year as shown on the 2017 Fees Schedule. The current Year 5 student’s fees will be credited to their Year 6 Camp fees.

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**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE OUTDOOR MASS NATIVITY**

It is time again for us to prepare for the Children’s Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass at St Thomas More Parish. We encourage all Primary School aged children, who would like to participate in the Nativity to register at the Church foyer.

The Children’s Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass is on Saturday, 24th December at 6:30pm.

The practices for the nativity will be on Saturday, 17 December at 2:00pm and Friday, 23 December at 10:00 am.

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**KINGFISHER NEWSPAPER NEWSAGENCY, BULLCREEK**

Thanks to Vince & Christina Russo, of our local Kingfisher Newsagency in Parry Avenue Bullcreek, for their ongoing support of Yidarra and their ‘Back to School’ rebate cheques, which are used to purchase learning resources for the school. A reminder that our booklists may be filled by Campion Education, or an alternate provider of your choice. Kingfisher Newsagency is able to provide all items on our list if you choose to use their service. Please check out the links at their website: [http://www.kingfishernews.com.au/](http://www.kingfishernews.com.au/)

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Mrs Linda Lai on her recent travels to Queensland to receive the WA Finance Broker of the Year Award. Well done on this amazing achievement!

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**LEEMING DENTAL**

We will be closed for the school holidays from Friday 16 December 2016 - Tuesday 31 January 2017.

In a DENTAL EMERGENCY ONLY please contact the following clinics:
- 5-20 Dec , 8am-4pm phone: Caralee DTC on: 9337 6818
- 21 Dec-20 Jan, 8:15am-430pm phone Mt Henry DTC on: 9313 0552
- 23 Dec-27 Jan, 8am-4pm phone Beaconsfield DTC on: 9335 8758
- 30 & 31 Jan, 8am-4pm phone Caralee DTC on: 9337 6818

For after hours EMERGENCIES please phone: 9325 3452.

We will re-open Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 8:15 am.
LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the generous volunteers who assisted with this year’s library stocktake. Your assistance made an onerous task a little easier.

Many families are still have overdue library books, library bags and reading books. When you find them over the next few days please take them to the office promptly so they can be returned to the library.

Thank you to families who have responded to emailed invoices for lost and damaged books. Payments can be made at the office.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peace-filled New Year. Students, remember to keep reading 20 minutes every day over the holidays. See you all in 2017.

CHERYL LOPEZ
Teacher Librarian
Dear Mums, Dads, Guardians & Gran,

It is once again time to ask you to volunteer your help in the Canteen. Apart from the obvious joy your child gets when you are there and a fun and informal way of meeting other parents, you are making a valuable contribution to the school. Also this year we are open 5 days a week.

- The work is general basic sorting of orders, packing, serving and preparation of sandwiches and other food.
- Please choose the day and time that suits you. If you are unable to commit to a set roster but would like to help, please tick the “EMERGENCY BASIS ONLY” or see me as I can roster you on a day that suits you when I require extra staff.
- To run efficiently and give good service to your children at reasonable prices, the Canteen requires your help. What you get out of it is morning tea, lunch and a big thank you at the end of the day. Also the opportunity to meet new parents, learn new things and offer new ideas. All children of the volunteers will receive a FREE ICE-CREAM as a thank you.
- All Mums, Dads, Guardians and Gran are most welcome!
- Kindy and Pre-Primary parents are most welcome to help out for as little or as much time as they can spare – just note the times on the form below (OR POP IN WHENEVER YOU CAN, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY FOR HALF AN HOUR). Please feel free to come in with another mum from your child/children’s class.
- Under the Occupational, Health & Safety Act, children are not permitted in the Canteen.

There are several options below, so please sign up for as little or as much time as you can give. As we are often shorthanded, all help is appreciated and the more volunteers, the lighter the load and the better the service we can give to the children.

Thank you for your generous support.

JO COURT - Canteen Manager

Please feel free to phone or come and see me if you have any queries. The direct number to the canteen is 6332 2520 or email: cafeteria@corpus.wa.edu.au. However, please refrain from contacting me during the lunch-time msh - 12.30pm-1.20pm.

YIDARRA CANTEEN HELPERS REQUEST 2017

| Full Name: ____________________________ |
| Phone: (H)________________ (W)____________ (MOB)__________ |
| Email: _______________________________ |
| Eldest Child’s full name and class 2017: __________________________ Class: ________ |
| All Children’s Classes at Yidarra in 2017: __________________________ |

I give permission for my name and phone number/s to be distributed to all other persons on the Canteen Roster for the purpose of finding a replacement if a volunteer is unable to help on their rostered day.

**YES □ NO □**

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

| Term 1: | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | 8.40-1.30 | 8.40-11 | No of days per term:__ |
| Term 2: | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | 8.40-1.30 | 8.40-11 | No of days per term:__ |
| Term 3: | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | 8.40-1.30 | 8.40-11 | No of days per term:__ |
| Term 4: | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | 8.40-1.30 | 8.40-11 | No of days per term:__ |
| OTHER: (Different times etc): ________________________________ | \[ | EMERGENCY ONLY: □ \]