PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parents are reminded that the school will be closing at 12:40pm on Monday 4th April for par-
tent teacher interviews. Parents are requested not to park in the drive through areas be-
tween 12:40pm and 1:00pm as parents will be picking up their children in the drive through areas at
that time.

Parenting expert, Michael Grose, believes that parent-teacher interviews provide a
great opportunity for you as a parent to find out how your child is progressing
at school. Although, parent-teacher interviews are tightly scheduled and can seem
a little rushed, teachers are highly organised so they can make the most of the

Grose suggests the following guidelines to make the most of these interviews:

1. Prepare well. Before the interview, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep
questions short and to the point.

2. Attend with a partner or friend, particularly if you are nervous or unsure. It is
easy to miss a point and often difficult to relay information to a partner.

3. Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child’s progress. This may
seem obvious but some interviews never get off the ground because enthusiastic par-
takes take over.

4. Take notes and clarify information that you don’t understand. “What do you mean
by he needs to spend more time reading...?” Make sure you have a good understanding
of the messages your child’s teacher is giving.

5. Be prepared to give an assessment of your child’s performance. You may be asked
how you think your child is performing so give an honest, but realistic assessment.

6. Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strength-
ened. No doubt your child’s teacher will have some strategies for you to assist your
child, so make sure you have a clear understanding before you leave. If there are unres-
solved issues or you wish to discuss your child’s difficulties in greater detail, consider
asking for another interview. This is being respectful of the teacher’s time and of
those parents who are to follow.

7. Once the interview is over consider how you will discuss it with your child.
Avoid giving generalisations or simplistic appraisals such as: “The teacher says you are a
good girl.” Discuss areas that need work in positive terms. Talk about strengths or suc-
sesses first before discussing areas that may need more work. A clear message such
as: “We talked about your reading and the teacher suggested that we should try... is
far more helpful. Involve your child in discussing any plans for improvement. Avoid mak-
ing big plans for your child to improve in a subject area without consulting him or her.

By involving children and taking notice of their ideas plans are more likely to be suc-
cessful.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
All parents are invited to attend the Interschool swimming Carnival to support our interschool
swimming squad. Our students have been training hard before school and we wish them every
close success as they challenge themselves in the pool on the day. This event will be held at Rocking-
ham Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 5th April 2016 between 9.40am – 2.15pm. Events on the day
include 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 4 x 50m Medley
relay, 50m Backstroke, 4 x 50m Freestyle relay. Go Yidarra!

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Parents are reminded that all students are to wear their full winter uniform when they return
to school in Term 2. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for the correct attire of the winter
uniform, if you need clarification.

NATURE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE
The school is interested in developing nature play areas for our students. If you have experience in this area or an interest in assisting in the development of
nature play areas in our school and wish to be on the Nature Play Committee
please email or leave your contact details with the school office.

TERM DATES
The last day of Term 1 for students will be Thursday 7th April. Students will
return to school in Term 2 on Tuesday 26th April.

God bless.
Carmel Costin
Principal

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ICAS assessments will not be conducted this year.

If you have any questions, please email our Assistant Principal, Tanya Giovannangelo at:
Giovannangelo.tanya@yidarra.wa.edu.au

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CATHOLIC EASTER PRAYER

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to
undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.
Amen.

Source: New Saint Joseph People’s Prayer Book
P&F NEWS

P&F MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 April in the Library at 7.30pm. As always everyone is welcome!

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK IS BACK!!
See page 4 for more details.

CAR PARK RAFFLE TERM 2 2016
Sales are on again! See page 5 for tickets & details.

FOOTY TIPPING

ROUND 1 RESULTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION
This week Ben Grant was the overall winner with 9 correct tips! Very impressive for the first round Ben.

The winners per category:
- Kindy-Year 2 - Jemma G (1B) $15
- Year 3-6 - Bianca B (5G) $15
- Adult - Ben Grant $20

There are a few registered and paid tippers that don't show in the 2016 Yidarra AFL Footy Tipping comp on www.footytips.com.au:
- Jessica Y 5B
- Zac B 5B
- Tiana C 5B
- Jason Connor
- Keira C PB

Please join our comp with the password Fyfe (otherwise I can’t see how you have tipped if you don’t join the comp) so you can be in the running for the weekly and end of season prize money.

We had a few more enter just before the first bounce. Our number are now 94 confirmed tippers. 26 in the Kindy to Year 2 category, 26 in the Year 3 to 6 and 42 in the Year 7 to Adult category. As a result, I have created a 4th place winner for the adult category of $25 and increased the P&F donation.

With the $2300 received in entry fees, $1960 was allocated to prize money and $340 as a donation to the Yidarra P&F Association.

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LIBRARY NEWS

CHARITY BOOK SALE
Students are invited to come to the Library for the book sale during lunch time on Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 April.

There are heaps of old library books and other bargains on sale.

Bring in your loose change, books are 50 cents each. All proceeds will be donated to the Yidarra Library & The School of St Yared.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

WINTER UNIFORM ORDER PICK UP
The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 7 April between 1.30-3.45pm for collections of pre-ordered winter uniforms.
PE NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING TRAINING

Congratulations to all those students that have attended the early morning training sessions. It has been wonderful to see nearly all the squad at every training session. Thank you to all parents for your support by transporting students to the training sessions. A special thank you to Mrs Santaromita for making muffins for all the swimmers.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Interschool swimming carnival will be held this week on Tuesday 5 April at Rockingham Aquatic Centre. A team of 38 swimmers will represent Yidarra led by Yidarra’s three swimming captains Ethan Dawson, Mairead Carrabba and Jasmyne Browne. Please ensure students in the team arrive at Yidarra by 8.15am with all their requirements for the day including their green sports shirt. Good luck to all swimmers involved! I know that we will do well.

