



NEWSLETTER

3rd August 2017



Prayer

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called Children of God!

1 JOHN 3:1 NIV

Father God, I love how you created earthly relationships to give us a glimpse of our relationship with you. The love of a parent for a child is the closest we come on earth to reflecting your unconditional love for us. Most parents would do anything to keep their children from harm and raise them in the way they should go – even when it means disciplining them at times. So it is with all of us who are your sons and daughters, Lord. As we experience earthly relationships, we understand more of how you care for us. Thank you for loving us so much that you call us your children, and forgive us for those times we disappoint you.

Amen.



Important Dates

Saturday 5th August

- P&F Casino Night

Tuesday 8th August

- Year 5 Liturgy / Whole School Mass, 9.00am

Friday 11th August

- Pre Primary Assembly, 8.45am

Saturday 12th August

- Confirmation Prep Mass, 6.00pm

Tuesday 15th August

- Year 1 Liturgy / Whole School Mass, 9.00am

Thursday 17th August

- Board Meeting, 7.00pm

Friday 18th August

- Jumps & Throws, 8.30am – 11.00am

Sunday 20th August

- Confirmation Prep Mass, 8.30am
- Interhouse Athletics Carnival

Monday 21st August

- Book Week commences

Thursday 24th August

- Year 6 Liturgy and Confirmation Retreat Day

Friday 25th August

- Year 4 Assembly, 8.45am
- Book Week Dress Up

Saturday 26th August

- Confirmation, 6.00pm

Monday 28th August

- PP to Year 2 Swimming Lessons commence

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate our Year Six students who made their commitment at last weekend's enrolment masses and I would like to thank all the students, staff members, families and parishioners who came along to support our students. It was a prayerful liturgy made all the more special by Fr Gerald's magnificent voice. I look forward to offering our school community's support to our young leaders as they make this important spiritual commitment. All too often we hear of the many pressures to which our children succumb, sometimes with very tragic outcomes. Ensuring our children know they are members of a loving, caring and nourishing family and faith community may one day make the difference between making a good life choice or one with deleterious consequences.

My thanks to Mr Brett Crebert for preparing the liturgy, to Mrs Caroline Leighton and Mr Niall McCloskey for preparing the students, the choir and altar servers for their service, the parishioners and staff members who offered their ministries and all those members of staff who came and showed their support for the students as they made their commitment to our faith.

We wish our Robocup Team every success tomorrow. They have shown great aptitude and trained tirelessly under the direction of Mr Crebert. We know they will do themselves and us all, very proud.

At last night's P&F meeting we had some excellent discussions regarding the resources we can provide and the improvements we can make to continue to create the best conditions within which our students can come to live, learn and play. If you haven't come along to a meeting in the past, please consider coming along to offer your opinions or even just listen to the wonderful work these mums do on the school's behalf.

In the interests of children's safety could I please implore all parents to comply with the **reverse parking into all bays** and to refrain from parking in the staff parking areas. We take the safety of our students extremely seriously and will not put their safety at risk. Thank you for your cooperation and to all the wonderful parents who comply with the rules.

2018 News

Following discussions over many years we are proud to announce some significant points that may be of great interest to families of St Damien's Catholic Primary School.

1. In 2018 we will be again be running **two classes in all year levels from 3 Year Old Kindy to Year Six.**
2. As of 2018, **children at St Damien's who have siblings at Mandurah Catholic College will receive the same family discount they would receive if they had all children in the one school.** Details on how to register will come out later this year.
3. Children who are students of **St Damien's will be offered automatic entry into MCC once they reach Year Seven** (They will still need to complete the MCC enrolment forms but entry will be assured)
4. While fee increases are mandated by CEWA, it is anticipated that in 2018 there will be **no fee rise**, or at most a very small percentage in St Damien's fees.

Important Reminders

Reminder that raffle books (10 tickets at \$1 each) have been sent home. The prize is a **choice** between a signed West Coast Eagles 2017 footy jumper (the last one ever with Matt Priddis and Sam Mitchell on it) or \$500 in cold hard cash. Win the prize and make your choice. Proceeds to our Flores project.

Reminder that the P&F Casino Night is on this Saturday evening, tickets are still available. To purchase a ticket please contact Kim 0435 446 717 or Darelle 0415 404 524.

Keep the date

Sunday 20th August Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

Christ Shines

Joe Bartucciotto



2017/18 Basketball Season



8 & Under	Yr 1 & 2	1/7/2011 – 30/6/2009	Girls Saturday AM Boys Saturday PM
10 & Under	Yr 3 & 4	1/7/2009 – 30/6/2007	Girls Saturday AM Boys Saturday PM

How to nominate a team?

