



Yidarra Catholic Primary School

Newsletter: Term 1, Week 8

Monday, 20 March 2017

*Living every day as a song of faith
in the Lord's promises*

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A thought from Pope Francis for Lent

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Principals News

Parent-teacher interviews

Parents are reminded that the school will be closing at 12:30pm on Monday 3rd April for parent teacher interviews. Parents are requested to not park in the drive through areas between 12:40pm and 1:00pm as parents will be picking up their children in the drive through areas at that time.

Parenting expert, Michael Grose, believes that parent-teacher interviews provide a great opportunity for you as a parent to find out how your child is progressing at school. Although, parent-teacher interviews are tightly scheduled and can seem a little rushed, teachers are highly organised so they can make the most of the time you have together. Here are some tips to help make the meeting more productive and less stressful for everyone involved:

Grose suggests the following guidelines to make the most of these interviews:



Making the most of your parent-teacher interview, by Michael Grose

1. Confirm the meeting

If the meeting has been called by someone at the school, then confirm that you will be attending. Confirm also if someone such as another parent, family member, friend or professional will be attending the meeting.

2. Work from a fresh slate

Sometimes meetings can be marred before they start as negative past experiences can carry residual resentment. Every new meeting offers a fresh opportunity to create better outcomes for your child.

3. Prepare well

Before a meeting or conference, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep the questions short and to the point. Similarly, it may be useful to list some of your child's strengths and areas of improvement that you've seen at home. Writing information down in advance ensures that your point of view is expressed and that critical information is covered. Similarly, make sure you take notes during the meeting so that vital information isn't missed.

4. Listen first

Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child's progress or behaviour. This may sound obvious but some meetings never get off the ground because an enthusiastic parent takes over.

5. Ask what you can do

Show your commitment to producing better results by asking for exercises that you can do at home to develop skills. It may be a good opportunity to ask for recommendations for outside resources to help you and your child. Often teachers know about camps, activities, organisations or events that can encourage educational and social growth.

6. Consider how to discuss at home

Once a meeting is over consider how you will talk about it with your child. Discuss areas that need work in positive, specific terms. "We talked about your reading and your teacher suggested that we need to..." Involve your child in discussing plans for improvement. Make sure these plans are doable rather than overwhelming him or her with an exhaustive list of suggestions. Small inroads in progress or improved behaviour have been found to have a snowball effect, impacting on broader areas of improvement.

Parent teacher meetings and conferences take many formats. Regardless of the format, you will be more effective if you go in with a positive attitude, an approachable demeanour, and a willingness to work collaboratively with your child's teacher to reach the best outcomes possible for your child.

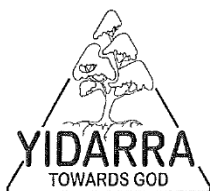
May God bless your week,

Carmel Costin

Principal

Easter Recall

The Year 5 students will lead the Easter Recall on Friday, 24 March at 6pm at the St Thomas More Parish.



**IMPORTANT NOTE
TO ALL YIDARRA
FAMILIES**

Yidarra Catholic Primary School

2017 PARENT/GUARDIAN & TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Interviews for parents/guardians of children in **Kindergarten -Year 6** regarding their child/ren's progress will be conducted in Week 10 of Term 1. All parents/guardians need to make an appointment to discuss their child/ren's progress with the classroom teacher. **Children do NOT attend the interview.**

INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD ON

MONDAY 3rd April: 12:00pm - 7:15pm

***School finishes on this day at 12:40pm for all students
from Kindergarten-Year 6.***

Choose a preferred time period on the Reply Slip below and return to your

eldest child's class teacher by Tue 21 March.

You will be notified of your exact interview time after this date. Interviews are 10 minutes long and are timetabled every 15 minutes.