ROB DEBOWSKI
PE Teacher

CHOIR NEWS

Apologies to our parents and students for the break in choir rehearsals this term. Please note that there will be rehearsals next week. The details are as follows:

- Tuesday 8.20am – Junior Choir
- Wednesday 8.20am – Senior Choir

Many thanks for your understanding.

NATASHA STOKES
Music & Drama Teacher

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2016

The National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students are expected to participate in the testing. They will be assessed in language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing, reading and numeracy.

What will be tested?

The content of each test is informed by the Australian Curriculum (English and Mathematics).

Language Conventions: students identify and correct spelling errors and answer questions on aspects of grammar and punctuation.

Writing: students write a test response to a given stimulus. They are assessed on their ability to organize ideas, structure a text and use correct spelling and punctuation.

Reading: students answer a number of short text and answer questions on understanding of the text.


The NAPLAN tests are designed to complement the regular assessments made by teachers throughout the year.

What are the benefits of a national test?

The tests provide a snapshot of a student’s achievement in comparison to all students of similar age across the country. They assist teachers to better identify students who require additional support or enrichment. Students and parents can use individual results to discuss achievement with teachers. The tests allow the progress of each student to be monitored over time.

The results support schools to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs. State and territory departments of education gain information to help them evaluate programs and allocate resources.

Who administers the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or the principal.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Wherever possible, schools will organize another time between 10–13 May for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missing tests. Students are not permitted to sit tests before or after these dates. Students who are travelling within Australia during the testing week may be able to arrange to sit the test at a local school. For more information contact the principal of your school.

Can I help my child prepare for the tests?

The provision of comprehensive teaching and learning programs is the best preparation a school can provide for its students. Schools will ensure students are familiar with the format, language, response types and times constraints of the tests.

Sample questions can be accessed at nap.edu.au/naplan/nl-tests.html on the national NAPLAN website.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

What additional support can schools provide to enable students to participate?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN. Students with disability or who have a temporary injury will be provided with assistance during the tests as specified in the National Protocol for Test Administration.

Formal extensions may be granted for students with disability, or who have recently arrived in Australia and are from a non-English-speaking background.

Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, you must sign a parent or guardian consent form. Please contact your school principal for more information.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?

Your child’s NAPLAN report will be issued through your school in mid-August. The report will be accompanied by an information brochure. All students’ individual results are strictly confidential.

If you have not received your child’s report, please contact the school.

Where can I get more information?

You can get more information on the NAPLAN testing procedure by:
- contacting your child’s school
- accessing the NAPLAN website and the My School website
- accessing the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website
- phoning the office of your child’s school or system
- Public Schools (including FTS: 4424 8401)
- Catholic Schools: 6380 3302
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2016 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Literacy and Numeracy

When will the tests be held?

The tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May 2016. All schools across Australia must complete the tests on the same days. The times shown below are student working times. Additional time is allocated for instructions.

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Pre-Purchase before 4th May 2017 to receive Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away! (Subject to availability)
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, 7 April 2016 (winners will be notified on the day)

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 2, 2016 & your eldest child’s name & class to the office by Wednesday, 6 April 2016.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SOUL FOOD FOR PARENTS

Upcoming short courses from the Centre for Faith Enrichment include:

- **Grace-filled Parenting** (Thursday mornings, Doubleview)
- **Dive Deeper: Exploring Faith** (Wednesday lunchtime, online)
- **Exploring the Mass** (Wednesday nights, Como) - and many more!

To see the full range of what’s on offer, visit www.cfe.org.au. ALL are welcome (you don’t have to be Catholic!), there are no exams or assignments, and courses are presented in a relaxed and friendly environment.

LEEMING DENTIST SCHOOL

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

In a DENTAL EMERGENCY please phone the following clinics:

- **Monday 11 April - Friday 15 April, 8am-4pm, please phone Caralee DTC on: 9337 6818**
- **Monday 18 April - Friday 22 April, 8am-4pm, please phone Beaconsfield DTC on: 9335 8758**

For afterhours Emergencies please phone: 9325 3452

We will re-open Tuesday 26 April at 8:15am.

Leeming Dental Therapy Centre 1 Dental Health Services
C/- Leeming Primary School, Meharry Road, Leeming, WA, 6149.
Ph: 9332 3194
LeemingDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au

TRAINING

CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**CALL TO ACTION**

**Anglicare WA invites you to attend a workshop on**

**CREATING CHILD SAFE, CHILD FRIENDLY ORGANISATIONS: Can Sexual Abuse Be “Designed Out”?**

**PRESENTED BY: PROFESSOR STEPHEN SMALLMAN**

**Date:** 29 May 2023
**Time:** 9.30am – 12.30pm
**Location:** Trigg Automotive, 1029 John Forrest Drive, Trigg

**What will I learn?**

The day will focus on:

- Understanding how, why, where, and why sexual abuse occurs
- Place-based/butrition approaches to preventing sexual abuse, particularly in institutional settings

**Is this workshop right for me?**

This workshop is suitable for professionals and non-professionals who work with or engage in activities with children, young people and vulnerable people in child serving organisations, community based organisations and educational settings.

The workshop is also suitable for policy makers, managers, directors, human resource workers and board members of child serving organisations, community based organisations and places of education.

**By the end of this workshop you will have:***

- Knowledge of the principles and practices of social environments, the settings in which they occur, and the settings in which they are valued.
- A conceptual framework that takes account of the interaction between offenders, victims, and settings.
- Knowledge of how to apply structural prevention principles within an organisation.

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