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MERIT CERTIFICATES

Week 9
Friday 1 April

Amber Y 2R
Dan F 2R
Jessica Y 5B
James F 5B

P&F NEWS

P&F / BOARD MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 March in the Library at 6.30pm.
As always everyone is welcome!

EASTER RAFFLE DRAW DAY - WED 24 MAR 2PM
There will be some great baskets to win.

LIBRARY NEWS

CHARITY BOOK SALE
Students are invited to the Library 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 charity.

LOST & FOUND

FOUND:
- White watch
- Soft Toy Pussy Cat
- Kylie & Luke Stubby Holder
- Pink & White dress

LOST:
- Silver charm love heart saying ‘I love you’

Please return to the office.

PAYMENT BOXES

We have installed 5 black payment boxes in the office (next to the pigeon holes). Each box will be utilized for payments & notes instead of the big drawer. Please place notes & payments in the corresponding box. The boxes will be kept secured and then emptied at the end of each day.

We currently have a payment box in the office for the following:
- Book Club
- Uniform Shop
- Easter Raffle
- Netball
- Footy Tipping

A Biblical Walk with Mary our Mother for Parents of Children attending Yidarra School

Wednesday 23 March. 9.15 -10.15am.

All mums and Dads are welcome to attend these sessions in the Parish hall. Parishioners are also most welcome.

Our next session is titled “The Visitation from Luke 1:39-56”. In this session we will accompany Mary on her visit to her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. She would have travelled some eighty miles south to the hill country of Judea. It would not have been a leisurely weekend vacation. We will consider why Mary goes “with haste” to visit Elizabeth and the significance of Elizabeth’s greeting to Mary and much more.

Enquiries: Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200 or Su on 0413 560 033.

CANTEEEN HELPERS NEEDED

‘Calling for Volunteers’
If you can spare some time to help in the canteen, Please contact -

Manager, Jo Court on 6332 2520 or cafeteria@yidarra.wa.edu.au

SCHOOL BANKING

Tuesdays
8.15-9.00am
Undercover Area

SCHOOL Websites

YIDARRA WEBSITE
web.yidarra.wa.edu.au

Some helpful items:
- Year Calendar
- Staff Contacts
- School Policies
- Community News

CANTEEEN ROSTER

MON 21 MAR VOLUNTEER NEEDED
TUE 22 MAR VOLUNTEER NEEDED
WED 23 MAR MELLENA VERONE
THU 24 MAR LISSL ROSE
FRI 25 MAR GOOD FRIDAY
MON 28 MAR EASTER MONDAY
TUE 29 MAR EASTER TUESDAY
WED 30 MAR VOLUNTEER NEEDED
THU 31 MAR VOLUNTEER NEEDED
FRI 1 APR VOLUNTEER NEEDED
MON 4 APR VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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

St Thomas More Parish
http://batemancatholic.org/
St Mary’s School Donnybrook
Invites you to our
100th Anniversary
Sunday 1st May 2016
10am Mass
followed by an Open school event 11am – 3pm
(digital displays, memorabilia, time capsule)
Morning tea & Sausage sizzle available for purchase or bring your own picnic.
Please RSVP 08 9751 1496 or email
admin@stmarysdbrk.wa.edu.au
By April 1st 2016
Please tell all past staff and students about it.
We would love to see you there!
A centennial magazine will be available for purchase on the day.

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PROCEEDINGS & SPEAKERS

Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome
Annual address: Dr Tim McDonald
Executive Director, Catholic Education WA

Year of Mercy Presentation
AGM: Tabling of Federation reports / Acceptance of Minutes / Address motions from last year; new motions / Election of Council

Keynote Speaker Peter Bell - Former Captain Fremantle Dockers and Broadcaster
“The value of leadership, teamwork and overcoming obstacles”

Information Session - Elevate Education
“Practical tips for parents to support their children with learning effective study skills”

Launch of the online induction resource for school parent associations
Forum and panel discussion with Peter Collier MLC, Minister for Education and Sue Ellery MLC, Shadow Minister for Education