Club Contacts for Entire Teams Nominations are:

furybasketballclub@outlook.com

peelpredators@hotmail.com

OR solo teams that do not wish to register with a club can contact admin@mandurahmagic.com.au

Individual players looking for a team?

Register your interest on our online Looking to Play registration form. MBA will then be in contact with clubs that are seeking individual players. However, it is recommended to contact a club directly for quicker access.

Open Days and Assistance with Online Registrations:

2 Open Days will be held at MARC to assist with playing and registrations, some clubs will be in attendance and taking regos.

Wednesday, 16th August 2017 between 4pm & 7pm

Saturday, 19th August 2017 between 10am & 1pm

Uniform Shop

Wednesday
2.00pm - 3.15pm

Friday
8.15am - 9.00am

St Damien's Parish Mass Times

Wednesday, 6.00pm

Thursday, 6.00pm

Friday, 12.00noon

Saturday, 6.00pm

Sunday, 8.30am



Footy Tipping \$100 Weekly Winner

Round 19 – Paul F

Please collect your prize money from the School Office

Overall Leader – Stephen F

DINOSAUR OR BUTTERFLY MEAL DEAL



Dinosaur Meal Deal \$3.50

Recess

Scoop of Poop (Sultanas)

Dino Tucker (carrots and cheese chunks)

Lunch

Vegemite Sandwich (cut in a dinosaur shape)



Butterfly Meal Deal \$3.50

Recess

Butterfly Lava (Sultanas)

Butterfly Cocoons (carrot and cheese sticks)

Lunch

Vegemite Sandwich (cut in a butterfly shape)

Please note ChocMint Chills are no longer available to order as they have been deleted by Brownes.

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2017

Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is a must for all families.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim in lessons conducted at pools and open water venues across the State. VacSwim is for all children - from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

Your children can learn to swim for just:

- \$7.00 per child for a five day short program
- \$13.00 per child for all other programs.

It's even cheaper if you have three or more children:

- \$18.00 a family for a five day short program
- \$35.00 a family for all other programs.

To find out more about VacSwim and to enrol online please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

STDCPS ATHLETICS HELP

Over the last few years our Athletics Carnivals, and other Carnivals, have been a great success. One of the biggest reasons for this is the support we get from parent volunteers who help on the day. If any parents are able to help at our upcoming events in any way possible, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email Mrs Bright at janelle.bright@cewa.edu.au with details of when you can assist.

JUMPS & THROWS MORNING (Not all students compete – event is selection based)

Date & Time: Friday 18th August, 2017 8:30am – 11.00am

Parents Needed (MAX): 16

Details: Parents work in pairs (or 3's) to judge, measure and record the students Jumps & Throws. Each station only has 8 students at a time.

STDCPS INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (All students compete)

Date & Time: Sunday 20th August, 2017 8.30am – 2.00pm (ish)

Parents Needed (MAX): 10

Details: Two main roles

1. To help with Carnival set-up before the carnival starts (approx. 7:30am).
2. To help at the finish line with organising students, recording results, timing and presenting wristbands.



Thank you,

Mrs Bright



Notice of Prescribed Burning

The City of Mandurah will be undertaking a prescribed burn in Caddadup Reserve in the coming weeks. The burn will be reducing the fuel load, helping fire fighters protect lives and property when a bushfire strikes. Smoke may reduce visibility in the area.

WHEN: August 2017

WHO: City of Mandurah, Dept. of Fire & Emergency Services, volunteer fire brigades

WHERE: Caddadup Reserve (southern end)

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF SMOKE AFFECTED:

- Motorists are advised to take care, turn on headlights & follow instructions or signage
- Motorists & residents should close all windows and doors, & turn off air conditioners

People with health conditions exacerbated by smoke should:

- Take precautions in line with your pre-prepared treatment plan
- Seek medical advice from your doctor or call Healthdirect on 1800 022 222
- For more information go to Dept. of Health website www.health.wa.wa.gov.au

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO:

- Please do not call '000' unless reporting a life threatening event
The area will be monitored following the burn to ensure it is safe
The area may smoulder for several days
- Do not enter the reserve until deemed safe & all signage is removed

Please report any concerns related to fire activity associated with the prescribed burn to the City of Mandurah on 9550 3777.



For further information please contact the City of Mandurah Coordinator, Emergency Management on 9550 3777 or email emergencymanagement@mandurah.wa.gov.au