



# Yidarra Catholic Primary School

Newsletter: Term 4, Week 4

Monday, 30 October 2017



## *Prayer*

*Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You.*

*Allow Your healing hand to heal me.*

*Touch my soul with Your compassion for others.*

*Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all.*

*Touch my mind with Your wisdom,  
that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise.*

*Teach me to reach out to You in my need,  
And help me to lead others to You by my example.*

*Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit  
that I may serve You with all my strength.*

*Touch gently this life which You have created, Now and forever.*

*Amen*

## Principal News



### **Congratulations**

Last Friday, the Executive Director of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA, Siobhan Allen, presented one of our parents, Lisa Lindner, with the PFF 2017 Award of Excellence in Building Positive Catholic School Communities. It is wonderful to see Lisa recognised for her dedication, time and effort that she has placed into supporting the students, staff and parents of Yidarra. *Congratulations Lisa!*

### **Interschool Athletics**

Best Wishes to the members of the Interschool Athletic Team as they compete at the Interschool Athletic Carnival on Monday and Tuesday at the Santich Park. Parents are most welcome to come along to support our Interschool Team.

### **St Thomas More Parish 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We congratulate the members of St Thomas More Parish as they celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Thomas More Catholic Church in Bateman this coming weekend. Members of our school community are welcome to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass on Sunday, 5 November at 11am.

### **Whole School Assessments**

As part of our focus on improving learning outcomes, all children from Years 1 - 6 will complete literacy and numeracy assessments over the coming weeks. The information from these assessments greatly assists with future planning for each year level and gives a 'whole school picture' in the areas of literacy and numeracy. This information will assist teachers in planning for the future educational needs of the students in our school.

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### Seniors and Grandparents

What a huge turnout last Thursday for the mass to honour our parish seniors and grandparents. Thank you to our Years 6 and 2 students and staff for organising this mass. I would also like to express our appreciation to the parents who sent in a plate of food, the Year 6 students who served the guests and the parents who assisted with the morning tea after the mass.





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### November – Month of the Holy Souls

During the first week of November our Catholic community commemorates two important feast days namely, The Feast of All Saints, which celebrates the recognition given to ordinary people who developed their personal qualities to an exemplary degree and The Feast of All Souls which celebrates the life of people, especially those people who have gone before us in our own family and who are now part of the resurrection that Christ showed and promised.

The concept of “holy souls” is somewhat easier to grasp than that of “sainthood,” for we have all experienced the departure of family or friends. We pray for them after they have gone and hope that they are with God and enjoying the perfection of whom they strove to be whilst they were alive.

However, “saints” are far more difficult to comprehend as we have never had first-hand experience of a “saint” and tend to rely on the traditional names. Probably, we have never thought too much about some of the ordinary people in our lives as being saints in the making or that we are called to sainthood from the time of our Baptism.

Additionally, we have this wonderful role to encourage children to “sainthood” by allowing them to develop their qualities to the highest degree. As well, I suppose we are revealing ourselves to them by what we do and say to them; I wonder what type of “holy souls” we’ll be remembered as being!

May God bless your week,

**Carmel Costin**

**Principal**



### Library News

The library will be holding its annual second-hand book sale on Wednesday, 8 and Thursday, 9 November at recess and lunchtime in the library.

Books will be 50 cents each.

Come in and grab some bargains.

**Cheryl Lopez**  
**Teacher Librarian**

## School News



### Catholic Links – St Thomas More

Compiled by Will Schaefer, Parish Pastoral Councillor [william.schaefer@gmail.com](mailto:william.schaefer@gmail.com)

Carrying a burden? Check out this fantastic talk by Fr Mike Schmitz of Ascension Presents on dealing with worries and troubles. Make a cup of tea and put your feet up! Or gather the family around and listen together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ay5iEzHafeQ>



### St Thomas Parish – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Sunday, 5 Nov 2017

Come celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church on Sunday, 5 Nov 2017! We will commence our celebration with a thanksgiving Mass at 11:00am led by the Archbishop of Perth – The Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB and concelebrated by several of our present and past parish priests.

Immediately following the Mass there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks including icy poles for the kids, all this accompanied by musical entertainment in our beautiful church courtyard. Surely an event not to be missed! We look forward to seeing you all there.

## **Merit Awards**

### **Week 4**

**Aaliyah A 1B**  
**Abigail A 1B**  
**Bella B 1B**  
**Jack L 1B**  
**Max G 2G**  
**Erin M 2G**  
**Jessica A 4B**  
**Tom C 4B**  
**Sienna D 3R**  
**Tobias T 3R**  
**Connor M 6G**  
**Jessica Y 6G**

## **Stars of the Week**



**Congratulations:**

**Maya L 1G**

**Dior P 5G**



## P&F News

### P&F AGM

The P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday, 29 November 2017. The Agenda and Nomination Form has been sent home. If you would like to nominate yourself for a position, please complete and return the form to the front office as soon as possible. Extra forms are available from the office foyer.

### Grandparent's Day Mass & Morning Tea

Thank you to all of the parents who supplied the morning tea for the Grandparent's Day and to all the Grandparents who attended the mass and morning tea. It was a huge success and we are hoping to make this an annual event.

### World Teacher's Day – Friday, 27 October

Thank you to all the parents who provided a plate of food for our Teacher's on behalf of their class. We would also like to thank our teacher's for the amazing work they do with our children.

### Commonwealth School Banking

Marisa Rees will no longer be our school Banking coordinator due to work commitments. We would like to sincerely thank Marisa for setting up and running the banking every week for our children.

Thank you to Karen Harney who has agreed to take over Marisa's role as coordinator and to Nancy Randall and Jennifer Cummings who will be volunteering their time to help Karen. We would like at least one more volunteer to help share the role. If you can assist or would like any further information, please email [lisa\\_lindner@msn.com](mailto:lisa_lindner@msn.com)

School Banking is held every Tuesday in the undercover area from 8.15am-9am.

### Busy Bee

The next P&F Busy Bee will be held on Sunday, 12 November 2017 from 10am-12pm. Please save the date.

