



# NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup> February 2017



Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. Whatever form we are, able or disabled, rich or poor, it is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing: a lifelong sharing of love with others.

*Mother Teresa*



## Important Dates

### Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February

- Beach Sport Year 4

### Tues 21<sup>st</sup> February

- Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival

### Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> February

- Reading Workshop, 9.00am in Library
- Board Meeting, 7.00pm

### Fri 24<sup>th</sup> February

- Beach Sport Year 3 & Year 4

### Sat 25<sup>th</sup> February

- Weekend School Mass / Enrolment Reconciliation

### Sun 26<sup>th</sup> February

- Weekend School Mass / Enrolment Reconciliation

### Tue 28<sup>th</sup> February

- Parent-Student Reconciliation Meeting, 6.00pm

### Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March

- Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass, 9.00am
- P&F Meeting, 7.00pm

### Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> March

- Men of the Trees, Year 4 & Year 6

# Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure over the past week to sit in with parents as the class teachers pass on vital information to you at the various Parent Information Sessions. Their dedication, conscientiousness and desire to obtain the very best result for each and every child is highly commendable. I thank them, and all staff members sincerely for the endless hours they put into ensuring our students have the opportunity to achieve their best possible level of achievement.

No doubt, you will have noted from the meetings just how much is packed into each and every day and I am certain that you understand how much a student potentially misses out on if they are absent. For this reason, we ask that while it makes perfect sense to keep your child home when they are unwell, it is important that they attend school regularly to maintain the proper sequence and continuity of the teaching program prepared for them. Catch-up lessons can sometimes be sent home when a child is unwell, however, invariably the child gains maximum learning from being involved in class lessons.

I would also like to ask that family holidays are confined, as much as practicable, to school holiday time slots. I understand that due to the many constraints impinging on families these days, sometimes holidays can only be scheduled during school times, however, I ask that you endeavour to make every effort to minimise these disruptions to your child's schooling.

Along with delivering information about programs and procedures, every class's presentation contained the clear message that your role as a parent is integral to assisting your child to be successful at school. You are encouraged to come and speak with the class teacher to discuss the progress your child is making and to find out how the home and the school can collaborate to maximise children's achievements.

Finally, may I please ask that unless a matter is urgent, important and requires immediate action, could you please make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher. Popping in quickly before school can be expedient but it can also impact on the precious time teachers allocate before school to marking children's work, assisting them with any homework queries and generally preparing work for the day ahead. Thank you for your support.

## **Talk4Writing**

In an effort to continue to improve the structure and quality of our students' writing (and inject a great deal of fun into the equation), we have introduced a program called Talk4Writing in all classes from Kindy to Year Six. The children are enjoying learning ways to improve their writing using this format. If they haven't already spoken to you about it, ask them about what they have been doing in writing so far this year and perhaps even get them to act it out.

## **Swimming Carnival**

All the best to the students in Years 3 to 6 as they prepare to participate in our annual **StDCPS Faction Swimming Carnival next Tuesday**. The swimming carnival is a wonderful team event as it elicits both great individual efforts by the students in order to help them gain recognition for their individual achievements while also helping their faction. I look forward to seeing our students competing in the carnival, supporting their team and displaying the spirit for which our school is so well known.

## Reading Workshop

Mrs Williamson will be conducting a highly informative **Reading Workshop** on Thursday 23rd Feb at 9.00am in the library. It is a great opportunity to hear many informative ways in which you can assist your child acquire and develop vital reading skills.

## Whole School and Reconciliation Enrolment Masses

I look forward to also seeing students and their families at the **Whole School Masses** next weekend on **Saturday evening the 25th Feb at 6.00pm or Sunday the 26th Feb at 8.30am**. We will also be conducting the **Reconciliation Enrolments** for our Year Three students at these masses.

## School Fete 26th March.

The planning for the Fete is progressing well and a number of dedicated parents are now meeting weekly in order to ensure that all the appropriate planning and the myriad of tasks that are needed to make sure the day is a success are being done. Thank you to the steering committee. Please keep an ear out for any calls they may make for assistance. StDCPS will undoubtedly be the winner.

Remember to keep that date free!

## Thank You To Our Hardworking Volunteers

Thank you to the myriad of parents and friends of our school who assist us in many ways. Our volunteers make a fantastic contribution to StDCPS and we wouldn't be able to maintain the high standard of service we offer, without them. I am certain that we all appreciate their efforts and thank them unreservedly. It is important that we acknowledge them when we see them around, follow their directions, abide by their procedures and ensure that they are treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration as they go about making StDCPS a better place.

