



# Yidarra Catholic Primary School

TERM 1 / WEEK 1 / EDITION 1

MONDAY 02 FEB 2015

## Dates to Remember

- **Mon 2 Feb** - Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 3.30pm
- **Thu 5 Feb** - 9am Whole School Mass & Farewell to Fr Philip
  - Parent Morning Tea in the Parish Hall following Mass
- **Mon 9 Feb** - BOARD AGM 6.00pm in the Undercover Area
  - Parent Information Evening in classrooms
  - Session 1 - 6.20pm
  - Session 2 - 6.45pm



## 'NEW OPENING TIMES IN 2015'

Thursdays 2PM - 3.45PM

## WEBSITE NEWS



2015 Calendar is available via the Yidarra website [web.yidarra.wa.edu.au](http://web.yidarra.wa.edu.au) and will be updated weekly.

## SCHOOL BANKING



Tuesdays  
8.15-9am  
Undercover Area



## PRAYER

Dearest Father in heaven, bless us all and bless our new school year.

Smile upon the staff, parents and student body,

And surround us, Lord, with the soft mantle of your love.

Teach this community to follow in your footsteps,

And to live life in the ways of Love, faith, hope and charity.

Amen

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



GROW SHINE BECOME

### WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

A big welcome to all our children, parents, staff and wider community to the start of the new school year. This year is a significant year for Yidarra as we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I am sure that it will be a happy, successful and rewarding one for each of us. We extend a special welcome to all our new children, families and staff. We pray that your journey at Yidarra is full of faith, hope and love.

Term One has commenced smoothly with all our students and staff settling in well. For our students, Term One offers new opportunities for growth. Beginning the school year well sets the tone for the remainder of the year and it was great to witness the children returning to school so enthusiastically and settling so quickly into their new classes.

It is also very pleasing to observe the children so well prepared for school and optimistic in their outlook. This of course, is due in large to the positive attitude of teachers and parents, which is so important to a child's success at school. As a Catholic school, one of the primary aims should be the creation, by staff and parents, of a climate conducive to the living of the Gospel values. We pray that over the year all people associated with the school will live the meaning of love, respect, care, justice and forgiveness.



### 2015 OPENING WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

This Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, at 9am all parents are invited to join us for our Opening School Mass in the St Thomas More Church. At this mass we will be launching our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, inducting our Yr 6 leaders and farewelling Fr Philip. Following mass morning tea will be served in the Parish hall.

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING K-YR6 & BOARD AGM

This year we will be combining the Parent Information Nights and Board AGM into one evening. So please set aside time this coming Monday evening, 9<sup>th</sup> February. The Information Night is a vital part of our commitment to working with parents in the education of their children. On this night parents are able to meet the staff and learn about the operation and organisation of their child's classroom. It's an opportunity to ask questions and discover what will be happening in the school life of your child. Please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher if you need to discuss your child with them as this is only an information evening.

The Parent Information Night & Board AGM will be held this term:

- Dates:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015
- Time:** 6:00pm
- Place:** Commencing in the undercover area and later in classrooms
- Program:** 6pm meet in the undercover area for Board AGM  
Introduction of President of P&F  
Introduction of staff  
6:20 Session 1: Class teacher presentations in their classrooms  
6:45 Session 2: Class teacher presentations in their classrooms

### SCHOOL TIMES

Parents are reminded that the primary students are required to be at school by 8:40am. Children arriving at school before classrooms are opened at 8:30am are to wait outside their atrium or in the undercover area. As teachers are not on duty before 8:20am, students are encouraged not to arrive at school prior to this time.

In the afternoon teachers will supervise the departure of students at the pick-up points outside the school office and Canteen. Any child remaining at school after this time will be required to report to the school office and will stay there until collected.

Children are not to play on the school equipment before and after school unless supervised by a parent. Thank you for your assistance with this safety matter.

Parents are reminded that out of school care is provided at Yidarra by Osh Club and is situated in the Junior Atrium. Bookings and information is available by calling 9261 3200 and online at: [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au).

### OFFICIAL SCHOOL TIMES

- School commences: 8:40am
- Recess is from: 10:40am – 11:00am
- Lunch time is from: 12:40pm – 1:20pm
- School concludes: 3:00pm

Please note: Staff meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon after school.



### STUDENT SIGN IN & OUT PROCEDURES

As a school, it is our duty to ensure that all students who attend Yidarra Catholic Primary School are provided with the maximum duty of care. It is necessary to be informed of the whereabouts of all students within the school, during school hours. To enable this to happen, any students who leave the school grounds during school time must be 'signed out' and 'signed in' on their return. On 'signing out' a student at the office parents will be given a 'Principal Pass' to take to the class teacher when they go to pick up their child. To ensure that teachers, including specialist subject teachers, are carrying out their 'duty of care', we ask parents who need to take children out of school prior to home time to please adhere to this request.

As we begin a new year of prayer and learning, I invite you to take some time to reflect on our school and why you have chosen to be here to share your journey with us all. I pray for God's Blessing on all of our children, our staff and our community.

God bless,

**CARMEL COSTIN**  
Principal