

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

# St Damien's Drum

## Important Dates

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

- NAPLAN, Year 3 & 5

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

- NAPLAN, Year 3 & 5
- St Damien's Feast Day Mass, 9.00am

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

- NAPLAN, Year 3 & 5
- Mothers' Day Stall, PP – Yr 6

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- Book Fair starts

### Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May

- Parent-Student Communion Meeting, 6.00pm

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

- Yr 2 Liturgy

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

- Board Meeting, 7.00pm

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May

- School & Communion Enrolment Mass, 6.00pm

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- School & Communion Enrolment Mass, 8.30am

### Uniform Shop

Wednesday  
2.00pm – 3.15pm

Friday  
8.15am – 9.00am

There is no right way in life, there are only choices to be made and lessons to be learned. We simply have to do our best and show respect to others.

George David

Dear Parents,

It was a great pleasure to be invited to take part in the inaugural St Damien's Big Camp Out on the oval last Saturday and Sunday. The event drew around 75 fathers, grandfathers and father figures from our school who along with around 120 children spent some fun, quality time with each other playing games and relaxing in a great informal atmosphere.

The children and their chaperones played games, made kites, flew paper planes, shared a BBQ and watched the footy. It was a true celebration and a great blessing to witness the many wonderful interactions that were taking part between the children, the dads and those between the children and their dads. Many thanks to Mr Dave Nicholson for spearheading the initiative and bringing the *Fatheringproject* to our school community. Special thanks go to him, Stephen Sun and Paul Burns for all their hard work in planning, setting up and running the event. Thanks also to Brett Crebert for his assistance on the day and to all the guys who helped with cooking/serving/cleaning and fun.



We gratefully acknowledge the support and guidance of our P&F as well as that of our corporate sponsors; **Bunnings Halls Head, Woolworths Miami and Spud Shed Mandurah**. We thank them all for their contributions and we are looking at how we can keep

the project growing from strength to strength. If you have any comments or ideas for future events please feel free to email me at [joseph.bartucciotto@cewa.edu.au](mailto:joseph.bartucciotto@cewa.edu.au) or Dave at [dnicholson@ecolab.com](mailto:dnicholson@ecolab.com). The children and dads at the Camp Out were already speaking about the next one so watch this space and keep your eyes peeled for future StDCPS *Fatheringproject* events.

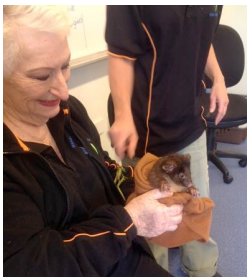
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The **P&F** have provided great support to the school this year, as always. Already in 2017 they have provided many resources that assist children in their learning journeys. This week we took possession of a wonderful new set of equipment (pictured below) to assist our junior students with their Perceptual Motor Program. We have also had funds directed towards mathematics resources, reading materials, Early Childhood resources, music equipment, sport tops and many other pieces of equipment and infrastructure that go to improving the lives and educational outcomes of all students at our school.



We sincerely thank you for supporting the many wonderful P&F fundraising and community building initiatives around StDCPS. They really make a great impact on the quality of learning opportunities we are able to provide at this school.

We wish all our students in Years Three and Five all the very best as they complete the NAPLAN suite of assessments next week. At StDCPS we are confident that the programs we follow in all classes and the learning opportunities we provide to all students combine to give them the opportunities to attain their very highest levels of achievement.



The **Year Four** classes were thrilled yesterday when Dot Terry and Renae Jacobs, from Mandurah Wildlife Rescue, made a surprise visit to our classrooms. They brought with them Blacky the red-tailed black cockatoo and a ring-tailed possum which we named 'Magpie'. We invited Dot to visit us as part of our Talk4Writing program. We are working on information reports and our model text is on the Baudin's cockatoo. All three of these animals are endangered and this links in with our Geography program - The Earth sustains all life - with a focus on endangered animals.

The children have today started bringing in donations for Mandurah Wildlife Rescue and have not stopped talking about how to protect our wildlife and how beautiful these animals are. We are confident we will get some amazing writing from them after this 'hook'!



### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 ARE NOW OPEN**

**If you have a child due to start 3 or 4 Year Old Kindy in 2018 and you haven't already completed your enrolment form, please contact the office or download a form from the website and submit it as soon as possible as places for 2018 are filling quickly.**

**We also have some limited spaces in other year levels. If you know of families in the community who are seeking places at our school please ask them to contact the front office to check availability.**

Christ Shines

Joe Bartucciotto



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.

### BE A HERO FOR HEARTKIDS!!

Wear a **red t-shirt** or dress up as a **superhero** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Gold coin donation.

All proceeds to Heartkids.



P&F Mothers' Day Stall - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Kindy classes will be able to purchase a gift from their class.

Gifts range from \$1 to \$5.

#### School Fees

The second instalment of school fees is due 31/5/17.

Invoices will be emailed directly.

Please contact Michelle Farcich on 9583 2502 if you have changed your email address or are experiencing financial difficulties.