CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 students who received their leadership badges last week. At Yidarra we believe that leadership can be explicitly taught and cultivated in our students. The purpose of the Student Leadership program at Yidarra is to provide an opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and to offer a means of service to the school. In cooperation with their staff advisers, the students will seek positive ways of enhancing leadership, initiative and responsibility within the school. By upholding the religious, social and educational ideals as outlined in the school vision statement, the Year 6 students will support the members of our school community in their educational objectives. I hope that the Year 6 students will wear their badges with pride this year and that it will be a constant reminder of the responsibility that goes with being a senior student in our school.

BOARD 2016

I would like to thank the members of our community who attended the Board AGM. During the AGM new members were elected to the Board. The Board executive will be elected at the first Board meeting at the end of this month. I would like to express my appreciation to the following people for giving so generously of their time to serve the Yidarra School community as a member of the 2016 Board:

- Craig Dowsett – Board member
- Ryan Menezes – Board member
- Julia Daker – Board member
- Paul Cmrlec – Board Member
- Fiona Chow – Board member
- Michael Chong – Parish Council nominee
- TBA – P & F nominee
- Fr Phong – Ex officio member
- Carmel Costin – Ex officio member

PARENT AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION MEETING

Parents are reminded to note in their diaries that the first P&F Meeting for this year will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 7:30pm in the Library.

CHANGE TO 2016 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Due to the recent publication of staff PD dates by Catholic Education WA, it is necessary for Yidarra to cancel the Pupil Free Days that were to be held on 3rd June and the 1st July and to add two new dates. With the inclusion of the new dates (which are highlighted) the 2016 Pupil Free days will be as follows:

Term 1: Tuesday 8th March
Friday 8th April

Term 2: Tuesday 7th June

Term 3: Monday 18th July
Friday 23rd September

Term 4: Monday 10th October

God Bless,
Carmel Costin
PRINCIPAL

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

We have had many reported incidents from the Yidarra community that the Traffic and Carpark rules are not being followed.

Please take the time to read the map and car park rules on the next 2 pages.
Traffic & Carpark Rules 2016

GENERAL NOTES
- Please make grandparents, day care facilities and anyone else who drives your child to or from school aware of these rules.
- Please take the time to explain relevant rules with your child.

SPEED LIMIT
- Speed limit within the school grounds is 8 KMPH.

ONE WAY - EXITS - NO ENTRY
- ONE WAY traffic only within the school grounds.
  - STRICTLY NO ENTRY from Marsengo Road near Administration/Pre-Primary.
  - LEFT EXIT ONLY onto Marsengo Road from the left lane near Admin during pick-up hours.
  - RIGHT EXIT ONLY onto Marsengo Road from the right lane near Admin.
  - LEFT EXIT ONLY onto Dean Road during pick-up hours.

PARKING
- Parking is available in various areas as indicated on the map on the reverse of this page.
- Additional parking is available in the Church carpark near Dean Road.
- Strictly NO PARKING in the drive-through lanes between 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-3.30pm.
- Strictly NO PARKING in areas reserved for staff.
- Strictly NO PARKING on grassed or paved verges.
- Strictly NO PARKING during school hours on the basketball courts.

DROP OFF
- Students may be dropped off in the drive-through lanes before school.
- No parking in the drive-through lanes between 8.00-9.00am.

PICK UP – PLEASE BE PROMPT

AREA 1: Near Administration Office
AREA 2: Near Canteen

YEARS 1-6 STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO WAIT ONLY IN THESE 2 DESIGNATED SAFETY AREAS AFTER SCHOOL.

PLEASE NOTE:
- 3 Year Old Pre-Kindy, Kindergarten & Pre-Primary children are to be dropped off and picked up directly to and from the classrooms by their parents or an authorised adult.
- Do not leave vehicles unattended in the drive-through lanes between 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-3.30pm.
- Pick-Up Area 2 closes at 3.20pm. All students to wait in Pick-Up Area 1 after 3.20pm.
- It is a good idea for parents to discuss a contingency plan with their children in the event that they are not collected from school on time.

CROSSING ROADS
- All children and adults are to cross on the marked crosswalks only.
- Speed bumps are not crosswalks.
- Do not walk through carparks – please use pathways.
MERIT CERTIFICATES
Week 3
Friday 19 February
Rhys McCarthy 1G
Grace Santaromita 1G
Xavier West 2G
Tom Larson 2G
Veronica 4B
Corin Ryder 4B
Nicolette Katnich 5B
Cameron Fairhead 5B
Leonard Lee 5G
Monet Hinscliff 6B

2016 CALENDAR
Staff Email addresses
Community News and other important information is available on our website web.yidarra.wa.edu.au and will be updated weekly.

