



# NEWSLETTER

31<sup>st</sup> August 2017



## Important Dates

### Friday 1 September

- Free Dress Day

### Wednesday 6 September

- P&F Meeting, 7.00pm

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

- Year 3 Assembly, 8.45am

### Wednesday 13 September

- State Touch Rugby Championships

### Monday 18 September

- Interschool Athletics

### Wednesday 20 September

- Year 4 Liturgy

### Thursday 21 September

- Board Meeting, 7.00pm

### Friday 22 September

- Year 1 Assembly, 8.45am
- Footy Friday
- Last Day Term 3

### Tuesday 10 October

- First Day Term 4

## A Father's Day Prayer

God,  
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.  
Amen

## FREE DRESS DAY!

(YES, EVEN FOR PP-2 AT SWIMMING)

LET'S WELCOME SPRING IN STYLE.

FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER

COST: BRING A SMILE!

# Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin today's newsletter by expressing my sincerest thanks to the entire school community for the incredible outpouring of love you have displayed in the past week. I am in awe of the way you combined as one to celebrate the life of our beautiful Amber and the assistance you render to her family. No words could ever adequately describe the pain that her passing generates but equally none are adequate enough to express our thanks.

I am proud of many things I have inherited here at St Damien's but preeminent amongst them is the sense of Christian community that you have built and that you sustain at our school. It is a true testament to the vision, values and mission of our school's founders. The vision has not only stood the test of time, it continues to grow in order to best serve.

Sincerest thanks go to all who organised a myriad of events and ensured all due respect was paid to a precious little soul. Thank you to Mrs Jenny Dowie for the assistance she rendered Amber's family and classmates. Amber was indeed fortunate to have encountered such great educators as Jenny in her short time with us.

Special thanks to Mrs Katelyn Williamson for coordinating the liturgy and to Fr Leon for concelebrating the mass so beautifully with Fr Con. There are far too many people to name individually for the extraordinary manner in which they assisted and I do apologise for not recognising you all by name. You certainly deserve to be acknowledged.

Finally, we will always keep Amber close to our hearts and we offer Kirstin, Tim, Patrick and Dan the deepest of condolences and our continued love and support.

It was a pleasure see so many parents come and help out at last Sunday's Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. The team raised over \$840 for the school and had a great time doing it. Special thanks to Dave Nicholson and Paul Burns for their coordination of the event. We also had the team come together on Wednesday to raise a further \$200 at the Bunnings Father's Day Expo. We thank them all for their fantastic support and community building.

Thanks goes out also to the wonderful mums who organised this week's Father's Day stalls so that the children were able to buy some quality goods for their dads. We are really fortunate at St Damien's to have such dedicated parents supporting the wonderful staff in order to provide the children with every opportunity to succeed and be happy.

I would also like to thank the Year Six teachers; Mr Niall McCloskey, Mrs Caroline Leighton, Mrs Katelyn Lampard and all other members of staff for the manner in which they assisted the parents in preparing our students for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. It was a pleasure to see our Year Six students join with their Prayer Buddies and other members of the parish to receive this special blessing from the Spirit.

Thanks Year Four for the great 'Book Week' Assembly last Friday. A real hoot as always... even if we did have those pesky seagulls come and annoy us! Thank you to all the staff and library for putting in so many different activities celebrating reading and the wonder of books.

Good luck to all our athletes currently training for the interschool athletics and touch-rugby carnivals. We hope they get the maximum reward from their efforts.

Free Dress tomorrow to welcome in Spring – Cost is a smile!

Remember to get your tickets for the signed West Coast Eagle Jumper donated by Steve and Jenny Dowie (or \$500 cash). This jumper is signed by the last WCE team to **ever** play on Subiaco Oval so it should be a real collector's item. All proceeds to the Flores Village Project.

Christ Shines

Joe Bartucciotto



In recognition of the heart beginning to beat 21 days after conception, Two Feet & A Heartbeat is held on **Sunday, 10th of September** and is a 2.1 km Charity Walk on level ground. The walk will take place on the Mandurah Eastern Foreshore, with the start position at the Dome end.

The community of St Damien's is coming together to create a team to walk on the Mandurah foreshore in honour of the memory of Amber Field.

### **Event Details**

- The event is held on Sunday 10th September
- Registrations open at 9am, with the walk kicking off at 10am
- A light and brisk 2.1km walk, starting at the Dome end of the Eastern Foreshore
- Post event presentation with entertainment (such as food, face painters and other family-friendly fun)
- All participants who register online will receive a pair of Two Feet & A Heartbeat branded socks as well as a special flag to carry during the walk. Please register ASAP!
- All St Damien's community members are asked to walk in their ice-blue sports uniform

**Those walking in memory of Amber are asked to register online and choose a white flag in memory of our beautiful Heart Angel.**

Online registrations require the use of a computer or laptop using the following link:

If you have any difficulties with online registrations, please contact Monique Earl or Katelyn Williamson.

Price for online registration:

1 x adult	\$25
1 x child	\$5
1 x family (2 adults and up to 3 children)	\$55

For those who do not wish to register online, but would like to participate as part of the St Damien's team, please register at the school front office for catering purposes. Donations to Heartkids may be placed in the bucket in the office. Please be aware that only families registering online will receive socks and a special flag. Monique Earl will have several white flags for the school team to carry on the day.



## Lake Clifton Festival

   [mandurah.wa.gov.au](http://mandurah.wa.gov.au)

## Lake Clifton Festival

Bring a picnic and join us for a day of family fun to learn about your neighbourhood's unique natural environment.

Hear from experts about local plants and animals, snap a picture for our photo competition and enjoy guided walks

**Live Music 10am – 1pm**

**Date:** Sunday 10 September, 2017

**Time:** 10am to 2pm

**Venue:** Cape Bouvard Winery  
185 Clifton Downs Road, Herron WA 6211

   [mandurah.wa.gov.au](http://mandurah.wa.gov.au)



**JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

To register directly at South Mandurah Junior Cricket Club, go to [smjcc.wa.cricket.com.au](http://smjcc.wa.cricket.com.au)

**PERTH SCORCHERS GIRLS LEAGUE (UNDER 13's SCHOOL YEAR 5 TO 8)**

Date: Starts Oct: registrations now open  
 Time: Friday evening  
 Contact: Gerard Leddin 0477 392 256  
[www.smjcc.wa.cricket.com.au](http://www.smjcc.wa.cricket.com.au)



**Footy Tipping \$100 Weekly Winners**

Round 22 – Jayden B

Round 23 – Alan G, Julieanne G, GlennM

**Congratulations to our Overall Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Stephen F**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Cindy C**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Aaron G**

St Damien's Parish Mass Times

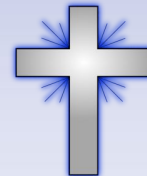
Wednesday, 6.00pm

Thursday, 6.00pm

Friday, 12.00noon

Saturday, 6.00pm

Sunday, 8.30am



Uniform Shop

Wednesday  
2.00pm - 3.15pm

Friday  
8.15am - 9.00am

**School fees are now due.**

**If you have not finalised your account please contact the office.**