

Thursday, 27th July 2017

Important Dates

Fri 28th July

- Yr 2
Assembly,
8.45am

Sat 29th July

- School
Weekend
Mass &
Enrolment
Confirmation
Mass, 6.00pm

Sun 30th July

- School
Weekend
Mass &
Enrolment
Confirmation
Mass, 8.30am

Wed 2nd August

- P&F Meeting,
7.00pm

Sat 5th August

- P&F Casino
Night

Tues 8th August

- Year 5 Liturgy
/ Whole
School Mass,
9.00am

Fri 11th August

- Pre Primary
Assembly,
8.45am

Sat 12th August

- Confirmation
Prep Mass,
6.00pm

St Damien's Drum

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Mother Teresa

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday evening we had Year Six students and their parents come along and take part in the Parent-Student Confirmation meeting. The evening was a highly informative one and the families now head into the children's final preparation period for the reception of the sacrament, both well-informed and better prepared to undertake this important commitment together. Thank you to Mrs Caroline Leighton, Mr Niall McCloskey and Mr Brett Crebert for conducting the evening.

The children receiving Confirmation later in the term will be coming to the enrolment masses this weekend. We will also be holding our school weekend masses concurrently so that all students and families at St Damien's can come and show their support. The masses will be at the normal times. Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 8.30am. The staff and I look forward to seeing many of our school's families come and celebrate at these liturgies. Students attending the weekend school masses in their school uniforms may wear free dress on Monday.

I would like to congratulate all the students who took part in last Friday's Interhouse Cross Country Carnival. The endeavour and sportsmanship the children showed was wonderful and even though many were challenged to push themselves out of their own comfort zone, they did so with great stamina and spirit.

A number of children were subsequently selected to take place in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival that was held yesterday and they all performed exceedingly well, due in no small part to the fact that they were pushed so hard to qualify for their place in the team by their fellow students at the interhouse carnival the week before. Congratulations to all who competed in the interschool competition. St Damien's won the Betty Cuthbert Division shield for taking out 1st place in B division and achieved 2nd place overall. There were some truly inspiring personal achievements. I offer my congratulations to all competitors and sincerely thank the staff who braved the weather to ensure the children had the opportunity to compete. It augurs well for a highly competitive Inter House Athletics Carnival on Sunday 20th August.

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We are holding our P&F meeting next Wednesday evening and as always we invite all parents to come along and help the committee look at how they can assist in building and maintaining the wonderful community that we have at St Damien's. The meeting commences at 7.00pm on Wednesday (2nd August). Come along and have your voice and ideas heard! On Saturday evening (5th August) the P& F are hosting a Casino night - tickets are selling fast so book yours now.

We welcome new pre primary student Charlize to the St Damien's family and wish her all the best in her time with us. We also sadly farewell the Rasmussen family who will be leaving to take up new adventures in Saudi Arabia. We thank Shelley for her contribution to the education of the students at St Damien's. Godspeed to Layla (Year 4) and Raefer (4 year old Kindy) and the family.

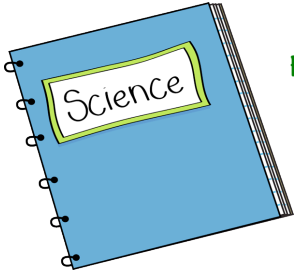
This term our fundraising focus at St Damien's is the Flores Village Partners project. Raffle tickets will come home Monday to go into the draw to choose either a signed **2017 West Coast Eagles jersey** (kindly donated by Jenny and Steve Dowie) **or \$500 in cash** (also donated). It is a great prize to choose for a lucky winner and all proceeds go to the children and families in Flores. Flores Village partners are currently setting up a new school in the area of Matago. We urgently need funds to purchase books, uniforms and hire teachers. St Damien's prides itself on the support it has been able to offer to the children and families on Flores over many years and all your efforts are yielding wonderful results. This expansion will give even more families on Flores access to the educational opportunities they need to better themselves and their communities. We are blessed at StDCPS to be able to support this project. It is an excellent way to allow our children to understand how fortunate they are and to become more aware of their responsibilities in our world. One hundred percent of every cent raised goes to providing life changing opportunities to the children and families of Flores.

Christ Shines

Joe Bartucciotto



Year 1 & 2 Science - Term 3



For the duration of Term 3, we are requesting that all students in Year 1 and Year 2 come to school in their Sport Uniform on all days when they have Sport and Science.

This change will better accommodate the comfort and hygiene of all students participating in the outdoor sessions while simplifying the preparation of students before and after their participation in the garden.

Year 1 will wear their sport uniform on Monday and Tuesday.
Year 2 will wear their sport uniform on Wednesday and Thursday.



Footy Tipping \$100 Weekly Winner's

Round 18 – Michael C

Please collect your prize money from the School Office

Overall Leader – Stephen F

St Mary's School / St Joseph's School Merredin

cordially invite you to attend our

90th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion

Saturday, 14 October 2017

10am – 2pm

1pm

2.30pm – 3.30pm

6.30pm

School Fete

Unveiling and blessing of commemorative statue

Afternoon tea and memorabilia display

Classrooms open

Reunion Dinner at Cummins Theatre – Tickets \$35 per person

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