PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to the second half of the school year and Term 3. A special welcome to new students to our school - Sunday Braithwaite, Morgan Braithwaite, Amelie Buder and their families. As usual the coming months promise to be full of lots of exciting learning and school events that give life to our school.

CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
For the next 6 weeks our Years 1 – 6 students will be performing in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. The Festival commences with a Mass this Thursday at St Mary’s Cathedral and performances (daytime and evening) are held throughout July and August in various venues across the metropolitan area. The Performing Arts Festival for Catholic Schools was established to help the students of Catholic schools experience the spirit and tradition of the performing arts. The Festival seeks to provide students with specific ‘performance platforms’ where they have the unique opportunity to give of their very best and perform to a public audience. The performance categories encompass choral, drama, musical, instrumental, vocal and dance aspects of the performing arts. Please refer to the school calendar for dates of class performances.

YEAR 5 ONLINE EQUATING TESTING
As our Year 5 students use ipads in the classroom our school has been invited to participate in a pilot program of online testing, for the Bishops’ Religious Education Literacy testing. This will mean that our Year 5 students will have the opportunity to sit an online mock test this Wednesday before they sit the actual paper test the following week. The school, parents and students will only receive results from the paper test.

PUPIL FREE DAYS
Parents are requested to note that Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September will be pupil free days, as our staff will be attending the Catholic Education 2014 Curriculum Conference.

WEEKLY FOCUS
If you have attended our Monday assemblies you will be aware that we introduce to the students a value or life skill to focus on for the week. Commencing this week we will be publishing the weekly focus in our newsletter, so that families can support these values in the home. This week we will be focusing on the value of ‘purposefulness’. To read about this value please refer to the ‘Value of the Week’ section further on.

God Bless,
Carmel Costin
PRINCIPAL

VALUE OF THE WEEK – PURPOSEFULNESS
Being purposeful is having a clear focus. Begin with a vision for what you want to accomplish, and concentrate on your goals. Do one thing at a time, without aimlessly scattering your energies. Some people let things happen. When you are purposeful, you make things happen. You are practicing purposefulness when you…

· Have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish
· Know why you are doing it
· Focus on the goal
· Get back on track if you get distracted
· Do things one at a time and finish what you start
· Persevere until you get results

YOUR URGENT ATTENTION IS REQUESTED!
Dear Parents,
An important note is coming home today regarding the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data. Please take a few minutes to read through the note and then complete it, if required. It is very important that the completed Permission Slip be returned by this Thursday, 24 July, 2014.
Your support with this Australian Government requirement is appreciated.
Rosemary Paparella
Assistant Principal
**P&F NEWS**

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK - SCHOOL HOLIDAY SAVINGS**
For only $65.00 receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers! If you did not receive your order form, pop into the office for your copy or to order contact Alex Rossi on 0419 962 963 or email aarossi@iinet.net.au and order forms can be collected from the office.

**NEXT P&F MEETING**
Term 3 - Monday, 11 August at 7.30pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

**MUSIC NEWS**

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**ABSENTEE REPORTING**
Please report all absences to the office. It is a mandatory government requirement for all absentees to be given in writing for a full day absence or extended leave.

Please report absences via:
- Email to admin@yidarra.wa.edu.au
- A signed note

If you phone through your child’s full day absence, it must be followed up with one of the above.

Please ensure emails and notes include:
- Your child’s full name and class
- Reason of absence
- Your full name and/or signature

You may have noticed absentee follow up letters in your child’s note bag. Should you receive one of these, please complete and return to the office as soon as possible.

Your assistance is much appreciated.

Yvonne & Shayla
Admin Officers

**YIDARRA FEE ACCOUNTS**

**BPAY Payments**
If any parents are making BPAY payments for their child’s fees, please check the current BPAY reference number on your account. We have received a payment of $300 on the 16th June that currently cannot be processed. Please contact the Bursar if you have made this payment. All accounts should now be paid by Direct Debit and we thank those families who have completed and returned their direct debit forms. All families with outstanding accounts will be contacted.

Mary Courtney
BURSAR