If a completed form is not returned by the due date, a time will be allocated to you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please complete & return to your eldest child's teacher by Tue 21 March 2017



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Reply Slip

K-Year 6 Parent/Guardian & Teacher Interviews 2017

Student Name _____ Class _____

Student Name _____ Class _____

Student Name _____ Class _____

Student Name _____ Class _____

Time Block: (Please tick box)

Monday 3rd April 2017: 12:00 – 3.00pm 3.00pm – 7.15pm

Merit Awards

Week 8

Sebastian M 2G

Max G 2G

Isabella N 4B

Tom C 4B

Christian V 4G

Noa G 4G

Louie Q 5B

Reshan G 5B

Samuel C 5G

Sarah L 5G

Laila B 6B

Denzel B 6B

Callum L 6G

Brianna M 6G

Stars of the Week

Bella B 1G

Taneesha B 6B

Value - RESPECT



School News

Parent Connect Group

Everyone welcome to the next meeting on Friday, 24 March at 9.30am in the staff room.

Library News

If any family has Charlie and Lola DVDs they no longer want, I would really appreciate adding them to our library collection.

PE News

CPSSA Interschool Swimming Carnival 2017

Date: Tuesday 4th April 2017
Venue: Rockingham Aquatic Centre, Rockingham
Time: Bus leaves Yidarra at 8.30 am students to arrive at school by 8.15am
Carnival runs from 9.30am - 2.15 pm
Bus returns to Yidarra at 3.10pm

There will be training held at Melville Aquatic Centre on the 20th, 24th, 27th and 31st March. 7.30am to 8.10am.

Any queries contact Rob Debowski via debowski.rob@yidarra.wa.edu.au

Golf Competition - 2017 Champion Schools Golf – Primary

Where: Rockingham Golf Club, **When:** June 2017 **Cost:** \$30.00 including lunch
Who: Open to anyone who owns a set of clubs and has previously played in the 'Mygolf' tour and completed 9 holes

If you are interested, please contact Rob Debowski (PE Teacher) via email: debowski.rob@yidarra.wa.edu.au

“A Lenten Journey” continues at Bateman parish on Wednesday

In this week's session of the video series “A Lenten Journey”, we focus on the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. In his presentation, entitled God Sees into the Heart, theologian Fr Michael Himes expands on the theme of light and darkness. We learn how God sees into the heart with the unlikely choice of David for king, and we will hear a vivid description of the Easter Vigil in the early Church, when people literally stumbled through the darkness to receive the light of Christ.

When/Where: Wed 22 March from 9am–10am at Meeting Room 2 (next to Bateman Parish office).

Next week, Wed, 29 Mar; The Lenten video program continues, with the topic Endless Possibilities, based on the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Same place & time. Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 / Su 0413 560 033

P&F News

Next P&F Meeting

As always, everyone is welcome to P&F meetings. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 29 March** in the library at **7.30pm**.

Footy Tipping – Registration now open – Closes 22 March at 3pm

Entry forms are to be forwarded no later than 3pm on Wednesday, 22 March 2017. If you require any further information, contact Ricky Butler via email: rickyjasonbutler@yahoo.com.au or go to the Yidarra website to download the entry form.



Yidarra 2017 Footy Tipping

A P&F fundraiser with weekly and end of season cash prizes to be won!

This exciting and friendly competition is open to all students, parents, grandparents, family, staff and friends

Cost: Yidarra Students \$20, Parents and Others \$30

The AFL Season kicks off soon on Thu 23rd March. **Don't miss out!**

Enter NOW in 4 easy steps:

- 1. Register online**
Go to www.footytips.com.au and join (skip this step if you're already registered on footytips)
- 2. Fill out the attached entry form**
- 3. Hand the entry form into Reception with your cash* entry fee in an envelope marked 'Footy Tipping'**
*OR direct deposit the cash into the P&F bank account
Account Name: Yidarra Catholic Primary School P&F Association
BSB No: 066163
Account No: 00900764
Reference: AFL and your surname
- 4. Join the Yidarra 2017 AFL Footy Tipping Comp**
Go to www.footytips.com.au
Click on 'Join/Create Comp'
Search for 'Yidarra 2017 AFL Footy Tipping'
(Password will be emailed once payment has been received)
Please contact Ricky Butler via email if you have any queries:
rickyjasonbutler@yahoo.com.au

