



# NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017



## Important Dates

### Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> February

- Beach Sport  
Yr 1 & Yr 2

### Mon, 6<sup>th</sup> February

- Yr 3-6 swimming  
lessons continue

### Wed 8<sup>th</sup> February

- Fete Committee  
Meeting, 6pm in  
staffroom
- P&F Meeting,  
7pm in staffroom

### Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February

- Swimming  
Carnival Trials

### Fri 10<sup>th</sup> February

- Beach Sport  
Yr 1 & Yr 2
- Yr 3-6 swimming  
lessons finish

### Wed 15<sup>th</sup> February

- School Photos

### Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> February

- School Photos

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

- Beach Sport  
Yr 5 & Yr 6

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

- Yr 3-6 Swimming  
Carnival
- Board Meeting,  
7pm

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

- Beach Sport  
Yr 3 & Yr 4

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

- Weekend  
School Mass /  
Enrolment  
Reconciliation

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

- Weekend  
School Mass /  
Enrolment  
Reconciliation

Dear God,  
Help me spend today   
with a *Smile* on my face,  
*Love*  in my heart,  
*Joy*  in His grace,  
and my *thinking cap* on all day.  
Amen

# Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at St Damien's Catholic Primary School. I offer a warm welcome to both our new and returning families. Thanks to the dedication and conscientious efforts of the staff, the year has started extremely smoothly and students have made the transition from their holidays to school life with a minimum of fuss.

The year ahead holds much promise and as I invariably say at this time of the year, a sustained, methodical and diligent approach to school will reap far greater benefits and deliver much better results than a sporadic burst of work. The teachers work extremely hard to ensure that the programs of work they prepare for the students produce lessons that are sequential, developmentally appropriate, interesting, effective, as enjoyable as possible and cover all elements of the school curriculum.

If you have any questions or seek any clarification, your child's teacher must be the first port of call. It is vital to your child's success that you obtain the most accurate and answers to your questions. I implore you to attend the Parent Information Sessions in Week Three (See the table below). These sessions will allow you to gain a great deal of insight into the way your child's class will operate and the specific aims, goals and requirements of their teachers.

## Parent Information Sessions

	<b>Monday Feb 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday Feb 15<sup>th</sup></b>
2.30-3.00			Kindy	
3.30-4.00	Year 5	Staff Meeting	Year 6	Year 1
4.05-4.35	Year 3	Staff Meeting	Year 2	
4.40-5.10	Pre Primary	Year 4		

Finally, I would like to wish all students, families and staff members a safe, healthy and successful 2017 school year.

## NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Over the holidays we launched our new school website thanks to a great deal of work over many months by a large number of people. I would like to offer my special thanks to Ms Sandi Hilson and Mr Brett Crebert for their hard work over the break and in the preceding months to ensure the new site serves the needs of our school community in the best possible manner. The new site can be found at <http://www.stdamienscps.wa.edu.au>. This site contains the most up-to-date information and calendar. If you have any queries pertaining to school operations please consult the site. It houses a current calendar, the school handbook and lists all notes sent home by class. It is an invaluable resource and will avoid last minute panic and running the risk of getting inaccurate information.

Christ Shines

Joe Bartucciotto

P&F MEETING

All parents are invited to our first P&F Meeting of the year.

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Please bring your ideas and positive attitudes. I look forward to meeting some new faces.

Alicia Sun  
P&F President

# SAVE THE DATE

Easter Carnival Fete on Sunday, March 26th 2017.

There is a Fete Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm in the staffroom. Parents welcome to attend.

St Damien's Parish Mass Times

Wednesday, 6.00pm

Thursday, 6.00pm

Friday, 12.00noon

Saturday, 6.00pm

Sunday, 8.30am

## Uniform Shop

**Wednesday 2.00 - 3.15pm**

**Friday 8.15 - 9.00am**

### UPCOMING ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday			Sunday		
4/2/17	Jordan Greaves	Riley McCormack	5/2/17	Mitchell Edwards	Noah Glenn
11/2/17	Peter Logue	Kate Logue	12/2/17	Poppy Golding	Jack Kemp
18/2/17	Stephen Leighton	Aodhan Shadlow	19/2/17	Conal Bassett-Scarfe	Sophia Bassett-Scarfe

## 2017 Swimming Carnival Information

Please keep an eye on our website [www.stdamienscps.wa.edu.au](http://www.stdamienscps.wa.edu.au) for event information on the calendar pages. As the events near closer we will be publishing our Parent Handbooks for the events on the webpage also

Week	Day	Date	Event
2	Thursday	9th February, 2017	Year 3-6 STDCPS Interhouse Swimming Carnival Time Trials
4	Tuesday	21st February, 2017	Year 3-6 STDCPS Interhouse Swimming Carnival
9	Wednesday	29th March, 2017	Year 4-6 PSSA Division B Swimming Carnival*

**All events held at the Mandurah Aquatic Centre (MARC)**

\* Please be aware the first 2 events (Interhouse Carnivals) are for **all** students of the school. The PSSA Swimming Carnival is for selected students.

Grade Times for Time Trials (9th February):

Year 3	10:30am - 11:30am
Year 4	11:30am-12:30pm
Year 5	12:30pm-2:00pm
Year 6	9:00am-10:30am



Year 3-6 will travel to the MARC directly from their Swimming Lessons at Avalon Beach. Please be aware of these times when packing an appropriate lunch

### PARENT HELP

For these events to run as smoothly as possible it is always appreciated to have parent help. If you are able to help at any of the events please contact our PE Teacher Mrs Janelle Bright on [bright.janelle@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto:bright.janelle@cathednet.wa.edu.au)

# HELP WANTED

Help required:

Date	Event	Help Needed
9th February, 2017	Year 3-6 STDCPS Interhouse Swimming Carnival Time Trials	4 race timers for each session (stopwatches provided)
21st February, 2017	Year 3-6 STDCPS Interhouse Swimming Carnival	Approx 15 volunteers for a variety of roles
29th March, 2017	Year 4-6 PSSA Division B Swimming Carnival*	6 volunteers for timing races + approx 4 volunteers for extra roles.

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