



A Prayer for the End of the Term

We thank you Lord for this term, for the challenges, for the successes and for the mistakes from which we have learned.

Be with us Lord as we spend time with our family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is Right.

To appreciate what others do for us and to be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities giving us good rest and fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for each other and for the gift of holidays.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Principal's News

End of Term Two

From all of the staff of Yidarra, we wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable two-week holiday. Enjoy the additional time with your children, travel safely and we look forward to your return in Term Three.

School Holidays

Australian families are increasingly time-strapped. The busyness of life can make it difficult for adults and children to participate in enjoyable activities or just to 'hang out' as a family.

Do you engage regularly in activities that involve play and laughter or are all your interactions with children of a managerial nature?

School holidays offer families a chance to unwind away from the normal routines. They also provide the window of opportunity for parents to spend some enjoyable time with children.

There are many theories about promoting healthy parent-child relationships and strengthening families; however, it's easy to overlook a simple, cheap way of forming family relationships – spending enjoyable time together. American family researcher, John DeFrain, has found that the happiest childhood memories that adults hold have two common threads. First, childhood happiness always centres on activities experienced together as a family. Second, the most pleasurable childhood times almost always centre on simple, inexpensive activities.

During the holidays do something fun and enjoyable with your children. It doesn't have to be expensive, but it should be something different, something fun and something that involves laughter and play.

Money can't buy happiness, but loving family relationships can create it.

Holiday ideas to do with children and young people:

1. Ask children about their favourite activity and take your cues from them.
2. Take older children on a date – one-on-one.
3. Plan an outing in advance and use public transport if that is not your normal mode.
4. Start and finish reading a novel to older children in the holidays.
5. Have a television (screen free) free day.
6. Join the kids in playing board games, listen to or play music, share a book or swap stories. Make the alternative activities so good that the kids look forward to the games.

Principal's News



Farewell

After 31 years of service to Yidarra and Catholic Education our groundsman, Mr Frank Mijatovic, will be retiring. We invite all members of our community to a Farewell Liturgy that will be held on Friday 27 July at 2:30pm in the Undercover area, followed by an afternoon tea in the Parish Hall.

Term Three

Monday, 16 July is a pupil free day as the Yidarra staff will be attending a regional professional development day about Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudate Si. This will enable staff to increase their understanding of the values of Catholicism and 'Faith', so that we are better equipped to pass on the teachings of the Church to our students.

Term three begins for students on Tuesday, 17 July 2018 - Term three is punctuated by:

The Catholic Performing Arts Festival – 19 July – 31 August

St Mary of the Cross, Mary Mackillop's Feast Day – 8 August

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) - Y5 6 – 10 August & Yr 3 13 – 17 August

The Sacrament of Confirmation – 18 & 19 August

The Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) – 15 August

Father's Day Assembly – 31 August

Regional Spelling Bee Interschool Competition – 13 September

Mercy Week – 17 – 21 September

Term 3 Concludes – 21 September

Further events are also highlighted on page 4, however, please check the newsletter weekly for updates and the school website calendar.

Thought for the Week:

'It's not what you do for children, it's what you do with them as a parent that counts.'" Australian mother of seven children.

Kind regards,

Carmel Costin
Principal

TERM 3, 2018

Liturgies, Masses & Excursions etc. WILL BE ANNOUNCED WEEKLY IN THE NEWSLETTER

Mon 16 Jul	PUPIL FREE DAY (no students)
Tue 17 Jul	TERM 3 COMMENCEMENT
Fri 27 Jul	Frank's Farewell (groundsman) 2.15pm in undercover area
Wed 25 Jul	P&F meeting 7.30pm in the library
Wed 25 Jul	Y3 Reconciliation retreat – Schoenstatt shrine
Tue 31 Jul	Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop 6.30pm at Corpus Christi
Thu 9 Aug	Yidarra Tour Day – Tour 1 – 11am & Tour 2 – 11.30am
Fri 10 Aug	P&F Movie night – Oceans8 (look out for flyer in the newsletter)
Wed 15 Aug	Feast of the Assumption – Whole School Mass 9am
Sat 18 Aug	Confirmation Celebration 4pm
Sun 19 Aug	Confirmation Celebration 11am
Thu 23 Aug	Cross Country at Yidarra Y3-6
Mon 20 Aug	PUPIL FREE DAY (no students)
Tue 21-Fri 24 Aug	Book Week (Friday – staff play)
Thu 30 Aug	Spelling Bee competition – Parish hall
Fri 31 Aug	Father's Day assembly (look out for flyer in the newsletter)
Fri 31 Aug	P&F meeting 1.30pm
Tue 4 Sep	Reconciliation Parent meeting 6.30pm in the Parish hall
Sun 9 Sep	P&F Busy Bee (look out for flyer in the newsletter)
Mon 17 Sep	Learning Journeys
Tue 18 Sep	Mercy Mission Day – Fundraising Stalls
Thu 20 Sep	Performing Arts Concert 6.30-7.30pm
Fri 21 Sep	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

NOTE: 'Events can change at anytime'