WELCOME PARENTS
Registration is $50 for parents of affiliated schools, $100 for parents of non-affiliated schools
Funding support for our country parents to attend is provided by our wonderful sponsor

Please visit our website for further information and updates: www.pff.wa.edu.au

Saturday 21st May
8:15 am - 5:00 pm
The Astral
Crown Perth, Burswood
Dear families of Yidarra Catholic Primary School,

As you may be aware, for the past two years Yidarra and Corpus Christi have been collaborating in activities related to sister schools in Surabaya, which has culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Yidarra Catholic Primary School and Santa Maria Regina Primary School in Surabaya. Corpus Christi also has a sister school in Surabaya, St. Hendrikus Senior High School, and in Term 2 2016 it will host a group of exchange students and teachers on exchange from that school. This is an exciting event that will see the St. Hendrikus students staying with local host families and mingling with Corpus Christi and Yidarra students, both at school and outside.

Most of our hosts will be students studying Indonesian at Corpus Christi College, but the busy lives of Corpus students and their families often means we need to spread the hosting request far and wide! At the moment we are still seeking several host families, so we are opening the opportunity to Yidarra families with students in Years 5 and 6 as well. It does not matter if the host is not the same age as the exchange student, as we will organize buddies for them at school. Indonesian students are very easy to host and enjoy being around younger children as well. You would need to provide sleeping accommodation for the student, a seat in your car to transport him/her to school, and all meals that would normally be provided in your own family. We aim to match boys with boys and girls with girls of course.

Details of the visit are as follows:

Dates: 28 April to 8 May 2015 (Week 1 & 2 of Term 2)
Number of students: 15
Ages of students: 16-18 years
Student details To be confirmed

If you would like to express interest in hosting, please complete the form on the next page and email it to Sue Cooper, Indonesian teacher at Corpus Christi, at scooper@corpus.wa.edu.au (or return it to the Yidarra front office) as soon as possible, or by the end of Week 9 Term 1. All hosts will then be contacted to discuss some hosting tips and answer any questions you may have. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Sue Cooper
Indonesian Teacher – Corpus Christi College
## APPLICATION TO HOST AN INDONESIAN EXCHANGE STUDENT

28 April – 8 May 2016

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*please give family member’s name and dates of absence
Wilma Brokaar has worked as a social worker and counsellor in the Health Sector, with Community Services and in Children and Youth Services both in Australia and overseas. Wilma has trained extensively in working with children and young people with a main focus on play therapy and trauma. Wilma holds a BA Social Work and a Post Graduate Certificate in Developmental Trauma. Wilma is a firm believer in the power of play to help children recover from adverse experiences. She is an advocate for involving parents or carers in the counselling process to help their children integrate their experiences.

Dates: 5 & 6 May 2016 (2 days)  
Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm  
Cost: $440 per person (incl GST)  
Location: East Perth

Course Overview
This two-day workshop will focus on how to engage with children in a therapeutic relationship, using their preferred language, which is play. There will be plenty of opportunity to explore and practice projective techniques such as drawing, sand tray and clay work. Basic principles of Child Centred play therapy will be explored. Core issues such as assessment, confidentiality, duty of care and developing a relationship with the child’s caregiver will be discussed. The focus will be on individual counselling with children aged 4-12 years old.

Who is this course suitable for?
The workshop is designed for social workers, counsellors, psychologists, chaplains, teachers and others who would like to transition to working with children. The workshop will also be helpful for people already working with children, who would like to learn more about play therapy.

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:
- Work from a child focused perspective
- Amplify the voice of the child in a safe way
- Conduct a thorough assessment of children and their parent(s)
- Use a range of therapeutic tools for assessment and counselling
- Facilitate the child exploring his/her world, experiences and feelings
- Apply the skills of tracking and mirroring children’s play
- Set limits in a therapeutic manner

If you wish to attend, please complete a registration form

Bookings essential
9263 2122
or training@anglicarewa.org.au

anglicarewa.org.au/training-services