Yidarra 2017 Footy Tipping Entry Form

Email address (to receive the password, rules and updates)

Please tick one of the boxes to confirm the entry fee has been paid: Cash Direct Deposit

When you register with Footytips you choose a 'Display Name', which is the name that will be displayed on the footy tipping ladder.

Tipper 1's Full Name	Footytips Display Name	For Students: Which class are you in?
Tipper 2's Full Name	Footytips Display Name	For Students: Which class are you in?
Tipper 3's Full Name	Footytips Display Name	For Students: Which class are you in?
Tipper 4's Full Name	Footytips Display Name	For Students: Which class are you in?
Tipper 5's Full Name	Footytips Display Name	For Students: Which class are you in?
Tipper 6's Full Name	Footytips Display Name	For Students: Which class are you in?

Please return this form to reception by **Wednesday 22nd March 3pm.**

Total Entry Fee Paid \$

Easter Raffle - Free Dress & Donation Day - Thursday, 23 March

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 6 April within each year level classroom.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are now closed. Orders will be forwarded to your child's class shortly.

Busy Bee – Sunday, 2 April

The Busy Bee will be held on Sunday, 2 April – everyone is welcome.

Car Park Raffle

Forms going home today, tickets due by Wednesday, 5 April and drawn at assembly on Friday, 7 April.

Tough Mother on Saturday, 29 April & Dads needed!

To register go to; <https://www.trybooking.com/OPRT> - closes 7 April.

Dads hope you can help on the day, contact; -

Parent coordinators Laura Bell & Indra Tomic via yidarratoughmother@gmail.com



P&F News

Yidarra Quiz Night News

The Quiz Night is less than 2 weeks away! A big thank to everyone who has helped! A couple of quick messages:

Request

Do you know of any decoration supplies or balloon shops? We are seeking donations to decorate the night. We have not approached anyone in the area yet as we thought we might find a Yidarra person who knows someone. We will promote them on the night and in the newsletter. Any donations will be gratefully received. Please contact Kelly on 0419 197 694 or email us at yidarracommunityquiznight2017@gmail.com or see Kelly or Trish at school.

Information

Doors will open at 6.30pm ready for a 7.15pm start. We have lots planned for the night including live auctions, 10 rounds of questions, games and giveaways and much more, so we need to have everyone seated with their drinks and ready to go at 7.15pm.

Raffle & Games

Please bring your spare change on the night. We have a huge raffle planned with a prize pool of just under \$2000! The prize pool includes a new iPad, home outdoor cinema experience, overnight stay at the Pagoda with Breakfast, shopping vouchers and lots more. We also have many other fun games planned, with prizes galore so please bring a bit of cash on you.

Donations

We have a few donations that Yidarra families have pledged that we still need to collect. We can arrange collection from you or if you could pop them into the office into the basket, we clear that out regularly. Alternatively, if it is a voucher you can email it to us and we will print and laminate it ready for the night. Thank you once again for everyone's generous support!

Special Thanks to:

- Kingfisher Newsagency, Bull Creek
- Spare Parts Puppet Theatre
- Winthrop Australia Post
- Natasha Drodsky Grosse
- Fiona Chow
- Michelle Benino, Keri McGuinness & Dallis Golding, helped wrap & decorate prizes



Dinner Dance on Saturday, 6 May

Tickets for the Pagoda Dinner Dance will go on sale shortly.

- Tickets \$120pp
- Tables of 10

For further information, contact parent coordinator lisa_lindner@msn.com or 0419 192 923.

Yidarra Quiz Sponsor – Thank you

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