

Thursday, 24th May 2018

Important Dates

Friday 25th May

- PSSA v Mother Theresa
- Afternoon Assembly, 2.40pm (Rising Star & Wicked Work Awards)

Saturday 26th May

- P&F Casino Bus

Sunday 27th May

- First Communion Prep Mass, 8.30am

Tuesday 29th May

- Girls AFL Dockers Cup Carnival

Wednesday 30th May

- Year 5 Liturgy
- Kindy 2019 Information Session, 9.00am

Friday 1st June

- Pupil Free Day

Monday 4th June

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 5th June

- Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 6th June

- P&F Meeting

Friday 8th June

- Year 1 Assembly, 8.45am – Steve Dowie Hall
- PSSA v Ocean Rd

Saturday 9th June

- First Communion Prep Mass, 6.00pm

St Damien's Drum

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,

I would like to thank all families who joined our students enrolling for the sacrament of First Eucharist at last weekend's School Masses. At the masses we also celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is recognised as the time the Spirit entered the hearts of the assembled disciples and gave them the strength to spread the Good News to all; a privilege we have inherited.

Many thanks to the Year Four teachers, Mrs Michelle Parker and Mr Dave Logue for preparing the children for their enrolment. The children will receive the sacrament of First Communion on Saturday 23rd June at 6.00pm. Special thanks Fr Con for presiding over the liturgy, to Mrs Caroline Leighton for preparing the masses, the altar servers, all staff who joined us, all who offered their ministry and to the choirs under the direction of Mrs Majella Burns.

Today we also had the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of Australia's Patron Saint, Our Lady Help of Christians. The Mass began with all students, led by Ashayla, Paige and Malachi Cross and the choir singing "Wandjoo Wandjoo", the welcome song by Gina Williams in the language of our first Australians and ended with a hymn recognising the diversity of all Australians. Thank you to Mrs Majella Burns for teaching the children this beautiful song and to Mrs Cynthia Cross for accessing it for us. Once again my thanks go to all who helped in preparing the mass and ensuring it was a meaningful and joyous celebration.

The first of the preparation masses for students receiving First Communion later this term will take place this Sunday at 8.30am.

Yesterday at 11.00am the children at St Damien's joined many thousands of other students across Australia in the annual *National Simultaneous Storytime*. The children assembled in the Steve Dowie Hall, to listen to the story "Hickory, Dickory Dash by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood", read to them. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I thank Mrs Jacky Denning for providing us with this opportunity. I also thank her for manning the Book Fair (with the assistance of other staff members) over the past two weeks. The fair has enabled the students to gain access to a number of wonderful books.

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Congratulations to all children who participated in last week's NAPLAN assessments. I would also like to thank the staff who made allowances to ensure the test conditions were conducive to enabling every child to achieve their very best result.

St Damien's will be hosting Mother Theresa College in this week's PSSA fixtures. We hope the rain holds off. All the best to the students participating. It has been great to see the amount of effort they and their coaches have put into training sessions during recess, lunch, before and after school in order to hone their skills and tactics.

The P&F have booked the Casino Bus for this Saturday evening. It promises to be a great night out. Please refer to the brochure in this newsletter for further details.

Christ Shines

Joe Bartucciotto

School Fees

Invoices for school fees will be mailed today.

Second instalment is due 31/5/18.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact Michelle Farcich on 9583 2502.

Thank you



Olives for sale

Cost - \$2.00
(available from school office)



Library News

Book Fair is finished!

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our May Book Fair.

We made over \$950 in commission which will be used to purchase new resources for our school.

SOCIAL EVENT

CASINO NIGHT



SATURDAY **26th** MAY

CROWN PERTH **5PM - MIDNIGHT**

PRE SALE TICKETS ONLY

SHAE 0419959916

DARELLE 0415404524

Pick ups in **DAWESVILLE & HALLS HEAD**

TICKETS \$30 per person includes;

- Meal voucher,
- Transport to CROWN & BACK,
- Raffles & prizes on the bus, bring your gold coins.