PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

MOTHER’S DAY
This Sunday is Mother’s Day. Mother’s Day presents us with a chance to reflect on the many things that our mothers do for us each and every day. It would be a tremendously difficult task to count the number of meals they have prepared, the number of items they have washed and ironed and the number of tears they have wiped away. More significantly to count the number of hugs, kisses and cuddles they have given to each of their children and loved ones would be insurmountable. A mother’s love for her child is never ending.

At Yidarra we are so very fortunate to have the support and involvement of our mums in so many different facets of school life. Without their support, the opportunities for the students would be diminished.

Thank you to all mothers for the wonderful gifts that you are and we hope you have a special day on Sunday. We wish you a happy Mother’s Day.

NAPLAN ASSESSMENT
This week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. Later in the year an individual student NAPLAN report is sent home to parents.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. The school uses results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN TIMETABLE – YEARS 3 & 5
Tuesday 10 May – Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 11 May – Reading
Thursday 12 May - Numeracy

More information is available on the NAPLAN website or www.nap.edu.au. If you have any concerns, please contact your child’s teacher or a member of the leadership team.

I have included in this newsletter an article about how to prepare your child for NAPLAN tests by Michael Grosse.

God bless,

CARmEL COSTIN
Principal

A Mother’s Day Prayer
Lord we pray for all
MOTHERS
Beautiful and wonderful they fill the earth.
Gracious in your call they carry life
In a bond of love they bring forth a child.

We ask you to bless all
MOTHERS
May they feel the joys of motherhood every day
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
May your love and compassion
Be with them for good.
May every mother feel
The pride and beauty of a family they bear
Through all pain and sorrow Lord deliver them
In your strength and grace
May they always stay.
Amen

Mother’s Day High Tea
CANCELLED

We apologise but unfortunately, due to a lack of number, we have had to cancel the Mother’s Day High Tea.

We thank you for wanting to be part of this lovely event and hope we can provide the same opportunity in the future.

All monies paid will be available for collection from the office after Tuesday next week.

Again we apologise for any inconvenience and wish you all a wonderful Mother’s Day.

Regards Yidarra P&F
Helping students get ready for the NAPLAN tests

The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

During the second week of May Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The stated purpose of this testing program is to gain an overall picture of educational attainment levels to assist education policy and decision-making.

The program first implemented in 2008 has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You’ve probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seigman discovered more than a decade ago, though his research into children’s thinking styles, how closely a child’s explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids. The impact of a parent’s explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard.

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It’s better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It’s also worth remembering that many children don’t stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1. **Take your cues from your child:**
   - If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.

2. **Focus on doing their best and trying hard:**
   - Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3. **Listen to any concerns they have:**
   - If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a ‘get over it’ response. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.

4. **Give them some relaxation ideas:**
   - Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. **Help them retain their perspective:**
   - One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what’s the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it’s going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.


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P&F NEWS

P&F MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 May in the Library at 7.30pm. As always everyone is welcome!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK - SPECIAL BALE OFFERS!!!
See page 5 for more details.

BUSY BEE ON SUNDAY, 17 JUNE
See page 6 for more details.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS
Issue 3 catalogues have been sent home. Orders are due Tuesday 10th May online or placed in the box in the office. There is still one order that has not been owned from issue 1. The order was a cash order with no name given into the office. Please contact me if this is your order. With thanks, Rebekah Ernst on MB. 0417 908 896.

FOOTY TIPPING

Winning can be collected from the Office.
The top 3 winners this week were in the Kindy to Year 2 category. They were separated by a margin of just 1 point! And 7 tippers got 8 correct tips. Great stuff. Adrian R is in the lead on 43 points.

The winners by category are:
- Rhys M — K to Y 2 $15
- Jess T — Adult $20
- Thomas M — Y3 - 6 $15

A BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY OUR MOTHER

Session for parents of children attending Yidarra, Corpus Christi & St Thomas More Parishioners. Our next session is titled "The Nativity from Luke 2:1-20". St. John Paul II reflecting on this Mystery said: "Mary experiences childbirth in a condition of extreme poverty; she cannot give the Son of God even what mothers usually offer a newborn baby; instead, she has to lay him 'in a manger', an improvised cradle which contrasts with the dignity of the 'Son of the Most High'. How do we respond when we are not treated the way we think we should be?"

We welcome all mums and dads from Yidarra, Corpus Christi and the Parish to join us at the Parish hall on Wednesday 11 May 9.15 -10.15am.

Enquiries: Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200 or Carolin on 0432 855 605.

LOST & FOUND

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN FOUND AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE OFFICE.

- ADULT & CHILDREN SUNGLASSES
- ADULT & CHILDREN READING GLASSES
- READING GLASSES CASE
- VARIOUS CAR & HOUSE KEYS
- TOY CAT SOFT TOY
- 3 X WATCHES
- HAND COLOURED CHARACTER POP STICKS

Any remaining lost property will be donated to charity if not claimed by Friday 13 May 2016. Keys will be given to local police station.

NO CHANGE GIVEN

Note that the office will no longer be able to assist with the exchange of money.

Please do not ask as refusal may offend. Thank you for understanding.
Yidarra Parent Connect Group News

Last Friday the Parent Support Group met for the first time, which was very well attended by enthusiastic parents keen to continue to build and foster a positive connection with their child’s school community.

Carolyn Smith, our guest speaker and past parent, spoke about the positive effect that the Parent Support Group had when she first started at Yidarra. The group enabled Carolyn to connect with other parents in the school community in a safe, non-judgmental and friendly environment.

After some discussion the parents decided that this type of parent group would be of great benefit to Yidarra parents. It was decided to form a group and to call it Yidarra Parent Connect Group.

