

Yidarra Catholic Primary School

TERM 2 / WEEK 5

FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014



Dates to Remember

- **Mon 2 Jun** - WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- **Tue 3 Jun** - PUPIL FREE DAY
- **Wed 4 Jun** - Students commence
- **Wed 4 Jun** - Banking at 8.15 - 9am (only for this week in lieu of PD day)
- **Wed 4 Jun** - Corpus Christi Canteen opening
- **Wed 4 Jun** - ICAS Science test 9am
- **Mon 9 Jun** - P&F Meeting 7.30pm in Library
- **Wed 11 & 12 Jun** - Scholastic Book Fair in Library
- **Fri 13 Jun** - PP Assembly 9am

Reflection

Wisdom of
St Mary MacKillop

*"Be calm and full
of confidence in God."*

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Principal's News



RECONCILIATION

We congratulate our Year 3 students who made their First Reconciliation on Tuesday and Wednesday evening this week. The Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Penance and Reconciliation) has three elements: conversion, confession and celebration. In it we find God's unconditional forgiveness and as a result we are called to forgive others.



BUSY BEE

Last Sunday a small band of dads worked hard to improve our school facilities. In one morning they placed logs around a tree in the Pre Primary area and painted benches in the senior atrium. Our thanks go to Craig Winfield for organising the busy bee and to Will Schaefer, Jason Connor, Paul Lindner, Clinton Lane, Rosemary Paparella and Tanya Giovannangelo. We are most appreciative of these members of our school community for giving so generously of their time.



ATRIA

Parents are requested to please wait outside of their child's atrium until the siren goes at 3pm. The teachers would like to be able to use the atrium as a learning area right up until the end of the school day. Also noise and interruptions from young children are making teaching and learning difficult. Thank you for your support with this matter.

CANTEEN

From next week the preparation of school lunch orders will be conducted in the new Corpus Christi College facilities. We will continue to use the current online ordering system. Yidarra parents will still be needed to assist with the preparation and serving of the school lunches and ice creams. If we do not have enough volunteers for our canteen we will not be able to sell ice creams to our students at lunch time. If you would like to assist with our canteen please contact the school office on 9332 3011.

FOCUS OF THE WEEK - COURAGE

This week we have been focusing on courage. We have explained to the students that courage is being brave. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up or quitting. Courage is needed in trying new things, in facing the truth and in picking yourself up after a mistake, ready to try again. It comes from knowing deep down what is right for you and believing in yourself to do it.

EVERY DAY OF PRIMARY SCHOOL IS ESSENTIAL

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. In primary school some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of Year 6.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. Getting in early attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Holidays - It's crucial that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

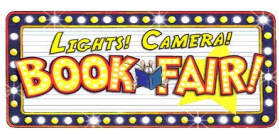
"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – **EVERY DAY COUNTS.**

LONG WEEKEND

Parents are reminded that this long weekend will be extended by a day as Tuesday is a pupil free day. Students will therefore be returning to school on **Wednesday, 4th June.**

God Bless,

Carmel Costin
PRINCIPAL



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR

will be held on

Wed, 11 & Thu 12 June

Purchase times from:

8-9am, 12.50-1.20pm &

3-4pm each day!

School Banking:

Every Tuesday

8.15-9am in the

undercover area.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 4 Jun - Grace Budiman & Jodie McManus

Thu 5 Jun - Peta Watts & Jo Lanza

Fri 6 Jun - Anita Thompson

Mon 9 Jun - Jenni Moore

Tue 10 Jun - Julie Piscioneri

Wed 11 Jun - Diana Munro

Thu 12 Jun - Meegan Bourne

Fri 13 Jun - Daniela Baiamonte

Manager Jo Court

LOST & FOUND

Gold Hoop Earring
Found outside 3G

House keys found outside the Parish

Gold bracelet chain handed into the office

Collections & Drop-offs

PARENTS & FRIENDS INFORMATION



DISCO

'It was a great success' and the kids had a great night. Lisa and Natalie would like to thank all the volunteers for their help and support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ORDERS

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

The P&F meeting will be held in the Library on **Monday, 9 June from 7.30pm**, as usual all is well-



RELIGION NEWS

Children's Mass

Our next Children's Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on Sunday 15 June. We would like to invite all children to participate in the Mass. If the children would like to have a special part in the Mass, please register in the foyer. The choir practice for the children's mass will take place a week earlier on Saturday 7 June at 3.30pm.

PE NEWS

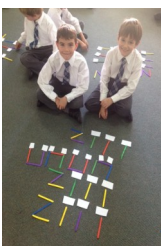
Interschool Basketball

Congratulations to those students who participated in the Interschool Basket Ball Carnival held on Tuesday the 27th May. Well done for continually striving to achieve your best on the day and for giving up your lunch times to train. Both, girl and boy teams improved throughout the day and won a number games. Thanks to those parents who assisted on the day with scoring and to all other parents who made up a wonderful cheer squad for Yidarra. A special thanks to Mr Connolly for his assistance with both training and coaching. Well done Yidarra!!

Rob Debowski

PE TEACHER

MUSIC NEWS



Choir

As Catholic Performing Arts edges closer and closer please ensure your son or daughter arrives on time for choir rehearsals!

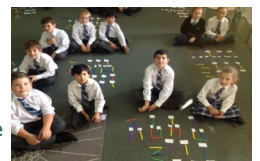
8:20am Tuesday Senior Choir – Year 5 and 6

8.20am Wednesday Junior Choir – Year 3 and 4

Classroom

Many of our students are now learning to read and write music. Most of us know three rhythms – ta, ti and za – and three pitches – do, re and mi!

Look here as our Year 3 classes write out the song Hot Cross Buns using our rhythm and pitch languages!



Natasha Rich

MUSIC & DRAMA TEACHER

KINDY GREEN NEWS

Lego Needed

Do you have boxes of pre loved Lego, sitting in your homes, desperate to be played with? If so, the children in Kindy would love to build, count, match and play with it. We welcome good quality Lego, we promise to look after it and use it for many years to come.

Tracey Marsden

KINDY GREEN TEACHER

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 4 - Closes on Friday 6 June

Issue 3 - Have been Distributed this week.

If you have any queries, please contact coordinators Rebekah Ernst 0417 908 896 or Diana Munro on 0417 457 007.