Yidarra School Prayer

Almighty Father, thank you for this day, for Yidarra where we work and play.

Help us in our learning grow, to shine, as stars above us glow.

Jesus, keep us by your side, be our constant friend and guide, so in all we say and do, we are more and more like you.

Amen.
Thank you to the families who attended the Parent Information Evening. We had a large turn out and it is encouraging to see that we are all united in supporting our children’s education. For those that were not able to attend, please speak to your child's classroom teacher for any important information you may have missed out on.

Partnerships for Learning

At the Parent Information evening, I mentioned about the importance of good family-school relationships.

**Being a parent is a hard job, a complicated job and sometimes a lonely job**

Probably, it’s the most important job you will ever have, because as your child’s first teacher, you will make a difference one way or another. However, parents have the opportunity to form a viable partnership with their child’s teacher, because together they have a common goal: a successful school year for each child. It is important to remember that parents and teachers are partners in helping each child achieve a successful transition to adulthood. This combined support is essential if the transition is to be a positive developmental experience for your child. A good relationship with your child’s teacher will make it easier for you to stay informed about your child’s progress across all areas of schooling and to work together if problems arise during the year. When working together, parents and teachers exact a strong influence on students to become better educated; they also help students to mature by modelling positive adult working relationships based upon respect and honesty.

**Being a parent is one of humankind's most difficult tasks**

Of course, there are many pleasures and rewards but parenting can be demanding, challenging, exhausting - and there’s no time off. What makes it challenging and demanding is that every day we act as a model for our children. Every day they are watching and learning from us; they learn from our actions and conversations, they absorb our attitudes and copy our expressions. They are doing this mostly without us being aware that it is taking place. Inadvertently, we also act as an example to our children as they see us deal with frustrations, settle disagreements and cope with not being able to have the things we want. Our family is the first school for our children and we parents are powerful models. What we say and do, is recorded by our children and possibly used as evidence against us, if we are seen to be inconsistent in our expectations of them, yet fail to have an equal expectation of ourselves.

**Positive parent teacher partnerships are essential**

Therefore, I stress to you that the interaction between parent and teacher needs to be positive so that the outcome will be one that helps the child succeed at school. Trust and mutual respect are the most essential underpinnings of effecting working relationships between parents and teachers.
Notice of Withdrawal

Parents are required to give the school one term’s notice in writing if they are withdrawing their child(ren) from Yidarra. If a student is withdrawn without the proper notice, a full term’s fee will be charged. If you are unsure of dates, please discuss your intentions with the administration staff. Please note you will still need to put something in writing.

Students Going on Holidays

If you are planning on taking your child out of school during term time, please notify the front office in writing at least two weeks prior to your departure? It is not something we recommend, but understand that at times this cannot be avoided.

Nut Allergies

Parents please refrain from supplying any foods that may contain nuts due to students who have allergies – thank you for your co-operation.

Arriving Late to School

If your child should arrive after the 8.40am bell they need to report to the front office and sign in late – this will avoid parents receiving an SMS.

Car Park, Traffic Rules & Map

Ensuring the safety of students and families, note the information enclosed in this week’s newsletter outlining the traffic and car park rules. Please take the time to explain to your child and family members the car park rules especially during pick up and drop times. Thank you for your assistance.

School Uniforms

Unfortunately, the school jumpers have not arrived at the school uniform shop. The change of weather has caught us out, so students have permission to wear the school tracksuit top if they do not have a jumper.

A small number of students are wearing white socks instead of socks with the Yidarra stripes. Please note that both the formal uniform and the sports uniform includes socks with the stripes as shown in the picture.
Lost Property

There are items of school clothing in the lost property box and we are noticing that many do not have any name tags. We request that all items of school clothing be labelled. Pens to label school clothing are available from the school uniform shop.

School Gates Opening & Closing Times

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NOTE:
All children and parents arriving at school before 8:30am are to wait in the Undercover area.
Students, parents or visitors entering or leaving during school hours need to sign in and out through the office.

BOARD INFORMATION

On behalf of the Yidarra community we wish to thank Craig Dowsett for his significant contribution to the school community through his work as chairman of the Board.

Congratulations to Ben Grant who was elected to the Board and to Julia Daker has was re-elected.