The Parent Connect Group will meet on a FRIDAY once a month at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall.

ALL parents are welcome to come along for a cuppa and connect with others in the Yidarra community. Please see details below:

Yidarra Parent Connect Group

At Yidarra Catholic Primary School, we believe in working closely with our parents for the benefit of our pupils. Research has shown that strong parental collaboration and support of school programmes will enhance the learning and growth of the pupils and strengthen ties between school and home. Parents should feel supported in their endeavour to develop their children to become confident and resilient people. Introducing a Parent Support Group in the school would be one way of fostering Yidarra’s vision Grow, Shine and Become more like Jesus.

Function of Yidarra Connect Group

- Provide an open, safe and friendly environment for parents to meet to discuss their needs in order to support their children
- Foster a positive partnership among families, professionals and the community for our children to flourish
- Provide ongoing support to families
- Provide help for families in times of crisis
- Provide an opportunity to form new friendships
- Share information, ideas and resources
- Ensure confidentiality – We are loyal to the absent

Who you see here - What is said here - What happens here - Let it stay here!

When: Friday 3rd of June at 9:30 am – Week 6 of Term 2
Where: St Thomas More Parish Hall

For more information, please email Sally Hart at hart.sally@yidarra.wa.edu.au
C.P.S.S.A. LIGHTNING CARNIVAL YEAR 5 & 6

Dear Parents,

The Year 5 & 6 students have been selected to represent Yidarra at the C.P.S.S.A Lightning Carnival. All Year 5 & 6 students will be competing on the day. Students have selected one of the four sports however, year 6s have preference to the sport they wish to play.

The details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 21st June
Venue: Football – Santich Park, Spearwood, South Coogee Footy Oval  
Netball – Fremantle Netball Association, Gibson Park, Cnr of High St & Chudleigh St  
Soccer – Beale Park, Cockburn City Soccer Club, Cnr Spearwood Ave & Hamilton Rd, Spearwood.  
Volleyball – Fremantle Netball Association, Gibson Park, Cnr High St & Chudleigh St
Time: 9.15 – 2.30pm

Dress Requirements: Full PE Uniform (Green top – no graduation tops please), suitable footwear, drink, hat
General: All players are required to bring their own lunch and drink – we will not be using the canteen
Transport: Bus – soccer and football players will travel on one bus with netball and volleyball players on the other bus.

Please complete the permission slip below and return it to the classroom teacher.

HELPERS NEEDED

If there are any parents that can help out on this day as well as coaching on alternative Friday afternoons (dates to be established) please inform Mr Debowski. We will need parents to coach/supervise soccer, football, netball and volleyball teams (each Friday well as at the Lightning carnival). We will also need parent helpers for scoring in all sports, and to wash football and soccer jerseys. Your help is very much appreciated!

If the carnival is cancelled due to the weather conditions a decision will be made by 8am and parents/carers will be notified by mobile SMS.

We look forward to seeing lots of Yidarra supporters on the day.

Regards
Robert Debowski
PE and Sports Organiser

YIDARRA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
YEAR 5 & 6 C.P.S.S.A. INTERSCHOOL LIGHTNING CARNIVAL 2016

PERMISSION FORM & HELPERS SLIP
(Please return this slip to the classroom teacher)

I give permission for my child _____________________________ in class _____ to participate in the C.P.S.S.A Lightning Carnival on 21st June 2016 and the practices - to travel to and from the venues by bus as arranged by the school. I authorise the supervising staff to seek emergency medical care if required.

Medical requirements (if applicable): _____________________________

NAME: _____________________________  PH: __________________ MOB: __________________

SIGNATURE: _____________________________  DATE: __________________

YES I CAN HELP:

VENUE: _________________________  DAY: __________________ DUTY: __________________
The Entertainment™ Memberships are almost here and will be available for collection in May. Pre-order today and help us raise funds to support our fundraising as 20% of the purchase price goes directly to us.

We're really excited to be fundraising this year because the new 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Membership not only includes hundreds of local offers for dining, but now also features over 70 of the best restaurants, attractions and accommodation that Bali has to offer. Plus, order your new Membership before 4 May 2016 and you will receive up to $230 worth of additional offers that you can use right away!

With valuable offers from some of Bali’s best, here’s a taste of what’s in it for you!

Dining and Attraction Offers in Bali!

- mozaic: 25% off
- coco: 25% off
- breeze: 25% off
- Barbecoa: 25% off
- Sagan: 25% off
- VIN+ SALT: 25% off
- Moondite: 25% off
- mozaic: 25% off
- The Merchant: 25% off
- Milk & Maiz: 25% off
- gre compliance: Up to 100,000 rp off
- Aboard Tours: Up to 250,000 rp off
- Bẩu Park: Up to 90,000 rp off
- Prana: Up to 200,000 rp off

GRACE-FILLED PARENTING

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is excited to present “Grace-filled Parenting” - a series of workshops aimed at giving parents some time for faith growth in a way that nurtures home and family life. Thursdays 19th May – 23rd June, 10am-12.30pm (includes morning tea break) at the Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview. Total cost is $45 and a free crèche is available on-site. To register, for more information, or to see the full range of Term Two courses and events, visit www.cfe.org.au, or call 9241 5221. ALL are welcome (you don’t have to be Catholic!).
YIDARRA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BUSY BEE

We have a lot of work to do.

Please come along to one or even both of the sessions.

A sausage sizzle will be provided.

**DATE:** SUNDAY 19TH JUNE 2016

**SESSION 1:** 10AM – 12PM

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** 12PM – 1PM

**SESSION 2:** 1PM – 3PM

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A FREE ICYPOLE.

Please register your interest at

yidarrabussybee@gmail.com

More information will be sent out closer to the date.

SEE YOU THERE!