

Thursday, 24th November 2016

St Damien's Drum

Important Dates

Friday, 25th November

- Beach Sport
PP, Yr1, Yr5, Yr6

Wednesday 30th November

- Volunteers Morning Tea
10.45am
- Christmas Concert
5.30pm

Tuesday 6th December

- Winning Faction Fun Day
9.00am – 12.00pm

Wednesday 7th December

- Year 6 Graduation Mass
9.00am

Thursday 8th December

- Year 6 Beach Day

Friday 9th December

- Last Day of Term

Canteen

A note went home yesterday regarding canteen IOU's. If your child/ren has money owing, can you please pay the outstanding amount at the canteen as soon as possible.

Many Thanks!

'Be the change you wish to see in the world.'
- Mahatma Gandhi -

Dear Parents,

As the year rapidly draws to a close we see a large number of events taking place within our school. While these all add to the excitement that permeates this time of the year, they also often come with a corresponding 'time' cost. It is at these times when you see just how dedicated and conscientious members of staff and others in our school community truly demonstrate themselves to be.

Last week alone saw, along with all the usual duties required to run normal school activities, the Year Five school camp brilliantly run by the staff involved, a presentation by Mrs Maggie Dent, the interschool Lawn Bowls and Cricket carnival for our Year Sixes, Beach Sports, P&F movie night last Friday (ably assisted by members of staff) and the weekend masses to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, to name but a few.

I am in awe of the generosity of spirit displayed by all concerned with these and the myriad of other activities that took place last week. We are truly blessed to be a part of a school where so many opportunities are provided for all members of the school community to participate.

I look forward to seeing all families next Wednesday evening 30th November, for the StDCPS School Concert commencing at 5.30pm.

Special thanks to Mrs Katelyn Williamson and Mr Brett Crebert who, with the generous assistance of the staff, keep the school running without missing a beat while I take some LSL this week to attend my daughter's wedding.

Yes; Christ does indeed shine over StDCPS.

Joe Bartucciotto

Uniform Shop

Wednesday 2.00pm – 3.15pm

Friday 8.15am – 9.00am

Do you intend to leave St Damien's in 2017?

Parents intending to withdraw their children in 2017 must notify the school in writing as soon as you are aware of your change in circumstances

P&F NEWS

Thank you to Amanda, Jane and all the Year 4 parents, students and teachers for raising \$2005 at our chilled movie night. It was an evening of fun and relaxation as we rocked up to a sensational smelling sausage sizzle, licked creamy ice creams, nibbled salty popcorn and chewed sugary lollies whilst watching the antics of the "Secret Life of Pets". The turnout was fantastic. The children enjoyed hanging out together both before and during the movie. The gentle breeze kept the smoke and mozzies away. We will plan a movie night for 2017.

Money raised will go towards raising the height of the fencing in the Kindy playground.

Maggie Dent kept parents entertained as she imparted wise tips on minimising technology and embracing dirt, fostering independence and resilience. Thank you to Jenny and Andrea for their time and hard work in organising this inspiring event. We broke even which was a bonus! If you missed out or would like to see Maggie again, she is booked in for November 2017.

Thank you to Kim and Lisa for organising the Kindy fundraiser, Picture plates. We each received our Artworks this week-very exciting!

Just a reminder that each year group is allocated a fundraiser. Where possible, please support your year group's fundraiser, as this helps build community. We have a very motivated and committed group of parents. Your help means they are able to continue on rather than burn out.

If you are a business owner, keep an eye out for how you may want to get involved in the Easter Carnival on 26th March 2017. Please save the date! We are looking for prize donations as well as stall holders. The Easter Carnival will be preceded by a car boot sale. This is a great opportunity to declutter! (This is on my holiday to do list!!!)

Dads, you are an important part of your children's lives. Awesome Dads are getting on board "The Fathering Project". Check it out as a great way to connect with other Dads and spend some quality time with your children. Keep an eye out for further info.

Thank you Parents!

Alicia Sun

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The P&F need a new treasurer for 2017!

Ideally we are looking for someone with MYOB experience or someone who has done accounts for a small business.

If you are interested please contact Alicia or the school office.