The 2017 school Board membership is as follows:

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May God bless your week,
Ms Carmel Costin
PRINCIPAL
Welcome letter from Dr Tim Costello, CEO Executive Director

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. This year promises to be full of exciting new opportunities and possibilities for your child in Catholic Education.

If you are new to our system, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. I am delighted that you have chosen to join the Catholic Education Western Australia system, which provides a faith-based education and inspires a passion for learning and discovery for more than 75,000 students in 163 school communities right across the State.

You are joining Catholic Education at an exciting time of system success, growth and transformation.

In 2016, one of the many encouraging indicators of the success of our system was the WACE achievement of our Year 12s. Approximately 96 percent of CEWA students achieved a WACE, above the total State average, while CEWA students improved their Median ATAR again to 81.95, and were awarded a total of 3,178 VET Certificate 2 or higher.

In the past four years, our system has grown with the opening of seven new schools and colleges. Early Years Learning and Care is a key focus for us moving forward in 2017 as we seek to offer exceptional learning experiences for children in a vital period of their development, while meeting the needs of today’s families.

This year we aim to reimagine collaborative learning at every school across our system by implementing our digital transformation initiative, LEADing Lights. LEADing Lights is a single digital eco-system, designed to equip students with the 21st century technologies and deep learning skills that will best prepare them for the future. Much work is underway in this space to ensure that this initiative supports world-class learning and development experiences for both students and staff.

Catholic schools rely on the contribution of parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child’s learning, the efforts of our dedicated staff and Principals, we will ensure that our Catholic schools help your child reach toward their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr Tim McDonald
Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia
Merits Awards

Week 3

Summer Golding 2B
Kyphus Li 2B
Cohen Burgin 3B
Romey Hinscliff 3B
Austin Randall 4B
Matthew Menezes 4B
Michael Robless 4G
Duarte Menezes 5B
Abby Cawthorn 5B
Zachary Bell 5G
Hannah Holgate 5G
Morgan Braithwaite 6B
Kate Byrne 6B
Zac Borgomastro 6G
Sasha King 6G

All Calendar events are available from our website, please check weekly for updates.
web.yidarra.wa.edu.au
Sacramental & Naplan News

Coordinated by Mrs Tanya Giovannangelo, Assistant Principal

Sacramental Dates 2017 for Yidarra Children

FIRST COMMUNION
Year 4

4B 4pm Saturday 24th June
4G 11am Sunday 25th June

Parent/child Workshop: 4B 5:00pm; 4G 6.30pm 11th May 2017 6.45pm
(Parish Hall)
Commitment Masses: Weekend Parish Masses 20th & 21st May
Certificates: 8:40am Fri 30th June School Assembly
Parish Gifts: Weekend Masses 1st & 2nd July 2017

CONFIRMATION
Year 6

6B Saturday 19th August
6G Sunday 20th August

Parent/Child Workshop: 6.30pm Thu 20th July (Sadler Centre Corpus
Christ College)
Commitment Masses: Weekend Parish Masses 22nd & 23rd July
Certificates: 8.40am School Assembly Fri 25th August
Gifts: Weekend Parish Masses 26th & 27th August

RECONCILIATION
Year 3

Saturday 14th October or
Saturday 21st October

Parent Meeting: 6.30pm Thu 14th September
Commitment Masses: Weekend Parish Masses 16th & 17th September
Certificates: TBA
Gifts: Weekend Parish Masses 28th & 29th October

In the Archdiocese of Perth, the Sacraments are received in order as follows:
Baptism; Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation.

Students who have previously missed receiving the Sacraments, and now
wish to do so, must attend the Parish Sacramental Programme.

Please contact Jenny Figlomeni at St Thomas More Parish as soon as
possible as the 2017 Parish programmes commence shortly. Ph: 9310 1747

Naplan Schedule

NAPLAN 2017

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Yidarra Catholic Primary School is pleased to be able to continue the **YEP Kids program** for 2017!
This year the classes will be held each Tuesday.

The name of the group is an acronym for:
- Y - Yidarra
- E - Enrichment
- P - Program

There are three groups formed - the Junior Class (Years 1&2), the Mid Class (Years 3 & 4) and the Senior Class (Years 5 & 6). Each group is made up of approximately 16 students.