Christ Shines

Joe Bartucciotto

## UPCOMING ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday			Sunday		
18/2/17	Stephen Leighton	Aodhan Shadlow	19/2/17	Conal Bassett-Scarfe	Sophia Bassett-Scarfe
25/2/17	Olivia Williamson	Sophie Williamson	26/2/17	Declan McShane	Roison McShane
4/3/17	Elizabeth Eppen-Van Der Aa	Riley McCormack	5/3/17	Hailee Hardie	Mitchell Edwards

St Damien's Parish Mass Times

Wednesday, 6.00pm

Thursday, 6.00pm

Friday, 12.00noon

Saturday, 6.00pm

Sunday, 8.30am

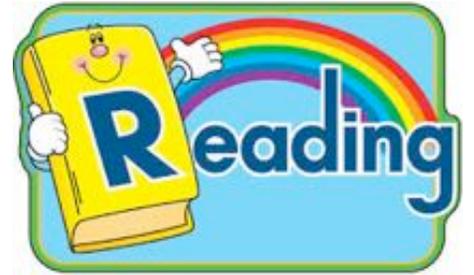
Uniform ShopWednesday  
2.00pm - 3.15pmFriday  
8.15am - 9.00am**Interhouse Swimming Carnival (Yr 3-6)****Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February****9.00am – 2.30pm****Events start 9.30am****Venue:** Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre**When to be at school?** If students can make best efforts to be at school by 8:30am so that buses can leave at 8:45am it would be appreciated. Students will be back at school by 2:45pm**What to wear?** St DCPS **House** Summer Sports Uniform. Thongs/Sandals acceptable. Swimwear underneath.**What to bring?** Towel, goggles (bathing caps will be provided on the day), drink bottle, underwear to change into.**Lunch & Recess** No canteen services will be made available to the students. They will need to have a lunch and recess packed in accordance with StDCPS Healthy Lunchbox Policy. Coffee and café facilities will be made available for parents.

For your information the 2017 Interhouse Swimming Carnival Handbook is on our Skoolbag app under Parent Information.

MCC Soccer RegistrationTuesday, 14 & 21 February  
2.30 - 4.00pm MCC GymnasiumFor any queries please direct them to Sarah Tutolo  
0427 709 383 or tutolo.sarah@cathednet.wa.edu.au

## Parent Reading Workshop K-6

Presented by Katelyn Williamson



A workshop will be held on Thursday 23rd February at 9am in the library to explain how we teach reading at St Damien's from Kindy to Year 6 and what you can do to support your child's reading development. Some topics that will be covered are:

- What does the research tell us that a child needs to learn in order to become an independent reader?
- What does the classroom program look like in all year levels from Kindergarten to Year 6?
- What can parents do to help their children learn to read?
- What if your child is having difficulty with reading?
- What if your child has dyslexia?
- What do "reading levels" mean?
- Question and answer session

It is anticipated the session will run for a half to one hour, depending on the question and answer session. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee and some morning tea after the session. An area will be set up in the library to assist with the supervision of non-school aged children. If you require this supervision, please RSVP the number and age/s of your child/children to [admin@dawesvillecps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@dawesvillecps.wa.edu.au) to assist with us with planning.

Please direct all questions to Katelyn Williamson by emailing [williamson.katelyn@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto:williamson.katelyn@cathednet.wa.edu.au)



Congratulations to Lexcen King, Elizabeth Eppen-Van Der Aa, Anthony Eppen-Van Der Aa and Olivia Payne (from Frederick Irwin) who successfully completed the Busselton Jetty Swim last weekend. The children were the youngest ever competitors and the conditions were the roughest ever experienced in the long history of the race. Congratulations and well done!



HALLS HEAD FOOTBALL CLUB

# 2017 COME AND PAY DAY

MERLIN St. CLUBROOMS

10am – 1pm, FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

BOYS AND GIRLS  
PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 12

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT

[WWW.HHFC.COM.AU](http://WWW.HHFC.COM.AU)

GO TO AUSKICK / JUNIOR / YOUTH

*ACCREDITED COACHES*

*AWARD WINNING VOLUNTEERS*

*BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS*

*A GREAT FAMILY CLUB*

*“CARN THE LIGHTNING!”*



**JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY**

The Junior Legion of Mary will resume on Friday, 17 February at 3.15 pm. The children gather for refreshments at this time and the meeting begins at 3.30 pm, finishing at 4.30 pm. We extend an invitation to all students from Years 3 to 6 to come along and see what the Legion of Mary has to offer to young people. Areas such as forming lasting friendships with other students sharing the same beliefs; fostering a personal relationship with Jesus through Mary, thus enabling them to 'Make Jesus Real' in their own lives and the lives of others; growth in confidence leading to leadership opportunities in Parish and School Communities; an attitude of duty and discipline at home and at school; and much more. To find out more, interested parents and students are invited to come along to the Parish Donga for our Introductory Meeting for the year on Friday, 17 February at 3.15 pm. We look forward to meeting you.

Kaye Seeber (9586 4134) and Pauline Brown (0423 230 755)

# MANDURAH STORM JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

## Come & Try Day

19TH FEBRUARY, 10AM-1PM

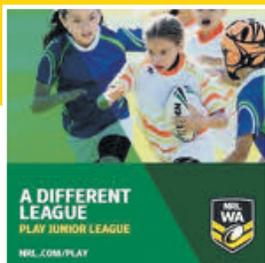
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**BOUNCY  
CASTLE**



**SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE**



**Ages 4 - 16**  
**Inc Girls League Tag**

**KS KIDSPORT**

Further Info contact  
**Jade Lund 0432 286 535**

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## MANDURAH CATHOLIC COLLEGE INSTRUMENTAL TUITION



**WOODWIND** - Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone

**BRASS** - Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba

**STRINGS** - Violin, Electric Guitar, Guitar, Bass Guitar

**PERCUSSION** - Drum Kit/Percussion, Piano & Keyboard

**VOICE**

Applications available at

<http://web.mcc.wa.edu.au/teachingandlearning/the-arts/>