SCHOOL BANKING
Tuesdays 8.15-8.45am
Undercover Area

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

P&F NEWS
P&F MEETING
The next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 February at 7.30pm in the Library. As always, everyone is welcome.

CAR PARK RAFFLE
Congratulations to the winners of the Term 1 Car Park Raffle:
Kindy/PP bay - Varen Family
Year 1-6 bay - Cnrlec Family

CAR PARK RAFFLE WINNER BAYS - PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE SPECIALLY MARKED YELLOW BAYS. THESE ARE FOR THE RAFFLE WINNERS ONLY. THANK YOU.

EASTER RAFFLE
Information will be sent out this week with the following:
• Thursday 17 March there will be a Free Dress Donation day.
• Raffle tickets will be for sale from 25 February.
  • Raffle tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, 23 March at 2pm.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS
Issue 1 orders are due by Friday 19th February. 9am.
Rebekah Ernst
Volunteer Coordinator

SCHOOL BANKING
Due to numerous enquiries about opening new accounts I have arranged for a Commonwealth School Banking representative to hold an account opening session from 8:00am - 9:00am on Tuesday 16 February in the undercover area.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

School Banking day is Tuesday 8.15am - 9am each week. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any enquiries.

Marisa Rees
School Banking Coordinator, 0417 926 824

PE NEWS
EAGLES VISIT
On Tuesday 9 February West Coast Eagle players Xavier Ellis, Scott Lycett, Kane Lucas and a Midfield Coach Brady Rawlings visited Yidarra and spoke to the year 5s about healthy eating, nutrition and getting involved in footy. They then answered many questions and signed autographs for all the year 5s. It was a fantastic opportunity for all students involved.

FACTION CAPTAINS 2016
Congratulations to the following students who have been voted as the 2016 Sports Faction Captains.

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PARISH NEWS

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?
If you have recently moved into this area and have not registered with the parish, please register in the foyer and make yourself known to the priest after Mass.

We warmly welcome you to our Parish.

The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We trust that at this stage, into week 2, you are all back into the routine of lunches, uniforms and searching for those elusive permission slips at the bottom of school bags.

The staff here in the office have hit the ground running and are currently working hard to get information about our upcoming conference in May out to all schools. The dates for the conference this year are Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 20th May. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are already available on our website, so get your entry in early!

We are also receiving lots of calls in the office from parents who are working hard to ensure P&E’s and parent groups get off to a good start for the year. If you need any information about office bearer’s roles, governance or just some general advice please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Theresa McDonnell, the new Liaison Officer at the Federation, has settled beautifully into our small office and she, along with Siobhan Allen (our Executive Officer) is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting with parents and parent groups in Catholic schools throughout the state. If you would like to arrange a visit from PFFWA to your school, please contact the office or email theresa@pff.wa.edu.au and we would be delighted to organise a time.

Best wishes

PFFWA Council and Staff

FOR SALE

- 2 x Second hand beige 3 drawer filing cabinets
- $20 each
- First in, best dressed
- Enquire at the Yidarra office

3YO & KINDY 2018 APPLICATIONS

3YO 2016 - TERM 2 CLASS
- We are still taking applications for our 3 Year Old Kindy Programme commencing week 1 Term 2.
- Applications can be downloaded from our website: web.yidarra.wa.edu.au, alternatively they are available from the office.

4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN 2018
- Soon interviews will be conducted for children due to commence Kindy in 2018.
- Date of birth must be between 01.07.2013 - 30.06.2014.
- Applications are available on our website or from the office.
- All relevant documentation must be provided with the application in order to be processed. This information can be found on our website under ‘New Students’, ‘Enrolment Policy’.
ABSENTEE PROCEDURES

REPORT ALL ABSENTEES TO THE TEACHER & OFFICE BEFORE 8.30AM

Reporting a Full Day Absence:
• Email Teachers surname.firstname@yidarra.wa.edu.au & Admin Office admin@yidarra.wa.edu.au
• Telephone prior to 8.30am: 9332 3011 (phone calls must be followed up with an email or written note)
• Written note (Absenteep forms are available at the office if email is not accessible)

How to find Teacher email addresses:
1. Go to - web.yidarra.wa.edu.au
2. Select ‘Our School’
3. Select ‘Staff’
4. Click on – ‘Staff Member Name’
5. Enter your child’s name, class and reason of absence

Please ensure all emails and notes are dated and include your child’s full name, class and reason for absence. Verbal absentees must be followed-up by email or written note. Long-term absentees must be made in writing/email to the Principal (admin@yidarra.wa.edu.au).

LATE & EARLY DEPARTURES PROCEDURES

Students arriving Late & Early Departure:
• Authorisation slip is required from the office prior to sending or collecting your child.
• Sign In - arriving Late to School (notify the office prior to 8.30am via email or telephone call)
• Sign Out - leaving School Grounds – appointments or illness etc.

Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours without written consent of parents.