Students have been identified for selection by one, or a combination, of the following:
- Outside agency testing (conducted by a specialist in the area of enrichment for students of ability)
- school standardized testing
- teacher recommendation

*(Please note: Parent nominations will not be considered at this time)*

Each term a different focus will be chosen which will influence which students are best suited to be involved in that particular enrichment project.
The term 1 focus is HASS – Civics & Citizenship and Spatial Awareness enriched through the Visual Arts.

The aims of the program are to provide an opportunity for these groups of students to:
- think critically, analyse and work towards solving problems
- increase their awareness of, and exposure to, the Civics and Citizenship module of the HASS curriculum.
- use and develop their creative and spatial awareness skills
- develop their social skills by working collaboratively in a team
- set goals and take the steps to achieving these goals, both independently and as part of a team.
- to work with students of similar ability and aptitude

This program is an exciting opportunity for students of our school and we look forward to the exciting year ahead!

Rosemary Paparella  
(Enrichment Co-ordinator)

Carmel Costin  
(Principal)
School Fees

School Fee invoices have been sent home, please forward your direct debit forms to the Bursar as soon as possible.

Fee Discounts for Pension/Health Care Card Holders

All families who hold a valid Pension/Health Care Card are reminded to produce a copy to the school office by Wednesday, 15 February, if you wish to obtain the discount on your school fees. Please note that discounts will not apply if we do not have a current copy.

MARY COURTNEY
Finance Officer
courtney.mary@yidarra.wa.edu.au

SEQTA Log-in

We are currently working towards New Families being able to log on to SEQTA accounts and current parents having access to their child’s reports. Please be patient as the Catholic Education Office assist us with this program.

Student Attendance

A friendly reminder for the safety and duty of care of all our students and their families:

- Children are not allowed to arrive at school prior to 8.15am, unless attending Outside School Hours Care.
- Everyone is to remain seated in the undercover area on arrival to school until the duty teacher dismisses children to their classrooms when doors open at 8.30am
- Parents/guardians collecting children during school hours are to attend the office first for an authorised Yellow Release Slip.
- If your child will be absent from school, a written note or email needs to be sent to the school advising so. Sibling notification is not accepted.

General Information

- NO playing on the school playground before or after school Clearly label ALL belongings.
- Lost and Found items are located in the office or the blue tub near the Library.

School Banking

Every Tuesday from 8.15-8.45am in the undercover area

For new families, parent volunteer coordinator Marisa Rees will be there each Tuesday to assist you in setting up your child’s saving account.
**Uniform News**

Open every Thursday during the term only from 2-3.45pm.

**Order Procedures:**

1. Order forms are available from the website or the office.
2. Orders are to be sent through your child’s note bag or office only, please do not email.
3. Orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom each Thursday afternoon.

Linda Veletta,
Uniform Manager

**Yidarra Guitar Lessons Available**

The Guitar teacher will be taking another class next term, if you are a Year 4, 5 and 6 student and would like to register, please pop into the office and collect your form. Once completed return your form to the office.

**Yidarra Netball Years 2-6 Student Registrations & Uniforms**

There is still time to register until Friday, 17 February. Order forms can be collected and dropped off at the office. Uniforms try-ons are available in the office.

**PE News**

**Swimming Trials**

Swimming trials will be taking place on Tuesday, 21 of March at the Riverton Leisureplex.

Students involved in 50m or 100m will be attending only.

Please ensure students bring their labelled bathers, towel and goggles to school. Students are permitted to wear their bathers under their school uniform.

If you are attending the trials or carnival a $2 charge will apply for entrance unless your name has been recorded as a helper.

Parent helpers please arrive as soon as you are able to, preferably before the kids arrive. Good luck to all students

Rob Debowksi
P.E Coordinator
debowski.rob@yidarra.wa.edu.au
**Music News**

**CHOIR REHEARSALS COMMENCE WEEK 3**

All students are welcome to come and try a rehearsal before committing to choir for the year. Rehearsals are held in the music classroom in the senior atrium.

**Rehearsal times are as follows:**

Junior Choir – Years 3 and 4 – 8.20am – 9.00am Tuesday mornings
Senior Choir – Years 5 and 6 – 8.20am – 9.00am Wednesday mornings

Classroom teachers are aware that they need to delay marking the roll until choir students return to class at 9.00am.

