



# NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> September 2017



## FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that is happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".



### 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

## Important Dates

### 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

# Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

This week, students in the Environmental Green Team from Year Six attended the Kids Teaching Kids Conference held at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club and the Baldivis Children's Forest. We congratulate the students from our Green Team who represented St Damien's, on their behaviour and on the contributions they were able to make throughout the conference. Thank you to Mr Lilly for organising our students to attend and for the work he and all other staff and students devote to the environmental program at St Damien's. Special thanks to Mrs Leighton for stepping in to attend the conference with the children.

We also offer our congratulations to our Touch Rugby team who competed magnificently at George Burnett Park in Karawara yesterday. The boys and girls played magnificently and only narrowly missed out on the final. Again, I offer my sincerest thanks to all the students who trained in order to qualify for the team and to Mr McCloskey and Mr Crebert who put many hours of their own time preparing for this competition.



We wish all students from years 3-6 who are participating in Monday's Interschool Athletics Carnival the very best. We know they too will represent our school with all their speed, strength, skill and endeavour in the very best spirit of competition. Thank you to all staff who have again given up innumerable hours of free time to assist in their training.

We still have a few tickets left in the raffle to win the choice between a signed 2017 West Coast Eagles jumper or \$500. Get in quick!! Drawn next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Absentee Notifications

We are implementing a system to ensure that parents are notified when a child fails to arrive at school. **From the beginning of Term Four**, we ask that you please send an email to [admin@dawesvillecps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@dawesvillecps.wa.edu.au) by 9.00am if your child is absent. If we don't receive an email explaining the absence, we will send an SMS alert to you in order to clarify the situation. This will allow us all to resolve absences and alert parents to any potential attendance anomalies as quickly as possible.

## Reminders

- Board meeting next Thursday, 21st September at 7.00pm.
- Footy Friday for Flores next week- come along in your team's colours and support our Flores fundraiser. Gold coin donation.

## Parking for tomorrow morning- 15th September

The parish has requested that the church carpark is left vacant between 7.00am and 11.00am tomorrow as there is a funeral Mass taking place in the morning. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Taylia and Mark Lilly on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Adaline.

Christ Shines

Joe Bartuciotto





Thank you to all of the families who attended and/or helped in some way to make the inaugural national Heartkids 'Two feet and a heartbeat walk' an overwhelming success in Mandurah. It was wonderful to see so many St Damien's faces walking in support of all heart warriors and heart angels. A 21-second silence was observed to remember all heart angels, especially our beautiful Amber Field.



Amber's fundraising page has raised over \$20,000 to help Heartkids continue to provide support to families and children with congenital/childhood heart disease, as well as fund much needed research into CHD.




Tim, Kirstin, Pat and Dan are very grateful for the outpouring of support they have received and are delighted that such a remarkable amount of money has been raised in honour of Amber. Amber will forever be in our hearts.

Congratulations to Monique Earl and her crew of volunteers who organised a fantastic event.







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**Year Reunion**  
**'Class of 2007'**

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1992 - 2017

Staff and past students who attended this class from 2003 - 2007 at Mandurah Catholic College are invited to celebrate the

**'Class of 2007'**

at 2pm on Saturday, 28 October 2017.  
Meet under the tower at the front of the College for a guided tour followed by light refreshments.  
Partners are welcome (no children please).  
RSVP by 23 October 2017 via  
<https://www.trybooking.com/293275>  
or Email: [debra.cole@cewa.edu.au](mailto:debra.cole@cewa.edu.au)

### "Top O the Morning Concert"

WA Mums Cottage would like your support for their next fundraising event "Top O the Morning Concert".

Monday 2nd October at Peel Thunder Football Club 10.00am for 10.30am.

Great morning tea and entertainment with door prizes.

Tickets \$25 available from Peel Thunder Football Club.

The cottage is a drop in centre for women suffering stress in their domestic environment. Funding of operating costs is by private donations and fundraising events only. The cottage is supported by a great band of committed volunteers who make the guests feel welcome.

Please let your friends and family know about the concert. I hope that you are able to come.

Kaye  
0466 129 730

### LIBRARY

We were very lucky this week to have author/illustrator James Foley visit our library for a session with our year 2 classes. A huge thank you must go to the combined Rotary Clubs of Mandurah who sponsored the event, which included James' visit and donations of 3 of his books. The year 2's thoroughly enjoyed the visit and went back to class to create their own fantastic pieces of art.



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# JUNIOR CHEF



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2017



Book now for a fun packed day with our Chef at Fairbridge! You'll spend the morning perfecting cheese & ham pastry twists, make your own yummy pizza from scratch for lunch AND bake some tasty double choc chip cookies to take home for the family to enjoy!!

After lunch you'll have some fun in our adventure area with indoor rock climbing and the giant swing...

**8am – 4pm**

**\$50.00 per person**

Option for late pickup up to 5pm (must be arranged prior)

Suitable for ages 6+

Closing date: 26<sup>th</sup> September, Limited spaces available

For more information for this or future events at Fairbridge contact Steph on 9531 1177, [functions@fairbridge.asn.au](mailto:functions@fairbridge.asn.au) or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/FairbridgeWA/](http://www.facebook.com/FairbridgeWA/)

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