

NEWSLETTER

11th May 2017



Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,
You wrap your arms around
your people and show your
everlasting love in the same
way a mother loves her
children.

We are grateful for the love
you have taught us through
the mothers in our lives: our
own mother who brought us
into this world, the mothers of
friends who have welcomed
us into their homes and
families, our grandmothers
who took time for us, and the
mothers who have helped us
even though we were not
their children.

Bless all the mothers of this
world today.

May they know the fullness of
love they have shared and
be blessed every day of their
lives.

Amen



Important Dates

Friday 12th May

- Pre Primary Assembly, 8.45am
- PSSA vs Halls Head

Monday 15th May

- Book Fair starts

Tuesday 16th May

- Parent-Student Communion Meeting, 6.00pm

Wednesday 17th May

- Yr 2 Liturgy

Thursday 18th May

- Board Meeting, 7.00pm

Friday 19th May

- Walk Safely to School Day

Saturday 20th May

- School & Communion Enrolment Mass, 6.00pm

Sunday 21st May

- School & Communion Enrolment Mass, 8.30am

Wednesday 24th May

- Whole School Mass Our Lady Help of Christians, 9.00am
- National Simultaneous Storytime, 11.00am
- Book Fair finishes

Friday 26th May

- Year 1 Assembly, 8.45am
- PSSA vs Glencoe
- Wear a red t-shirt or dress up as a Super Hero for Heartkids



Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Last Friday students in year 4 had an absolute ball collecting olives from our olive grove with Signora Bava and Chris Salmeri. They filled several buckets and have now brought glass jars in so that they can preserve them. We look forward to sharing some yummy olives when they are ready to eat. Grazie, to all who took part in this wonderful venture.

This week our year three and five students have participated in the annual NAPLAN suite of assessments. These tests are important measures of the progress of individual students. They also allow schools to gather data which it can use to make decisions regarding its strategies, programs, resources and practices. In primary school, these tests take place in years three and five, they are designed to measure what students have learned across all years of schooling up to that point.

I wish to congratulate the students for the determination they showed during the week and thank all the staff for the great work they do with students day in day out. I also commend you for the great support you offer your children at home in order to give them every opportunity to be healthy, happy and successful.

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St Damien of Molokai with a beautiful liturgy. We are indeed fortunate to have a patron saint who reached out to the needy and the marginalised by rolling his sleeves up and doing whatever he needed to do to make their lives better. His legacy lives on in our school and his work is even more important in this day and age. Thank you to Fr Con for leading us in the celebration of the mass, Mr Brett Crebert for preparing a beautiful liturgy, Mrs Majella Burns and the choir for the lovely music, the year four teachers and students for their direction and assistance, to all who assisted with their ministry and to the staff, students and parents in attendance for their prayerful participation.

Christ Shines

Joe Bartucciotto

Can I please remind you to inform the school beforehand if you are intending to take your children on vacation during term time? Can I once again ask you to consider carefully of not taking the option of having vacations during the school term? While I understand that sometimes there is no other viable alternative, or that it may be to attend a significant family event, the saying "miss a day, miss a lot" is very true. Teachers will try to assist with extra work where possible but some lessons can really only take place at school, in class, in collaboration with other students.

UPCOMING ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday			Sunday		
13/5/17	Jack Kemp	Jordan Greaves	14/5/17	Volunteer	Stephen Leighton

BE A HERO FOR HEARTKIDS!!

WEAR A RED T-SHIRT OR

DRESS UP AS A

SUPERHERO

ON FRIDAY 26TH MAY.

GOLD COIN DONATION



ALL PROCEEDS TO HEARTKIDS

St Damien's Parish Mass Times

Wednesday, 6.00pm

Thursday, 6.00pm

Friday, 12.00noon

Saturday, 6.00pm

Sunday, 8.30am

Parish References

As requested by Fr Con, please take parish references to him directly.



Children are being asked to walk to school with their parents or guardians while learning to be safe, active and healthy.

If you can't walk all the way, combine a walk with public transport. If you use the car, try leaving it a good distance from the school and walk the rest on the way.

Stickers will be available from the office on Friday morning for students who participate.

PSSA WINTER SPORT TERM 2

This week sees the start of our 2017 PSSA Winter Sport. Please find all the relevant information below.

UNIFORMS:

All players are required to wear their school sport shorts (or skirt for Netball if owned) and the school will provide them with a shirt. **It is the responsibility of each student to care for and return these shirts in good condition after the lightning competition.**

Hockey, Soccer and Footy players **MUST** also wear a **MOUTHGUARD**. Other protective gear such as shin pads will be provided by the school.

LUNCH TIMES:

Early lunch times: 12.30pm

****Note:** Soccer team lunch at 12.00pm in Week 7 due to early bus pick up

Lunch orders will still be available.

GAME TIMES:

Friday 12th May - Versus HALLS HEAD

HOME GAME for Footy, Netball, Volleyball

AWAY GAME for Soccer (Peelwood Pde Oval); Hockey (Mandurah Hockey Stadium)

Games start 1.30pm

Friday 26th May - Versus GLENCOE

AWAY game for ALL teams (Soccer at Peelwood; all other teams at Glencoe Primary)

Games start 1.15pm

Friday 9 June - Versus OCEAN ROAD

HOME game for Hockey, Netball, Volleyball, Footy (played on Ocean Rd's oval)

AWAY game for Soccer (Peelwood Oval)

Games start 1.15pm

Friday 23rd June – LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

All day competitions for each sport at the following venues:

Netball – Thompson Street Courts

Volleyball – Mandurah Baptist College

Hockey – Lark Hill Sporting Complex (these students will be required to catch a bus early that morning. Further details to follow.)

Soccer – Bortollo Resrve or Meadow Springs Sporting Complex (TBC)

Football – Rushton Park

Games start approx. 9.30am (TBC)



Footy Tipping \$100 Weekly Winner's

Round 6 – Kris Povey

Round 7 – Ted Reilly

Please collect your prize money from the School Office

Uniform Shop

Wednesday
2.00pm - 3.15pm

Friday
8.15am - 9.00am

Friday 2nd June – Pupil Free Day

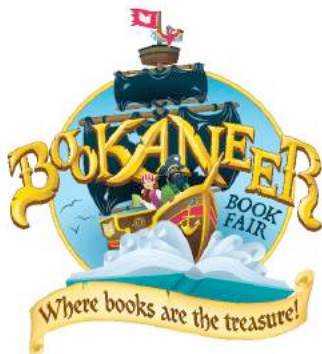
Monday 5th June – Public Holiday

Tuesday 6th June – Pupil Free Day

Thursday 22nd June – 12pm close for parent / teacher interviews

P&F School Banking News

- Did you know our school receives \$5 for every account opened?
- Did you also know our school receives a commission of 5% on every individual deposit made (up to \$10)?
- Since we have started the school banking program at our school back in April 2015, we have received \$2,359.56 in commission! This money goes straight into our P&F and is used to buy extra resources for our school.
- We would like to thank all our bankers who turn up every week to save their money as they are also helping out our school more than you know.



Bookaneer Book fair is coming to St Damien's Library! It will arrive on Monday, May 15 and depart on Wednesday May 24. Come down and check out the fair before school daily from 8.15 – 8.45am or after school from 3.00 - 3.30pm. All purchases assist our school in getting great resources into the library and classrooms. Eftpos facilities available.