Please email me if there are any questions you might have!

**Natasha Stokes**
Music & Drama Teacher
stokes.natasha@yidarra.wa.edu.au

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**Library News**

Congratulations to 6B, the first class this year where every student brought their library bag to school for their library lesson. What a great start to the year. Well done.

**Library days are as follows:**

- **Monday**       KB, KG, 1B, 1G, 3G
- **Tuesday**     6B, 6G, PPB, PPG, 3R, 3B
- **Wednesday**  4B, 4B, KB, KG, 5B, 5G
- **Thursday**    2B, 2G.

Parents, please help your students to be organised in bringing their library bags and books to school on their library day.

**Cheryl Lopez**
Teacher Librarian
lopez.cheryl@yidarra.wa.edu.au
Yidarra Catholic Primary School

Traffic & Carpark Rules 2017

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.
- STRICLTY 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 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.
Next P&F Meeting
The next P&F Meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday, 22 February at 7.30pm, as always everyone is welcome.

Community Welcome Night- Friday, 24 February from 5pm on the school oval
Flyers have been sent home, see flyer in this week’s newsletter for further details.

Quiz Night - Friday, 31 March at 7pm, Melville Bowling Club – Tickets on Sale Now
Flyers have been sent home, see flyer in this week’s newsletter for details on requested donations and how to purchase tickets. “Hurry” organise your table, tickets are selling fast!

Quiz Night Donations
Please note each year group has been requested to donate suggested items (see flyer in newsletter or one sent home). Donations can be placed in the assigned classroom or dropped off at the office. Thank you for your donations this will help the night be a huge success.
If you require any further information, please contact coordinator Kelly Golding via email kelly@golding.net.au.

Footy Tipping Coordinator Wanted 2017
Yidarra is looking for a new 2017 Footy Tipping coordinator, if you are interested, please contact last year’s coordinator Kelly Golding who will assist you setting up the on-line Footy Tipping.

Contacts: - kelly@golding.net.au or Mb. 0419 197 694

Scholastic Book Club News
Issue 1 catalogues have been distributed via the classroom teacher. Spare catalogues are in the front office in the pamphlet holder if you require another.
Orders can be placed via LOOP – Online, very quick and easy with credit card purchases or via the paper order form with cash or cheque to the front office black box labelled Scholastic Book Club.
Details can be found in the catalogue on the order form page.
Issue 1 orders are due Thursday, 16 February.

Rebekah Ernst
Parent Volunteer Coordinator
Mb. 0417 908 896
Yidarra P&F

Community Welcome Night 2017

It is with great pleasure that we invite all Yidarra families to our revamped welcome night

When: Friday, 24 February
Where: Yidarra Oval
Time: 5-8pm

Feel free to BYO picnic hamper (and drinks). There will be food trucks with meals priced from $10.00 (Pasta and Toast my Curry including vegetarian, gluten free, vegan and halal available).

Ice creams, cold drinks and coffee will also be available on the evening.

Assorted games, tug of war and bouncy castle (fully supervised)
Entertainment will be provided by DJ Paul V

Look forward to seeing you all at this wonderful community event!

Please forward any enquiries to Jo

jo.winfield@ymail.com
Yidarra Community Quiz Night

Quiz Night tickets are selling fast! Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets or tables of tickets for our Quiz Night on March 31 at Melville Bowling Club. We are thrilled with the response and encourage those who would like to come along to please book your tickets at www.trybooking.com.au and search Yidarra Community Quiz Night. Tickets are $20 each with tables of 8 now available.

** A reminder that THIS WEEK - Week 3 - is donation week!**

To help make the night a huge success we are calling for donations by year group. All donations will be gratefully received and are not limited to the suggested items listed below. Donations can be placed in the assigned classroom baskets during Week 3, or anytime via the office.

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Thank you to the individuals and businesses listed below who have donated prizes during the last week:

Jess Thompson and the East Fremantle Football Club
Dean Nalder MLA, Member for Alfred Cove
The Rapanaro family and Mondo Doro Smallgoods
The Klass Family and Cycliq
Perth Heat
Fig Tree Estate
Armando Sports
Westend Studios
Alicia Platyes and Envy Jewellery
Upper Reach Winery